

Genesis 12

The LORD had said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you." ² "I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you." ⁴ So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Harran. ⁵ He took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, all the possessions they had accumulated and the people they had acquired in Harran, and they set out for the land of Canaan, and they arrived there. ⁶ Abram traveled through the land as far as the site of the great tree of Moreh at Shechem. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷ The LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built an altar there to the LORD, who had appeared to him. ⁸ From there he went on toward the hills east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. There he built an altar to the LORD and called on the name of the LORD.

Romans 4

⁴ What then shall we say that Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh, discovered in this matter? ² If, in fact, Abraham was justified by works, he had something to boast about—but not before God. ³ What does Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness." ⁴ Now to the one who works, wages are not credited as a gift but as an obligation. ⁵ However, to the one who does not work but trusts God who justifies the ungodly, their faith is credited as righteousness. ¹³ It was not through the law that Abraham and his offspring received the promise that he would be heir of the world, but through the righteousness that comes by faith. ¹⁴ For if those who depend on the law are heirs, faith means nothing and the promise is worthless, ¹⁵ because the law brings wrath. And where there is no law there is no transgression. ¹⁶ Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it may be by grace and may be guaranteed to all Abraham's offspring—not only to those who are of the law but also to those who have the faith of Abraham. He is the father of us all. ¹⁷ As it is written: "I have made you a father of many nations." He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed—the God who gives life to the dead and calls into being things that were not.

John 4

⁵ So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶ Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon. ⁷ When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?" ⁸ (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.) ⁹ The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.) ¹⁰ Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." ¹¹ "Sir," the woman said, "you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water?" ¹² Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?" ¹³ Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life." ¹⁵ The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water so that I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water." ¹⁶ He told her, "Go, call your husband and come back." ¹⁷ "I have no husband," she replied. Jesus said to her, "You are right when you say you have no husband. ¹⁸ The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true." ¹⁹ "Sir," the woman said, "I can see that you are a prophet. ²⁰ Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem." ²¹ "Woman," Jesus replied, "believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²² You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³ Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. ²⁴ God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth." ²⁵ The woman said, "I know that Messiah" (called Christ) "is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us." ²⁶ Then Jesus declared, "I, the one speaking to you—I am he."

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SERVING YOU TODAY—8:00 am Ushers—Jim Matznick, Tom Sebo, Norman Pantzlaff, Gary Bernhardt ■ **10:15 am Ushers**—Andy/Zac Bubolz, Ray Bubolz, Adam Bubolz, Bill & Matt Hillmann, Nick Schrubbe ■ **Church Cleaners**—Adam/Melissa Bubolz, Andy/Heidi Bubolz, Nick/Amanda Schrubbe and Ray/Suzanne Bubolz ■ **Flower Committee**—Joann Fischer & Sharie Mack ■ **Communion Set-Up**—Karla Aden, Chantel Bastain & Joan Sheahan.

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PRAYER—Lord God, you never slumber nor sleep, but your eyes are always open to our needs. Watch over our welfare on this perilous journey, shade us from the dangers that surround us, and keep us safe from the dangers that surround us, and keep us safe from harm; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

ORDER OF OUR SERVICE—Liturgy page 15 ■■■ Hymns—283, 391, 309, 380.

Sermon text: John 4:5-26

Sermon theme: This or something else.

- 1. He could do something else. 2. He could talk to someone else.**
3. He could offer something else. 4. He could answer something else.

CONNECTION CARDS—If you are a visitor or a guest please fill out the Connection Cards located in the church pews and place them in the offering plate or hand them to our ushers on your way out of church. Please come and join us again!

COMMUNION CARDS—The Elders Committee reminds you to please fill out a communion card provided on the podiums in back of church and by the East entrance of Church/School.

SCRIP – Scrip will NOT be sold before the 6:30 pm Worship Services on the Wednesdays during Lent.

LADIES AID MEMBERS—There is a signup sheet in the back of church for the March 11th Wednesday Lenten Meal that the Ladies Aid will be serving.

Our Father's Business

Today

Preacher, Pastor Darin Aden
Organist, Judy Mangin
9:05 am Sunday School, CREW & Adult Bible Class

Monday 3-9

5:30 pm Music Committee Meeting
6:30 pm Church Council Meeting

Wednesday 3-11

No 3:30 pm Confirmation Class
3:15 pm & 6:30 pm Lenten Worship Service

4:30 pm - 6:30 pm Lenten Meal

7:30 pm Praise Choir Practice

Saturday 3-14

9:00 am Confirmation Class Seminar

COMMUNION – In the month of April, Communion will only be offered on Maundy Thursday (4/9), Good Friday (4/10) and Sunday, April 26th. We will not offer Communion on Easter Sunday, April 12th.

LENTEN WEDNESDAY—Wednesday, March 11th will be our 3rd Wednesday in Lent preaching for the service will be Pastor Fricke from Trinity, Brillion. Pastor Fricke's sermon theme will be "Skirmishes" and sermon text is Hebrews 4:15. Don't miss our Lenten Meal (4:30pm-6:00pm) served this week will be a Baked Potato Bar sponsored by St. John—St. James very own Ladies Aid. Grades 3-5 will be singing at the 3:15 pm service. Thank you to all who are involved who make our Lenten Services so special!

LUTHERAN YOUNG ADULTS EVENT—LYA is planning a Carnival on Sunday, May 31st at St. John—St. James Lutheran Church/School from 10:30 am-1:00 pm. The Carnival is open to the public with plenty of food, fun, games, and a silent auction. If anyone has any items that they would like to donate to the silent auction or would be willing to bring a dessert, please call or text Angela Kiley-920-860-0025. Auction items can be dropped off in the church office.

FLOWER COMMITTEE HELP NEEDED—The Ladies Aid is looking for two volunteers to serve on the April Flower Committee. If you can help, please contact Karen Prochnow at 754-4688 or the church/school office.

BIBLE STUDY AND BASKETBALL FAITH-FUN-FELLOWSHIP—At St. John – St. James Commons and Gym tonight at 6:00pm. Join in on the fun! If interested contact Andy Bubolz at 608-434-4019.

PASTOR HAS A PROJECT FOR YOU—If you would be willing help Pastor Aden with a simple project, please contact him at (920) 277-0101 or daden@stjohnstjames.com.

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE—Church Attendance: (3/1) 112 + 127 = 239 (3/4) 143 + 69 = 212 ■ (2/26-3/3) Regular Offerings—General: \$10,417.00, Synod: \$558.50, MLHS: \$460.50, Total—\$11,436.00 ■ Special Offerings—Building Fund: \$1,990.00 (needed each week \$2,312.00) ■ Debt Retirement—\$35.00.

DQ NIGHT—Mark your calendar! SJSJ Night at DQ has been scheduled for Thursday, March 19 from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm at Brillion DQ Grill & Chill, 521 N Glenview Ave, Brillion. 20% of all sales from 4:00pm-7:00pm are donated to our school! (You can even use the drive-thru!) Pay with DQ Scrip & you can earn an additional 20% back through our scrip program! (DQ Scrip is available to purchase in the office from 7:30^{am}-3:00^{pm} on school days & on Sunday mornings before services.) St. John -St. James Faculty & Staff Members will be there to greet you & serve your food! St. John -St. James students' artwork will be on display at DQ that evening. Come enjoy the FOOD & FUN!

MAKING TAX WISE DECISIONS BIBLE STUDY—On Sunday, March 15 at 9:10 am in the Commons, Pastor Michael Dietz, WELS Christian giving counselor, will present some Biblical principles on making wise financial decisions that can benefit God's kingdom both locally and throughout the country and world. He will share financial planning tips with us during the Bible Class. Pastor Dietz will provide information on using Qualified Charitable Distributions for gifting from Required Minimum Distributions. In view of the changes to the recent standard tax deductions, this will be of special interest to seniors who have an IRA and are 70½ years of age or older. He will also provide information about creating a Charitable Gift Annuity and/or Donor Advised Fund. If time permits, he will also give some basic information regarding estate planning and the need for creating a Durable Power of Attorney.

LADIES AID MEETING—Ladies Aid don't forget the regular scheduled Ladies Aid meeting on Monday, March 16 at 4:00 pm. Take note that the meeting time has changed from 7:00 pm to 4:00 pm!

COLLEGE STUDENT CARE—Several members of SJSJ are attending colleges in and out of state. College can be a difficult time spiritually, and we would like to remind these brothers and sisters in Christ that they are in our prayers. The Spiritual Growth Committee will be assembling care packages the week of March 16-20. Would like to contribute to these packages? Please look for donation boxes in the Commons and the north entry area of church from March 4 -14. Suggested donations: snacks, energy bars, gift cards for gas/groceries, toiletry items, cards or notes of encouragement --We will be including a devotional book. If you know of a college student who would benefit from a care package, and you are not sure if they are on our list, please leave their name and address with Mrs. Schrubbe in the office.

CROSS + MEN—The third annual Men's Conference sponsored and presented by St. John's Men's Ministry Two Rivers WI will be on Saturday March 14 from 9am - 2pm. "Taking Care of Business" is the theme and with a 30\$ registration fee you will get food, speakers, souvenir mug & 6 hours of honesty, encouragement, brotherhood and strength. All are welcome register at www.crossmenconf.org.

LWMS—The second Sunday of each month is designated as LWMS Sunday. Free-will boxes are located at each exit of church. The February offerings totaled \$35.00. Thank you!

AUTOMATIC WITHDRAWAL—You're just about ready to leave for church and then you remember "I forgot to get my offering envelope ready." You then have to hurry so you're not late for church. Do you sometimes forget to bring your offering envelope along to church? Next week you have to bring 2 offering envelopes along or maybe double your offering to make up for last week. How many times during the year are you on vacation or gone for a weekend that you can't make it to church? You then have the same scenario for next week as I just mentioned before. I'm sure many of you have run into these things at one time or another. We have a solution for you. It's called Automatic Withdrawal. Instead of writing a check and filling out an envelope every week, you can have your church offering withdrawn from your checking or savings account and sent directly to St. John-St. James. If you're gone for the weekend, or if there's bad weather and you can't make it to church, you don't have to worry about making up for it next week. You can have withdrawals made on the 1st of the month, the 15th of the month or you can have it on the 1st and the 15th of the month. The Stewardship Committee is encouraging our members to take a look at Automatic Withdrawal. We realize this isn't for everyone. But we encourage you to take a look at it. Members of the Stewardship Committee will be in the meeting room next to the commons on Wednesday March 11th and Wednesday April 1st from 5:00 to 6:15 between Lenten Services. If you have questions we'll be happy to answer them. If you'd like to sign up we can help you fill out the form and get started. If you want to sign up, bring your checkbook along so we can fill in the account numbers. If you have any questions please contact our Stewardship Chairman, Curt Grimm at 920-366-0117 or Dan Duchow at 920-754-4751.

MLC SCHOLARSHIP—This Fall Maya Aden, Josh Aden, Lynsey Marohn and Michaela Bubolz will be attending MLC. They plan on being Called Workers in our Synod. The cost of attending MLC is \$27,900/year. We have established a scholarship fund to help fund their education. Each student can receive up to \$1,000.00 from their congregation and MLC will match it. Last year we received \$5,100.00 from the offering. As a result each of our 3 students received \$1,700.00 from SJSJ. Together with the \$1,000.00 match they received \$2,700.00. This year we have set a goal of \$6,800.00 so we can again give each of our 4 students \$1,700.00. This special offering will go from Sunday, April 5 to Sunday, May 31. Please make out checks to St. John—St. James.

USHER'S MEETING - The worship committee has scheduled a meeting for all Usher Team Leaders on Sunday, March 29th between services at 9:15am in the Sanctuary of the church. We would also like as many Ushers to attend the meeting, so please let your team know and encourage them to attend. We will be discussing the changes being made to the usher's duties and reviewing other issues and concerns. If the team leader is unable to attend, please send at least one team member in your place. Thank you!

EASTER LILIES—Please help us adore our Sanctuary with Easter Lilies on Easter Sunday! Lilies will be \$10.00/plant and will be available for you to take home after the Easter Services on Sunday, April 12. Order forms will be in the West church office along with envelopes for you to place in the box on the table. Please have your orders in by Sunday, March 29, 2020.