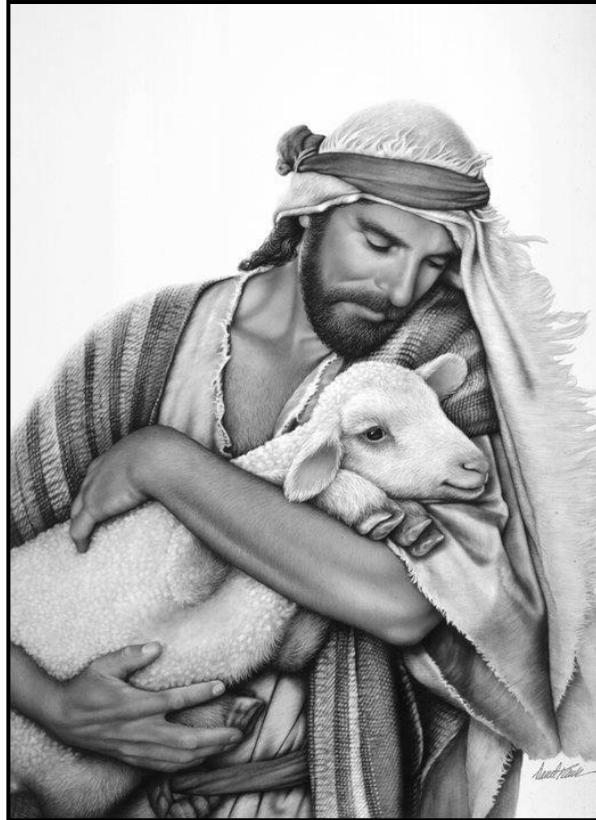


St. John-St. James

Ev. Lutheran Church & School



Good Shepherd Sunday

May 8, 2022

WELCOME

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OPENING PRAYER

selected verse from the Psalm 23

M We worship in the name of our Heavenly Father, who provides for us.

C **“I shall not be in want.”**

M We worship in the name of our Good Shepherd, whose voice we follow.

C **“He leads me beside quiet waters; He restores my soul.”**

M We worship in the name of the Holy Spirit, who dwells within our hearts.

C **“He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name’s sake.”**

M Our Triune God walks with us wherever we go.

C **“I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and staff, they comfort me.”**

M Our Triune God knows what we need, even before we ask him.

C **“You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.”**

M Our Triune God’s goodness and mercy will follow us all the days of our lives.

C **“And I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.” Amen.**

Opening Hymn:

The Lord's My Shepherd; I'll Not Want

Christian Worship, Hymn # 555

C Verse 1 

**The Lord's my shepherd; I'll not want.
He makes me down to lie
In pastures green; he leadeth me
The quiet waters by.**

C Verse 2 

**My soul he doth restore again
And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness,
E'en for his own name's sake.**

C Verse 5 

**Goodness and mercy, all my life,
Shall surely follow me,
And in God's house forevermore
My dwelling-place shall be.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

M

The Bible reminds us that Our Shepherd is so good. Yet, the Scriptures also remind us that we, His sheep, can be so foolish. The Word says, *"We all like sheep have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way."* As sinful sheep, we confess our sins:

(Our prayer of confession continues on the next page.)

M Good Shepherd, too often we find ourselves in want. It is not because you have neglected to provide abundantly.

G **No, Lord, it is because too often my heart chases after less important things and I wander. Forgive me.**

M Good Shepherd, too often we find ourselves in trouble. It is not because you have failed to lead us properly.

G **No, Lord, it is because too often I listen to the world rather than to your voice of truth. Forgive me.**

M Good Shepherd, too often we find ourselves feeling alone and afraid. It is not because you have abandoned us.

G **No, Lord, it is because too often I left you and turned to my own way. I do not follow you as I should. Forgive me. I long to hear your reassuring voice once again. Lead me to the quiet waters of your grace. Allow me to feed upon the green pastures of your Word and restore my soul. Amen.**

M Our Good Shepherd knows his sheep—with all of our faults. Yet, He still loves us and willingly has laid down his life for us. It was not taken from him, but he laid it down of his own accord to pay the price for our sins. In the stead and by the command of the risen Lord Jesus, I announce God’s grace to you. The price has been paid and accepted, and you are forgiven in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. The Good Shepherd came so that we might have life and have it to the full. Follow Him as He leads you in paths of righteousness and enjoy His blessings in peace.

G **Amen.**

M In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

C Verse 3  **Sheep that from the fold did stray
Are not by the Lord forsaken;
Weary souls who lost their way
Are by Christ, the shepherd, taken
In his arms that they may live
Jesus sinners does receive.**

C Verse 7  **Jesus sinners does receive.
Even I have been forgiven.
And when I this earth must leave,
I shall find an open heaven.
Dying, still to him I cleave
Jesus sinners does receive. (CW, #654)**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Good Shepherd who laid down his life for the sheep. Lead us now to the still waters of your life-giving Word that we may abide in your Father's house forevermore; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

BE SEATED

The First Lesson

Acts 13:15,16a,26-39

¹⁵ After the reading from the Law and the Prophets, the leaders of the synagogue sent word to them, saying, “Brothers, if you have a word of exhortation for the people, please speak.”

¹⁶ Standing up, Paul motioned with his hand and said:

²⁶ “Fellow children of Abraham and you God-fearing Gentiles, it is to us that this message of salvation has been sent. ²⁷ The people of Jerusalem and their rulers did not recognize Jesus, yet in condemning him they fulfilled the words of the prophets that are read every Sabbath. ²⁸ Though they found no proper ground for a death sentence, they asked Pilate to have him executed.

²⁹ When they had carried out all that was written about him, they took him down from the cross and laid him in a tomb. ³⁰ But God raised him from the dead, ³¹ and for many days he was seen by those who had traveled with him from Galilee to Jerusalem. They are now his witnesses to our people.

³² “We tell you the good news: What God promised our ancestors ³³ he has fulfilled for us, their children, by raising up Jesus. As it is written in the second Psalm: *“You are my son; today I have become your father.”*

³⁴ God raised him from the dead so that he will never be subject to decay. As God has said, *“I will give you the holy and sure blessings promised to David.”* ³⁵ So it is also stated elsewhere: *“You will not let your holy one see decay.”*

³⁶ “Now when David had served God’s purpose in his own generation, he fell asleep; he was buried with his ancestors and his body decayed. ³⁷ But the one whom God raised from the dead did not see decay.

³⁸ “Therefore, my friends, I want you to know that through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. ³⁹ Through him everyone who believes is set free from every sin, a justification you were not able to obtain under the law of Moses.

☩ We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Epistle Lesson

Revelation 7:9-17

⁹After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰And they cried out in a loud voice: “Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.”

¹¹All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²saying: “Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!”

¹³Then one of the elders asked me, “These in white robes—who are they, and where did they come from?”

¹⁴I answered, “Sir, you know.”

And he said, “These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵Therefore, “they are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. ¹⁶‘Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat down on them,’ nor any scorching heat.

¹⁷For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; ‘he will lead them to springs of living water.’ ‘And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.’”

Hymn of the Day:

I Am Jesus' Little Lamb

Christian Worship, Hymn # 804

** Verse 1  I am Jesus' little lamb;
Ever glad at heart I am,
For my shepherd gently guides me,
Knows my needs and well provides me,
Loves me ev'ry day the same,
Even calls me by my name.**

** Verse 2  Day by day, at home, away,
Jesus is my staff and stay.
When I hunger, Jesus feeds me,
Into pleasant pastures leads me;
When I thirst, he bids me go
Where the quiet waters flow.**

** Verse 3  Who so happy as I am,
Even now the shepherd's lamb?
And when my short life is ended,
By his angel hosts attended,
He shall fold me to his breast,
There within his arms to rest.**

John 10:22-30

The Shepherd's Claims

²² Then came the Festival of Dedication at Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³ and Jesus was in the temple courts walking in Solomon's Colonnade. ²⁴ The Jews who were there gathered around him, saying, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly."

²⁵ Jesus answered, "I did tell you, but you do not believe. The works I do in my Father's name testify about me, ²⁶ but you do not believe because you are not my sheep. ²⁷ My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. ³⁰ I and the Father are one."



PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M Lord Jesus, Good Shepherd, we have heard the sweet sound of your familiar and loving voice in the gospel and have feasted in the green pastures of your Word. Bless your Word in our lives.

C **Use its message to nourish and sustain us as we journey through this life to the next.**

M Gracious Shepherd, we are truly confused and foolish without you. Forgive us for the times we wander from you and stray from the call of your voice.

C **When temporary pleasures beckon us to follow the wide road to hell, use your rod and staff to curb our sinful nature and lead us in paths of righteousness.**

M Protecting Shepherd, restore us to your fold, and keep us from traps of the evil one.

C **When Satan comes in the sheep's clothing of false teaching, expose his lies and guide us in your truth.**

M Tender Shepherd, look with special care on all who suffer from loneliness, disease, accident, or loss. Lift them into your comforting arms, and embrace them with the warmth of your love.

C **Carry your sheep through life's troubling times. Renew hope and joy in their lives.**

M Loving Shepherd, we pray also for your "other sheep." Let your voice be heard in all the world. Prosper the work of our missionaries at home and abroad.

C **Give us all the zeal and courage to share with our friends and neighbors the good news of sins forgiven. Use our witness to gather the elect into one fold under your care.**

(Special intercessions may be offered here. Our prayer concludes on the next page.)

M Eternal Shepherd, when our days on earth come to an end and we walk through the valley of the shadow of death, lead us safely to our eternal home.

C **Guide us that we may enjoy your goodness and mercy all the days of our life. Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

C **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

THE SACRAMENT

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M Our Lord, Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

SONG OF APPROACH

M We join in song to express the common faith that unites us.

C Verse 2

♪ **We deserve but grief and shame,
Yet his words, rich grace revealing,
Pardon, peace, and life proclaim;
Here their ills have perfect healing
Who with humble hearts believe—
Jesus sinners does receive.**

C Verse 4

♪ **I, a sinner, come to you
With a penitent confession.
Savior, show me mercy, too;
Grant for all my sins remission.
Let these words my soul relieve—
Jesus sinners does receive. *(CW, #654)***

A PRAYER BEFORE COMMUNION

Lord Jesus, as a sinner, I desire to be spiritually refreshed and renewed by your Holy Supper. Strengthen my faith as I partake of your body and blood. May I experience the bond of faith and love that exists among us and my fellow believers in the faith we share. Move me to forgive, serve, and live my faith to your honor and glory. Graciously receive me as your guest. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

(After all those communing have received Lord's Supper, we conclude our celebration:)

M Now may this true body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in the true faith unto life everlasting. Be assured, your sins are forgiven.

C **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

M By the love you have shown us inspire us through the Holy Spirit to dedicate ourselves anew as your grateful sons and daughters. With the flame of faith burning brightly in our hearts, let us live each day in confident communion with you until the day when we shall depart this life to be in your eternal presence, where we will sing your praises and be devoted to serving you in righteousness through endless ages. In Jesus' name.

C **Amen.**

CLOSING VERSES

M "May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will,

C **And may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen."**

(Hebrews 13:20,21)

Closing Hymn:

Jesus, Shepherd of the Sheep

Christian Worship, Hymn # 551

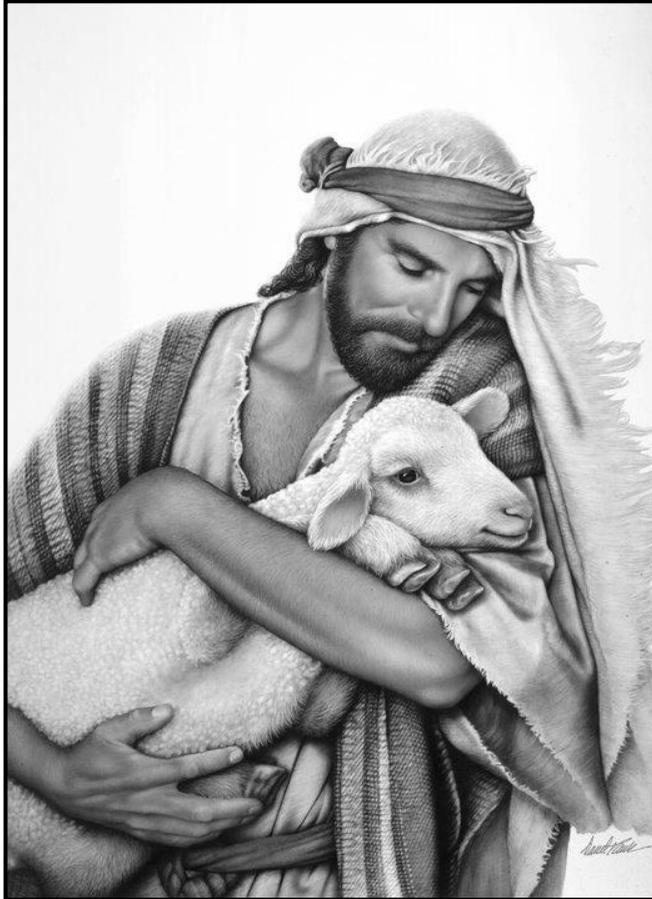
C Verse 1

♪ **Jesus, shepherd of the sheep,
Who your Father's flock does keep,
Safe we wake and safe we sleep,
Guarded still by you.**

C Verse 2 ♪ **In your promise firm we stand,
None can take us from your hand;
Speak—we hear—at your command,
We will follow you.**

C Verse 3 ♪ **By your blood our souls were brought,
By your life salvation wrought;
By your light our feet are taught,
Lord, to follow you.**

C Verse 4 ♪ **Father, draw us to your Son;
We with joy will follow on
Till the work of grace is done,
There to live with you.**



PRAYER BEFORE LEAVING GOD'S HOUSE

Good Shepherd, I was glad to be here, gathered with your flock to worship you. Cause the Word I have heard to take root in my heart and bear fruit in my life. Guide me in paths of righteousness, that my words and actions might lead others to glorify you. Amen.

OUR FATHER'S BUSINESS

Today Preacher, Pastor Darin Aden
Music Today—Kristen Hillmann
Mon. 5/9 Church Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Wed. 5/11 Piano Recital at 6:00pm

Sunday, May 8, 2022 Happy Mother's Day!

SERVING YOU THIS WEEK—8:00 am Ushers—Dan Duchow, Tim Mangin, Gary Waack ■ **10:15 am Ushers**—Terry/Karen Prochnow, Randy/Sandy Waack, Todd Hickmann ■ **Church Cleaners**—Gary/Deb Bernhardt, Joe/Judy Hoyer ■ **Flower Committee**—Carol Bubolz, Ida May Krepline. **Communion Set-Up/Take-Down**—Karla Aden, Chantel Bastian, Joan Sheahan.

SERVING YOU NEXT WEEK—8:00 am Ushers—Dale Barnard, Joe Hoyer, Chuck Kiehn, Bob Baribeau ■ **10:15 am Ushers**—Roger/Judy Hoida, Dave Hoida, Deven Krepline ■ **Church Cleaners**—Gary/Deb Bernhardt, Joe/Judy Hoyer ■ **Flower Committee**—Carol Bubolz, Ida May Krepline.

MINISTRY RESERVE FUND—We have started a fund for our Second Pastor to help defray costs involved in adding another Pastor. If you wish to give to the Ministry Reserve Fund please place your offering in an envelope and clearly mark it as **Ministry Reserve Fund or 2nd Pastor Fund** and place it in the offering plate.

DIVINE CALL—Pastor Jonathan Learman continues to deliberate the call we extended to him to serve as our Youth & Outreach Pastor. Pastor Learman is currently serving at St. Peter & Zion Lutheran Churches in Theresa, WI. Our voters also extended a call to Pastor Learman's wife, Jamie, to teach Grades 6-8 parttime to allow Mr. Zimmerman time for his principal administrative duties. Please keep Pastor & Mrs. Learman and their family in your prayers as they deliberate where the Lord can best use their talents and abilities. Feel free to contact them with words of encouragement at (920) 238-1699

2022-2023 SCHOOL REGISTRATION—Registration is now open for all students entering grades 3K-8 for the 2022-2023 school year. Please visit the "Our School" page of our website at stjohnstjames.com to register.

SAVE THE DATE—Pastor Aden's 25th Anniversary celebration will be on Sun. July 31st. More details to follow.

LWMS BEFRIEND A MISSION—The Befriend A Mission door collection will be held next Sunday, May 15. Our Befriend A Mission assignments are: Native American Missions, Pastor David Bostedt, Canyon Day & East Fork Churches, Apache, AZ; Home Mission -Immanuel Hmong Lutheran Church, Pastor Pheng Moua, St. Paul, MN.

SJSJ CAMP OUTING—The annual church/school camp outing held at Devil's River Campground is being planned for July 8th—10th. If you would like a campsite for this year's SJSJ Camp Outing, please contact Karie Robley at 920-772-4959 or email her at robley@tds.net.

LYA BAKE SALE & SILENT AUCTION—The SJSJ Lutheran Young Adults (LYA) will be holding a Bake Sale & Silent Auction on Sunday, May 15th from 9:00am-noon in the Commons Area. If anyone would like to make a donation for the Silent Auction, please drop it off in the School Office by Friday, May 13th. Please come support our LYA as they raise funds to attend this summer's WELS International Youth Rally in Knoxville, TN.

EASTER LILIES—Just a reminder to please take your Easter Lilies along with you after the service today! Please don't forget to leave the trays the plants are placed in behind.

NEW MEMBERS—Please welcome our new members Morgan Kiesow wife of Kurt, Jeff & Laura Voeltz who transferred in from Bethany, Manitowoc, Paula Steffes soon to be wife of Dan Bubolz, Jason Reis husband of Deidre Reis, Jordan Bleskey fiancé of Lydia Aden, Beau Baroun husband of Karissa, Nick Wilfert husband of Michelle and Steve Miller husband of Sarah. Welcome to our church family, please pick up your new member packs in the West Church office!

ELDERS' MEETING—There will be an Elders' Meeting on Tuesday, May 10th at 7:00 pm.

LAST MESSENGERS SERVICE—Sunday May 1st was the last scheduled monthly "MESSENGERS" led worship service at SJSJ until October 2022. MESSENGERS are humbled and thankful for your prayers, support and encouragement over the last year! There will not be an annual Summer Concert this year, as they will be busy preparing to lead a few other churches in their outdoor summer services. Please keep them, and their ministry, in youy prayers!

ASCENSION SERVICES—Ascension Service is on Thursday, May 26th at 6:30 pm and

Sunday, May 29th at 9 am.

SUMMER SERVICE HOURS—Sunday Summer Worship Services will begin on Thursday May 26th at 6:30 pm and Sunday, May 29 at 9:00am. Sunday, June 5 will be the start of our Outdoor Worship services beginning at 9:00 am. Please remember to bring a comfortable chair along. If it's raining services will be held in church. Thursday Summer Worship Services will begin on June 2nd at 6:30 pm in church. Summer worship will begin on May 26.

Congratulations SJSJ Confirmation Class of 2022—Confirmation/Examination was held on Saturday, April 30th our Confirmation Class are as follows: **Josee Lynn Busse**, Parents—*Fredrick & Laura Busse*, **Mercedes Marie Grimm**, Parents—*Travis & Becky Grimm*, **Isabell Ann Kocian**, Parents—*Jason Kocian, Deidre Kocian; Justin & Jessica Loose*, **Rebecca Ann Krepline**, Parents—*Robert & Krista Krepline*, **Elsianna Joy Pautz**, Parents—*Michael & Jessica Paut*, **Benjamin Michael Prochnow**, Parents—*Ronald & Alison Prochnow*, **Jonathan Ray Schrubbe**, Parents—*Nicholas & Amanda Schrubbe*. Welcome to our church family!

MLHS CHRISTIAN MUSIC CONCERT—On Sunday, May 15th MLHS will be having a FREE Christian Music Concert at 3:00 pm. Enjoy the music that comes from a broad base of Christian artists, featuring, “MESSENGERS,” the church band from St. John/St. James, Reedsville, an MLHS faculty ensemble and some alumni from MLHS. See you there! Bring your friends!

OUR SYMPATHIES—Lorraine Dickert went home to be with Jesus and her passed loved ones on Sunday, May 1, 2022. Our most sincere condolences to Lorraine’s family members and close friends. Funeral Services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, May 7, 2022 at St. John St. James EV. Lutheran Church, Reedsville. Officiating at the Service will be the Rev. Darin Aden with burial to follow in the church cemetery. Friends may call at the church from 9:00 until 10:45 a.m. We pray for peace in your hearts!

MLC POSITIONS AVAILABLE—Martin Luther College is accepting applications for ECLC Assistant Teacher, Receptionist, Custodian, Resource Development Manager, Baseball Assistant Coach, Volleyball Assistant Coach, and Men's Basketball Assistant. Interested individuals should apply online at mlc-wels.edu/hr/.

MEMORIALS GIVEN—Ida May Krepline gave a gift to the Building Fund In memory of Lorraine Reindl. Thank you!

GRADUATION—Graduation this year will be on Thursday, May 26th at 6:30 pm during the church service. Graduates this year are Jonathan Schrubbe, Rebecca Krepline, Josee Busse.

SUNDAY SCHOOL, CREW AND ADULT BIBLE STUDY—Thank you to all who attended Sunday School, CREW and Bible Study classes. All classes and studies are finished until September. See you then!

PIANO RECITAL—Mrs. Hillmann will host her end of year Piano Recital on Wednesday, May 11th at 6:00pm in church. Everyone is welcome to come and listen to these students use their God-given talents to His glory!

SCHOOL OFFICE CLOSING EARLY—The School Office will be closing at noon on May 6th & 13th and all day on May 11th. Mrs. Schrubbe will still have access to emails & voicemails, so please leave a message!

HELP NEEDED—We will be setting up the gym on Sunday, May 15th following the 10:15am worship service for our upcoming Spring Spotlight. We would greatly appreciate anyone who is willing to help!

SCHOOL CALENDAR CHANGE—SJSJ students in grades 3K-4 will have NO SCHOOL on Wednesday, May 18th. Please join us that day at Municipal Field in Manitowoc to cheer on our 5th-8th grade students as they compete in the LLL Track Meet.

OFFICE ADMIN POSITION AT GRACE—We are looking to add to our current office staff. This position will be approximately 20 hours a week with the potential for more hours during busy church times. The breakdown of the 20 hours is quite flexible. Applicants should have experience in Microsoft Word & Outlook. Experience with Publisher & Power Point is also helpful, but could be learned on the job. Applications can be picked up in our office and should be **completed and returned to Grace by Friday, May 20**. We would like to have this position filled by early - mid June. If you have any questions, please call Ann or Heidi in the Grace church office at 920-682-7377.

MLC/MLHS Scholarship Assistance

This fall Maya Aden, Lynsey Marohn, Josh Aden and Michaela Bubolz will be attending MLC in New Ulm, MN. They plan on being Called Workers in our Synod. Next school year the cost of attending MLC will be \$29,400. We have established a Scholarship Fund to help fund their education. If the **student's**

home congregation gives each student \$1200,MLC will match it.

We will have either 10 or 11 students at MLHS this fall. Some of them don't receive financial assistance. Tuition at MLHS is \$6000.

We are running this special offering from March 27th to June 5th.

We have set a goal of \$5600 for the MLC Scholarship. We presently have \$ 757.00.Still needed,
\$4,843.

We have set a goal of \$4600 for the MLHS Scholarship. We presently have \$325. Still needed, \$4,275.

If you wish to make a contribution, please mark your envelope, either MLC Scholarship. or MLHS Scholarship. If you wish to contribute to both funds mark your envelope MLC/MLHS Scholarship. Please make out checks to St. John-St. James. We can't cash checks made out to MLC or MLHS Scholarship Fund.

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE

Church Attendance: Sunday—8:00 am Service—138, 10:15 am Service—65

Total: 203

Offerings—General Fund: \$ 9,032.25*, Synod: \$ 246.00, MLHS: \$ 407.00*

Total \$ 9,685.25

Special Offerings—Building Fund: \$ 2,897.00 * (needed each week \$2,312)

Ministry Reserve Fund—\$ 314.25*

MLC Scholarship Fund—\$ 375.00

MLHS Scholarship Fund—\$ 225.00

*Electronic Offerings Included