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## *March - April Newsletter*

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**Church/School Office Hours:**

Monday-Friday 7:30 am to 3:00 pm

**Sunday Worship—8:00 am and 10:15 am**

## *Serving You In April*

### Sunday, April 2, 2023 (Palm Sunday)

**8:00 am Ushers**—Mel Mangin, Tim Mangin, Jamie Mangin, Gary Waack  
**10:15 am Ushers**—Terry/Karen Prochnow, Randy/Sandy Waack, Fred Busse  
**Church Cleaners**—(4/3-4/16) Gary/Deb Bernhardt, Joe/Judy Hoyer  
**Flower Committee**—Suzanne Bubolz, Rebekah Bubolz

### Thursday, April 6, 2023 (Maundy Thursday)

**6:30 pm Ushers**— Gary Bernhardt, Dave Hoepfner, Randy Denor  
**Communion Set-Up/Take-Down**—Suzanne Bubolz, Amanda Schrubbe, Michaela Bubolz

### Friday, April 7, 2023 (Good Friday)

**3:15 pm Ushers**—Scott Bubolz, Brian/Susie Bubolz, Bill Voeltz

### Sunday, April 9, 2023 (Easter Sunday)

**6:00 am Ushers**—Gary Bernhardt, Dave Hoepfner, Randy Denor  
**8:00 am Ushers**—Mel Mangin, Tim Mangin, Jamie Mangin, Gary Waack  
**10:15 am Ushers**—Terry/Karen Prochnow, Randy/Sandy Waack, Fred Busse  
**Church Cleaners**—(4/3-4/16) Gary/Deb Bernhardt, Joe/Judy Hoyer  
**Flower Committee**—Suzanne Bubolz, Rebekah Bubolz

### Sunday, April 16, 2023

**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**—(4/17-4/30) Nancy Hillmann, Sarah Miller, Roger/Judy Hoida  
**Flower Committee**—Suzanne Bubolz, Rebekah Bubolz

### Sunday, April 23, 2023

**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**—(4/17-4/30) Nancy Hillmann, Sarah Miller, Roger/Judy Hoida  
**Flower Committee**—Suzanne Bubolz, Rebekah Bubolz

### Sunday, April 30, 2023

**8:00 am Ushers**—Dan/Jacob Bubolz, Gene Wagner, Eugene/Nathan Rosera, Jeff Doemel  
**10:15 am Ushers**—Glen Behnke, Roger Bubolz, Dan Bratz, Jim Bubolz, Alex Bubolz, James Kenneke  
**Church Cleaners**—(5/1-5/14) Yvonne Wenzlaff, Gail Denor  
**Flower Committee**—Suzanne Bubolz, Rebekah Bubolz  
**Communion Set-Up/Take-Down**—Suzanne Bubolz, Amanda Schrubbe, Michaela Bubolz

*Serving You in March*

**Wednesday, March 1, 2023**

**3:15 pm Ushers**—Volunteers Needed

**6:30 pm Ushers**—Scott Bubolz, Brian/Susie Bubolz, Bill Voeltz

**Sunday, March 5, 2023**

**8:00 am Ushers**—Dan Duchow, Jeff Herzog

**10:15 am Ushers**—Paul Kiekhaefer, John Brodtke, Jeremy Foytik, Delton/Nathan Kasten

**Church Cleaners**— (3/6-3/19) Adam/Melissa Bubolz, Andy/Rebekah Bubolz, Nick/Amanda Schrubbe, Ray/Suzanne Bubolz

**Flower Committee**—Joann Fischer, Sharie Mack

**Wednesday, March 8, 2023**

**3:15 pm Ushers**—Dave Hoida

**6:30 pm Ushers**—Jeff Schneider, Jellane Schneider, Arlie/Pat Olp

**Sunday, March 12, 2023**

**8:00 am Ushers**—Dan Duchow, Jeff Herzog

**10:15 am Ushers**—Paul Kiekhaefer, John Brodtke, Jeremy Foytik, Delton/Nathan Kasten

**Church Cleaners**— (3/6-3/19) Adam/Melissa Bubolz, Andy/Rebekah Bubolz, Nick/Amanda Schrubbe, Ray/Suzanne Bubolz

**Flower Committee**—Joann Fischer, Sharie Mack

**Communion Set-Up/Take-Down**—Karla Aden, Chantel Bastian, Joan Sheahan

**Wednesday, March 15, 2023**

**3:15 pm Ushers**—Dave Hoida

**6:30 pm Ushers**—Gary Bernhardt, Dave Hoepfner, Randy Denor

**Sunday, March 19, 2023**

**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/Jonathan Schrubbe

**Church Cleaners**—(3/20-4/2) Arlie/Pat Olp, Mary Fenlon

**Flower Committee**—Joann Fischer, Sharie Mack

**Wednesday, March 22, 2023**

**3:15 pm Ushers**—Dave Hoida

**6:30 pm Ushers**—Scott Bubolz, Brian/Susie Bubolz, Bill Voeltz

**Sunday, March 26, 2023**

**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/Jonathan Schrubbe

**Church Cleaners**—(3/20-4/2) Arlie/Pat Olp, Mary Fenlon

**Flower Committee**—Joann Fischer, Sharie Mack

**Communion Set-Up/Take-Down**—Karla Aden, Chantel Bastian, Joan Sheahan

**Wednesday, March 29, 2023**

**3:15 pm Ushers**—Volunteers Needed

**6:30 pm Ushers**—Jeff Schneider, Jellane Schneider, Arlie/Pat Olp

### Special Services in March



- ◆ Wednesday, March 1st-Midweek Services at 3:15 and 6:30 pm.
- ◆ Wednesday, March 8th-Midweek Services at 3:15 and 6:30 pm.
- ◆ Wednesday, March 15th-Midweek Services at 3:15 and 6:30 pm.
- ◆ Wednesday, March 22nd-Midweek Services at 3:15 and 6:30 pm.
- ◆ Wednesday, March 29th-Midweek Services at 3:15 and 6:30 pm.



### Special Services in April

- ◆ Thursday, April 6th-Maundy Thursday Communion Service at 6:30 pm.
- ◆ Friday, April 7th-Good Friday Communion Services at 3:15 pm.
- ◆ Sunday, April 9th-Easter Sunrise Song Service at 6:00 am.
- ◆ Sunday, April 9th-Easter Sunday-no communion at any of the 3 services.
- ◆ Sunday, April 23rd-Lancer Singer Services at 8:00 and 10:15 am.



### Murder Mystery Party Game


March 25 at 6:00 P.M.



A fun night for ADULTS, hosted in the commons, by the Evangelism Committee. Please sign-up on the sheet in the west office in back of church. Included on the sign-up sheet is a spot to sign up if you wish to bring a snack. Please sign-up by March 19. Come enjoy some fellowship and see if you can solve the fun mystery!

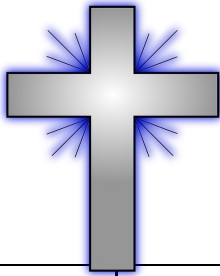





# April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○8:00 am Palm Sunday Service</li> <li>○9:05 am Sunday School, CREW, Bible Class</li> <li>○10:15 am Palm Sunday Service w/ Gr 3K-8 and Sunday School Singing</li> <li>○Easter Egg Hunt @ 11:30</li> </ul>				Maundy Thursday Service @ 6:30 pm *Communion*	Good Friday Services @ 3:15 pm *Communion*  No School	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○6:00 am Sunrise Song Service</li> <li>○8:00 am Easter Sunday Service</li> <li>○9:05 am Sunday School, CREW, Bible Class</li> <li>○10:15 am Easter Sunday Service</li> </ul>	Church Council Meeting @ 6:30 pm  No School	No School	No School	No School	No School	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○8:00 am Worship Service</li> <li>○9:05 am Sunday School, CREW, Bible Class</li> <li>○10:15 am Worship Service</li> </ul>	Family Game Night @ 6:00 pm 				LLS Music Festival @ MLHS	LLS Academic Fair @ MLHS
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
MLHS Lancer Singers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○8:00 am Service</li> <li>○9:05 am Sunday School, CREW, Bible Class</li> <li>○10:15 am Service</li> </ul>				 Spring Spotlight @ 6:00 pm		
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○8:00 am Communion Service</li> <li>○9:05 am Sunday School, CREW, Bible Class</li> <li>○10:15 am Communion Service</li> </ul>						

\*There will be no communion on Easter Sunday, but we will offer communion on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday.

# March 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tues- day	Wednesday	Thurs- day	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
			Gr. 3K-5K Sing @ 3:15 Lenten Service 4:30-6:00 pm Lenten Meal 6:30 pm Lenten Service			
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
8:00 am MESSENGERS Service 9:05 am Sunday School, CREW 9:05 am Everyone Outreach Gathering 10:15 am MESSENGERS Service	CEC Meeting @ 6:00 Worship Committee Meeting @ 5:30 pm Strategic Planning Meeting @ 6:30 pm		Gr. 1-2 Sing @ 3:15 Lenten Service 4:30-6:00 pm Lenten Meal 6:30 pm Lenten Service			
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
8:00 am Communion Service 9:05 am Sunday School, CREW, Bible Class 10:15 am Communion Service Daylight Savings	6:30 pm Church Council Meeting Parent Transport	Parent Transport	Gr. 3-5 Sing @ 3:15 Lenten Service 4:30-6:00 pm Lenten Meal 6:30 pm Lenten Service Parent Transport	Parent Transport	St. Patrick's Day End of 3rd Quarter Parent Transport	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
8:00 am Worship Service 9:05 am Sunday School, CREW, Bible Class 10:15 am Worship Service	Ladies Aid Meeting @ 4:00 pm in the Commons		Gr. 6-8 Sing @ 3:15 Lenten Service 4:30-6:00 pm Lenten Meal 6:30 pm Lenten Service			Murder Mystery @ 6:00pm
26	27	28	29	30	31	
8:00 am Communion Service 9:05 am Sunday School, CREW, Bible Class 10:15 am Communion Service			3:15 Lenten Service 4:30-6:00 pm Lenten Meal 6:30 pm Lenten Service			

# Worship Committee News

Usher Volunteers- We are in need of ushers for the 3:15 midweek Lenten services. Please check the sign up sheet located in the west office for dates that are open.

Good Friday Service- Good Friday Day service will take place at 3:15 pm

MLHS Sunday- The MLHS student Lancers will lead our worship on April 23rd at 8:00 and 10:15 services.

Volunteer needed – for AV booth coordinator. Coordinator will be responsible for managing and coordinating a schedule to cover the AV booth for our weekly services. More details to anyone interested, please contact Randy Denor at [rdenor@stjohnstjames.com](mailto:rdenor@stjohnstjames.com)

~Randy Denor / Worship Chair

## Ladies Aid

- ♥ There will be a Ladies Aid meeting held on March 20, at 4:00 pm in the commons.
- ♥ Ladies Aid will be serving the Lenten Meal on March 29th.

## LENTEN MEALS

February 22 (Ash Wednesday)—SJSJ Praise Choir is serving from 4:30-6:00 pm.

March 1—SJSJ PTO will be serving a casseroles from 4:30-6:00 pm.

March 8—Dartball League will serve a chili dump from 4:30-6:00 pm.

March 15—SJSJ Praise Choir is serving from 4:30-6:00 pm.

March 22—SJSJ Faculty will be serving from 4:30-6:00 pm.

March 29—Ladies Aid will be serving chili from 4:30-6:00 pm.

**Thank you to everyone who has signed up to help with these meals. We couldn't do it without you!**



## Lutheran Women's Missionary Society

- ♥ The LWMS Shoreline Circuit Spring Rally will be held on Saturday, April 29th at Trinity, Brillion. Registration begins at 8:00 am with breakfast items. The welcome with devotion will start at 9:00. The featured speaker is Pastor Dan Sims of Christian Aid and Relief (formerly pastor at Immanuel, Manitowoc).
- ♥ The 2023 LWMS Annual Convention will be held in La Crosse, WI on June 22-25. It is the 60th Anniversary of our LWMS Conventions. The theme of the convention is Peace Like A River Isaiah 66:12. Please go to [60.lwms.org](http://60.lwms.org) for more details. Early bird registrations must be postmarked by April 1st. Registrations will be accepted after that date but will cost more.
- ♥ Befriend A Mission  
We have received our new BAM assignments.
  1. World Mission Field: Rev. Wei Zhao, 967 Prairie Circle E, Eagan, MN 55123-1632.
  2. Home Mission Field: Rev. Cale Mead, 159 Holly Mill Village Drive, Canton, GA 30114
  3. Home Mission Field: Living Hope Ev. Lutheran Church -Chattanooga c/o Rev. Eric Melso, 6144 Veronica Drive, Ooltewah, TN 37363

Please pray for our assigned missions, missionaries, and their families.

Watch the bulletin announcements for the date of our annual door collection in support of our Befriend A Missions.



### **Beyond Everyone Outreach – Fellowship of Souls**

Our next gathering for Everyone Outreach will be Sunday March 5th .

It will be held between Services. We will review the Workshop Ideas, add any new or additional thoughts and ask for any Feedback.

We invite EVERYONE to attend, even if you were not able to attend the

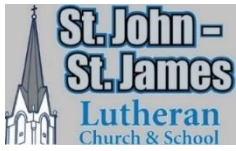
Everyone Outreach Workshop. All are welcome to Learn what We

Experienced, Participate in Discussion and Contribute any Ideas and Thoughts

for Your Church. Beyond Everyone Outreach—It's for Us All.

**Save the Date!! All are Welcome!! Get Involved!!**





## Presidents Report February 2023

Leadership – What does God tell us about it?

*Luke 22:26 ...But you are not to be like that. Instead, the greatest among you should be like the youngest, and one who rules like the one who serves.*

*Philippians 2:3 ...Do nothing out of self ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourself.*

Since I was nominated and now elected as the president of the church council, I have been praying that God would guide me and find me worthy to serve in this important role you have entrusted me with. I am blessed in so many ways and give thanks to God for everything that I have, for it is all a gift from him alone. I know He has a plan for each and everyone of us and I know he will be by my side always. We have the blessing of our entire council of strong leaders supporting our mission here at St. John St. James and together we accept the important work you the members have chosen for us to do. Thank you for your faith in us as leaders and your faith in our Lord and Savior, Christ Jesus, in who's name we pray. Amen

1. **Church Officials Installed** - **President**, Gary Bernhardt; **Administrative Secretary**, Jesse Christensen; **Treasurer**, Rod Bubolz; **Secretary**, Randy Waack; **Charities Treasurer**, Arlie Olp; **Elders**, Brian Bubolz; **Evangelism**, Corey Marohn; **Spiritual Growth**, Jeff Schneider; **CEC**, Nick Schrubbe; **Building and Grounds**, James Kiesow; **Worship Committee**, Randy Denor **Stewardship**, Scott Skinkis. **God Bless you for your willingness to serve his Kingdom.**
2. **Thank you!** – Dan Duchow is stepping down this year after serving as President the past 7 ½ years. What a blessing and a privilege it has been to have him oversee the ministry here at St. John St. James. Please take time to Thank Dan (and Audrey) for their dedication and passion for their LORD.
3. **Thank you!** – To our other Council members stepping down year – Jeff Doemel, Treasurer – Shawn Behnke, CEC. Thank You for your service to our LORD and His ministry!
4. **Called - Rev. and Mrs. Matt Minzlaff** have been called to serve as our second pastor and 75% teacher. Currently serving at Immanuel, S. Lyon, MI and at Peace, Livonia
5. **Called - Mr. Timothy Zunker** has been called to serve as our teacher and AD. Currently serving at Faith, Fond du Lac, WI
6. **Music stage** - Special Music stage plans (without a wall) were approved by the voters. A committee has been formed to look at replacing the flooring for all of the steps vs. just the stage flooring. They will come back with estimates.
7. **Heating system update** -The system is installed and the billing has been submitted. Funds are in place and designated to cover the entire cost! The cost came in lower than forecasted due to the generosity of our members. Thank you to everyone who supported this important and necessary project!
8. **Church carpet** - will be cleaned on March 21<sup>st</sup> and will include the Early Childhood room, Pastor's office and Choir/Meeting room. We will not clean between pews, which was done last year.
9. **Joan Sheahan** - has agreed to help out with some of the church administrative duties which will free up Katie Janssen to help with some of the school administrative duties that Amanda Schrubbe currently does. Thank you all for your services!
10. **MLHS Scholarship Campaign** – We will have a campaign to raise funds for our MLC and MLHS students again this year. The synod will match \$1,325 for each of our students so our goal will be to raise at least that much.

Gary Bernhardt,  
Church President



## PURPLE CHRISTIANS

What would happen if, one day, every Christian in St. John-St. James suddenly turned bright purple? The entire population would be in shock, that's what—and not just because suddenly all kinds of purple people were walking around. A much bigger surprise would occur when people noticed who had changed color, and who hadn't.

Lots of ordinary people who never seemed very "religious" would suddenly not look ordinary at all. On the other hand, many professing "Christians," perhaps even regular church-goers, would be completely unchanged.

That's because calling yourself a Christian doesn't make you one. Holding membership in a church somewhere doesn't make you a Christian either. Having your name on a roster doesn't change a person's heart any more than putting your name in to make a reservation changes your need for food.

There'd be another surprise. If all real Christians turned purple, many people who never struck you as very "saintly" would instantly appear a rich, deep violet. On the other hand, many kind, generous people would be completely unchanged.

Why is that? Because "Christian" and "good person" are not synonyms. "Good people" are "good" for all kinds of reasons. Of course, Christians are taught to be good, too—but the essence of their Christianity lies elsewhere.

The essence of being a Christian is not including your name on a list or calling yourself by that name. The essence of being a Christian is believing in Jesus Christ as your Savior. And within a community or a family (or a church), there will be some who have that faith in Jesus, and some who do not. How can you be sure who's who? Right now, you can't. Unless you can see into the hearts of others and what they believe (and only God can do that), telling the real Christians from the fakers is tricky business.

So if you want to meet some real Christians, what do you look for? Don't look for who's the busiest at church, or who makes the most noise about how "Christian" they are. Don't necessarily look for who seems the kindest or happiest, either.

Actually, your best bet is not to look at the "Christians" at all. Look for what it is that makes people Christian. Look for the Gospel message.

In other words, look for the good news of God's forgiveness in Christ. That message is "the power of God for the salvation of all who believe" (Romans 1:17). The Gospel is what conquers people's hearts and turns them into Christians. Of course, that doesn't happen in every heart. And hearts can be changed, and changed again (The Bible says we can come to faith through the Holy Spirit and later lose our faith through our own choices.). But where you find that message, you'll find real Christians—even if you can't be sure who they are.

Literally it is the Gospel that makes us Christians (and keeps us Christians). That is why Christians love the Gospel. Christians desire to hear the Gospel (Who doesn't want to hear about forgiveness, God's love, and His gift of heaven that awaits us?). The season of Lent offers us a special opportunity to hear that Gospel message more often and perhaps more clearly as we see Jesus' depth of love and dedication to saving us. Best of all: find that message, and you'll find what you yourself desperately need. You'll find what your own faith needs to grow strong. And finally, that's what is important.

Because no, all Christians are not going to turn purple one day. But one day, suddenly, they will all stand out just as clearly as if they had. There will be surprises—both pleasant and unpleasant. And I wouldn't be caught without my faith on that day for anything.

I pray that you are taking care of your faith. And I pray that you are taking advantage of the special opportunity that Lent offers to hear and share the Gospel. You see, ultimately, figuring out whether you're faking your Christianity isn't my business (or yours). Being sure that I'm not faking mine, is.