



From Vicar Rob's Desk,

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Grace and peace to you all from God our Father and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Well, we did it! We're able to gather back together again as we come out from the other side of this year-long pandemic. And just as Christ rose from the dead and a phoenix rises from the ashes born anew, so too do we come out of this struggle changed and renewed. Which seems very appropriate in spring as new life comes forth. The trees in my neighborhood are starting to flower, daffodils are all over the place, and it's finally warm enough to open the windows again.

In my Chimes article from around this time a year ago I wrote a lament about things that were lost during this pandemic, especially those for all the students. As we start to get back to a sense of normal, not the old one we left behind in March 2020 but a new one, we are finally able to get back to those things we have missed. I sat in my office a few weeks ago when Circle 5 had their monthly meeting and for the first time in a year, they were able to gather together, without masks, and have a real fellowship time, because they were all vaccinated and the CDC guidance allows for that now. Depending on when you are reading this, we are either about to or have already restarted face-to-face worship, which is something many of us have been looking forward to for many months. And even though we might not have been gathered, the church was never closed because the church is more than this building. We have continued to do God's work in the world despite all this. We held a scavenger hunt VBS last summer, we have continued to volunteer at Christ's Table, meetings happened virtually, thanks to Mari Frick and the learning team, Sunday School moved to Zoom to keep the kids engaged. And through all this, worship never ceased, not for a single Sunday. I have said it many times in my sermons, the church is not the

building, it's the people who gather together to worship God and do His work in the world. And because of everything we did in the last year, the church was never closed.

Never forget, WE are the church. And that we are learning, living, and growing, with Christ as our leader. Easter blessings to all of you.

Prayerfully yours,



Vicar Rob Eller



March 9, 2021

+Council discussed whether to continue on-line only worship or resume in-person. We decided to begin in-person worship on Easter Sunday. Our Resumption of face-to-face worship policy was revised. A letter and copy of updated policy will be mailed to households on our mailing list. Jeff asked about resuming Sunday School. Following discussion, it was decided to not resume Sunday School right away.

+Vicar Rob shared his graduation date is May 22—waiting on Capital University's decision regarding in-person or virtual ceremony. Vicar Rob will be with us through June, unless he has a call from a congregation before that time.

+Lenten-Easter Offering is designated as: \$200 directed to Homeless Hands of Zanesville Organization; remainder directed to Salvation Army.

+Jim Swingle has been approved to fulfill Ellen Shaw's Endowment Committee Position until our next Congregation Meeting.

+Synod Assembly is scheduled June 4 and 5, 2021 as a Zoom meeting. St. John's needs one male and one female delegate.

WOWS

*On-line services with our new system.



Maundy Thursday

Worship on Facebook Live – 7:00 p.m.

Drive -thru Communion – 8:00-9:00 p.m.

Good Friday

Worship on Facebook Live – 7:00 p.m.

The Resurrection of our Lord – Easter Day – April 4, 2021

In person Worship – 9:00 a.m.

Worship on Facebook Live – 9:00 a.m.

Drive -thru Communion – 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.



Christ's Table continues to serve meals to our community during social distancing and St. John's members continue to volunteer the last Monday of each month. Meals are packaged in to-go containers and picked up at the back of the building. (Volunteers serve from the delivery area of the building as people come from the parking lot to pick up containers.

Christ's Table continues to send homebound meals on their regular routes daily. They continue to serve an increased number of to-go meals as compared to numbers served prior to the Coronavirus pandemic. St. John's date to serve is April 26th. Volunteers are asked to arrive by 10:30-10:40. We serve meals until 1:00. Thanks to our faithful volunteers! If you would like to join us the last Monday of the month, please call Barb Stoneburner. There's always room for new people who are interested in volunteering!



BIRTHDAYS	
3	KYLIE HAMBEL
5	ELLEN SHAW
6	THE REV MARK A COMBS, PASTOR
7	VICKIE MOORE
7	BARB STONEBURNER
7	GREG ZINK
8	PAT MAST
12	PHYLLIS MAST
14	AARON SMITH
14	REBECCA DAUGHERTY
15	SHARON STONEBURNER
15	DEBBY TEMPLIN
15	SHARON STAKER
17	MARIA FOSTER
19	KEEGAN BUMPUS
20	GLORIA BAILEY
21	BRAD BUMPUS
21	BEN FERRELL
23	ANN PARKER
23	ELIJAH HIGGINBOTHAM
23	CARMIN FARNSWORTH
24	CAROLE YETTER
24	CHERYL HARLAN
25	CYLE FARNSWORTH
26	SEANNE FOSTER
29	JULIE LINK
ANNIVERSARIES	
5	JEFF & LINDA FERRELL



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April



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
QUARTER PROJECT Transitions				1	2	3
4 9:00 In Person Worship & Facebook Live Drive-thru Communion 11:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.	5 Office Closed	6	7 6:00 Finance Meeting	8	9	10
11 9:00 In Person Worship & Facebook Live	12 1:00 Circle 5 at St. John's	13 6:00 Church Council	14	15	16	17
18 9:00 In Person Worship & Facebook Live Drive-thru Communion 11:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 9:00 In Person Worship & Facebook Live	26	27	28	29	30	31



Kroger Community Rewards

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To enroll have your Kroger Plus Card ready:

- Go to krogercommunityrewards.com.
- If you are a new online customer click on SIGN UP TODAY in the "New Customer" box
- Sign up for a Kroger Reward
- Account by entering your zip code, clicking on favorite store, entering your email address and
- creating a password to process to the next step
- You will then get a message to check your email inbox and click on the link within the body of the email
- Click on My Account and use your email address and password to proceed to the next step
- Click on Edit Kroger Community Rewards information and input your Kroger Plus card number
- Update and confirm your information
- Enter St. John's number **65090**, or **St. John's Lutheran Church**, select organization from the list and click on "confirm"
- To verify you are enrolled correctly, you will see your organization's name on the right side of your information page.
- Do you use your phone number at the register: Call 1-877-576-7587 to get your Kroger Plus card number

REMEMBER, purchases will not count until you have registered your card.

Members must swipe their registered Kroger Plus card or use their phone number that is related to their registered Kroger Plus card when shopping for each purchase to count. Please encourage other family members and friends to select St. John's as their Kroger Plus rewards recipient.





St. John's Lutheran Church is an eligible organization with the Amazon Smile Program. Funds from Amazon Smile will go towards the Youth Gathering in Minneapolis in 2021. It's easy to register and anytime you make a purchase from Amazon Smile you will see if it qualifies for the Amazon Smile Program.

Some info about this program:

What is Amazon Smile?

Amazon Smile is a website operated by Amazon with the same products, prices, and shopping features as Amazon.com. The difference is that when you shop on Amazon Smile (smile.amazon.com), the Amazon Smile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to the charitable organization of your choice.

How to enroll in the Amazon Smile Program

- Step One: Go to smile.amazon.com log in using your email and password as if you were at amazon.com from there select a charitable organization you would like to support.
- Step Two: Select St. John's Lutheran Church Zanesville, Ohio as your charitable organization. Once you have selected St. John's Lutheran Church you are done!
- Each time you purchase eligible items Amazon Smile will take care of getting the funds to our account. You will also be able to see how much money your purchases have generated for St. John's.

In order for St. John's to receive any funds generated by your purchases you need to shop at smile.amazon.com.

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