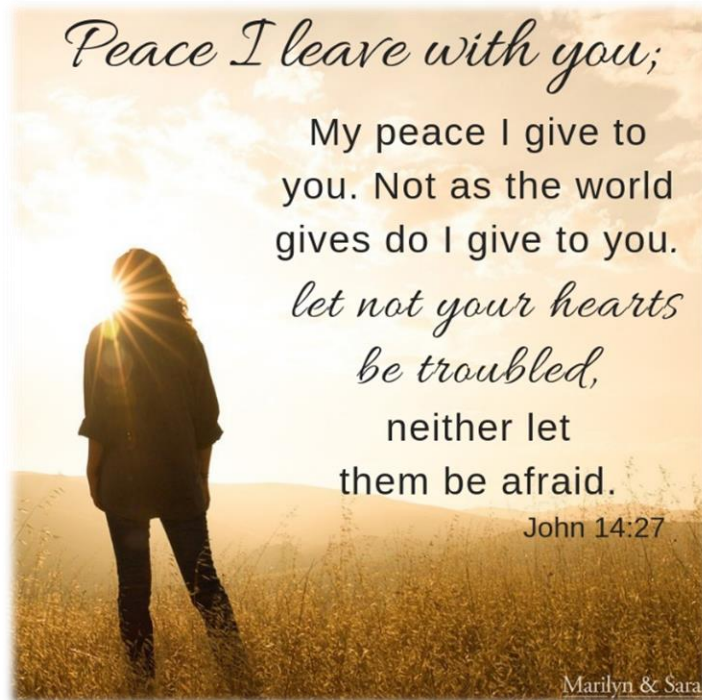




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**May 22, 2022; Sixth Sunday of Easter**



**John 14:23-29**

*Prelude:*

“Be with Me Lord”

*Welcome*

The flowers on the Altar are sponsored by Brad & Brenda Bailey in remembrance of Ken & Marva Stratton’s wedding anniversary.

The radio broadcast is sponsored by Peg Poppen in memory of family.

*Gathering Hymn:*

✝ “Beautiful One”

**Video**

*Apostolic Greeting:*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Response: **And also with you.**

*Hymn of Praise*

✝ “His Name is Wonderful”

His name is wonderful, His name is wonderful,

His name is wonderful, Jesus my Lord.

He is the mighty King, Master of everything;

His name is wonderful, Jesus my Lord.

He’s the great shepherd, the rock of all ages.

Almighty God is He.

Bow down before Him, love and adore Him,

His name is wonderful, Jesus my Lord

*Prayer of the Day*

**Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*Reading*

**Acts 16:9-15**

*Read by Brayton Quade*

<sup>9</sup>During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” <sup>10</sup>When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. <sup>11</sup>We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, <sup>12</sup>and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. <sup>13</sup>On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. <sup>14</sup>A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. <sup>15</sup>When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, “If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.” And she prevailed upon us.

*Reading*

**Revelation 21:10, 22:1-5**

<sup>10</sup>And in the spirit he carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God  
<sup>22</sup>Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb <sup>2</sup>through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. <sup>3</sup>Nothing accursed will be found there anymore. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; <sup>4</sup>they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. <sup>5</sup>And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

“Children of the Heavenly Father”  
Children of the heav’nly Father  
Safely in his bosom gather;  
Nestling bird or star in heaven  
Such a refuge ne’er was given.

*Children’s Sermon*

*Graduate Blessing*

*Gospel Song:*

“Alleluia”  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*P: The Holy Gospel according to John 14:23-29*



23Jesus answered him, “Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. 24Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

25”I have said these things to you while I am still with you. 26But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. 27Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

28You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I am coming to you.’ If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. 29And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.

*P: The Gospel of the Lord...*



*Sermon*

Pastor Russ Leeper

*Song of the Day*

✝ “We Believe”

**Video**

*The Prayers (P):* Lord in your mercy,  
Response: **hear our prayer.**

***Please Keep the following in prayer:***

Sue Ayers	Randy Kreger	Marilu Wohlers
James Grob	Kayla LaBarge	Bill Wohlers, Jr.
Dale Hughes	Dale Lamprecht	Carmen Wolf
Linda Hughes	Brandie McDonald	Calvin Shultz

***Family of Ron Leraaen***

***The Prayer List:*** Names will be kept on the list for 3 weeks. Family members can request a name be left on longer. The office number is 228-3397.

Please pray for all serving in the Armed Forces & their families: Mackenzy Bilharz, Alex Buenger, Kaylie Fox, Hannah Fox, Kim Hall, Daniel Jacobs, Cameron Kakac, Drew Roethler, Robson Shankland

*We celebrate with the Graduates of the class of 2022...*



Kaleb Craig Bilharz  
Brandon Michael Ignacio Castillo  
Deven Anthony Ignacio Castillo  
Kaleb Michael Cotton  
Colton Leroy Crooks  
Brayton Robert Quade  
Keaton Ellis Schmidtke  
Emma Marie Schmiedel  
Celestino Ismael Tamayo Baez  
Koen James Tibbitts  
Alyvia Lynn Vance

***Jeremiah 29:11*** “For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” (NIV)

***Hymns today (✝) are those selected by the Seniors for their Confirmation Service in 2019***

*The Offering*

The Offering Hymn

“We are an Offering”

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We lift our voices, we lift our hands,  
We lift our lives up to you:  
We are an offering,  
Lord use our voices, Lord, use our hands,  
Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an offering.  
All that we have, all that we are,  
All that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.  
We lift our voices, we lift our hands,  
We lift our lives up to you:  
We are an offering, we are an offering

Response

“Take Our Lives”

Take our lives and let them be consecrated, Lord, to thee;  
Take our moments and our days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.  
Take our love, oh Lord, we pour at your feet its treasure store;  
Take our lives and we will be ever yours eternally.

*The Lord's Prayer:*

**Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil. For this is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory forever and ever. Amen**

*The Benediction*

*Sending Hymn:*

† “He is Exalted”

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high. I will praise Him.  
He is exalted, forever exalted and I will praise His name!  
He is the Lord. Forever His truth shall reign.  
Heaven and earth rejoice in His holy name.  
He is exalted, the King is exalted on high!  
He is exalted, the King is exalted on high! **Repeat**

*P:* Go in peace and share the Good News!

**Thanks be to God!**

*Postlude:*

“Joyful, Joyful”

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**May 22 - May 29**

Sunday	<b>Graduation Sunday</b>
	9:00 a.m. Worship
	10:15 a.m. Bible study
Wednesday	<b>Newsletter Deadline</b>
Sunday	9:00 a.m. Worship
	10:15 a.m. Bible study

**After Worship Social Time**

Coffee & a treat are served in the Parish Hall each Sunday! If you would like to volunteer to bring the treats, **you can sign up on the chart in the Parish Hall.** What you choose to bring for a treat is entirely up to you! Coffee & napkins are provided by St. John.



**Sesquicentennial Celebration Hymn Sing Sunday**

In continuing our sesquicentennial celebration at St. John, we will be having an “Old Fashioned, Hymn Sing Sunday” on Sunday, June 12, 2022. Please come and enjoy and learn the stories behind some of the hymns we sing in church.

**May Council Highlights:**

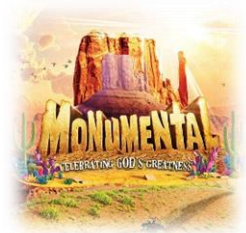
- Approved for purchase of upgraded wireless microphones with the hopes of having that system updated in June!
- Brainstormed ideas of how our Council can continue to build our vision for God's Love in Action, we look forward to building off of the ideas presented at further council meetings.
- Continued discussion on installing some type of lift system in the church. Example of a possible vertical platform lift system was presented and more estimates for total cost of installation will be gathered this Spring/Summer.
- Donated our Monthly Benevolence to help cover the cost of the Youth Mission Trip to North Dakota this summer!
- Voted to not hold service on Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25th as we felt that it was an important day for staff to celebrate with their families after providing so much during Christmas Eve services on Saturday, December 24th.
- Big thank you to Monte and Kathy Waldorf for agreeing to serve as our Synod voting members and attending a two-day event at Wartburg College on June 10th-11th. Thank you, Monte and Kathy, for fulfilling this important service to our church.

**Thank you and please let us know if you have any thoughts, questions, concerns, etc.**

**-St. John Lutheran Church Council**

**“Monumental – Celebrating God’s Greatness” ----- June 14th-17th will be VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!**

- Online registration will be starting soon. Be watching!
- Walk-in registration will begin at 5:15pm on the 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Plan on having your kids attend from 5:30pm-7:30pm on Tuesday-Friday!
- We will serve a light supper for the kids each evening.
- VBS is open to kids in Preschool-5<sup>th</sup> grades.
- There is no registration fee for VBS this year thanks to Kans for Kids!
- If you are interested in volunteering at VBS, please contact Laurie.



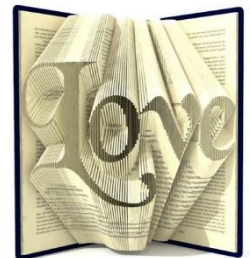
The Youth Board is sponsoring a **summer mission trip to the North Dakota Badlands from July 5-9, 2022**. This trip is open to St. John students who have **completed 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades** and their friends. Sign up on the bulletin board outside Laurie's office.

The Youth Board would welcome any donations toward the cost of fuel for the bus. If you feel called to donate stop in and see Linda in the Business Office.

Put **Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup>** on your calendar to attend the **Youth Bake Sale** in the Narthex. The youth participating in the mission trip will again be baking pies and other goodies to sell before and after worship service.

**Coming in June:** The prayer shawl group will continue on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month. The 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Friday will be a Craft Time! We will make some items for the **150th Anniversary** dinner and craft fair in October. This **crafting session** will start with simple projects at first. One possible project will be the LOVE folded book pictured on the right. Materials will be provided.

We are asking for crafting material from anyone who has extra to donate! So, clean out your junk craft drawers, closets, and bookshelves! We need bits and pieces of lots of things. If you're a crafter, you understand. Some items needed: Hard cover or paperback books (350-500 pages); cloth type ribbon, bling such as pearls, rhinestones, beads, etc.; buttons; flat lace (1/2 – 1 inch); silk flowers & leaves; mini glue sticks &/or glue guns.



**Remember that there is a craft fair in October. We are looking for heritage as well as modern crafts. Maybe some jams or jellies or salsa as we work with our gardening. Keep it in mind as the year goes on.**

Questions? contact [petefishj@mchsi.com](mailto:petefishj@mchsi.com).

**The Helping Hands committee** is ready, willing, and able to help run errands, do minor household help, and provide transportation. If you need any of these services, please call Kathy at the church office during regular business hours. Someone will contact you within 48 hours of receiving the message to make arrangements to help.

**Offering from the week of  
May 1, 2022**

General Receipts	\$	5,993.20
Designated offering		495.00

*General receipts of \$9,812.94 are needed weekly to meet the approved budget.*

**Attendance: 186**

**Altar Flowers & Radio Broadcast**

Call the office at 641-228-3397 to sign up to sponsor Altar flowers &/or radio broadcasts in 2022. We have many radio dates open. Several of our members can only listen to the radio and do appreciate being "a part" of the service as a listening member.

*"We extend our gratitude and appreciation to Myron & Clarice Leraaen, Robert & Judy Mulcahy, J & J Scoles, Harry & Vivian Zipse and Peg Poppen for the recent memorials they gave to St. John in memory of Ron Leraaen. Thank you!"*