



## ST. JOHN'S WEEKLY NEWS: Week of April 11, 2010

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# Christ Is Risen!

## St. John's Music Series Presents...

The 33rd Illinois Volunteer Regiment Band

Sunday, April 18, 3:00 PM, Sanctuary

Please join us for the Music Series' last program of the season. Members of the band wear uniforms authentic to the 1860's and play the same type instruments as those used by the bands of that era. They perform for civic and school events, parades and re-enactments throughout the Midwest. A reception will follow and will allow time to see these interesting band instruments up close. *This is a program for the whole family--it is free and open to the public, so invite a neighbor or friend and join us!*

## Roasted Chicken Carry-out Dinner

*Let Work Camp Provide Dinner for You!*

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

Tickets will be sold after worship services this weekend and next weekend (April 10/11 and April 17/18). During the week, tickets may be purchased at the church office. *Please support this final Work Camp 2010 fundraiser!*

\$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.

## Ladies' Spring Salad Supper Potluck

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

Guest speaker: Alice Craig, "Artistic Memories by Alice." As the audience views her drawings, she candidly shares the stories that helped birth each of her illustrations and discloses what God has been and is teaching her through both the difficult times as well as the humorous times in her role as woman, wife, and mother.

*Please join us!* Bring your mother, aunt, daughter, grandma, sister, cousin, or friend. Enjoy an evening of food and fellowship. Bring a dish to share for the meal. Sign up at Welcome Centers so we are sure to save a place for you, or call the church office.



## 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...

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

### Condolences to...

Janet Starkey and June Tapke following the death of Russell Starkey.  
Ed Cronic following the death of his wife, Claire Cronic.

### 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 memory of Dorothy Olson, given by her family.

## This Weekend

**Saturday Evening Fellowship Group - Saturday, April 10, 6:15 PM, Kep's Country Kitchen. No reservations required.**

## This Week

**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.

**St. John's Quilters** - Tuesday, April 13, 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 27.

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

**Kaffehuset** - Wednesday, April 14, fellowship at 10:00 AM, program begins at 10:30 AM, Fellowship Hall, "Path Crisis Center" presented by Kathryn Johnson.

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

**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).

## Looking Ahead

**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.

**Blood Pressure Screening** - Saturday, April 24 (every 4th Saturday of the month), 4:30 PM, Atrium. Screenings will continue after the SES service as needed. The next screening will be on Sunday, May 2 (every 1st Sunday of the month) at 9:00 AM on the Balcony.

**Primetimers "Get Your Game On" Night** - Saturday, April 24, 6:15 PM, Fellowship Hall. RSVP by Wednesday, April 21 to Russ and Joan Higgins at 452-4595.

## Servant Opportunities

**One-Day Local Mission Trip to Butler, IL** - Friday, April 16, van trip to Butler, IL to help sort and pack Christian materials. Meet in St. John's south parking lot at 7:00 AM, return by 5:30 PM. No cost, but be sure to bring a sack lunch. Sign up with Tanja in the church office by Wednesday, April 14 ([tanja@stjohnsbloomington.org](mailto:tanja@stjohnsbloomington.org)).

You can also help by donating Christian materials: gather up old devotionals, Bibles and other Christian materials and deposit them any time in the designated red-bowed "garbage cans" at Welcome Centers.

**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).

**Church Mouse Needed** - A dedicated group of volunteers called “Church Mice” replenish pew supplies. They are in need of an extra volunteer or two. They meet every 3rd Tuesday at 8:30 AM for about an hour. Interested? Contact Gudrun in the church office.

**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.

### **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.

## **Miscellaneous & Reminders**

**Transportation** is provided to the 10:15 AM worship services every Sunday. Call the church office no later than Noon the preceding Friday.

**Home communion is available for shut-ins.** Contact Pastor Reents in the church office.

**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).

**“The Lutheran”**: For those with computer access, you may view it online at [www.thelutheran.org](http://www.thelutheran.org). Use the following to access our online membership. Login: stjohsbloomington. Password: lutheran.

**Lutheran Day** - 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.

## **Thank You**

**Thank you** to St. John’s members for making a huge difference in Bloomington-Normal by donating 3114 items to the Clare House Food Pantry. Thank you to everyone who participated and supported this important outreach ministry!

**The Parish Life Committee would like to thank** everyone who donated baked goods or helped in any way with Easter Brunch.

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

## April Adult Discipleship Classes on Sundays Adult Discipleship Rooms (364/365)

### 9:15 AM

“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?

*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

*Sunday, May 16* - Forum: Sunday Morning Scheduling

### 10:15 AM

**New Class Begins This Weekend! “Missions Bible Study”** - Beginning April 11. Led by Open Door Missions members, this Bible study focuses on mission, multi-culturalism, and God's compassion.

## Sunday Adult Forum, 9:05 AM, Adult Discipleship Rooms (364/365)

(see schedule at left)

## Wednesday Night Pastors' Bible Study, 6:30 PM, Adult Discipleship Rooms (364/365)

(see schedule below)

## Thursday Morning Seniors' Bible Study, 9:30 AM, Fellowship Hall

*Apr 15* - “Do You Love Me?” (John 21:1-19)

*Apr 22* - “I and the Father Are One” (John 10:22-30)

*Apr 29* - “A New Commandment” (John 13:31-35)

## **Wednesday Evening Exodus Study**

**Wednesdays, 6:30 PM**

**Adult Discipleship Rooms (364/365)**

**Apr 14:** Laying Down the Law: What Does God Expect from Us? (Exodus 20:1-21)

**Apr 21:** Don't Have a Cow! How Does God Deal with Those Who Fail to Meet Expectations? (Exodus 32:1-20, 30-35)

## **Jr. High**

“**Money Matters**” **Jr. High Event** - Sunday, April 18, 2:00-3:30 PM, Adult Discipleship Rooms (364/365). Sponsored by Thrivent, this interactive, values-based workshop is designed to help parents teach their teens about money, values and choices. For all parent(s) and their 6-8th grader. Sign up online at [www.stjohnsjrhigh.org](http://www.stjohnsjrhigh.org).

## **Sr. High**

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

**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.

## **Child & Youth Christian Education**

### Children - Joy Zone Children's Ministries

9:00 and 10:15 AM sessions, Noah's Ark

Led by Joy Zone Team Leaders

**Early Childhood Program** (age 2 through Kindergarten)

*Bible Story:* Doubting Thomas (John 20:19-31)

*Lesson Focus:* We can believe in Jesus!

**Elementary Program** (1st through 5th grades)

*Virtue:* Friendship: spending time with someone you trust and enjoy.

*Memory Verse:* “A friend loves at all times. He is there to help when trouble comes.” (Proverbs 17: 17, NIrV)

*Bible Story:* Keepin It Real (Jesus appears to Thomas)

*Bottom Line:* A true friend will help you believe.

**Jr. High:** Genesis (6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade), meets weekly, 10:15 AM, Room 200, led by Rob Gieraltowski. **No registration needed--join us any time!**

**Sr. High:** Extreme Faith Bible Study, meets weekly, 9:15-10:00 AM, Chapel