

## **Lenten Sermon Series**

Lent began on Wednesday, **February 17<sup>th</sup>** at 7pm. We launched a Mid-Week Lenten Series entitled: **Places of the Passion**. During this series we will follow in the footsteps of Jesus, contemplating what happened at each place our Savior stood along the path of His Passion for our sake. Each service at 7pm will explore the meaning, history and spiritual inspiration associated with the location highlighted. We will learn things we might not have known as we understand the hard road our Lord took to open heaven for us.

### **March 24<sup>th</sup>—Pilate's Judgement Hall**

## **Sunday Sermon Series: When God Doesn't—The Book of Habakkuk**

On **March 7<sup>th</sup>**, we began a four-week series entitled; **When God Doesn't**. In the latter part of Lent, we will take an in-depth look at the book of Habakkuk which begins with his complaining and questioning of God whom seems silent and unconcerned for his people. Yet, as God reveals his divine work, Habakkuk must let go of his own expectations and wait patiently for God to fulfill his divine purposes in his timing and ways. In the end, Habakkuk's complaint gives away to a beautiful trust in God that is not based upon the prophet's circumstances.

**March 21<sup>st</sup>**—The Art of Waiting—Habakkuk 2:2-20

**March 28<sup>th</sup>**—Being An Overcomer—Habakkuk 3:16-19

**Kingdom Kids**, a ZOOM gathering for children and their parents will be offered on several Sunday mornings during Lent. We will learn about the season of Lent and focus on the stories of Jesus' journey to the cross for us. The invitation for the ZOOM meeting time will go out in the congregational emails along with the link to the livestream; the session will begin at 10:00am and end by 10:30 or a little earlier. Denise Wright is looking forward to seeing your children again and the opportunity for them to see each other as well!

**GriefShare Info**: GriefShare sessions are held on **Mondays** at 7:00pm and **Tuesdays** at 1:30pm through ZOOM only. If you would like to participate or know someone who is grieving, we encourage you to join us. Please contact Denise at [Denisedsg@comcast.net](mailto:Denisedsg@comcast.net) or call 717-840-0382 to register and with any questions. We will be more than glad to help you learn how to ZOOM if you have never done it.

**Soul Care Info**: Soul Care for Women is meeting on **Tuesdays** at 9:30am and **Thursdays** at 7:00pm through ZOOM. Please feel welcome to join us; contact Denise Wright to register.

**Easter Egg Hunt**: The youth group will be hosting an Easter Egg Hunt for St. John families with children up to age 11 on Palm Sunday, **March 28<sup>th</sup>**. Please meet us at the outdoor worship area at 10:00 A.M. The egg hunt will begin at 10:15 or shortly thereafter. There will be coloring, a simple craft, prizes, and eggs filled with individually wrapped candy. One of the prizes will be for the most unique Easter mask! In the event of rain, we will meet in the gym and hunt for eggs in the classrooms. Please RSVP with a text to Ellen Keough at 717-858-8317.



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### **Virtual (Zoom) New Member Class Being Offered**

Beginning Tuesday, **April 20th** at 6:30PM a New Member Class will be offered via Zoom. This 6-week class will explore what it means to be Lutheran, as well as learn the mission, vision and values of St. John Lutheran Church. In this class you will also hear ways new members can use their gifts and talents to enhance the ministry of St. John. If you are considering becoming a member of the St. John family, we recommend that you go through this 45 min to 1 hour class. Class attendees are not required to become members, but it is hoped that once you hear about all the exciting ways God is working at St. John, you will be inspired to become part of His work. The classes will end on **May 25th** and new members will be received into fellowship during the worship services of **June 6th**. We have been accumulating a list of people, over the last year, who have expressed an interest in joining and we will contact those people via email. But if you are interested in participating in this class and have not been contacted, please email Pastor Cosgrove at [pstcosgrove@comcast.net](mailto:pstcosgrove@comcast.net) and the Zoom link will be shared.

### **Flowers for Cross on Easter:**

Please remember to bring your Easter flowers to place in the chicken-wire cross to make it come alive with color on Easter Morning!

### **Compassion Center:**

Thanks to Tom Sindlinger for replacing the overhead entry light and for fixing the hallway light switches. We have light, and it is good!

Thanks to Tim Rehman for donating 100 bottles each of hand soap and hand sanitizer. We're giving these away to our visitors and shoppers.

Donations can be brought to the Center on Tuesdays through Fridays, from 10am to 2pm. The next **Donation Sunday is April 18**. We accept most anything **except** for pillows and furniture. If you have a question about a donation or the Compassion Center in general, please ask Kathy Mokris or Marcia Smyth.

### **Journey with Lutheran World Relief for This Lenten Season!**

During the season of Lent, St. John will once again collect personal care items for Lutheran World Relief's Baskets of Promise Kits. The goal is to create 100 kits to send, through LWR, to underprivileged children around the world. The kits will be assembled on **April 11<sup>th</sup>** at 10am.

Each week, during Lent, the following items will be collected:

- **March 7th**—Bath towels (light weight, dark color, between the sizes 20"X40" and 52"X27"); **and** two or three bath-size bars of soap equaling 8-9oz, in original wrapping.
- **March 14th**— One adult-sized toothbrush in its original packaging.
- **March 21st**— One sturdy comb, remove packaging.
- **March 28th**— One metal nail clipper (attached file optional), remove packaging.

We have already received the following: 37 towels, 100 bars of soap, 79 combs, 64 toothbrushes, and 35 nail clippers. Thank you for your support of this project!

**Seeking Worship Band Musicians:** The worship band will be growing incrementally as we feel it is safe to add more people each week. With that being said, we are looking for musicians who would like to join the band rotation. This is open to all singers and instrumentalists, as we may use specialty instruments alongside the regular band for select services in the future. Those who are interested can contact Brooke LaNasa at [brooke.lanasa@gmail.com](mailto:brooke.lanasa@gmail.com). If you were in the band previously and did not receive an email, please contact Brooke as well.

### **Altar Flower Sponsorship:**

The 2021 calendar is posted in the Narthex for those interested in sponsoring the altar flowers.