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### Ask the Pastor

#### "Sometimes I struggle with doubt? Does that make me a bad Christian?"

The short answer is no; struggling with doubt does not make you a bad Christian. Faith is hard work and struggle part of the journey.

The week after Easter our Gospel reading is always the story of Thomas' encounter with Jesus after he said, "if I can't see the nail holes in his hands, I won't believe." (John 20:24) Unfortunately that statement earned him the name "Doubting Thomas". And because of that we get the impression that we are not allowed to ask the hard questions without being labeled a cynic or a skeptic.

But... since when are questions bad? Since when is it wrong to admit that we don't understand everything? Since when is it wrong to ask God to clarify something? Read the account of Job or the Psalms. Both are filled with uncertainties, complaints, and questions of God.

Contrary to popular belief, faith is not the absence of doubt. And faith does not mean you have all the answers; that's called certainty. Faith is when we are willing to embrace the doubts, ask the questions, and face the answers. Faith is continuing to trust, even when we are *uncertain*. Faith is believing in something that is beyond our ability to comprehend, but not being afraid to try.

Faith can't be reduced to a set of rules, where everything fits, where everything makes sense, where all we have to do is to connect the dots. That's the kind of thing the Pharisees tried to do. They tried to explain everything in a formula; to make all of life so that it could be answered by a set of rules. And if it didn't fit within that set of rules they rejected it as heresy or blasphemy. And consequently, their hearts were closed to the renewing of Christ simply because he didn't meet the criteria.

Unfortunately, we Christians can sometimes do the same thing... We have perhaps an unspoken need for our thinking about God to be right in order to have a joyful, freeing, healing, and meaningful faith. And anything doesn't fit into the determined rules is rejected. For many, thinking about God doesn't leave room for doubt. Many think "knowing" makes them a good Christian.

But when we are confronted with something new, or the possibility of being wrong, or situations that make us say with the psalmist, "Lord, just where is this steadfast love you swore to your people?" (Psalm 89:49)... the "certain of the facts kind of faith" falls apart. It tries to make the messiness fit inside the box it created or push it away and call it faithlessness... When that happens, we are not actually trusting God at that moment. We are trusting ourselves and disguising it as trust in God. Faithfulness that doesn't leave room for doubt isn't really faith...

So maybe Thomas' story isn't so much about doubt as it is a story about how it's okay to ask questions... how it's okay to be unsure... how it's faithful, even Biblical, to express doubts, anger, and disappointment in God... Maybe Thomas' story is about how God comes to us in the midst of doubt, stands with us, and offers faith. Truth be told, we've all been a "doubting Thomas" at some point in our lives; and that's okay. Doubt is not the opposite of faith. And it is into our doubting and searching hearts where Jesus breaks in and reveals himself to us. God comes to us through the questions.

*If you would like to submit a question for "Ask the Pastor", Biblical, theological, church related, anything you have been dying to ask a pastor, you can hand me a note, ask me after church, send an e-mail, or sneak into the church after dark and anonymously slide a sealed envelope under my office door. If I answer your question in print, I will not include your name unless you explicitly ask me to.*



# Thank you

**Thank you to the congregation for donating candy to the Easter egg hunt and to the Evangelism committee for donating the large Easter basket. A special thank you to the following youth who volunteered their time and talent to keep things enjoyable and running smoothly:**

Aiden Johnson  
Lucas Titgemeyer  
Lindsay Krumnow  
Lily Sondergeld  
Emma Morgan  
Anna Sommers  
Benjamin Sommers  
Kennedy Donnelly  
Caleb Hays  
Logan Hays  
Aidan O'Brien  
Shane O'Brien  
Sophia Cashen  
Gabby Lopez

**Also, thank you to Tammy Mazur for coordinating and running the Easter Breakfast and all who volunteered to help.**

**Sincerely, Parish Ed Committee**

**Thank you to everyone who attended the Easter Breakfast. We had a great turnout.  
I would like to thank the following people for their help:**

**John Mazur, Brian Lowe, Johnny Lowe, Megan O'Brien, Aidan O'Brien, Shane O'Brien, Seidona Brossia, Riley Brossia, Aiden Johnson, Kennedy Donnelly, Lucas Titgemeyer, Lily Sondergeld and Emma Morgan.**

**Tammy Mazur  
Parish Ed  
Committee Member**



## Confirmation NEWS

**Confirmation  
will be on  
Saturday, May  
21 at the 5:00PM  
worship service.**



## NOISY OFFERING

Saturday May 21st and Sunday May 22nd.  
We will be having a Noisy Offering to help with the costs of our  
2022 Vacation Bible School.



VBS 2022 Spark Studios will be June 6-10! Pre-registration for kids will come soon, but we need adult, young adult, and teen helpers. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Stefanie Neuman at 419-705-9926 or email at [stefaniehneuman@gmail.com](mailto:stefaniehneuman@gmail.com).

### Faith Practice #3 Readings PSALMS



May 2- Psalm 56  
May 9 - Psalm 57  
May 16- Psalm 58  
May 23- Psalm 59  
May 30- Psalm 60

**Summer Worship hours begin Sunday June 5th.  
Sunday worship will begin at 9AM.**

**Summer Office Hours:  
Starting Tuesday June 7th, the office will be closed on Tuesdays.**

## Women of the ELCA

### Pantry and Kitchen Cabinets Organized and Cleaned

Many thanks to the helping hands that worked to complete Esther Circle's cleaning of the pantry and the kitchen cabinets in both the basement and social hall. Those helping included Margaret Berger, Diane Dickinson, Diane Gerkensmeyer, Beverly Harder. Carolyn Lasseter, Shirley Mravec, Marilyn Sandrock, Janice Sheahan, Doris Titgemeyer, Diane Traver, Carol Vargo, Pastor O'Brien and Ron G. also lent some helping hands. "Many hands make light the load," Joe's pizza was enjoyed for lunch, along with delicious ice cream turtle pie.

When using these areas, it would be very helpful if items are placed back where they were found.. The inside of the drawers are marked with contents.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### Circle and Board Meetings

**Esther Circle  
2022 Meeting Dates:  
May 10th, 2pm Social Hall**

## 2022 Acolyte Schedule

### Saturday

#### May

**7 Kennedy Donnelly**  
**14 Emma Morgan**  
**21 Lindsay Krumnow**  
**28 Benjamin Sommers**

#### June

**4 Olivia Martin**  
**11 Kennedy Donnelly**  
**18 Emma Morgan**  
**25 Lindsay Krumnow**

#### July

**2 Benjamin Sommers**  
**9 Olivia Martin**  
**16 Kennedy Donnelly**  
**23 Emma Morgan**  
**30 Lindsay Krumnow**

### Sunday

#### May

**8 Aiden Johnson**  
**15 Lucas Titgemeyer**  
**22 Caleb Hays**  
**29 Logan Hays**

#### June

**5 Lily Sondergeld**  
**12 Aiden Johnson**  
**19 Lucas Titgemeyer**  
**26 Caleb Hays**

#### July

**3 Logan Hays**  
**10 Lily Sondergeld**  
**17 Aiden Johnson**  
**24 Lucas Titgemeyer**  
**31 Caleb Hays**



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### **Worship Hours**

**Saturday at 5:00 PM**

**Sunday Worship 9:45 AM**

Deadline for the

June newsletter is

**Monday, May 23 @ 9AM**

Please send articles and/or

information to

office@stjohnwilliston.org.



**"Creating and nurturing life  
changing relationships  
based on the love of God in  
Jesus Christ, so that we may  
grow in faith, serve God and  
serve our neighbor."**

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pm

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If you would be willing to help as an usher or lector, please sign up outside the church office. Now accepting volunteers! If you have any questions please see Pastor Shawn or contact the church office.



**Love. Grow. Serve.**





# Scholarships

Congratulations to the following students for being chosen to receive scholarships from St. John Lutheran Church to further their education.

Yunker Scholarship

AUBREY LEE

Daughter of Dave and Kris Lee

Yunker Scholarship

LAUREN LaRUE

Daughter of Brad and Pam LaRue

Clay High School

Attending University of Akron

Tank, Johnson, and Parks Memorial Scholarships

MALLORY NELSON

Daughter of Kevin and Jennifer Nelson

Miami University

Tank, Johnson, and Parks Memorial Scholarships

AJ RUBEIS

Son of Susan Mathews

Bowling Green State University

Tank, Johnson, and Parks Memorial Scholarships

ANDY KESSLER

Son of Dan and Lisa Kessler

University of Toledo

Tank, Johnson, and Parks Memorial Scholarships

ZACH BUHROW

Son of Rick and Lori Buhrow

Bowling Green State University



*Congratulations!*



At their affirmation of baptism, confirmands are asked to make this promise for themselves: "...to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's Supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth." The process of preparing people to affirm these promises can take many forms, including classes and increased involvement in congregational life. The process of confirmation takes many forms and varies from congregation to congregation, but the end goal is the same: to prepare people to boldly and confidently make those promises, affirm their baptisms and continue to live out their faith in the church.

At St. John, we confirm the following young people have completed their classroom work, obtained service points, completed sermon notes and a successful exit interview and are recommended for Confirmation.

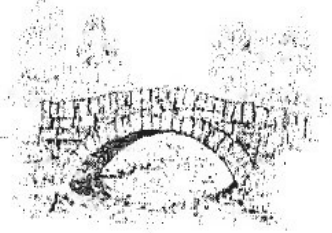
As a congregation, we hold these young persons in prayer and trust that God will continue to lead and guide them in all the aspects of their lives now and in the future.

Congratulations to our 2022 Confirmands:

Benjamin Howard Sommers III  
Olivia Elizabeth Martin  
Aidan James Johnson  
Lucas Robert Titgemeyer  
Kennedy Rose Donnelly

## *North Central WELCA Spring Assembly*

### **Bridges Out of Poverty Overview**



**The Bridges Out of Poverty Overview provides insight into poverty & introduces strategies to improve outcomes for those living in poverty. People who value treating others with compassion and respect will benefit from this presentation.**

Speaker: Stephen MacDonald, Impact Coalition Manager

**Saturday, May 14, 2022**

**St. John Lutheran Church Social Hall**

**122 W. Ottawa St, Oak Harbor**

**\$10.00 registration**

**includes continental breakfast, program, and lunch**

**8:30 a.m. Registration & continental breakfast**

**9:00 a.m. Program followed by short bible study and lunch**

All women are invited to attend. Bring a friend and enjoy a morning of learning and fellowship. Please bring a nonperishable food item to support the BCS Food Pantry.

For more information: email [dmjess75@gmail.com](mailto:dmjess75@gmail.com) or call Nola at 419-704-5011

Sponsored by the Women of the ELCA: St. Paul Lutheran Church, Oak Harbor, St. John Lutheran Church, Oak Harbor, St. John Lutheran Church, Rocky Ridge, Grace Lutheran Church, Elmore

**Call Diane Dickinson 567-202-7481 (leave message) by May 4<sup>th</sup>. Reservations will be sent in as a group and we can collect your \$10 on Saturday the 14<sup>th</sup>. We will carpool from the church, leaving at 8 am.**



## St. John Kid's Page



LOVED  
Beyond  
MEASURE



### PRAISE-FILLED petals

Create an interactive display of God's provision for a Thanksgiving centerpiece.



#### What you need:

- Colorful sheets of thin paper
- Scissors
- Black pen
- Dish of water

#### What you do:

1. From the paper, cut out various shapes and sizes of flowers and petals.
2. In the center of each flower, write a praise to God. Thank him for who he is and for answered prayers.
3. Fold petals inward, toward the center of each flower.
4. Gently place flowers on the water. Petals will slowly unfold to reveal the words.
5. Invite meal guests to participate in this centerpiece that blooms with thanks.



JOIN US FOR VACATION BIBLE  
SCHOOL!

"SPARK STUDIOS"  
June 6th– 10th



## ***“LET’S CHAT” with a Stephen Minister***

I like to see what high schools students decide on for their class motto when they graduate. Recently I saw one that I thought was different from the usual ones. It was “How do you want to be remembered?” When I graduated from high school I think that was probably the last thing on my mind. I didn’t give a lot of thought to what the years would bring. Now as I’ve gotten older, I realize that I do want to be remembered.

I want to be remembered as a caring, giving person. I would like to leave good deeds behind me, good memories for my family and friends. I would like to be a good citizen and an asset in my community and church. I want to help out whomever needs help and whenever I can. Be a good friend. Become a mentor in my occupation. This list could go on and on, but I think you get what I am saying, I want what we all desire, good things to be remembered by. But, what about those days when we said something hurtful, neglected someone who needed us, repeated some piece of gossip, didn’t attend church because we were too tired, didn’t volunteer when we should have and just had negative feelings about our lives? Those days when we feel that things are just not the way we want them to be. Don’t we all have those days, sometimes leading us to be sad or a little depressed? Sometimes we need to seek a friend to express our feelings so that we know we are not alone in those times. Someone who will remind us of the good things that we have and done and still can do.

Perhaps a Stephen Minister can be someone who you can lean on and talk to, knowing that with God’s grace we can be the person we really want to be. When we feel that we do not live up to these ideals, we need to be reminded that God is there to give us forgiveness and to help in getting us back on the path that we want to follow.

**“For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that is not of yourselves: it is the gift of God”** **Ephesians 2:8**

*Dear Lord, In the midst of our pain you are there with us. During this pandemic, we ask you to strengthen and comfort those who are lonely, grieving, anxious, or overburdened. Let our caring ministry walk alongside of anyone who is suffering. Help them to recognize and seek help from their brothers and sisters in Christ so they may face this time of trial together. We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.*

**We know these can be times of anxiety and uncertainty, loneliness and pain.  
Your St. John Stephen Ministers are here to help.**

**Need to talk?  
Call Pastor O’Brien or the church office at  
419-836-5514 and we will put you in contact with  
one of your St. John Stephen Ministers.**

# May Stewardship

The Stewardship of Motherhood

“Her children rise and call her blessed: her husband also, he praises her.” Proverbs 3:28

## *May Stewardship Prayer*

Lord, we thank you for the  
flowers that grow, for the birds  
and the bees and the moon's  
night-time glow.

For our Mother's love and  
devotion we will always hold  
dear, for the beauty of friends  
and the memories we share.  
For the precious gift of your  
blessings on us you bestow,  
especially your love that we  
certainly know. Amen

*Wishing you God's  
unending favor, kind-  
ness and love this  
Mother's Day.*





## Social Hall and Basement Rental Guidelines

Guidelines for Social Hall and Basement Rental have been updated and finalized as follows. Copies of this rental agreement can be found in either kitchen (basement and/or social hall) or can be obtained from Amelia in the church office.

### GUIDELINES FOR USE OF THE SOCIAL HALL AND/OR BASEMENT AT ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH

1. Cost of the room and janitor's time is **\$50.00 for members (\$150 for non-members\*)**. Please send this payment to the church office **BEFORE** the rental date. **The reservation cannot be confirmed until payment is received.**
  1. **No alcoholic beverages** are to be consumed on church grounds.
  2. **Smoking is not permitted** within the church building nor on the church grounds.
  3. Each group is responsible for **cleaning** up after themselves. Leave the space as you found it. The custodian will dispose of trash. Please have it bagged and sitting near the trash cans in the hall. Please be sure to turn off all lights before you leave.
  4. Those using the room should **provide** their own table service, paper products, etc. We ask that all tables be covered with plastic table cover (purchased at Gordon Food Service {GFS}). Hot dishes and large foil serving pans **MUST** be set on Formica mats which can be found in the southwest lower corner cabinet.
  5. **No parking** of vehicles in front of parking lot entrance doors or in front of adjacent garage. Please use the parking lot so as not to block the garage. **Please** inform your guests so that cars do not have to be moved.
  6. **Please do not slide tables and chairs.** Picking them up as they are moved prevents scratching of the floor's finish. Please remember to turn off all lights -- check the bathroom lights, etc.
  7. **Reservations** to use the room may be made by contacting the church office. For members making the reservation, they **MUST BE IN ATTENDANCE** at the gathering. Reservation must be made by the party desiring to use the facility. Members are not allowed to make reservations for non-members.
  1. **Please supervise children and do not allow them to roam around the building or play on the elevator.**
  2. **NO** decorating with **GLITTER, CONFETTI** or anything that tends to spread or that sticks to surfaces.
  3. **Rental times** on week days (Monday – Friday) are 9:00 a.m. – out by 8:00 p.m. On weekends hours of rental are limited to Saturday 9:00 a.m. – out by 4:00 p.m., or start after 6:00 p.m. – out by 8:00 p.m. Sunday events must start after 11:00 a.m. – out by 8:00 p.m.
- If you need the building to be opened for your event please notify the church office. For concerns during the event, you may contact Paul at 419-297-0217.

\***Non-members** must contact Diane Gerkenmeyer (419-836-7052) or Carol Vargo (419-836-8569) for further instructions.



# Church Council Highlights

**Members Present:** Pastor O'Brien, Diana Pfaff, Tim Titgemeyer, Tracy Orians, Jennifer Nelson, Susie Mathews, Melissa Hayes, Kim Sommers, Ron Gerkenmeyer, Audrey Milbrodt, and Gary Johnson

**Members Absent:** Donna Mathews, Kent Delventhal, and Kristina Wildman

**Guests:** Caleb Hayes, Olivia Martin, & Lucas Titgemeyer

**Devotions led by Pastor:** Psalm 150

**March secretary minutes approved:** Motion made by: Jennifer Nelson & motion seconded by: Susie Mathews

**Pastor's Report:** All confirmands need to attend a council mtg. All 8th grade confirmands will participate in interviews, which will be held on May 10th.

**Financial Secretary, Treasurer and Finance**

**Committee Report:**

- Expenses: We are 97% of the monthly budget and 97% of year to date budget.
  - Income: We are 107% of our monthly budget and 98% of our year to date budget.
  - Income over expenses: On a year to date basis, we are currently negative \$6,707 compared to our budget of negative \$7,989.
  - Jennifer Nelson reported the income is behind budget for year to date but ahead from where we were at this time last year. Expenses are normal and where they need to be. Scholarships were finalized and letters should be going out. The Pancake Supper funds were given to the Blessing box, and that balance is \$993. Midweek lenten donations, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday donations will be donated to Salem Feeding Ministries and Backpacks for Humans. Motion made by: Tim Titgemeyer & motion seconded by: Gary Johnson
- Christian Community Life:** Susie Mathews
- The committee discussed what we would be doing for Mother's Day, May 8th.

**Evangelism:** Melissa Hayes

- Around 23 people attended the Lenten Luncheon.
- Directories are available at the church, one per family.

**Parish Education:** Kim Sommers

- 29 children came to enjoy the Easter egg Hunt on April 16. Goodie bags were given, the Easter Bunny came, there was story time, five Easter baskets were given away, and there was an Easter egg hunt. 14 youth volunteered at the event. A big thank you to all who donated candy, the Evangelism committee, as well as the youth who volunteered!
- A total of \$353 was collected from the free will donation Easter Breakfast, going to the Genoa Food Pantry. Thank you to Tammy Mazur and to all who volunteered.
- April 16/17 noisy offering brought in \$60.23 to offset VBS costs & the next collection dates will be May 21/22.

Vacation bible school will be held June 6-10 this year.

The theme is Spark Studios and kids will learn that God's (The Master Artist) creativity didn't stop in Genesis. Please contact Stefanie Newman if you would like to assist with VBS this year.

**Stewardship:** Ron Gerkenmeyer

- Planning to have a mini reunion of all previous confirmation classes.
- The Golf Outing will be September 24th.

**Worship Life:** Audrey Milbrodt

- Confirmation will be Saturday, May 21 at 5 p.m.
- Pentecost is June 5 and summer worship schedule starts: Sundays at 9 am and Saturday remains at 5 p.m.
- Pastor wants "Just Try It" ideas for worship. If we see/hear of things that might be tried at St. John, let him know or WL.
- "Welcome - Masks Optional" signs have been hung on entrance doors.

**Property:** Gary Johnson

- Changed various bulbs throughout the building.
- Received 1 quote for replacement of AC for the sanctuary. Waiting for remaining bid requests to come in.
- The new wifi/phone system equipment has arrived. The system has been installed with the wifi system active.
- Finishing touches for mounting of AP's to continue over next several weeks.
- Still in discussion with Protegis in regards to the alarm system. Once that is fully resolved, the phone system will be integrated and switched to VOIP.
- Anna Sommers will start her eagle scout project in the next couple weeks for shelving in the storage room.

**Old Business:**

- New high chairs were purchased.

**New Business:**

- Check on updating the defibrillator/have it serviced.
- The summer acolyte schedule for 8th graders will stay in place until 6th graders start.
- Sunday, May 22nd, Sunday school will go on as normal except the 8th graders won't be there.
- Confirmands will have to come at 4, before the confirmation service to get practice for confirmation.
- We will have appetizers and games after Saturday service on May 28th! Feel free to bring games!
- Saturday, May 7th following worship, there will be a Mexican dinner to defray some costs for our youth going on a mission trip. Tickets will be available soon.

**Next Committee Mtg:** Thursday, May 12th, 7pm

**Next Council Mtg:** Thursday, May 19th, 7pm

**Minutes submitted by:** Tracy Orians, Council Secretary





# March

## *Finance report*

### St. John Lutheran Church Statement of Income and Expense As of March 31, 2022

	Full Year	Month to Date			Year to Date				
	Budget	Budget	Actual	%	Budget	Actual	%	Prior Year	% Growth
Income: *	290,000	21,019	22,413	107%	67,500	66,326	98%	64,384	3.0%
* does not include memorials and other dedicated offerings * online giving IS included.									
Expenses:									
Benevolence	38,000	2,958	2,958	100%	8,875	8,875	100%		
Board/Ministries	11,900	992	1,180	119%	2,975	2,133	72%		
Staff Salaries	105,500	9,257	8,539	92%	26,690	25,284	95%		
Staff Benefits	63,100	5,258	4,843	92%	15,775	14,710	93%		
Operating Expenses	71,500	5,583	5,824	104%	21,174	22,030	104%		
Expense Totals	290,000	24,048	23,343	97%	75,489	73,033	97%		
Income less Expenses		(3,029)	(930)		(7,989)	(6,707)			

### Dedicated Fund Balances

Building/Development	5,432
Endowment Fund	125,221
Savings	48,225
Activity Center Savings	329,368
Music Fund	4,878
HVAC Fund	32,016
Future Development	38,550
Courtyard	9,260
Memorials	6,111
Youth	22,963
Good Samaritan	10,553
Scholarships	88,866
Other	15,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>736,123</b>

**Online Giving**

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(Other includes designated offerings, Stephen Ministries, etc.)

If you have questions, please contact the Board of Finance - Jennifer Nelson, Kent Delventhal or Kristina Wildman

Did you know St. John offers online giving?  
 We process giving through VANCO, a nationally recognized leader in church giving.  
 It's easy, it's secure and you can get started today!  
 Not online? No problem! Just fill out an authorization form or see Amelia in the office.

# -HELLO- May

## Happy Birthday!

Lauren Rossler	5/1	Olivia Martin	5/21
Benjamin Sommers III	5/1	Helen Meyer	5/21
Brenda Keeley	5/2	Linda Posey	5/21
Jacob Fejes	5/3	Craig Morse	5/22
Lori Vogelbacher	5/4	Jamie Bauman	5/22
Everett Tank	5/5	James Luce	5/23
Owen Jansen	5/5	Deanne Neuman	5/23
Kurt McKee	5/6	Lee Wehner	5/23
Josh Buhrow	5/7	Darlene Carstensen	5/24
Sheldon Overmyer	5/7	Megan Deiter	5/25
Susan Mathews	5/8	Casey Wojciechowski	5/26
Kurt Titgemeyer	5/8	Thomas Wojciechowski	5/26
Emma Morgan	5/9	Gene Bihn	5/27
Adeline George	5/9	Dennis Dickinson	5/27
Zach Buhrow	5/10	Jenifer Delventhal	5/30
Landon Grosjean	5/11		
David Neuman	5/11		
Doris Shields	5/11		
Jacob Lammers	5/12		
Robert Sheahan	5/12		
Evalyn Witty	5/13		
Wayne Schimming	5/14		
Audrey Tank	5/16		
Beverly Harder	5/18		
Crystal Threet	5/19		
Ashley Carr	5/20		
Barbara Wolf	5/20		

## Happy Anniversary

Ed and Deb Gilbert	5/1
John and Sarah Joseph	5/4
Rich and Rebecca Brossia	5/7
Jon and Valerie Baumbach	5/9
Dave and Deanne Deiter	5/12
Ray and Shirley Fredericksen	5/14
Scott and Kristina Wildman	5/14
Matt and Melissa Wehner	5/20
Tom and Charlene Higginbotham	5/21
Steve and Kathy Wegman	5/23
Gary and Darlene Carstensen	5/25
Cal and Marvel Nelson	5/25
Al and Traci Brown	5/28
John and Helen Meyer	5/28
Lee and Mary Schimmel	5/29
Roland and Janice Sandrock	5/30

### MAY HOLIDAYS

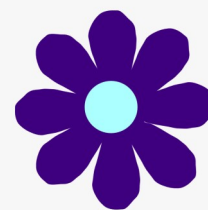
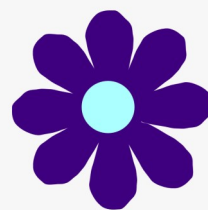
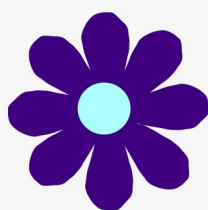
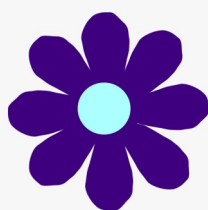
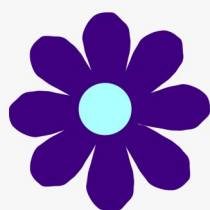
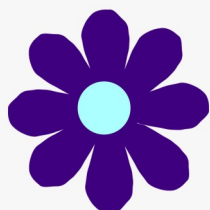
1-May Day  
 2-Brother & Sisters Day  
 4- Kentucky Derby Day (first Saturday)  
 4-Star Wars Day  
 5-Cinco De Mayo  
 5- Ramadan (varies)  
 6-National Nurses Day  
 8- No Socks Day  
 10- Clean Up Your Room Day  
 11- Eat What You Want Day  
 12- Mother's Day (2nd Sunday)  
 15- National Chocolate Chip Day  
 17- National Bike to Work Day (3rd Friday)  
 18- Armed Forces Day (3rd Saturday)  
 18-No Dirty Dishes Day  
 19- World Plant a Veggie Garden Day  
 21- Victoria Day (Canada)  
 22-National Buy A Musical instrument Day  
 23- Lucky Penny Day  
 25- National Brown Bag It Day  
 26-Sally Ride Day  
 27-Memorial Day (last Monday)  
 28-National Hamburger Day  
 30-Water a Flower Day  
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## HAPPY Mother's Day

Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers  
 of St. John Lutheran Church.  
 Thank you for all you do.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 10 AM Gospel Discussion	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 5:00 PM Contemporary Worship
<b>8</b> 8:30 AM Sunday School  9:45 AM Traditional Worship	<b>9</b> 10 AM Gospel Discussion	<b>10</b> 9:00 AM Blankets  Esther Circle 2pm.	<b>11</b> 7 AM Breakfast Gathering	<b>12</b> 7 PM Committee Meeting	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 5:00 PM Contemporary Worship
<b>15</b> 8:30 AM Sunday School  9:45 AM Traditional Worship	<b>16</b> 10 AM Gospel Discussion	<b>17</b> 9:00 AM Blankets	<b>18</b> 7 AM Breakfast Gathering	<b>19</b> 7:00 PM Council Meeting	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 5:00 PM Contemporary Worship  Noisy Offering  Confirmation
<b>22</b> 9:45 AM Traditional Worship  Noisy Offering	<b>23</b> 10 AM Gospel Discussion  9:00 AM Forerunner deadline!	<b>24</b> 9:00 AM Blankets	<b>25</b> 7 AM Breakfast Gathering	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 5:00 PM Contemporary Worship
<b>29</b> 8:30 AM Sunday School  9:45 AM Traditional Worship	<b>30</b> MEMORIAL DAY!  Office closed!	<b>31</b> 9:00 AM Blankets				



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**Worship Hours at St. John**  
**Saturday Contemporary Worship 5:00 PM**  
**Sunday Traditional Worship 9:45 AM**

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