



St. John Lutheran Church

St. John Lutheran Church comes together to love God and one another, serve others and share God's word. We do these things by God's Grace that comes through the death and resurrection of His Son, Jesus Christ

Great Expectations

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Church Office Hours

Mondays

and

Fridays

10:00 AM–3:00 PM

Easter Sunrise Service
7:00 AM

**Beginning Sunday
April 11 worship
starts at 9:00 AM**



EASTER

April 2021



Now that April is upon us, I can expect certain things to happen in the usual unfolding of our days. Spring flowers are already peeking out of the ground. Daylight stays around a little longer. Lowes and Home Depot are stocking gardening supplies. Soon I expect to hear the sound of lawn mowers.

I can reasonably expect to see some signs of life again in the neighborhood. Children will be running around without a jacket, even though it won't be warm enough to do so. Front porches will once again become gathering places for families and their friends. Birds will be gathering in the budding trees. It is a good time of the year.

All of these events are part of the natural course of life for us, and we delight in them. Such events also parallel the arrival of Easter. There is, however, something very different about Easter. In the normal course of our everyday lives and the unfolding of the seasons, we don't expect someone to rise from the dead. The idea of a resurrection of a dead person is so out of the ordinary that it would seem scary and unnerving.

There is nothing, in any way, natural about it.

We are used to burying things: old ideas, worn out possessions, and people whose lives have come to an end; then we move on. That is the way it is. But on Easter, the extraordinary happens. God says there are some things that we cannot bury. The good news of Jesus Christ cannot be buried. The life within us that is God-given, cannot be buried. There is a cycle of life that goes beyond the living and dying and the changing of the seasons that we expect to happen.

Seen in the resurrection of Jesus is a plan that God has for us which breaks the cycle of life we have come to expect, revealing a plan for us that we can only know by faith.

God's plan for us is beyond our comprehension. It has very little to do with spring flowers, changing seasons, or sunshine. It has everything to do with the promise that nothing in all creation...including death...will be able to separate us from God's love. This is all God's doing. There is nothing natural about it. At best, on Easter, we can only stand in awe and wonder.

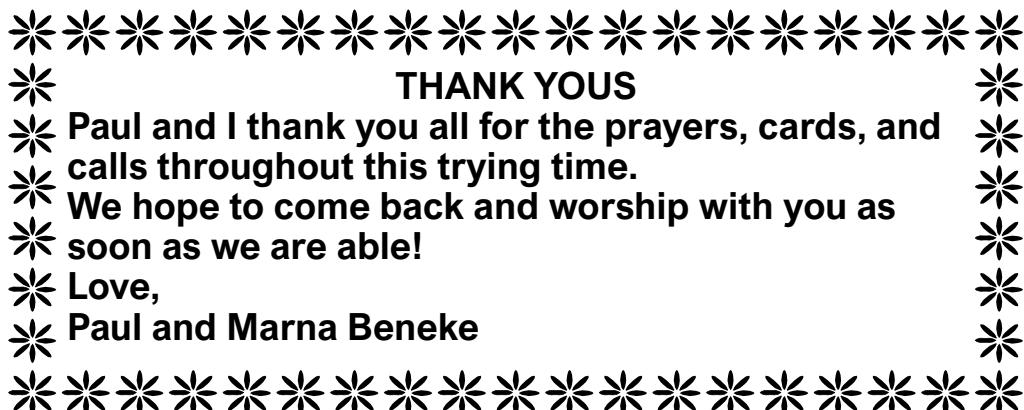
Easter blessings
Pastor Paul Heine

MAUNDY THURSDAY
OBSERVANCE OF THE LAST SUPPER
7:00 PM
GOOD FRIDAY
TENEBRAE SERVICE
7:00 PM
EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE
7:00 AM

A FESTIVAL CELEBRATION OF THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

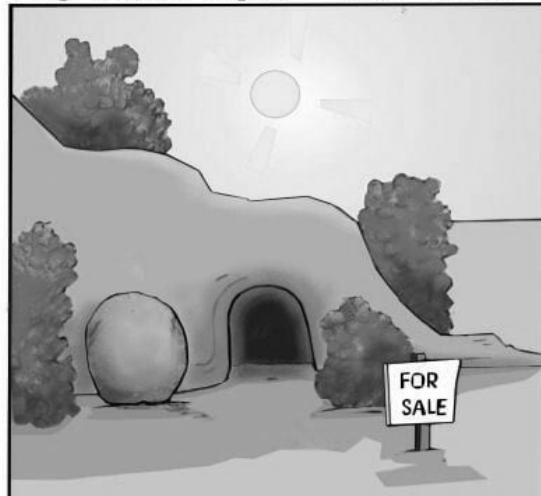
PLEASE JOIN US FOR SHORT TIME OF FELLOWSHIP AND COFFEE CAKE AFTER WORSHIP

******BEGINNING SUNDAY APRIL 11 WORSHIP WILL BEGIN AT 9:00 AM******



Have a newsworthy announcement for the St John newsletter? You can email it to stjohnningomar@swohio.twcbc.com or call 937-839-5321 any time and leave a detailed message. The newsletter generally is being prepared throughout the month and goes to print the last week.

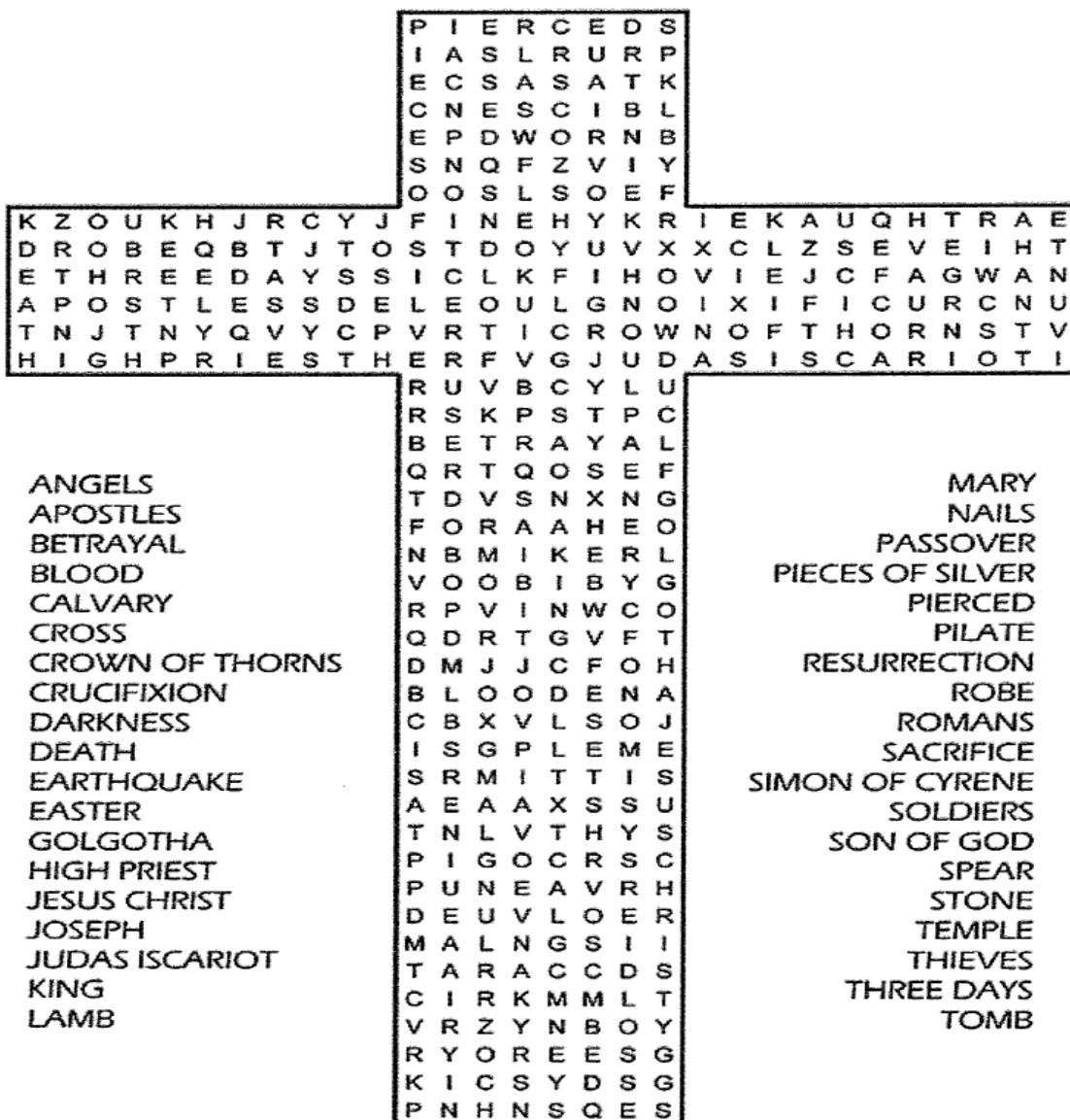
The Back Pew - Jeff Larson



FOR SALE - Single owner tomb. Only used three days, and still has that new tomb smell. Reason for sale.. resident was resurrected.

Our Lord has written the promise of resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in springtime. Martin Luther

Easter Word Search





Dear Members of St John,
Hello! I am currently in my senior year at the Miami Valley Career Technology Center and will be graduating this spring. I've enjoyed volunteering while working and going to school, but I recently started feeling like God wanted me to serve in a more intentional way. That's why I've joined the World Race Gap Year, a Christian Gap Year for high school grads ages 18-20 in the fall of 2021!

I will be trained along with about 35 others at World Race headquarter in Gainesville, GA to be an effective cross-cultural missionary. From there, we will travel to Costa Rica, Thailand, and Eswatini. We will focus on children's ministry, sharing the truth of Jesus, teaching English, doing community projects in places devastated by gang violence.

This trip is not possible without external support. I hope to have a large network supporting me through prayer and donations. So far I've raised \$6,000 through fundraisers I've organized.

The best way to contribute financially is a one time or monthly donation. Visit the following link: <https://abbyutsinger.theworldrace.org/> Here you may read my blog and click the donate button. You may also make donations by check and send it to :

**Abigail C. Utsinger
52 N. Main Street
West Alexandria, OH 45381**

Thank you in advance for partnering with me in this adventure?

ATTENTION

**Easter Sunrise Service 7:00 AM
Beginning Sunday April 11 worship will begin at 9:00 AM**

Here at St John we realize the important benefits of regular in person worship attendance. There are still many members who are unable to return to Sunday services. We are considering recording and uploading the Sunday services and/or a live feed on Facebook. We are asking all of our church family if they or someone they know would be interested in this endeavor on a long term basis? If so, please contact our office on Mondays or Fridays between 10:00 am and 3:00 pm. Or you may leave a message anytime and we will return your call. 937-839-5321

MOBILE FARMER'S MARKET – PREBLE COUNTY

2021 Schedule: 1st Monday of each month, 10am @ the Preble County Fairgrounds (722 S. Franklin St., Eaton 45320). April 5th, May 3rd, June 7th, *July 7th, *August 19th, *September 1st, October 4th, November 1st, and December 6th *Fall on dates outside of regular schedule

Any questions regarding our mobile pantries can be directed to Andy Macy at 937-461-0265 x24 Due to COVID-19, social distancing restrictions will be in effect. Please keep six feet apart as well as wearing a mask if you have one. We ask that you bring your own bags or carts in order to carry potentially heavy items. There is a limit of two households per person.

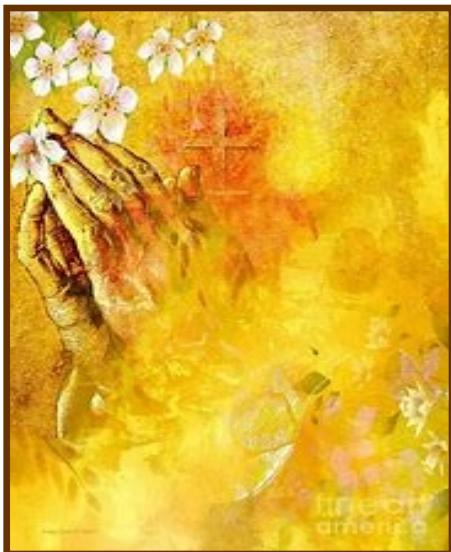
JACOB'S LADDER

201 E. Lexington, Door #5 Eaton, Ohio 45320 | PO Box 626 | 937-839-2576
Jacob's Ladder is a nonprofit 501c3. Our mission is to eliminate hunger one child at a time. We pack bags of easy to prepare foods, along with a Bible verse, to send home once a week with students in need in all Preble County schools. We pack and distribute 1000 bags each month with the help of many volunteers. Our packs are generally the first Wednesday evening of the month (Sept - May) beginning at 6:30pm and lasting for about an hour.

Check our website for dates on monthly packs and other information about our organization.

www.jacobsladder-ohio.org 937-839-2576. Jacobsladder.ohio@gmail.com
We are always in need of donations of pudding packs and 100% juice boxes to put in the bags of food for the students.

FINANCIAL	REPORT	FEBRUARY		2021	
		ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH, INGOMAR			
CURRENT EXPENSE FUND					
BALANCE ON HAND 2.1.2021		16295.50			
RECEIPTS	FEBRUARY	7186.31			
TOTAL IN CURRENT FUND		23481.81			
CURRENT EXPENSES					
TWIN VALLEY BANK		300.00			
G.E. CAPITAL-COPIER		86.87			
DPL	12/14-1/17	146.54			
KNOX ENERGY	12/16-1/17	670.44	24 MO CD-12/18-\$11,134.70		
TIME WARNER-PHONE/INTERNET		172.14			
RUMPKE		54.70			
MICROSOFT/SERV. KEEPER/WIX		266.10			
BROOKVILLE FLOWER SHOP		105.00	AMERIPRISE-\$311,305		
BRENDA K WHITE, PREBLE CTY	TREAS.	203.28	2.28.21	+3208	
CHRIS INGRAM-PWORKER		1162.00	CURRENT OFFERING		
PAUL W. HEINE INTERIM		3018.16	Feb 20-\$7230.34		
ORGANIST/MUSICIAN		480.00	Feb 20-7186.31		
USPS		96.00			
1517 MEDIA-WORSHIP		47.02	Jan-Feb-20-14,479.34		
LOUDY - COLOR COPIES		255.00	Jan-Feb 21—18,894.55		
MY COMPUTER		228.95			
JAMES GLENN-SNOW REMOVAL		400.00			
CASH FLOW					
		RECEIPTS—7186.31			
		EXPENSES—7692.20			
		-505.89			
TOTAL EXPENSES		7692.2			
BALANCE IN CURRENT FUND		15789.61			
	BENEVOLENCE	MEMORIAL	DISCRETIONAR	W/HUNGER	STEPHEN MIN
BEG. BAL	0	10226	871.55	0	1649.18
RECEIPTS*	3270	0	50.00	175	0
PAID OUT	3270	0	0	175	0
END. BAL	0	10226	921.55	0	1649.18
	incl Disaster-1900				
	S.SCHOOL	YOUTH	ACCRUED	MISSIONARY	ORGAN
BEG BAL	43.49	2664.87	36978.70	34	15195.33
RECEIPTS	0	0	0	150	0
PAID OUT	0	0	0	200	0
END. BAL	43.49	2664.87	36978.7	-16	15195.33
BENEVOLENCE PLEDGE		16213	G/WORKS PLEDGE		700
PAID OUT		1270			100
UNPAID PLEDGE		14943			600



MEMBERS IN OUR PRAYERS

Marna Beneke	Al Souleyrette	Reenie Halsey
Mary Buettner	Cleo Eby	Helen Comer
Catherine Dafler	Janet Ferguson	Bob Combs
Dale Cotterman	Buzz Wright	Randy Ingram
Judy Cole	Judy Erbaugh	

FRIENDS AND FAMILY OF OUR MEMBERS

THOSE WHO ARE GRIEVING

Family of Janet Spitler, Harry Gleis, and Ron Piatt

MISSIONARIES

Jon & Michelle Voge and family and Michelle's dad, Brian

"Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD delivers him out of them all. He keeps all his bones; not one of them is broken." (Psalm 34:19-20)

Dean Gray	John Bassler
Dorothy Chapman	Lilly Moore
Idamae Kelly	Jim Boyle
Eugene & Sandy Chapman	Dick Campbell
Cynthia Foster	Eric Walker
Janet Hardin	Todd McKee
Debbie Elmore	Andrew Obst
Rachel Myers	Connie Johnson
Branson Bennett	Linda Parks
	Shauna Hebbeler

In order to keep the prayer list up to date, nonmembers will remain on the prayer chain list for thirty days before being removed unless we are contacted otherwise. Please call the church office at 937-839-5321 or email at stjohningomar@swohio.twcbc.com

April

2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
CA – Lorey C. AG – Becky S.				Maundy Thursday Service with Holy Communion 7:00 pm M – Jenny L-Chris	Good Friday Tenebrae Service 7:00 pm M - Mandy	
Easter Sunrise Service 7:00 am M-Carol LR-Mark A-Ellie	4	5	6	7	8	9
				WELCA 7:00 pm		10
M – Jenny LR-Earla A-TBA	11	12	13	14	15	
			Council 7:00 pm			
M – Mandy A-Ellie L-Janette	18	19	20	21	22	23
						24
M – Carol A-TBA L-Stephanie	25	26	27	28	29	30