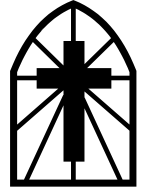


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ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

OUR MISSION Share the Joy of His News by growing inward through God's Word, Sacraments and fellowship and by growing outward through words, actions, and mission outreach.

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FROM THE ELDERS

Resolutions

When they had eaten breakfast, Jesus asked Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love Me more than these?"

John 21:16

Jesus has a wonderful way of restoring us when we fail Him! He does not humiliate us. He does not criticize us. He does not ask us to make a resolution to try harder. Rather, He takes us aside and asks us to reaffirm our love for Him.

Peter miserably failed his Lord when he fled with the other disciples from the Garden of Gethsemane. Later, he publicly denied that he even knew Jesus. Peter must have wondered if he had been capable of being Jesus' disciple when he was unfaithful to Jesus in His most crucial hour.

As you begin a new year, you may be painfully aware that you have failed your Lord in many ways. Perhaps you were not faithful. Perhaps you disobeyed His word to you. Perhaps you denied Him by the way you lived. Jesus will take you aside, as He did Peter. He will not berate you. He will not humiliate you. He *will* ask you to examine your love for Him. He asked Peter, "Do you love Me?" If your answer, like Peter's, is "Yes, Lord," He will reaffirm His will for you. If you truly love Him, you will obey Him (John 14:15). Jesus does not need your resolution, your re-commitment, or your promise to try harder this year. If you resolve to obey God last year did not help you to be faithful, it will not make you successful this year. Jesus asks for you love. If you truly love Him, your service for Him in the new year will be of the quality that He desires.

Praise be to God
The Elders

Experiencing God Day by Day
Henry & Richard Blackaby

Dear Fellow Saints,

We have received such wonderful cards and gifts from you that have been a blessing for us this Christmas. God has truly been good to us—me and my family and our whole family of believers in Christ. It is because of God's grace in Jesus that we find our common peace, joys, and blessings. Thank you for your love and generosity as we praise God from Whom all blessings flow.

Pastor and Shelley Toensing

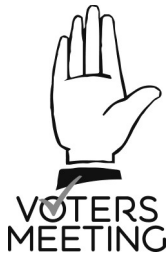


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SAVE THE DATE!

Quarterly Voters' Meeting is
 January 30th following worship

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR FURTHER GROWTH**

Worship Service (Sundays)	9:00 a.m.
Sunday School/LYF	10:30 a.m.
Bible Class (Sundays)	10:30 a.m.
Midweek Classes (4-6 grades on Wednesdays)	6:30 p.m.
Constitution & Bylaw Committee (TBA)	6:30 p.m.
Evangelism Board Meeting (Jan 3)	1:30 p.m.
Elders' Meeting (Jan 3)	6:30 p.m.
Ladies Morning Bible Study (Jan 8)	10:00 a.m.
Quilting Group (Jan 11)	9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Lutheran Women in Mission (Jan 18)	7:00 p.m.
Church Council Meeting (Jan 24)	6:30 p.m.
Ladies Aid Meeting (Jan 26)	2:00 p.m.
Quarterly Voters' Meeting (Jan 30 following worship service)	

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1 Arlin Pomajzl
 3 Blythe Dewey
 4 Tom Nyhoff
 5 Lyndsey Williams
 6 Marilyn Nelson
 7 Patricia Prochnow, Julie Reetz, Jeana Scholz
 9 Skye Hoyer
 11 Denise Slama, Castyn Ziemann
 12 Bryan Bell, Jr
 13 Joy Kouba
 15 Barb Hansmeyer
 16 Jessica McBride, Estelle Reetz
 17 Kristi Doiel
 18 Logan Adam, Nick Hollman
 19 Matt Walker
 20 Nick Ellingson
 23 Anne Fletcher
 25 Matt Karl
 26 Angela Dello
 27 Harry Meinke, Nicole Gierhart, Kyle Shore
 28 Savannah Hensley
 29 Sherry Davis

30 Brian Persing
 31 Dave Eggert

JANUARY BAPTISMS

1 Steve VanAsperen, Fred Weidner
 3 Tanna Nitzel, Lynette Reetz June
 4 Aaron Meinke
 7 Ellen Miller
 8 Jayne VanAsperen
 10 Lilian Underwood
 12 Chris Williams
 14 Joe Kalkwarf, Don Rejcha
 15 Hannah Ochs
 16 Melissa Gash
 19 Troy Henning, Barb Meinke
 20 Marilyn Nelson, Lyndsey Williams
 21 Doug Kattau, Scott Murphy
 23 Jeana Scholz
 27 Estelle Reetz
 28 Matt Walker, Seth Brethouwer, Liam Lee
 29 Dan Meinke, Andrew Munro, Kent Nelson
 31 Titan Wagner

THANK YOU!

Thanks to everyone who donates to the Orphan Grain Train and People City Mission Toss Box—the clothing and bedding items are always in need. The OGT appreciates gently used items (if new, please remember to take price tags off) and PCM is happy to receive anything! We are blessed to give!

2022 Marches for Life

There are several opportunities to publicly confess the God-given value of all human life during Marches for Life around the United States in 2022. Mark your calendars and register to participate for free in the following marches:

- **Jan. 8, 2022** — Chicago
- **Jan. 21, 2022** — Washington, D.C.
- **Jan. 22, 2022** — San Francisco
- **Jan. 25, 2022** — Topeka, Kan.
- **March 19, 2022** — St. Louis

Registration is required, and LCMS Life Ministry will be communicating with registrants to provide location details and important pandemic-related information. [Register via the LCMS Office of National Mission's new volunteer portal.](#)

Meeting places and times will only be provided through the registration process and volunteer portal, so be sure to let them know about your plans to participate. If you are planning a local march, email LCMS Life Ministry to add an organized pro-life march, walk or other public event to the LCMS Life Ministry schedule.

To learn more or to order LCMS Life Ministry apparel and gear, visit lcms.org/life-ministry/march-for-life or email lifeministry@lcms.org.

NEW ST. JOHN COOKBOOK

The time is getting close for submitting recipes for the new cookbook to be published in celebration of the 100th anniversary of St. John Ladies Aid. To get the process started, you may choose any of the following options for submitting your recipes:

- Forms will be provided on the table in the narthex for you to submit your recipes, and a box will be there for your completed recipe form or forms.

- Or, you may text your recipes to Deb Walker at 402-450-5473.

- Or, you may email your recipes to Deb Walker at

walker.jamesdeb1@gmail.com

See the last page of this newsletter for an example of the recipe form.

Watch for the February newsletter for more on this project!





RECIPE COLLECTION SHEET

For office use only	Recipe No.
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Category _____

Recipe Title _____

Submitted By _____

INGREDIENTS: Use abbreviations pt. qt. pkg. env. c. tsp. T. oz. lb. gal. doz. sm. med. lg.

DIRECTIONS: _____

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INSTRUCTIONS

- Print **NEATLY IN INK, NOT PENCIL**, and place only **ONE RECIPE** per form.
 - If more room is needed, use another sheet of the same size and staple together.
 - Please **WRITE LEGIBLY**, as this will greatly reduce errors.
 - List all ingredients in order of use in ingredients list and directions.
 - Include container sizes, e.g., 2 (8-oz.) cans, temps, and baking/cooking times.
 - Keep ingredients separate and directions in one paragraph. Do not submit recipes in steps, columns, or charts. Recipes which cannot conform to our chosen recipe format will be omitted.
 - Use names of ingredients in the directions, e.g., "Combine flour and sugar."
 - Do **NOT** use statements like, "combine first three ingredients."
 - Be consistent with the spelling of your name for each recipe you contribute.
 - Any special recipe notes (anything other than ingredients, directions, contributor name, serving size, or recipe title) should be kept as a separate comment on the bottom of this form, as they may not be included unless we pay extra for it.
 - Your recipes should fit into one of the following categories:
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| Appetizers & Beverages | Breads & Rolls |
| Soups & Salads | Desserts |
| Vegetables & Side Dishes | Cookies & Candy |
| Main Dishes | This & That |

Dear Friend,

Our organization is preparing a wonderful custom cookbook featuring favorite recipes from our members. The cookbook will be professionally published, and it is certain to become a treasured keepsake.

Please submit 3-5 of your favorite recipes so you can be represented in our group's cookbook. Follow the instructions above. Your name will be printed with each of your recipes. Thank you for contributing recipes as this will help to ensure that our cookbook will be a huge success.

We anticipate a great demand for our cookbooks, and we want to be certain to order plenty. You can reserve one or more for yourself and your family at this time to be assured of receiving them.

Please reserve _____ cookbook(s) for me.

Name _____

Please submit your recipes to the committee within 5 days so we can meet our deadline. Thank you!