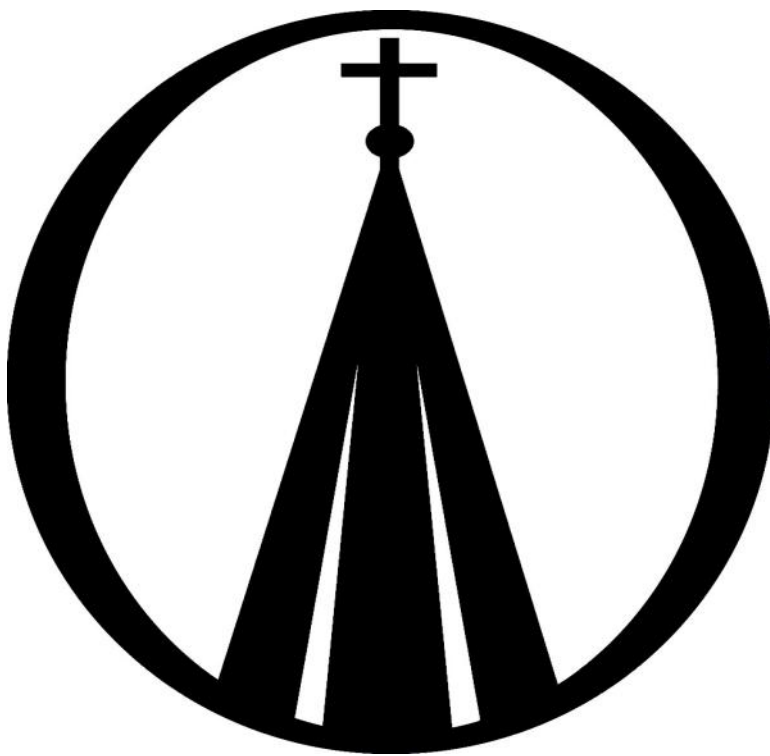


# St. John Journal

**News & info for the family of St. John  
Lutheran Church of Prairie Hill**



A loving and welcoming family of faith,  
excited about what God has done (and continues to do!)  
for us.

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## God is for You and Not Against You

During this fifty-day holiday called Easter, we are reminded that Jesus who was raised from the dead that first Easter morning, walked, talked and ate with his disciples. He was with them in this manner for fifty days before his ascension into heaven. While the time issue of fifty days is significant, the fact that Jesus was with his disciples after his resurrection assures us that Jesus' new way with them didn't negate what he was for them before his death. After the resurrection, he was seen by the disciples as I see and am with you now. Jesus was not a ghost, phantom, or vision. The risen Jesus was with the disciples for fifty days like he was before but now as someone over whom death no longer has dominion. Having been raised from the dead, Jesus could never die again and so would always be with his disciples. Even Jesus' ascension after this time did not mean he could not be with them as he had been. He simply was with them in a new and unique way. Our life together here around the Gospel and the sacraments reminds us of how God is with us. In faith, we walk in Jesus in His Word of promise. God is always for us and not against us. His forgiveness for you is always valid, as well. Our life in this context as the Body of Christ announces everlasting hope for you and for the rest of the world. It is at the point of Jesus' resurrection that God goes forward in this way for all time and for all people. Trusting these promises gives us what God offers here. Faith is trusting these promises and that these promises are for you. By way of its reaching, teaching and preaching, the church continues this mission.

George Rahn  
Interim Pastor

# May Readings

May		FIRST READING	RESPONSIVE	SECOND READING	GOSPEL
<b>1</b>	Easter 3	Acts 9:1-22	Psalm 30:1-12	Revelation 5:1-14	John 12:1-19
<b>8</b>	Easter 4	Acts 20:17-35	Psalm 23:1-6	Revelation 7:9-17	John 10:22-30
<b>15</b>	Easter 5	Acts 11:1-18	Psalm 148:1-14	Revelation 21:1-7	John 16:12-22
<b>22</b>	Easter 6	Acts 16:9-15	Psalm 67:1-7	Revelation 21:9-14, 21-27	John 16:23-33
<b>29</b>	Easter 7	Acts 1:12-26	Psalm 133:1-3	Revelation 22:1-20	John 17:20-26

May	Acolyte	Layreader	Flowers Given By
<b>1</b>	Owen Finke Logan Boeker	Charles Gaskamp Kallie Finke	
<b>8</b>	Irelyn Antkowiak Swayzee Huckert	Sandy Ordner Jennifer Anderson	<i>Keith &amp; Jeannie Kroll in honor of their 20th Anniversary</i>
<b>15</b>	Kannon Koehler Jax Antkowiak	Joseph Ordner Sandra Tillman	<i>The Herrmann Family</i>
<b>22</b>	Elaina Morgan Izzy Sommerfield	Katie Seeker Kallie Finke	<i>Josh &amp; Cindy Clay in honor of their 18th Anniversary</i>
<b>29</b>	Harper Huckert Randa Tillman	Connie Rohde Jennifer Anderson	

## REACHING YOUR CHURCH OFFICE

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# Baptismal Anniversaries



5/01/1955	Gary Schramme	5/15/2011	Braelynn York
5/01/1966	Herbert Klatte, Jr.	5/15/2016	Ayden Clay
5/02/1943	Butch Seeker, Jr.	5/15/2016	Oakley Kuecker
5/03/1953	Glenn Mueller	5/16/1956	Judy Janner
5/03/1953	James Wolff	5/16/1981	Cindy Clay
5/03/2015	Easton Myers	5/17/2009	Hunter Myers
5/04/1986	Brandon Bednar	5/19/1968	Kimberly Kraft
5/04/2008	Randa Tillman	5/19/2013	Knowles Koehler
5/05/1968	Kenneth Seeker	5/22/1960	Ron Bowman
5/06/1951	Fred L. Westerfeld	5/22/1965	Dennis Moehlmann
5/07/1960	Pam Yahnke	5/22/1981	Brooke Huckert
5/07/1989	Jill Eckert	5/22/1982	Tomas Schramme
5/07/1989	Megan Wegner	5/22/1983	Travis Kniec
5/07/2000	Abigail Chavelas	5/22/1994	Ben Williams
5/07/2006	Katelin Seeker	5/22/1994	Beth Steely
5/10/1942	Ben Kessel	5/23/1954	Rita Gaskamp
5/12/1940	Jean Seeker	5/24/1992	Leigh Herrmann
5/13/1955	Becki Schawe	5/26/1996	Austin Klatte
5/15/1994	Heather Horton	5/28/1978	Sondra Hernandez
5/15/1994	Tyler Klatte	5/29/2011	Rhett Ring

# Wedding Anniversaries



5/04/1996	Wendy & Eric Hagerman	5/15/1999	Darrell & Gayle Himly
5/04/2002	Keith & Jeannie Kroll	5/17/2008	Zach & Whitney Wagner
5/10/2003	David & Tessa Ring	5/21/1977	Gerald & Theresa Kuecker
5/12/1984	Don & Charlene Keller	5/22/2004	Josh & Cindy Clay
5/15/1999	Debra & James Hanath	5/31/1975	David & Glenda Stegent

*You are in our thoughts and prayers as you  
celebrate your special day.  
day. May God richly bless you!*

*A special Thank You to each of you that purchased an  
Easter Lily for Easter Sunday.*



You are invited to.....

# Muffins with Moms





Sunday May 8th

9:00-9:45 a.m.

Parish Hall

Moms, Step-Moms, Aunts, Grandmothers, Mentors and ALL "Mothers" of St. Johns Prairie Hill are invited to enjoy muffins, juice, coffee, singing by the youth, and quality time together.

SUNDAY		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
 <b><u>Special Envelope:</u></b> Food Pantry				
<b>1</b> <b>Easter 3</b> 8:00AM Worship Service 9:00AM Sunday School 10:05AM Worship Service  Last day of Sunday School	<b>2</b> 6:00PM Executive Meeting	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	
<b>8</b> <b>Easter 4</b> 8:00AM Worship Service 9:00 Muffins with Mom 10:05AM Worship Service	<b>9</b> 6:00PM Council Meeting	<b>10</b> FOOD PANTRY	<b>11</b>	
<b>15</b> <b>Easter 5</b> 8:00AM Worship Service 9:00AM Graduating Senior Cake and Punch 10:05AM Worship Service	<b>16</b> 	<b>17</b> 9:00AM Quilting	<b>18</b>	
<b>22</b> <b>Easter 6</b> 8:00AM Worship Service 10:05AM Worship Service	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> FOOD PANTRY  9:00AM Quilting	<b>25</b>	
<b>29</b> <b>Easter 7</b> 8:00AM Worship Service 10:05AM Worship Service	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>		

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<div>5</div> <div>Office Closed</div> <div>10:00AM Naomi</div>	<div>6</div> <div>Office Closed</div>	<div>7</div>
<div>12</div> <div>Office Closed</div> <div>2:00PM Ladies Aid</div>	<div>13</div> <div>Office Closed</div>	<div>14</div>
<div>19</div> <div>Office Closed</div>	<div>20</div> <div>Office Closed</div>	<div>21</div>
<div>26</div> <div>Office Closed</div>	<div>27</div> <div>Office Closed</div>	<div>28</div>

<div>COMMUNION BREAD</div> <div>Donna Bentke</div>
<div>ALTAR PREPARATION</div> <div>Audrey Steinbach</div> <div>Elvera Tisdell</div>
<div>FAMILY AID</div> <div>Karen Rosenbaum</div>
<div>MEMORIAL COMMITTEE</div> <div>Mary Hill</div> <div>Audrey Steinbach</div>
<div>SANCTUARY PREP</div> <div>Janice Fairlie</div> <div>Sharon Neutzler</div>
<div>CHURCH TELLERS</div> <div>Charles Giese</div> <div>Deanna Giese</div>
<div>SCREEN CREW</div> <div>Steve Skrla</div> <div>Barnay Glaesmann</div>
<div>USHERS</div> <div>Charles &amp; Rita</div> <div>Gaskamp</div> <div>Butch Seeker</div> <div>Troy Seeker</div>

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**St. John's Lutheran Church of Prairie Hill**

**VBS 2022 Registration**

**June 6-10 from 6:00pm -7:45 pm**



**Meal to be served from 6:00-6:20pm**

**Online registration: [bit.ly/3jsWZaA](https://bit.ly/3jsWZaA)**



## **Graduating Seniors**

Parish Education would like to celebrate the graduates of St. John. If you know of a congregational member that is graduating this year from school, please contact Jennifer Schroeder @979-251-1055.





**St. John is in need of ushers for the following months:**

<b>June</b>	10:05AM Service
<b>July</b>	Both Services
<b>October</b>	10:05AM Service



## **May Quilting Schedule**

We will meet at 9:00AM on

**May 17 & 24.**

Nancy Sommer will be hosting.



**Parish Education will be hosting cake and punch for the graduating Seniors, High School and College, on May 15th at 9:00AM in the Parish Hall.**



**Prairie Hill Food Pantry Upcoming Dates:**

**May 10 & 24 6:30AM-8:00AM**

## **Church Council Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting Date: April 11, 2022**

The Church Council of St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church met for its monthly meeting on April 11, 2022, at 6:00 pm. Council President, Kenneth Seeker, called the meeting to order, and Janice Fairlie opened with prayer. All members were present. The March minutes were approved as distributed.

### **Old Business**

Bids for repairs/maintenance to the church building, parsonage, and gazebo were reviewed. Marco Aguilar Painting submitted a bid for \$22,450 and Our Integrity Works submitted a bid for \$25,425, each with the caveat that final cost may increase due to fluctuating material costs. A **motion** was made to recommend at the Special Called Congregational Meeting the acceptance of Our Integrity Works' bid for \$25,425 and to include a maximum 10% contingency allowance for additional costs due to the current construction climate. **MSC.**

### **New Business**

**Motion** to accept the proposed Pastor's Compensation Package and contract terms and to recommend its approval at the Special Called Congregational Meeting. **MSC.**

**Motion** to approve the agenda for the Special Called Congregational Meeting on April 24, 2022. **MSC.**

**Motion** to approve giving a gift card to Pastor Kris Brower for leading confirmation for this year's St. John's class. **MSC.**

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **Treasurer Report      Sharon Neutzler**

Report as submitted.

#### **Financial Secretary Report      Jeannie Kroll**

For month of March, the total Weekly Giving Deposits were \$9,320 and Direct Deposits were \$4,232.63 for a total giving of \$13,552.63.

#### **Community Concerns Report      India Randermann**

Food Pantry served 55 families (109 people) at two distributions in March. Reminder that the Blood Drive will be held April 24 from 7:30 am to noon.

#### **Worship and Music Report      Mary Longhofer**

Ushers are needed for the late service in March and in October and for both services in July. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex.

#### **Parish Education Report Jennifer Schroeder**

Upcoming dates of interest include: April 17 Easter Egg Hunt at 8:30am, April 24 next Parish Education Committee meeting, May 1 last day of Sunday School until Rally Day, May 8 Muffins with Mom, June 5 Confirma-

tion, June 6-10 Vacation Bible School, and June 12 VBS closing at single 9:00am worship service.

**Youth Report    Herbert Klatte Jr.**

Plans are underway for the Easter Breakfast after Sunrise Service on Easter morning. Locations of ponds are being finalized for the Fishing Tournament on April 23.

**Evangelism Report        Josh Clay**

No report.

**Property Report Steve Skrla**

No report.

All reports were approved as presented.

**Motion** to adjourn. **MSC.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Janice Fairlie  
Council Secretary

**2022 ST JOHN COUNCIL MEMBERS**

President .....	Kenneth Seeker	Evangelism.....	Josh Clay
Vice-President .....	Herbert Klatte, Jr.	Financial Secretary.....	Jeannie Kroll
Treasurer .....	Sharon Neutzler	Parish Ed .....	Jennifer Schroeder
Secretary .....	Janice Fairlie	Property .....	Steve Skrla
Community Concerns .....	India Randermann	Worship & Music.....	Mary Longhofer



*Confirmation Sunday*  
*June 5th at the 10:05AM Service*

**Offering Envelopes are available in the Narthex!**  
**The Flower Chart has been posted in the Annex. We have several spots available in May and June, along with other months, so please sign up if you are able.**



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The deadline for the  
May newsletter is:

**May 16<sup>th</sup>**

Submissions received after  
this date will be included if  
time and space allow.

Thank you!



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