

# St. John's Journal

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## JESUS' SAVING CARE INCLUDES HEALING FOR OUR BODIES

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The appointed Gospel reading for the first Sunday of this month, February 3, is Luke 4:31-44, which gives a nice overview of the work of Jesus' Galilean ministry. It tells how our Lord was active in teaching and preaching, driving out demons, and healing. As you read this passage you can rather easily observe an interesting structure in the order of the events described:

teaching in the synagogue of Capernaum in Galilee,  
driving out a demon from a man in the synagogue,  
healing Peter's mother-in-law,  
healing more people,  
driving out more demons, and  
preaching in the synagogues of Galilee.

At the center of this structure is Jesus' healing care. Jesus' work of healing was and remains an important part of His saving ministry. It is a powerful and gracious demonstration that He loves us and cares about us as whole people, body and soul. Our Lord made us as bodily creatures endowed with a soul. We presently are, and we will live into eternity, as people consisting both of visible flesh-and-bone bodies and invisible souls. We are not living and complete human beings unless we have both body and soul.

Man's fall into sin has disastrous effects for us as whole people. It has thoroughly corrupted our souls, leaving them spiritually dead and without the right knowledge of God. It has brought disease and death to our bodies. This is why our Lord, in His great love, came to save us as whole people, body and soul.

Jesus came and showed His care for people in teaching and preaching, driving out demons, and bodily healing – work He continues to this day. Our Lord proclaimed and proclaims in His teaching and preaching the release (forgiveness) from sin's guilt and punishment and control by His atoning death on the cross and His resurrection from the dead. He drove out and drives out demons from those who are bodily possessed or otherwise oppressed by them, granting release from their harm and control. He healed and heals people

who are ill, injured, disabled, or otherwise afflicted in body, releasing them from much pain and physical damage. By all this care our Lord Jesus helped and helps people in the needs of this life.

By all this care our Lord Jesus also showed and shows a preview of the full restoration He will bring about for us in body and soul for the life of the world to come! Once Jesus appears on the Last Day, raises the dead, and transforms His believers to glorious immortality, we will be completely restored in body and soul! Our souls will be sinless, and we will know God as rightly and fully as He can be known. All demons will be driven away and forever subdued and confined in hell, never to harm anyone again. Our bodies will be glorified to an immortal and incorruptible condition, fully and permanently healed! Our restoration in body and soul will be complete and everlasting!

So we praise our Lord Jesus for all His saving care, including healing for our bodies. Our trust and hope are in Him alone as our complete Savior!

- Pastor Bishop

## Christian Education Sunday School

**Sunday School**  
**Perfect Attendance**  
**December 2018**

None

### **FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**



#### **Feb 01**

Joseph Hillman  
Edward Hodgkins  
Vincent Thomason

#### **Feb 02**

Nathan Barth  
Katie Bollinger  
Edward Gaitros  
David Justi  
Stephen Webb

#### **Feb 04**

Joseph Donovan  
Ryan Hansen

#### **Feb 06**

Richard Jarvis

#### **Feb 07**

Jamie Hoover  
Danny Jones

#### **Feb 08**

Emma Jones

#### **Feb 09**

Loretta Newman  
R. Michael Thompson

#### **Feb 10**

Lorelei Huber  
Lia Huber  
Sarah Huber  
Sandy Morgan  
Barb Theleritis

#### **Feb 11**

Katherine King

#### **Feb 12**

Viola Deppert

#### **Feb 13**

Emma Canterbury  
Charles Diemer  
Carrie Schmidgall

#### **Feb 14**

Steven Depew  
Belinda Frankel  
Barbara Thompson

#### **Feb 15**

Ruth Keil  
Lori Sego

#### **Feb 16**

Karen McCammon  
Patricia Proehl

#### **Feb 17**

George Andrae

#### **Feb 18**

Michael Becker  
Jeremy Garmon  
Emma Hicks  
Barry Pool  
Gregory Swibold  
Shantel Tackmann

#### **Feb 20**

Dean Cooper  
Marcille Frevert  
Shirley Williamson

#### **Feb 21**

Kylee Alexander  
Stanley Ehmke

#### **Feb 22**

Susan Waddell

#### **Feb 23**

Alison Burris

#### **Feb 24**

Vernice Funk  
David Sego

#### **Feb 25**

Tyler Widby

#### **Feb 26**

Lea Ann Becker

#### **Feb 27**

Christine Neumann

#### **Feb 28**

Ava Friedinger  
Sandra Gay  
Carl Whitlatch

### **FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES**



#### **Feb 01**

John & Allison Gillespie

#### **Feb 02**

Gerald & Paula Norman

#### **Feb 14**

Colby & Ashley Jones  
Thomas & Cheryl Ivey  
James & Julie Widby  
Barry & Katherine Wright

### **Church Attendance**

Dec 2018—**1,315—21** services

### **PARISH NOTES**



Dec 2017—**1,155—19** services

Dec 2016— **967—15** services

### **Sunday School Attendance Year-to-Date**

Dec 2018:	<b>2,350</b>
Dec 2017:	<b>2,597</b>
Dec 2016:	<b>2,645</b>

### **Videographers**

Jim Lonergan

### **Worship Committee**

Brian Fuelberth

**Communion Assistance**

Feb 03  
8:00 Joe Szadowski  
10:30 Aaron Miller

Feb 17  
8:00 Dave Drockelman  
10:30 Steve Depew


**February Ushers**

**8:00**

Jerry Bohannon  
Randy Couch  
Steve Kesselmayr  
Noah Kesselmayr  
Terry Norman

**10:30**

Ross Gould  
Jacob Gould  
Howie Proehl

 **A big thank you to all our Service Volunteers.**

**We appreciate the time and dedication you give to our Church community.**

**CHURCH KEYS:**

In going over our list of who has church keys, we are still missing quite a few. Please check your key and let us know the number you have. For those who have called us and let us know the key number you have, we appreciate it.

**Acolytes**

Feb 03 8:00 Zachary Webb  
10:30 Erin Wilson

Feb 10 8:00 Cody Wilson  
10:30 Alexis Daniels

Feb 17 8:00 Jaylah Dalton  
10:30 Macey Dalton

Feb 25 8:00 Brayden Hoover  
10:30 Bradley Hoover

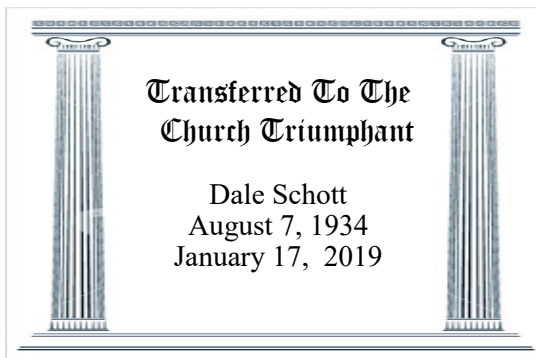
Mar 03 8:00 Zachary Webb  
10:30 Erin Wilson

**USHERS ARE NEEDED :** If you would like to volunteer to be an Usher please let Mike Nauth, 349-5332, or anyone on the Worship Committee know. Thank you.

**The Flower Chart for 2019** is posted in the Narthex. Please sign-up for the Sunday (s) that you would like to provide flowers for the altar and **call the church office, 347-2136**, and let us know what you want in the bulletin.

If you would like a special arrangement for your date, please call Artistic Flowers at 347-0022. Let them know you are with St. John's, Pe-kin. They will bill you directly.

Remember you can pick up your flowers after the 10:30 service (please leave the green liners) or Mon. to Fri. from 8:00 a.m. to 12 Noon.



**TREASURER'S REPORT  
DECEMBER, 2018**

	<b><u>December</u></b>	<b><u>Y-T-D</u></b>
<b><u>INCOME</u></b>	38,520.34	359,369.81
<b><u>EXPENSES</u></b>	31,126.27	388,814.39

<b><u>INCOME-EXPENSES</u></b>	<u>7,394.07</u>	<u>(29,444.58)</u>
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**LIABILITIES**

Note Payable	69,732.31
Payroll Liabilities	2,173.41
Misc LCMS Orgs Fund	1 0.00
<b><u>TOTAL LIABILITIES</u></b>	<b><u>71,915.72</u></b>

General Fund	-58,823.68
Schwab Cash Account	1.00
Cat Stock at FMV	46,888.83
<b>General Fund Total</b>	<b>(11,933.85)</b>

Ed Grant Fund Checking	4,727.56
Ed Grant Fund CD #1	103,061.64
Ed Grant Fund #2-Vanguard	66,394.12
<b>Educational Fund Total</b>	<b>174,183.32</b>

East Bluff Property-Vanguard	89,993.18
East Bluff Property Fund CD	106,850.04
<b>East Bluff Property Fund</b>	<b>196,843.22</b>

Building Fund Checking	49,209.30
S S Fund Checking	10,600.67
Memorial Fund Checking	26,510.60

<b><u>TOTAL ASSETS</u></b>	<b><u>\$445,413.26</u></b>
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Checking Account Balance	32,224.45
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**FUND BALANCE**

Building Improvements	-299,680.34
Net Income (Loss)	(29,444.58)
Capital Accounts	702,622.46
<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>373,497.54</b>

<b><u>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; FUND BALANCE</u></b>	<b><u>\$445,413.26</u></b>
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**Dr. Rose Marie Bigelow**, daughter of Guy and Lillian Illuzzi, passed away on December 19, 2018.

## HI-LITES OF ST. JOHN'S VOTERS ASSEMBLY January 14, 2019

President Ron Reising called the meeting to order. A quorum was present. Pastor Bishop was not in attendance as he is attending the theological Symposia at Fort Wayne, Indiana. President Reising opened with prayer.

A motion by Randy Couch, seconded by Tom Ivey was made to approve the December 2018 Parish Report - motion carried.

A motion was made by Dave Kesselmayer, seconded by Pam Woolsey, was made to approve the December 2018 minutes - motion carried.

Treasurer's Report - Daryl Dagit presented the December 2018 Treasurer's Report. Dave Drockelman moved, seconded by Ray Barnes, to approve the December 2018 Treasurer's Report - motion carried.

Board of Trustees - Dave Kesselmayer thanked all those who assisted with the take down of the Nativity Scene.

The Trustees received a bid for replacing lights in the gym and the stage for \$10,450, including all materials and labor. A motion was made by Dave Kesselmayer, seconded by Ray Barnes, to approve this bid with funds to be used from the Building Fund - motion carried. A motion was made by Tom Ivey, seconded by Howie Proehl, to waive the 30 day hold over requirement to go ahead with the lighting - motion carried.

The Trustees estimated repairs for the parsonage at approximately \$40,000 to \$50,000, of which \$11,000 would not have to be done for someone to move in the house. With not having an immediate need for the parsonage, the Trustees are looking at various options for the parsonage, possibly to keep as a parsonage for later use or sell the home.

Board of Elders - Randy Couch reported that there was no news, but thanked Rod Bollinger for his three years of service to the Elders, and welcomed Tom Ivey to the Elders.

Board of Finance - The Board of Finance has not met yet this year.

Board of Christian Education - Jamie Hoover welcomed Tisha Daniels and Leslie Hauk to the Board. Jamie will chair this Board, and Laura Dobbelaire will

be the Secretary and Shana Friedinger will be Treasurer. The January meeting will include Bible baseball and sub sandwiches will be served.

Board of Worship - No report.

Board of Evangelism - No report.

Board of Stewardship - The Board has not met yet this year.

Long Range Planning Committee - No report.

Educational Grant Fund Committee - No report.

East Bluff Property Committee - No report.

Constitution By-laws Committee - No report.

Unfinished Business - At the December meeting, Pam Woolsey suggested that the Voter's Meeting be held on the second Sunday of the month following the 10:30 service and a potluck luncheon. Pam received several positive comments from other members. After some discussion, a motion was made by Pam Woolsey, seconded by Mary Depew, that the Voter's Assembly Meeting be changed to the second Sunday of the month, beginning in February 2019 at 11:45 a.m. - motion carried.

New Business - No new business.

A motion was made by Tom Ivey, seconded by Jennifer Kesselmayer, to adjourn the meeting which closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Ivey  
Secretary

**CORRECTIONS** Please notify Sandy Ferguson, our church secretary, of any corrections that need to be made in addresses, phone numbers, email addresses, birthday or wedding anniversary lists, etc. If a date or something else is wrong, or if anybody has been omitted from something, we want to get it right. Also, if you are not in the rotation of Greeters, but would like to be, please let us know that, too. We want to have all our information fully accurate and as up to date as possible.

Thank you for your help. You may phone the church office with your information at 347-2136, send a note in the mail, or e-mail Sandy at: stjohndec@grics.net.

## FEBRUARY LIBRARY CORNER

By Eileen Tiona



"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom His favor rests."

I haven't any new books to report on this month, but would like to invite everyone to come into the library and check out all the wonderful books that are available.

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## ORGANIZATIONS

### FELLOWSHIP CLUB By Veva Martin

Mark your calendar - Saturday, February 9, 2019 - 6:30 p.m. is Movie Night for the Fellowship Club. We will meet in the Church basement.

Don & Val Dobbelaire and Eileen Tiona will be host and hostess.

Come and enjoy an evening of fellowship and a movie.

### THE YOUTH GROUP

will meet on Sunday, February 17 at 4:00 p.m.

This month we will have wacky gym games and enjoy tacos.

Watch bulletins for more information and please bring a friend to enjoy the fellowship.

### La- WOMEN'S GUILD By Jackie Nauth dies

Guild will meet on Thursday, February 28 at 6:30 p.m.

Vi Deppert and Leslie Hauk will serve.

All ladies of the church are invited.



## IN OUR PRAYERS

If you know of anyone who needs to be added, please let the church office know.

All our shut-ins

Griffin Glass—serving in the Navy

Adam Jackson—member of Armed Services (grand-nephew of Lila Lisenbee)

Pastor Niemann

Sonny Mack

Mark Reeder

Bob Watson

Bernice Mack

Stacie Kendall

Leia Stewart

Bob Funk

Sam Kendall

Tim Johnston

Donna Bollinger

Pat Proehl

Donna Corso

Honor Deiss

Joyce Wertz

Ed Knussman

Pastor Kesselmayr

Lois Becker

Cheryl Williams

Robert Scott

Christy Hancock

Karen Hall

Bill Hall

Sandy Morgan

Peggy Farlin

Carol Long

Billie Jackson

Stanley Ehmke

Brian Tucker

Florence McClure

And to all those individuals and families who struggle with either physical, mental or spiritual needs.

Men, rev up your chainsaws, ready your log splitters, and sharpen your axes. The Men's Woodcutters Retreat is February 15-17 at **Camp CILCA**. This year's presenter is Rev Kirk Clayton of Zion Lutheran Church in Mascoutah, IL. He will be teaching men to "Defend the Faith." To register, contact the camp office [217-487-7497/[camp@cilca.org](mailto:camp@cilca.org)]

Ladies, the Spring Scrapbooking Retreat is February 22-24 at **Camp CILCA**. Each participant will be given a 6 foot table to use. Cost is \$80 and includes 3 meals on Saturday, and brunch on Sunday. Bedding and towels are also provided in the hotel-style rooms of the Christian Growth Center. To register, contact the camp office [217-487-7497/[camp@cilca.org](mailto:camp@cilca.org)]

**Lutheran Hillside Village Cookie Walk update:** It is a sincere pleasure to announce that the annual Cookie Walk was an overwhelming success! Our goal was to raise over \$2,000 for LHV's Benevolent Fund. I am happy to report that in 2018, we raised over \$2,250! Our gratitude to members of St. John that delivered baked goods on Dec 13th or chose to donate monetarily. We had oodles of cookies, a wide assortment of sweet treats and at least 4 kinds of homemade fudge. Our continuous flow of customers from 8-11 am was a joy to see. LHV residents were all smiles. The LHV employees began the day with a 6 am staff breakfast dressed in their holiday finest and having the Cookie Walk afterwards was a bonus. The ladies of LWGP say "Thank you!" *He will teach us His ways, so that we may walk in His paths. Isaiah 2:3*

**St. John's  
Lutheran Women's Missionary League  
(LWML)**

St. John's LWML first official meeting will be Saturday March 2, at 10:00 a.m. in the church basement. All ladies of the congregation are welcome.

During the month of February, we are collecting items for the Personal Care Kits (see below). Items may be placed in baskets in the Narthex or Annex Addition. We are also collecting Mites (coins/dollar bills that goes for Missions that are supported by LWML). Mites can be put in the Mite boxes located in the Narthex or Annex Addition.

**PERSONAL CARE KIT**

**SOME IMPORTANT GUIDELINES TO REMEMBER**

- Be sure to shop for light- or medium-weight towels, which are easier for kit recipients to hand wash and air dry, take up less storage space and are considerably less expensive than the fluffier towels we may prefer to use.
- Please give new items only.
- Please do not donate items with any religious symbols, messages or your group's name.
- Please do not donate any items decorated with a U.S. flag, patriotic or military symbols, or references to the armed forces, including camouflage.
- Do not add other items or leave out any of the items listed.
- All items should be new and in good condition.
- Do not enclose the kit or any of its contents in plastic bags

**INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING IN EACH PERSONAL CARE KIT**

**ONE** light-weight bath-size towel (between 20" x 40" and 52" x 27"), dark color recommended

**TWO** or three bath-size bars of soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping

**ONE** adult-size toothbrush in it's original packaging\*

**ONE** sturdy comb, remove packaging

**ONE** metal nail clippers (attached file optional), remove packaging

\* Toothbrush multi-packs may be used by sealing an individual toothbrush in a business-size envelope; no plastic bags or wrap.

*More information about LWML will be in February bulletins.*

**GOOD SHEPHERD NEWS**

Midterms are February 1.

Spaghetti Dinner/Talent Show will be February 8 with more information to follow.

Valentine parties are planned for February 14.

Friday, February 15 is a half day. Dismissal @ 12:30 p. m.

Monday, February 18, there is no school in honor of Presidents Day!

School Board Meeting will be Tuesday, February 19 at 6:30 p.m.

PTL Meeting Grades 5-8 Fair Projects will be February 21.

School choir will sing Sunday, February 24 at St. John's, Pekin at the 10:30 service.

February 26 will be Tenderloin Tuesday.

**Reservations are now being taken for Good Shepherd Lutheran School's 13th Annual Benefit Auction, Saturday, March 23, 2019, at the Par-A-Dice Hotel. Make a paid reservation prior to February 17th to be entered into a drawing to win \$200 in Auction Bucks that may be used at our patriotic "Red, White, Blue, & Ewe!" celebration. Reservation forms are available at the SCRIP tables at the churches or at the school office; call Ann Fuelberth at 347-9027 with questions. Be certain to select your dinner option and indicate how you would like to receive confirmation.**

Sponsorships of \$50—Dinner Table, \$100—Silent Auction, or \$200—Live Auction are always great ways for businesses or individuals to advertise their services and help the auction to offset costs. For this year, Sponsorships may be made in honor of a military veteran or service member. **For the Ladies:** our purse game will return with even more purses and the \$100 cash prize. **For the Men:** we will be adding a new duck decoy game with an opportunity to win one of four prizes—details will be finalized soon. You will need a FOID card to purchase the decoys. Class projects and many other details will be announced in future church bulletins and on our school's website.

Our LIVE AUCTION ITEM #1 will be our SPECIAL BID DINNER: Caesar Salad, Shrimp Cocktail, Rib Eye Steak, Garlic Whipped Potatoes, Green Bean Medley, Warm Rolls, Apple Cheesecake w/Carmel Drizzle, White and Red Wine. The winning table is sure to love this special dinner!

Thank you to all of you who saved Pringles cans—we now have plenty for our decorations and no more are needed!

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GOLDEN	INCENSE
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INNER	MERCYSEAT
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PORCH	SACRIFICES
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