



St. John's Lutheran

MESSENGER

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March 2024

Hello People!

How is Lent treating you?

Each year, we undergo this journey of penitent introspection, to hear anew the good news of Christ's resurrection on Easter. This year, as a congregation, we've been engaged in "Healthy Congregations" training, a program designed for healthy congregations who want to stay that way! While we're already underway, new folks are welcome to join us at any point. We meet each Wednesday through Lent, up until Holy Week, so our last Wednesday will be March 20th.

So far, we've learned about how everything interrelates within a congregation. We've talked about the effects of anxiety on our community. We looked at good communication, and the necessity to avoid "triangulation" – talking about somebody to another person, instead of directly to people. We're exploring the things that keep our Christian body healthy – using our physical body as an extended metaphor.

Attendees have shared that they really found this study insightful, wishing we had it a decade earlier. If you haven't been a part – please join us. It's an investment of time in your church designed to keep us in as good a space as possible as we go into the future – a prospect that is always unknown - yet filled with God's promise.

Blessings on your Lenten Journey!

Pastor John



March 24 th	Palm Sunday	10:00 am
March 28 th	Maundy Thursday	7:00 pm
March 29 th	Good Friday	7:00 pm
March 31 st	Easter Breakfast	9:00 am
	Easter Service	10:00 am

All services are in person or available via zoom.

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WELCA MONTHLY MEETING

The 1st WELCA meeting for 2024 will be at Nancy McCabe's house at 6:30 on Monday, March 4th. Dinner will include Nancy's take on green everything!

All women are invited.

Tuesday, March 19th from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

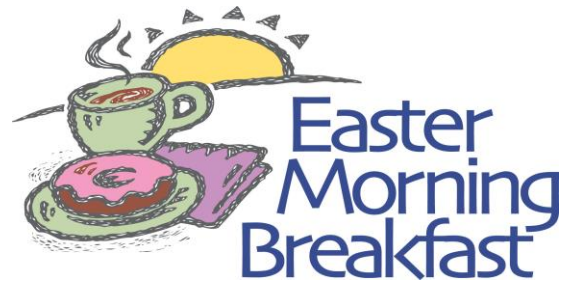
St. John's is a polling location so there could be a lot of traffic in both the building and parking lot. Please be especially cautious if you will be on the property



Candy and prizes are needed for the Easter Egg Hunt, which will be March 23rd at 2:00 p.m. Please drop off items in the bin in the narthex by March 17th.

We will gather Easter morning, March 31st at 9:00 a.m. for breakfast in the fellowship hall.

Signup sheets will be posted in the narthex.



ARE YOU A THRIVENT MEMBER?

Thrivent members are eligible for participating in the Thrivent Choice program, where up to \$250 per project can be requested. These projects are intended for outreach programs, not the general expenses of the congregation, and could be requested for such events and activities as the Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser, Shred & Bread fundraiser, Christmas Forest, School Supplies, and any other outreach activities that our congregation supports.

How can you help? Contact your Thrivent representative to see if your membership makes you eligible for the Thrivent Choice program.

If you are eligible, please let Linda Kent or Karen Doyle know so that we can create a list of Thrivent members within the congregation.

ON THE ROAD TO EASTER WORD SEARCH



Ash	Holy Week	Palm Branch
Wednesday	Holy Thursday	Forty Days
Sacrifice	Good Friday	Jesus
Almsgiving	Holy Saturday	Passover
Prayer	Easter	Foot Washing
Fasting	Palm Sunday	Resurrection
Lent	Purple	Love



Herbed Spinach Bake

10-oz pkg. frozen chopped spinach	2 T. butter or margarine
1 cup cooked rice	1/3 cup milk
1 cup shredded American sharp cheese	2 T. chopped onion
2 eggs	½ tsp. Worcestershire sauce
¼ tsp. thyme leaves	1 tsp. salt

Cook and drain frozen spinach; mix with cooked rice, shredded cheese, slightly beaten eggs, soft butter or margarine, milk, chopped onion, Worcestershire sauce, salt and crushed thyme leaves.

Pour mixture into 10 x 6 x 1 ½ inch baking dish. Bake at 350° for 20-25 minutes or until knife inserted halfway between center and edge comes out clean.

Cut in squares.

This recipe was submitted by Judy Kuemmel from the "Kitchen Keepsakes from St. John's Family" cookbook that was published in 1998 by the Women of St. John's Lutheran Church.

First Day
of
Spring
MARCH 19



Join Zoom Meeting

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REMINDER

You can always find the Zoom link for the simulcast services on St. John's website:

www.stjohnsmiamisburg.org

Click on the "In-Person Worship and Simulcast Link" menu option near the top of the home page.



Budget Report for January 2024

Income for January 2024: **\$7,213.29**

Expenses for January 2024:

Outreach	\$333.00
Staff	\$7,563.74
Facility Upkeep/Administration	\$1,659.30
Property Insurance	\$438.83
Utilities	\$958.62
Committees	\$43.48
	\$10,996.97

January Budget Balance (income - expenses): **(\$3,783.68)**

YTD Income: **\$7,213.29**
YTD Expenses: **\$10,996.97**

Description of categories:

Outreach: Benevolence, special benevolence.

Staff: Pastor's pay and expenses, staff salaries and benefits, FICA, worker's comp.

Conference: Council retreat.

Facility Upkeep/Administration: Maintenance/repair and office expenses.

Property Insurance: paid monthly

Committees: Discipleship, Learning, Worship & Music.

Utilities: Gas, electricity, water and trash services.



March 8
 Aiden Ring
 March 11
 David Helter
 March 22
 Brian Kent

Congregational Contacts

Pastor John Czarnota Pastor 920-642-3363

Council Members

Allen Jackson	*Recording Secretary	937-672-7888
Linda Kent	*Church Treasurer	937-885-3529/937-572-7815
Judy Kuemmel	*Financial Secretary	937-321-1198
Ida Geary		
Cindy Kemper		937-367-2341
Julie Helter		937-232-3378
Cathy Zimmer		937-212-9283

***Executive Committee**

Organizations, Boards and Staff

Karen Doyle	Church Secretary/Messenger Editor	937-866-3780
Tom Hoffman	Board of Trustees Chairman	937-859-8871/937-654-1218
Cheryl Page	Discipleship Committee Chairman	937-602-7952
Brook Nauta	Learning Committee Chair	513-217-0564/937-367-1473
Ida Geary	WELCA President	937-626-7765
Doug McCabe	Organist	937-866-8669
Brook Nauta	Children's Choir	513-217-0564/937-367-1473

Christian Education

Beth Knight	Pre-k through 1 st Grade	937-330-692-2092
Barb Hoffman		937-859-8871/937-231-6341
Brook Nauta	2 nd Grade through 6 th Grade	513-217-0564/937-367-1473
Robin Skelding	Confirmation	937-748-5405

Ministry Contacts

Nancy McCabe	Prayer Chain	937-866-8669
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MARCH CALENDAR

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| • March 1 | 5:00 p.m. | Game Night |
| | 5:00 p.m. | TWIGS Scrapbooking Event |
| • March 2 | 8:00 a.m. | TWIGS Scrapbooking Event |
| | 10:00 a.m. | Dayton Tamil Academy |
| • March 5 | 7:00 p.m. | "Healthy Congregations" Lenten Series |
| • March 8 | 5:00 p.m. | TWIGS Scrapbooking Event |
| • March 9 | 8:00 a.m. | TWIGS Scrapbooking Event |
| | 10:00 a.m. | Dayton Tamil Academy |
| • March 12 | 6:00 p.m. | Girl Scout Troop #35159 & 3330-2023 |
| • March 13 | 7:00 p.m. | "Healthy Congregations" Lenten Series |
| • March 16 | 10:00 a.m. | Dayton Tamil Academy |
| • March 19 | 6:00 a.m. | Primary Election |
| • March 20 | 7:00 p.m. | "Healthy Congregations" Lenten Series |
| • March 23 | 10:00 a.m. | Dayton Tamil Academy |
| | 2:00 p.m. | Easter Egg Hunt |
| • March 12 | 6:00 p.m. | Girl Scout Troop #35159 & 3330-2023 |
| • March 28 | 7:00 p.m. | Maundy Thursday Services |
| • March 29 | 7:00 p.m. | Good Friday Services |

Sunday's at 7:30 p.m. - AA/Al Anon meets in Fellowship Hall

Monday's & Friday's at noon - AA Group meets in Fellowship Hall

*Please notify the office of any meetings and/or events that need to be included in the calendar.
This will ensure rooms are not double booked.*