

The Light of St. John

St. John's Lutheran Church

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"I AM THE WAY AND THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE." (JOHN 14:6)



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"I will say of the Lord, 'He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.'He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart." Psalm 91:2,4

Every evening I like to sit in a lawn chair in my backyard and enjoy the many birds we have. Mostly mockingbirds. The past few years, mockingbirds have built nests in honeysuckle bushes that grow on our chain link fence.

This year is no different. We have a nest with two baby mockingbirds, and their parents actively feed them every evening. It's a joy to watch the mother bird continuously fly in search of food and then hop into the nest to be greeted with their loud chirps. While she does this, her mate faithfully stands guard on the fence to watch for intruders. We also have lots of cardinals, and the mockingbirds don't seem to like them. When they get too close to the nest, the birds chase off the cardinals. Amazingly, they don't seem to mind me watching them, but they chase off other intruders.

We've had lots of rain this past week, and I was concerned how the babies were doing. I slowly approached the nest to take a look. In the midst of the falling rain, the mother bird was on the nest with her wings spread out covering her young from the rain drops.

As I thought about those birds, my mind was drawn to the many verses in the Bible which state we are safe under God's protective wings. Jesus even said that he longed to gather God's people like a hen gathers her chicks safely under her wings. *Matthew 23:37.*

God is our refuge, our protector, and our provider. These past couple of months have been difficult for many due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Yet, even in the midst of social distancing, God is watching over us. He chases away all of the enemies that would do us harm. He provides for us every day. And if baby birds can find refuge under their mother's wings, how much more so are we protected by God's loving care for his children. We are safe under the wings of God.

Blessings,

Terry



SERVING IN May

Kitchen:

Altar:

**Usher: Brandon Telschow(Council Member)
Jolee**

FLOWERS

3rd Ashlee Telschow

10th WELCA/Ladies Group

17th Gene & Cindy Rex

24th Betty Brinkman

(in memory of Jimmie's Birthday)

31st James & Debbie Schumacher (Anniversary)



Please pray for our Country, the World, those in the military including Dillon Narro and the crew members of the Theodore Roosevelt, all of the the shut-ins, the lonely, those in need of healing and their families: Linda Brinkman, Mary Bess and Garnett Gerdes, Ernest Bentke, Melvin Knesek, Larry Kubecka, Dwayne Muzny, Delores Milzcewski, David Ronneberg, Dennis and Estelle Hejtmancik, Jake Cedidla, Nancy Faulk, Kelly Kubiak, Glen Drew, Mary Neutzler, Ronnie Langham, Taylor Power, Edward Beran, Cathi Laney, Shannon Miller, John Laffere, John Boyd, Adele Zboril, Kim and David Hardin, Glen and Amelia Wearden, Patricia Tarnowski, prayers for those needing surgery, those who are in treatment for cancer and cancer survivors, and prayers for the family of John Cameron Maresh. Lord we pray that you come to our aid with your love and healing during the Covid-19 global pandemic.



May 10th

A Mother's Love

There are times when only a
Mother's love
Can understand our tears,
Can soothe our disappoints
And calm all of our fears.

There are times when only a
Mother's love
Can share the joy we feel,
When something we've
dreamed about
Quite suddenly is real.

There are times when only a
Mother's faith
Can help us on life's way,
And inspire in us the
confidence
We need from day to day.

For a Mother's heart and a
Mother's faith
And a Mother's steadfast love,
Were fashioned by the Angels
~Anon

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Cemetery Curbing Completed



Columbarium



St. John's Lutheran Sunday Virtual



**Good Morning From The Kids
At St. John's**



**The Gift Of God Is Eternal Life In
Jesus Christ Romans 6:23**



**The Father Has Sent His Son To Be
The Savior Of The World John 4:34**

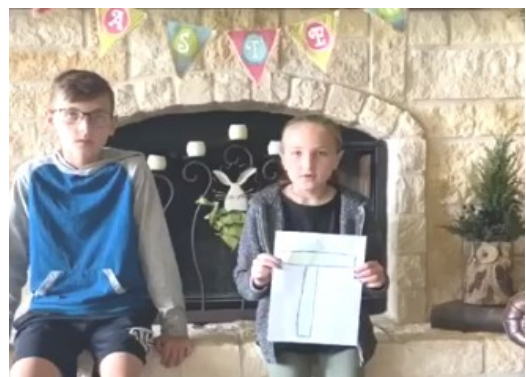
Wishing you the renewed hope
that salvation brings.



**We Are Praying That You Stay
Safe And Well**



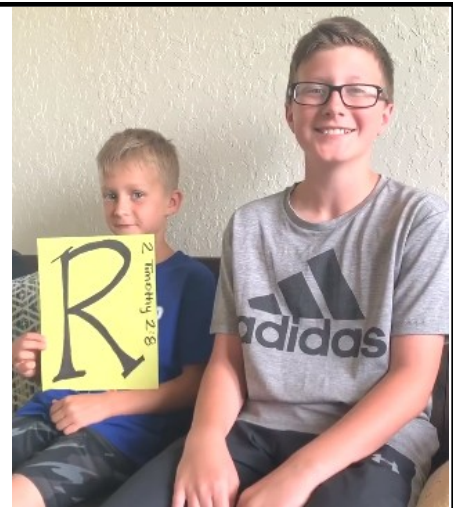
**I Am The Living One; I Was Dead,
And Now Look, I Am Alive For Ever
And Ever! Revelation 1:18**



**I Am The Way And The Truth And The
Life John 14:6**



**God Has Given Us Eternal Life And This Life Is
In His Son 1 John 5:11**



**Remember Jesus Christ Risen From
The Dead 2Timothy 2:8**



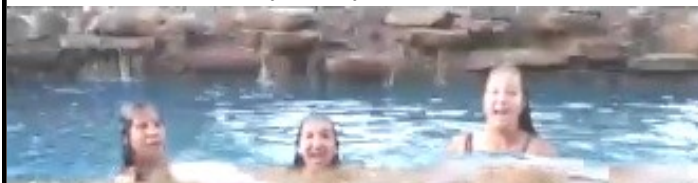
He Is Risen!



Remember He Is Risen.....Indeed



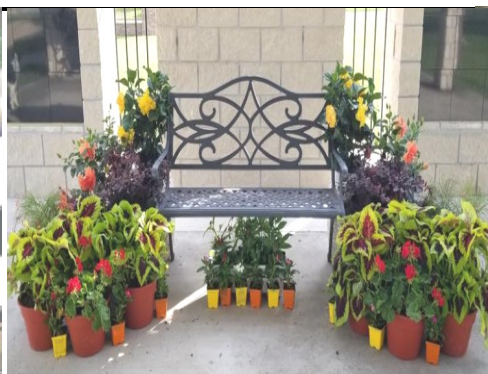
Easter Sunday Everyone!



**We Hope You Will Have A Blest Easter. Stay Safe,
Stay Well, And Happy Easter**



**Stay Safe, Stay Well, Happy
Easter**



Lyrics to "The Old Rugged Cross"

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross / The emblem of suff'ring and shame / And I love that old cross where the dearest and best / For a world of lost sinners was slain. (*Refrain)
 Oh, that old rugged cross, so despised by the world / Has a wondrous attraction for me / For the dear Lamb of God left His glory above / To bear it to dark Calvary. (*Refrain)
 In the old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine / Such a wonderful beauty I see / For 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died / To pardon and sanctify me. (*Refrain)
 To the old rugged cross I will ever be true / Its shame and reproach gladly bear / Then He'll call me someday to my home far away / Where His glory forever I'll share. (*Refrain)
*Refrain: So I'll cherish the old rugged cross / Till my trophies at last I lay down / I will cling to the old rugged cross / And exchange it some day for a crown.

The History Behind "The Old Rugged Cross"

The year was 1912 and George Bennard, an evangelist traveling throughout the Midwest, was heckled incessantly by several youth at a revival meeting in Michigan. A Vision, a Melody and the Completion of the First Verse Troubled by their disregard for the gospel, Bennard turned to Scripture to reflect on the work of Christ on the cross. He later recalled, "I seemed to have a vision ... I saw the Christ and the cross inseparable." The melody came easily, and the first verse was completed by Bennard during a series of meetings in Albion, Michigan. Several months later, the remaining three verses were completed in Pokagon, Michigan, where Bennard was leading meetings at a local church. The First Performance of the Hymn. After completing the hymn, he performed the song in its entirety for the sponsoring pastor and his wife, Rev. Leroy and Ruby Bostwick, in the living room of the parsonage. The Bostwicks were moved to tears and incorporated the song in the revival service on June 7, 1913. First, Bennard sang his hymn with guitar accompaniment, and then a five-voice choir sang with organ and violin accompaniment. Today, that same church building, originally a hops barn, is owned by the non-profit Old Rugged Cross Foundation and welcomes thousands of visitors annually. <https://www.lifeway.com/en/articles/the-history-behind-the-old-rugged-cross-hymn-george-bennard-revival>



**Sympathy Is Extended To The
Maresh Family**
On The Loss Of Their Loved One
John Cameron Maresh
September 9, 1949 - April 3, 2020



John Cameron Maresh, 70 of Deanville, was called home to his Lord April 3, 2020. A private family burial was held at St. John's Lutheran Cemetery with Pastor Terry Moon officiating. John was a Farrier and a cattle rancher. He was also a faithful member of the St. John's Lutheran Church in Deanville

He was preceded in death by both of his parents Eldie John and Lela Mae (McMinn) Maresh. John is survived by his daughter, Katherynn Wilbanks and husband Jason; grandson, Clayton Cameron Wilbanks; two sisters, Gwen Dixon and husband Paul, and Lynda Kubiak and husband Len; three nieces and a nephew.

In lieu of flowers please make contributions to the St. John's Lutheran Church fund in his memory. A celebration of his life will be held at a later date.

Monday, May 25, 2020



Memorial
Day
Never Forget
Ever Honor

May, 2020

Monthly Planner

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

					1 Jase Kalisek Cheyenne Blackmon	2
3 Communion	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Matt Blackmon Travis Balcar	11 Melinda Pertl	12 Rheagan Peschel, M/M Gene Rek	13 M/M Lonnie Albright	14	15 Luke Freeman	16 Jesee Telschow
17 Communion Bradley Suehs	18	19 Council Meeting 6:30 PM	20	21	22 M/M Kevin Kubiak	23 Kristen Suehs
24 Newsletter items due Jimann Jones	25 Pamela Kindt M/M James Schumacher	26 Delores Milzcewski	27	28 M/M Casey Zboril	29	30
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