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"HE LIVES, MY PROPHET, PRIEST, AND KING"

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These words, as you likely recognize, are taken from the beloved hymn, "I Know that My Redeemer Lives." We were blessed to sing it as our opening hymn this Easter Sunday. This part of the hymn, the end of verse 6, is a good reminder that our risen and living Lord is still very much active. The exalted and ascended Jesus still lives and continues to serve His church. One of the ways we Christians can think about Jesus' ongoing work for us is in His threefold office of Prophet, Priest, and King. For Jesus did not discontinue His office when He concluded His earthly ministry. Rather, exalted to the right hand of God, Jesus is still working for our blessing in these three aspects of His office.

A *prophet* is one who receives a divine message directly from God, and then speaks it to others. Because He Himself *is* God, Jesus' word is always a message directly from God. Today Jesus speaks His word primarily through the instrumentality of the servants He has given His church. Jesus told His disciples, "As the Father has sent Me, I am sending you." *John 20:21* He sent them to speak for Him. He told them, "He who listens to you listens to Me." *Luke 10:16* This service of speaking the divine word on behalf of Jesus continues to this day through the ministers He keeps on sending. "He Himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the gospel preachers, the pastors and teachers." *Ephesians 4:11* These are some of the gifts the ascended Christ gave to men. (See *Ephesians 4:8*.) So the ongoing work of preaching and teaching Jesus' word really is the prophetic work of Jesus Himself!

A *priest* is one who offers acceptable sacrifices to God, and also intercedes on behalf of God's people. Our ascended Lord is still performing priestly service for us. Jesus continues to pray for us. "Christ is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us." *Romans 8:34* Christ renders priestly service for us also in His holy Supper. He gives His very body and blood, which He sacrificed once for all on the cross, to His people to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins. It is not a new or repeated sacrifice, of course. Rather, Christ distributes to His people what He already sacrificed, together with the blessings of His sacrifice.

A *king* is one who rules, protects, and leads his subjects. The ascended King Jesus rules, protects, and leads His church still today. "God put all things under His (Christ's) feet, and gave Him to be Head over all things for the church." *Ephesians 1:23* Jesus carries out His kingly service mainly through His word. However, His kind reign includes the protective ministry of angels, and His almighty control over the entire world, ultimately for the benefit of His believers. Finally King Jesus will lead His people to the wondrous world to come as He raises us from the dead and glorifies us.

It's no wonder, then, that we Christians celebrate *both* Jesus' resurrection *and* His ascension! Triumphant over the tomb, and exalted to the right hand of the Father, Jesus lives to bestow rich blessings on His people. Truly He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King!

- Pastor Bishop

Christian Education

Matthew
Mark
Luke
John

Sunday School Perfect Attendance – March 2019

5th GRADE
Connor Cranwell

7th GRADE
Zachary Webb

MAY BIRTHDAYS



May 01

Lyle Smith

May 02

Jayson Memken

May 03

Jaylynn Fahnestock
Lainey Jensen
Cory Pfanz
Julie Wagner

May 07

Jordan Snoble
Avery Miller

May 08

Janelle Hopping
Tracy Glass

May 09

Shana Friedinger

May 10

Elizabeth Ward
Emily Ward
Lori Fricke Schiavone

May 11

Shirley Wendland

May 12

Jeremy Winstead

May 13

Keith Gleason
Diane Lee
Nancy Swearingen
Adeline Weyhrich

May 14

Jacob Gould
Dawn Hoerr
Trevor Rodriguez
Ann Wilson
Pamela Woolsey

May 15

Lennon Blome

May 16

Sheryll Hillman

May 17

LeeAnn Walsh

May 18

Renee Hayden
Micaylan McDonald

May 19

Lance Anderson
Paula Jensen

May 20

Matthew Buster

May 21

Paul Widby

May 22

Marcia Hubbs

May 23

Wendy McDonald

May 24

Deborah Lakamp
Debra Pitchford

May 25

Alexis Daniels

May 26

Cailin Wilson

May 27

Melissa Flatley
Colleen Gardiner
Jordan Jensen
Amanda Webb

May 28

Barbara Rosa

May 29

Dale Schott, Jr.
Ruthanne Scott
Kelley Ward

May 30

Joel Bonnette
Noah Dingerson
Sharon Ives

Belated birthday wishes to Isabella Watson who turned 2 on March 27.

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

May 2

Clarence & Bernice Mack

May 04

Trent & Jamie Hoover

May 06

Robert & Donna Hurst

May 12

Verlyn & Cheryl Williams

May 23

Steve & Jane Heberer

May 26

Philip & Michelle Long
Mark & Claudia Reeder

May 30

Rodney & Penny Bollinger

PARISH NOTES



Church Attendance

Mar 2019 - **1,039** - 19 services
 Mar 2018 - **1,094** - 18 services
 Mar 2017 - **912** - 17 services

Sunday School Attendance

Through Mar 2019: 620
 Through Mar 2018: 595
 Through Mar 2017: 745

Videographers – May

Jon Bolt

Worship Committee – May

Jon Bolt

Elders

Communion Assistance

May 5

8:00 a.m. Dave Drockelman
 10:30 a.m. Steve Depew

May 19

8:00 a.m. Joe Szadkowski
 10:30 a.m. Aaron Miller

May 30

7:00 p.m. Randy Couch

Acolytes – May

May 5

8:00 a.m. Zachary Webb
 10:30 a.m. Alexis Daniels

May 12

8:00 a.m. Cody Wilson
 10:30 a.m. Erin Wilson

May 19

8:00 a.m. Jaylah Dalton
 10:30 a.m. Macey Dalton

May 26

8:00 a.m. Brayden Hoover
 10:30 a.m. Bradley Hoover

May 30

7:00 p.m. Jaylah Dalton

Greeters

May 5

8:00 a.m. Don & Valerie Dobbelaire
 10:30 a.m. Amanda & Zach Webb

May 12

8:00 a.m. Vince & Sandy Tennell
 10:30 a.m. Gary & Lisa Pool

May 19

8:00 a.m. Barb & Julie Wagner
 10:30 a.m. Mick & Debee Pitchford

May 26

8:00 a.m. Terry & Nancy
 Swearingen
 10:30 a.m. Ross & Diane Gould

Greeters are always needed to greet our members and guests at both services. Please see the sign up sheets in the Narthex, if you can help.

Ushers – May

8:00

Jerry Bohannon
 Darrell Hansen
 Noah Kesselmayer
 Steven Kesselmayer
 Terry Norman

10:30

Jacob Gould
 Ross Gould
 Howie Proehl



THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

The Festival falls on Thursday, May 30, this year. We observe it in a service of Holy Communion at 7:00 p.m. This year we direct our attention especially to ongoing presence and activity of our ascended Lord Jesus, particularly through his word.

TREASURER'S REPORT

March 2019



	March	Y-T-D
INCOME	44,601.69	128,225.06
EXPENSES	43,240.10	110,669.72
INCOME-EXPENSES	1,361.59	17,555.34
General Fund		(5,291.05)
General Fund Total		(5,291.05)
Ed Grant Fund Checking	4,727.56	
Ed Grant Fund CD #1	103,371.18	
Ed Grant Fund #2-Vanguard	67,987.32	
Educational Fund Total		176,086.06
East Bluff Property-Vanguard	41,411.05	
East Bluff Property Fund CD	107,170.96	
Cat Stock at FMV	49,996.81	
East Bluff Property Fund		198,578.82
Building Fund Checking	51,284.30	
S.S. Fund Checking	10,837.32	
Memorial Fund Checking	26,785.60	
TOTAL ASSETS		\$458,281.05
Checking Account Balance	88,343.73	
LIABILITIES		
Note Payable	65,132.77	
Payroll Liabilities	2,077.37	
Misc LCMS Orgs Fund	18.03	
TOTAL LIABILITIES		67,228.17
FUND BALANCE		
Building Improvements	(299,680.34)	
Net Income (Loss)	17,555.37	
Capital Accounts	673,177.88	
TOTAL FUND BALANCE,		391,052.88
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE		\$458,281.05

**HI-LITES OF ST. JOHN'S
 VOTERS ASSEMBLY for April
 will be in the June Journal
 as the Voters Assembly did not meet
 until Sunday, April 25.**

Received thank you notes from the following:



Concordia Seminary, St. Louis
Lutherans for Life
Concordia Seminary, Fort Wayne
Lutheran Heritage Foundation

THANK YOU: My sincere thanks and appreciation to all of you who remembered me in your prayers, with cards and personal visits during my recent stay in the hospital and nursing home. God bless you. Pastor K

THANK YOU to everyone who helped with **EWES TREASURES** changeover to Spring Merchandise!!! We had a great turn out and we greatly appreciate your help! Come in and check out the new Spring Fashions Monday-Friday 9-4 and Saturday 10-2! All profits benefit GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN SCHOOL!!!

Received a letter from Missionary Hesham Shehah - **Thank you** for your generous donation to Salam Ministry. Because of you, we are able to help Middle Easterners know Jesus. He is excited to tell us his son, Amir, has joined me in my ministry. Thanks a lot! Enjoyed my visit with you. (Letter on bulletin board)

MAY LIBRARY CORNER by Eileen Tiona

*"God saved us through the washing of
rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit"*
Titus 3:5



I have two new book to report on. These books were donated by Butch & Cheryl Williams.

"Chicken Soup for the Soul" by May Newmark, Miracles and More, 101 stories of Angels, Divine Intervention, Answered Prayers and Messages from Heaven.

"A Dog's Way Home" by W. Bruce Cameron. This is a charming tale that explores the unbreakable bond between us and our pets. With four hundred miles of dangerous Colorado wilderness separating one brave dog from her beloved person, Bella sets off on a seemingly impossible and completely unforgettable adventure home.

Thank you to Butch and Cheryl for their donation.

Please come in and check out these and all the other wonderful books available for your reading enjoyment.

LWML WOMEN IN FAITH

God is so good! The 2017-2019 National Mission goal of \$2,075,000 has been met, and the 2018-2019 LWML CID Mission goal of \$95,000 has been met. Praise the Lord!

The next LWML meeting is set for Saturday, June 1, at 10:00 a.m. in the church basement. During the month of May, we will be collecting school supplies to make kits that will be given to children whose families would otherwise not be able to afford them. See the list below for items to be purchased noting the guidelines to remember.

Baskets for school supplies and large Mite Boxes will be set out in the Narthex and elevator addition. Please take a small Mite box home if you do not already have one. As noted above, every coin has value and adds up. Save your change and bring it back anytime during the month of May.

SOME IMPORTANT GUIDELINES TO REMEMBER

- 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.
- Do not enclose the kit or any of its contents in plastic bags.

INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING IN EACH SCHOOL KIT

FOUR 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper, approximately 8" x 10 ½"; no loose leaf paper

ONE 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other

ONE pencil sharpener

ONE pair of blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)

FIVE unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band

FIVE black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band

ONE box of 16 or 24 crayons

ONE 2 ½" eraser

School bags for the above supplies were purchased with Thrivent dollars.

ORGANIZATIONS

FELLOWSHIP CLUB

By Veva Martin

St. John's Fellowship Club will be holding their annual Brunch on Saturday, May 18 at 10:00 am in the church basement. Please plan to join us as there will be a nice selection of food and an enjoyable morning. This will be our last get together until September. Have a great summer!

WOMEN'S GUILD

By Leslie Hauk

The Ladies' Guild will meet on Thursday, May 23 at 6:30 p.m. We will be collecting non-perishable items for the Share Program.

Jackie Nauth and Barb Theleritis will serve.

YOUTH GROUP

Spring Clean Up Day—May 19, 2019

The Youth Group will do yard work, window washing, or other chores for seniors or other members of the congregation who could use our help.

Contact Pastor Bishop if you would like the Youth Group to help out around your home.

After we're done, we will come back to the church for pizza.

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Transferred To The Church Triumphant

George Mason
April 12, 1925
April 1, 2019

Kurt Milkereit
January 4, 1945
April 19, 2019



Thank You

To all who gave a Lily to beautify the sanctuary this Easter:

Ray Barnes
Jim & Nona Buster
Don & Val Dobbelaire
Dave & Nancy Drockelman
John Durdle
Michelle & Zach Ferguson
Sandy Ferguson
Valerie Ferguson
Leslie Hauk
Darrell & Donna Hansen
The Hoover Family
Tom & Cheryl Ivey
Pastor Kesselmayer
Steve & Faye Kesselmayer
Pastor & Deb Lakamp
Jim & Joyce Lonergan
Carol Long
Terry & Linda Norman
Dee Rees
Bob & Ruthanne Scott
Terry & Nancy Swearingen
Joe & Trinia Szadkowski
Barb Theleritis
Curt & Pam Woolsey

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IN OUR PRAYERS

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

All our shut-ins

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

Pastor Niemann

Sonny Mack

Mark Reeder

Bob Watson

Bernice Mack

Stacie Kendall

Bill Hall

Tim Johnston

Pat Proehl

Donna Corso

Emily Loeffelman

Honor Deiss

Flo McClure

Rick Jarvis

Sandy Morgan

Maria McDaniels Allen

Rita Lakamp

Ed Knussman

Pastor Kesselmayer

Lois Becker

Cheryl Williams

Robert Scott

Bob Funk

Sam Kendall

Donna Bollinger

Billie Jackson

Dale Ehmke

Nicole Hurst

Joyce Wertz

Joe Goodin

Herb Gronewold

Lynda Adkins

Ken Beck

Jim Thompson



**CONGRATUATIONS TO
ALL OUR EIGHTH
GRADE, HIGH SCHOOL
& COLLEGE GRADU-
ATES.**

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Please SAVE THE DATE for this year's Vacation Bible School, "Miraculous Mission—Jesus Saves the World" which will be held 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. each evening beginning Sunday, June 2 through Thursday, June 6 at Good Shepherd Lutheran School.



If you would like to help with VBS, please contact Katie Bollinger @ 642-4541 As staff members for Miraculous Mission VBS, you will have fun while sharing the message of God keeping His promises to be with us and give us life and hope through Jesus, our Savior.

The Great Central IL Campout Memorial Day Weekend May 24-27, 2019

Camp out for the holiday weekend. Bring your camper or tent, or rent a cabin
Activities for the whole family. Swimming, boats, hiking, games, trading post, & more!
Nightly devotions.
Sunday **Hog Roast.**
11:30-2:30 - Meet the summer staff
Tour the newly renovated cabins

Find out more on-line at www.cilca.org
Email camp@cilca.org
Call 217-487-7497

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Peoria Area - Lutherans for Life

Peoria Area Lutherans for Life Chapter #268 will again be sponsoring their annual Mother's Day Diaper Shower. Please bring baby wipes plus baby and/or adult diapers to church on Mother's Day, May 12. These disposable diapers and wipes will be delivered to a charitable organizations such as Women' Pregnancy Center, Esther House and Lutheran Hillside Village. Thank you for your help as we all serve the LORD of Life together.

A drop box will be on the stage in the gym.

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN SCHOOL



May 3 Early Dismissal Pre-K-8th @ 12:30 p.m.
May 9 PTL Meeting/Fine Arts Fair @ 6:30 p.m.
May 13 Sports Awards Banquet @ 6:00 p.m.
TBD School Board Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.
May 20 Preschool End of Year Ceremony @ 6:30 p.m.
May 20 Award Assembly @ 2:30 p.m.
& 8th grade ceremony @ 6:30 p.m.
May 21 Early Dismissal @ 11:30a.m.

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SHUT-INS of the MONTH: Even though some of our members cannot attend church, we want to keep them in our thoughts and prayers and let them know they are not forgotten. Please send a card or pay a visit to these shut-ins this month.

Shut-ins for May are Lucille Benker, 2741 Village Court, Pekin; Charles Diemer, Pekin Estates, 1540 El Camino Dr., Room 240, Pekin; Mary Jane Draves, Hallmark House, 2501 Allentown Rd., Room 124, Pekin and Mary Dupent, 1405 Southmoor, Pekin.

Thank you from your St. John's Ladies Guild.

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Confirmands Class of 2019

Jaylah Leeann Dalton
Daughter of Marlena Montgomery
Born: September 17, 2004
Baptized: January 19, 2005

Macey Julieann Dalton
Daughter of Marlena Montgomery
Born: March 29, 2006
Baptized: May 21, 2006

Brayden Matthew Hoover
Son of Trent & Jamie Hoover
Born: October 1, 2004
Baptized: June 26, 2005

Cody Wilson
Son of Annelize Johnson
Born: September 14, 2004
Baptized: August 21, 2005



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Matt 6:5-18

The Lord's Prayer

S	S	E	F	S	R	E	H	T	A	F	M	L	H	A
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R	B	R	T	D	R	O	O	D	G	E	U	I	M	E
A	E	T	E	A	M	G	N	N	T	R	S	D	S	B
G	D	H	R	E	R	O	I	K	T	F	B	R	U	A
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N	S	A	S	A	R	O	U	A	N	E	Y	E	V	L
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T	N	S	B	N	E	D	E	V	O	L	K	O	O	N
M	S	M	E	E	Q	D	E	V	I	E	C	E	R	G
U	O	R	E	M	A	N	I	C	F	A	C	E	S	W
S	S	D	E	L	I	V	E	R	M	O	O	R	K	A
Y	L	I	A	D	Y	A	R	P	A	G	A	N	S	S
W	O	H	S	H	A	L	L	O	W	E	D	L	Y	H

AGAINST	BREAD
BABBLING	DAILY
CORNERS	DEBTS
DELIVER	DONE
DISFIGURE	DOOR
FATHER	EARTH
FORGIVE	FACES
HALLOWED	HEAD
HEAVEN	HEARD
KINGDOM	LEAD
KNOWS	LOVE
OBVIOUS	NAME
PAGANS	PRAY
RECEIVED	ROOM
REWARD	SEES
SECRET	SHOW
SOMBER	SINS
STANDING	TELL
STREET	TRUTH
UNSEEN	WASH

After you find all the hidden words the left over letters spell out a
Bible verse reading from the top left to the bottom right

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