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## From Our Pastor

My Dear Family in Christ,

During the church season after Easter, Eastertide, we celebrate the continuing Resurrection of Jesus from the dead and our own resurrections, sacramentally through Baptism and as it continues to form us to the end of our earthly lives and beyond.

Eternal life though, therefore, has more to do with the quality and essence of life than it does with endless existence. When you are with someone you love very much, you have little awareness of time, it really doesn't matter. You are having a good time. Being with god is something of the same experience. The Bible calls it eternal life.

This does not necessarily mean that you are thinking about God or saying your prayers or sitting in church, although these things may be a part of it. The late Frederick Buechner, a provocative and brilliant Christian writer, has described being "with God" as being similar to the situation where we say someone is "with it", that is, completely caught up in what one is doing, totally one's self totally free. We describe that infectiously wonderful state as being "on cloud nine", it is paradise. At such a time the person who is "with it" has life in all its fullness.

We tend to think of eternal life as something endless which begins when this life is over. Tahter, think of it as what happens when life truly begins. Jesus said "I am come, that they may have life in all its abundance".

So during this Eastertide leading to Pentecost, let's open our hearts to the fullness of life in Christ and "get with it".

Pastor Don+



## SUNDAY SCHEDULE

*Adult Bible Study  
will resume on  
April 16th*

*10:30 am  
Worship Service*

## OUR MISSION

*We are a family  
of Christ,  
committed to serving,  
teaching, welcoming  
and loving  
all God's people.*

*Celebrating  
**69** Years  
of Ministry  
in Ocean View  
1953-2022*



## From Our Council President

Pastor plans to open the Discretionary account soon. He has asked our VP to be a co-signer on the account as a checks and balances.

The refrigerator was delivered and installed mid March. JR has a contact at the City who will tell us exactly what is needed to allow public use of the kitchen.

Holy week services: Maundy Thursday at 7:00 pm, Good Friday at 12:00 noon, no Saturday service, Easter Sunday at 10:00 preceded by a Pot Luck Breakfast.

The school has been asked to remove school items from the small room in St. Matthias Hall (former Christian Ed room). Plans are to store one of the small pipe organs in that space.

The long range planning committee meets again April 5th at 6:00pm at church.

WELCA plans to resume Blessing Bags for the homeless. The Scouts will assist with putting bags together.

Gerard Gebler is researching specifics of an Endowment Fund.

Premier Comfort Systems LLC is working on design for AC in the Sanctuary.

Thanks to all for the many ways you support St. John.

# SEN-RETS

We will meet on April 19th  
in St. Matthias Social Hall at 11:30 am  
Bring your bag lunch –  
drinks and dessert will be provided  
For further information  
please contact Emily Kircheval.



WELCA is sponsoring a

*Spaghetti Dinner*  
Fundraiser

**Sunday, May 21st**  
following Worship

**Adults \$5**  
**Kids under 12 Free**



Tickets go on sale, April 2nd.  
For more information please contact Sue Bove.

## Book Sale/Yard Sale June 3rd

*SPRING IS FINALLY HERE*  
*and you can start your Spring Cleaning!!!*

The Outreach Committee will be holding a Book/Yard Sale and are looking for donations. Time to clean out those closets, the garage and maybe even the attic. Anything you would like to contribute would be greatly appreciated. It would also be a big help if you could price your items. Contact Sue Bové for more info and to arrange a time to meet at the church for your drop off.



On our Lenten Journey, remember we are not alone - Jesus is with us as we walk toward Easter - the Season of Joy.

Our Lenten Soup and Bread were well attended.

Watch the weekly bulletin for details on purchasing Easter Lilies.

Our ministries can use additional volunteers: Altar Guild, Communion Assistants, Counters and Ushers. Leave a message with the office if interested.

Please remember to reach out to those you have not seen at services. Home communion is available for those not able to attend. Stay tuned for Live streaming services being looked at.

In Christ's Service, Gail Davidson  
Worship and Music Chair



### Budget Update – February 2023

Monthly Revenues	\$4,633.00
Monthly Expenses	\$23,969.50
Year to date Revenues	\$13,464.22
Year to date Expenses	\$78,638.83
Year to date: Actual Revenue less Actual Expenses	-\$65,174.61
<i>Christian stewardship is the free and joyous activity of the child of God and God's family, the church, in managing all of life and life's resources for God's purposes.</i>	

### April Anniversaries

20 ~ Harry ♥ Amanda Shaffer  
21 years



Let us take the opportunity to  
congratulate them on their years together,  
and wish for them to have many, many more.

### April Birthdays

2 - Lynn Page  
5 - Tarn Krumm  
5 - Chris Page  
9 - Erin Shaffer  
20 - Maria Hoyt  
27 - Carl Harrington  
27 - Ray Slattery

### Worship Attendance

Date	Congregation	Choir/Assistants	Nursery	Total
February 5, 2023	15	8	0	23
February 12, 2023	27	9	0	36
February 19, 2023	20	5	0	25
February 26, 2023	21	8	0	29

St. John Lutheran Church  
Council Minutes  
January 8, 2023

Roll Call:

G. Davidson, D. Midgett, S. Sanchez, G. Gebler, T. Taffe, E. Wilson, S. Bove, P. Kindred, K. Sutton, C. Moran, Pastor Wilson

Call Committee update with Rebecca Walls, Synod Rep. available candidates  
1st year and 2nd career candidates.

Election of 2023 council officers-Pastor Don Wilson: Gail Davidson, President and Deb Midgett, Vice President, Carolyn Moran Treasure and Karen Sutton Financial Secretary. Approval of Decembers minutes: Approved

Old Business:

- A. Annual Meeting-Dec. 11 after worship
- B. Susan Bove and Pat Kindred elected as Council Members
- C. CIA account-line item in 2023 budget
- D. Update on Church insurance: Carolyn Moran: Still pending
- E. Update on civil suit by former parsonage tenants - Deb Midgett, Gail Davidson and Carolyn Moran. Had to pay deposit back to former tenants
- F. New Microphone for Pastor/WiFi status-Carolyn Moran or Sheila Sanchez. May get grant from Synod. School using parents to install cameras.
- G. Pastors Discretionary Fund. Account not opened yet. Will be listed as in/out item and will come from escrow account.
- H. Kitchen Upgrade: POC Ellen Wilson: Has arranged meetings with all contractors and the kitchen committee.
- I. 70th Anniversary Planning group: Karen Sutton and Tara Taffe. Hope to invite former pastors. May have T-shirts printed.

New Business:

- A. Election of council rep to the School-POC Sheila Sanchez:  
Pat Kindred volunteered next meeting Jan. 24th 2023
- B. Congregational meeting to approve Annual Reports from Committees - 5th Sunday in Jan. with Pot Luck - Committee reports due Jan 10th.
- C. Sign up for Council member of the month-opening (Deb/Gail will open before Bible study at 9:00) and closing church ; distribution of council call list for 2023

St. John Lutheran Church  
Council Minutes  
February 12, 2023

Roll Call:

Gerard Gebbler, Tara Taffe, Carolyn Moran, Gail Davidson, Pat Kindred, Debbie Midgett, Susan Bove', Karen Sutton, Sheila Sanchez, Absent: Ellen Wilson, Pastor Don Wilson

Old Business:

New microphone/WIFI status-We are hoping that Cox will come this week to complete to configuration.

Church Insurance-Congregation vote to go with Brotherhood, saving us \$7500 a year. The school pays for workman's compensation since they have the largest number of employees.

Pastor has his check for the discretionary fund.

Refrigerator for the kitchen should arrive by the end of February.

70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary group needs to set a date and time for their first meeting.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Brunch will be held on the 19<sup>th</sup> after worship, Anne Combes will make pancakes, Regina Starling will purchase supplies. The council will do the set up for the brunch.

New Business:

Handouts given for the Council liaisons and contact info. A request was made for a new directory to be printed.

The Long Range Planning Committee met, Gerard Gebbler, chaired. Discussion regarding expenses, plans to sell silver pieces that are no longer in use, and possibly looking at the value of the land adjacent to the church and what could potentially be placed there. A committee has been set up to clean out St. Matthias Hall. It consists of Cheryl Gebbler, Gail Davidson and Karen Sutton.

Recommendations:

Outreach requests the use of St. Matthias Hall, June 3 for a yard and book sale. 8am-5pm. POC: Susan Bove' **Approved**

Welca requests use of St. Matthias Hall, May 21<sup>st</sup> for a spaghetti dinner, set up 9am clean up to 3pm, to be held after service. This is a fundraiser for Welca. POC: Susan Bove' **Approved**

St. John Lutheran School, requests use of St. Matthias Hall on Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup> at 7pm for family movie night, till 10pm. POC: Sheila Sanchez **Approved**

## Outreach Committee

Purpose: To encourage the congregation to minister outside of the church. Get involved in local, national and global ministry.

St. John has started to collect canned goods each Sunday to be delivered to Episcopal Church of the Advent's Food Pantry. A basket is located in the Narthex. Please make a canned good donation part of your offering each Sunday.

The Outreach Committee is starting to gather articles for Blessing Bags to be distributed to people asking for help throughout the local cities. We have a box located in the hallway to collect the following:

Small bottled water	Kleenex
Crackers (6 pk)	Wash & Wipes
Vienna Sausage	ChapStick
Fruit Chews (6 pk)	Individual Hand Sanitizer
Peanuts (6 pk)	Socks
Mints	Small Comb
Raisins	Fruit Cups

All items can be bought at the Dollar Store or grocery store. Please consider picking up something when you go shopping. If you would rather donate money, please mark the envelope "Blessing Bags". The committee will get the ziplock bags and put them together. We will let you know when they are ready to pass out. These were greatly appreciated the last time we did them.

Yard and Book Sale – We are having a sale on Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup>. If you have any items that you think someone would like, please price them and call Susan 757-672-5278 to meet and put them in the shed. Please don't just bring it to the church and leave it. Books we will price and clothes can be priced by the box or each item. If by the box, only put like items together.

Ex. Box of blouses \$2.00 each  
Box of skirts/pants \$2.00 each  
Dresses or suit \$5.00 each  
Socks, ties, etc. .50 cents each

All money will go the church. Consider volunteering that day to help with the sale. There are only three people on the committee.

*Give, and it will be given to you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measure back to you.*

Luke 6:38

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CHURCH LEADERSHIP

President: Gail Davidson

Vice President: Deborah Midgett

Council Secretary: Ellen Wilson

Financial Secretary: Karen Sutton

Director of Music: W. Lee Hendricks

School Director: Sheila Sanchez

Parish Bookkeeper: Carolyn Moran

Parish Secretary: Anne Combes

## Did you know???

To help save paper and postage,  
you can view *The Eagle* newsletter online.  
If you would like to read the newsletter online and  
not receive a paper copy,  
please notify the Church Office.



## HOLY WEEK

### WORSHIP SERVICES

PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 2	10:30 AM
MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 6	7:00 PM
GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 7	7:00 PM



*Easter  
Sunday*

APRIL 9

Breakfast and Fellowship 9 AM  
in St. Matthias Hall

Easter Sunday Worship 10:30 AM

*The Resurrection of Our Lord*