

St. John's Lutheran Church  
Conover, NC  
April 28, 2024  
The Fifth Sunday of Easter

**The Opening Prayer**

O kindle, Lord most holy, Your lamp within my breast to do in spirit lowly all that may please You best. Amen.

**The Prelude & The Welcome and Announcements**

**\*The Opening Hymn** LSB # 334 "O Lord, How Shall I Meet You" vv. 1, 3-5

O Lord, how shall I meet You, How welcome You aright?  
Your people long to greet You, My hope, my heart's delight!  
O kindle, Lord most holy, Your lamp within my breast  
To do in spirit lowly All that may please You best.

I lay in fetters, groaning; You came to set me free.  
I stood, my shame bemoaning; You came to honor me.  
A glorious crown You give me, A treasure safe on high  
That will not fail or leave me As earthly riches fly.

Love caused Your incarnation; Love brought You down to me.  
Your thirst for my salvation Procured my liberty.  
Oh, love beyond all telling, That led You to embrace  
In love, all love excelling, Our lost and fallen race.

Sin's debt, that fearful burden, Cannot His love erase;  
Your guilt the Lord will pardon And cover by His grace.  
He comes, for you procuring The peace of sin forgiv'n,  
His children thus securing Eternal life in heav'n.

**The Invocation**

**L:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** Amen.

**The Confession of Sins**

**L:** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C:** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination*

**L:** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C:** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

8:00 P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His

\*please rise on last verse

authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

10:30 **L:** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

**C: Amen.**

### **The Collect**

**L:** The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

**L:** Let us pray. O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### **The Readings**

#### *Acts 8:26–40*

<sup>26</sup>Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” This is a desert place. <sup>27</sup>And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship <sup>28</sup>and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. <sup>29</sup>And the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over and join this chariot.” <sup>30</sup>So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” <sup>31</sup>And he said, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. <sup>32</sup>Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this: “Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter and like a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he opens not his mouth. <sup>33</sup>In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.” <sup>34</sup>And the eunuch said to Philip, “About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” <sup>35</sup>Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. <sup>36</sup>And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?” <sup>38</sup>And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. <sup>39</sup>And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. <sup>40</sup>But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

**P:** This is the Word of God.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

#### *John 4:1–11*

<sup>1</sup>Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. <sup>2</sup>By this you know the Spirit of God:

every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God,<sup>3</sup> and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already.<sup>4</sup> Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.<sup>5</sup> They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them.<sup>6</sup> We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error.<sup>7</sup> Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God.<sup>8</sup> Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love.<sup>9</sup> In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him.<sup>10</sup> In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.<sup>11</sup> Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

**P:** This is the Word of God.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

**P:** Please rise for the reading of the Gospel. The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 15<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C: Glory to You, O Lord!**

*John 15:1–8*

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus said:] “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. <sup>2</sup>Every branch of mine that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup>Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. <sup>5</sup>I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup>If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup>If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.

**P:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

**The Children’s Message** 10:30 svc

**The Sermon Hymn** LSB # 430 “*My Song Is Love Unknown*” vv. 1-3, 6-7

My song is love unknown, My Savior’s love to me,  
Love to the loveless shown That they might lovely be.

Oh, who am I That for my sake  
My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?

He came from His blest throne Salvation to bestow;  
But men made strange, and none The longed-for Christ would know.  
But, oh, my friend, My friend indeed,  
Who at my need His life did spend!

Sometimes they strew His way And His sweet praises sing;  
Resounding all the day Hosannas to their King.  
Then “Crucify!” Is all their breath,  
And for His death They thirst and cry.

In life no house, no home My Lord on earth might have;  
In death no friendly tomb But what a stranger gave.  
What may I say? Heav'n was His home  
But mine the tomb Wherein He lay.

Here might I stay and sing, No story so divine!  
Never was love, dear King, Never was grief like Thine.  
This is my friend, In whose sweet praise  
I all my days Could gladly spend!

**The Sermon "Love is From God"** based on 1 John 4:7-11

**The Nicene Creed** 8:00 svc creeds are found on inside back cover of hymnal

**The Apostles' Creed** 10:30 svc

**The Gathering of Our Offerings to God** [stjohnsconover.com/donate](http://stjohnsconover.com/donate)

**Choral Offertory** "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" Sr. Choir

**The Response Hymn** LSB # 700 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!  
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling, All Thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, Thou art all compassion, Pure, unbounded love Thou art;  
Visit us with Thy salvation, Enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit Into ev'ry troubled breast;  
Let us all in Thee inherit; Let us find Thy promised rest.  
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;  
End of faith, as its beginning, Set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty, to deliver; Let us all Thy life receive;  
Suddenly return, and never, Nevermore Thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing, Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,  
Pray and praise Thee without ceasing, Glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish then Thy new creation, Pure and spotless let us be;  
Let us see Thy great salvation Perfectly restored in Thee,  
Changed from glory into glory, Till in heav'n we take our place,  
Till we cast our crowns before Thee, Lost in wonder, love, and praise!

**The Prayer of the Church**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion** 8:00 svc.

*The Words of Institution*

*Distribution*

*Distribution Hymns*

LSB # 550 "Lamb of God"

Your only Son, no sin to hide, But You have sent Him from Your side  
To walk upon this guilty sod, And to become the Lamb of God.

***O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God!  
O wash me in His precious blood, My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.***

Your Gift of love they crucified, They laughed and scorned Him as He died:  
The humble King they named a fraud, And sacrificed the Lamb of God. ***Refrain***

I was so lost, I should have died, But You have brought me to Your side  
To be led by Your staff and rod, And to be called a lamb of God. **Refrain**

LSB # 623 "Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray"

Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray That we may feast on You today;  
Beneath these forms of bread and wine Enrich us with Your grace divine.

Give us, who share this wondrous food, Your body broken and Your blood,  
The grateful peace of sins forgiv'n, The certain joys of heirs of heav'n.

By faith Your Word has made us bold To seize the gift of love retold;  
All that You are we here receive, And all we are to You we give.

One bread, one cup, one body, we, Rejoicing in our unity,  
Proclaim Your love until You come To bring Your scattered loved ones home.

Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray: O keep us steadfast till that day  
When each will be Your welcomed guest In heaven's high and holy feast.

LSB # 620 "Jesus Comes Today with Healing"

Jesus comes today with healing, Knocking at my door, appealing,  
Off'ring pardon, grace, and peace. He Himself makes preparation,  
And I hear His invitation: "Come and taste the blessed feast."

Christ Himself, the priest presiding, Yet in bread and wine abiding  
In this holy sacrament, Gives the bread of life, once broken,  
And the cup, the precious token Of His sacred covenant.

Under bread and wine, though lowly, I receive the Savior holy,  
Blood and body, giv'n for me, Very Lamb of God from heaven,  
Who to bitter death was given, Hung upon the cursed tree.

God descends with heav'nly power, Gives Himself to me this hour  
In this ordinary sign. On my tongue His pledge receiving,  
I accept His grace, believing That I taste His love divine.

Let me praise God's boundless favor, Whose own feast of love I savor,  
Bidden by His gracious call. Wedding garments He provides me,  
With a robe of white He hides me, Fits me for the royal hall.

Now have I found consolation, Comfort in my tribulation,  
Balm to heal the troubled soul. God, my shield from ev'ry terror,  
Cleanses me from sin and error, Makes my wounded spirit whole.

*Post-Communion Prayer*

**The Benediction**

**P:** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be  
gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

**The Closing Hymn** LSB # 602 "*The Gifts Christ Freely Gives*"

The gifts Christ freely gives He gives to you and me  
To be His Church, His bride, His chosen, saved and free!  
Saints blest with these rich gifts Are children who proclaim  
That they were won by Christ And cling to His strong name.

The gifts flow from the font Where He calls us His own;  
New life He gives that makes Us His and His alone.  
Here He forgives our sins With water and His Word;  
The triune God Himself Gives pow'r to call Him Lord.

The gifts of grace and peace From absolution flow;  
The pastor's words are Christ's For us to trust and know.  
Forgiveness that we need Is granted to us there;  
The Lord of mercy sends Us forth in His blest care.

The gifts are there each day The holy Word is read;  
God's children listen, hear, Receive, and they are fed.  
Christ fills them with Himself, Blest words that give them life,  
Restoring and refreshing Them for this world's strife.

The gifts are in the feast, Gifts far more than we see;  
Beneath the bread and wine Is food from Calvary.  
The body and the blood Remove our ev'ry sin;  
We leave His presence in His peace, renewed again.

All glory to the One Who lavishes such love;  
The triune God in love Assures our life above.  
His means of grace for us Are gifts He loves to give;  
All thanks and praise for His Great love by which we live!

**The Silent Prayer**

**The Postlude**

**The Sharing of God's Peace**

# ST. JOHN'S EAGLE

April 28, 2024

## **ALTAR FLOWERS**

The flowers are given to the Glory of God.

**EAGLE** – Deadline is Thursday by noon      **June NEWSLETTER** Deadline is May 20

**BIRTHDAY WISHES:** Apr. 28 – May 5

Apr.28 Blair Yount	May 1 Rodney Sigmon	May 3 Ellen Workman
Catie Yount	Danyel Moose	Lori Beaver
Zach Clampitt	May 2 Jeff Houser	Todd Goulds
Apr. 29 Tamp Bandy	Diane DeBusk	Jeff Brinn
Alene Vogelsang	Alan Keller	May 4 Donna Powell
Krista Straight	Wayne Houtler	Tiffany Lail
Apr. 30 Teirsa Lane		May 5 Clyde Whitener
		Caleb Eckard

We **WELCOME ALL GUESTS AND VISITORS** to our worship service today! We are glad to have you join us and pray that you will be blessed during our time together. Please sign our guest book in the narthex before leaving. Please come and join us again!

## **NURSERY HELPERS**

*Apr. 28* Lisa Sain      *May 5* Tammy Yount      *May 12* Stephanie Weber & Megan Baker

## **ELDERS OF THE MONTH**

**April** Les Killian 828-256-1043      **May** Myron Yount 828-466-3292

## **ELDERS FOR COMMUNION**

**April** 8:00 Chuck Miller 10:30 Steve Sigmon      **May** 8:00 Michael Tripp 10:30 Myron Yount

The **CALL COMMITTEE** will hold a question and answer meeting on April 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm to answer any questions the voters may have about the Call Process. The Call Committee consist of *Chuck Miller, Kathy Stephens, Michelle Slaughter, Jim Johnson, Dave Harris, Josh Sigmon, Teirsa Lane, Amy Nichols, Dana Drum, James Elliott, Paula Teague, and Lee Propst.*

**CALL SERVICE**-There will be a **CALLED VOTER'S MEETING** on May 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the sanctuary to call a new Senior Pastor. The call committee recommends that we call Pastor Lagoutine to fill this position. The church council has agreed to this decision and it will come to the voter's as a motion from them. Please make every effort to come to this important meeting to make your voice heard for the future of God's "Church on the Hill".

There will be a **DOOR OFFERING** for *Mike & Alice Lawson* on *Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>*. Please prayerfully consider giving to this door offering to help them after the car accident a couple of weeks ago. (*If a check is written, please make it out to Mike or Alice (not the church)*).

The **NURSERY IS AVAILABLE** for the 10:30 service. Please feel free to bring your small children to it so that you can return to and enjoy the service.

**CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY BAGS** are located to the left of the usher's table.

If you would like to serve as a **SUNSHINE LADY**, please contact *Leigh Ann Trent* (828) 217-9698

**ATTENTION ALL YOUNG ADULTS AGE 18-30** - Myron & Tammy Yount would like to **extend an invitation** to attend their bible study *located downstairs in the adult Sunday School room.*

The **DAILY WALK BIBLE STUDY GROUP** will meet on Thursday nights at 7 pm in the library. All are welcome to join us. This is your chance to read the Bible in a year with your church friends. Any questions, contact Jeff 828-303-6120 or Diane 828-514-1142.

The **SHARING CENTER** *new hours and day* - Tuesdays from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

## COMMUNION

The Lord's Supper is celebrated in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His Table those who trust His words, repent of all sins, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes. Because Holy Communion is a public witness of our oneness in the faith and teaching, which is confessed at this Altar, we respectfully request that only Communicant members of congregations of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod or of congregations in Altar and Pulpit Fellowship participate in the Sacrament. Any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or visitors desiring to commune for the first time are asked to speak with the Pastor prior to the service. If you will be partaking of Holy Communion today, you may wish to read Luther's "Questions with their Answers" on pages 329-330 of the LSB to help you prepare for the Sacrament. There are also prayers for before and after communion in the inside cover of the LSB. *Adults and children who are not confirmed, may come to the altar for a blessing – please cross your arms over your chest at the altar to indicate your desire for a blessing.*

**HICKORY CROWDAD'S Church Bulletin Sundays** – Do you love going to baseball games? When you **bring your St. John's bulletin** to the Crowdad's ticket office for every Sunday home game this season you will receive a discounted ticket for \$6, AND **\$4 of each ticket bought with a St. John's bulletin will come back to St. John's at the end of the season!** So make sure to save your bulletin! Future Sunday home games will be **TODAY, May 19 & 26, June 9 & 23, July 21 & 28, Aug 11 & 25, and Sep 8**

## BENEFITS OF PRAYER

*Develops and strengthens your relationship with God*

*Helps you make the right decisions*

*Gives your life direction*

*Helps to avoid temptations*

*Miracles can happen*

Have you ever wanted a time for the church doors to be open and you have the opportunity to walk in and talk with God - **Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>**, the church will be open from 6 to 7:30pm.

*Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.*  
*Philippians 4:6*

**TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY GROUP** meets on Tuesdays at 11am in the library. We welcome new members. Call or text Dana Drum at 244-0487 if you have questions.

**SMITH FAMILY REUNION** will be TODAY from 1:00pm to 3:00 pm in the Joy Room.

If you or a child is **GRADUATING** from high school or college this school year, please email information or call the church office so we can get the information in the bulletin for the Graduate Sunday Recognition being held on *Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup>*.

**SAVE THE DATE: VBS** will be July 28-Aug 1. Please plan to attend and tell your friends. This year our theme is "Celebrate the Savior"! More details to follow.

St. Mark's Lutheran Church will hold a **SUMMER CAMP "GOD CAN!"** the week of July 22-26 from 9am to 4pm with meals and snacks included (before and after care available). Cost will be \$100/child (\$30 deposit will reserve spot). To register, call Wendy Hefner or email [wendy@smarklc.org](mailto:wendy@smarklc.org) or scan QR code.



**2025 LCMS Youth Gathering Meeting - May 5th at 4:30pm** Parents and youth from 7th through 12th grade join us for this next meeting as we discuss more details about the trip, including deposits, and answer any questions you may have. For any parents or adults interested in attending as a volunteer, please have the *adult leader application* turned in by the previous



Sunday, April 28th! If you have any questions please speak with Matt!

### CAMP LINN HAVEN NEWS

Workdays will be held every Saturday through May 18<sup>th</sup>. Call Teirsa Lane (320-2840) with the number of people in your group that will be coming to help.

Booster Club Weekend will be May 31-June 2. Call Teirsa Lane for reservation.

St. John's Weekend will be September 6-8. Call Teirsa Lane for reservation.

**UPDATED NEWS** from *Katelyn Houser*- click on the QR code to read what has been going on since the beginning of the year!!



### SPONSORSHIP

Katelyn Houser is serving in San Juan de la Maguana, Dominican Republic with Solid Rock International and has committed to serve through at least March of 2025. Please keep her in your prayers during her time there. If you feel led to sponsor her, visit <https://bit.ly/KHouserSRI> and register for an account. All gifts made through the link are tax deductible. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact her at [katelynhouser05@gmail.com](mailto:katelynhouser05@gmail.com).

**ALASKA VBS SUPPLIES NEEDED** - We will be shipping our supplies so we have started gathering craft and other supplies. If you can help, please leave them in or near the marked basket on the table in the Parish Hall. *Items needed – Fruit Punch Kool-Aid or Lemonade in the small canisters with sugar already added, quart and gallon Ziploc bags, fabric scissors, markers or crayons, solid (colors or white) sheets or pillow cases to be used for costumes, 3 ounce Play Dough, permanent markers, stuffed animals (can be gently used) for our Noah's ark skit, and new items for Bingo prizes. Bingo prizes should be unscented, non-breakable items for both children and adults. Some examples are basketballs, sand toys, cars, dress up clothes or costumes, socks, baseball hats, t-shirts, nuts, gum, candy, jewelry, and coloring books.* Please contact Dana Drum at 828-244-0487 if you have questions.

### GOALS 2024

\*We will strive to let God through the Holy Spirit lead us into the future as we as individuals and as a congregation grieve the death of Pastor Johnson.

\*We will strive to support Pastor Lagoutine by faithfully attending church services, praying for his ministry and seeking ways to offer assistance as needed.

\*We will strive to faithfully pray for our church staff, church officers, and fill in supply pastors as we face changes, being supportive of the efforts to continue to "Lift High the Cross".

\*We will strive to better serve the youth in our church, knowing that our children are the future. We will encourage and support our DCE Matt Cochran, our Sunday School, Sunday School teachers, youth leaders and youth groups. We will share our talents and gifts God has given us to ensure that our youth see God working through us.

\*We will strive to invite our friends and neighbors to church and continue to welcome all visitors.

### ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH 464-4071

**Pastor**[Lagoutine@stjohnsconover.com](mailto:Lagoutine@stjohnsconover.com)

**Matt**[@stjohnsconover.com](mailto:Matt@stjohnsconover.com)

**Secretary**[@stjohnsconover.com](mailto:stjohnsconover.com)

**Website** - [www.stjohnsconover.com](http://www.stjohnsconover.com)

Rev. Anton Lagoutine	303-9709
Randy Baker– President	215-4214
Matt Cochran—DCE	705-1884
Derek Baker- Music Director	781-7020
Chad Stephens – Head Usher 8 svc	639-3049
Jason Sain – Head Usher 10:30 svc	464-0656
Chastity Arndt – Church Secretary	464-4071

Chuck Miller – Chairman of Elders	828-234-3044
Bruce Ingle– Organist	310-4396
Chris Slaughter – Deacon	828-514-0315
Jennifer Cater - Sunday School	828-291-6935
Les Killian – Acolyte	612-9630
Dawn Huffman – Preschool	828-548-3102



StJohnsWebsiteDonate.png



StJohnsWebsite.png

**WOODEN CROSSES** are available in the Narthex in a basket under the Last Supper carving. Feel free to take what you need to pass out to others. Parents, if your children would like to pass them out or have one, please grab them for your children.

**GETTING THROUGH GRIEF BIBLE STUDY BOOKS AVAILABLE** - There are two versions – one for adults and one for youth (middle school or high school age level). They can be used for individual or group study. Each of the eight chapters in the book explore a different gift that God has given us to use in times of grief. Please help yourself or take one to someone who may benefit from it.

**STEWARDSHIP RESPONSE, Apr. 21 Attendance:** 8:00 130 10:30 166 SS 81

<b>Offerings:</b>	<b>Budget:</b>	Missions/Ministry	9,318.32	
		Sunday School	18.00	
		Reimbursement	576.14	\$ 9,912.46**
<b>Designated Funds:</b>		Building Bridges	420.83	
		Food Pantry	235.00	
		Short Term	580.00	
		Teen Camp – AK	32.00	
		TRUST	60.00	\$ 1,327.83
<b>Building Fund:</b>		Offerings	130.00	\$ 130.00
<b>Total Receipts for Apr. 21</b>				<b>\$ 11,370.29</b>

**CAMP LINN HAVEN BACKPACK SUPPLIES** -For the past 19 years, high schoolers from across the country have come to Camp Linn Haven for Teen Servant Week and have completed various local mission projects and they have watched the Lord grow this ministry so that they are able to share His love with more student and families through the gift of school supplies. This year, they plan to pack 700. In order to make this possible, school supplies and/or monetary donations must be collected throughout the year. If you would like to donate financially, contact Teirsa Lane, Thrivent members may also use their Action Team card to purchase supplies online, you can donate to the Amazon wish list by going to <https://amzn.to/3OgEBTU>, or a box will be placed in the parish hall to place donated items in. Be sure to give a copy of your receipt so they can keep a record of the total cost of this project. Thank you for your prayers and consideration. **Items**

**Needed:** *Wide ruled & college ruled loose leaf paper, wide ruled & college ruled composition notebooks, 1 subject wide ruled & college ruled notebooks, 3 subject college ruled composition notebooks, 3x5 index cards, 1", 1.5", & 2" binders, packs of dividers with tabs, 2 pocket folders, pencil sharpeners, 8-10 count packs of wooden pencils, 10 count packs of mechanical pencils, pink (wedge) erasers, 12 count packs of CRAYOLA colored pencils, 10 count pack of CRAYOLA broad line markers, 10 count packs of CRAYOLA fine line markers, glue sticks, blunt tip scissors for kids, scissors for kids ages 8-12, chisel tip (skinny) highlighters*

### **PRAYER LIST**

Let Us Pray for those with cancer: Chuck Bolliger, Michael Sigmon, Chris Young, Peggy Polomski, Jeff Watson, Aiden Cox, Phyllis Bumgarner, Jack Smith, Tracy Bostian, Melissa Goble, Tonya Lambery, Pat Sigmon, Meredith Huret, Victoria Watson, Kim Cater, Pam Barlow

Those with other health issues: Geraldine Hahn, Bob & Martha Bumgarner, Becky Ramsey, Jason Sigmon, Lynn Lail, Kathy Wallace, George Huffman, Betty Bostian, EJ Lyles, Amanda Ikerd, Tina Parkhurst, Judy Goble, Larry Baker, Pam Walker, Layne Baker, Donna Jones, Alex & Cameron Yount, Lori Beaver, Claudia Lovingood, Mike & Kathy Smith, Ruby Sigmon, Waylon Mostiller, Louise Isenhour, Sherry Black, Charles Poovey, Dana Darr

Those serving in the military: Justin Miller, Bradley Hatley, Nathan Reitzel, Austin Bandy, Jake Bandy, Evan Mojica, Derick Smith, Cael Lyons, James Cleveland, Jayden Zinn

Our Home Bound Members: Larry Baker, Shirley Aiken, David L. Good, Kathy Wallace, Sarah

Kanipe, Betty Bostian, Martha Noell, Bob & Martha Bumgarner, Kathleen Hedrick, George Huffman, Phyllis Bumgarner, Lynn Lail, Hugh Yount, Alene Vogelsang, Joyce Reidenbach

## THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

### **Sunday, Apr. 28**

Early Worship 8:00 am

Sunday School 9:30 - 10:15am

Worship 10:30 am

### **Tuesday, Apr. 30**

Women's Bible Study 11:00 am

Question and answer meeting 6:30 pm (about the call process)

### **Wednesday, May 1**

Men's Bible Study 8:30 am

Benefits of Prayer 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm

Confirmation 8<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm

Sr. Choir 7:00 pm

### **Thursday, May 2**

Daily Bible Study 7:00 pm

### **Sunday, Apr. 5**

Early Worship 8:00 am

Sunday School 9:30 - 10:15am

Worship 10:30 am

NYG Mtg 4:30 pm (parents and youth)

Called Voters Mtg 6:30 pm (calling Pastor Lagoutine for Sr. Pastor)