



### Easter Family Event

**Saturday, April 13th, 10:00-11:30 a.m.**

Open to all families with children from infant to age three. All family members are welcome! **RSVP by TODAY** to [stjohnjolietssundayschool@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnjolietssundayschool@gmail.com) or Chris Markwell with your name and # of family members attending.

### Wednesday Lent

#### Last Lenten Dinner – 6:00 p.m.

The Green Team invites you to DINE GREEN. Bring your reusable dishware to dine in style and preserve God's good creation.

**April 10th Dinner:** Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Potato Salad, Cake

Sign up for dinner on the back of your attendance form.

#### Lenten Worship Service – 7:00 p.m.

**Midweek Lenten Series Theme:**  
**“Change my Heart, O God”**

“Change my heart, O God” is our six-week Lenten Worship Series for us to practice moving towards what God wants for our lives, and to grow deeper as a Christian community.

Join us on Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. for:

- “The Perils of Paul” – The Bible drama is based on the story of Paul, as retold to us by our St. John Players.
- **April 10th: Trusting God in the Unknown** – Heather Aincham
- **Music, prayer and candle lighting.**

### Prayer Vigil – April 19-20

Following the Good Friday service through Saturday morning, you are invited to come to the church sanctuary to pray and sit in God's presence. During your prayer time, you are welcome to participate in the prayer stations set up around the sanctuary. Sign up for one or more time slots on the board in the narthex.



### Holy Week

#### April 13th - 14th

#### Palm Sunday Worship

Saturday 5:30 p.m.

Sunday 8:30 a.m.\* & 11:00 a.m.\*

#### April 18th

#### Maundy Thursday Worship

11:00 a.m.

7:00 p.m. \* with First Communion

#### April 19th

#### Good Friday Worship

Noon at St. Mary's

7:00 p.m. \* Tenebrae Service

8:00 p.m. Prayer Vigil begins

#### April 20th

9:00 a.m. Prayer Vigil ends

5:30 p.m. Easter Eve Worship

#### April 21st

#### Easter Sunday Worship

6:30 a.m., 8:00 a.m.\*

9:30 a.m.\*, 11:00 a.m.\*

*Easter Sunday Breakfast*

7:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

#### April 22nd

Church Office Closed

\* nursery available

### Adult Grief Support Group

**April 13th, Youth Room**

The second Saturday of every month, Dr. Sandra Carlson leads a support group at 4:00 pm. All are invited. Stay for worship at 5:30 p.m.

### Fair Trade

**April 14th, in between services**

Please stop by and check out the coffees, teas, and chocolates. Free chocolate samples!

### Lutheran World Relief – Kits of Care

This Lent we are joining LWR's Project Promise campaign. Each week we will collect different items to assemble in the Personal Care Kits. Our goal is 200 kits! A full list of items is available in the Narthex next to the donation box.

**April 14th – Bath Towels (52" x 27")**  
**(dark solid color recommended)**

### Special Offering this Month: *Helping Hands*

Helping Hands Fund is a fund used to help the members of St. John when they are going through difficult crises, affecting their finances and ability to pay for the necessities of housing and utilities.

Throughout the past year, we've had members of our congregation experience health issues and the need for this fund was very appreciated. For those of you who have the means, your donation to this fund will help us replenish resources so we can continue to be of service to our members.

If you would like to be a blessing to others, please consider donating to Helping Hands. Use the gold pew envelopes for your contribution or send your donation to our church office indicating the gift is for the Helping Hands fund.



Beautifully our Sanctuary on  
Easter by ordering an  
Easter Lily (See insert)