

**ST. JOHN'S
MISSION
STATEMENT**

As a family united in faith through the Holy Scriptures, we exist to give praise, honor and glory to the Triune God, to nurture and train the family of believers through God's Word and to reach out to the changing world with a changeless Christ.

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Chancel Project Update

"The chancel wall and the lighting behind the altar was STUNNING tonight"

"Funds well spent"

"That's a pretty church"

...comments that the chancel wall committee has received since Holy Week. Thank you for your encouragement, and your patience! The project continues in three main aspects: painting, lighting, and flooring.

Painting: Keeping it simple, with the focus on the altar and the Christ statue, we are exploring the use of gold leaf in the chancel—perhaps on the arch, the back wall, and/or the altar—to unify the chancel with the nave and give it a “finished” look. Gold leaf is not as costly as the scaffolding and labor needed to apply it. The church decorating firms that we have consulted favor the warm and inviting

chancel wall colors, but find the transept walls a bit too bright, so we may entertain alternative color choices for those walls. We also continue to seek a painter for the future nave painting project.



Lighting: Right now, we have a single incandescent spot behind the altar. We have subtle lighting for the back of the altar to distinguish it from the paneling behind, which we hope to put in place when the altar is moved again for floor installation. We need scaffolding in order to reach the light bulbs in the chancel arch, where we plan to try a combination of floods and spots to further accentuate the altar.

Flooring: The committee has ordered a sample box of ceramic tile from a Rochester tile house. Once we have a firm tile choice, we will meet with the installer to get an estimate of cost and time frame. We will need to temporarily remove the stair banisters and the choir pews to accommodate the floor installation. The committee is still considering whether to use wood or ceramic tile on the stair risers.

You may have noticed a change in the crack on the north transept wall of the church toward the front. The plasterer who fixed the other wall for us repaired this crack in anticipation of the future nave paint project. We are pleased to report that he found no moisture and no mold when repairing the transept wall between the north wall and the arch.

Chancel project committee

Women's Bible Study - Prayer

Looking for ideas to revitalize your prayer life? Do you want to watch someone who prays with conviction, trusting God to handle every problem? Join us beginning on Wed. April 26th at 6:30 pm in the church fellowship hall.

We will use clips from the movie,

War Room, as part of our discussion. Please watch the movie on your own. (Due to licensing, we would have to pay a fee if we showed the movie at church.) The movie is available through the Red Wing Library or you may borrow a copy at church. (Information by the church kitchen bulletin board.)

Questions? Contact Janet Gehlhar at 715-792-5397 or jgehlhar@bevcomm.net.



The Acts of Paul

The book of Acts was written by Luke for Theophilus as a continuation to the Gospel he had written (Ac 1:1). The full title given to this book by the early church was The Acts of the Apostles. This course will focus

particularly on the acts of the Apostle Paul. His life is one of the great stories of God's grace, as one of the church's great persecutors became one of its greatest missionaries, taking the gospel message to the Gentile

community around the Roman world.

Classes are Sundays at 9:15 am

Thanks for Care Package

A big thank you to everyone who contributed to the care packages for our students. We sent a \$25 Amazon card plus a \$5 Target card to 15 students.

We received several thank you notes from the recipients. Along with their appreciation, they shared personal updates. Here are a few quotes . . .

- ◇ **Reece Price** . . . *2nd year at St. Croix and I always enjoy being there . . . participating in track and target shooting*
- ◇ **Katie Engel** . . . *doing well at*

St. Croix . . . track and field has started

- ◇ **Sam Engel** . . . *playing on the St. Croix golf team and employed at Econo Foods*
- ◇ **Christi Perkinson** . . . *graduating in May from U of M Morris hoping to find a job in the area of academic advising*
- ◇ **Linsey Taylor** . . . *sophomore studying therapeutic recreation and hope to become a child life specialist . . . am a RA in the dorm*
- ◇ **Rachel Gehlhar** . . . *at California Institute of Technology*

pursuing my PhD in mechanical engineering . . . play kickball in a community league

- ◇ **Tom Schmidt** . . . *majoring in sports management . . . work part-time for Timberwolves*
- ◇ **Heather Holtz** (*missionary child*) . . . *want to become a nurse and work overseas . . . miss my family*

The thank you notes are posted on the bulletin board next to the kitchen. Stop by and read them in their entirety.

Opperman Accepts Call



On April 9th, Karla Opperman, our Kindergarten and Preschool teacher, accepted a call to

Concordia Lutheran, Eau Claire, WI to be the Preschool Director and Teacher. A farewell has been scheduled for Sunday, June 4th at 11:00 am. We will have a

potluck lunch with a short program. The MARY serving group will host the potluck.

All Ladies Are Invited....

Supper at Fiesta Mexicana Thurs., May 4th, 6:00 pm

This is a social time to gather and chat. Sign up on the sheet on the

back table by May 1st, so we know how many are coming and can make a reservation.

Questions? Janet Gehlhar at 715-792- 5397 or jgehlhar@bevcomm.net



Special Blessing Celebration for High School Seniors

The Special Blessing Celebration for High School Seniors is May 21st at the end of the first service. The seniors this year are

Kipp Adams, Evan Degener, Wyatt Hofius and Mitchel Taylor. If we are missing any other seniors, please notify the

church secretary so they can be included.

Mission Work in Grenada Presentation

Join us on Sunday, May 21 at 9:15 am for a presentation. Alice Danell will share her experiences

as a volunteer at our mission on the island of Grenada. She has pictures and lots of stories.

Come, hear, and learn about the mission work being done on the beautiful island of Grenada!

Time to Update our Church Directory

It is time to get updated pictures and information for our new church directory.

We are going to use an online directory so we will be able to have ongoing updates as we add new members. (We will have the capability to print out directories for those who do not have computer access.)

Members will have a choice of either providing their own picture or having a volunteer take their picture at church. (No professional photographers will be offering photos for sale.)


Annie is looking for a committee of people willing to help with this project. Volunteers are needed to take

pictures and to help schedule people. If you are willing to help, contact Janet Gehlhar who is assisting with this project at 715-792-5397 or jgehlhar@bevcomm.net.

Once we have our committee in place, we will start scheduling in June. Stay tuned!



St. John's School News



**Art
Museum**

*Presented by
St. John's Lutheran Students
Thursday, May 25 6-7pm
Goodhue County Historical Society
Free and open to the public*

CONGRATULATIONS to Quarter 3 Students of the Quarter

Samuel Lange, kindergarten, has shown that he can work hard. He shows how to follow directions as well as how to listen to someone. He helps show that you place your eyes on the person talking, and that puts your ears in their direction so that you can hear all that is said. He pushes through on items when they get tough and he is beginning to communicate when he has a question on his school work. Keep it up, Samuel!



Elijah Sievers, Grade 2, always comes in to our classroom with a smile and sincere "Good morning!" He is never shy to raise his hand to read or volunteer an answer. He works hard on his assignments and is kind and courteous to his classmates.

Nathan Rollins, Grade 3, has taken on the challenges of the third grade head-on. He has seen that the work he is assigned may not always come naturally to him and has chosen to ask for help so he can improve rather than give up. This humility and his resilience are excellent life skills for his future.

Kaylee Roper, grade 5, is quick to understand new math concepts. Her penmanship is extremely neat and legible. She also has a huge heart! She is always concerned about the physical well being of people. Kaylee would make a wonderful, caring nurse.

Joseph Engel, grade 7, shows a great work ethic. He works diligently on his homework and strives to do his best. He is a good leader in and out of the classroom. Keep up the great work, Joseph!

>> *There's still time to have YOUR name on this list, students!* <<



Miss Karla Opperman ACCEPTED her call to teach preschool at Concordia Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI. We wish her God's blessings as she continues to grow in the teaching ministry, a little closer to her hometown. We will call a graduate from MLC in early May to teach Little Blessings and Kindergarten. If we do not receive a graduate to fill this position we will call from the field in mid-May.



Parents and Congregation Members! We value YOU!

We rely on all our volunteers each and every day. Cleaning, reading, shoveling, cooking, serving on PTO, painting backdrops and faces, advertising, driving and chaperoning, coaching, computing, fundraising, signing, making music and sharing treats, and MORE!

You are important to us and you are appreciated!

WE THANK YOU!!


Thrivent Choice Dollars received.

Thanks to Mr. & Mrs. Elwin Amyx, Mrs. Pat Dicke, and Robert Pearson who chose our school to receive their benefit totaling \$725.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 3 Chapel 8:20am, Volunteer Recognition
- May 4 Band Rehearsal @ St. Croix
Returning band students
Dep. St. John's at 7am.
Band Lessons 1pm
- May 7 Little Blessings Sing 10:30am Worship
- May 7-13 Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 8 All School Photo 9am:
PLEASE wear orange/black
Bike Safety 12:30pm
Softball Practice @ First Covenant
Fields 3:30-4:30pm
- May 9 Softball Day, Gr 5-8, Rochester
- May 10 Chapel 8:20am
- May 11 NO Band Lessons
Concert @ St. Croix 7pm (Ret. Students)
- May 14 Mother's Day
K-2 Sing 10:30am Worship
- May 17 Chapel 8:20am
Confirmation Exam 7pm
- May 18 Band Lessons 1pm
- May 21 Confirm. & 1st Communion
10:30am Worship
- May 22-26 Little Blessings Last Week
- May 23 Track & Field Day Gr 1-8
Gr 1-4 to Goodhue
Gr 5-8 to Lake City
- May 24 Chapel 8:20am
- May 25 Band Lessons 1pm
All School Art Museum, 6pm—7pm
@ The Goodhue County Historical Soc.
- May 29 NO SCHOOL Memorial Day
- May 31 Chapel 8:20am
All School Field Trip to Science Museum
Awards Night 6:30pm
- June 1 All School Picnic @ Baypoint Park 11am
Parent Transport Home, Last Day LES
- June 4 School Year End and Graduation
Gr K-8 Sing ****10:00am**** Worship
- June 5 Teachers' SMART Conference

**Spring Band Concert @ St. Croix
Thursday, May 11 @ 7:00 pm**

 Our St. John's returning band students will perform along with the St. Croix Lutheran Academy Junior High School Band for this concert. ALL are invited to attend this *free* concert. We thank Director Mr. John Fenske at St. Croix Lutheran for extending this opportunity to our students and arranging rehearsals for our participation.



15 students attended Kindergarten for a Day



Students wrote and illustrated their own picture book on Literacy Day when they studied children's author, Mercer Mayer.



Earth Day at Red Wing High School. Thanks to Claire Deden and Mrs. Renee Sievers for driving us there!!



Gifts & Memorials

BUILDING FUND

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| Free-will Offering from Lenten Supper for Handicap Access | \$ | 76.00 |
| In memory of Marion Watson given by Paul Benidt for Handicap Access | \$ | 20.00 |
| In memory of Marion Watson given by Jack & Darlene Tomhave for Handicap Access | \$ | 25.00 |
| In memory of Nathalie Kohn given by Elwin & Wanda Amyx | \$ | 20.00 |
| In memory of Roy Thumann given by Elwin & Wanda Amyx | \$ | 20.00 |
| In memory of Roy Thumann given by Richard & Alice Callstrom | \$ | 20.00 |
| In memory of Roy Thumann given by Jack & Darlene Tomhave for Handicap Access | \$ | 20.00 |

ENDOWMENT FUND

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| In memory of Marion Watson given by Family & Friends | \$ | 670.00 |
| In memory of Marion Watson given by Forrest Watson | \$ | 120.00 |
| In memory of Marion Watson given by Lori and Keith Schlichting | \$ | 15.00 |
| In memory of Marion Watson given by Mark & Julie Betcher | \$ | 20.00 |
| In memory of Marion Watson given by Lois Kask | \$ | 5.00 |
| In memory of Marion Watson given by Marion Bremer | \$ | 20.00 |
| In memory of Marion Watson given by Harold & Lora Henn | \$ | 50.00 |
| In memory of Marion Watson given by Jan Birk | \$ | 20.00 |
| In memory of Marion Watson given by Bill & Becky Mitchener | \$ | 10.00 |
| In memory of Marion Watson given by Lorraine Bremer | \$ | 10.00 |
| In memory of Marion Watson given by Larry & Julie Von Bargaen | \$ | 15.00 |
| In memory of Marion Watson given by Joan Revoir | \$ | 40.00 |
| In memory of Marion Watson given by Carol Olson | \$ | 20.00 |
| In memory of Marion Watson given by James & Sharon Krie | \$ | 20.00 |
| In memory of Marion Watson given by John & Doris Kohrs | \$ | 20.00 |
| In memory of Marion Watson given by Marilyn Glander | \$ | 20.00 |
| In memory of Marion Watson given by Lowell & Carol Gran | \$ | 50.00 |
| In memory of Marion Watson given by Ernest & Marlene Hernlem | \$ | 25.00 |
| In memory of Marion Watson given by Judith Schwartau | \$ | 25.00 |
| In memory of Marion Watson given by Jeff & Janet Gehlhar | \$ | 25.00 |
| In memory of Marion Watson given by Marlene Dankers | \$ | 20.00 |
| In memory of Marion Watson given by Paul & Pauline Jagusch | \$ | 10.00 |
| In memory of Marion Watson given by Arlen & Lynn Diercks | \$ | 10.00 |
| In memory of Marion Watson given by Richard Reese | \$ | 10.00 |
| In memory of Marion Watson given by Dallas & Judy Buck | \$ | 10.00 |
| In memory of Nathalie Kohn given by Family & Friends | \$ | 35.00 |
| In memory of Nathalie Kohn given by Lowell & Carol Gran | \$ | 10.00 |
| In memory of Nathalie Kohn given by Joan Revoir | \$ | 20.00 |

GENERAL FUND

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| In memory of Nathalie Kohn given by Jeff & Janet Gehlhar | \$ | 25.00 |
| In memory of Nathalie Kohn given by Marlys Alms | \$ | 10.00 |
| In memory of Marion Watson given by Glen & Audrey Diercks | \$ | 20.00 |
| In memory of Nathalie Kohn given by Family & Friends | \$ | 30.00 |

IMPROVEMENT FUND

| | | |
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| In memory of Marion Watson given by Bonnie Voth | \$ | 10.00 |
| In memory of Marion Watson given by Edna Rundquist | \$ | 25.00 |
| In memory of Marion Watson given by Family & Friends | \$ | 15.00 |
| In memory of Nathalie Kohn given by Bill & Becky Mitchener | \$ | 25.00 |
| In memory of Roy Thumann given by Dennis & Carol Dankers | \$ | 10.00 |

ORGAN FUND

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| In memory of Marion Watson given by Joyce Burkel | \$ | 25.00 |
| In memory of Nathalie Kohn given by Joyce Burkel | \$ | 10.00 |

SCHOOL FUND

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| In memory of Nathalie Kohn given by James & Linda Brusehaver | \$ | 20.00 |
| Special Gift from Wise Penny Thrift Store | \$ | 500.00 |
| In memory of Nathalie Kohn given by Family & Friends | \$ | 185.00 |
| In memory of Nathalie Kohn given by Jan Birk | \$ | 20.00 |
| In memory of Nathalie Kohn given by Larry & Julie Von Bargaen | \$ | 15.00 |
| In memory of Nathalie Kohn given by Joan Holst | \$ | 10.00 |
| In memory of Nathalie Kohn given by Marilyn Glander | \$ | 10.00 |

Pastors' Report—March 2017

Sunday Church Attendance:: **1,044** Average for the Month: **261** (+27 Feb '17, -40 Mar '16)
 Communion Attendance: **386** Special Service Attendance: **657**
 Bible Class Attendance: **436**

MEMBERSHIP: **01/31/17** BAPTIZED: 482 COMMUNICANT: 400
 MEMBERSHIP: **02/28/17** BAPTIZED: **479** COMMUNICANT: **396**

DIVINE CALLS

| DATE | NAME | STATUS | POSITION |
|----------|-----------------|----------|---|
| 03/15/17 | Opperman, Karla | Received | Preschool at Concordia Lutheran, Eau Claire, WI |

Highlights from the April Voters' Meeting

Reports were given from the chairmen of the boards of the council.

Michelle Engel gave an update on the chancel project and shared some very nice compliments on the work done so far on the chancel. Work will continue on the lighting, trim, and flooring.

Jerry Plitzuweit updated the voters on the application for a MN legacy grant.

The Voters approved the following recommendations:

- Increase the 2017 budget by about \$3000 for a teacher's aide position (12 1/2 hours per week) in the fall.
- The fees / tuition rates for our LES and preschool.
- Richard Lutjen and Brian Ahrens were appointed to the Planned Giving Committee. The Voters thanked Ed Church and

Keith Schlichting for their service on the committee.

- We will request a kindergarten and preschool teacher from the assignment committee on May 13. If we do not receive a teacher on call day, the voters plan to meet on May 21 after the second service to call a teacher from the field.

Pastor Engel

Financial Update for March 2017

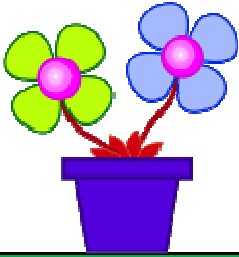
General Fund offerings in March (weekly envelopes, direct deposit and loose plate collections) totaled \$40,694. This amount is approximately the monthly average we anticipate for funding our annual budget.

March offerings for the Improvement Fund totaled \$695. When we add this to the balance provided by Treasurer Schulz as of February 28, 2017, St. John's has \$148,663 in its Improvement Fund. In February this fund

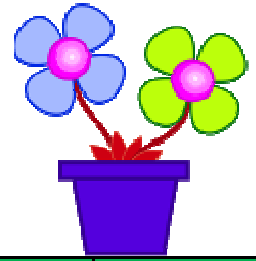


received \$20,000 from the 2016 Endowment Fund grant as St. John's voters approved at the Annual Meeting.

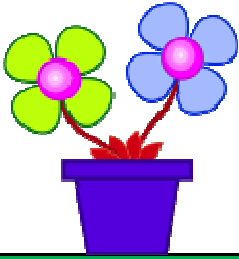
-Jerry Plitzuweit, Chairman



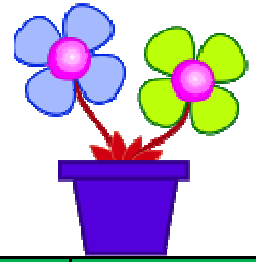
May



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 30 (April) 8:00 am Worship with Holy Communion 9:15 am Bible Study Sunday School 10:30 am Worship with Holy Communion | 1 (May) 7:00 pm LES Committee Meeting 7:00 pm Worship with Holy Communion | 2 | 3 8:20 am Chapel 10:00 am Bible Class 3:45 pm Catechism Class 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study | 4 6:00 pm Ladies Dinner at Fiesta Mexicana | 5 | 6 |
| 7 8:00 am Worship 9:15 am Bible Study Sunday School 10:30 am Worship Little Blessings Preschool Sings | 8 7:00 pm Worship | 9 4:30 pm Radio Recording | 10 8:20 am Chapel 10:00 am Bible Class 3:45 pm Catechism Class 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study | 11 7:00 pm St. Croix LHS Spring Band Concert (W. St. Paul) | 12 | 13 Call Day at Martin Luther College, New Ulm, MN |
| <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">Teacher Appreciation Week</div> | | | | | | |
| 14 8:00 am Worship with Holy Communion 9:15 am Bible Study Sunday School 10:30 am Worship with Holy Communion Grades K-2 Sing | 15 7:00 pm Worship with Holy Communion | 16 | 17 8:20 am Chapel 10:00 am Bible Class 3:45 pm Catechism Class 7:00 pm Confirmation Examination | 18 7:00 pm Confirmation Pictures & Rehearsal | 19 | 20 |



May



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|--|---|--|---|--|-----------|---|
| 21 8:00 am Worship 9:15 am Grenada Presentation (in the Sanctuary) Sunday School 10:30 am Worship Confirmation 11:30 am Tentative Call Meeting | 22 Reporter Articles Due 7:00 pm Worship | 23 4:30 pm Worship at the Cross (Hagen) | 24 8:20 am Chapel 10:00 am Bible Study 3:45 pm Catechism Class 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study 6:00 pm Elders 7:00 pm Church Council | 25 6:00 pm Art Fair (Goodhue County Historical Society) | 26 | 27 9:00 am Mailing Committee |
| 28 8:00 am Worship with Holy Communion 9:15 am Bible Study Sunday School 10:30 am Worship with Holy Communion | 29 No School 7:00 pm Worship with Holy Communion | 30 4:00 pm Special Communion | 31 8:20 am Chapel 10:00 am Bible Class 6:30 pm School Awards Night | 1 (June) 11:00 am School Picnic | 2 | 3 |
| 4 8:00 am Worship 9:15 am Bible Study Sunday School 10:00 am Worship Grades K-8 Sing 11:00 am Opperman Farewell Potluck and Program | 5 7:00 pm LES Committee Meeting 7:00 pm Worship | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| Church/School Office Summer Hours Begin Church: 651.388.2149 ~ School: 651.388.2611 | | | | | | |

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SERVICE SCHEDULE

(June through August)

WORSHIP:

8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

BIBLE CLASS:

9:15 a.m.

MONDAY WORSHIP:

7:00 p.m.

(September through May)

WORSHIP:

8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

BIBLE CLASS

& SUNDAY SCHOOL:

9:15 a.m.

MONDAY WORSHIP:

7:00 p.m.

(Excluding Advent & Lent)

ALL EVENING SERVICES are
at 7:00 p.m.

COMMUNION is served on the
2nd & **LAST SUNDAYS** of the
month.

May 2017

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