April 2023 Newsletter

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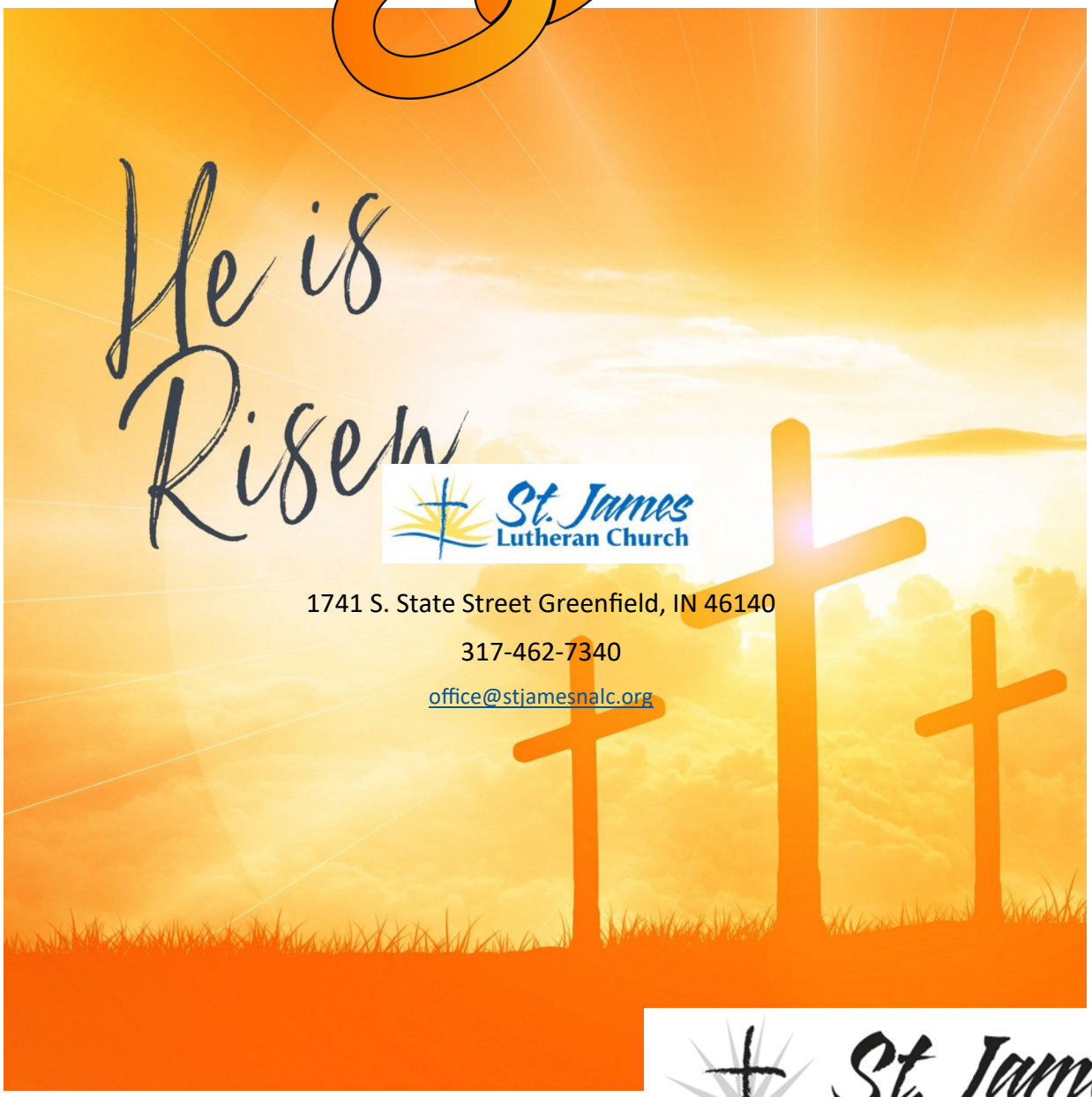

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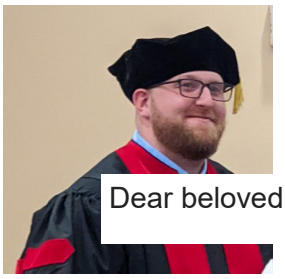

Pastors Musings

Dear beloved members and friends of St. James Lutheran Church,

I am writing to you with great excitement and anticipation as we prepare to welcome Dan Petry as our new Music Director, beginning on Maundy Thursday. We are blessed to have such a talented and dedicated musician join us, and I do not doubt that Dan will lead our music ministry with faithfulness!

In addition, I want to take a moment to celebrate Angela Rodgers, who recently joined us as our Assistant Director. Angela has already brought a fresh perspective and enthusiasm to our music program, and I am so grateful for the contributions she has made and will make to our faith community. I look forward to seeing the impact that she and Dan will have on our worship experience as they work together to create beautiful music that glorifies God.

I would also like to take this opportunity to recognize Olivia Moss and Christian Bell for their leadership in forming our new youth group. It is heartening to see a dozen young people attending each week and being nurtured in their faith by these dedicated leaders. We must continue to support and invest in our youth, and I am grateful to Olivia and Christian for creating a space where our young people can connect and grow in their faith.

Finally, I am excited to share with you all about our upcoming technological update, which will enhance our worship experience in person and online. As we continue to navigate how to best reach the "lost sheep" for Christ, it is essential to embrace new technology that will enable us to reach and connect with our community more effectively. Our investment in new equipment and software will allow us to enhance our live stream capabilities, enabling more people to participate in our worship services regardless of location.

In the words of Martin Luther in the Smalcald Articles, "The church is the assembly of saints in which the gospel is taught purely, and the sacraments are administered rightly" (Part III, Article XII). Let us continue to be a community that upholds the teachings of the gospel and strives to live out our faith in love and service to others.

As a church, we are called to glorify God and serve others, and I am confident that these updates will enable us to do so more effectively. I am encouraged and inspired by the dedication and commitment of our church community, and I am grateful for the opportunity to serve alongside each and every one of you.

May the peace and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

Yours in Christ. Rev. Dr. Richard Blue, Jr. +

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GET IN TOUCH

Heartland Mission District Prayer Request for April 2023

Greetings from the HMD Council for the Lenten Season and the month of April 2023

Pray for all churches and their members to ring out the joy, hope and new life that comes this Easter.We pray that the proclamation "He is risen!" be heard beyond our sanctuaries, and in the new life that we embody, and the living faith we hold on to will be shared with the world around us.

Continue to pray for the crisis now of war in the Ukraine.as they pass the 400 day mark since the war began.We pray that every Ukrainian may have strength in body, mind and spirit to persevere and be filled with courage, and hope for a better time and a better future.Help them Lord to carry on resist the evil that has beset their country.We pray somehow, some way they will find the path to peace.

Pray that there may be peace in our streets. We pray for comfort and strength for the families of those who have been killed because of gun violence. Remind us of the sanctity of life, and use us to be true peacemakers.

Continue to pray that the Holy Spirit guides the call processes at First United in Hammond, at Antioch Lutheran in Hoagland, and at St John's in Sunman, House of Prayer, Elizabethtown, Kentucky, and for Living Faith in Wabash as they share in time of discernment, and listen for the promptings of the Holy Spirit.And in the meantime, we pray each of these congregations find new and creative way to do ministry and mission.

Pray for blessings for the Heartland Mission District (HMD) congregation of Bethany Lutheran Church in LaPorte Indiana and their Pastor Dennis Meyer. May their ministry and presence in their community reflect the light and life of Christ.

Pray for our Bishop Dan Selbo, the Area Assistants to the Bishop and our growing NALC staff, as they carry on the vision and leadership of going out and making disciples in the name of Jesus. We also pray for a smooth transition as they seek a new permanent headquarters in the Dallas area.

We pray for guidance, support and strength from the Holy Spirit for Rochelle Lemieux who is now in her second semester at St Paul Lutheran seminary working on her pastoral care certification.

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Heartland Mission District

——-MESSAGE FROM THE COUNCIL——-

Greetings hearers of the gospel,

Chapter 3 (Nature of the Church) and Chapter 4 (Statement of purpose) of the St James constitution, have bold statements that can be used as guide, for the direction of St. James. 3.01 states The Church is the universal assembly of all believers among whom the gospel is preached in its purity and the holy sacraments are administered according to the Gospel. 4.01 states The hearers of the gospel are a people, called and sent by God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, to be a community of faith, hope and love, who witness to Christ and his coming Kingdom before all the world. I find it interesting that in our constitution it refers to the people of the congregation as hearers of the gospel. Romans 10:17 "So faith comes from hearing , and hearing through the word of Christ." Center to our mission is either witness to Christ outside of St James or bring people into St. James and have our called Pastor Blue proclaim the good news to them. I am happy to say that under Pastor Blue's leadership we are laying the foundation for doing both. Here is a list of some of that foundation that St James has been working on over the last couple of months.

1) Hiring not one but two musicians
2) Revitalizing the youth group
3) Getting the nursery ready for children
4) Integrating planning center software to help with communicating and planning the Church.
5) Supporting Ben Black's internship for his clinical Pastoral education for the US Army
6) Started writing Grants that could help us meet our mission.
7) Meeting with a outside company to significantly up grade our video and audio production
8) Planning a Easter egg hunt for outreach

I'm sure I have left something out and I apologize if I didn't mention the project you have been working on. One thing is clear and that is there are a lot of busy feet at St. James. It is my honor to serve during this transition into building a confessional Lutheran Church for the 21'st century.

Terry Clark
President of Council

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
26 Mynde Vacation 9:30am In Person & Live Stream Worship Se 12pm Youth Group (6th-12th grade) 9pm Special Giving Announcement from Del	27 6am NO Monday Morning Prayer Group 11am Women's Bible Study	28 9am Men's Bible Study 5pm MBO Meeting 7pm ARC of Hancock County meeting (Debt	29 10am Staff Meeting 1pm NO Daylighters Small Group in March 6pm Pre-Service Lent Meal 7pm Mid Week Lent Service	30	31	Apr 1 2pm 2pm Easter Egg Hunt
2 Palm Sunday 9:30am In Person & Live Stream Worship Se 12pm Youth Group (6th-12th grade)	3 6am Monday Morning Prayer Group 11am Women's Bible Study 1:30pm Tri Kappa Meeting	4 9am Men's Bible Study	5 easter flowers pick up or 1-5 10am Staff Meeting 1pm Daylighters	6 7pm Maundy Thursday Service	7 7pm Good Friday Service	8
9 Easter Sunday 9:30am In Person & Live Stream Worship Se 12pm Youth Group (6th-12th grade)	10 Easter Monday 6am Monday Morning Prayer Group 11am Women's Bible Study	11 9am Men's Bible Study 1:30pm Worship Committee Meeting 4pm Property Meeting 5:30pm Finance Meeting 2 more	12 10am Staff Meeting 1pm Daylighters Small Group 1pm Prayer and Care 6pm Grief Share (Cindy Gregory)	13 7pm Southern Comfort Bible Study	14	15
16 9:30am In Person & Live Stream Worship Se 12pm Youth Group (6th-12th grade) 1pm 4H Clip Clop Clover Club	17 Pastor Blue Vacation 6am Monday Morning Prayer Group 11am Women's Bible Study	18 Tax Day 9am Men's Bible Study 6pm Church Council Meeting	19 10am Staff Meeting 1pm Daylighters 6pm Grief Share (Cindy Gregory)	20	21	22
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Bits and Pieces

Need To Store Something at St. James?

Need to Find Something at St. James?

We now have a room dedicated to organized storage! If you need to store something – please place it in Room 3 Storage on the table or on the floor nearby if it's too large for the table and it will be labeled and stored inside the room. **PLEASE do not put your items on the shelves.**

In addition, if you are looking for something - check the room for it – it just may show up there! Contact Dawn Hahm with any questions at djhahm@indy.net.

Time to be thinking about your ***Via de Cristo Weekend.***

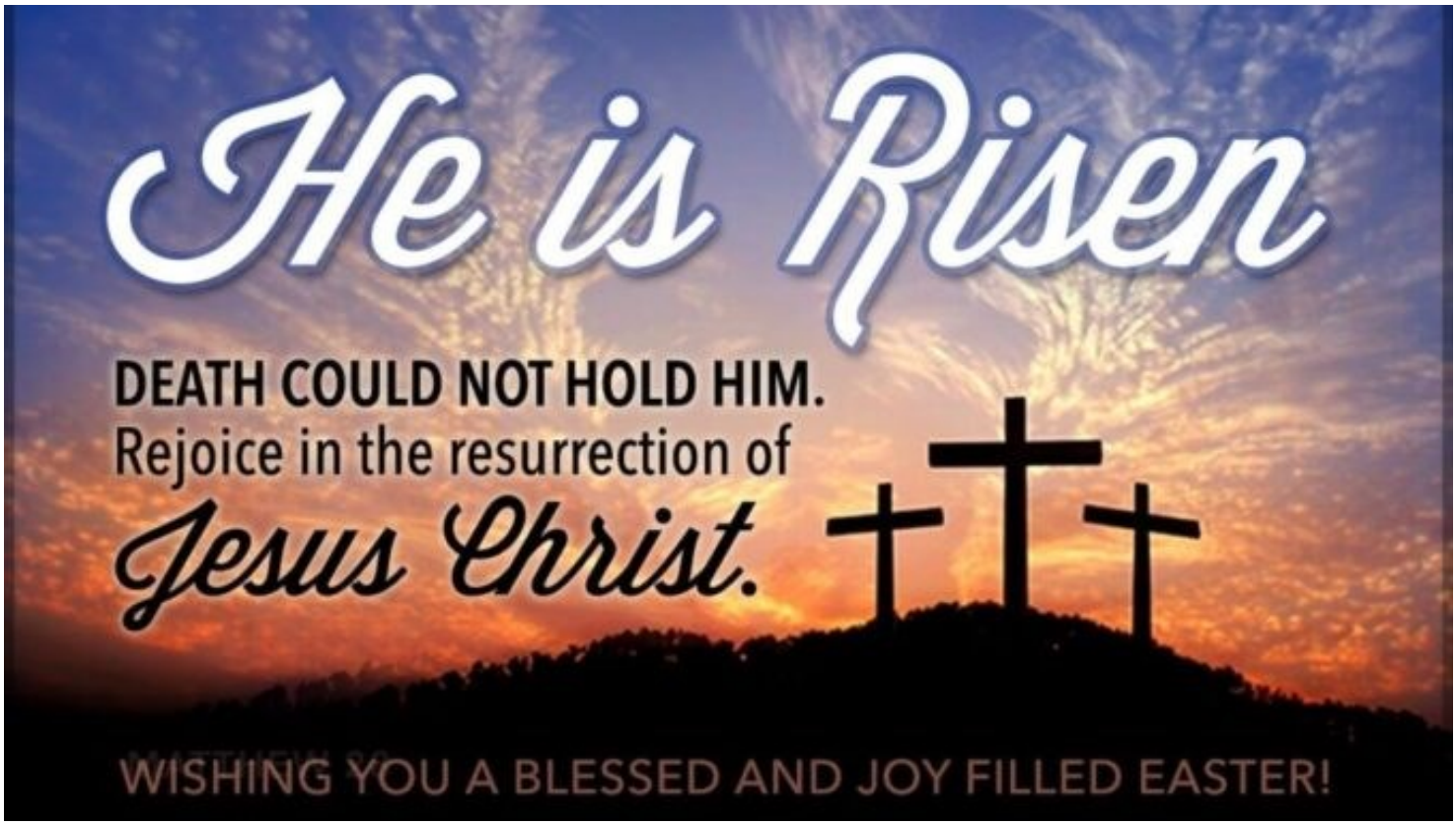
No one has ever come back disappointed.

What is Via de Cristo?

Via de Cristo is a Spanish term meaning "Way of Christ." It is a three-day leadership experience with a New Testament look at Christianity as a lifestyle. Via de Cristo is a highly structured weekend designed to strengthen and renew the faith of Christian people, through them, their families, churches and the environment in which they live and work. It is a united effort of laity and clergy to aid congregations ***in developing Christian leaders*** to more effectively serve Christ in the church.

Go to https://inkyvdc.org/ *for more information*

◊ Oct 19-22, 2023 Via de Cristo Co-Ed Weekend



Daylighters resumes in April on the 5th and the 19th at 1pm

ALTAR FLOWERS

The price of Altar flowers are $30.00 per vase.

Altar flowers are funded by special funds or sponsorship though the flower fund. Special contributions for the fund can be placed in the offering plate or sent to the church office. **Sponsors can sign up on the flower chart outside of the office on the date you would like to sponsor.** If roses are requested the cost is $50.

Holy Week

At Saint James Lutheran Church- Greenfield

Egg Hunt
April 1st
2pm

Palm Sunday
April 2nd
9:30 am

Maunday
Thursday
April 6th
7 pm

Good Friday
April 7th
7 pm

Easter Sunday
April 9th
9:30 am

Easter Egg Hunt April 1 2pm

Palm Sunday April 2 9:30am

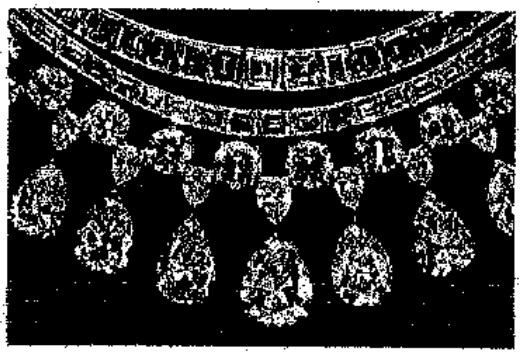
Maundy Thursday April 6, 7pm

Good Friday April 7 7pm

Easter Sunday April 9 9:30am

GREENFIELD WOMEN'S CONNECTION
Monthly Luncheon & Program

DIAMONDS IN THE DUST



SPEAKER: Nancy Kay Grace, Forsyth, IN
"Diamonds in the Dust"

FEATURE: Nicki Scott
"Bentley's Buddies and Friends"
MUSICIAN: Garath Webb

When: Tuesday, April 11. 2023
Where: NineStar Connect
2243 E. Main St, Greenfield, IN

Cost: $15.00 (Covers Lunch & Program)
RSVP: By Friday, April 7, 2023
Call Patty (317) 627-5715
or Ellen (317) 498-3501
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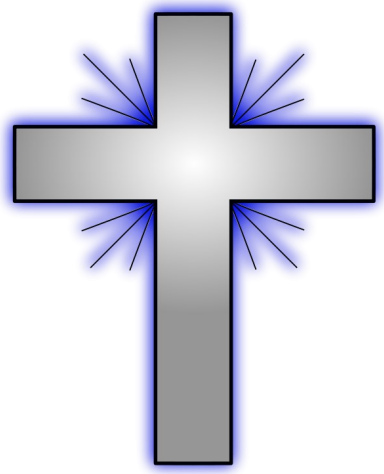

YOUTH GROUP

All youth grades 6-12 are invited to youth group on Sunday Afternoons after worship service and Sunday school! Lunch will be provided!! Special THANKS to Olivia Moss & Christian Bell for leading this initiative!!

No youth group Palm Sunday or Easter Sunday.

If you are willing to donate food please sign up in the Gathering Area.

Meals are needed for this group of kids. If you are willing to provide a meal one Sunday please sign up on the sheet in the narthex. This does not have to be restaurant purchased. A Crock Pot full of something delicious goes a long way!! THANKS TO EVERYONE FOR FILLING THIS NEED!

Would you like to serve??

We also need folks willing to serve as **audio/visual support** during worship services. You will be trained. Contact Jessie Stearns if this could be you.

Cindy Gregory is coordinating another Grief Share class beginning Weds April 12. Group will meet each Weds for 13 weeks from 6-8pm. Interested in joining or helping? Contact Cindy

June Gries wants to extend a Thank You for all of the cards, flowers, food and prayers during her recent surgery. We are thankful that she is on the mend!

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NALC FAITH FORMATION FESTIVAL

Everything you want to know about youth & family ministry

May 5, 2023

CONVOCATION

Ohio Mission Region Convocation &
Heartland Mission District

May 6, 2023

Speaking the Truth from Sincere Hearts

Speaking the truth from sincere hearts, (Psalm 15:2b) (therefore) guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long. (Psalm 25:5)

faith formation festival

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April Birthdays!!!

Andrew Turner	April 3
Christian Bell	April 5
Luke Stearns	April 10
John Turner	April 11
Eli Stearns	April 23
Logan Clements	April 27

Happy Anniversary!

April Wedding Anniversaries!!

Phil and Terry Miller	April 1, 1978	45 years
Jim and Carolyn Helgason	April 7, 1963	60 years
Jim and Janet Farrow	April 30, 1977	46 years

Check out the REWARDS Table . .

Purchase gift cards from the Rewards Table in the Gathering Area with Cindy Gregory and St. James receives a percentage back at no extra cost to you. You can give the cards themselves as gifts or use them to purchase that special item for those you love. We keep a variety in stock, but if we don't have what you need, we can likely order it from our extensive list of suppliers and it will be here in a week. Questions? See Cindy Gregory.

Also- Kroger donates a percentage of your spending to a charity of your choice, and St. James is one of the charities you can choose!!! This is a free to you donation to us!!

Music Director

We are so excited to announce the addition of Dan Petry as the Music Director and Angela Rodgers as the Assistant Music Director. Please give them a warm welcome!!!

A Wernle Celebration
Lutheran Service Conducted by
Pastor Jeff Gramza from St. John Celina and St. Paul North Star
April 30th 3:00 PM Wernle Campus
Bring a Lawn Chair
Casual Dinner After Service
Help us Celebrate 144 Years of the Lutheran Churches of Ohio and Indiana Supporting the Wernle Girls and Boys

Please RSVP to Chris Parker
cparker@wernle.org
765-939-4598 Office
765-967-8435 Cell

Also Accept Cash and Checks

Donation Drive

SCAN ME

KIC-It and Julian Center

Supplies needed:

- Hand towels
- Bath towels
- Manicure set
- Cottonballs/Q-tips
- Laundry soap
- Kitchen supplies
- Cleaning supplies
- Scrubbing pads
- Bath loofas
- Dryer sheets
- De-wrinkle spray
- Stain remover
- Paper plates
- Brown paper bags
- Plastic cutlery

Melanie Clements

available to collect on Sundays