



Please notify Church Office if we
have missed someone. Thank you!

*Congratulations to
Anita Lucht
celebrating her 100th
birthday on March 16th!*



Worship Assistants

Assisting Minister:

March 3 - Dennis Jaeger
10 - Bob Butt
17 - Robin Fatla
24 - **Palm Sunday** - Gary Haas
28 - **Maundy Thursday** - Dennis
Jaeger
31 - **Easter** - Bob Butt

Lector:

March 3 - Florence Van Cleave
10 - Bob Butt
17 - Sue Dowe
20 - **Wednesday** - Robin Fatla
24 - **Palm Sunday** - Gary Haas
28 - **Maundy Thursday** - Dennis
Jaeger
29 - **Good Friday** - Borgne
McClelland
31 - **Easter** - Robert McClelland

Usher:

March 3 - Sue Dowe
10 - Fritz Dowe
17 - Dennis Jaeger
20 - **Wednesday** - Dennis Jaeger
24 - **Palm Sunday** - Jim & Carol
Litvinoff
28 - **Maundy Thursday** - Bob Butt
29 - **Good Friday** - Monica Faretra
31 - **Easter** - Peter Viesselmann

Altar bouquets:

March 3 - **OPEN**
10 - **OPEN**
17 - Dale & Sandy Allen
24 - Florence Van Cleave
31 - Easter lilies

Fellowship:

March 3 - **OPEN**
10 - **OPEN**
17 - **OPEN**
24 - **OPEN**
31 - Easter breakfast

Counting Team:

March 3 - Borgne McClelland
10 - Dennis Jaeger
17 - Jim Litvinoff
24 - Peter Viesselmann
31 - Borgne McClelland



<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
					1 Pastor's day off	2
3 9:30 am - Holy Communion 10:30 am - Fellowship hour 11:00 am - choir rehearsal	4	5	6 Noon - Pastor's Lunch at St. John 6:00 pm - Lent meal and 7:00 pm worship at Advent	7	8 Pastor's day off	9
10 9:30 am - Holy Communion 10:30 am - Fellowship hour 11:00 am - choir rehearsal 11:00 am - Family Promise training	11 9:00 am - Quilting 1:00 pm - Women's Bible study	12 10:00 am - Bible study at Village Pointe Commons	13 Noon - Pastor's Lunch at St. John 6:00 pm - Lent meal and 7:00 pm worship at Trinity	14	15 Pastor's day off	16
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24 Palm Sunday 9:30 am - Holy Communion 10:30 am - Fellowship hour 11:00 am - choir rehearsal	25 9:00 am - Quilting	26 10:00 am - Bible study at Village Pointe Commons	27 Noon - Pastor's Lunch at St. John	28 Maundy Thursday Worship - 6:30 pm	29 Good Friday Worship - 11:00 am & 6:30 pm	30 Prayer Vigil of Easter - 4:00 - 5:30 pm
31 Easter - Day of Resurrection 8:00 am - Breakfast 9:30 am - Holy Communion						

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

As I was preparing to write this article, I went to the ELCA Website and started to read some of the stewardship materials there. The one that caught my attention was The Generosity Project. So, I decided to share some of the Foundations and Fundamentals of it. *

Bible stories of God's grace and overflowing generosity are abundant. How many do you know? Perhaps you remember Genesis and the creation story, or the Gospel stories of the feeding of the 5,000. Do you recall Jesus' answer to the rich man's question about eternal life? Paul's report of the unbelievable selflessness and Macedonians' Spirit-led care for others? What about the story of a community's desire to follow Jesus as reported in Acts and Jesus' first miracle of turning water into wine?

Now count all the hours you and others in your family give to practicing piano, guitar, choir volleyball, baseball, yoga, cooking, keeping one's balance as we age and the list goes on. For all the various reasons and hours we commit to practicing, doesn't it make sense to practice generosity!

This paper offers an approach to stewardship and discipleship based on the practice of generosity that is grounded in commonly held best practices in faith formation, research, Scripture and a Lutheran understanding of baptism.

WHAT IS STEWARDSHIP? WHAT IS DISCIPLESHIP?

"Stewardship" and "discipleship" are not everyday words. Rarely does one hear conversation about stewardship or discipleship outside the walls of a church, although "stewarding the earth" is a popular phrase reflecting growing concerns related to the environment. What then does it mean to be a steward? A disciple?

Stewardship is most often defined as supervising or managing something entrusted to one's care. In Jesus time a steward was the manager of the household. The steward was not the owner but rather a trusted administrator of the owner's property. We are God's stewards of ALL things inherited and entrusted to us. Stewardship is the act of "stewarding" the earth, our wealth, our time, our possessions and our bodies. Being God's steward is a role and a responsibility to which one wholly and enthusiastically commits in response to God's grace and goodness.

Discipleship literally means "one who engages in learning through instruction from another, a pupil. As Christians, the term "disciple" refers to following Jesus and becoming like Jesus in every way. As Lutheran Christians, we enter a life with Christ through our baptism - a life of imitating and following Jesus so others will know Jesus through us. In our Affirmation of Baptism, we commit to continuing in the covenant God made with us. The ELCA "Five Gifts of Discipleship"*** - Live, Hear, Proclaim, Serve, and Strive - help guide us in the practice of our baptism in daily life.

Next month, I will continue with this article and What Is Generosity?

Sharlene, Stewardship Committee Member

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Sunday
March 10

Altar Bouquets

Our worship space is always enhanced by the addition of altar bouquets. You are encouraged to continue to sponsor bouquets even though they are not being provided by Groth's Country Gardens and longer.

Please sign up on the flower chart. You are welcome to provide your own flowers or another member will be happy to purchase them for you. If you have any questions, speak with Sandy Allen or Robin Fatla.



There will be a volunteer training session for those folks wishing to be a part of the meal program at PortLight Shelter On Sunday, March 10th at 11:00 am following Fellowship hour. If you are interested, please contact Robin Fatla.



March 6

Dinner and worship at Advent in Cedarburg
6:00 & 7:00 pm

March 13

Dinner & worship at Trinity in Cedarburg
6:00 & 7:00 pm



WEDNESDAY EVENING

MARCH 20

DINNER - 6:00 PM

WORSHIP - 7:00 PM

ST. JOHN

PALM SUNDAY

MARCH 24

PROCESSION OF PALMS - 9:30 AM

MAUNDY THURSDAY

MARCH 28

WORSHIP - 7:00 PM

GOOD FRIDAY

MARCH 29

7:00 PM

VIGIL OF EASTER

SATURDAY, MARCH 30

4:30 - 6:00 PM

DAY OF RESURRECTION/ EASTER

MARCH 31

BREAKFAST - 8:00 AM

WORSHIP - 9:30 AM

OUTREACH TEAM

**WORLD WATER DAY
MARCH 22**



When safe drinking water just isn't available — especially in times following natural disasters or emergencies — **a simple ceramic water filter (as pictured above) is a lifesaver.** Capable of purifying water without electricity or chemicals, a water filter is a powerful, reliable way to provide safe water when it's needed most.

During the month of March, the Outreach Team is offering you an opportunity to help provide clean water to areas in need of safe drinking water.

Our goal is to collect \$300 dollars to purchase 10 of these filters. Watch for the progress chart featuring water drops, each representing \$30 donated.

When you make your donation, make your checks out to St. John with "water filters" on the memo line, and drop in the offering plate or mail to the church.

Your donation **DOES NOT** have to be \$30. Any donation you make will accumulate.

Gratitude Bags

On Valentine's Day, Sandy Allen and Robin Fatla delivered "Gratitude Bags" filled with snacks and other goodies, to the Crossing Guards in Grafton and Cedarburg to thank them for their service of helping students and other pedestrians cross the city's busy intersections.

Pictured are Sandy and Robin with Gerry Radke who was representing the guards of Cedarburg and Sheryl Welsh and Sergeant Sean Fuerstenberg representing the guards of Grafton.



**St John Evangelical Lutheran Church
Financial Summary For January 2024**

	January 2024			Year To Date 2024		
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual Over (under) Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual Over (under) Budget</u>
Unified Income	\$ 10,263	\$ 12,000	\$ (1,737)	\$ 10,263	\$ 12,000	\$ (1,737)
<u>Expense Summary:</u>						
Education	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Outreach	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Worship	\$ 643	\$ 778	\$ (135)	\$ 643	\$ 778	\$ (135)
Youth	\$ -	\$ 125	\$ (125)	\$ -	\$ 125	\$ (125)
Stewardship	\$ 191	\$ 225	\$ (34)	\$ 191	\$ 225	\$ (34)
Public Relations	\$ 182	\$ 83	\$ 99	\$ 182	\$ 83	\$ 99
Property	\$ 1,539	\$ 2,665	\$ (1,126)	\$ 1,539	\$ 2,665	\$ (1,126)
Finance (Incl.Mission Support)	\$ 8,472	\$ 9,099	\$ (627)	\$ 8,472	\$ 9,099	\$ (627)
Total Expenses	\$ 11,026	\$ 12,975	\$ (1,949)	\$ 11,026	\$ 12,975	\$ (1,949)
Net Income (Deficit)	\$ (763)	\$ (975)	\$ 212	\$ (763)	\$ (975)	\$ 212

Comparative 2023 Figures:

	<u>@ 1/31/2023</u>
Unified Income	\$ 9,133
Total Expenses	\$ (12,256)
Net Income (Deficit)	\$ (3,123)

Major Differences 2024 vs. 2023: Income for January 2024 is \$1,130 more than last year.
 Expenses for January 2024 are \$1,230 less than last year.
 Major year-to-date expense item differences:
 - - Gas Utility expense \$800 less than last year.
 - - Property maintenance expense \$400 less than last year.

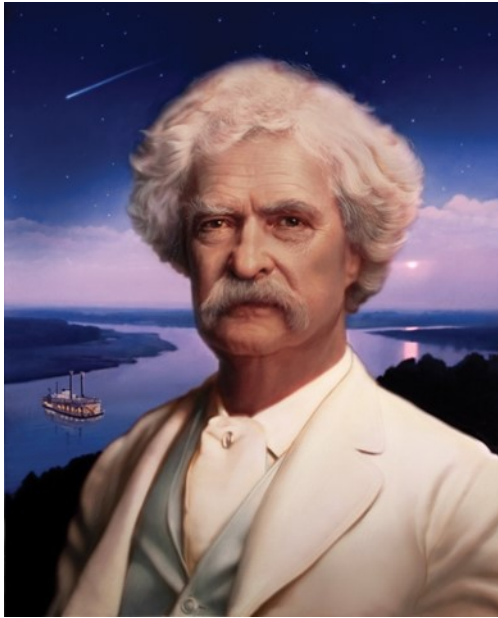
Thrivent Choice Gifts Rec. 2024: \$0
 Memorial Gifts Received 2024: \$0
 Budgeted Mission Support 2024: \$10,770 (All to be paid in February 2024)
 Added Mission Support 2024: \$0

	<u>@ 1/31/2024</u>	Comparative <u>@ 1/31/2023</u>
Assets At End Of Month	\$ 157,788	\$ 180,895

Assets Are Needed to Support The Following Funds:

Audio Fund (formerly Cassette)	\$ -	\$ 2,000
Contingency Fund	\$ 3,757	\$ 19,966
Family Promise Fund	\$ 484	\$ 444
Fully Funded	\$ 283	\$ 509
Library Fund	\$ 505	\$ 505
Memorial Fund	\$ 134,886 <(incl. \$6,761 restricted)	\$ 139,254 <(incl. \$6,761 restricted)
Mercy Fund	\$ 2,760	\$ 2,760
Music Fund	\$ 162	\$ 162
Organ Repair Fund	\$ -	\$ -
Outreach Fund	\$ 117	\$ 434
Pastoral Education Fund	\$ 2,190	\$ 2,189
Property Fund	\$ 9,683	\$ 10,586
Scholarship Fund	\$ 1,839	\$ 1,839
Youth Fund	\$ 1,887	\$ 3,371
Total Fund Requirements	\$ 158,552	\$ 184,018
= Asset Excess (Shortage)	\$ (763)	\$ (3,123)
(Excess = budget surplus; Shortage = budget deficit)		

Adult Fellowship Event



**JOIN US ON FRIDAY, APRIL 5TH
AS WE TRAVEL TO THE SCHAUER ARTS
CENTER IN HARTFORD, WI
FOR THE PRESENTATION OF
“MARK TWAIN REVISITED”**

7:30 PM

TICKETS ARE \$27.00

**YOUR FRIENDS AND COMMUNITY
MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO JOIN US.**

**PORTRAYAL WILL BE DONE BY PARKER
DREW, WHO HAS BEEN GIVING THIS
PRESENTATION FOR OVER 40 YEARS.**

**WE WILL BE CARPOOLING FROM
CEDARBURG.**

Education News

In the month of March there will be no Confirmation classes, however youth should plan on attending Lenten services on Wednesday nights. Host churches will have dinner at 6:00 and service at 7:00. Service activities will continue as well. More information is available via the group emails from Lisa Wegner.

St. John Sunday School will have a class on Palm Sunday, March 24th. We are planning an egg hunt to learn about the Easter story. Please join us! Class will begin at 10:45 and will end at 11:30.

SAVE THE DATES

Our week for VBS will be July 22-26.

We will share the theme and registration soon. In the meantime, mark your calendar.

VBS is for children Preschool/3k-5th grade. Middle and high school youth are welcome as helpers.

Please reach out to Sue Dowe with questions (sadowe1966@gmail.com).

March 2024 Pulse Beat



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"In God's Word, Serving You and the World"

IT IS OUR MISSION as people called by God into the Congregation of St. John Lutheran Church to:

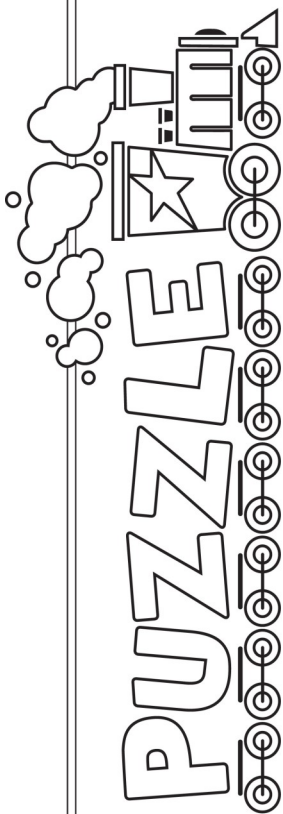
- Proclaim the Gospel in worship and daily life.
- Study and teach God's Word.
- Fellowship among people of this congregation.
- Serve people in our surrounding community.

This is the **MISSION** and **MINISTRY** that we accept as fellow Christians at St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church of Lakefield.

"Faithfully Serving Christ Since 1866"

Worship Schedule

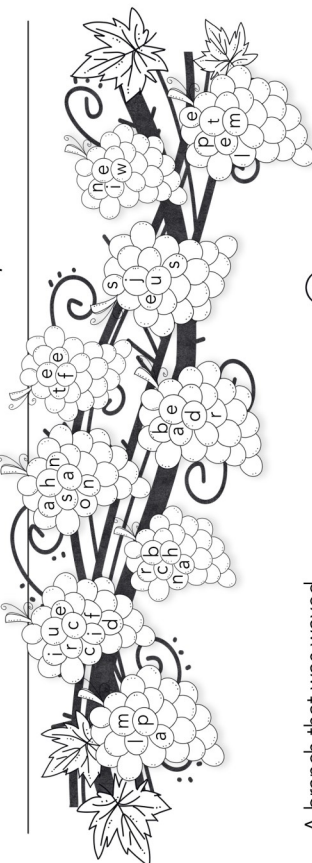
- Sunday Morning - 9:30 a.m.
- Education hour - 11:00 a.m.



A LASTING LESSON

Before dying on the cross, Jesus teaches the disciples an important lesson.

Directions: Use the clues to unscramble the letters in each grape cluster. Then write the circled letters in order below to complete John 15:5, NIV.



A branch that was waved

How Jesus was put to death

A stick attached to the vine

People shouted this to Jesus

Jesus washed these

This was broken and eaten

The Messiah

A drink from grapes

Jesus drove the money changers from here

"I am the vine; you are the branches.

If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear _____ ;
apart from me you can do nothing." John 15:5, NIV

Answer: palm, crucified, branch, hosanna, feet, bread, Jesus, wine, temple, much fruit