



Epistle



S T . J O H N L U T H E R A N C H U R C H

Faith Like a Child

During Holy Week, I sat with some of our younger school students for one of the mid-day services. One of them looked up at me and proudly announced, “Pastor, I can pray the Lord’s Prayer!” When the time came in the service for that prayer, that student’s whole class perked up and confidently and clearly prayed the prayer our Lord has taught us. The excitement about participating in the worship of the Church exuded from these young brothers and sisters in Christ in an exciting and breathtaking way!

That kind of excitement was also present in our Easter services, with loud hymns and bold statements of “Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!” However, sometimes it is easy to lose track of that excitement of being part of God’s Church. All that Easter joy, all the excitement over the things Jesus has taught us, all the breathtaking wonder of our salvation sometimes becomes “ho-hum” and we don’t celebrate as much. It seems like we begin to lose the childlike excitement in being part of the Church.

I was recently talking with a non-Christian about Holy Week services. This person attended a Good Friday service, and afterwards said, “The story of Jesus is such a beautiful story of love. I can only believe that somebody would love that much one hour a year.” That statement breaks my heart. There is someone who sees the love of God in action in Jesus Christ, but can’t believe that God would do such a thing. The excitement isn’t taken for granted, but simply can’t be believed.

What about us today? As we enter the Easter season, does “Christ is risen! Alleluia!” just not have that excited ring to it? Is our excitement to approach our heavenly Father in prayer dimmed? Do our ears and hearts grow heavy when God’s Word engages us in worship or daily devotions? Are we missing that childlike faith?

This Easter season, let God’s Word transform you and put the joy of a childlike faith in your life. Treasure the joy of praying the Lord’s Prayer. Keep the excitement as we hear the Easter accounts again and again. Celebrate every opportunity to receive the Lord’s Supper, to gather in worship, to hear His Word. Find those places to boldly exclaim, “I get to....” “I can....” and even “Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!” Enjoy God’s gift of a childlike faith, full of awe and wonder!

Celebrating Easter like a child,

Pastor III

CONCORDIA HISTORICAL INSTITUTE TO HOST MÜHLENBERG EXHIBIT

ST. LOUIS—The Concordia Historical Institute, in cooperation with Concordia Seminary, will host a traveling exhibition from April 26 through May 20 to celebrate the 300th anniversary of the birth of Henry Melchior Mühlberg, the patriarch of colonial American Lutheranism.

A special set of lectures by Dr. Robert Kolb, “‘So Much Began in Halle,’ The Mission Program That Sent Mühlberg to America,” and Dr. Gerhard Bode, “Man on a Mission: Henry Melchior Mühlberg and the Lutherans in America,” will open the exhibit on Tuesday, April 26, from 3:45 p.m. to 4:45 p.m., at the Fuerbringer Library, across the street from the Concordia Historical Institute. A wine and cheese reception will follow the lectures at the Institute’s facilities where visitors may view the exhibit.

There is a \$3.00 admission fee to view the exhibit. The Concordia Historical Institute is located on the campus of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, at 804 Seminary Place. The hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. For more information, call 314-505-7900 or email chi@lutheranhistory.org

**St. John Lutheran Church Voters Meeting
Mar 20, 2011**

The November Voters Meeting was called to order by Congregation Vice Chairman Ryan Petrowske. There with 38 members present.

Pastor Willig opened with a devotion from the books of John and prayer.

Amendments

Pastor III – Under the Elder’s report, it should be Gary Bierman reported about the bible study being conducted for the older teens being spearheaded by Chris Urquhart, not conducted.

Randy Campbell moved to approve the amended minutes, Paul Stallman seconded. Motion carried.

Transfers in: None

Transfers Out: Chantel Thompson

Baptisms: Adileh Jafari, Giovanni Maes, Joseph Feaman

Deaths: Ruth Rosendahl, Clara Roth, Harold Mallery, Opal Cluster, Marge Gentsch

Committee Reports:

Board Of Education: Bryan Wagner

The board has hired Brenda Owen as the principal and a teacher at St. John Lutheran School. The board is currently interviewing candidates for other positions. The preschool and extended care fees will remain the same. The board has also decided to replace the cloth banners in the parish hall with boards. The cloth banners will be auctioned off to help defray the costs.

Board Of Elders: Dave Kollmeyer

The board is working on continuing to contact inactive members. The feedback received has been limited, but there has been positive feedback and a number have been added to the home visitation list. The board also conducted a six month review of how Pastor III was doing and were well pleased.

Treasurers’ Report: Paul Stallman

The line of credit at the bank dropped due to the value of the securities that we have put up to secure the line. We only have approx 20% of our securities backing the line of credit. The congregation is holding its head above water and has not had to borrow any additional from the LOC through the end of February.

We also received a notice from Concordia about money available from the federal government for those who have less than 25 full time employees. Mary Stallman did a lot of work to get the paperwork done and the congregation should get approximately \$8500 back from the government as a reimbursement for what we paid out in health care and Medicare costs. This is a new feature effective this year and may not be there in the future.

Stewardship Report:

No report

Board Of Trustees: Stan Gaertner

The recent ice storm damaged one of the trees next to the church office. Amarmor was used to trim it out for \$300. We will be adding another handicap accessible parking spot. A temporary sign is in place and will be marked permanently when the weather improves. Talked with Wilson and half of the AC Units are in place.

The solar light isn’t working well at the cemetery. Have replaced the battery and it works for a while, but when we have several cloudy days, the batteries can’t charge and they deteriorate. It was suggested that we should look at running a regular light.

Bryan Wagner asked if this has to be contracted or could congregation do it.

Dave Bargman responded that this could be done either way.

Randy Campbell suggested coming back with estimates for the work

The trustees will gather estimates and report back to the voters.

Youth Report: Pastor III

During Feb, the youth group had a video game / fun night over at the parish hall and is currently planning the Lenten dinners.

Cemetery Report: Barb Welge

The committee awarded the lawn care to Don Lohman. There have been two loads of gravel donated for the drive. We will also be installing a couple trashcans for old flowers and decorations. The cemetery committee will also be meeting quarterly.

Pastor's Report:

Willig

The Lenten services and suppers are going well. The Midday services for Holy week are all planned and scheduled, including the First Vice President of the Synod, Herb Mueller, coming on Monday of that week.

Pastor Willig asked about the School Cross.

Ryan Petrowske - Everything should be done with just needing to schedule the installation. I have called several times and we may need to threaten some legal action.

Pastor Willig then asked for the nominating committee for the coming elections.

Mike Welge announced that it was to be the chairman of each board, himself, Ryan Petrowske, and the pastors.

Ill

We had the celebration for Girl Scout Sunday which included recognizing Deanna Hohgreffe and Madison Kueker for completing the God and Church badge. Pastor Ill made note that he has had the training for both Girl and Boy scouts in all ages and is available to work with others as well.

There are lots of bible studies going on and he is currently leading the Wednesday morning study through 1 Corinthians, Thursday evening through the Large Catechism, with currently about 20 people attending, and the Sunday morning study between services has just finished up a study on vocation and moving to signs and miracles.

Pastor Ill is also looking forward to going to the LEA (Lutheran Education Association) convention.

Old Business

Paul Stallman mentioned that donations for the cemetery fund would be appreciated because the current account balance is a long way from the \$6000 to cover the mowing. The \$6000 comes from the total for the previous year.

Pastor Willig asked how much each mowing was.

\$250 for each mowing.

Dave Bargman informed the assembly that Terry Knop has mowed the unpopulated section (where there are no tombstones) to help keep the mowing costs lower. Terry will be doing this again this year.

New Business

Bob Owen made a motion to see why we have the majority of our finances with Edward Jones. Bryan Wagner seconded.

Mary Stallman asked what information should be part of the presentation.

Bob asked specifically for performance vs. Thrivent.

Pastor Willig asked that the investment strategies (what are the accounts set up to do) be included in the report.

Motion carried via voice vote.

Elaine Kattenbraker – Chimes are not accurate.

June Campbell – clocks are off on the south and east

Pastor Willig – clocks/chimes are independent and need to be reset.

Mike Welge reminded everyone that elections are coming up at the May voters meeting and asked those present to consider running if you are asked. If you know anyone to run or would like to run yourself, please contact the nominating committee.

As there was no further business for the assembly, Paul Stallman made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Randy Campbell. Motion carried

Pastor Ill closed with prayer.

T H A N K Y O U

The Youth Group at St. John would like to thank everyone for their support of our Lenten Suppers and Easter Breakfast. The turn out for the suppers was great. We would also like to thank the many youth and parents who helped. Thanks to Linda Rowold and Gilsters for all the help with getting the Gilster food and delivering it to us. Thanks to the Chester Dairy for the Milk and Orange Juice. To Linda Schlueter for the eggs. They were wonderful. We also would like to thank all the people who came and ate. We enjoyed the fellowship and cannot wait to see you all again. This is a great fundraiser for our Youth and we enjoy serving our congregation.

Come join us on May 20 for the School Carnival. We will be serving Pulled pork, baked beans, chips, and drinks and funnel cakes. 4p.m-7p.m.

Thanks for everything

Gary and Marilyn Duensing, St. John Youth Directors



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	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Income	\$355,975.19	\$300,258.28	(\$55,716.91)
Expense	\$355,975.19	\$358,528.26	\$2,553.07
2011 (Income - Expense)		(\$58,269.98)	
2010 (Income - Expense)		<u>(\$20,146.34)</u>	
2010/2011 Total (Income - Expense)		(\$78,416.32)	
Debt	\$99,846.50	Mortgage	\$47,368.63

Average 2011 Attendance per Week: 309

Your church needs your help. Please prayerfully consider what you can do to help this situation.

V A C A T I O N B I B L E S C H O O L 2 0 1 1

The dates for this years VBS are June 6 - 11, 2011. We have some very exciting materials from Concordia Publishing entitled, "Big Jungle Adventure". The lessons are interesting and colorful and teach a lot of God's Word. Everyone is invited to come and take part in the adventure and make a positive impact on children's lives for Jesus Christ. We have a lot of volunteer positions, and other ways you can help. Please mark the dates on your calendar and plan to be there. The forms for volunteering and registering a child are included in the Epistle. Please join us and help make this the best Vacation Bible School ever!



REMINDER!!! SEMINARY TO HOST 13th ANNUAL VOCATIO FOR HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

ST. LOUIS—Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, will host a weeklong visitation event in June for high school youth. On June 18-23, the 13th annual *Vocatio* will be held on the Seminary campus. The event is designed to identify, inform, and encourage youth with respect to church work vocations.

Vocatio provides a unique opportunity for high school youth to participate in Bible study, worship, prayer, and discussion. Additionally, youth will be able to gain college and Seminary information pertaining to a variety of church work vocations.

Activities during *Vocatio* will focus on the Bible verse, "Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God, this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is, his good, pleasing, and perfect will." (Romans 12: 1-2) The high school participants will delve into this theme through the four disciplines of the formation of ministry: exegetical, systematic, historical, and practical. Seminary professors will lead Bible studies and discussions about vocation throughout the week.

Participants will have the opportunity to participate in a Servant Event. Past events have included work at St. Louis area congregations and the Saxon Lutheran Memorial. They will also have the opportunity to attend an event in the St. Louis area such as a St. Louis Cardinals' game or the Munny outdoor musical theater.

A \$150 registration fee to attend *Vocatio* is the only charge for youth, in addition to travel costs. All activities, meals during the event, and on-campus lodging are provided at no cost to participants. Scholarships are available to ensure that travel costs do not prevent youth from attending. *Vocatio* registration is limited to high school youth entering 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th grade.

The registration deadline is June 1, 2011. For more information on *Vocatio*, or to request a registration form, contact the Admissions Office, Concordia Seminary, 801 Seminary Place, St. Louis, MO 63105; admissions@csl.edu ; 1-800-822-9545. To register online, visit the Seminary's website at www.csl.edu.

Jesus Said, "Come"

You're most likely familiar with the story in Matthew. Jesus told the disciples to get in the boat and cross to the other side of the lake while he had some private time to pray to his Father. Then during the night he went walking to them on the water. They were terrified, thinking Jesus was a ghost; after all how many men have *you* seen who really walked on liquid water? But Jesus responded (loosely paraphrased), "It's OK, don't be afraid. It's me." (Matthew 14:23-33)

Then Peter said the strangest thing, "Lord, *if* it's you, tell me to come to you on the water." At first I thought Peter was still trying to verify that it really was Jesus; but if that was his purpose, why would he put himself at risk by trying to walk on the water? Puzzled, I asked Jesus, "Why did Peter ask you in that way: if it's you tell me to come."

A few days later he answered my question. Peter was convinced that it was Jesus who was walking toward their boat. Because it was Jesus, Peter knew if Jesus answered, "Come," Jesus would also **enable** Peter to come. Peter was right. It's still true today. If Jesus puts a plan, a ministry, a passion in your heart, he will also enable you to accomplish it. The same meaning underlies this saying: The will of God will never lead you where the grace of God cannot keep you.

The tricky part is knowing if Jesus said, "Come," or if it's a desire of our own. That's why Peter asked, "Lord, if it's you, tell me to come to you on the water." Remember King David? He wanted to build a temple for the Lord. A wonderful thing to do, right? God was pleased that David wanted to build the temple and promised to establish David's line forever, yet He told

David not to build it. David's son would be the one to build it. (2 Samuel 7:5,12-13)

I have such a long way to go to learn to know my Lord the way Peter and David did, but I am incredibly thankful that he has revealed himself to me at all, thankful that he is the kind of God who wants a personal relationship with each one of us. He is such a compassionate and great God. May his praise endure forever!

-by Myrna Campbell



*Hear my voice when I call, O
Lord;*

*be merciful to me and answer me.
My heart says of you, "Seek his
face!"*

Your face, Lord, I will seek.

*Though my father and mother for-
sake me,
the Lord will receive me.*

*Teach me your way, O Lord;
lead me in a straight path.*

*Wait for the Lord;
be strong and take heart
and wait for the Lord.*

Psalms 27:7-8,10-11,14

NEW FACILITY FUND

The current total in the New Facility Fund is up to \$369,534.51. The money is earning interest and with the support of families who want to see this become a reality, it will continue to grow. Be a part of the future and invest a little each month, each pay day, or every week. Honor a graduate, your mom, a deceased loved one, or that special child who you want to see attend school in a new building. Show your appreciation to a teacher or for the education you received at St. John's with a gift. If everyone pledges a few dollars on a routine basis, progress will continue.



ACOLYTES



GREETERS

Sat April 30 6:30 p.m. Alyse Bollman & Nicholas Rinehart
 Sun May 1 7:45 a.m. Jaclyn Colvis & Josh Bierman
 10:00 a.m. Sarah Hecht & Christian Gray
 Sat May 7 6:30 p.m. Alyssa Hoops & Taylor Dunning
 Sun May 8 7:45 a.m. Miranda Mueller & Sydney Korando
 10:00 a.m. Deanna Hohgreffe & Madison Kueker
 Sat May 14 6:30 p.m. Megan Brockmeyer & Christopher Lang
 Sun May 15 7:45 a.m. Lindsay Hammel & Matthew Smith
 10:00 a.m. Anastasia Valleroy & Jessica Kattenbraker
 Sat May 21 6:30 p.m. Stormie Zweigart & Autumn Rowold
 Sun May 22 7:45 a.m. Austin Welge & Sydney Levan
 10:00 a.m. Deanna Hohgreffe & Gwendolyn Sterrett
 Sun May 28 6:30 p.m. Katelyn Rader & Mason Westerman
 7:45 a.m. Derek Mott & Alyssa Hoops
 10:00 a.m. Rachel Walker & Clayton Richelman

Sat April 30 6:30 p.m. Barb Tindall
 Sun May 1 7:45 a.m. Mary Lee Gross
 10:00 a.m. Myra Rubach
 Sat May 7 6:30 p.m. Tammy Crawford
 Sun May 8 7:45 a.m. Sandra Colvis
 10:00 a.m. Amber Cushman
 Sat May 14 6:30 p.m. Mary Webster
 Sun May 15 7:45 a.m. Nancy Guebert
 10:00 a.m. Barb Welge
 Sat May 21 6:30 p.m. Karen Miller
 Sun May 22 7:45 a.m. Linda Sympson
 10:00 a.m. Beverly Bollman
 Sat May 28 6:30 p.m. Wilma Kothe
 Sun May 29 7:45 a.m. Dorothy Decker
 10:00 a.m. June James

USHERS TEAMS

ALTAR GUILD

ALUMINUM CANS

Sat April 30 6:30 p.m. Volunteer
 Sun May 1 7:45 a.m. Don Gentsch
 10:00 a.m. Rick Casten
 Sat May 7 6:30 p.m. Volunteer
 Sun May 8 7:45 a.m. Ron Rathert
 10:00 a.m. Randy Campbell
 Sat May 14 6:30 p.m. Volunteer
 Sun May 15 7:45 a.m. Gary Duensing
 10:00 a.m. Don Stallman
 Sat May 21 6:00 a.m. Rick Casten
 Sun May 22 7:45 a.m. Roger Kattenbraker
 10:00 a.m. Gary Eggemeyer
 Sat May 28 6:30 p.m. Volunteer
 Sun May 29 7:45 a.m. Don Gentsch
 10:00 a.m. Rick Casten

Tammy Crawford
 Nancy Kollmeyer
 Myra Rubach
 Lori Holcomb
 Sandy Colvis
 Teri Franklin
 Steve & Donna Young

May 2-7 Ron Sheely
 May 9-14 Larry McDonough
 May 16-21 Steve Egge
 May 23-28 Steve Young
 May 30-June 4 Gary Knop



WEEKEND JANITORS

April 30/ May 1 Chris Urquhart
 May 7/8 Randy Campbell/ Ron Rathert
 May 14/15 Duke Snider
 May 21/22 Ryan Petrowske
 May 28/29 Larry McDonough

RADIO ANNOUNCER / TECHNICIANS

May 1 Mardell Granger / Tony Young
 May 8 Tim Lochhead / Charlie Bargman
 May 15 Mike Welge / Lynn Rickenberg
 May 22 Steve Egge / Bob Platt
 May 29 Dallas Redeker / Tony Young



CHURCH E-MAIL

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 Pastor III— pastorill@stjohnchester.com
 Kelly Walls— secretary@stjohnchester.com



WORSHIP SERVICES

Saturday 6:30 p.m., Sunday 7:45 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

Sunday School and Bible Class at 9:00 a.m.

Sunday Worship Broadcast on KBDZ 93.1 FM and KSGM 980 AM

CONTACT INFORMATION

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C H U R C H L I B R A R Y

Are you unsure what to say to the Jehovah's Witnesses when they come to your door? The church library has purchased updated versions of the "How to Respond" series to help Christians understand them as well as the Muslims, Jews, and other cults. These little booklets are each around 60 pages and are published by Concordia Publishing House.

Also, there are several new DVD's for children: Jeremy's Egg, The Bedbug Bible Gang Easter Party, The Legend of the Three Trees, and four new Veggie Tales movies. For the teen and adult viewers, check out the moving "Untold Stories of Columbine." Read how many people's faith has been strengthened by this tragedy.

The church library is being updated and is in need of a few volunteers to help out 30 minutes per month. Please consider this avenue of service to our congregation. One project we need help in is to convert the VHS videos to DVDs. If you have equipment to do this and would loan out your services for any portion of our movies, please contact Jill Arbeiter at 826-2578 or the church office.



R U M M A G E S A L E A N D B A K E S A L E

Rummage Sale items can be brought to the Parish Hall beginning **Monday, May 31** at 7:00 a.m., Bake goods may be brought to the Parish Hall on Friday Morning, June 3. Volunteers are welcome to come anytime during the week to help set up and price. The Rummage Sale and Bake Sale will be held on **Saturday, June 4** from 7:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.



The St. John Junior Beta Club Presents its 6th Annual Senior Prom Sunday, May 22, 2011

Live music provided by:
"Country Aces"

*Come and enjoy good food,
good music and good com-
panionship.*

There is no charge.

*Our special way to honor
all of our Senior Citizens*

*Please call to let us know
that we can expect you and
have enough food for every-
one.*

*Doors open at 4:00 PM.
Hors d'oeuvres served be-
ginning at 4:00. Dancing
from 4-7.*

826-4345 or 826-3545

*St. John Parish Hall
Chester, Illinois*

VBS Teachers/Assistants/ Volunteers

June 6 – 11, 2011

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.



It is time again to get ready for our Vacation Bible School. The dates are June 6-11, 2011. We have a wonderful curriculum this year from Concordia Publishing House called *"Big Jungle Adventure, A Faith Journey with Jesus."* There are all sorts of exciting lessons and materials. It is time for you to decide which area God is calling you to work in. We need the area leaders of crafts, music, snacks, playground, and crossing guards, as well as assistance in each area. We also need teachers, and teacher's helpers. Please take time to consider and fill out the form to help us make plans for the best VBS yet!

We would like to invite adult and high school members of the congregation to enjoy the week of June 6-11 as we share the good news of Jesus with the youth of Chester.

If you are interested, please fill in the form below and return to the church office or give it to an usher at church before May 6th. We look forward to working with you!

Adults and Youth (grades 7 – 12): Please check your areas of interest below.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

E – mail address: _____

I would like to:

- _____ Be a Teacher (grade _____)
- _____ Be a Helper (grade _____)
- _____ Help with Arts and Crafts
- _____ Help with Music and Worship
- _____ Help with Recreation and Games
- _____ Help with Snacks
- _____ Help with Decorating
- _____ Help where I am Most Needed
- _____ Be an Assistant Superintendent

For more information call the church office 826-3545.

Theme Verse: The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into His heavenly kingdom. To Him be the glory forever and ever. Amen. 2 Timothy 4:18



St. John Lutheran Vacation Bible School

Mark your calendars for our 2011 Vacation Bible School program, ***“Big Jungle Adventure, A Faith Journey with Jesus.”*** June 6-11 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. This special week filled with bible stories, songs, games, snacks activities, and crafts is open to girls and boys finishing Pre3-6th grade classes.

Please fill out a **separate registration form for each child** and return it to St. John Lutheran School or St. John Lutheran Church Office on or before Friday, May 13, 2011 to receive your special registration gift!

Name _____ Age (on June 6, 2011) _____

Child must have been 3 years old by September 1, 2010. Child must be potty trained to attend VBS.

What grade are you in **now** (2010-2011 school year?) (Circle one)

Pre-3 Pre-4 Kindergarten 1st 2nd 3rd 4^t h 5th 6th

Do you have any food allergies or other medical concerns? _____

If Yes, please explain: _____

Parents' Names _____

Phone # _____ Alternate # _____

Address _____

Emergency contact person (s) _____

Relationship to student _____ Emergency # _____

Other siblings also attending: _____ Grade _____

_____ Grade _____

Adult/ Older Sibling Helpers s): _____

I hereby grant the VSB leaders permission to photograph/film the minor designated above for any lawful purpose associated with this VBS program.

Parent's Signature: _____

B I B L E T R E A S U R E H U N T :



Unscramble the letters in each word to discover the passage.

Answer will be in next months Epistle.

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A N S W E R T O L A S T M O N T H S B I B L E T R E A S U R E H U N T :

This I recall to my mind, therefore have I hope. It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness. The Lord is my portion, saith my soul; therefore will I hope in him. Lamentations 3:22-24

C A P P E R S

CAPPERS (Christian Adults Playing Pinochle Eating Refreshments on Sunday) will meet on Sunday, May 15 at 2:00 p.m. to play cards and have a light meal in the Parish Hall.



D I D Y O U K N O W ?



Did you know that you could save the church \$3.60 a year if you sign up to receive the monthly newsletter by email? To sign up, sign the paper in the back of church on the Usher's tables or email the church office at secretary@stjohnchester.com.

F a m i l y N e w s

April 27 54th Wedding Anniversary of Joe and Ruby Schirmer

May 5 89th Birthday of Rose Leaders

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