

St. John's Journal

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AS WE FACE THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

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As I write this I am ill at home and in isolation. The COVID virus has already hit our congregation hard, afflicting some of our members with serious illness. A few pastoral thoughts as we face this terrible epidemic:

Pray. Implore the Lord to show His mercy for healing, certainly for our fellow St. John's members, but also for the many thousands of other fellow citizens who are ill. May God's good and gracious will be done in this, as in all things!

Turn to the Lord. Trust in His forgiving grace in Jesus Christ. He has redeemed us all in body and soul. Our sins are pardoned. We have everlasting life. Hold fast to Him in Christian faith.

Fear not. The Lord is with us. He is on our side. He loves us. He is more powerful than this plague. He will be present to care for us, even if we must walk through the valley of the shadow of death.

Love your neighbor. Follow the directions of public health officials for your own protection and the protection of your neighbor. Care for people in need as you have opportunity. Check especially on elderly folks and those who are in isolation, to see if they need groceries, medicine, or other supplies, or if they need other help.

Be patient. At some point the Lord will bring this to an end. We have no idea when, but He does. God has brought His people through terrible plagues and other afflictions before, and He will give us the strength to bear this cross, too.

Live in hope. God has a glorious future all prepared for us in His Son. There are better days to come - soon, we pray, even in this life - and unending days of perfect holiness, happiness, and health in the life of the world to come. The Lord Jesus is our Savior and our Hope!

God bless you all, keep you in good health, and keep you strong in Christ!

Pastor Bishop



Christian Education

Sunday School

Perfect Attendance

February 2020

1st/2nd Grade
Zander Hopping

**APRIL
ANNIVERSARIES**

April 02
Jeff & Leslie Norman

April 05
Joe & Trina Szadkowski

April 10
Greg & Wendy McDonald

April 13
Eric & Paula Jensen

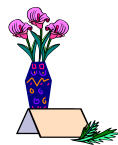
April 17
John & Althea Geiser

April 18
Jacob & Sarah Adkins

April 19
John & Ronda Adkins
Tim & Sandy Gay

April 25
Don & Valerie Dobbelaire

April 30
Dan & Florence McClure



**APRIL
BIRTHDAYS**

April 01
Randall Couch
Daniel Rees



April 02
Brittany Allen
Randi Becker
Edward Gaitros

April 03
David Drockelman
Iris Gaitros
Gregory Hall

April 04
Lindsey Dixon
Carter Stevenson

April 07
Lillian Daniels
Florence McClure

April 08
Darrell Hansen
Daniel Watson

April 09
Edyn Kammeyer
Jackie Nauth
Alicia Turner

April 10
Mary Hall

April 11
Logan Schoch
Dane Watson

April 13
Jeffery Norman

April 15
Mark Scott
Michael Wagner

April 16
Dawn Bohannon
Jonathan Bolt

April 17
Alex Schmidgall

April 18
Linda Norman

April 19
Michael Dixon, Sr.
Kelen McDaniels
Mark Reeder

April 20
Cathryn Ashbaker

April 21
David Becker
Kevin Dupent
Addison Nelson

April 22
James Buster
Michelle Gregory

April 23
Daniel Dobbelaire
Lois Jarvis
Bethany Meyer
Vanessa Watson

April 24
Lucille Benker
Peg Booe
Ray Garber
Drew Jackson
Shirley McCoige
Maxine Oliverius
Paul Tackmann

April 25
Joshua Donovan
Kingston Hamlet
Kathryn Heisel

April 26
William Wiker III

April 27
Christopher Ashbaker

April 28
Elaine Hapke
Andrea Yergler

April 29
Christopher Bitner
Brinley Meyer
Mikayla Wilson

April 30
Jonathan Becker
Diane Fornoff
Amy Swibold



All services, classes, meet-
ings, and other activities are
canceled until further notice.

PARISH NOTES

Church Attendance

Feb 2020 **652** 13 services
 Feb 2019 **612** 12 services
 Feb 2018 **883** 15 services

Sunday School Attendance

Feb 2020: **288**
 Feb 2019: **384**
 Feb 2018: **385**

Videographers - April

Trina/Ethan Szadkowski

Worship Committee - April

Diane Gould

April Communion Assistance

April 5

7:00 a.m. Tom Ivey
 10:30 a.m. Brian Umbach

April 12

7:00 a.m. Dave Drockelman
 10:30 a.m. Del Beideck

Acolytes—April

April 1

7:00 p.m. Ava Friedinger

April 5

8:00 a.m.
 10:30 a.m. Ava Friedinger

April 9

7:00 p.m. Alexis Daniels

April 10

7:00 p.m. Bradley Hoover

April 12

7:00 a.m. Alexis Daniels
 10:30 a.m. Lilly Daniels

April 19

8:00 a.m. Bradley Hoover
 10:30 a.m. Ella Friedinger

April 26

8:00 a.m. Zachary Webb
 10:30 a.m. Erin Wilson

Ushers - April

8:00

10:30

Jim Lonergan Brian Ford
 Jim Widby Nate Ford
 Merle Wiseman Trent Hoover
 Brian Unbach

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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 Lois Becker
 Pastor Kesselmayr
 Mark Reeder Bob Watson
 Cheryl Williams Carolyn Urish
 Bernice Mack Robert Scott
 Stacie Kendall Bob Funk
 Sam Kendall Sandy Morgan
 Tim Johnston Donna Bollinger
 Pat Proehl Billie Jackson
 Donna Corso Lynda Adkins
 Flo McClure Joe Goodin
 Rick Jarvis Rita Lakamp
 Ken Beck Ellen Morrison
 Herb Gronewold Debee Pitchford
 Shirley Williamson
 Vince "Buzz" Oltman
 Wilmadean Habberfield
 Joyce Wertz Christian Bouche
 Peggy Patten Mary Ashbaker
 Ray Barnes Larry Turner
 Robert Gregory Lucille Benker
 Marian McDaniels Allen
 Marcille Frevert Barb Thompson
 Terry Swearingen Pastor Bishop
 Brian Umbach Joyce Long
 Dave Drockelman

and all others who need our prayers and support.

Transferred To The Church Triumphant

Allen (Ray) Pitchford
 November 13, 1927
 March 11, 2020

TREASURER'S REPORT

February 2020

	February	Y-T-D
INCOME	21,356.52	55,790.21
EXPENSES	29,119.32	61,010.26
INCOME-EXPENSES	(7,762.80)	(5,220.05)

General Fund Accounts

General Fund Checking	(51,007.42)
General Fund Total	(51,007.42)

Educational Fund Accounts

Ed Grant Fund Checking	4,727.56
Ed Grant Fund CD #1	103,681.64
Ed Grant Fund #2-Vanguard	70,502.69
Educational Fund Total	178,911.89

East Bluff Property

East Bluff Property-Vanguard	42,944.59
East Bluff Property Fund CD	107,492.84
Cat Stock at FMV	45,845.56
East Bluff Property Fund	196,282.99

Building Fund Checking	52,147.04
S.S. Fund Checking	11,520.25
Memorial Fund Checking	29,325.60

TOTAL ASSETS **\$417,180.35**

Checking Account Balance	46,713.03
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LIABILITIES

Note Payable	28,928.52
Payroll Liabilities	1,590.49
Misc LCMS Orgs Fund	(15.00)
Total Liabilities	30,504.01

FUND BALANCE

Building Improvements	(299,680.34)
Net Income (Loss)	(5,220.05)
Capital Accounts	691,576.73
Total Fund Balance	386,676.34

TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE

\$417,180.35

The pictures for the Pictorial Directory has been rescheduled to September 16 thru the 19.



**HI-LITES OF ST. JOHN'S VOTERS ASSEMBLY
March 9, 2020**

President Ron Reising called the meeting to order. A quorum was not present so Ron will call for a 'blanket motion' during the April meeting to accept all motions. Pastor Bishop opened with devotions.

A motion was made by Ray Barnes to accept the Parish Report for February 2020. Motion was seconded by Don Schoedel. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Quest Dobbelaire, seconded by Ross Gould, to approve the February 2020 minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report - Daryl Dagit presented the February 2020 Treasurer's Report. Julie Wagner moved, seconded by Nancy Drockelman, to approve the February 2020 Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

Board of Trustees – Ross Gould reported the trustees are looking at options to replace the refrigerator in the basement. To get a new refrigerator of similar size would be \$700 - \$800. A used refrigerator would be in the range of \$300 - \$500. It was asked if the new unit should just be a freezer but discussion indicated that there is a need for the refrigerator. It was decided to put something in the bulletin for the next couple weeks to see if someone has an extra used one. Ross also wanted to thank those that helped with the basement demo work. Estimates were received from 2 contractors for the tuckpointing. Both bids still need some clarification. Work is estimated at about \$60,000. Trustees will work with the financial team to determine what can be done and what funds to use to complete the work. Final recommendation should come next month. The pew cushions should be here within 30 – 60 days. There will be a work day on April 4th from 8- 12 to complete exterior work.

Board of Elders – Dave Drockelman reported that the Board of Elders did meet. The committee will provide the dinner for the March 25th Lenten service. The board will now meet on Sunday to improve attendance. During the next meeting will start working on new calling procedures. Dave has been elected chairman of the committee.

Board of Finance – No report.

Board of Christian Education – Laura Dobbelaire reported that they are looking into a curriculum for the summer for the Sunday School that will center on the 10 Commandments. The Pre

10 Commandments. The Pre-school/Kindergarten Roundup is March 10th. Reminder was given that the Good Shepherd School auction is the 21st of March. The St. Johns' basketball team ended its season at 8 – 9. The Youth Group will meet this coming Sunday for a film and ice cream sundae bar.

Board of Worship – Valerie Ferguson reported that the board met on the 5th of March. The committee members polished the brass and silver alter ware during the meeting.

Board of Evangelism – No report.

Board of Stewardship – No report.

Long Range Planning Committee – The committee has asked each group to put together a 10-year plan.

Educational Grant Fund Committee – No report.

East Bluff Property Committee – Ross Gould reported that work is continuing to clear around the perimeter fence at the cemetery.

Constitution By-laws Committee – No report.

Unfinished business – Pictures for the pictorial will be taken in April. It was noted that in the past the committee handling the pictorial has usually started to call members in advance. This year the plan is to allow people to sign up on-line. It was indicated that it would be a good idea to continue to call people.

New business – Daryl Dagit indicated that the Easter breakfast committee will meet on the 25th of March to solidify plans. New recruits would be welcome. Information will be in the bulletin on Sunday.

A motion was made by Dave Kesselmayer, seconded by Quest Dobbelaire, to adjourn the meeting which closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Wagner
Secretary

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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 April are
Robert Scott, 1123 Newcastle Rd. Washington, 61571;
Addie Weyhrich, Pekin Estates, 1540 El Camino Dr., Rm 111, Pekin;
Sharill Andrae, Pekin Manor, 1520 El Camino Dr., Rm 206, Pekin, and Ken Beck, (Hallmark) 1414 S. 11th, Pekin.

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

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Bible Wordsearch

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Matt.22:23-46

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Questions from the Sadducees

CHRIST	ANGELS
DARED	BROTHER
ERROR	CHILDREN
FEET	CROWDS
HEART	ENEMIES
ISAAC	EXPERT
JACOB	GREATEST
JESUS	HEAVEN
LIVING	MARRIAGE
MIND	NEIGHBOR
READ	PHARISEES
REPLY	PROPHETS
RIGHT	QUESTION
SEVEN	SPEAKING
SOUL	TEACHER
SPIRIT	MOSES
WIDOW	PEOPLE
WIFE	POWER
WORD	WOMAN

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
