

# Messenger St. John

April 2024 | ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH | NASHUA, IA

## A Post-Easter Reflection

*18 And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:18-20)*

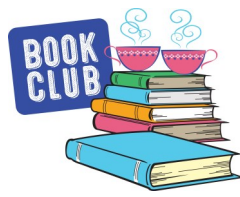
The reading above is Jesus' "Great Commission" as found in the Gospel of Matthew. Jesus was raised from the dead, an event that was witnessed, not only by two of Jesus' followers, but also by a number of guardsmen who were watching the tomb, and afterwards, he appears to his closest followers and gives them these instructions. They are to spread word that God raised Jesus from the dead, and that through his sacrifice on the cross, the sins of all humanity would be forgiven. In their ministry they are to teach people about Jesus, instruct them on how to live in a good relationship with God and one another, and baptize people in the name of the Triune God. Jesus then promises to be with these Apostles until the end of time; thus concluding the Gospel of Matthew.

Since this great commission, Christianity has spread to every region of the world through the hard work and dedication of faithful followers of Jesus; beginning with these Apostles. Christians today are modern day Apostles. We are commissioned at our baptisms to the same work as Jesus' closest friends 2000 years ago; the Great Commission extends to all who call themselves Christian. There are still people in the world who know nothing of Jesus and what he stands for or what it means to have faith in Him as Lord and Savior. We minister to people through our loving service of God in this community, and Jesus is with us in our efforts.

So, in whatever ways you can, use the talents and other resources God has given you to spread his love to others and tell people in this community about God and his love for them. Tell them about Jesus and what faith in Him offers. There are people here in Nashua who need to hear the good news of the Gospel so they too can experience the benefits of a close relationship with God. Will you share the good news with them?

- Pastor Todd

Book club will meet on  
Thurs, April 11<sup>th</sup>  
@ 6:30 p.m.  
All are welcome!



Check out our updated  
website: [stjohnnashua.org](http://stjohnnashua.org)



Thanks to Katie Burrichter for all  
your hard work getting this  
done!



Men's Breakfast  
Sat., April 6<sup>th</sup>  
@ 7 AM  
Come join us for food  
and fellowship



We will be observing Rogation Sunday  
at the close of service on April 21<sup>st</sup>. At  
this time prayer of blessing and suste-  
nance will be asked for our community.  
Rogation Sunday is a way for the church  
to honor God for the gifts of creation and  
to pray for the land, the gift of labor, and  
the needs of all people.

For those involved in the planting  
season, you are asked, if you are able,  
to bring your tractor or anything that may  
be used in this season to be blessed.

Many thanks for the donations and  
monetary gifts to help with the Mercy Meals  
ministry. We will be discussing expanding  
the ministry over the next months.

In April there will be a prep day and all  
are welcome to join us in the kitchen.  
There will be a meal provided afterwards.



It's time to **spring** into a good  
book and **bee** inspired! Thanks to  
donations we have two additions  
to the 'Fiction' genre in our library.  
They are: Any Minuet by Joyce  
Meyer, and Crossroads by Wm.  
Paul Young, author of The Shack. There are  
also two additions to the 'Christian Living'  
section: Holy Moments by Matthew Kelly and  
Finally Alive by John Piper. Hope you enjoy  
them, found on the top of the bookshelf in the  
church overflow.

## Special Congregational Meeting Sun., April 14th

Re: Deacon Call Vote

Please plan to attend!





# hooks & needles

Hooks-n-needles ladies have been busy with their crocheting, knitting, and sewing. Thirty-three blankets were recently taken to Waverly Health Center to be given to newborn babies. Each blanket is made with love and prayer for little ones and their families.

Since the first of the year, sweaters, hats, and booties have been donated to our new ministry, Bundles of Love.



- 1—Lori Bruns, Alex Hulsing, Erica Hulsing
- 2—Tom Franzen, Shirley Goodard, Allison Miller, Isaac Sinnwell, Tanner Baldwin, Ryan Franzen, Gavin Klingman
- 3—Cassie Martin
- 4—Laura Blum
- 6—Bonnie Potratz, Kevin Folkerts
- 9—Colton Appel, Donald Hirsch
- 10—Evvie Sudol
- 11—Jesse Hurd, Dakota Hurd
- 13—Frank Brown
- 14—Zachary Sinnwell
- 15—Tate Demro, Mike Hannemann, Mark Potratz, David Demro, Jacob Diekhuis
- 16—Holly Moore
- 17—Andrew Kalvig, Rhonda Poppe, Lisa Wiebke
- 18—Elmer Arends
- 19—Averi Haut
- 23—Ty Berger, Spencer Cole, Jacob Kukral
- 24—Lucas Sinnwell, Jared Whiting
- 25—Janet Poppe
- 26—Kaden Hannemann, Jolene Henn
- 27—Mark Moore
- 28—Sam O'Neill
- 29—Rhylan Haut, Debra Caudle, Wendell Muller

An AED (Automated External Defibrillator) has been installed on the wall by the mailboxes. AEDs help people who have a sudden cardiac arrest, which occurs when the heart suddenly stops beating regularly.

An AED delivers an electric shock through the chest to the heart when it detects an abnormal rhythm and changes the rhythm back to normal.

## HOMEBOUND MEMBERS:

- At Home: Liz Arends
- Cedar Vale: Virginia Kraft
- Nora Springs Care Center: Shirley Goddard
- Whispering Willow, Fredericksburg: Joyce McMichael, Shirley Frost
- Evergreen Arbor, Waverly: Ida Schloemer, Cary Griffith
- 11<sup>th</sup> Street Chautauqua, Charles City: Dorothy Janssen, Linda Haut, Phyllis Kunzman
- 9<sup>th</sup> Street Chautauqua, Charles City: Glenn George
- Riverside Senior Living: Evelyn Kapping
- Bella Vita Assisted Living, Tampa, FL: Shirley Fosse
- Bartels—Linden Place: Verna Wiebke



# From the Church Office

## March 2024 Statistics

### Sun., March 3

9:00 a.m. Attendance: 60 Giving: \$16,737.01

### Wed., March 6

Attendance 67 Giving: \$ 489.00

### Sun., March 10

9:00 a.m. Attendance: 92 Giving: \$18,152.00

### Wed. March 13

Attendance: 75 Giving: \$1,680.00

### Sun., March 17

9:00 a.m. Attendance: 85 Giving: \$ 762.00

### Wed., March 20

Attendance: 71 Giving: \$ 834.00

### Sun., March 24

9:00 a.m. Attendance: 110 Giving: \$3,803.00

### Wed., March 28

Attendance: 84 Giving: \$ 188.00

### Thurs., March 29

Attendance: 61 Giving: \$ 225.00

### Sun., March 31

9:00 a.m. Attendance: 185 Giving: \$2,415.00

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## 2024 Council Members

Lori Bruns, President  
Kathy Cerwinske, Vice President  
Karen Sinnwell, Secretary  
Lisa Acton  
Bruce Becker  
Rick Drewelow  
Dan Miller  
Megan Stille  
Kif Richmann  
Finance: Mark Rodruck

## 2024 Committee Chairperson:

Administration: Megan Stille  
Building & Grounds: Bruce Becker  
Education: Karen Sinnwell  
Evangelism: Kathy Cerwinske  
Social Concerns: Dan Miller  
Stewardship: Lisa Acton  
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## April Head Usher:



Kathy Cerwinske

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Wednesday 10:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

Thursday: 1:00 —8:00 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday: 8:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

# April 2024 Worship Servants

## April 7, 2024 – Trad w/ comm

Head usher: Kathy Cerwinske  
Lector: Joan Lore  
Sound: Kif Richmann  
Computer: Wyatt Burrichter  
Camera: Lyla Burrichter  
Communion: Angie Dietz  
Acolytes: Kamden C./Kaden H.  
Greeters: Andrea & Brian Sullivan

## April 14, 2024 – Jubilee w/ comm

Head usher: Kathy Cerwinske  
Lector:  
Sound: Jeff Trost  
Computer: Katelyn Wolf  
Camera: Katelyn Wolf  
Communion: Greg & Jo Henn  
Acolytes: Wyatt B./Hailey Wilkens  
Greeters:

## April 21, 2024 – Traditional

Head usher: Kathy Cerwinske  
Lector: Katie Burrichter  
Sound: Lisa Acton  
Computer: Kaden Hannemann  
Camera: Eva Foelske  
Acolytes: Katelyn Wolf/Ellie Sudol  
Greeters:

## April 28, 2024 – Jubilee

Head usher: Kathy Cerwinske  
Lector: Rod Wilson  
Sound: Troy Stille  
Computer: Kamden Chyma  
Camera:  
Acolytes: Lyla Burrichter/Eva Foelske  
Greeters: Rod & Beth Wilson





**HOLY BIBLE**

We gather here today to celebrate a significant milestone in our journey of faith. The Music and Worship Committee, after thoughtful deliberation, has decided to place Bibles in the pews of our beloved sanctuary. This decision is rooted in our shared commitment to live out our motto: "Know Jesus, love as Jesus loves."

These Pew Bibles are more than just books; they are an invitation for each of us to engage more deeply with the Word of God during our services. They serve as a tangible reminder of our collective mission to know Jesus intimately, to share His teachings boldly, and to emulate His boundless love in our daily lives.

As we dedicate these Bibles today, let us remember that they are not merely additions to our pews, but tools to aid us in our spiritual journey. May they guide us, inspire us, and draw us closer to the heart of God.

**Dedication:**  
The Holy Bible you hold in your hands is the inspired and inerrant word of God. We believe this is the book of the church, the sacred literature of God's people. Our church encourages us to read and reflect frequently on the pages of this book so that we may be continually formed into committed disciples of Jesus Christ.

Let us invite the Holy Spirit, who inspired these pages, to help us as we study and pray these words. May His wisdom and grace be with us as we seek to live out His teachings and love as Jesus loves.



# April



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1	2 Hall reserved - Lisa Acton 6 to 9 PM	3 1:30 PM WELCA	4 6 PM Bible Study	5	6 7 AM Men's Breakfast
7 9 AM Traditional w/ communion 9:15 AM S.S. / Luther League	8	9	10	11 6:30 PM Book Club	12 11 AM Bob Thran Funeral	13
14 9 AM Jubilee w/ communion 9:15 AM S.S. / Luther League	15 7 PM Council Meeting	16	17 Mercy Meal Prep	18 6 PM Bible Study	19	20
21 9 AM Rogation Sunday - Trad. 9:15 AM S.S. / Luther League	22	23	24	25 6 PM Bible Study	26	27
28 9 AM Jubilee 9:15 AM Last S.S. / Luther League	29	30	1	2	3	4
5	6	Notes	<p>Cast <b>all</b> your anxiety on Him because He cares for you. Psalm 37:4</p>			

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**July 22<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>**

More details to come