



## **ST. JOHN'S WEEKLY NEWS: Week of April 4, 2010**

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# *Christ Is Risen!*

*Please join us for Easter Sunday Brunch*

**Served Sunday, April 4, from 6:30 AM to Noon in the Fellowship Hall.**

**Next Weekend, April 10/11**

**Sermon: "Did You Miss Easter? The Story of Thomas"**

Pastor Knight Wells, preaching

**Roasted Chicken Carry-out Dinner**

*Let Work Camp Provide Dinner for You!*

**Thursday, April 22, 4:45-7:00 PM, Fellowship Hall entrance**

Tickets for this final 2010 Work Camp fundraiser are now on sale at the church office.

\$8/ticket includes a 1/2 roaster chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn and a dinner roll, made fresh and packaged to order with curbside service.

**Women's Salad Supper**

**Thursday, April 29, 6:15 PM, Parish Life Center**

See page 8 of the April Eagle for more information.

**Closed: Monday, April 5**

The offices of St. John's will be closed on Monday, April 5.

## Prayers & Blessings

*Submit prayer announcements to the church office, fill out a blue Prayer Request card located at Welcome Centers, or visit St. John's web site and click on "Need Prayer?"*

### Keep in prayer...

Russell Starkey, Janet Klinzing, Janet Erickson, Lanette Tommerdahl, Curt Fink, Muriel Heit, Bruce Bertsche, Cheryl Kelley, Lorene Anderson, Tim Reedy, Dev Gordon, Ernie Swartz

### Condolences to...

Bruce and Jan Bertsche as they mourn the death of Jan's father, Alfred Carls.

Dan and Toni Wudtke as they mourn the death of Dan's mother.

### Baptized...

Brody David Simons son of Jake and Tracy Simons

### Prayers for those in the Military:

Ben and Drew Mueller, Dave Lehr, Jeff Kaiser, Kelly Jacobs, Erik David Petersen, Andrew Roberts, Shawn Willis, Matthew Ormond, Caleb Ploense

### Altar Flowers Given...

In loving memory of Leola Pietrowiak, given by her husband Ben In loving memory of Kaitlyn Therman, given by her family.

## This Weekend

**Saturday Evening Fellowship Group - Saturday, April 3, 6:15 PM, Kep's Country Kitchen. No reservations required.**

## This Week

**The Emmaus Group Volunteer Day - Monday, April 5, 6:30-8:30 PM, Western Avenue Community Center Teen Club. Meet at the Community Center at 6:30 PM to help with dinner preparation and serving. After dinner we will lead activities for the teens. All 20's & 30's of St. John's – single, married, married with children – are invited to be a part of this new ministry! Contact info: Laura A'Hearn, [laurakahearn@gmail.com](mailto:laurakahearn@gmail.com) or Steve Terry in the church office.**

**St. John's Quilters - Tuesday, April 6, 9:30 AM, Fellowship Hall. Come any time between 9:30 and 11:30 AM. If you can tie a knot or straight pin the edge of a quilt, we can use your help. Also needed are home sewers to zig zag the pinned edges of the quilts. Contact info: Florence Conway, 663-6058. Next Quilters date: April 13.**

**Kaffehuset - Wednesday, April 7, fellowship at 10:00 AM, program begins at 10:30 AM, Fellowship Hall, "A Musical Program," presented by Emma Rhine, Illinois Wesleyan University.**

**Men's Bible Study - Friday mornings, 7:00 AM, Room 421. All men are welcome!**

**Friday Night Faith Club for Women - Friday, April 9, 6:30 PM, Dining Room. Topic: Discussion of the award-winning documentary "Pray the Devil Back to Hell" about the Liberian Women's movement for peace, featuring Lutheran leader Leymah Gwobee. For women of all ages. Join us for an evening of study, sisterhood, and spirituality.**

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**Elizabeth Circle - Tuesday, April 6, 1:00 PM, Westminster Village. Leader: Joan Gentes.**

**Rachel Circle - Tuesday, April 6, 7:00 PM, home of Marilyn Garrett, 2705 Wellington Way, Bloomington, 662-9999 (please RSVP). Leader: Cheryl Spaid, Chapter 5 in *Better Than My Dreams*.**

**Sarah Circle - Please note the change in date: Thursday, April 8, 1:00 PM, Dennis home, 505 Whispering Pines, Normal (map will be sent). Hostesses: Shirley Moriarity and Marge Swanberg. Leader: Joyce Niemi, Chapter 5 of *Women of the New Testament*, "The Canaanite Woman."**

**Abigail Circle - Please note the change in date: Monday, April 12, 7:00 PM, Dining Room. Hostesses: Anita Addicks and Carolyn Smith. Leader: Margene Taylor, Chapter 4.**

## Looking Ahead

**New Class Begins! "Missions Bible Study" - Sundays, beginning April 11, 11 weeks, 10:15 AM, Adult Discipleship Rooms (364/365).**

**Lunch Bunch - Sunday, April 11, 11:30 AM, C.J.'s Restaurant, 2901 E. Empire, Bloomington, Dutch treat lunch and fellowship. Lunch Bunch meets every second Sunday of the month and is for St. John's singles 60 and over who enjoy meeting new people, making new friends and dining out. Reservations are due to Irene Niccum (888-4530) by Noon, Saturday, April 10.**

**Telecare - Tuesday, April 13, 6:30 PM (First Team), 7:30 PM (Second Team), Room 421, Linda Patterson, Coordinator.**

**Red Cross Blood Drive - Saturday, April 17, 8:00 AM - Noon, Fellowship Hall. To schedule an appointment call Lynn Carpenter, (309) 663-9345; call**

the church office; sign up at Welcome Centers; or visit [www.2.givebloodgivelife.org](http://www.2.givebloodgivelife.org) and choose "Schedule Appointment"--be sure to include your phone # and email address! Be sure to bring your photo ID to your appointment! Contact info for questions like "Am I eligible to give?" to the Red Cross at (800) GIVE-LIFE (800-448-3543).

**Spring Grounds Clean Up** - Saturday, April 24, 9:00 AM - Noon. If you have an hour or so to spare, bring a friend and help us rake leaves, pick up sticks, mulch, and trim. Please bring any landscaping tools you have. Needed are: rakes, wheelbarrows, shovels, pruning shears, hedge trimmers, extension cords, buckets and window washing supplies. Please sign up with Sandy in the church office.

**Primetimers "Get Your Game On" Night** - Saturday, April 24, 6:30 PM, Fellowship Hall. RSVP by Wednesday, April 21 to Russ and Joan Higgins at 452-4595.

## Servant Opportunities

**Coffee Help Still Needed** for May 16. Contact info: Susan Mason, 662-3597.

**Saturday Evening Service Lectors Needed** - Contact Jan Dosen, 662-0166 to help.

**Mission Ecuador 2010** - NEEDED: prayer, provision and participation. Prayer is needed to cover all phases of the planning and preparation for this mission journey. Provision of funds is needed through our "Buy a Brick, Build a Church" campaign to help purchase supplies for the building process. Participants for the Ecuador 2010 team are needed. For more information and to help in any way or to join Team Ecuador 2010, contact Jan Pritts, (309) 665-0440, [janpritts@aol.com](mailto:janpritts@aol.com), or Bob Hinshaw (309) 663-7420, [rghinshaw@comcast.net](mailto:rghinshaw@comcast.net).

### Ongoing Collections

- **Used Eyeglasses** - Drop off your old or unwanted readers, prescription glasses or sunglasses, or lenses to the church office. Broken frames are also welcome.
- **Used Cell Phones** - Drop off phones and accessories in any condition (working or not), to the church office. Proceeds support Open Door Mission projects.
- **Batteries** - Drop old batteries into the plastic jar on either Welcome Center.
- **Aluminum Cans** - Bring your cans in securely tied plastic bags, crushed if possible, and place them in the container next to the church garage. Or, take them

directly to Morris Tick--you must mention that the cans are for the "St. John's Lutheran Church Open Door Missions account." Proceeds support Open Door Mission projects.

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**Community Servant Opportunity: Faith In Action Training** - Tuesday, April 13, 5:00 PM, Faith in Action office, 410 N. Prairie Street, Bloomington. Training lasts approximately 2 hours. Faith in Action consists of volunteers who help our senior citizens maintain their independence by providing non-medical support. For more info and to register call 827-7780. The St. John's liason is Tim Terry, (309) 530-7297, [kterry@hughes.net](mailto:kterry@hughes.net). *Next training date: Thursday, May 13, 9:30 AM.*

## Updates & Miscellaneous

**Needed: Volunteer-Congregational Advocate for St. John's and Thrivent** - Thrivent is changing their program to a member-directed charitable grant program. We are looking for a volunteer (Thrivent estimates 5 hours/month) who will connect with Thrivent Financial members, congregation members and congregation leaders. Contact info: Terry Stombaugh in the church office.

**Noah's Ark Preschool Board Member Needed** - Noah's Ark Preschool Board is in need of a few members with a heart to serve families with young children. Contact info: Wendy Iverson at 828-1974.

**Mens' Church League Softball Sign Up** - Sign up *by Thursday, April 15*. For men ages 16-80, any skill level. We play Tuesday nights for one hour April 27 thru August. Call Alan Martell to sign up: 378-4200 (daytime), 378-2700 (evenings).

**Lutheran Men in Mission (LMM) Retreat** - April 16-17, Brookfield, Wisconsin. LMM is an organization focused on men's ministry in the ELCA. Regional gathering featuring speakers Doug Haugen (executive director, LMIM) and Ralph Mierow (Fellowship of Christian Athletes). Contact info: Pastor Dave in the church office.

**Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (LSSI)** - Wednesday, April 21. If you would like to help organize a carpool from your part of the state to Lutheran Day, contact Steve Taylor, [stephen.taylor@lssi.org](mailto:stephen.taylor@lssi.org).

**Summer camps at LOMC** - Visit [www.lomc.org](http://www.lomc.org) to download their 2010 summer program flyer and see camps for kids, youth and adults.

# Adult Discipleship at St. John's--Everyone Is Welcome!

## Wednesday Evening Exodus Study

Topic	Adult Discipleship Rooms (364/365)	Wednesdays 6:30 PM
Let My People Go! How Does God Lead and Provide for the Needs of All? <i>Exodus 14:19 - 15:1, 16:11-15</i>		Apr 7
Laying Down the Law: What Does God Expect from Us? <i>Exodus 20:1-21</i>		Apr 14
Don't Have a Cow! How Does God Deal with Those Who Fail to Meet Expectations? <i>Exodus 32:1-20, 30-35</i>		Apr 21

## Children & Youth

**Camp45 registration has started** for the June 11-13 trip and is open to all current 3rd and 4th graders. Visit [www.camp45.org](http://www.camp45.org) for more information or to download a registration form. Registration forms are also available in the red brochure rack in the Atrium.

## Sr. High

*Sr. High contact info: Steve in the church office or [steve@stjohnsbloomington.org](mailto:steve@stjohnsbloomington.org).*

**Work Camp 2010 has TWO spots available.** Sign up with Steve in the church office ASAP.

**Faith 404** - Sunday, April 18, 2:00-4:00 PM. All graduating seniors and their parents are invited to an afternoon of exploring and sharing at the new Faith 404. We will be revisiting Faith 101 when they were freshmen and have presentations by Cindy Musick and one of the college students about faith after high school. This is a great way to begin preparing and celebrating your graduating teen.

## April Adult Discipleship Classes on Sundays

“Earthkeeping,” exploring the connection between our Christian faith and the environment. Is caring for the environment a Christian mandate? What's our relationship to the rest of the created world? What does the Bible have to say about the earth?

### Adult Discipleship Rooms (364/365), 9:15 AM.

**Sunday, April 11** - Earthkeeping #1: Rediscovering our place in creation

**Sunday, April 18** - Earthkeeping #2: God's presence fills all creation

**Sunday, April 25** - Earthkeeping #3: Biblical foundations

**Sundays during May** - No class--May Break



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