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"Letting God's love shine through us to the Community we Serve"

Rev. Laurie Hill
Darlene Begolka
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Pastor
Office Manager
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An Easter Prayer

Christ the Lord is risen
And, as all the world rejoices,
Singing of His glory
With such joyful hearts and voices,
May you find that Easter brings you
Peace and faith and hope anew,
And may these blessings fill your heart
With joy the whole year through.

Happy Easter

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FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Friends,

We are soon approaching the most holy of all days in April but until then, we have to get through a lot of dirt. Yes, dirt. Dirt is what the farmers are now preparing before they can plant. Dirt is underneath our fingernails and under our feet. Dirt, soil, the ground, the earth is what God has created for us and God called it good. We are not so sure. Dirt, as my Mom used to say, "is an outside animal". So, we shoo it from inside to outside. We wash it down the drain with water. We sweep it hither and yon and sometimes under the rug to be out of sight. Dirt is for planting and standing on and that's about it, or is it?

Without this earth of dirt (and rock and other things), we would not exist. Without that nutrient rich soil we would not be who we are today. Without the elements within the dirt, we would starve to death. Without gravity pulling us down to the earth's surface, we would float into oblivion. We need the earth and are dependent on it for our subsistence. Although dirt gets a bad wrap at times, we have to acknowledge its importance in our world because God appointed us to care for it to the best of our abilities. Thank God for Jesus who taught us how important sowing seeds, pruning bushes, putting our faith in a tiny mustard seed can be. Thank God for Jesus who drew pictures in the sand, washed the dirt from His disciple's feet, and carried a cross in a much weakened state over a dirt road only to collapse on it, face down into the dirt. Thank God for Simon of Cyrene who could carry the cross on Jesus' behalf.

Easter is approaching and spring has sprung. We live day by day into this story again, every year. And what do we celebrate? Jesus' victory over his body not becoming dirt but breathing again and living again and eating again and washing again. Eventually, his Spirit let go of that earthly body but not until He taught us Easter: He arose from the grave, from the dirt and we will rise also.

Ultimately, who we are is not of dirt but of spirit. We need not have a power struggle with our bodies turning back into dirt because our spirits will rise and soar like butterflies above a field of wildflowers. This helps us cope with those who are at war and suffering losses. This helps us have hope in the face of the world's woes and our own woes. This helps us understand we are created spiritual beings filled with spiritual sweetness and the joy of Easter. Until that sweet day, let us be the best dirt-keepers we can be, caring for the earth, ourselves and each other.

Peace,
Pastor Laurie



**ST. JOHN UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
UNAPPROVED CHURCH COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES**

Monday, March 21, 2022 | 7:00 p.m.

Present: Kent Paulus, Tricia Pineda,
Sandy Meinershagen, Leland Semple,
Bill Gosda, Jan Hahn, Carolyn Pech,
Dan Row, Jack Leich, Pastor Laurie Hill
and Darlene Begolka (Office Manager)
Guest: Dean Meinershagen (Confirmand)

President Kent Paulus called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, February 21, 2022.

Opening Prayer was given by Rev. Laurie Hill.

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL

It was moved and seconded to approve the consent agenda. All voting aye, the motion carried.

Dean Meinershagen was present at the Church Council meeting to learn about the governing board of the church

It was moved and seconded to approve the February Church Council meeting minutes. All voting aye, the motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Small Group Ministry - Jan Hahn reported the following: A Niebuhr Study Group will be starting in the summer. St. John Diners has been dining at local restaurants to show support. St. John Gamers has been meeting and having a time for fun and fellowship.

Special Events – Jan Hahn reported that the Easter Breakfast will be back on Sunday, April 17th with a few minor changes. The committee will also be hosting a dinner following the church service on Sunday, May 22nd when Rev. Molly Carlson will be preaching and visiting our church.

Veterans Ministry – Jan Hahn reported that the Celebration will be on Sunday, November 13, 2022.

A Paint Party Fundraiser was recently held with 24 in attendance.

PASTOR'S REPORT

Pastor Laurie reported that the Rev. Molly Carlson will be preaching on Sunday, May 22nd. Pastor Laurie will be gone on Sunday, April 3rd and Verdeen Ingram and Dean Meinershagen will be leading the service. Verdeen is Dean's mentor for Confirmation.

OLD BUSINESS

Security System – We are currently in the process of changing companies from TYCO/Johnson Controls to Tech Electronics. It was moved and seconded to approve the payment of \$9,988.17 in upgrades with funds coming from Contingency. All voting aye, the motion carried,

Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society –

Nancy Gehlbach (our Church Historian) recommends our church becoming a member. It was moved and seconded to donate \$100 from Fees and Membership. All voting aye, the motion carried.

Up the Internet Speed – It was moved and seconded to increase the internet speed with an increase in the cost of \$100 per month. All voting aye, the motion carried.

Pianos – On March 5th Marcella Lenhardt's piano was moved from her house to the church by Moscardelli Moving and Storage, Inc. for a cost of \$300. Two pianos in the church were removed by Piano Network for a cost \$250. It was moved and seconded for the payment of \$550 to come from Interest. All voting aye, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Task Force for ONA – The Task Force recently met with a UCC church very similar to our church to discuss the process they used to become Open and Affirming. With the knowledge they gained from them, our Task Force then met to discuss how they would be start presenting and educating the

St. John UCC congregation on ONA. Their plan is start slow. They will make a more in-depth presentation next month.

Communion on Sunday, April 3rd - There will be no Communion on Sunday, April 3rd since Pastor Laurie will be gone and Verdeen and Dean are leading the worship service that Sunday.

Easter Offering – In the past the Easter Offering was designated for CUE. We now do an offering CUE on Seminary Sunday. It was moved and seconded to designate the Easter offering for the Bucket Challenge (which the Illinois Conference has set up). All voting aye, the motion carried.

Location for Boy Scouts to Display Awards – It was decided the wall with the drinking fountains in Fellowship Hall will be the location. It was moved and seconded to approve the cost of the brackets, a safety glass shelf, Eagle Scout Plaque and nameplates to come from Interest. All voting aye, motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

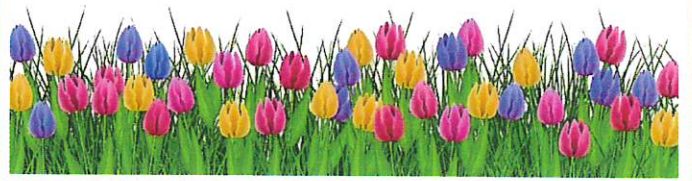
- A thank you from the Boy Scouts for their recent BBQ.
- A thank you note was received from the Ronald McDonald House for the recently donated Pop Tabs.
- A thank you note was received from Ken Webster for support the church showed when he was here for Seminary Sunday.
- A certificate of Thanks was received from Heifer International.

ADJOURNMENT AND BENEDICTION

With no further business to discuss a motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn the meeting. The meeting concluded at 8:45 p.m. with everyone reciting The Lord's Prayer.

The next meeting will be Monday, April 18, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Bill Gosda, Jr.
Church Council Secretary



LET'S REMEMBER OUR HOMEBOUND

ST. CLARA'S REHAB and SENIOR CARE

1450 Castle Manor Drive, Lincoln, IL 62656

Dave Armbrust
Steve Aue
Leola Dowling
Evelyn Fulkerson
Amanda Leich
Susan Webb
John Wilmert

CASTLE MANOR

1550 Castle Manor Drive, Lincoln, IL 62656

Jerry and Mary Berglin
Carol Turner

CENTENNIAL POINT SENIOR LIVING

3440 Hedley Road, Springfield, IL 62711

Patty McCann

CEDARHURST OF SPRINGFIELD

3520 Old Jacksonville Road, Springfield, IL 62711

Helen Opperman

CARRIAGE HOME

409 Olympia Drive, Bloomington, IL 61704

Sandy Morgan

CARLINVILLE REHAB/HEALTH CARE CENTER

751 N. Oak Street, Carlinville, IL 62626

Bill Krepps

AT HOME

Jean Cummings
1114 Pekin Street, Lincoln, IL 62656



LENTEN DRAMA SERIES
"CALL ME SOMETIMES"
Wednesday evenings

Bring your own dinner: 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.
 Lenten Service: 6:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 6th
"Bad news, What news"

ST. JOHN GAMERS

Sunday, April 10th

2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Fellowship Hall



The group will be playing **Bingo**. You are asked to **bring a couple of unwrapped white elephant gifts** to use as prizes.

Come enjoy some relaxing fun and fellowship and with your church family.



Easter Breakfast
Sunday, April 17th
Serving from 9:00 to 9:45 a.m.



The Easter Breakfast is coming back this year. There will be a combination of commercially prepared foods and non-commercially prepared foods.

The menu includes:

Egg Casseroles
 Hard Boiled Eggs
 Yogurt
 Coffee Cakes
 Fruit Salad
 Coffee-Juice-Milk

To help the committee prepare for the breakfast a sign-up sheet will be in the back of the sanctuary. Reservations are due by April 12th.

Celebrate Life Birthday Group

Friday, April 8th

11:30 a.m.

at El Mazatlan

April birthdays will be celebrated.

Let Tonita Reifsteck or Sandy Wilmert know if you are coming.



The following is a thank you note from Rev. Dr. Charlotte Nold, Pastor and the congregation of St. John Church in Chicago (this is our Sister Church):

Dear Members of St. John Church,

Thank you for your church's wonderful donation of \$707.50 and \$71. You truly are a blessing to us. Thank you.

Our food pantry is growing every week and it is a blessing for us to be able to feed the families in desperate need of food so that their children do not need to go to bed hungry. We also have many people who live alone who need and receive food. One of our clients is from Ukraine and is sending several boxes of food to her family overseas or whoever needs food there.

Thank you again for the wonderful blessing of much needed financial support that you are giving to the church.



Members of St. John –

Thank you for allowing me to deliver my seminarian message in your historic and beautiful sanctuary.

As I continue my discernment journey, your enthusiasm and love from God provided me with the added assurance that God indeed is still speaking in Lincoln, Illinois 2000 years after that mountain top transfiguration moment.

Peace and Love,
Ken Webster

Dear St. John United Church of Christ,

Thank you for your gift to Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Illinois!

Since 1985, Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Illinois has provided a supportive "home away from home" for families whose children are receiving medical care.

We sincerely thank you for your gift of Pop Tabs.

Thank you for helping the families we serve!

Sincerely,
Amber D. Kaylor, Chief Executive Officer



Thank you note received from the Boy Scouts for their recent Boy Scout BBQ.

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Joe
Dean M
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David Morris
Blaire Kreamer
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Haley Martin
from
Calvin Ankamp
Blaire Kreamer
conner
Riley Smith
Tristin M
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ST. JOHN DINERS
Stag R Inn in Emden
Saturday, April 16th



The Small Group Ministry has planned that the April St. John Diners outing will be to the Stag R Inn in Emden.

The bus will leave the church parking lot at 11:15 a.m.

Reservations are for 11:30 a.m.

A sign-up sheet will be in the back of the sanctuary. As always you can either ride the bus or drive on your own. Just sign the sheet accordingly.

ATTENDANCE

February 27th

36 In-Person, 51 on Facebook, 19 bulletins mailed and website = 106+

March 6th

37 In-Person, 50 on Facebook, 18 bulletins mailed and website = 105+

March 13th

42 In-Person, 58 on Facebook, 19 bulletins mailed and website = 119+

March 20th

35 In-Person, 41 on Facebook, 19 bulletins mailed and website = 95+

March 27th

40 In-Person, 58 on Facebook, 20 bulletins mailed and website = 118+

GREETERS FOR APRIL

April 3rd: Jack and Nancy Leich

April 10th: Carolyn Pech

April 14th: Wayne Mara

April 17th: Edna Mara

April 24th: Tonita Reifsteck



PRIZES NEEDED

St. John United Church of Christ is no longer doing their monthly Bingo at St. Clara's Rehab and Senior Care. But we can still help them when their activity department does Bingo. Here's how we can help. They are in need of Bingo prizes. Some ideas are SMALL stuffed animals, door or window décor, adult coloring books and colored pencils, word search books (large print might be helpful), some gently used white elephant type gifts and little knick-knacks (non-breakable) to mention a few. No jewelry, please. These items can be placed under "The Giving Tree." Thank you!!!

OUTREACH and PUBLICITY NOTES

Co-Chairs: Jim and Leslie Wilmert
and Tonita Reifsteck – 160th Anniversary Planner

Outreach/Publicity met in March to finalize plans for the Potato Bar that had been cleared to be held later in the month. Several ideas were shared for the proceeds to be designated to the original project of Sippy cups and utensils to The Health Department's WIC program is not needing them at present and the LPD Safe Passage program is now funded totally by another community organization but they suggested the D.A.R.E. program is always short of support funds. Also shared the Disaster Buckets. Voted to give proceeds to D.A.R.E. and help with the Disaster individually or through Missions.

Jack brought up the lack of visibility of the Scouts troops awards and achievements. Time with ideas will be spent talking with Troop leadership.

Positive responses to the Daily Devotional "Christ in Our Home" a 3-month edition (20 regular print and 3 large print) have been reported. Supply, at present is ample. Response will be revisited to see if this count is enough.

Verdeen has supplied a new tub for Kleenex for Lincoln Junior High School and Central School under "The Giving Tree". "THANK YOU Verdeen

160th ANNIVERSARY

BULLETIN BOARD in Fellowship Hall is open for anyone who has a picture or article to share. Explanation/details should be put on a memo note and tack behind the item so there is space for everyone wanting to participate. Memories can still be shared on the 160th Board in the entryway.

Questions – see Tonita Reifsteck.

ST. JOHN 160th ANNIVERSARY CHURCH'S SANCTUARY WINDOWS

Reap #7

Excerpts from The Rev. Elmer Hoefer

By: Tonita Reifsteck

If a poll were to be taken amongst the members, both past and present and of visitors to the sanctuary of St. John United Church of Christ in Lincoln, Illinois on their 'take away' of the most memorable feature, more than likely most would say "the stained-glass windows in the sanctuary". None of the windows from the original churches had been saved so the windows were brought over from Munich Germany in 1925 to the new church being built on the corner of Seventh and Maple Streets. In communities close to Lincoln other churches and chapels, including Mt. Pulaski and Springfield had new windows by Franz Mayer of Munich, Germany installed in their churches – which most likely influenced the committee for St. John choosing the furnishings for their new church. (Exact documentation of this isn't on file yet or 'buried')

Each panel is, in itself, a visual sermon for those who quietly meditate on its message. In the 1970's a special Bible Study was led by the Rev. Mr. Elmer Hoefer who highlighted each of the windows, its biblical background and the message he gathered from them. A booklet was made for the High School Sunday School class at that time by their teachers, that will be shared in full later. The Interpretative messages are: (from front to back on each side of sanctuary)

“THE GOOD SHEPHERD”

Psalm 23; Ezekiel 34:11-16; Isaiah 40:11 and John 10:11-18



Portrayed here Christ is strong and stalwart but a look in his face – love and compassion as he gazes into the eyes of the little lamb he embraces. In His hand is a crook – to lift a fallen or struggling sheep over rough places – always leading with his flock following to a place of safety and rest for the night after a day’s journey. A message to all – just as our day of Life comes to a close, if we are in the company of the Good Shepherd, we need never fear.

“CHRIST IN GETHSEMANE”

Matthew 26:36; Mark 14:32



Portrayed here is Christ alone in the Garden of Gethsemane after his last walk with his disciples. Gethsemane means “Valley of oil” or “oil press” so

may have been a farm or olive orchard. Christ was aware of the ordeal that awaited Him and as was a common in His life he sought out strength and guidance through prayer with His Father, God. The look of stress/pain on his brow, his clenched hands and his position of almost laying across the rock indicate his agony – “Oh my Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me, yet not what I want but what you want”. (New RSR)

“THE SOWER OF THE SEED”

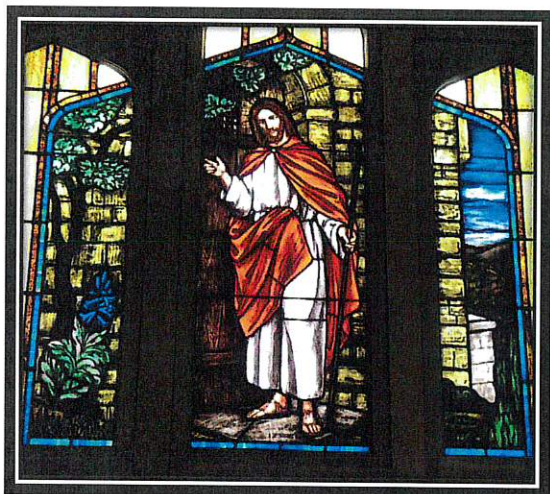
Matthew 13:3-9



Christ used familiar life situation to help explain His message of good living and good life to those who listened. St. John families are of a ‘farming heritage’ so this window’s message is easy to understand – but like grain not on the good soil but on rocky or weed infested land sometimes the message isn’t heard that could enrich the lives of the hearer. “He/she who has ears to hear let him/her hear”. He has given all humanity the example of a perfect life – we decide ‘the soil’ that it has fallen on.

“CHRIST AT HEART’S DOOR”

Matthew 7:7-12; John 3:19-21; Revelation 3:20-22



First awareness of Christ’s message “I stand at the door and knock...” there is no latch on the door – He cannot open the door to anyone’s heart. The door represents the human heart – a very narrow doorway. The soul of the occupant is the key to Christ’s entry – the closed door is a symbol of man’s willfulness – altho note the opening of grillwork in the door – (occupant can see who is at the door – awareness is there). Shutting Christ out of our lives, we miss life’s greatest opportunity. Welcoming Him into our lives, we have life abundant. Each person has to open that door - no one else, not even Christ himself, can do it for us.

“JESUS BIDS PETER “COME”

Matthew 14:22-33; John 20:24-25

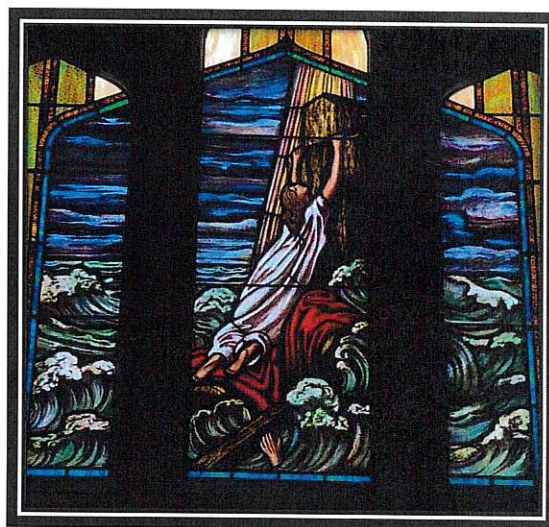


The invitation “COME” was spoken often by Christ and/or his disciples. “Come away for a time...”

“Come unto Me....” The invitation to make life better – a command to follow his faith even, as in Peter’s invitation – able to walk on water if he could only believe. Even a slight faltering and we sink into the depths of despair, doubt, worry and other mental drawbacks. Walking in faith keeps us on top of the water alongside Christ who will walk with and support us in our weak moments. Peter, bold in word and actions often stumbled and fell but in His faith called out to Christ, his Saviour for strength, for help. That same saving grace is there for all who call out “Lord, save me!”.

“ROCK OF AGES - The LORD IS MY ROCK”

Psalm 18; Psalm 31:2-3; Psalm 62:2;
I Corinthians 10:4



This is a message concerning atonement – this reflects a “living and dying prayer”. Salvation is within our reach. Oliver Wendell Holmes declared: “I recognize His wonderful power and solemnity... It is the Protestant Dies Irae”. The rocky crag illustrated that is often reflected in art is often of the two massive piers of limestone rock near Somerset, England – known as the Burrington Gorge Rock. ROCK is used symbolically countless times in the Bible – not less than 26 times in the Old Testament and also as a place of refuge 20 times. Christ used the figure ‘rock’ in His Sermon on the Mount and His acknowledgement to Peter’s confession of faith – “Upon this rock I will build my church...” (Matthew 16:18).

The messages molded into these six stained glass windows have inspired worshippers since their placement in 1925 and will continue to for as long as they stand. Reflect on them – share your inspirations with others – God’s message of LOVE is there – we only need to “Pass It On”.



CELEBRATE LIFE BIRTHDAY GROUP HIGHLIGHTS

The Celebrate Life group met on Friday, March 11th at The Cracker Barrel at 11:30 pm. There were twelve in attendance including two gentlemen.

Fellowship time was enjoyed. We also signed cards for March birthday cards and “thinking of you cards” for members with health problems.

**April birthdays will be celebrated on
Friday, April 8, 2022 at 11:30 a.m.
at the EL Mazatlan Mexican Restaurant.**

All are welcomed. Please notify Sandy Wilmert or Toni Reifsteck if planning to attend.

ALTAR FLOWERS

April 3rd:
April 10th: Tonita Reifsteck
April 17th: Darlene Begolka
April 24th:



MARCH FINANCIALS

Beginning Balance	\$50,643.47
Income	\$ 9,343.12
Expenses	\$27,529.81
Ending Balance	\$32,456.78



WE EXTEND OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO...

We extend our deepest sympathy to Steve and Kim Spaulding and family at the death of his brother.



**Saturday, April 2nd
8:30 a.m.
Imo's Café**

All Men of the Church are Welcome.

MISSION COMMITTEE

By: Verdeen Ingram, Co-Chair

SPECIAL OFFERING SUNDAYS...The Mission Committee has designated the following Sundays:

- **Second Sunday of each month** a special offering will be taken following church for the **Children of Lincoln project.**
- **Fourth Sunday of each month** a special offering will be taken following church for the **Diaper Project for Head Start at Community Action.**



Food items are delivered to the Community Action Food Pantry. All non-perishable items are WELCOME.



On two recent trips into town, I saw a lady picking up trash on Lincoln Parkway across from the fairgrounds. Good for her! She probably filled up her garbage bag the first day and had to go back to finish the job. She was certainly doing her part to clean up the environment.

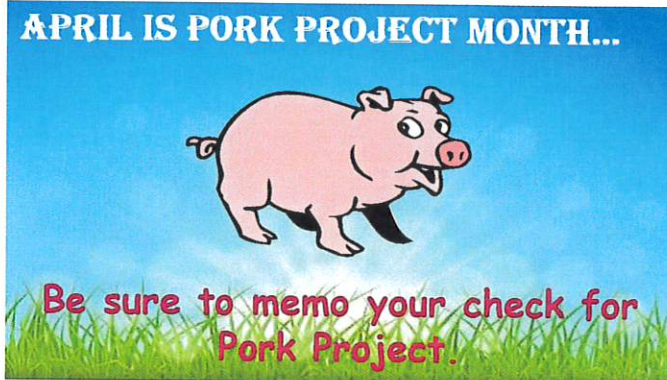
Yes, it is easy to throw trash out of the car window, but it is also easy to throw it in the trash can. Even better - recycle it! We can do that right here at St. John under The Giving Tree.

Items that we collect and recycle include the following:

Aluminum cans	Grocery bags
Pop tabs	Calendars
Ink cartridges	Craft items
Athletic shoes	Egg cartons
Plastic caps and lids	New greeting cards
Pill bottles with lids	Used greetings cards
Eyeglasses	Cancelled stamps
	Cell phones
	Paper towel and other rolls
	Rechargeable batteries

We can all do our part to help keep God's creation beautiful.

Happy Earth Day!



In Florida, Shanda and JD often go hog hunting. These wild hogs are very destructive, so hunting them serves two purposes. The hunters are getting rid of a nuisance while providing themselves with a freezer full of good tasting meat.

Here in Central Illinois, we don't have wild hogs rooting through the fields, but we do have some excellent pork producers. These pork producers

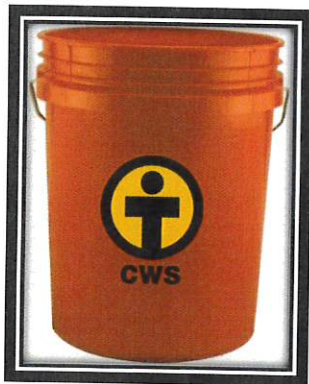
(including Paulus Farms from our own congregation) are also very generous. They are willing to donate hogs to the local food pantries. Phil Ruch from Immanuel Lutheran Church takes the hogs to the Atlanta Locker for processing. Phil then delivers the packaged pork to the CAPCIL and Lincoln Logan food pantries.

The folks at the locker give a discount to the Pork Project. But even with the discount, processing is expensive. That is where we can help. Our donations to the Pork Project ensure that the freezers at the food pantries will be filled with good tasting meat. And food pantry clients will be able to put that good tasting meat on their tables.

Please put your donation in the designated offering plate in the back of the sanctuary during the month of April. Of course, you may also send your donation to the church or drop it in the mailbox.

Thank you for supporting this great local project!

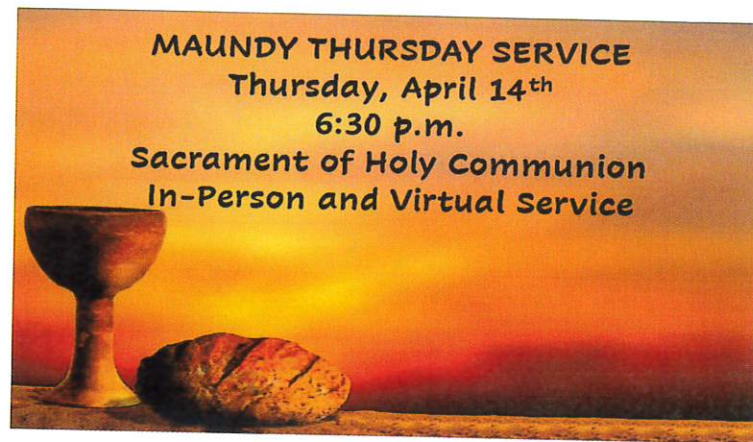
Illinois Conference CWS Bucket Challenge



Between now and May 30th, the Illinois Conference Disaster Ministry Team is putting a challenge before our congregations to assemble 500 Church World Service Emergency Cleanup Buckets.

Our Mission Committee met recently and decided to meet the challenge of at least ten Cleanup Bucket, but to do it with monetary donations instead of supplies. Cost of each filled bucket is \$78.

The Church Council took it one step further and has designated the Easter Offering to go toward this project. Watch your mail for your Easter letter which will include an offering envelope.



Starting on Sunday, April 10th, a Good Friday Easter Prayer Vigil Guide will be available for you to pick up in the narthex or have emailed to you. The Prayer Vigil is self-directive so you can do the vigil anywhere, including home or if you'd like to come to the sanctuary, you can make arrangements with the church office.



Easter Sunday Worship Service
Sunday, April 17th | 10:00 a.m.
In-Person and Virtual



BIRTHDAYS

- 9 Esther Denney
- 13 Brady Curry
- 16 Emmett Nowack
- 17 Heather Goetsch
- 20 Karen Birnbaum
- 25 Mary Fuller
Laura Lee
- 27 Robert E. Lenhardt
Wayne Mara
Betsy Pech
- 29 Becky Rader



ANNIVERSARIES

- 12 Randy and Betsy Pech
- 13 Steve and Elaine Aue
- 20 Rich and Rochelle Joseph



Are you or someone in your family graduating from 8th grade, High School or College this year? Please let the church office know as soon as possible. Thanks!

NEW PROTOCOL

SERVICES WILL CONTINUE TO BE "HYBRID": (a combination of online and in-person).

MASKING: Masks are now a personal choice. We urge you to wear one if you feel even slightly sick. But it now completely up to you to wear a mask or not.

OFFERING: The Offering Plates will remain in the back of the sanctuary, but the usher will be bringing the plate forward during the offering time in the service.

COMMUNION: Communion sets will remain in the back for you to pick up as you come in. If you wish to bring your own, of course, that's fine. Darlene has "smidget" Tupperware containers if you wish to use one for your own juice/wine.

FOOD: Food offered at events can be homemade, but we ask groups in the church to also offer a commercially prepared option for those who would prefer their food made in that way.



Heifer International gratefully recognizes

Saint John United Church of Christ

for your contribution of healthy animals and training
in their care to help struggling families overcome a life of hunger and poverty.
"The Earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein." Psalm 24:1

Peter M. Kusan
Heifer International

February 2022
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Calendar

Saturday, April 2nd

Men's Fellowship at 8:30 a.m.
LCT from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 3rd

In-Person and Live-stream Worship Service
at 10:00 am
St. John Ringers practice after church
St. John Singers practice at 11:30 a.m.

Monday, April 4th

Jubilant Feet at 8:00 a.m.
Boy Scouts at 7:00 p.m.
Small Groups meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 6th

Veterans Ministry meeting at 5:30 p.m.
Lenten Drama Series*
St. John Chimers practice at 7:15 p.m.

Thursday, April 7th

Outreach and Publicity at 7:00 p.m.

Friday, April 8th

Celebrate Life Birthday Group at 11:30 a.m.
LCT from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 9th

LCT from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Palm Sunday, April 10th

In-Person and Live-stream Worship Service
at 10:00 am
Children of Lincoln Special Offering Sunday
St. John Ringers practice after church
St. John Singers practice at 11:30 a.m.
LCT from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
St. John Gamers at 2:00 p.m.

Monday, April 11th

Jubilant Feet at 8:00 a.m.
Boy Scouts at 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 12th

Creative Delights at 3:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 13th

St. John Chimers practice at 7:15 p.m.

Maundy Thursday, April 14th

Maundy Thursday Service at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 16th

St. John Diners at 11:15 a.m.

Easter Sunday, April 17th

Easter Breakfast – Serving from 9:00–9:45 a.m.
In-Person and Live-stream Worship Service
at 10:00 am
It's Birthday Sunday
Time to celebrate the April Birthdays

Monday, April 18th

Jubilant Feet at 8:00 a.m.
Church Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
Boy Scouts at 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 20th

St. John Chimers practice at 7:15 p.m.

Sunday, April 24th

In-Person and Live-stream Worship Service
at 10:00 am
Diaper Project Special Offering Sunday
St. John Ringers practice after church
St. John Singers practice at 11:30 a.m.

Monday, April 25th

Jubilant Feet at 8:00 a.m.
Boy Scouts at 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 26th

Creative Delights at 3:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 27th

St. John Chimers practice at 7:15 p.m.

*** Lenten Drama Series**

Bring your dinner – 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.
Lenten Service – 6:30 to 7:00 p.m.



John Barrick
Linda Barrow
Barb Bauer
Jerry Berglin
Wayne Bowns
Ron Brandy
Miley Bruder
Marsha Fernandez
Jerry Gehlbach
Alta Gehrke
Ruth Gordon
Cindy Hansen
Dave Harding
Gene Hassebrock
Larry and Marcia Howen
Marianne Ingram
Emily Jewsbury
Sammy McClure
Mary Francis (aka Franny)
Ronnie Merold
Sherri Mester
Bill Post
Lynn Price
Kayleigh Reifsteck
Mercedize Reyes
Zac Schafer
Alissa Smith
Chris Sprague
Kathy Staten
Karen Sutton
Kent Tangman
Susan Webb
Vicki Smith Williams
Leslie Wilmert
Fred Wiseman
Jason Yates

Chris
Sherri
Lisa
Scott
Allen
Fred
Lynn
Regina
David
Betty
Kelli
Rachel
Jim and Becky and Grandmother
Sam
Cliff
Connie

- The Residents at the Christian Village and St. Clara's Rehab and Senior Care
- All those from our "Church Family", Community, State and Nation working in the Medical Field
- Illinois Conference/Wester Association

MILITARY – Wyatt Conrady

FACILITIES AND HOMEBOUND

David Armbrust, Steve Aue, Jean Cummings, Leola Dowling, Evelyn Fulkerson, Bill Krepps, Amanda Leich, Patty McCann, Sandy Morgan, Helen Opperman, Carol Turner, John Wilmert

Staff of St. John United Church of Christ

Members and Friends of St. John UCC

Rev. Laurie Hill
Darlene Begolka
Carolyn Pech
Dana Denny
Steve Spaulding
Laura Lee
Darlene Begolka
Calob Pluhm

Ministers

Pastor
Office Manager
Financial Manager
Custodian
Maintenance Person
Organist
St. John Chimers Director
St. John Ringers and St. John Singers Director

Church Council for 2022-2023



Kent Paulus (Elder), President
Leland Semple, Vice President
Bill Gosda, Jr., Secretary
Jan Hahn, Current Fund Treasurer
Danny Row, Special Funds Treasurer
Bill Gosda, Jr., Financial Secretary
Jack Leich
Sandy Meinershagen (Elder)
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"Letting God's love shine through us to the Community we serve"

2022 SPRING FLOWER ORDER FORM



The Worship Team is going to add color to the sanctuary for Easter this year. We are purchasing a variety of potted spring flowers (Tulips, Daffodils, Gerbera Daisies). Please support and help with decorating the sanctuary for Easter.

What about Easter lilies? Due to a n increase problem with allergies; the Worship Team has purchased silk Easter lilies, so they will be present, not to worry!



The potted Spring Flower will be \$10 each.

**ALL ORDERS FOR THE POTTED SPRING FLOWERS ARE DUE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE BY
MONDAY, APRIL 11th.**

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE: ST. JOHN UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST.
PLEASE MAIL YOUR ORDER FORM(S) AND CHECK TO THE CHURCH OFFICE
ST. JOHN UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
204 SEVENTH STREET
LINCOLN, IL 62656
or
BRING TO THE CHURCH OFFICE.**

-----**DETACH**-----

(USE A SEPARATE ORDER FORM FOR EACH PURCHASE)

Name _____

Gift _____

or

In memory of _____

from _____

