

***Sunday, April 29, 2018, 8:30am  
5th Sunday of Easter***



## **ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**



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Administrative Assistant***

**Schedule**

Saturday Evenings, 4:30 pm  
Sunday Mornings, 8:30am (Traditional) and 11:15am (Contemporary)  
“Nursery Care” provided downstairs for children ages 1-4 during 11:15am service.  
Holy Communion—Celebrated on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of each month.  
Sunday School and Adult Bible Class, Sunday Mornings, 10am (September-June)  
Radio Broadcast WXRL 1300 AM, 11am Sundays

**THOSE SERVING AMONG US**

Acolytes .....Lauren Payne (8:30am), Branden Purpura (11:15am)  
Altar ..... Jim and Chris Sugg, Betty Cavaleri  
Elders ..... John Fragale (4:30pm), Betty Cavaleri (8:30am), Joe Mondo (11:15am)  
Lectors.....John Fragale (4:30pm), Sue Bluhm (8:30am), Bob Chapman (11:15am)  
Radio Broadcast ..... Debra Wisniewski  
Saturday Music .....Mrs. “E”

**OUR WORSHIP SERVICE BROADCAST OVER WXRL IS  
SPONSORED BY *the People of St. John’s* to the Glory of God.**

**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR ARE SPONSORED BY  
*the Castiglione Family*, to the Glory of God this wondrous Easter Season, for the many  
blessings received, and in celebration of Maxwell John’s 20th birthday.**

**WELCOME TO ST. JOHN’S**



Just a friendly reminder.... Worship is sacred time; a time when God comes to us through his Word and Sacraments. In order to maintain reverence during worship we kindly ask that worshipers refrain from “regular conversation” during the service. Please refrain from cell phone use and ensure that ringers on phones are shut off before the service begins. **Please keep all food and beverage (with the exception of bottled water) out of the church/pews.** The “mother’s room” in the back of the church is available for parents with young children, should the need arise. The room is equipped with speakers and hymnals in order that those utilizing the room may continue to worship.

**HOLY COMMUNION**

Members may announce by signing a card in the pew rack and handing it to an Elder as they go forward to receive the Sacrament indicating they have been baptized and instructed in the meaning of the Sacrament (agreeing with the clear teaching of Christ in the Holy Scriptures that His body and blood are truly present in the Sacrament and distributed to those who eat and drink offering forgiveness, life and Salvation). Those who are visiting St. John’s and wish to participate in the Sacrament are kindly asked to speak to the Pastor or an Elder before the service begins. **PLEASE READ THE FRONT OF THE COMMUNION CARD IN THE PEW** for a clear understanding of our Confession. *(Note: Those who wish to receive the wine from the chalice are asked to cross their arms over their chest after receiving the bread. Please raise the chalice to your lips when the Pastor comes to commune you.)*



## ORDER OF WORSHIP DIVINE SERVICE II

♪ PROCESSIONAL HYMN ..... *“We Praise You, O God” LW #494*

### BRIEF ORDER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- P: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
C: **Amen.**  
P: If we say that 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 self-examination.)*

- P: 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.**  
P: Almighty God in his mercy has given his Son to die for us and for his sake forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
C: **Amen.**

### ♪ THE KYRIE

- P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.  
C: ♪ *Lord have mercy.*  
P: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.  
C: ♪ *Lord have mercy.*  
P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.  
C: ♪ *Lord have mercy.*  
P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.  
C: ♪ *Lord have mercy.*  
P: Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.  
C: ♪ *Amen.*

THE HYMN OF PRAISE ..... *“This is the Feast”*

- C: ♪ *This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Worthy is Christ, the lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Power,*

*riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

#### **THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: ♪ *And also with you.*

P: Let us pray together the Prayer of the Day.

C: **O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

#### **THE FIRST LESSON**

**Acts 8:26-40**

**Pg. 1099 (Pew Bible)**

<sup>26</sup>Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Go south to the road—the desert road—that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” <sup>27</sup>So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of the Kandake (which means “queen of the Ethiopians”). This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship, <sup>28</sup>and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the Book of Isaiah the prophet. <sup>29</sup>The Spirit told Philip, “Go to that chariot and stay near it.” <sup>30</sup>Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. “Do you understand what you are reading?” Philip asked. <sup>31</sup>“How can I,” he said, “unless someone explains it to me?” So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. <sup>32</sup>This is the passage of Scripture the eunuch was reading: “He was led like a sheep to the slaughter, and as a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he did not open his mouth. <sup>33</sup>In his humiliation he was deprived of justice. Who can speak of his descendants? For his life was taken from the earth.” <sup>34</sup>The eunuch asked Philip, “Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?” <sup>35</sup>Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus. <sup>36</sup>As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water. What can stand in the way of my being baptized?” <sup>37</sup><sup>38</sup>And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him. <sup>39</sup>When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him again, but went on his way rejoicing. <sup>40</sup>Philip, however, appeared at Azotus and traveled about, preaching the gospel in all the towns until he reached Caesarea.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSIVE READING**

**PSALM 22:25-31**

- P: From you comes the theme of my praise in the great assembly; before those who fear you I will fulfill my vows.
- C: The poor will eat and be satisfied; those who seek the LORD will praise him—may your hearts live forever!**
- P: All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations will bow down before him, for dominion belongs to the LORD and he rules over the nations.
- C: All the rich of the earth will feast and worship; all who go down to the dust will kneel before him—those who cannot keep themselves alive.**
- P: Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord.
- C: They will proclaim his righteousness, declaring to a people yet unborn: He has done it!**

**THE SECOND LESSON**

**1 John 4:7-21**

**Pg. 1230 (Pew Bible)**

<sup>7</sup>Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup>Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. <sup>9</sup>This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup>This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. <sup>11</sup>Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. <sup>12</sup>No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us. <sup>13</sup>This is how we know that we live in him and he in us: He has given us of his Spirit. <sup>14</sup>And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. <sup>15</sup>If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in them and they in God. <sup>16</sup>And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them. <sup>17</sup>This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: In this world we are like Jesus. <sup>18</sup>There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love. <sup>19</sup>We love because he first loved us. <sup>20</sup>Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. <sup>21</sup>And he has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**ALLELUIA VERSE**

**C:** *♩ Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, Alleluia.*

**C:** *✠ Glory to You, O Lord.*

15 “I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. <sup>2</sup>He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. <sup>3</sup>You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. <sup>5</sup>“I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup>If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. <sup>7</sup>If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

R: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C:** *✠ Praise to you, O Christ.*

**THE NICENE CREED**

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made. Who, for us men and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of the Father; and He will come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life; who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*✠ SERMON HYMN ..... “Jesus, Your Blood and Righteousness” LW #362*

**SERMON**

**OFFERING**

**THE OFFERTORY**

P: Heavenly Father, you have opened earth’s good pleasures to us,

**C: even as you have opened heaven’s eternal gates.**

P: So we open our hearts to you,

**C: even as we offer you lives of praise. Alleluia!**

**P:** Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

### **THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

**P:** Let us pray to our gracious Father on behalf of ourselves, for the whole household of the faithful and for all people as they have need.

*(Brief silence for reflection.)*

**P:** Abide in us, O Lord, that we may abide in You and live together within the power of Your love, forgiving one another as You have forgiven us, welcoming the stranger as You have welcomed us and proclaiming Your mercy to those not yet of Your kingdom. Be with the **SUHR, SULZBACH, SURFACE, SUTTELL** and **SWEENEY** families and all others from our congregation. Lord, in Your mercy:

**C: hear our prayer.**

**P:** Abide in us, O Lord, that we may abide in You and not be overcome by the fears and terrors of this world. Give to all our leaders wisdom, integrity of heart, a desire for true justice and a love of peace. Be with **DONALD** our president and protect all who serve in our armed forces, including **TRACY** and **WILLIAM** from our congregation. Lord, in Your mercy:

**C: hear our prayer.**

**P:** Abide in us, O Lord, that we may abide in You and care for those in need, the hungry, the grieving, the wounded in body and spirit, especially \_\_\_\_\_ and our extended family members and friends especially those listed in our bulletin. May those who call upon You in their need know the fullness of Your healing grace in the day of their trouble. Lord, in Your mercy:

**C: hear our prayer.**

**P:** Bless the **ST. JOHN'S CAFÉ GROUP** as they fellowship with each other and gather around your Word. Open the hearts and minds of all gathered so that bonds might be cultivated and faith strengthened. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

**P:** Continue to bless the work of the **LUTHERAN SERVICE SOCIETY** as they are called to serve and care for others. Bless their work with parents, the elderly, the disabled, and those with personal struggles. Send your Spirit upon the staff giving them wisdom and strength as they seek to be in your presence. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

**P:** Abide in us, O Lord, that we may abide in You and deliver to You the petitions of our hearts without fear and with full confidence of Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

P: The Lord be with you.

C: ♪ *And also with you.*

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: ♪ *We lift them to the Lord.*

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: ♪ *It is right to give Him thanks and praise.*

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God; but chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord; for he is the very Paschal Lamb, which was offered for us and has taken away the sins of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you and saying:

C: ♪ *Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.  
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest!  
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest!*

P: Blessed are you Lord of heaven and earth, in mercy for our fallen world you gave your only begotten Son that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as He comes to us in his Holy Supper.

C: **Amen. Come Lord Jesus.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

C: **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 Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

## THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

*(The congregation greets each other with wishes of God's peace by shaking hands or with another greeting with which you are comfortable.)*

**LAMB OF GOD**

**C:** *♪ Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world: Have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world: Have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world: Grant us peace.*

**♪ DISTRIBUTION HYMNS** ..... *“Let Us Break Bread Together” LW #S27 (see insert)*  
..... *“Just as I Am, Without One Plea” LW #359*  
..... *“Blest Be the Tie That Binds” LW #295*

**POST- COMMUNION CANTICLE**

**C:** *♪ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev’eryone what he has done.  
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name.  
He recalls his promises and leads his people forth in joy  
With shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia! Alleluia!*

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

**P:** We give thanks to you, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore you that of your mercy you would strengthen us through the same in faith toward you and fervent love toward one another; 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 BENEDICTION**

**P:** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** *♪ Amen, amen, amen.*

**CHOIR ANTHEM** ..... *“Walk with the Lord”*

**♪ RECESSIONAL HYMN** ..... *“Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus” LW #381*

**P:** Go in peace, serve the Lord.

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

*We leave to enter the Mission Field*

The **ST. JOHN'S MEN'S GROUP** meets at 8am on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month (*May 5th & 19th*).

**CAFÉ** every month on the 3rd Thursday of each month (*May 17th*).

**SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY** Anyone interested in participating should contact Karen Dowdall (716-391-1171).

## BUTTERFLIES

**THANK YOU** to all who helped in hanging the Butterflies on Holy Saturday! We will again need your help on Sunday, May 6th, after the 11:15 Worship Service when the Butterflies will return to "hibernation" for the year. Please let Lois Will know if you can help.



The May issue of The Journal is ready to be picked up in the Narthex.

Remember—you save St. John's time and money if you elect to receive your copy by email—just send a note to the office, it's that simple!



**IN OUR PRAYERS:** Charmaine AfterBuffalo; Sylvia Andolina; Benson Family; Jerry Bernfield; Jim Brennan; Evelyn Camarano; Shirley Connors; Harold Deutschlander; Ruth Dowd;

Karen Durning; Tom Grzankowski; Hailey Holtz; Harold Hutchinson; Marie Karl; Don, Gail Kelm; Marge Kelm; Kori Kent; Rose Kirsch; Jamie Lorenz, Adam & baby; Deann Lorenz; Ron & Brittany Lorenz; Brad Lynch; Don Lynch; Lola Meyer; Donna Murawski; Phyllis O'Rourke; Elgene Peck; Carole Pleban; Barb Podisadlo; Jennifer Purpura; Ernie & Sue Reitzel; Pat Schlebus; Sam, Randy & baby Surface; Suttell Family; Kim Theil, Jordan & Ryan Thurnherr; Dawn Walczak; Betty Wilson. **OUR SERVICE MEMBERS:** Tracy Thurnherr, William Borowski. **FRIENDS OF ST. JOHN'S:** Sandy (Ruth Haungs' niece); Angela (Jay & Phyllis Hanson's daughter); Kyle, Rea, & Gloria (Kathy Ponosny's loved ones); Helen, Emily, (Ceil Rowell's friends); Delores Schad (Betty Cavaleri's sister-in-law); Meg (Carol Coffed's daughter-in-law); Mike & Gus (friends of Carol Coffed); Mary Dziejman (Jenn Purpura's grandmother); Brella (Betty Cavaleri's great granddaughter); Janie Jazwiecki (Dawn Smith's mother); Tom Fowler (friend of Ed & Deann Lorenz); Ray Helmicki (Christine Bluhm's brother); Beverly (Betty Cavaleri's daughter in law); Michael (Sam Surface's father); Mark & Charlie (Sylvia's friends); Karen Plewik & Julie Reid (Linda Plewik's sister and niece); Katrina (Don & Barb Loney's daughter-in-law); Warren (Rick Thurnherr's friend); Carole (Fragale family friend); Robert Power (Barb Perry's daughter-in-law's brother); Joe Bernacki (Barb Perry's friend & neighbor's father); Danny (Colleen Hurley's brother); Jim (Barb Perry's niece's father in law) Gary Stango (Betty Cavaleri's cousin) Gabe (Pam Bluhm's friend); Pastor David Walsh; Tom Sellers (Ceil Rowell's nephew); Dave Bisonette; Rose (friend of Jim & Chris Sugg); Mary Ann (Carol Coffed's sister); Wendy (Kathy Lange's daughter/Jim Kless' sister); Gloria (Pam Bluhm's friend); Pattie (Hannah Kranitz's friend's mother); Paisley. (Colleen Kilanowski's friend's daughter); and the Family of Randy Rider.

*"Friends of St. John's" will remain on the prayer list for 4 weeks without further notification. If you would like to keep a prayer listed after 4 weeks, please contact us at that time by phone or email (683-3947 / stjohndlutheran.office@gmail.com). Thank you!*

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S ...						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
30	May 1 <b>7pm</b> Praise Band	May 2 <b>6pm</b> 6th Grade Confirmation Class <b>7pm</b> Choir <b>8pm</b> AA	May 3 <b>10am</b> Erie County Home (meet at church at 9:15am)	May 4 <b>Pastor's Day Off</b>	May 5 <b>8am</b> Men's Group <b>4:30pm</b> Worship Service w/HC <b>8pm</b> AA	May 6 <b>8:30am</b> Worship Service w/HC <b>10am</b> Sunday School, Monthly Class Pastor/Confirmands Interviews <b>11:15am</b> Worship Service w/ HC Butterflies Hibernate
<p>I am the vine, and you are branches. - John 15:5</p> 						

### OUR CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship is a way of life ... Acts 20:35  
*"Tis more blessed to give, than to receive."*

**Thank you for helping to carry out our ministry through St. John's.**

Baptized Believers .....644  
 Confirmed Believers .....403  
 Attendance Last Week.....213  
 Sunday School.....37  
 Adult Bible Class .....18  
 Month to Date Offering .....\$ 13,972.58  
 Monthly Budget Goal.....\$ 20,190.00  
 Mission 2018, Year-to-Date.....\$ 868.25  
 (Plymouth Crossroads & St. Luke's Pantry)

### Radio Broadcast Ministry

Radio Broadcast WXRL 1300 AM, 11am Sundays  
 \$180/Full Sponsorship—\$45/Partial Sponsorship

Through March 2018:

Income ..... \$ 3,073.92  
 Expenses ..... \$ 2,520.00  
 Difference ..... \$ 553.92  
 5/06 .....Bryan Mayback's Grandfather  
 5/13 ..... Stever Family  
 5/20 ..... Erickson/Mau Family  
 5/27 ..... **Open**  
 6/3 ..... Ron & Norma VanDerwark

**Sunday  
School  
News!**

Monthly Sunday School  
Morning Program  
*All classes meet in the church.  
May 6th*

Monthly Family  
Worship Service  
*11:15am Worship Service  
April 29th (this weekend)  
May 27th*



Tickets are available for St. John's Annual **CHICKEN BARBEQUE** after each Worship Service! The cost this year is \$11/person, all proceeds will benefit St. John's Youth programs.

***This year's BBQ is Sunday, May 20th!***



Needed: **Cupcakes for dessert!!!** A sign-up sheet has been posted on the Narthex bulletin board. We'll need approximately 38 dozen!



The sign-up sheet to purchase Geraniums for **PENTECOST** is now posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex! If you have any questions, please contact Sharon.

**EVERYONE HAS A STORY ...** *We all know that God is always there, but there are times when God steps into our lives in such a powerful way that he changes the landscape of our lives. We would like to document your stories and compile a booklet that would be made in-house and distributed to the congregation to lift us all. We invite you to submit your stories, art work, poems, etc. to put into this project. Please submit by May 6th as we hope to have this ready for Pentecost. **What's your story?***



Help support St. John's Screaming Eagles team as they ride for a cure. Current riders include: John Preston; Mike, Grace & Glenn Stever; Jim Kless; and Laura & Kyle Tirone. To ride, you must register on the Ride for Roswell website and raise a minimum of \$200 (ages 15 and up).

Space is limited for riding, so please don't delay! Donations can be made by cash or check (made payable to The Ride for Roswell); they can also be made online by visiting RideForRoswell.org—just click on the donate tab, then enter the rider's name.

**Thank you for your support of our goal to find cancer cures and save lives!**

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***Coming Soon ...  
Save the Dates***

Plant Sale  
Delivery/Pick-Up  
May 18th & 19th

Confirmation Retreat  
May 19, 10am-12pm

Pentecost/  
Confirmation  
May 20th

***Please keep Pastor  
Galen, our Confirmands,  
their parents and  
families in your prayers.***

Memorial Day  
May 27th  
***Have you submitted  
the name of your  
veteran yet?***

Last Day of Sunday  
School  
June 3rd

High School Graduation  
Stepping Stone  
Sunday, June 24th  
***Please let us know if you  
will be participating,  
send a note to the  
office!***

***"Let Us Break Bread Together"***

- 1. Let us break bread together on our knees.  
Let us break bread together on our knees.  
When I fall down on my knees  
With my face to the rising sun,  
Oh, Lord, have mercy on me.***
  
- 2. Let us drink wine together on our knees.  
Let us drink wine together on our knees.  
When I fall down on my knee  
With my face to the rising sun,  
Oh, Lord, have mercy on me.***
  
- 3. Let us praise God together on our knees.  
Let us praise God together on our knees.  
When I fall down on my knees  
With my face to the rising sun,  
Oh, Lord, have mercy on me.***