



ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH

CAÑON CITY, COLORADO

Pastor's Message: You Meant it For Evil, But God Meant it For Good

Looking forward for the next few weeks, the largest upcoming event is Lent and its beginning with Ash Wednesday on February 22nd. Once again, we will be offering services at 1:30p and 7:00pm with Soup Suppers at 6:00pm. Lutheran Hour Lenten Devotions will also be available in the narthex a week or two before Ash Wednesday.

Our series this year is entitled "You Meant It For Evil, But God Meant It For Good". Here is a short description:

The familiar words of the Patriarch Joseph, "As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good" (Genesis 50:20) capture something of the uniqueness of Luke's account of Jesus's suffering, death, and resurrection.

Enemies, faithless disciples, hapless crowds, pragmatic powerbrokers, and Satan himself are all arrayed against the perfectly innocent Son of God. Through them, one evil purpose comes to pass: Jesus's destruction. God the Father, however, puts their plan to use and then overturns it in the victory that no one expected.

Pastor Lyle and I will work together to bring this series to you. Here is the schedule for Lent:

February 22 nd	Pastor Dan	"You Meant It for Evil, But God Meant It for Good"	Luke 22:1-13
March 1 st	Pastor Lyle	"He was Numbered Among the Transgressors"	Luke 22:14, 24-38
March 8 th	Pastor Dan	"The Real Battle"	Luke 22:39-62
March 15 th	Pastor Lyle	"When You See Such Blind Ignorance, What Do You Think?"	Luke 22:63-23:1
March 22 nd	Pastor Dan	"Faith for a Complicated World"	Luke 23:1-25
March 29 th	Pastor Lyle	"That Day, and Today"	Luke 23:26-43
April 6 th	Pastor Dan	"The Eternal Passover That Jesus Desired to Eat"	Luke 22:14-23
April 7 th	Pastor Dan	"Evil Friday is <i>also</i> Good Friday"	Luke 23:44-56
April 9 th	Pastor Dan	"The Power of the Easter Promise"	Luke 24:1-12

We hope to see you at the mid-week services. God bless you throughout this Lenten season.

Your fellow servant in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor Dan".

Pastor Dan Kletke



ST. JOHN Outreach

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Outreach: Congregational Evangelism

Our marketing has increased (passive Outreach). Marketing, while it is not Outreach, intends to make St. John visible in the local community through the Cañon City Daily Record, and beyond the local community through Facebook. I created and posted a full-color 3”X4” advertisement in the newspaper, and it was also shared by a few of our members on Facebook. Additionally, I continue to keep long list of events updated on the front page of our website.

I ask members to please help me find answers to a few questions over the next few weeks:

- Are we helping visiting families get settled with children? Helping them with nursery care?
- Are we welcoming visitors and asking people to return?
- Are we inviting visitors to coffee and classes after the service?
- Are we inviting people to other activities at St. John?
- Do we give anything to visitors other than a worship bulletin? A brochure about St. John?
- How are we reaching out to our inactive members?

HELP WANTED: I would like to know if anybody would like to help create and donate for a float for our town’s parades. Please get in touch with me if you are interested

Per the LCMS website: *“Outreach is our collective effort through ministries, services, events and other activities as the church through which we invite and include others into Word and Sacrament ministry.”*

Let’s pray for opportunities to reach out, invite, and include unchurched and seekers to faith in Christ.

Thank you,

Gail (720) 201-8743 call or text



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ATTENDANCE

December 25 - 71
January 1 - 88
January 8 - 103
January 15 - 104
January 22 - 84

Church Council Officers for 2023:

President	Nathan Pegors
Vice President	Liv Booth
Secretary	Kerry Leason
Treasurer	Nicole Harms
Financial Secretary	Jerry & Donna Heldt
Chair. of Education	Lyle Stuehrenberg
Chairman of Missions	Julie Barrett
Chair. of Trustees	Bob Kirkegaard
Chair. of Outreach	Gail Kirkegaard
Chairman of Youth	Kay Pape
Fellowship	Carol Skoda
Elders	Brandon Booth, Curtis Eulert, David Lehmpuhl, Doug Westlund, Rod Willard

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

At the LWML Christmas Brunch, the executive director of Loaves & Fishes, DeeDee Clement, gave a wonderful presentation about their ministry, the people they serve, and their current needs. From that discussion, I have

been connected with Brent Biggs who oversees the Chayah House Emergency Shelter. Prior to COVID, Chayah House had an abundance of volunteers who helped cook and serve evening meals at the emergency shelter.

However, since COVID, they are down to only one group that is able to cover just 1 or 2 days per week. **There is a need for volunteers to help cook and serve meals.** They have the food. They just need cooks and servers for a few hours each week. I would love to pull together a team of volunteers that are willing to help serve the needy in our community once a week, or every other week. If you are interested in joining me, please reach out and let me know. Thanks!! ~Pastor Dan



And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.' (Mt 25:40)



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Music Notes

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Can You Hear It Now?

In the Sunday Bible Study, Pastor has been leading us through the liturgy of the worship service. This past Sunday was a focus on what 'the church year means', and how it has different seasons and moods. Pastor shared in particular the goal of each member being able to feel the ebb and flow of penitential / reflective seasons with those of celebration through the selection of the liturgy we use for each season.

It was merely a month ago when we were hearing the Angels sing of at the birth of Christ and soon we will be finishing up Epiphany; a sort of mini overview of the ministry of Christ. Epiphany is a short 6-8 weeks' season of the church year, where we witness Christ's manifestation of his Divine Nature at His Baptism, the start of his ministry, his miracles which demonstrate His Godly power and compassion for humans. This short season ends with Transfiguration, when the disciples saw first hand the glory of Christ along with the presence of Moses and Elijah.

I hope you have been able to hear the different tones in our worship music, as we left Advent's minor sounding, thoughtful hymn tones to the high of Christmas's brilliant sounds in Joy to the World. Epiphany presents with a compilation of sounds, from the celebration of Christ's Baptism to the foreshadowing of the cross, and then wrapping up on Transfiguration with singing the last "Alleluia's" until Easter.

February will be a month of both joyous and somber hymn tunes. This year, at the end of February, we enter into the Lenten season with the repentant tones of Ash Wednesday.

Now that you know what to listen for, I am sure you'll be able to hear it now.

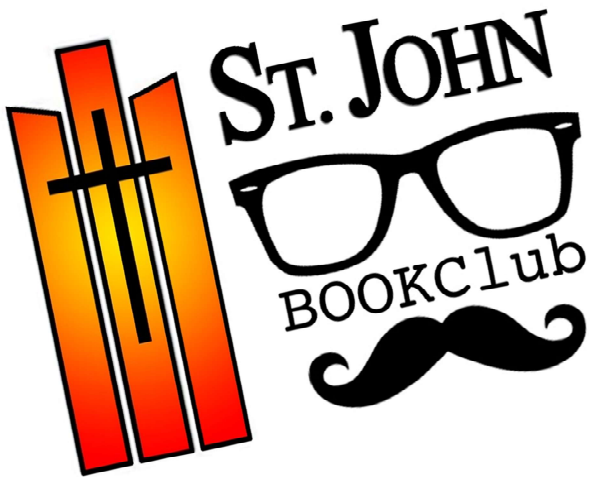
Your musical servant in Christ,
Lori

I Believe it is Never too Late to Say Thank you.

This past Christmas season the members of St. John gifted me a beautiful Christmas gift of donations collected from the members. Each year, I am humbled by the generosity of so many of you. I couldn't ask for more from a congregation. You not only bless me each Sunday through your beautiful singing, but you allow me to use a variety of hymn harmonization's to add to the beauty of your voices. A few weeks ago, it struck me that in my almost 50 years of being a church musician, this is the only church I have ever played in that can sing every hymn in the hymnal. A question was asked a few weeks ago in Bible Study, as to why we seem to sing more hymns than most congregations any of us have ever attended. The answer is simple because we can. Our hymnal is a compilation of hymns that our church leaders have put together to express the diverse themes and expressions of the lectionary. Each hymn we sing is deliberately selected by Pastor and me to reflect the theme of the service, readings, and sermon. How much easier this task is when an appropriate hymn does not have to be eliminated because it is 'too difficult to sing'. By singing 'new' hymns some members have shared that they now have a 'new favorite'.

I am so grateful to be a part of this congregation's music ministry. There isn't any other place I would rather be. Thank you for letting me 'play' my part.

Lori



February & March 2023

Here is what is happening at the BOOKClub:

The next book on our list is Where the Crawdads Sing (ISBN 978-0735219106) by Delia Owens. This is an exceedingly popular book that has recently been made into a movie. The description reads:

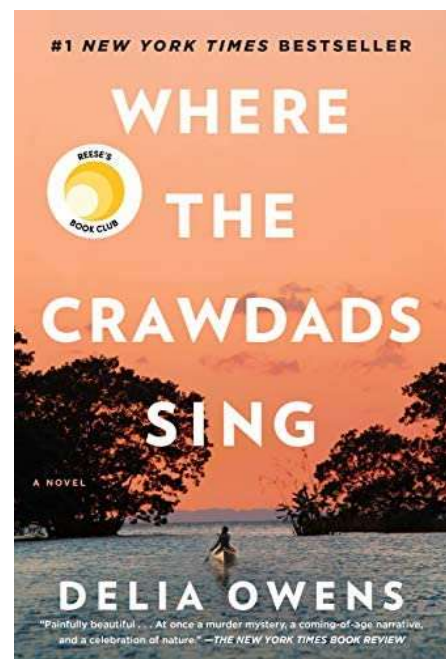
For years, rumors of the “Marsh Girl” have haunted Barkley Cove, a quiet town on the North Carolina coast. So in late 1969, when handsome Chase Andrews is found dead, the locals immediately suspect Kya Clark, the so-called Marsh Girl. But Kya is not what they say. Sensitive and intelligent, she has survived for years alone in the marsh that she calls home, finding friends in the gulls and lessons in the sand. Then the time comes when she yearns to be touched and loved. When two young men from town become intrigued by her wild beauty, Kya opens herself to a new life—until the unthinkable happens.

Where the Crawdads Sing is at once an exquisite ode to the natural world, a heartbreaking coming-of-age story, and a surprising tale of possible murder. Owens reminds us that we are forever shaped by the children we once were, and that we are all subject to the beautiful and violent secrets that nature keeps.

There will be 3-4 copies available to borrow at the church. Used copies are available on Amazon for \$6-7, and a Kindle edition for \$13, and an Audible audiobook for \$15. If you have any problems finding a copy, please call Pastor Dan.

The date for discussing this book is March 23rd, 6:30pm @ a location yet to be determined.

Pick up a book & join us at the BOOKClub!



SIGNPOST INN NEWS

"Look out for these upcoming Signpost Inn events. You can find out more information and register online by going to <https://www.signpostinn.org/events> (OR feel free to talk to Brandon Booth or Peter and Rachel Gammell)



Book Club: Ragamuffin Gospel
January 24 - May 9
Location:
Zoom Virtual Meeting



Virtual Workshop: Contemplative Prayer
February 11, 2023
Location:
Zoom Virtual Meeting



Young Adults Conference: Bridging the Gap
March 10-12, 2023
Location:
Westcliffe, CO



Stations of the Cross Tour
April 1, 2023
Location: San Luis, Colorado



Virtual Workshop: Contemplative Prayer
April 15, 2023
Location:
Zoom Virtual Workshop



Contemplative Prayer Retreat
April 28-May 1, 2023
Location:
Westcliffe, Colorado



One-Day Retreat for Pastors and Spouses
July 11, 2023
Location:
Westcliffe, Colorado



Contemplative Prayer Retreat for Pastors & Ministry Leaders
August 23-26, 2023
Location:
Westcliffe, Colorado



Contemplative Prayer Retreat
April 28-May 1, 2023
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CHRISTMAS 2022 WAS A BLAST! Like many countries over the world, globalization ensures that Cambodians know of Christmas. Decorations can be seen throughout Phnom Penh in December (and sometimes staying up long past the Christmas season!). Christmas classics in English can be heard in shops and malls. These external reminders of Christmas are nice, but are, unfortunately, devoid of any substance connected to the actual Christmas story. In a country with only 2% Christians, most Cambodians have no idea what Christmas is about. It is simply an imported cultural festival. But therein lies great opportunity for the church! In December, churches throughout Cambodia see Christmas as a ripe chance to proclaim the message of Jesus to those who do not yet know him. Special services and outreach programs are common in rural and urban areas. While some of our Christmas plans fell apart due to a bout with COVID-19, we did enjoy plenty of Christmas joy. Christ Lutheran Church in Phnom Penh had their Christmas service on December 18, with large numbers of members and guests in attendance, and capped by the singing of “Silent Night” by candlelight. Pastor Songim gave a great message about the gifts that God gives us in Jesus—namely our salvation. J.P. was honored to do a Scripture reading (in Khmer!). J.P. preached on Christmas morning, and in the evening we hosted the church’s youth group for a party. We are honored to play a small part in what God is doing through His people in Cambodia.

J.P. TRAVELED TO KAMPONG CHHNANG to teach Luther’s Small Catechism once again. Combining two groups, there were over 20 people in attendance, many of whom are key lay leaders from Pastor Kim Hai’s area preaching stations. J.P. taught through all three articles of the Apostles’ Creed over two days. The most boisterous conversations revolved around the third article, when we read Luther’s startling words that “I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him.” It was a great chance to emphasize the depth of our human depravity, but also to be reminded that “the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, and sanctified and kept me in the true faith.” May the Holy Spirit continue to lead these dear brothers and sisters!



AIMEE’S FATHER, Brad, visited Cambodia this Christmas. This is only the third year in 15 that we’ve been able to spend Christmas with family. What a great holiday gift!

PRaises: for a joyful Advent and Christmas season, with plentiful opportunities to serve and share; for quality time with Aimee’s dad; for a fantastic regional gathering for LCMS Asia missionaries, which we hosted in Phnom Penh (more on that next month!); for three Cambodian leaders who recently graduated with their Masters degree. **PRayers:** for a persistent cough that has bothered Isaac for three months; for safe travel for J.P.’s parents, who will spend two weeks in Cambodia from January 21; for upcoming trainings schedule for late January and early February; for Celeste as she starts learning to drive a car in preparation for obtaining her learner’s permit.

SQUARE TWO

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH CAÑON CITY, COLORADO 790 Greystone Ave., Cañon City, CO, 81212 http://www.StJohnCanonCity.org 719-275-0111</p>			1 10:00 Bible Study 6:00p Youth Group	2 7:00 Men's Breakfast 9:00 Quilters	3	4
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12 6TH SUNDAY AFT. EPIPHANY 9:00 Divine Service w/ Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School & Adult Bible Class 11:30 Council Meeting	13 4:00p Children's Chorale 6:30p Confirmation	14 Circuit Pastors' Meeting – Pastor Out of Office <u>Valentine's Day</u>	15 10:00 Bible Study 6:00p Youth Group	16 7:00 Men's Breakfast 9:00 Quilters	17	18
TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY 9:00 Divine Service 10:30 Sunday School & Adult Bible Class	20 4:00p Children's Chorale 6:30p Confirmation	21	22 1:30p Lent Svc. 6:00p Soup Supper 7:00p Lent Svc. <u>ASH WEDNESDAY</u>	23 9:00 Quilters	24	25
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