***St. John’s Lutheran Church, ELCA***

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**Call The Church Office**

Please call if you are ill, in the hospital, or in need of spiritual help.

**Serving Today**

**Sermon:** Sunday 8a.m. & 10:30a.m.-Pastor Dennis Nelson

Wednesday 6p.m.-Carol Polzin

**Worship Leader:** Sunday 8:00a.m.-Pat Mielke

Sunday 10:30a.m.-Ward Malueg

Wednesday 6p.m.-Crystal Schwan

**Worship Readers:** Sunday 8:00a.m.-Charlene Kersten

Wednesday 6p.m.-Shirl Tischauser

**Music:** Sunday 8a.m.-Lee Kersten

Sunday 10:30a.m.- *Come Alive!* Worship Team

Dayna Conradt, Lisa De Valk, Ashley Flink, Kole Johnson, Ward & Mandy Malueg,

 Ray & Linda Mielke, Denise Pamperin, Troy & Joanne Stevenson, Kay Tellock

Wednesday 6p.m.-Betty Bertram

**ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRAYERS**

 The announcements and prayers are printed on separate sheets of paper from the church bulletin. Throughout the week there are many changes that occur to the announcements and prayers. By printing both the announcements and prayers later in the week, we can provide more accurate information. Everyone is invited to take home the announcements and prayers to remember happenings throughout the week and pray for those in need. The council agreed prayers and announcements will continue to be printed separate from the bulletin.

**COMMUNION**

 The next time communion will be offered is Sunday, May 12th at 8a.m. & 10:30a.m. and Wednesday, May 15th at 6p.m.

**CONFIRMATION & CONFIRMATION MENTORS**

 A meeting with the confirmands, parents and mentors will be Wednesday, May 1st after worship. Please contact Amber Hedtke at 920-284-8480 for questions.

**CROSSWAYS CAMPING MINISTRIES**

 **On Sunday, April 21st, at 9:15a.m. in the Parish Hall, Amanda Wellens of Crossways Camp will be here to talk about the camp and answer any kids (1st-12th grade) and parents’ questions regarding Crossways Camp. Please attend!**

**CROSSWAYS CAMPING SCHOLARSHIPS**

Campership Scholarships are available through St. John’s to help offset 75% of camp costs. The scholarship application can be found at <https://www.stjohnsmarion.org/information-forms/>. Crossways is also looking for staff to help this summer. For more information about Crossways, contact them at 920-882-0023; e-mail info@crosswayscamps.org or visit their website at [www.crosswayscamps.org](http://www.Crosswayscamps.org).

**Food Pantry**

 Food pantry needs for April are canned vegetables and canned fruit. Food pantry wants are toothpaste and toothbrushes. Distribution is the first and third Thursday of every month from 3-4p.m.

**GRADUATION SUNDAY**

 We will be honoring college and high school 2024 graduations during the 9:30a.m. service in the Parish Hall on Sunday, May 19th. Please email the church office via churchoffice@stjohnsmarion.org. Please send your full name (including middle name), a picture of yourself, and your future plans by Monday, May 6th. If you would like to be recognized in the bulletin but will not be able to attend the service on that day, please let the church office know.

**MEDIA POLICY**

 In this digital age, the church takes photos and videos. These can be of baptisms, worship services, Sunday School, special events, and other activities. We use these photos and videos to record, promote and celebrate the ministries of our congregation and share them in a variety of ways, including but not limited to: St. John’s website, bulletin boards, slide shows, newsletter, and St. John’s Facebook page or other social media. If you wish to opt out of being involved in media on behalf of St. John’s Lutheran Church, please find the Opt Out Policy, available in the Great Room and the Carport entrance, or on our website at <https://www.stjohnsmarion.org/information-forms/>. You may also contact the church office for the form.

**OFFICE CLOSING EARLY**

 On Tuesday, April 23rd the office will be closing at 3p.m. Normal office hours will resume on Wednesday, April 24th for 8:30-4:30p.m.

**PRAYERS**

 Please keep the following in your prayers: Amy Bazile, Anne Erdman, Arnold Kriesel, Becky Van Buren, Bev Genskow, Bonnie Elandt, Braden Mielke, Carol Grossman, Clarence Fenner (Peggy Hammond’s dad), Corrine Kroening, Darla Dieck, Dave Krueger, Dave Schmidt, David Soik, Denise Pamperin, Dorothy Arndt, Gloria Krieser, Jack Lozier, Jackie Suehring, Jaden Stuhr, James O. Krueger, Jerome Portnoy, Jerry Zimdars, Karen Ashenbrenner, Kristy Overman, Larry Schuster, Laura Moericke, Mary Mengert, Nancy Helms, Nathan Nick, Patty (Fournier) Beck, Rachel Fischer, Scott Elandt, Yvonne Jahnke and Will Wege. Please let us know if you or your family would like to be added or taken off the prayer list by Thursday of each week.

## SAMARITAN’S FEET

 On Maundy Thursday an offering of $1,296 was collected and donated to Samaritan’s Feet. Samaritan’s Feet is a 501(c) humanitarian aid organization that serves and inspires hope by providing shoes to those in need around the world. In John 13:14, Jesus says, “Now that I, your Lord and teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another’s feet.” Like John 13, the organization washes feet while providing the message of hope. Since its founding in 2003, Samaritan's Feet and its partners have served over 10.1 million people across 109 countries and over 600 U.S. cities. Thank you to all who helped make this donation possible.

## SCRIP CARDS

 Mama’s House of Hope has teamed up with St. Vincent De Paul to help ANYONE in need within the Marion/Tigerton/Wittenberg area. To help with this very worthy cause St. Vincent De Paul is doing an ongoing fundraiser. Ten percent of all SCRIP cards, to any SHELL station, that are being sold will be donated to St. Vincent De Paul. These cards are good for gas or anything in the store. Cards can be obtained from Jackie Suehring or the church office. If you would like several cards, please contact the church office or Jackie Suehring.

## START OF SUMMER WORSHIP

 May 19th is the last day of Sunday School. There will be a church service at 9:30a.m. in the Parish Hall. Graduates and Sunday School students will be recognized at this service. A lunch will be provided after the service. This will also start the summer worship schedule. Starting May 26th will be one service on Sundays at 9:30a.m. in the Parish Hall through June 30th. At 6p.m. on Wednesday, May 29th will be the first service at the Veteran’s Park through September 4th. Worship from July 7th through August 24th will be at 9:30a.m. in the Sanctuary. September 1st worship will be in the Parish Hall at 9:30a.m. The following week will be split. Please see your May newsletter for more information.