

APRIL 20/21, 2024



ST. JOHN'S WEEKLY NEWS

PRAYER

Workshop

Wednesday, May 1
6:30-8 PM
Worship Center

Do you desire to have a more vibrant and rich prayer life?

You're invited to an interactive prayer workshop, designed for junior and senior high youth and adults.

Contact Gudrun, gudrun@stjblm.org
or (309) 827-6121 ext. 214,
for more information.

Register for this workshop at
www.bit.ly/SJ_PrayerWorkshop

From Pastor Lyn



confrontation: *a situation in which people, groups, etc., fight, oppose, or challenge each other in an angry way*

In today's scripture lesson from Acts, we hear about confrontation between two groups of people. The first group of people were the Sadducees. The second group of people were the Apostles of Jesus. New ideas were being expressed that threatened the traditional ideas. Those in power were being challenged to look at a new belief system. And anger resulted.

Confrontation is inevitable as ideas, systems, institutions and even our own hearts begin to change. Is there anyone who enjoys confrontation? Did Jesus ever confront others? Yes... when those in power prevented people without power to live in love, with respect and wholeness.

As Christians, sometimes we are called to speak up, or confront others in Christ's name, with the boldness of the Holy Spirit as our guide. It takes much prayer, listening, reflecting on God's word and being a part of a community to truly speak out in Jesus' name. On behalf of whom do we need to confront power? We also realize that we may be the ones in power!! And how does this fit with our mission to give, grow, worship and love? Complicated questions...

This weekend we will receive new members into our community of Jesus here at St. John's. As we seek to welcome them—may we accept new ideas, new ways of expression that keep us all asking questions, listening, and obeying Jesus as we love our neighbors. May we be open to what gifts and energies they bring to us.

And may God continue to urge us all to examine our call as the family of God.

Next Weekend

Life Stories, Hearing/Telling—Acts 8:26-40

WORSHIP *gather, praise, pray*

Regular Worship Times

Saturdays, 5 PM / Sundays, 8:30 and 10:30 AM

All worship services are also live-streamed on our Facebook page and YouTube channel (click on the LIVE tab for the latest videos).

LOVE *welcome, care, and share*

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Monday, April 15, 1:30 PM, Gathering Area

If you like to knit or crochet, come to a Prayer Shawl gathering. Enjoy a time of fellowship while creating prayer shawls, prayer squares or chemo caps for St. John's members, cancer centers, etc. New members are always welcome. For more information, contact Lynda Bogue, lsbogue@ilstu.edu or (309) 532-2083.

Pickleball at St. John's

Thursday mornings, 9 AM, Parish Life Center

Interested in playing Pickleball? All skills levels are welcome. Please contact Chris Magnuson, cmagnuson26@yahoo.com or (309) 826-1619, for more information.

CPR Courses Offered at St. John's

Saturday, April 27, Junior High Room

- BLS Renewal 11:30 AM–1:45 PM (for healthcare providers)—\$65
- Heartsaver 3–5:30 PM (for non-healthcare providers)—\$65

Tuesday, April 30, Junior High Room

- BLS Renewal 10:30 AM–1PM (for healthcare providers)—\$65
- BLS Renewal 2–5 PM (traditional course)—\$65

St. John's members receive a 20% discount. Please contact Michelle Brown, michelleabrown1985@gmail.com, to register or for more information.

St. John's Book Club

Monday, April 29, 1–2:30 PM, Room 179

The group will discuss *The Canary Girls* by Jennifer Chiaverini. The book for May will be *Iona Iverson's Rules for Commuting* by Claire Pooley.

Volunteer TRAINING SESSION

Sunday, April 28, 9:30 AM

Is God calling you to step out and serve? If you would like to help in worship, plan to attend this one-hour session for Guest Services, covering the basics for serving as a Communion Assistant, Usher, Hospitality/Greeter, Lector, and Technology Booth and Coffee Volunteers.

Please register to attend at

www.bit.ly/STJVolunteerTrainingEvent.



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Wednesday, May 1, 10 AM Refreshments, Fellowship Hall*

All are welcome—young and not-so-young, members and guests. This month Sherri Lewis (Director), Megan Thoennes and Anya Mekuria (Teachers), Noah's Ark Early Learning Preschool and Noah's Ark children, will share the history of the preschool. How many years has Noah's Ark been helping preschoolers learn? How many classrooms and number of children have they served? These and other questions will be answered, along with a few surprises! *The program will begin promptly at 10:15 AM due to the children's 10:50 AM dismissal time. Sherri will remain to share more information and answer questions.

GROW *learn, discover, and equip*

Weekend Adult Studies

Saturdays, 4:05-4:55 PM, Gathering Area—discuss weekly scripture lessons

Sunday mornings, 9:30-10:30 AM

Lectionary Study, Loft—discuss the weekly scripture lessons

Video Study, Conference Room—*Trite, Not True*. Much of what passes as wisdom today has the ring of biblical truth. How do you tell the difference? Jarrett Stephens tackles these statements in this series. Discover how to decipher superficial insights from the real truth of God's Word, as well as how to apply biblical wisdom to everyday life.

JoyZone Sunday Morning Children's Program

Sunday mornings, during 10:30 AM worship

Age-appropriate lessons, activities, games, and crafts in the Children's Wing.

Faith in Life Adult Bible Study

Wednesdays (except the first of the month), 10 AM, Fellowship Hall

All are invited to this study on the Gospel of Mark.

Thrive Junior High

Wednesdays, 6:30-8 PM, Fellowship Hall

Large- and small-group ministry offering learning, fellowship, and service evenings.

Chaos Senior High

Wednesdays, 6:30-8 PM, Senior High Room

Youth are welcome to a large-group gathering for fellowship, service, and prayer.

Friday Morning Men's Group

Fridays, 7:30-8:30 AM, Loft

The group is studying a new book in the Augsburg Adult Bible study series titled *Examining Our Faith*. Contact David Roehrig, xusaf1@gmail.com, or Kerri, kerri@stjblm.org for more information.

Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Center (LOMC) Opportunity

Sunday, July 14–Friday, July 19

All students entering 6th–12th grade this fall are invited to attend LOMC this summer for hiking, swimming, canoeing, games, crafts, bonfires, daily Bible study and devotions, and fun in the beautiful Rock River Valley! Cost to participants is just \$50; the remaining \$450 is provided through the Garage Sale proceeds! Transportation and a St. John's chaperone provided. Contact Amy for more information. Register at www.bit.ly/SJ_LOMC24.

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SHINE JESUS' LIGHT

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
Monday, June 17–Thursday, June 20
9 AM-12 PM

This summer St. John's kids will have an out-of-this-world adventure that's light years of faith-building fun—having a blast shining Jesus' light to the world! Invite a friend and register today!

Register your 5-year-old through 5th grade children or register to volunteer (6th graders through adults) at www.bit.ly/SJ_VBS_24

GIVE *time, treasure, and talents*

Carle BroMenn Compassion Cupboard

Carle BroMenn provides basic food and resource information for those in need in addition to their Compassion Closet (which provides basic clothing). Items such as tuna/chicken packages, protein bars and drinks, cereal and granola bars, jerky sticks, peanut butter, applesauce, bottled water, cracker packs, and trail mix are sought. Cans with pull tab tops that can be opened without an opener and items that are easily transported are appreciated. Donations can be taken to the hospital's Conference Center entrance, by parking Lot E.

JoyZone Volunteers Needed

Volunteers for JoyZone are needed. Students 6th-12th grade and adults are encouraged to help with this ministry—once a month, every week, or as often as you'd like! Please contact Amy, arademacher@stjblm.org, for more information.

Quilters

Tuesdays, 9:30 AM, Fellowship Hall

Help make quilts for Lutheran World Relief and local charities. Donations of cotton fabric and flat sheets, new or gently used, are needed. New people are welcome on Tuesdays in addition to fellow quilters and sewers who prefer to work from home. Contact Lori Syring, (815) 641-7159 or Vicky Kramer, (309) 530-1604, for more information.

Faith In Action Volunteer Orientations

Tuesday, May 7, 1–2:30 PM, ARC Center, 600 East Willow Street, Normal

Contact Stacey, (309) 827-7780, to learn more or fill out the volunteer interest form at www.bnfia.org/post-3988 and someone will follow up with you.

Prayers and Blessings

If you or a loved one will be hospitalized or are undergoing outpatient care, please let us know. Contact Gudrun, gudrun@stjblm.org or (309) 827-6121 ext. 214. If you or a loved one is listed and should be removed, please let Gudrun know.

Hospitalized/In Need of Healing

Scott Laughlin

New Baby

Alexander Todd Duffield, son of Sam and Emily Duffield and grandson of Robert and Marsha Johnson

Partners in Ministry and Healing

- The Lutheran Church of Madagascar
- Christ Lutheran Church, Quincy, Illinois
 - Carle BroMenn Patient Access
- Staff and patients of OSF St. Joseph Hospital
- Agape ISU—A partnership of the Lutheran Student Movement and Judson Fellowship

Keep in Prayer

Curt Addicks, Chris Behl, Gary Brandenburg, Jim Caster, George Childers, Andrea Choban, Nancy Clark, Ed Cronic, Karen Duffield, Cyrus Garnett, Janet Hohman, Nola Johnson, Bunker Kuethe, Mark Kuhn, Scott Laughlin, Tom McKenna, Julie Megli, David Milam, Irma Milam, Nicholas Mueller, Terry Rathbun, Kathy Segerstrom, Lois Skillrud, those who live in senior living communities, care facilities, and the homebound

Prayers for Those in the Military

Dustin Ahlschwede, Benjamin Baur, Sara Coakley, Casey Grogg, Jeremy Grogg, Mike Heuer, David Lehr, Jason Lenz, Andrew Mueller, Jason Murphy, Richard Mutari Jr., Tyler Nelson, Zach Poehlman, John Allen Wagner, A.J. Wunderlin

For Our Congregation

We pray for all those here today and those yet to come; may they hear the good news of your love and spread that love throughout our community and beyond.

Altar Flowers

- In memory of John and Gail Bazarre and Charles and Carrie Byerly given by the Byerly family
- In loving memory of Dan Hinrichsen, given by Dee Hinrichsen

Thank You

To those who cleaned out closets and donated unwanted items, to those who helped unload and sort the items, to those who shopped for new treasures, thank you for your generosity! Because of you, last weekend's Garage Sale raised more than \$9,500 to benefit Children's/Youth Ministries!



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