

# NEWS FROM ST. JOHN'S

## April 2022

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### FROM THE PASTOR

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This month we continue to focus on those whom we commemorate in the Lutheran Church throughout the year. In the month of March, those remembered are two sixteenth century artists named Lucas Cranach and Albrecht Dürer (Apr 6), a somewhat familiar name here at St. John's of Pastor Johannes Bugenhagen (Apr 20), the theologian Anselm of Canterbury (Apr 21), and Johann Walter, a church musician (Apr 24) [LSB xii].

Lucas Cranach lived from 1472-1557 and served as the court painter for the Electors of Saxony. Living as a believer in the time of the Reformation, he became good friends with Martin Luther and offered his artistic talents to further his teachings. There is a print of one of Cranach's most famous works downstairs in our Fellowship Hall. The work itself was the altarpiece at the Lutheran Church of St. Peter and Paul in Weimar, Germany. Cranach himself is represented in the artwork, and the blood from Christ's pierced side is landing on his head. This points to the beautiful promise that the blood He shed for us covers all of our sin. It is also of note that Cranach began this work but died before completing it. His son, Lucas Cranach the Younger, finished the work on this altarpiece. Be sure to look at it this Sunday during the Bible Class!

Albrecht Dürer lived from 1471-1528 and was not as directly associated with the Lutheran reformers as Cranach. Being familiar with Luther and his work, Dürer had a desire to paint a portrait of him in order to preserve his likeness and memory. His woodcuts, depicting various scenes from the Scriptures or offering small visual representations of important Lutheran teachings can be found in a recent printing of the Book of Concord known as *Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions* (2006). His most famous work is the drawing known as "Praying Hands."

Pastor Johannes Bugenhagen lived from 1485-1558. He was a devoted Lutheran theologian and pastor during the time of the Reformation, and served as Luther's pastor. He officiated at Luther's wedding and also at his funeral.

Bugenhagen, whose selected works were translated and published in a two-volume set in 2015, is known for offering practical reform in both the church and the school. This is what motivated the name behind the Bugenhagen Conference, sponsored in part by St. John's and often hosted here each year. The conference itself was established in 2018 to provide more in terms of strengthening pastors in their day-to-day work and also to build a camaraderie and brotherhood among the pastors who attend, similar to what Bugenhagen and Luther enjoyed in their life together. Thank you for your continued support of this conference!

Johann Walter, a Lutheran church musician and contemporary of Luther, lived from 1496-1570. He began studying music at the age of 21 and shortly after he committed himself to the Lutheran faith. He published the first Lutheran hymnal in 1524. He served as cantor for most of his life in Torgau, Germany. His musical contributions to the faith are continued to be seen and used today, most notably the hymn "The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us" (LSB 514).

God's blessings as we make our way together through the month of April, which will include our joyful celebration of Christ's resurrection on Sunday, April 17!

In Christ,

Pastor Gilbert

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### PASTORAL ACTS

#### **BAPTISMS:**

Harper June Blint	3/5/2022
Wesley Daniel Patzke	3/6/2022
Ayden Ryder Hlavacek	3/6/2022
Brennan James King	3/6/2022

## **EASTER BREAKFAST HELP NEEDED**

Easter is quickly approaching and with that brings the traditional St. John's Annual Easter Breakfast. We are so excited to be able to hold it again this year! We are looking for volunteers in grades 6-12 and any adults who want to join the fun in helping set up, serving and clean up for this event. Set up involves approx. 2 hours Sat. morning and serving is done in shifts on Easter Sunday. We are especially looking for anyone who might be going to sunrise service on Easter morning and would be willing to help with clean up. No prior experience necessary. We are also looking for people willing to provide baked goods for the breakfast. What a great way to enjoy fellowship as well as serving your church. Sign-up sheets for baked goods and for serving shifts on Easter Sunday can be found in the narthex. You can also contact the church office (262) 637-7011 or Cheryl Witek if you can help (Home 554-6626 or School 633-2758).

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## **ST. JOHN'S ESTATE SALE UPDATES**

### **Estate Sale**

The 26<sup>th</sup> Annual St. John's Estate Sale is Saturday, April 23 from 8:00am – 2:00pm. There will be household items, furniture, and various other items. Please drop your donated items off at the school April 18-21 between 8:30am and 12:00pm. If you would like to volunteer to help set up, please contact Curt Adel at 262-681-1114. St. If you have any questions, please contact the church office at 262-637-7011.

### **PTL Bake Sale at the Estate Sale**

PTL is hosting a Bake Sale on Saturday April 23<sup>rd</sup> from 8am – 2pm (or until we sell out) in conjunction with the Church Estate Sale. All money raised will help cover the cost of lunch for the school on Field Day. Stop by to shop the Estate Sale and bring home some great treasures and some sweet treats. Use the Erie Street – handicap entrance. We hope to see you there! If you would like to donate some baked goods – please use our sign-up genius. Items can be dropped off on Friday April 22<sup>nd</sup> from 9am – Noon. If you need a different time, please contact Diane Schweitzer @ 262-994-0765

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084BAEAC2DA4F85-silptl>

Thank you so much!  
Diane Schweitzer

## **ST. JOHN'S MEN'S SOFTBALL LEAGUE**

St. John's Men's Softball team is currently looking for an additional 2-3 players for the 2022 summer season. St. John's team plays in the 12-inch Racine Church league on Monday nights at Cliffside Park against other churches in the Racine area. The season lasts from May through August with end of season playoffs for most teams. The only qualifications are to be male, 14 or older, attend or attended St. John's Church or School and enjoy playing softball.

If interested, contact Carl Seils at [498-9357](tel:498-9357) (call or text) as soon as possible.

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## **DINING OUT NIGHT AT PANERA**

St. John's PTL invites you to their next Dining Out Night at Panera, 5630 Washington Avenue, on April 12 from 4-8pm. Please see the flyer attached to the electronic copy of this newsletter for more details. You can also pick up a flyer in the back of the sanctuary. Thank you for your support of this tasty fundraiser!

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## **SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR**

The Scholastic Spring Book Fair will be here April 1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>! We will be open before and after school, at the Mother & Son event on April 1<sup>st</sup>, after both church services on Sunday April 3<sup>rd</sup> and in between Lenten services on Wednesday April 6<sup>th</sup>. This is a great time to stock up on some new books for summer reading or find something to fill those Easter Baskets.

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## **MAH JONGG**

Mah Jongg will meet on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month at 1:00pm in the school library. New players welcome! Contact Kristine Phillips at (262) 884-4703 if you have any questions.

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

1-Apr	Tiffanie Burger-Cuellar	15-Apr	Dylan Fox
1-Apr	Daniel Feldscher	16-Apr	Robert Boehler
1-Apr	Michelle Gyga	16-Apr	Lisa Bowe
1-Apr	Thomas Jaeck	16-Apr	Jenny Gilbert
1-Apr	Julie Schaefer	16-Apr	Devan Gyga
2-Apr	Luke Pringle	17-Apr	Bill Badley
3-Apr	Kevin Charpentier	17-Apr	Jerry Konecny
4-Apr	Sarah Rieckhoff	17-Apr	Isabella Petkus
5-Apr	Herman Blaesing	18-Apr	Lauren Sollman
5-Apr	Samuel DeYoung	19-Apr	Lauren Sollman
5-Apr	Elliott Hansing	19-Apr	Leola Christian
5-Apr	Beth Mohar	19-Apr	Evan Dondlinger
5-Apr	Olivia Underhill	19-Apr	Samuel Riegelman
6-Apr	Betty Borgardt	20-Apr	Lori Jaeck
6-Apr	Josie van Sliedrecht	20-Apr	Jacquelyn Kellner
7-Apr	Paula Bruening	21-Apr	Calvin Christensen
7-Apr	Bonita Liebenow	21-Apr	Kayleen Gyga
7-Apr	David Monson	21-Apr	Samantha Nelson
7-Apr	Michael Schweitzer	21-Apr	Shvaughn Paulick
8-Apr	Kyleigh Burger	22-Apr	Lynn Ernst
8-Apr	Stephen Mueller	22-Apr	Benaiah Hasseldahl
9-Apr	Jayda Burger	24-Apr	Daniel Jaeck
9-Apr	Marla Gorelik	24-Apr	Henry Miller
9-Apr	Owen Jozwiak	25-Apr	Mike Moe
10-Apr	Jeff Nelson	27-Apr	Dorothy Miller
11-Apr	Trisha Balke	27-Apr	Declan Paulick
11-Apr	David Milaeger	28-Apr	Carrie Lakatos
12-Apr	Lisa Schissel	28-Apr	Lynn Miehle
13-Apr	Patty Roberson	30-Apr	Laine Beier
13-Apr	Julie Stauffer		



We apologize if we have forgotten anyone.  
Please contact the church office at 637-7011 to correct.  
Thank You!

## Life Thoughts for Lutherans – APRIL 2022

**Lent V (Judica)** – God’s gifts do not always make immediate human sense (John 8:48, 53, 57). What remains certain regardless is that God is good and God gives. The Father who eternally gives Himself to the Son (John 8:42) and the Son who offers Himself to the Father in appreciative obedience (John 8:55) are the Holy Trinity who imparts this life-giving Spirit even where only death appears possible (Genesis 22:10). Trusting His Word and work releases from death’s threatening grip (John 8:51, Genesis 22:13). *Father, Son, and Spirit, guide us to trust Your Gospel that we may share in Your abundant life. Amen.*

**Annunciation of Our Lord** – Whose life matters most? Every human being matters down to the teeniest and feeblest, since God made sure to incarnate Himself as embryo in Mary’s womb and then became completely helpless in crucified execution. How much do they matter? So much that Jesus redeemed them each and all, with His lifeblood as the price. *Lord Jesus Christ, bring forth Your name from our lips so that it draws all people to You. Amen.*

**Palm Sunday** – In the midst of the darkness and forsakenness of that Friday we now call Good, we see God “hiding” in it all, demonstrating His love in a way we cannot comprehend but only apprehend by faith. The passion of Christ assures us that God works in our darkness demonstrating His love, bringing good, and promising never to forsake. *Lord Jesus, redeem all our fallenness by Your humility, compassion, forgiveness, and company. Amen.*

**Easter Sunday** – The resurrected Jesus first appeared to a very sinful, formerly demon-possessed woman, Mary Magdalene. The hope of the resurrection is for those hopelessly lost in their sins. In one sense, we could say that this hope is especially for those who are—like the rest of us—hopelessly lost! Thanks be to God! *Heavenly Father, draw me into rejoicing in Jesus’ resurrection and the value it gives to all humankind. Amen.*

**Easter II** – Our bodily life matters so much to God that He incarnated human flesh Himself. Even after accomplishing atonement by His body’s brokenness, He did not discard it but inhabits it by resurrection as His eternal instrument (John 20:27). When we are physically suffering sin’s consequences, our Savior’s words of forgiveness breathe healing (John 20:21-23), and His ways of faith bring peace into our very bodies. *Lord Jesus, let me take hold of You by faith until Your wounded and resurrected body redeems my own. Amen.*

## **A NOTE ABOUT ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN**

Dear St. John's Members:

In your charitable giving, would you please take into consideration Orphan Grain Train? I am reminded of this theme (John 14:18) "I will not leave you as orphans. I will come to you." From their very beginning, Orphan Grain Train had a vision for the needs of the destitute, including widows and orphans, both here and abroad. For years, God's people have made that vision possible. Our congregation is known for their compassion. The current need is more urgent than ever. God's richest blessings as your heart moves you. Orphan Grain Train's address is: P.O. Box 1466, Norfolk, NE, 68702-1466, phone number: (402) 371-7393, fax number: (402) 371-7350, or website: [www.ogt.org](http://www.ogt.org).

Submitted by Joyce Anderson

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## **AMAZON SMILE**

**St. John's just received a \$96.63 donation from AmazonSmile.** Please consider supporting St. John's Lutheran Church through the AmazonSmile Foundation. AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support St. John's every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com), you'll find the exact same shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to your favorite charitable organization.

On your first visit to AmazonSmile [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com), you need to select St. John's to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping. Amazon will remember your selection, and then every eligible purchase you make at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) will result in a donation. Search for St Johns Lutheran Church – Racine, WI. The AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price from your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to St John's.

## **VANCO MOBILE GIVING APP**

St. John's is pleased to announce that we have an upgraded mobile app! Vanco, our eGiving provider, has launched an updated mobile app called Vanco Mobile Faith. With Vanco Mobile Faith, you can send a one-time donation or set up recurring gifts.

Downloading the new Vanco Mobile is easy! Head over to the App Store or Google Play to download Vanco Mobile for free.

To give using Vanco Mobile, follow these seven easy steps:

1. Search for our church by entering St Johns Lutheran
2. Do not use any punctuation, and it is case sensitive
3. Log in using your GivePlus Mobile user name and password if you have one, otherwise create a new account
4. Select your gift amount, fund, and frequency
5. Enter your payment method
6. Choose whether you want to cover processing fees
7. Click Submit to complete your donation.

Please contact Kimberly in the church office if you have any questions about or need assistance with your existing online giving or if you need help setting up a new mobile giving account. [chapman@stjohnsracine.org](mailto:chapman@stjohnsracine.org) or (262) 637-7011

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## REFLECTIONS ON EASTER AND OUR SHUT-INS

Easter Sunday is GLORIOUS here at St. John's! We are blessed with a spectacularly beautiful sanctuary that will be brightened with arrays of spring flowers and an empty tomb. The Hallelujah Chorus brings tingles to our spines and the congregational singing of "I Know That My Redeemer Lives" can reduce any of us to tears of joy. Even if you didn't grow up at St. John's, you know there is no day more glorious here than the celebration of Easter.

But there are members of our church family who can't be with us on that day and will only be able to call upon their memories to remember what we still get to be a part of. Their station in life – through age or illness – is now "shut-in." This is not a message of sadness though; on the contrary, this is a message of an opportunity for **joyous service!** When we truly reflect on Jesus securing our salvation for us, the joy within us should be shared! We can do that by letting them know we are thinking of them with all the love our church family has, through the love of our Risen Savior! Please see the list included in this newsletter and **send Easter cards**, call them, and let them know they are thought of, or make a point to visit those you know... and go through the list and pray for all of them. May God bless you as you bless them.

### SHUT INS

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