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This Week at St. John's

Sunday, April 13, 2025

9a Palm Sunday worship

10a Stewardship/Outreach committee meeting

10a Memorial/Finance committee meeting

10a Christian Education committee meeting

6p 4-H meeting

Monday, April 14, 2025

6p Girl Scout meeting

6p American Legion Auxiliary meeting

Tuesday, April 15, 2025

9a Women's Gathering meeting & bible study

3:15p Healthy Wolves backpack packing

Wednesday, April 16, 2025

3:15p Kids Klub Ministry

Thursday, April 17, 2025

7p Maundy Thursday worship service

Friday, April 18, 2025

7p Good Friday worship service

Sunday, April 20, 2025

9a Easter Sunday worship service

Sunday, April 20, 2025

Easter Sunday,—Chancel Choir Sings

Acts 10:34-43 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

1 Corinthians 15:19-26 Luke 24:1-12

PEARL CITY HEALTHY WOLVES FOOD PROGRAM

Provides backpacks filled with nutritious meals and snacks for school aged children K-12 for the weekend. **We are currently sending 20-25 backpacks each week.** The cost of supplies runs about \$7.50 per backpack, per week. **Donations of financial support are needed.** Please contact Theresa Albers if you have any questions.

TO DONATE ONLINE: <http://www.stjohnspearlcity.org/giving> Scroll down to these instructions: **On-line Giving:** Click [here](#) to give now in the form of a credit or debit card to St. John's. This is a safe, secure and quick method to give to our ministries from anywhere at any time. On-line giving offers you the ability to do a onetime transaction or set-up a recurring transaction. This option allows members and non-members alike to give to the ministries of St. John's. You will be able to select "Healthy Wolves" for your gift designation.

Women's Gathering News ...

*Women's Gathering has dish cloths for sale. They are \$1.50 each. Contact the church office or Lynda Palmer if you are interested.

*Prayer Shawl Outreach on Sunday, May 4th at 10 AM in Luther Hall. Start a shawl/quilt or work on one already started. Someone will be available to help.

*The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 15th. We will be cleaning the kitchen and closet at 9AM with a break for Fellowship. The hostesses will be April Eberle and Doris Kness. We will be cleaning the kitchen and closet at 9AM. The bible study will start at 11AM. The bible study will be led by Shawn Kuhlemeier. Lasagna will be served at Noon!. Invite others!

*On Sunday, May 4th, St. John's members and friends are invited to go out for lunch at The Legends, a new restaurant on route 26 north of Freeport, at noon. Please sign up on the bulletin board!

*The Women's Gathering served 34 people at the community Lenten luncheon on March 26th. Thank you to Lee Frey for making cookies, Carla Personette for coffee, and Chris Kempel for donating eggs. Also, thank you to those who helped prepare, serve, and clean up—Kris Eden, Janet Ferguson, Kathy Williams, Doris Kness, Lynda Palmer, Carla Personette, Lois Hunsaker, and Karen Bremmer. Also, thanks to Jayden and Ron Bremmer for their help in taking our supplies from St. John's to UMC. Thank you to Pastor Len for giving the message. We appreciate those who attended and helped.



Be sure to mark your calendars for the Lenten services planned at St. John's this year. Maundy Thursday service will be April 17th at 7:00 PM, Good Friday service will be on April 18th at 7:00 PM, and Easter Sunday service will be on April 20th at 9:00 AM. There will not be any mid-week Lenten luncheon this week!!

The social ministry committee will be having a collection for the ELCA Good Gifts project from April 27th through June 1st. Their goals for this project are:

- (1) Herd of goats: \$300
- (2) groups of 10 chicks: \$10 each for a total of \$20
- (1) Rooster for chicks: \$15
- (7) Honeybee hives: \$20 each for a total of \$140
- (4) Food for vulnerable & orphaned children for one month: \$25 each for a total of \$100
- (10) Vaccinations for a child: \$30 each for a total of \$300
- (10) Water filters: \$30 each for a total of \$300
- (2) Piglets: \$30 each for a total of \$60
- (1)Mosquito net: \$10

Total goals for the ELCA Good Gifts Project: \$1245

**ELCA
GOOD
GIFTS**

We will have collection bins at the front of the church for all the items that are listed. Please consider giving to this important ministry to improve lives throughout the world.

News, Events and Happenings ...

Confirmation: We will continue with confirmation on the first Sunday of April but there will not be a meeting on the third Sunday as it is Easter. But I encourage all our confirmands and their families to join us for the service on Easter morning. There is only one more meeting after our April meeting, which is May 4th as the third Sunday is HS graduation and we typically do not meet that day as some of the confirmands have siblings that might be graduating. At our next meeting I will have the final sign-up sheet for Acolyting that includes Maundy Thursday and Good Friday which are both a 7 PM service as well as through the Summer months. Please look at your calendars.

We will have two times that we will be meeting during the summer months, one being VBS and a day when we will be organizing/cleaning caps for our bench. I am looking at a day in June for the caps and it's looking like a day in July for VBS but I will let you know when we have those days finalized. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Blessings—Shawn Kuhlemeier

Sunday School: Sunday School continues this month with us meeting only on the first Sunday in April. The third Sunday is Easter and we will not be meeting that day but we encourage everyone to come to church to celebrate the forgiveness of all our sins. We will be meeting the first and third Sundays in May and then we are off for the Summer and will continue again in September.

We will be having VBS this summer which will probably be in July at some point but we will let you know as soon as we know.

If you have any questions, please contact Morgan Scharping, Theresa Snetcher or Shawn Kuhlemeier.



St John's Church will be manning the Pearl City Food Pantry the month of May. If anyone could spend a couple of hours on a Saturday morning please contact Doris Kness or Janet Ferguson. May 10th and May 24th are the days that the patrons come to get their groceries. More help is needed on those two dates. Thank You.

Looking ahead...

Date	Greeters	Ushers	Lector
April 20	Marion & Kris Eden	Lois Hunsaker	Shawn Kuhlemeier
Acolytes		Tech Support	
Kolton Kampmeier Welden Snetcher		Lincoln Voss Kooper Kampmeier	

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Happy Birthday!

Jason Gray Michael Palmer Dennis Kruse
Richard Blackmore Lee Frey Elaina Lott
Clayton Downs Weston Gronewold



Grace Meal News:

A special Thank You to everyone who helped with the March Grace Meal: Elmer & Nora Heid – Pearl Valley Rangers, Theresa Albers, Dennis Downs, Kris & Marion Eden, Randy & Sandy Faust, Gertrude Heimerdinger, Grace Heimerdinger, Jim & Leann Heimerdinger, Kamryn Heimerdinger, Lois Hunsaker, Marge Roiland, Joan & Marvin Klatt, Rollin Nelson, Angie & Wayne Niehaus, DJ Scott, and Kathy Williams. We prepared a total of 240 meals, 30 deliveries and 210 curbside pick-ups. A big thank you also to Chris Kempel for the very generous donation of eggs for the cakes in March!

The April Grace Meal will be a community Easter meal. It will be served on Sunday, April 27th instead of on Easter Sunday. Meals can be picked up at St. John's on April 27th between 11 a.m. and noon, or you can dine in Luther Hall at St. John's between 11 a.m. and 12.30 p.m. To reserve your meal(s) for that day, contact St. John's Lutheran Church by Thursday, April 24th (815-443-2215). The meal consists of ham loaf, mashed potatoes & gravy, peas & carrots, applesauce, and cherry cobbler. The meal will be prepared and served as a joint effort of the area churches similar to the community Christmas meal. It is funded by donations from local businesses.

The Grace Meal committee would like to thank the congregation for stepping up and making financial donations to help this great ministry continue serving meals each month.

Thank you to the ladies who helped with the graduation quilts and projects on our Sit & Sew workday on April 2nd. Thank you to Lynda Palmer, Kris Eden, Janet Ferguson, Deb Mather, Marge Roiland, Marilyn Smital, Carla Personette, and Karen Bremmer!



Don't forget that we are still playing dominoes on the first Tuesday of each month from 9AM-Noon. The next one is on Tuesday, May 6th. Also, we are still playing cards and dominoes on the second and fourth Thursday of each month from 1-3:30PM. The next date will be on Thursday, April 24th.

The Healthy Wolves committee would like to thank the people of St. John's for their generous support of this ministry. Without you and the support from the community, we would not be able to provide weekend meals for school children who are less fortunate. The committee works to make sure no child goes hungry. May you be held in God's hands and may you continue to receive God's blessings.