

May 2019

Pastor's Message:

Dear Witnesses of the Resurrection:

I love that Easter Day and Earth Day fell side by side this year! Easter is about God's power to make all things, and every one, new! In scripture, the renewal of creation is part of the resurrection promise, too!

I mentioned to the confirmation students last night that I grew up in Ohio, where there was a great mix of farming, industry, coal mining, and people. And when I was in 8th grade, the river that runs through Cleveland caught fire; you wouldn't have wanted to swim in nearby Lake Erie; and air pollution was pretty bad.

That's when Earth Day was born! Those are the circumstances that led to the creation of the Environmental Protection Agency, and many of our current clean air and water laws. Creation got a new lease on life when people and government made a commitment to do a better job of caring for this earth.

I'd like to think that as people of God, we wouldn't need any laws or regulations to remind us to be good stewards of God's creation. We are to care because the earth and everything on it, belongs to God! We are to care because this good earth is the only home that 7.2 billion of our sisters and brothers have to live on. We are to care, because God put us in charge of managing all of these gifts!

Resurrection is not just a physical thing, and not just about God bringing life out of death. It's also about a whole new way of looking at the world around us. I'm praying that individually and together we do everything in our power to be good stewards of this beautiful and stressed 'home', which God has entrusted to us! Our lives and the well-being of 7.2 billion for whom Christ died, depends on it!

-Pastor Paul

Spring Clean-up Day

Join us for a day to take care of God's house! It's time to do some deep cleaning inside and outside the church. Come Saturday, May 4th from 8am to noon. Come when you can and leave when you must. If this date doesn't work for you, talk to Wendy Wolf and we'll find a day that works for you.



Upcoming Events

Spring Clean-up Day – May 4
Crossways Camp Workday –
May 11 & 18
Confirmation – May 19

March 2019 Year to Date

+YTD General Fund

Receipts: \$ 48,903
Expenses: \$ 52,709

+YTD Building Fund:

Receipts: \$ 38,151
Expenses: \$ 41,635

+YTD ELCA Benevolence:

\$ 3,225 Goal for 2019: \$15,000

+YTD Missionary Sponsorship:

\$ 1,551 Goal for 2019: \$6,000

Thank you for your regular attendance and offerings!

Plant Certificates

Our youth group will be selling plant certificates to Groth's Country Gardens for a spring fundraiser. Certificates are \$10 and will be sold after services



ELCA Churchwide Assembly Comes to Milwaukee! Volunteers needed!

1,200 members and leaders from across the ELCA will gather in Milwaukee August 5-10 for our Churchwide Assembly (that takes place every 3rd year). Would you be willing to volunteer for a day or two or for the week? Here's the list of positions: Airport greeters, hotel greeters, door monitors, ushers, registration helpers, general 'runners', technology support, hospitality booth, and more! Here's the website for volunteering to serve: <http://www.cwa19.org/volunteer-positions/> There's also a Children's Choir being organized, which one of our young singers plans to join! This is a great chance to see the wider church at work, at worship, and enjoying fellowship!

Volunteers Needed for Blessings Month!

In May, the Sunday school will be dedicated to a project to share our blessings! Through hands-on activities, our kids will be learning that they have a special role in our church family. You can have a special role, too! For a short 4 weeks, you can lead one of our groups! Either create the project or activity yourself, use one of our "ready-made" activities or be an assistant. We need your help and talents - you don't have to be a trained teacher, just a willing volunteer. Talk to Staci Bohling, 227-1429, or stacibohling@gmail.com for more information!

Confirmation Day is May 19

Henry Ayers, Kolby Bohling, Ty Brennan, Dillon Canard, Chloe Cauwels, Amber Cefalu, Olivia Micksch, Jon Olafsson, Aiden Owens, Alexa Pietenpol, Aaron Reid, and Cade Wills are affirming their faith. On Wednesday May 8th at 7:00 we ask you to come and engage them in conversation about their faith and their role in the life and mission of the church!



Camp Work Day

Crossways Camps has two days in May for camp work days to repair and clean-up to get camps ready for campers. May 11th at Pine Lake Camp in Waupaca and May 18th at Imago Dei Village Camp in Clintonville. Talk to Pastor if you're interested in going.



Spring Fire Drill

Our Security Team has been working on ways to be prepared and to keep everyone safe. One way of being prepared is a fire drill. On May 12 we will run a scheduled fire drill after both services. Directions will be given on that day. Thank you!

Building Loan Update

We are very excited to announce that our church building loan is now under \$300,000. That's a huge accomplishment since we started with over a 1 million dollar loan! A huge thank you to a very generous member who has given \$20,000 to pay down the principal on the loan! Thank you to everyone for your regular offerings and generous giving!

St. John's will host Family Promise families – June 9-16

St. John's has been hosting families for 2 weeks per year for the last few of years. We are hosting the week of June 9-16. We are looking for volunteers to make dinner meals, host dinner from 5-7pm, and stay overnight from 7pm-7am. We'll have some slips for simple food items to donate; bread, breakfast bars, milk, etc. on the Welcome & Resource desk. If you have any interest at all in helping out this host week please sign up at the Welcome Desk. Please talk to Wendy Wolf if you have any questions.

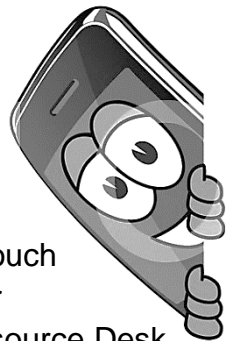


Remembering our Partners in Tanzania:

For many years we have supported missionaries Dr. Steve & Bethany Friberg who live and serve among the Maasi people in northern Tanzania. Dr. Steve supervises very rural medical clinics; Bethany works with Maasi women's programs. Your monthly "Missionary" envelope supports their work. We also have a partner congregation, Ulong'a Lutheran Parish, near Arusha, TZ, that we assist. Our "Noisy Offerings" are going to help kids with school fees there. Thanks for your prayers and offerings for these sisters and brothers in Christ on the other side of the world!

Mobile Giving App for Offerings!

St. John's offers Mobile giving besides our online giving on our website. You can quickly donate using your debit/credit or checking/savings account from your Smartphone. You can make one time donations or set up recurring giving to multiple funds. Choose to create an account or donate as a guest and the giving is secure and convenient using Touch ID/Fingerprint, PIN or password. Simply go to the App Store or Google Play and search for "Give Plus Church" to download for FREE! Directions for giving are at the Welcome & Resource Desk in the gathering space. See Wendy Wolf with questions.



Called to Serve

Readers

(8:00 Service)

5/5 Mark Hornburg
5/12 Irv Brandt
5/19 Kristin Dhein
5/26 Ty Brennan

(9:45 Service)

5/5 Scott DeChant
5/12 Sarah Murray
5/19 Confirmation Class
5/26 Pam Adams

Ushers

(8:00 Service)

5/5 Jackson & George Liberatore
5/12 Irv & Ben Brandt

5/19 Dave Williams, Joel Wolf
5/26 Paul Stahl, Scott Novotny

(9:45 Service)

5/5 Gary & Kathy Zirtzloff
5/12 Reuben Heidtke
Don Meyerpeter
5/19 Jim Kurtz, Keith Heidtke
5/26 Rich & Cindy Uhlig

Communion Assistants

(8:00 Service)

5/5 Kären Keel, Carol Cler
5/12 Lisa & Jake Brennan

5/19 Pete & Robin Kutzora
5/26 Skip & Laura Bartelt

(9:45 Service)

5/5 Rick & Tracey Corlett
5/12 Sarah Murray,
Scott DeChant
5/19 Confirmation Class
5/26 Amanda Reinemann,
Tracey Corlett

Greeters

(8:00 Service)

5/5 Jessica Frank & Children
5/12 George & Dianne Liberatore
5/19 Mark Hornburg, Joel Wolf

5/26 Roger & Donna Lamberg

(9:45 Service)

5/5 Joel & Wendy Wolf
5/12 Gary & Sue Kielisch
5/19 Gale Loehrl,
Linda Susnik
5/26 Roger & Donna Lamberg



May Anniversaries!

May 3 Mark & Connie Hornburg – 44 years
May 7 Ed & Donna Dahly – 12 years
May 8 Gerald & Darleen Wanta – 20 years
May 14 Dennis & Cindi Hankes – 42 years
May 15 Duane & Linda Plath – 48 years
May 20 Jesse & Dawn Seltrecht – 19 years
Kevin & Melanie Gierach – 13 years
May 21 Randy & Susan Hollister – 25 years
May 24 Bob & Kelly Luce – 33 years
May 25 Johnathan & Danielle Friess – 6 years
May 27 Gordon & Karen Kraemer – 52 years
May 29 Sean & Lisa Brennan – 20 years
May 31 Tom & Melody Spencer – 39 years
David & Jessica Frank – 16 years

If we missed your special day please let us know.

May Birthdays!

May 2 Dan Bartelt
Keaton Hansen
May 3 AJ Beuscher
May 4 Val Heidtke
Darleen Wanta
May 6 Samantha Schwefel
May 7 Ann Glorioso
Sharon Ziemer
Steve Korneli
Christy Abt
May 8 Hannah Hellesen
May 9 Romelle Worth
Darrel Counard
Laura Scheunemann
Kassi Wolf
Veda Inchaurregui
Aiden Owens
May 10 Doug Sharpley
May 11 Melissa Staller
May 12 Mark Brodesser
Darick Prost
Alex Parchim
Will Strnad
May 13 Allegra Groth
May 15 Ellen DeVoe
Laura Bartelt
Abigail Dalton
Kassidy Bohling
May 16 Eduardo Inchaurregui
Charlie Parchim
Sarah Corlett
May 17 Violet Juech (99)
Michelle Schneider
Noah Abt
May 18 Jenny Brandt
Rich Uhlig
May 19 Ken Parchim
Sue Kerr-Noll
Grady Lauterbach
May 20 Linda Susnik
Brandon Bukovic
May 21 Pam Stahl
Josh Kasubaski
May 22 Eric Olafsson
May 23 Scott Adams
Lee Goodman
Jake Brennan
May 24 DJ Brodesser
May 25 Cheryl Toll
May 27 Heidi Hellesen
Jessica Eisenhauer
May 28 Ray Fischer
Sean Patrick Brennan
Jaycee Mozdzen
May 31 Greg Canard
Scott Trick

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At St. John's we're privileged and challenged to *Welcome, Worship, and Witness* in Christ's name. Thank you for being part of this faith community and for the serving you do to the glory of God!

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Office hours: M-F 9:00am-1:00pm
Worship Services: Saturday 5:00pm, Sunday 8:00 am & 9:45 am
Sunday School 9:00 am
Holy Communion is celebrated every weekend.

