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“I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.” the Apostle John

WELCOME

We live now through the Resurrection

OPENING VERSES

selected verse from Psalm 89

M “I will sing of the LORD’s great love forever; with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known through all generations.” *(Psalm 89:1)*

C **“I will declare that your love stands firm forever; that you have established your faithfulness in heaven itself.”**
(Psalm 89:2)

M “The heavens praise your wonders, LORD, your faithfulness too, in the assembly of the holy ones.” *(Psalm 89:5)*

C **“Who is like you, LORD God almighty? You, LORD, are mighty, and your faithfulness surrounds you.”** *(Psalm 89:8)*

M “Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim you, who walk in the light of your presence, LORD.” *(Psalm 89:15)*

C **We make our beginning in the name of the LORD—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. “His faithfulness continues through all generations.” Amen.** *(Psalm 100:5)*

Opening Hymn:

CCLI Song #18723

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

CCLI License #20031593

C Verse 1

ALL: ♪ **Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father
There is no shadow of turning with Thee.
Thou changest not Thy compassions they fail not
As Thou hast been, Thou forever will be.**

C CHORUS

ALL: ♪ **Great is Thy faithfulness, great is Thy faithfulness.
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided.
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.**

C Verse 2

ALL: ♪ **I could not love Thee, so blind and unfeeling;
Covenant promises fell not to me.
Then without warning, desire, or deserving,
I found my Treasure my pleasure in Thee.**

C CHORUS

ALL: ♪ **Great is Thy faithfulness, great is Thy faithfulness.
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided.
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.**

(Hymn continues on the next page.)

C Verse 3

ALL: ♪ **I have no merit to woo or delight Thee,**

**I have no wisdom or pow'rs to employ;
Yet in Thy mercy, how pleasing Thou find'st me,
This is Thy pleasure: that Thou art my joy.**

C CHORUS

**ALL: ♪ Great is Thy faithfulness, great is Thy faithfulness.
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided.
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.**

C Verse 4

**ALL: ♪ Pardon for sin and peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside.
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

M Dear friends, the Bible tells us that on a daily basis we fall short of the kind of lives that we should live. We sin in our thoughts, words, and actions. The Bible also tells us that we deserve for our sin is eternal punishment from our holy God. Yet God invites us to confess our sins and seek his forgiveness through faith in his Son. Therefore we pray....

C **Lord, we come to admit our sin and our need for your grace.
We are sinners who need your mercy. Please forgive us for
Jesus' sake. Amen.**

M Friends, God’s love for you has no limits. God wants all people to know that there is forgiveness in Jesus. The Bible assures us that Jesus’ innocent suffering and death was enough to remove the guilt and shame of our sin. Therefore be assured as believers: your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

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

C Verse 1 

**How I love the voice of Jesus
On the cross of Calvary
He declares His work is finished
He has spoken this hope to me
Though the sun had ceased its shining
Though the war appeared as lost
Christ had triumphed over evil
It was finished upon that cross.**

C Verse 2  **Now the curse it has been broken**

**Jesus paid the price for me
Full, the pardon He has offered
Great, the welcome that I receive
Boldly I approach my Father
Clothed in Jesus’ righteousness
There is no more guilt to carry
It was finished upon that cross.**

(Hymn continues on the next page.)

C Verse 3 

**Death was once my great opponent
Fear once had a hold on me
But the Son who died to save us
Rose that we would be free indeed!
Free from every plan of darkness
Free to live and free to love
Death is dead and Christ is risen!
It was finished upon that cross.**

C Tag 

**Onward to eternal glory
To my Saviour and my God
I rejoice in Jesus' victory
It was finished upon that cross.**

It was finished upon that cross.

It was finished upon that cross.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

M O God you form the minds of your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that among the many changes of this world, our hearts may ever yearn for the lasting joys of heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

BE SEATED

²⁶ Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Go south to the road—the desert road—that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” ²⁷ So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of the Kandake (which means “queen of the Ethiopians”). This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship, ²⁸ and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the Book of Isaiah the prophet. ²⁹ The Spirit told Philip, “Go to that chariot and stay near it.”

³⁰ Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. “Do you understand what you are reading?” Philip asked.

³¹ “How can I,” he said, “unless someone explains it to me?” So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.

³² This is the passage of Scripture the eunuch was reading:

*“He was led like a sheep to the slaughter,
and as a lamb before its shearer is silent,
so he did not open his mouth.*

*³³ In his humiliation he was deprived of justice.
Who can speak of his descendants?
For his life was taken from the earth.”*

³⁴ The eunuch asked Philip, “Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?” ³⁵ Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus.

³⁶ As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water. What can stand in the way of my being baptized?” ³⁸ And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him. ³⁹ When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him again, but went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰ Philip, however, appeared at Azotus and traveled about, preaching the gospel in all the towns until he reached Caesarea.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 27

(Our song is not a direct quote of Psalm 27, but refrain (and other thoughts) clearly come from the Psalm, other Psalms are also represented in this song.)

The Lord Is My Salvation

CCLI Song #7063694

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C Verse 1

Messengers: The grace of God has reached for me
And pulled me from the raging sea
And I am safe on this solid ground
The Lord is my salvation

C Verse 2

**I will not fear when darkness falls
His strength will help me scale these walls
I'll see the dawn of the rising sun
The Lord is my salvation**

C REFRAIN

**Who is like the Lord our God?
Strong to save, faithful in love
My debt is paid and the vict'ry won
The Lord is my salvation**

C Verse 3

**My hope is hidden in the Lord
He flow'rs each promise of His Word
When winter fades I know spring will come
The Lord is my salvation**

(Hymn continues on the next page.)

C REFRAIN 

**Who is like the Lord our God?
Strong to save, faithful in love
My debt is paid and the vict'ry won
The Lord is my salvation**

C bridge 

Messengers: Glory be to God the Father
Glory be to God the Son
Glory be to God the Spirit
The Lord is my salvation *(repeat)*

C REFRAIN 

**Who is like the Lord our God?
Strong to save, faithful in love
My debt is paid and the vict'ry won
The Lord is my salvation *(repeat REFRAIN)***

Epistle Lesson

1 John 3:18-24

¹⁸ Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.

¹⁹ This is how we know that we belong to the truth and how we set our hearts at rest in his presence: ²⁰ If our hearts condemn us, we know that God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹ Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God ²² and receive from him anything we ask, because we keep his commands and do what pleases him. ²³ And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us. ²⁴ The one who keeps God's commands lives in him, and he in them. And this is how we know that he lives in us: We know it by the Spirit he gave us.



I have faith in God and believe that He has created me and all that I have. All things belong to Him.

I have faith in Jesus and believe that He died for my sins, conquered death and was raised to life on the third day. His death and resurrection declared that He is God and that my sins are forgiven.

I have faith in the Holy Spirit and believe He has worked this faith within me. I believe He is present here among us and lives within each child of God. Through Him and the Word I have the power to stand in strength against all adversity.

And I believe that my mission on earth is to serve my God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. He has equipped me with His gifts and motivated me by His love to reach out to the lost and to my fellow believers with the Gospel. Amen.

Gospel Lesson

John 15:1-8

15 “I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. ²He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. ³You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. ⁴Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

(Gospel Lesson continues on the next page.)

⁵“I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. ⁷ If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

Hymn of the Day:

CCLI Song #6460220

Great Are You Lord

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C Verse 1

**You give life; You are love;
You bring light to the darkness.
You give home; You restore
Every heart that is broken.
Great are you, Lord**


C REFRAIN

**It’s your breath in our lungs,
So we pour out our praise.
We pour out our praise.
It’s your breath in our lungs,
So we pour out our praise
To you only.**

(Hymn continues on the next page.)


C Verse 2 

**You give life; You are love;
You bring light to the darkness.
You give home; You restore
Every heart that is broken.
Great are you, Lord**

C REFRAIN  **It's your breath in our lungs,
So we pour out our praise.
We pour out our praise.
It's your breath in our lungs,
So we pour out our praise
To you only.**

C bridge 

**And all the earth will shout your praise
Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing:
Great are you Lord. *(repeat 3X)***

C REFRAIN  **It's your breath in our lungs,
So we pour out our praise.
We pour out our praise.
It's your breath in our lungs,
So we pour out our praise
To you only.**

MESSAGE

Pastor Darin Aden

1 John 3:18-24

“The Greater One Gives Life”

1. Life that rests
2. Life that moves



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¹⁹ This is how we know that we belong to the truth and how we set our hearts at rest in his presence: ²⁰ If our hearts condemn us, we know that God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹ Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God ²² and receive from him anything we ask, because we keep his commands and do what pleases him. ²³ And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us. ²⁴ The one who keeps God’s commands lives in him, and he in them. And this is how we know that he lives in us: We know it by the Spirit he gave us.

PLEASE STAND

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH and LORD’S PRAYER

- M** O Lord God, heavenly Father, we praise and glorify you for the unsurpassed gift of your Son, Jesus Christ. We confess that we are unworthy sinners who have transgressed your will and Word.
- C** **We repent of our evil and pray for the faith that trusts utterly and completely in the righteousness of Christ Jesus for forgiveness and for life.**
- M** Open our hearts to the mighty power of your Word.
- C** **Teach us to depend on your means of grace for spiritual strength and life.** *(Our prayer concludes on the next page.)*

- M** Grant that our minds may be renewed in rightness, that our consciences may be stirred to choose the good, and that every thought, word, and deed may be brought into captivity to Christ.
- C** **Give to your Church ministers and teachers who have the faithfulness and courage of true prophets, that your people may be built up in faith, abound in good works, rejoice in your love, and finally enter heaven and a perfect life.**
- M** We pray for our beloved country. Give us citizens who perceive that the standard of all this is right is not personal advancement or private favor, not public opinion or party platform, but your holy will.
- C** **Lavish your grace on all families, that each home may, by its Christian love and character, be for our children a foretaste of the joy and blessedness of heavenly life.**
- M** For all who are in any sickness, pain, anguish, or suffering, for all who are in any danger of body or soul, we pray. *(Special intercessions may be offered here.)* Teach your people in all circumstances to turn to you and to wait on you for mercy. Grant them hope and a joyous deliverance from whatever challenges they may face in this life.
- C** **These things we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Amen.**
- 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.**

BLESSING

M The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn:

CCLI Song #825356

You Are My All in All

CCLI License #20031593

C Verse 1 

**You are my strength when I am weak
You are the treasure that I seek
You are my all in all**

C Verse 2 

**Seeking You as a precious jewel
Lord, to give up, I'd be a fool
You are my all in all**

C REFRAIN 

**Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name.
Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name.**

C Verse 3 

**Taking my sin my cross my shame
Rising again I bless your name
You are my all in all**

(Hymn continues on the next page.)

C Verse 4 

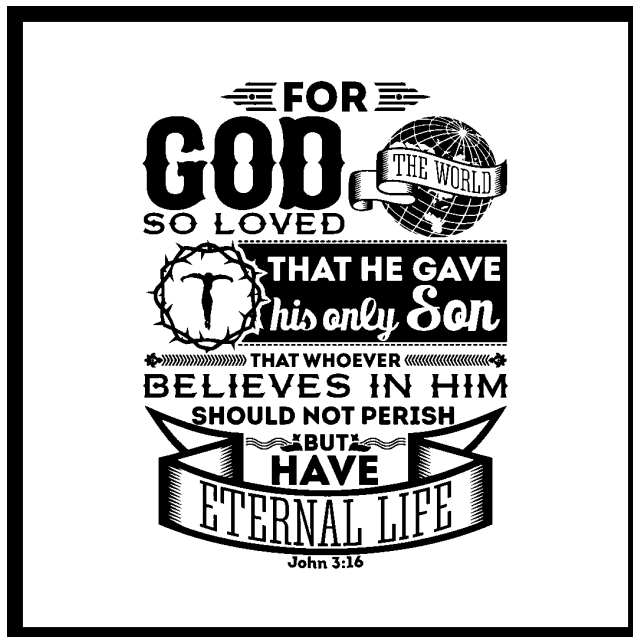
**When I fall down you pick me up
When I am dry You fill my cup
You are my all in all**

C REFRAIN 

**Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name.
Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name.

Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name.
Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name.
Worthy is Your name. Worthy is Your name.**

***OUR THANKS** to the Messengers: Abby & Phil Stuebs, Deb & Gary Bernhardt, Gene Rosera, and Pastor Aden. Thanks also to guest soloist, Ava Stuebs.*



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Send Bulletin Information to cbubolz@stjohnstjames.com)—Wed. Deadline.

Bulletin Announcements

Thursday, April 29—Sunday, May 2

SERVING YOU TODAY—THURSDAY—6:30 pm Ushers—Gary Bernhardt, Dave Hoepfner ■ **SUNDAY—8:00 am Ushers—**Dan Duchow, Jeff Herzog ■ **10:15 am Ushers—**Paul Kiekhaefer, John Brodtke, Jeremy Foytik, Delton & Nathan Kasten ■ **Church Cleaners—**Terry/Karen Prochnow, Dale Barnard, Rod Bubolz ■ **Flower Committee—** Terry/Karen Prochnow(April) & Carol Bubolz, Ida May Krepline(May).

SERVING YOU NEXT WEEK—THURSDAY—6:30 pm Ushers—Scott Bubolz, Brian/Susie Bubolz, Bill Voeltz ■ **SUNDAY—8:00 am Ushers—** Jim Matznick, Tom Sebo, Norman Pantzlaff, Gary Bernhardt ■ **10:15 am Ushers—**Andy/Zac Bubolz, Ray Bubolz, Adam Bubolz, Bill Hillmann, Matt Hillmann, Nick Schrubbe ■ **Church Cleaners—**Adam/Melissa Bubolz, Andy Bubolz, Bekah Winkel, Nick/Amanda Schrubbe, Ray/Suzanne Bubolz ■ **Flower Committee—**Carol Bubolz, Ida May Krepline ■ **Communion Set-Up/Take-Down—**Karla Aden, Chantel Bastian, Joan Sheahan.

BASKETBALL UNIFORMS—The PTO is looking for donations for new basketball uniforms. The cost for the uniforms is \$3,792.00. Due to Covid 19 we did not have the fundraising help we usually do. Any donations would be greatly appreciated to defer the cost. Any questions contact PTO president Dave Robley at 920-772-4959. Cost of uniforms is \$ 3,792.00 we have received \$ \$2,720, still needed is \$ 1,072.00. Thank you!

GIFTS GIVEN—Jake & Katie Janssen gave a gift to the Basketball Uniforms fund in memory of Jac Janssen. Thank you so very much!

HYMNALS - There are exciting changes like multiple arrangements for some of the hymns and psalms as well as a service builder software that will aid in service preparations and offer a three-year service planner to guide us as we spend time in God's word. The voters have approved the purchase of the new Hymnals and Bibles for placement in the pews. If you are interested in donating hymnals, Bibles, or purchasing one for your personal home use, there are donation forms in the West Office. Place your donation and the form in the Church Box next to the forms in the west office or mail it to SJSJ at 219 Manitowoc St., Reedsville WI 54230. ** Hymnals needed—200; Hymnals donated—101. Hymnals still needed—99. Bibles needed—100, Bibles donated—9; Bibles still needed—91. Donated to the Service Builder and the Playlist—\$243.00 still needed—\$582.00. (**Service Builder and PlayList are an annual fee**). The Organist and Altar books have been donated. Thank you.

MLC/MLHS 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. Next school year the cost of attending MLC will be \$28,690.00 We have established a Scholarship Fund to help fund their education. If the student's home congregation gives each student \$1000.00, MLC will match it.

All of our eighth graders will be attending MLHS this fall. The majority of these students do not have a School Choice Voucher. Tuition at MLHS is \$6000.00. We'd like to help these students with their tuition costs. We have set a goal of \$8,000.00 to provide our MLC and MLHS students with tuition assistance. We will run this special offering from March 28th to June 6th. If you wish to contribute, mark your envelope **MLC/ MLHS Scholarship Fund**. Please make out checks to St. John-St. James. We can't cash checks made out to MLC or MLHS. If you have any questions, please call Dan Duchow at 754-4751 or email Dan at dduchow@stjohnstjames.com Presently we have \$3,450.00 for MLC and \$ 1,350.00 for MLHS. Still needed—\$ 3,200.00.

8TH GRADE GRADUATION—Our 8th Grade Graduation has been moved to Wednesday, May 26 @ 6:00 pm. To accommodate more people & allow our K-8 students to sing, we will hold this year's graduation ceremony either outside or in the gym rather than during the Thursday evening worship service as originally planned. Please watch for more details to come as plans are being finalized!

VOTERS' MEETING—The CEC and Church Council would like to offer more Principal Administrative time to Mr. Zimmerman next school year. There are several reasons for this recommendation; the most noteworthy is the added administrative

responsibilities from School Choice. Shelly DeCleene (who currently teaches while Mr. Zimmerman has Admin time) has accepted a call to St. John's in Newtonburg. We are scheduling a voter's meeting on Sunday, May 16th at 9:15 am in the Commons. On the agenda is discussing and approving the extra cost for this part-time teacher. If the voters approve, we intend to extend a call at this meeting. We will also have quarterly reports at this meeting so that our June meeting can focus solely on the budget. Those submitting a report should send it to Cindy before April 30th.

AMAZON SMILE—Did you know your purchases can make a difference? AmazonSmile donates to St John St James Lutheran Church when you do your shopping at smile.amazon.com/ch/39-6000447.

ELDERS MEETING—There is an Elders Committee meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 4 at 7:00 pm. If you cannot attend the meeting please contact Brian Bubolz @ 920-860-0889. Thank you!

QUILTERS NEEDED—Come and join the Quilters every Thursday starting May 6th at the home of Char Wagner (304 Birch Lane) from 9-11 am. Help knot quilts for people in need. We donate to the Street Angels in Milwaukee, Lap Robes(20) to Yankton, South Dakota, and local families. Any questions contact Char W.

MLHS BUILDING PRESENTATION—MLHS Building Our Future on Christ ministry campaign was presented here in our congregation 2 weeks ago, if you have any questions about the presentation or the MLHS Building Our Future presentation please call Ken Mack (920-374-0774).

EconoFoods - Tadych's Cares Program St. John - St. James Lutheran School recently received \$1,000 from the EconoFoods - Tadych's Cares Program. Thank you to everyone who continues to turn in their EconoFoods receipts to help support our school! Also, thank you to Audrey Duchow for her part in coordinating this great program! These funds will be used to upgrade our school technology. Keep saving those receipts and Best Choice barcodes!

Camp Bird for Lutherans Camp Bird for Lutherans will begin accepting registrations for their summer camp programs beginning May 1st. Please visit their website for all the details: <https://campbird.org/>.

School/Church Offices Closing Early—The School/Church Offices will be closing at noon on Friday, April 30th & Friday, May 7th.

SJSJ Camp Outing—The annual church/school camp outing held at Devil’s River Campground is being planned for July 9th-11th. If you would like a campsite for this year’s SJSJ Camp Outing, please contact Karie Robley by June 18th at 920-772- 4959 or email her at robley@tds.net.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR—The lovely flowers displayed on the altar on Sunday are given by our 2021 Confirmation Class. Congratulations Confirmation Class of 2021! Thank you so much for brightening our day!

Mission Boxes—The Lutheran Women’s Missionary Society mission boxes will be located at each entrance/exit the second weekend of each month. Monies have been designated by the LWMS to go toward East Asia Special Projects.

Congratulations Confirmation Class of 2021

Katie Lynn Behnke Parents—Doug Behnke & Sara Stecker

Kayla Lynn Bubolz Parents—Dean & Kay Bubolz

Kodie Alan Bubolz Parents—Dean & Kay Bubolz

Isabella Lynn Flores Parents—Jose Flores & Jenny & Jon Bubolz

Maya Suzanne Keil Parents—Scott & Jill Keil

Abigail Darlene Marohn Parents—Corey & Sarah Marohn

Megan Jean Robley Parents—David & Karie Robley

Gabriel David Stuebs Parents—Philip & Abby Stuebs

Frederick Paul Zimmerman IV Parents—Rick & Sarah Zimmerman

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD’S LOVE—April 19-25

Church Attendance: Thursday 6:30pm Service—36 ■ Sunday 8:00am—65, 10:15am—141, Total: 242 ■ Offerings—General Fund—\$ 8,966.02, Synod—\$ 1,014.00, MLHS—\$ 731.00, Total \$ 10,693.02 ■ Special Offerings—Building Fund—\$ 1,895.00 (needed each week \$2,312) ■ MLC Scholarship—\$450.00 ■ MLHS Scholarship—\$450.00 ■ Debt Retirement—\$ 15.00 ■ Basket Ball Uniforms—\$ 800.00 ■ Hymnals—\$ 800.00

