

The Messenger

(a monthly publication)

April 2015



As we all know and can now feel, welcome the coming of spring. Wow, we have gone from well below zero to the 50's in just a few weeks. YES! At one point of my life I made the statement there is no way I would ever become a snowbird as I just couldn't give up winter in North Dakota, give up ice fishing, the beautiful snow sparkling in the evening moon light or the ice crystals on the tree branches. Now I am beginning to change my mind, maybe I could give it up for a month or so. Change, guess what, whether we welcome it or not, it happens. We have changes in our homes and in our lives. We have additions of children, grandchildren, kids graduation and getting closer to the decisions that need to be made, getting older and taking in stride the fact that things happen to our bodies that we can't control. We have death and we have life, the circle of life that the Lord has made our natural path on this earth. Where do we go next? We turn our lives over to the man up upstairs to assist us with these changes and help us with decisions to be made.

Lord, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference. Powerful words aren't they? Now let's apply that to St. John's Lutheran Church. Remember the days when coming to church late meant having to sit in front because the back was packed? We have so many members who aren't attending, why? I spoke to

a man this past month who told me he was a member and has been, maybe since birth, I didn't ask. He hasn't attended for years because of ill feelings from when his elderly mom who was living on a very fixed income and was constantly being asked to open her checkbook for more money. The part of this story is, that is the opposite of why Lyle and myself joined St. John's a few years back. St. John's didn't do that! Help, how do we reach out to these members, talk to them and ask them to try again. This is an age old story and an age old problem of someone having bad feelings on one thing or another. It was very real to them and very legit. Change, remember those words. Please, take a look around you and remember someone you used to see in church and is no longer attending. Reach out to them. We can't fix a problem if we don't know what it is. Let us know, whether a council member, staff or Pastors if it is something beyond what you can do. Our goal this year is to maintain and increase membership. It is so important for us here at St. John's Lutheran to put our members first.

With that I will close, have a great month, and I hope to personally meet more of you in the upcoming months.

Congregational President,
Lila Stokkeland

Calendar of Events

- Apr. 2 - Maundy Thursday
- 3 - Good Friday
- 4 - Easter Vigil
- 5 - Easter
- 9 & 10 - Annual Rummage Sale
- 17 - 19 - Synod Assembly

- May 3 - 6 - UJ Study Hours
- 13 - Confirmation Banquet
- 17 - Senior Recognition
- 24 - Confirmation Sunday
- 27 - Baccalaureate



Church office Closed

Good Friday
April 3

SANCTUARY

REFURBISHMENT

WE HAVE LESS THAN \$5,000.00 LEFT ON THE REFURBISHMENT PAYOFF!!

Thank you to all who have made this possible!

Promissory Note Payoff
(thru Mar. 22) : \$ 3,615.19



...In the grave they laid him, love by hatred slain...

As April begins, the church enters the depths of Holy Week. We sit and wonder with the disciples at the Last Supper, ‘This is my body, this is my blood...’ ‘What can this mean?’ We fall asleep in the garden and betray Jesus by denying that we even know him, right along with Peter. We join with the crowds in the spectacle of Jesus’ trial and watch with grim fascination as Jesus is crucified. We weep with the women at the cross and hide in fear that we too will be named as followers of Christ. We despair at first seeing the stone rolled away on Easter morning and the confusion of the empty tomb but move quickly to the joy of encountering the risen Jesus.

Jesus came into the world to redeem the world. The world rejected Jesus and the message of God’s love. So complete was this rejection, that the only ones to stand with Jesus at the end were two condemned criminals. The world rejected God’s love and received a welcome surprise. Jesus died for us in order to destroy the power of death over our lives forever.

Easter greets us with unexpected news. Jesus lives! God’s story does not end on the cross, or get buried before sundown on Good Friday, it shines like the gleaming white robe of our crucified and risen king. God’s love is stronger than the power of death in the world. Though his obedience to the plan of the Father, Jesus opens the way for us to eternal life. Jesus offers us a right relationship with God once again. Nothing can separate God and God’s love for everything that

God created. The human disobedience of sin has been made right by the obedience of God’s son. Easter elicits shouts of joy just days after the keening of Good Friday.

Each and every Sunday is a little-Easter. Weekly we remember and celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, our LORD. The profound joy of the day Jesus was raised from the dead led early believers to reorder their weekly habits. Followers of Jesus who grew up Jewish accepted Sunday, (rather than Friday at sundown) as the day set apart for Sabbath rest and worship of God. We, as Christians, recognize Sunday as the day set apart for worship, fellowship, and community. It is the first day of the week listed on my calendars, everything else in life gets organized after Sunday.

The resurrection of Jesus matters for the world. Through Jesus we are welcomed into God’s story of life and love. Because Jesus lives, we can serve our neighbors wholeheartedly. Because Jesus lives, we can face uncertain times and know that we are not alone. Because Jesus lives, we can gather together and hear the promise that Jesus is with us. Because Jesus lives, the Earth has a sure and certain hope for the future.

Enter this time of Easter celebration with glad hearts and songs of joy. Happy Easter.

Pr. Erik

*...Forth he came at Easter like the risen grain...
(Evangelical Lutheran Worship #379, Now the Green Blade Rises)*



Holy Week Schedule



Maundy Thursday - First Communion
Worship at 7:00 pm

Good Friday - Church office will be closed
Community Good Friday Worship at
St. Paul’s Methodist Church at 12:00 pm
Good Friday Worship at St. John’s 7:00 pm

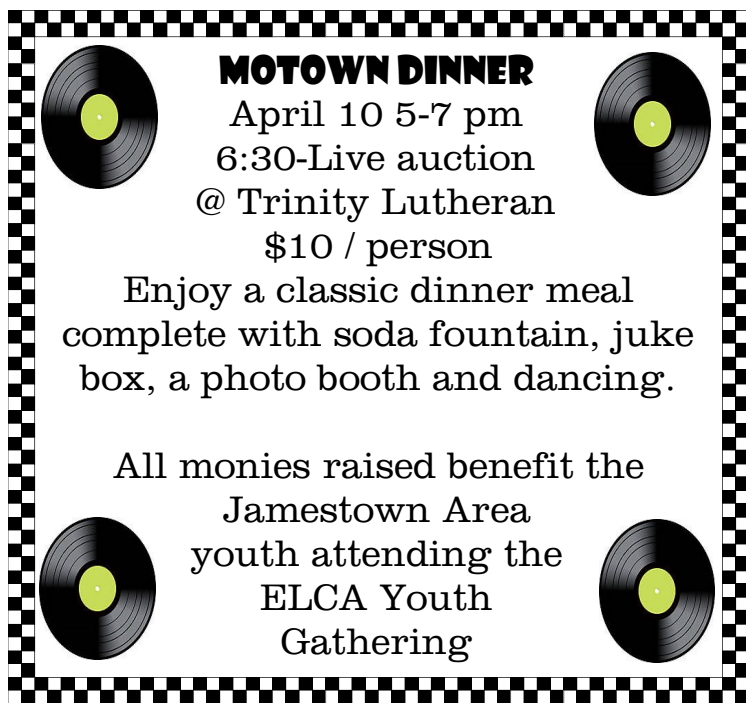
Easter Vigil - Easter Vigil at 7:00 pm

Easter Sunday - Sunrise Service at 6:30 am
Easter Breakfast at 7:15 am to 10:30 am
Worship at 9:00 am
Worship at 10:45 am

Large Congregation Training Event

What do you love about St. John’s? Seriously, we want to know. Visit the website www.st-johnslutheran.org and drop a note about your experience at St. John’s. Later this month, pastors, staff, council members and invited lay leaders of this congregation will gather to learn and grow in our understanding of what it means to be a congregation the size of St. John’s today. We have a capacity for excellence at St. John’s and desire to be attentive to acting our ‘right’ size. Please pray for the participants gathering on our behalf on April 28th and 29th and look for sharing events in May to hear about what we have learned.

Pr. Erik



MOTOWN DINNER
 April 10 5-7 pm
 6:30-Live auction
 @ Trinity Lutheran
 \$10 / person

Enjoy a classic dinner meal complete with soda fountain, juke box, a photo booth and dancing.

All monies raised benefit the Jamestown Area youth attending the ELCA Youth Gathering

WOMEN OF THE CHURCH NEWS

Our Annual Rummage Sale is Fast Approaching!! Reserve April 9th and 10th

- **April 6th - 8th** : You may bring all your treasures to the Church from 8:00am to 6:00pm. Southwest corner back door to the Fellowship Hall will be unlocked.
- **Thursday, April 9th** Rummage Sale Begins at 1:00pm and closes at 8:00 pm
- **Friday, April 10th** 8:00am to 2:00pm **BROWN BAG SALE** (as much as you can get in bag for \$2.00) What a Deal!

As in previous years we ask that you NOT bring furniture, computers, large or small TV's, NO microwaves, etc

We will again be serving, Knephla Soup, Sloppy Joes, bars and coffee.

Anyone that would like to come and help set up for the sale would be greatly appreciated. (Sorting, hanging, arranging. NO heavy lifting)

Work a little, rest a little, visit a little and of course laugh a little too. It's just plain fun to organize a Rummage Sale.



Announcing VBS 2015!

June 7-11

5pm-Supper

5:30-8:30-Program

Join us on an adventure to Mt. Everest!

Meet our new friends:



Kylmer, Cliff, Mallory, Pike, Yeddy and Jack.



Mark your calendars now!



Start praying about how

God is leading you to help during this amazing adventure.

Contact Cheryl Eslick or Pastor Suzi for more details.



Free Food for Seniors

Commodity Supplemental Food Program or CSFP



- Are you 60+ years of age?
- Do you have limited income?
- Do you live in: Wells, Foster, Griggs, Stutsman, Barnes, Logan, LaMoure, McIntosh or Dickey Co?

You could be eligible to receive a box of shelf-stable foods every other month.

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Income Guidelines:
 A household of 1 = \$1265/per month
 A household of 2 = \$1705/per month
 A household of 3 = \$2144/per month
 Call for larger household guidelines

What type of food is in a CSFP box?
 *Cereal *Canned Vegetables *Peanut Butter *Canned Fruit
 *Shelf-Stable Milk *Canned Meat *Cheese *Fruit Juice

Call Cathy Herbold at the Great Plains Food Bank for more information or to receive an application: 701-476-9112

STEWARDSHIP



In Memory of:

Given by:

Sanctuary Refurbishment

Ella Schutt
Ruth Schulz

Lila Hennings
Alvina Schulz
Jake & Kay Meszaros
Rod & Barb Monson
Florence Goehner
Darwin & Pauline Roeske
Todd & Brandi Lebahn & Fmly
Ashley Roeske & Travis Vinje
Danielle Roeske

Eleanor Grosz
Wally Diede

Media Legacy Fund

Ruth Schulz

Grace Walz



Easter Lilies are available at a cost of \$15 each. If you would like to share a lily with the congregation to decorate the church for Easter Sunday (April 5th), please fill out the form below and drop in the offering plate or turn into church office.

The plant(s) may be taken home after the 10:45 a.m. worship service on Easter Sunday.

I would like to purchase _____ Easter Lily(s) at a cost of \$15.00 each

Name _____

Phone # _____

Please select one:

Pick up

OR

Deliver to shut in

would like the plant in memory of:

would like the plant in honor of:

Giving Matters

By Bonnie Ukestad, Business Manager

Funny Isn't It?

Author Unknown

Funny how a \$100 "looks" so big when taken to church, but so small when taken to the mall.

Funny how long it takes to serve God for an hour, but how quickly a team plays 60 minutes of basketball.

Funny how long a couple of hours spent at church are, but how short they are when watching a movie.

Funny how people can't think of anything to say when they pray, but don't have difficulty thinking of things to talk about to a friend.

Funny how people get thrilled when a baseball game goes into extra innings, but complain when a sermon is longer than the regular time.

Funny how hard it is to read a chapter in the bible, but how easy it is to read 100 pages of a best selling novel.

Funny how people want to get a front seat at any game or concert, but scramble to get a back seat at church services.

Funny how people need 2 or 3 weeks advance notice to fit a church event into their schedule, but can adjust their schedule for other events at the last moment.

Funny how hard it is for people to learn a simple gospel well enough to tell others, but how simple it is for the same people to understand and repeat gossip.

Funny how people believe what the newspaper says, but question what the Bible says.

Funny Isn't It?

POSITIONS AVAILABLE



**Spread the word:
HELP WANTED!!
Lead us in Song!**

Part-time choir director wanted. Contact St. John's Lutheran Church Jamestown, for application and position description, www.st-johnslutheran.org or call the church office at 701-252-1198.



Greetings and God's Blessings to All!

In Noah's Ark Nursery has been a busy month in the infant room. We have been busy playing and coloring for the older babies. They really like that. We said goodbye to Kadance as she has made her way down to the toddler room now. She is ready for more room and new toys to play with. Kayleigh is our busy bee. She is always ready to help. She is so attentive to the little ones in the room. She hears a cry and she is right there to check it all out. Owen has started to crawl. He loves that he can get from one place to the other. He always has such a big smile on his face. He is a very happy baby. Cadence is growing like a weed. She likes to play in the exersaucer. She can stand in there and look all around the room and see what is all going on. We are very happy to have Ellie join our room. She is very content and easy going. We also had Paizlyn join our room. She has only been coming for a short time, but had no trouble adjusting. She is a great addition and we are happy to have her.

God's Little Lambs have been able to go outside for walks on the many nice days we have had. It was very cute to watch them. This month Kadance has started in our room. She does so well when she comes to play with us. She hasn't had a problem with her transition and will be a great addition. We have been doing a lot of coloring and painting. They also like to play with play dough. That is becoming a favorite as well. We have also been singing and dancing and that is so much fun to watch them wiggle and sing into their microphones. They love how it sounds when they sing into them. We have had a super month and are excited for the next. We love that Spring has arrived.

The news in Caring Cross this month includes a few new children and our events we've enjoyed. We are happy to welcome Trey and Cole to our room and have made a great addition to our room. We had a fun party, everyone played bowling, ping pong, we had a marshmallow eating contest and fun snacks! We also watched a fun movie "Tangled" which everyone enjoyed. Other events have included crayon making, a new room set up, and a camping themed week; plus more. We are sad to see our teacher Ms Kendra go on maternity leave, but we look forward to seeing her new baby Bently! We were very excited to welcome Ms Cyndel back into our room. We missed her!

Promise Land Preschool had a busy month, our classes made centerpieces for the sweetheart dinner fundraiser. We talked about how to share God's love everyday not just on Valentines Day. Our focus character word this month was truthfulness. During Chapel time we welcomed Pastor Suzi back. The children enjoyed chapel with Pastor Erik and will miss seeing him weekly, but were excited to see her.

This month we also talked about heart health and learned how to cut heart shapes. When we talk about heart health the classes got to pick out healthy and non healthy choices for food and exercise/activities. We played a game "shopping for food" and sorted into healthy or not...some of the things that got put on the good table are yummy good, but not so good for us, so we had to do exercise for those choices. Learning you can have those things, but if you indulge with those choices exercising is also important. We did push ups, sit ups and jumping jack's. We exercised and got our hearts pumping and also studied how the blood ran through our body. We ended our month learning dental health and the importance of brushing your teeth. We did an experiment soaking eggs in different liquids to see how they would stain teeth if they did not brush. We have worked our way through the alphabet learning the letter name and sounds and now we are beginning to master our sight word wall. We are doing a lot more math, counting, singing and games, getting ready for "Math-madness" for March.

**This part didn't make it into last month's Newsletter and I wanted to make sure I thanked everyone for their attendance to our Sweetheart's Dinner! We held our 6th Annual Sweethearts Dinner on February 6th. Thank you to everyone that attended our event. It was a great turn out and the food was wonderful. We felt bad that we had some over baked breadsticks the second setting, but if that is the worst that happened we'll take it! Again thank you for your support and we hope to see everyone again next year.

Tammy Mewes Acting Director



St John's Lutheran Church Council Minutes Highlights

- Audit Committee Report dated March 4, 2015 approved. Thank you to the audit committee.
- Choir Director Posting- an interview team, revised job description and posting of job opening approved.
- Staff Training- Report given on Rainmakers Training for staff. Art Perleberg & Jolene Sjostrom, staff support team and Pr Erik were very pleased with the training and felt the training will be of great value to the staff.
- Council Members to complete reading assignments for the upcoming training event by Susan Beaumont, "Inside the Large Congregation".
- Member & Volunteer Retain and Recruitment discussed, noted need for more male participants on teams, committees, and Church Council.

Respectfully submitted by Debbie Clemens, Secretary

Thanks to Our Volunteers

Lay Liturgists: Mark Wolf

Readers: Gavin Kutz, Anjie Horn, Ritchie Wolf, Larry Eslick, Joan Enderle, Felicia Sargeant, Sandy Franke, Gerry Perleberg, Ashley Roeske, Tara Kapp

Communion Assistants: Gavin & Rhonda Kutz, Anjie Horn, Pam Daus, Richtie Wolf, Betty Frigen, Larry & Cheryl Eslick, Joan Enderle, Deloris Christy, Chris Ritter, Felicia Sargeant, Carl & Sandy Franke, Art & Gerry Perleberg, Ashley Roeske, Marge Lange, Tara Kapp, Shelly Moltzen

Greeters: Arnie & Yvonne Becker, Alvina Schulz, Russ & Gwen Geizsler, Marge Schrenk, Ross & Caroline Windingland, Virginia Ackerman, Ken & Pam Daus, Edith Codding, Jim & Phyllis Lees, Rinalde Diede

Acolytes: Camden Kutz, Robert Walton, Hannah Sjostrom, Paris Eslick, Macy Steele, Emily Sargeant, Kayla Reimers, Meghan Ford, Andrew Walz, Dawson Mee

Ushers: Tom & Gale Scherbenske, Tom & Joan Enderle, Bob & Arlene Bitterman, Jim Walters, Marlys Perleberg, John & Terry Schock, Mike Miska, Berry Frigen, Al Sieler, Lloyd Landscoot, David Gasal, John Gerdes, Walt & Mary Klundt, Jerry & Darlene Michel, Julie Cumber, JoAnne Perleberg, Les Guthmiller, Deb Guthmiller, Evelyn Entzi, Rod Monson

Communion Set-up: Pauline Roemmich, Connie Wells, Marlys Perleberg, Paulette Ritter, Cindy Wolff, Art & Gerry Perleberg, John & Cindy Kleven, Denise Walton, Cheryl Eslick

Fellowship/Coffee Hour Servers: Co-op Chair persons: Marlys Perleberg, Arlene Bitterman,, Art & Gerry Perleberg, Council, Child in Our Hands

Projection Screen Operators: Cindy Willey, Char Perleberg, Glen Striefel, Ken Gumke, Frank Perleberg, Nathan Askew

Van Drivers: Dan Dockter, Tom Enderle, John Kleven, Howard Weispfenning, Jr.

Disciples sent out to make a difference in God's name & Contributions to God's mission:

Date	Attendance	Total Offering
Feb. 1	250	\$ 8,532.50
4(Midweek)	36	\$ 226.00
8	255	\$ 8,344.45
11(Midweek)	39	\$ 221.25
15	222	\$ 7,910.00
18(Midweek)	154	\$ 1,041.75
22	184	\$ 5,206.00
Total		\$ 32,118.09

General Fund \$ 26,019.09
Designated Funds \$ 6,099.00
Total \$ 32,118.09

Promissory Note Payoff (thru Mar. 22) : \$ 3,615.19

Meals on Wheels



For the Homebound

During the month of April St. John's delivery meals to the homebound on the weekends in our community.

If you are interested in volunteering and delivering meals please contact Deb Tompkins at 252-2301.

2015 Radio Sponsorship

April	5	Virginia Ackerman
	12	Marge Schrenk
	19	Gerald & Marjorie Lippert
	26	Lillian Gunsch
May	5	Rinelda Diede
	12	Alleen Buetow
	19	Gladys Ley
	26	Pauline Rommich

(St. John's 9:00 am worship service is broadcast Sunday morning over KSJB radio (600) or computer www.KSJBam.com.)

2015 Altar Flower Sponsorship

April	5	Deloris Lux
	12	Joanne Reimers
	19	Darwin & Pauline Roeske
	26	Lillian Gunsch
May	5	Florence Goehner
	12	Elroy & Marlys Wiest
	19	Gladys Ley
	26	Darrell & Jeanne Rosemore

Ministry Acts

Weddings

None

Funerals

March	6	Eleanor Grosz
	23	James Perry

Baptisms

March	15	Jamyson LaMoyné Steele
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APRIL 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 Palm Sunday 9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Fellowship/Coffee 10:00 AM Sabbatical Recap - Lounge 10:00 AM Sunday School 10:45 AM Gathering Songs then Worship 12:00 PM Mission Trips Meeting 6:00 PM Hang out night	30 12:00 PM Bible Study 6:00 PM Cub Scouts Meeting 7:00 PM Book Study - Purpose Driven Life	31 9:30 AM Staff	1 No Confirmation No Worship 11:00 AM Preschool Chapel 6:30 PM Parish Ed 7:00 PM Choir	2 9:00 AM Preschool Chapel 1:00 PM Preschool Chapel 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Worship 8:00 PM Easter Breakfast Setup	3 12:00 PM Community Worship @ St. Paul's Methodist Church 7:00 PM Good Friday Worship Good Friday - Church Office Closed	4 7:00 PM Easter Vigil Worship
5 NO SUNDAY SCHOOL 6:30 AM Sunrise Service 7:15 AM Easter Breakfast served until 10:30am 9:00 AM Worship 10:45 AM Worship	6 8:00 AM Rummage Sale Drop off until 6pm	7 8:00 AM Rummage Sale Drop off until 6pm 9:30 AM Staff	8 8:00 AM Rummage Sale Drop off until 6pm 11:00 AM Preschool Chapel 4:15 PM Confirmation 5:30 PM Worship 6:15 PM Community Meal	9 9:00 AM Preschool Chapel 1:00 PM Annual Rummage Sale 1:00 PM Preschool Chapel 5:30 PM Exec Meeting 6:00 PM Motown Dinner 7:00 PM Grief Support Group	10 8:00 AM Annual Rummage Sale 5:00 PM Motown Dinner @ Trinity	11
12 Thanksgiving for Baptism Sunday 9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Fellowship/Coffee 10:00 AM Sunday School 10:45 AM Gathering Songs then Worship 1:00 PM 9th Grade Confirmation	13	14 11:30 AM JAGST 5:00 PM Evang Meeting 5:45 PM CIOH Meeting 6:30 PM Council	15 9:30 AM Staff 11:00 AM Preschool Chapel 4:15 PM Confirmation 5:30 PM Worship 6:15 PM Community Meal 7:00 PM Choir	16 9:00 AM Preschool Chapel 1:00 PM Preschool Chapel 7:00 PM Grief Support Group	17 Synod Assembly Newsletter Deadline	18 Synod Assembly
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Worship Services

Sundays
 ~ 9:00 am
 ~ 10:45 am
 Wednesdays
 ~ 5:30 pm

Holy Communion

All Worship Services

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 Paige Meyer

Choir Accompanist
 Rachel Shannon

Organists/Pianists
 Claudia Wolf
 Rachel Shannon

**St. John's Lutheran
 Women of the Church
 2015 Annual Rummage Sale**



Thursday, Apr. 9, 1-8 pm
 Friday, Apr. 10, 8am-2 pm
 (brown bag day, \$2)

Menu
 Knephla Soup
 Sloppy joes,
 bars, coffee/lemonade