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WE PROCLAIM AND PRACTICE  
CHRIST'S LOVE

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He is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!  
Happy Easter!

Easter is the promise of new life. The promise of hope. The promise of Jesus. The tomb is empty. Death was defeated. And life and salvation have won.

In Holy Week we gathered to hear the story of salvation and to remember all the events leading to the cross and the empty tomb. On Easter Sunday we gathered to celebrate this promise. We gathered with lilies and trumpets and beautiful worship.

But the promise of Easter is not just about one week or one day. It is a hope that lives in us all year long. Every day of our lives, we wake up with the promise of Easter. The hope of a new beginning.

From 1 Peter 1:3 we hear, "In his great mercy God has given us a new birth into a living hope in the resurrection of Jesus Christ!" This is our promise that Easter changes everything. No matter what we are going through, Jesus comes to give us life and joy and salvation. This is a promise for today, for tomorrow, and for eternity.



This Easter season, may you find joy in this promise, and may it live in you and give you hope, so that you can find joy in the promise of God, and share this good news with everyone you meet.

We want to give thanks to every person who was involved in sharing this good news during Holy Week. To our Maundy Thursday actors and readers, for sharing the story of Jesus' last supper. To all those who stuffed eggs, hid eggs, donated candy and treats, and helped in any way with our Easter Egg Hunt. To all of you who donated food, cooked food, served food, and cleaned up for the Easter Breakfast. To our choir, musicians, singers, and all who shared the story through music and song. To everyone who read, ushered, greeted, set up communion, helped spruce up the building, and assisted in any way to make worship accessible and beautiful. To our St. James staff for all of your extra work. To ALL the volunteers who helped in any way this weekend. And to all of you who joined us for worship and all of our events in person and online on this beautiful Holy Week. We are GRATEFUL and we give thanks to God for your part of sharing and living the Good News in this place.

Thanks be to God for the promise of Easter and the opportunity to hear that promise once again! Happy Easter!  
He is Risen Indeed!

~Pastor Jeni and Pastor Sid



# CHURCH NEWS



## Wednesday Dinner Menu for April

**April 10: Spaghetti Pie  
and Taco Casserole**

**April 17: Sloppy Joes, Hot  
Dogs and Chips**

**April 24: Variety**



## Graduate Recognition Sunday

will be held on Sunday, May 5 at the 9:45 service. We will be recognizing and celebrating our High School Seniors. A reception will follow the service.

Please turn in a senior picture to the Church office by May 1.



## FIRST COMMUNION INSTRUCTION



FIRST COMMUNION INSTRUCTION will be held on Saturday, April 27 from 9-12. First Communion instruction is for all those in 3rd grade or older who have not yet had the class. First Communion Sunday will be held on May 5th. Please contact Pastor Jeni to sign up for the class. If you would like to have First Communion, but can't join the class that day, please talk to Pastor Jeni as well.

## NEW MEMBERS!

A NEW MEMBER meeting will be held on Sunday, April 21 for all those interested in joining St. James or learning more about St. James. We will meet at 6 PM. New members will be welcomed during worship on Sunday, April 28th. Please talk to one of the pastors to sign up or if you would like more information.

# CHURCH NEWS

## Bunco!

Hey Ladies! Come join us for Bunco on Monday, April 29th, at 7pm! Bring a friend or two or three! Hope to see you there!



### This Month We Prayed For:



Donna Meyer  
Laurie Buchanan

family of Marlys Wendel  
family of Mark Volk



We Celebrated the Baptism of Chay Martin on March 24th

## KOINONIA SUNDAY, APRIL 28TH

Join us on Sunday, April 28th at 5pm for Koinonia!



### JOB OPPORTUNITY: BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR

St. James Lutheran Church is seeking a dedicated Building and Maintenance Supervisor to ensure our property is expertly cared for, clean and welcoming for all members and visitors.

#### RESPONSIBILITIES:

- \*Oversee maintenance, cleaning, and inventory of church facilities.
- \*Manage vendor relationships for repairs and maintenance scheduling.
- \*Draft specifications, obtain bids, and oversee contracted work.
- \*Maintain documentation for service agreements, warranties, and safety records.
- \*Implement preventative maintenance schedules and clear instructions for routine building use.
- \*Proficient in boiler system maintenance, including chemical tests and required inspections.
- \*Handle housekeeping duties, weekly activities, and periodic maintenance tasks.

#### EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE:

Background in Boiler Maintenance preferred.

#### REQUIRED SKILLS:

Self-motivated, organized, and effective communicator.

#### DESIRED QUALITIES:

Demonstrate Christian values, flexibility, positive attitude, and teamwork.

This is a salaried position with 2 weeks of vacation. Join our ministry and assist us in maintaining a welcoming and efficient environment at St. James Lutheran Church. Apply now!

Send resumes to Jere Merrill at:  
[jere.merrill@gmail.com](mailto:jere.merrill@gmail.com)



For full job description contact St. James at:  
[stjamesofficemc@gmail.com](mailto:stjamesofficemc@gmail.com)

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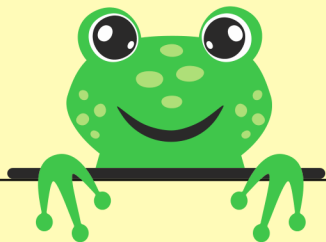
Coming Up



April 13th: Church Cleanout 9 am- noon

April 20th: Welca Salad Luncheon 11 am - 1 pm

April 21st: New Member Meeting 6pm



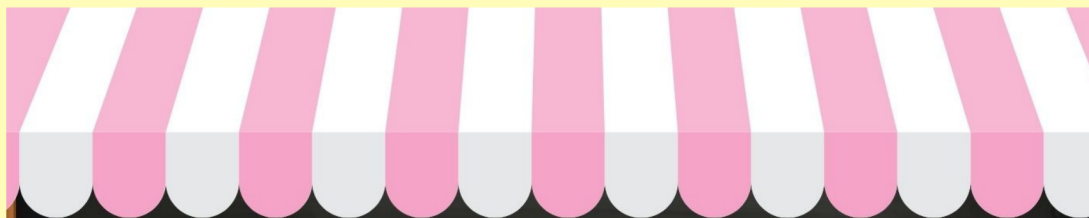
### Familiar Faces

Did you get snapped last month? Check out the photos below and don't forget to take a peek at our social media to see some familiar faces!



# 2024 WELCA SALAD

## LUNCHEON



2024 WELCA Salad Luncheon  
at St. James Lutheran Church

SATURDAY,  
APRIL 20TH  
11AM-1PM



*Bake Sale!*

LUNCH  
INCLUDES  
SALADS,  
CHICKEN  
CROISSANT OR  
HAM SANDWICH  
& DESSERT



*Basket Raffle*

\$10 ADULTS  
\$5 CHILDREN  
UNDER 5 FREE



# Heifer

## International Project

Heifer International is an organization that helps accelerate the path to living incomes for all people internationally. Nutritious food. Shelter. Clean Water. A decent education. Access to health care. And a safe and secure environments are considered by this organization for all people to have a life free from hunger and poverty.

To this end, St. James is working toward providing funds to this organization through special "Well Offerings". Our goal this year to raise \$300 to aid in their efforts to provide clean water to people who need it. Our gift will help provide fresh water to drink every day.

We will have the well up in the sanctuary and ask that everyone drop their coins—or dollars!- into the bucket provided each Sunday. We pray that by the end of the Sunday School year, we have collected enough money to provide water to those who need it!



## Sunday School Schedule for March

Regular classes will be held through the month of April from 9:00-9:40 AM every Sunday!



Sunday, May 5 will be a day of Service and Fun.



On May 12, we will hold our Annual Muffins with Mom! All are welcome!





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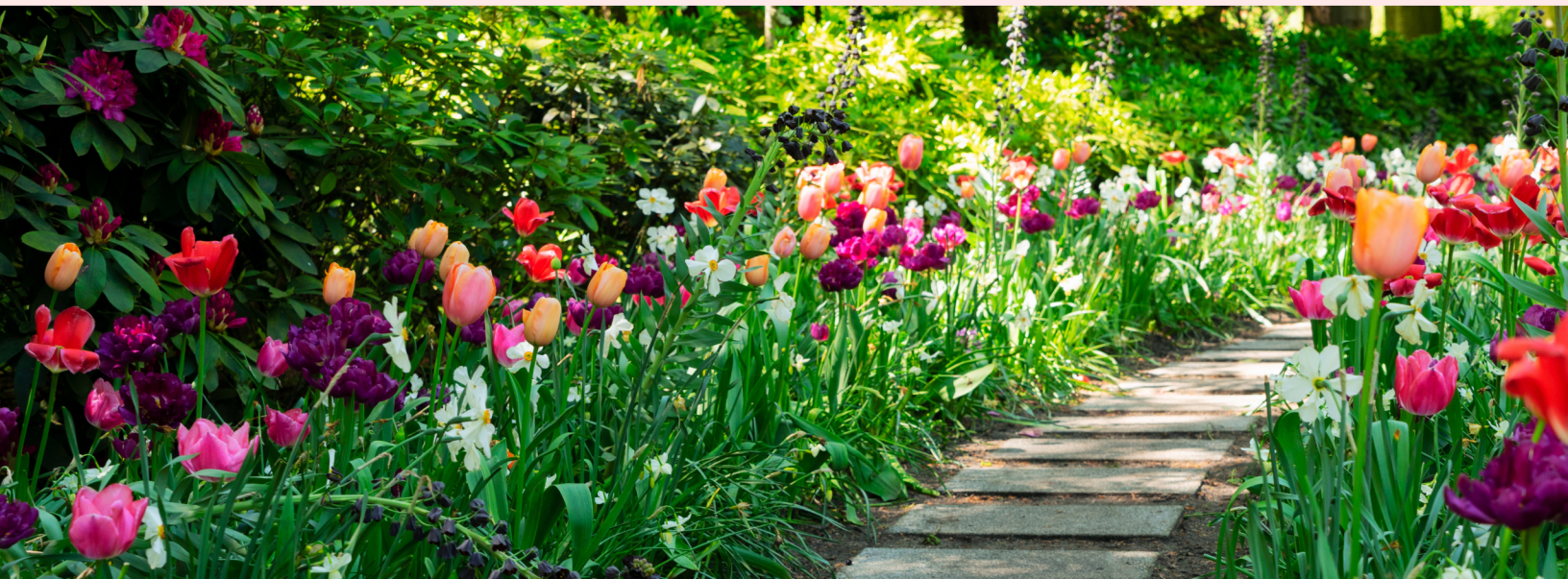
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28 8:30 AM TRAD. SERVICE 9 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 CONTEMP. SERVICE KOINONIA 5PM NEW MEMBER SUNDAY	29 BUNCO, 7PM	30 9AM DO-DAYS				



# APRIL BIRTHDAYS



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7 JILL EILERS JASE ROOD BOB WITTE	8 KIRBY KEISER MARCIA MENKE ADDI OSTRANDER MAGGIE SMITH	9 APRIL JENNINGS-STOYLES PAM LOECKLE KIM OSTRANDER BAILEY VAN DUSSELDORP	10 MICHAEL FITZPATRICK SHERYL FITZPATRICK NATHANIEL JANSSEN AARON POPE	11	12 MILDRED CAROLOUS AMY HALVERSON SANDY TISOR	13 BRIANNA HANSEN-SIMMER DEB PRALLE ISAIAH WATKINS
14 JULIE CARPENTER	15	16 ADAM BUHR RICK KAMMERER SANDEE PALS	17 NATHAN HERSHEY KRIS KOTZ KRISTI MYERS JIM PATRICK	18 DAVID MILLER	19 JACOB ADAMSKI COLTON SCHLIE	20 JON ANDERSON BRANDEN DAHLE MIKE FITZGERALD TREY HANSEN
21 ANGEL HAAG MICHAEL HAAG	22 DOMINICK AUTHIER	23 COLLIN GUMP	24 KADE KLOSTER KATHY ROSENDAHL	25 ANNA FRANCIS JENNIFER HANSEN	26 ASHLEY GEESMAN ROGER GUMP HAROLD HANSEN TRICIA POPE	27
28 MARGARET CHRISTENSEN SKYLAR WATT	29 SCOTT RADCLIFF LUCI TISOR DAVID WARD	30 OWEN JUSTICE JASON TRASK	<b>MAY</b>		31 CHAD DUCKERT SARAH WENDEL	31 BRUCE PENNINGTON RYAN TURNER BRIANNA VAN DUSSELDORP
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DANIELLE AUSTIN	OLIVIA WARNER					
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For through wisdom your days will be many, and years will be added to your life.

