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1 ~EASTER~ COMMUNION 8:30 Christ.101 8:30 - 11 am, Easter breakfst 9:30 Worship 10 Men's Choir 11 Worship 12 Worship	2  6 p.m. Men's Bible	3 12—6 pm Bloodmo- bile	4 4:10 Hymnology NO DISC. DINNER 5:30 Boy Scouts 6:00 Girl Scouts	5	6	7
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## PRACTICE RESURRECTION!

Easter is not a one-day celebration. In fact, the church practices resurrection every day as citizens in the Kingdom of God. You might say every day is resurrection day from now on.

When Jesus rose from the dead and walked out of the tomb, he triggered a life-altering realignment of reality. The impact of resurrection created a shock wave that is still rippling through time since the very moment it happened. By rising from the dead, Jesus triumphed over sin and the curse of death to give us power to live as people who practice resurrection in all aspects of our lives.

I came across this phrase “Practice Resurrection” from a book by Eugene H. Peterson. Peterson’s premise is that we are called to grow up in Christ and practice resurrection.

Here is a quote from Peterson’ book:  
*“One of the striking features of Paul’s letters is the number of personal names that appear on the pages – eighty of them. Each of those eighty names links the message of the gospel to a particular man or woman growing up in Christ, practicing resurrection, while working for a living, raising a family, dealing with whatever political and economic conditions impinged on his or her life. Every word written on these pages has*

*been lived ---- not just written or preached or taught or discussed, but lived in real-world conditions with all the factors of those conditions at play.”*

So my friends, we have a “cloud of witnesses” who have gone before us to show how to practice resurrection. We are the church now and we are to be people who are practitioners of resurrection. We are people who are growing in Christ-like character through the word of God, prayer and ministry that meets human needs with Christ.

So let’s practice Resurrection!  
*Blessings, Pastor Bill*

**EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 1ST**  
Worship, 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.  
(both in the Sanctuary)  
Easter breakfast available in Fellowship Hall, 8:30 a.m.—11:00 a.m.

**EASTER EGG COLORING!**  
**Saturday, March 31st, 10:00 a.m.**  
All St. John’s children are invited to join us in coloring Easter eggs!  
Treats will be served. If you have any questions, please call Sue, 219-861-6374.

**DISCOVERY DINNER**  
Please note, due to renovations being done in the kitchen, there will be **no** Discovery Dinner on Wednesday, April 4th.

### ~ WOMEN'S GUILD NEWS ~

At our April 19th meeting the guest speaker will be Pastor Victoria Ubben. You are invited to join us for this presentation which will begin at 12:30 p.m. Questions? Please contact our president, Phyllis Nowatzke, 219-221-0406.

### NOISY OFFERING

Since there are five Sundays in April, we will be collecting our Noisy Offering on Sunday, April 29th. Your generous donation will go towards helping our Sunday School program. Let's make a joyful noise!

### 2018 SOUP KITCHEN CALENDAR

At 1st Presbyterian, St. John's will serve on the second Monday, April 9th. At St. Paul's, we will serve on the following Sundays: July 1st, Aug. 26th, Sep. 30th, and Dec. 23rd.

### FOOD BANK NEEDS

Especially needed are soaps (body soap, laundry detergent, dish soap, etc.), soups, and saltines! Thank you for always being so generous in your donations to our Food Bank!



### GUILD NOTICE TO ST. JOHN'S MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:

It is with disappointment and sadness that our Guild members will not hold a spring Rummage Sale for the first time in over 45 years. We know some of you have been inquiring about our sale and saving items for us. You all know this week-long endeavor required a large amount of workers and supporters of this project. In the past several years, it has been stated to us that the leadership committees of our church were not in favor of this project. With this lack of support, it is not feasible to host the sale.

We apologize to the community who all attend each year knowing they feel the love of our members telling us how they look forward to this project. This project yielded several thousand dollars each season which was used to fund St. John's projects (the Fellowship Hall stage and window curtains, painting projects, money to trim outside trees, shrubs, bushes, and General Fund of the church) as well as money for community agencies. Members may be interested in looking at a (cont'd →)

posted sheet on the bulletin board outside the church office detailing all the giving this Guild has done.

Thank you again for all your support through the past years,

*St. John's Women's Guild*

P.S.: Please consider donating your saved items to Habitat for Humanity or Goodwill. Habitat will send a truck to pick up larger items (soft goods like clothing, etc. not accepted). Habitat profits are used to build houses for residents of LaPorte County.

### FUNDRAISING EVENTS FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!

Upcoming opportunities to support our Community-Wide VBS are:

♦Saturday, May 26th (rain date June 2nd): 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Trunk Sale

& Car Wash, here at St. John's

♦Saturday, June 30th: Bake Sale at Farmer's Market

♦Saturday, July 7th: Bake Sale at Farmer's Market

More information will follow.

Please come out and support our VBS!

### FISH FRY COMING!

June 1, 2018 



### PRESCHOOL ENROLLING

The St. John's Preschool is now enrolling for the 2018-2019 year. There is still space available in the Beginners' classes (children who are 3 yrs. old by August 1st), which meet Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. or 12:30 - 3:00 p.m. (Our Pre-kindergarten class is now full.) Cost is \$90 per month, registration fee is \$40.

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I WILL GIVE THEM A HEART  
TO KNOW THAT  
I AM THE LORD;  
AND THEY SHALL BE MY  
PEOPLE AND I WILL BE  
THEIR GOD

—Jeremiah 24:7

