



# MAY 2022 NEWSLETTER

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## HAPPY EASTER TO ALL OF YOU!!

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

**HE HAS RISEN!! HE HAS RISEN INDEED!**

We had a wonderful celebration on Easter Morning. The lilies were beautiful.

The choir was in perfect voice. Stacie's flute was melodic, and Sharon's keyboard skills were on full display on the organ. Thank you to Carol Bulva, Nancy Eisenhauer, and all others who helped decorate the sanctuary. **What an inspiring way to welcome the risen Christ into our midst?**

The lectionary Bible Texts now continue the story of Jesus' appearance to the disciples and his last instructions and inspiration to them to continue what Jesus himself started. Many of our texts move to the Book of Acts as we read how the followers of Jesus answer the commission. Some would say it was the beginning of our Christian church.

Now it is our turn. As followers of Jesus, how do we nurture and strengthen our belief while answering the call from Jesus to continue his work of teaching, healing, and compassion?

**Peace on your journey. Pastor Rosemary**



### For Easter Garden of Memories

Loved Ones - from Jan & Tom Miller (this was skipped by the church secretary)

### MEMORIALS: For Rich Schmitt

Jan & Tom Miller, Nancy & Jim Eisenhauer, Mary Lou & Urban Baum, Carol & Joe Bulva, Sue Williams, Ginny Ganschinietz, Yvonne Weber, Judy & Russ Hartmann, Vicki Hartmann

# BENEFIT CONCERT FOR UKRAINE

Hettenhausen Fine Arts Hall McKendree University

Wednesday, May 18, 6:00 p.m. Tickets \$25 each

Emcee - Tim Ezell, host of The Thread on Fox 2 News

Performers: African American Choir from the greater St. Louis area

Tim Price and Harvest

Andy Waggoner, singer, pianist, organist

Alla Voskoboynikova, pianist

Christine Brewer, soprano and more!

More info on how to purchase tickets will be shared when it becomes available.



## May Birthdays:

5/3 Sue Williams

5/4 Jane Cohlmeier

5/7 Jennifer Riess

5/9 Larry Riess

5/14 Ginny Ganschinietz

5/15 Brian Ganschinietz

5/17 Michael Schmitt

5/18 Sharon Kistler

5/21 Sharon Banjavcic

5/24 Urban Baum

5/25 Bob Puckett

5/26 Polli Allen

5/26 Noah Captain

5/29 Anne Brown

5/31 Cody Brink

## ARE THERE GRADUATES IN YOUR FAMILY?

Call the office and let Judy know who, what, and where so we can include them in the June newsletter.



## PENNIES FOR MISSION:

April pennies went to the Heifer Project. We had \$68.42. MAY pennies will go to the Fairview Heights Food Pantry. Thank you to everyone who puts money in the square tin each week to help support these mission projects



## CHOIR NOTES



One more time! Choir will sing on May 15 before taking a break for the summer. Hope you will be in church to hear us. If you like gospel style hymns, you will love this! We will be accompanied by Lisa Cleveland, Dorothy Ovelgoenner's daughter. That means Sharon, our usual accompanist, will be singing with us!

## NOTES AND THANK YOU'S

Pastor Rosemary and St. John members,

Thank you to all for your thoughts and prayers and well wishes during Rich's sickness and at his passing. He is finally at peace and without pain, feeling God's love!

Pastor Rosemary, thank you for your visit and prayer with Rich before his passing.

Love from Judy & all the Schmitt family

**PRAYER LIST:** Urban Baum, Donna Isselhard, David Seneczyn, Warren Neff, Carol White, Dennis Franklin, Cheri Schutzenhofer, Dorothy Wagner, Grand-daughter Captain, Theo Mally, Leah Horner, Dorothy's friend, Ron, Dan Gouge.

## SHUT – INS:

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Highland, IL 62249

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## USHERS

- 5/1 Jan & Tom Miller
- 5/8 Sue Williams &
- 5/15 Sue Williams & Chuck Kistler
- 5/22 Jan & Tom Miller
- 5/29 Sue Williams & Chuck Kistler



## PARKING LOT SALE Saturday, May 21, 8 am to 1 pm.

Here are the details:

- 2 parking spaces rent for \$10. You may park a vehicle in your space and/or bring tables.
- A limited number of tables may be available for rent at \$10 each.
- You may come no earlier than 7 am to set up.
- Evening Circle will have a table for those church members who don't want to have their own space. All items (non-clothing only) must be priced. Anything left at the end of the sale will be donated.

For questions or to reserve your spot, call Sue Williams at 618-407-8220.

Tell your friends and neighbors!



## PHOTO DIRECTORY

It has been 6 years since we did our last photo directory and we were recently contacted by the company that did our last one about doing a new one. We would need at least 25 family units to sign up in order to do this at no cost to St. John. As before each family would get a free photo and the option to purchase more photos if they would like. This would also be open to people outside of our congregation so if you know of anyone that would be interested please feel free to let them know. Before we commit to doing this, we would like to know if there is any interest from the congregation. Please let any council member know if this is something you would like to do. We would also need a volunteer to be in charge of setting this up.

## **EVENING CIRCLE:**

Welcome to May and spring flowers! Let us look for some sunshine in between our many rain showers. We were able to deliver a basket with 60 candy filled Easter eggs to Kindercottage; hopefully, to brighten some children's day.

Our April meeting went well with the movie "The Last Brickmaker in America" after our regular meeting. (Thanks Carol B.) I think everyone enjoyed it!

We are still planning on a tail-gate sale on May 21st. If you have a few items to donate to the Evening Circle table, bring them up to church pre-priced or come to buy from 8:00 - 1:00 P.M. on May 21st.

We will try to have a short meeting in June; date and time will be announced later.

## **HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY (May 8)**



Youth fades; love droops;  
the leaves of friendship fall;  
A mother's secret love  
outlives them all.

*Oliver Wendell Holmes*

Eileen Gammon Co-Chair

## **GRASS CUTTING**

The Council is searching to employ someone to cut the grass and do the trimming at St. John's Cemetery. Grass is cut about every 10 days to 2 weeks (according to how fast it is growing}. In the past the job has taken about 5 hours. Because of the hills and markers, a walk behind self-propelled mower works best.

# May

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Service of Word & Sacrament 10 am	2	3	4	5 AA Meeting	6	7
8 Happy Mother's Day Worship at 10 am	9	10	11 Church Council Meeting 7 pm on Zoom	12 AA Meeting	13	14
15 Worship at 10 am	16	17	18	19 AA Meeting	20	21 Evening Circle Parking Lot Sale 8 am to 1 pm
22 Worship at 10 am	23	24	25	26 AA Meeting	27	28
29 Worship at 10 am	30	31				