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**Be the Hope!**

There's power in words. We can help or hurt others with our words. I know way too many times in my own life, an ill spoken word causes offense where none was meant. I also know the power of encouraging words. When someone has lifted me up through their words, there's an amazing change over my "spirit". It can make a dark day brighter and a sad day, well a little less sad.

Never forget the power of the Jesus' Words. As the Word made Flesh, His Words give life. Not just forgiveness or peace, which do bring a sense of freedom in life. But in Jesus, His Words give *eternal* life that is found nowhere else. We forget that Jesus is the ONLY way, truth and life. All other paths end in death. In His victory over death, through His Resurrection, in the Words that we receive, and speak, through faith in that world changing act, we can be the bearers of hope in a world full of fear and anxiety. We can be peace where people only see conflict. We can be forgiveness, where people only see guilt and shame. And we can be love, where there is only empty shallowness.

This is what it means to *be* a Christian, a "little Christ", as Martin Luther tells us. Too many of us live in fear and anxiety because we have yet to bathe ourselves in Jesus' Words. We are distracted by all the things others tell us we should do, when we need to be listening and applying, **His** Words of wisdom, truth and love. These Words not only give us hope, but through us speaking them to others we will be the hope. There is a world out there that needs His hope but doesn't want it. It is our calling to look past our own fears and worries, to be Jesus' hands, feet and mouths to give them this hope. So... will YOU be the hope?

In Christ we *are* loved to love,

Pastor Adam



## SAVE THESE DATES

May 13: Bake Sale (Mother's Day)

May 20: Old-time Potluck Dinner with Pirates Bingo

June 10: Community Fun Fest (picnic)

July 4: Village Parade

September: Bonfire (TBD)

October 14: Harvest Fest—Emmerich's

October 28: Trunk or Treat

November 18: Bake Sale  
Food Drive for Veterans

December: Holiday Hors d'oeuvres — Hydes

January 27, 2019: 5th Annual Chili Cookoff



**Saturday, May 19th,  
9 am-12 pm**

**Pizza lunch included!  
Sign up sheet on the narthex table.**

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## **ST. JOHN'S POTLUCK & PIRATES BINGO**

Come join us for Fellowship, Fun and Food on May 20, 12:00 Noon for Potluck and Pirates Bingo. A signup sheet will be posted for dishes to pass.

For Fun—Bring something old, new or white elephant to win or steal.



# 3 **SIMPLE** Ways to Support

## St. John Lutheran Church

We have 3 programs ready for you to take advantage and use while shopping.

**Gift Card Fundraiser:** Make your Mother's Day or Father's Day gift shopping easy. Simply buy gift cards from a wide variety of vendors and a percentage of your purchase will be donated directly to our church. Linda will submit orders monthly with a May order going out Friday, May 4. May gift cards will be available early next week. Orders should be sent to Linda's email: lindaemmerich61@gmail.com

**AmazonSmile:** If you shop at Amazon then PLEASE enroll in their "Smile" program. [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com). When asked the name of your organization just type in Saint John Lutheran Church Island Lake. Be sure your selection includes Island Lake since there are many St. John churches. Amazon will donate 0.05% of each purchase to our church. St. John will only receive the amount of funds raised. Never disclosing your purchase or personal information.

**Goodsearch.com:** Just like Google or Bing, Goodsearch is an online search tool. Goodsearch donates one penny for every search you make. Go to [www.goodsearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com) and click on "Join Now" located in the top right hand corner. It's that easy!!

*For more information: Linda Emmerich 847/732-3763*

*FORMS CAN BE FOUND ON TABLE*

## **BOARD OF OUTREACH & HOSPITALITY**

### **To Serve or Not to Serve; That is the Question**

I recently read a quote from Leo Tolstoy that caught my attention. I don't know about you but I love reading about "famous" people and learning that they were probably a Christian! What fun, when we get to heaven, chatting with everyone about their faith journey. Anyway, back to the quote. Tolstoy said "It is within my power either to serve God or not to serve him. Serving him I add to my own good and the good of the whole world. Not serving him, I forfeit my own good and deprive the world of that good, which was in my power to create."

Wow. When we get out of ourselves and think of the potential impact just a small act of service can have on the lives of others, we should be humbled. "And, what an honor! That God would use us to accomplish His purposes here on earth. Wow. Outreach & Hospitality has some opportunities for you to serve. This fall, we will need a coordinator for our Coffee Hour. Our thanks to Melisa Finney who coordinated this fellowship time for the past year. Speak to Melisa if you are interested and she can share the time commitment that would be necessary.

May 20th, we will be having a Potluck Dinner with Pirates' Bingo. Our thanks to Bob and Sherry Stowell for volunteering to coordinate this event. Look for sign-up sheets to either assist with set-up/clean-up or to bring food!

Our Community Fun Fest will be June 10th. Brad and Annette Evers did a marvelous job coordinating this event last year and have agreed to do a repeat performance. There will be sign-up sheets for this event also.

St. John would like to have a float in the Village Parade again this year. This is a great opportunity to increase our visibility to the community. Eileen Day has spearheaded this for several years and needs our support to build the float as well as on the day of the parade.

So back to our original question, TO SERVE OR NOT TO SERVE? It doesn't take much to make a difference. Try it and see!

Serving Joyfully in His Name,

Linda Kalnicky



### May

6 available  
13 MacDonald/ Conner  
20 Kooi/ available  
27 available

### June

3 Pete & Carol Olson/ available  
10 Gale Loding/ No Split  
17 Larson's /No Split  
24 available

Bouquets are \$10 each or \$20 for two. Put your name on the Sunday that marks a special occasion for you. If you want both bouquets, please write "No Split" behind your name. On the Sunday you signed up, you can put the cost of the bouquet(s) into a flower envelope (narthex table) and drop it into the offering plate. The flowers are yours to take home. We would appreciate you returning the plastic vase so we can keep the flower cost down. Our thanks to all those who supplied flowers for the chancel this past year.



### **BIRTHDAYS**

5/3 Jennifer Burnidge  
5/4 Filipe Galarza  
5/7 Cairo Lira  
5/8 Mike Kooi  
5/11 Linda Emmerich  
5/11 Claudia Geary  
5/13 Linda Conner  
5/18 Max Kooi  
5/18 Donovan Lira  
5/18 Kade MacDonald  
5/21 Eddie Hancock  
5/23 Lynn Bruns  
5/23 Jim Pollack  
5/27 Linda Kalnicky

### **BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS**

5/1 Brady Hyde  
5/1 Jennifer Schmidt  
5/6 Haley Chilcoat  
5/23 Justin Burnidge  
5/26 Jennifer Burnidge

### **ANNIVERSARIES**

5/15 Garold, II & Carla Nellis

## Worship Helper Schedule

5/6/2018	<b>Traditional</b>	Kooi	L. Bruns, Holtz	Max
5/13/2018	Contemporary	Anderson	Schmidt	Savannah
5/20/2018	<b>Traditional</b>	Eyers	MacDonald	Kylie
5/27/2018	Traditional	Emmerich	B. Bruns, Guzy	Justin
6/3/2018	<b>Traditional</b>	Burnidge	T & T Amrich	Cheyenne
6/10/2018	Contemporary	O'Day	Geary, Brasch	Alexis, Kevin
6/17/2018	<b>Traditional</b>	Kooi	L. Bruns, Holtz	Max
6/24/2018	Traditional	Anderson	Schmidt	Savannah

