



Pastor's Message: Pause

I look at my calendar for March and the days are filling up very quickly. From Lenten services to Bible studies, school events to doctor's appointments, at times it feels like my head is on a swivel. Perhaps with three active kids, a wife who works and a thriving ministry, that is exactly how it is supposed to be. There certainly is never a dull moment (if there was one, I'd cherish it!).

But recent events have also given me reason to pause and reflect. My brother-in-law's cancer has completely disrupted his family and his passing will send life into turmoil for his girls and those who care for them. Carolyn's stroke has caused the Westlund home to quickly refocus and slow down. Even doctor's appointments for my own kids have given me cause to reflect. The effects of our sin are all around us. They are painful, and certain to touch every one of us.

None of this is how the creation was supposed to be. God did not create this world to be a place of pain and sorrow. It was designed to be a paradise, a place for us to enjoy and fellowship with God; but our sin corrupted it. Our sin caused the pain and sorrow we all experience. It was my sin that caused the suffering and death we experience. I can't blame you or Satan or anyone else. It is my sin and my fault.

The season of Lent is a time for us to pause and reflect on this harsh reality. As Christians we know that Easter is just around the corner. In fact, Walmart already has the candy and baskets available. But please don't short circuit this time of Lent; because unless we recognize our contribution to the problem, and our complete helplessness to fix it, we are unable to truly celebrate the victory that God has won for us.

So, I would encourage you to find some time in your hurried schedule to slow down and reflect during this penitential season of Lent. Take the time for one hour of worship on Wednesday. Make the time each morning to read and pray. Create the moments needed to repent so that on Easter, and truly each day thereafter, you can celebrate the incredible victory God has secured for you.

Your fellow servant in Christ,

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

Pastor Dan Kletke

Volunteer Opportunity

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to help cook meals at Loaves & Fishes. This is such an important and exciting opportunity. If you are still debating on if or when or how you could help, please talk with Pastor Dan or Angela. This is a wonderful opportunity that doesn't involve a huge commitment of time or money. Cooking can be done on weekends and refrigerated. It can be done alone or with friends. It doesn't require much except the willingness to share Jesus and serve "the least of these". We have a great start! Together we can do so much more for the Kingdom of God.





ST. JOHN Council News

MARCH, 2023 NEWS

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Church Council Meeting Minutes

February 12, 2023

Old business:

- background checks and training. Education was in charge for running those.
- Working on approval of bylaw changes. Pictorial Directory- Liv with ask Kay for pictures to be printed.

New Business:

- Annual meeting-Saturday September 9th 9am-2pm. In the past discuss things that have been talked about and brainstorm what needs to be done. How does this have to do with the church and how we can make progress in the church?
- Gail nursery proposition: We want to change the classrooms behind the sanctuary into a nursery. We need more signs for visitors. Looking into tech and TV for listening to the sermons.
- City wants to use the church for end of march first of April. Just a discussion for the city no food. Motion to go ahead and set that up with the city. Lyle will follow up with them.

Treasurer report: The insurance and electric have increased for the church. Thermostat should be set lower when no one is here.

Education: Bri and Justin Jones will be taking over middle school Sunday school. Lyle is looking at all the VBS curriculum available.

Missions: \$18,000 to \$13,000 10% decrease. \$5000 difference. Looking for how we can decrease spending funds. \$16,496 missions budget. Missions support was too high. Put in the newsletter of the differences. Happy to help with Loaves and Fishes meals.

Stewardship: Spreadsheet made Liv that shows names and interests of congregation members. Names to contact for committees.

Fellowship: Soup suppers coming up. Who is using the fellowship? Tables and chairs not wiped down. Floors need swept. Carol has to come in and put everything back. Please clean up after use of the fellowship hall.

Trustees: Bob is concerned because the doors haven't been locked when he has come to the church. Fridge had been left open. Replaced lights in the entry way. Went to the water board for the city. They said it would be \$180,000 to repair the ditches. Ditch share rates are going up and may go up again.

Next council meeting is March 12.

Kerrie Leason,
Council Secretary



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LWML News



The 2023 LWML activity calendar is taking shape. In addition to the traditional events, this year the ladies expressed a desire for a community service like cooking a meal for those in need in our community.

Let me tell you how God works. In the February newsletter, Pastor wrote about the need for an evening meal at the Chayah House Homeless Shelter at Loaves and Fishes Ministry. Pastor and I visited the shelter, meeting Brent Biggs the director. The facility is amazing and accommodates approximately 35 men, women and children. Brent needs an evening meal and a weekly commitment, the same day each week, would be ideal. Even though LWML has only eight members, we hope to enlist the talents and cooking skills of anyone interested in the congregation to serve those in need. Thank you to those who indicated an interest on the bulletin board sign-up sheet.

Back to traditional LWML annual spring events. The Zone Spring Workshop will be held April 22 at Resurrection Lutheran Church in Colorado Springs, CO. We will coordinate a carpool for anyone interested in attending. Please contact me at abw@envalternatives.com if you'd like to attend. The May Ladies' Salad Supper will be in May on a Wednesday evening beginning at 5:30. The specifics for the event are developing.

Not to forget the mundane spring events, the third Saturday each month is currently the monthly meeting. Any ladies of the congregation are welcome to attend. Anyone with a mission passion or service idea is welcome to attend. The meeting starts promptly at 9 am.

Angela Bellantoni

Fellowship

I'm asking for those who are using the fellowship hall, to please clean the tables before putting chairs up and when moving tables; to please put them back to their original places. Also, if using kitchen, to wipe down the counters.

Thank you,
Carol Skoda

Fall Back

Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday March 12th. Before you go to bed on the 11th, don't forget to **SPRING FORWARD** 1 hour.



Church Donations

General Fund Donations for January 2023 \$12,099 -- Budgeted \$13,333
Total Contributions less Expenditures for January 2023 = -(\$437)

If any member would like an individual review of their contributions as it relates to the **building fund and/or mortgage support**, please contact Nichole Harms, Nathan Pegors, or Jerry or Donna Heldt.

Nichole Harms

Attendance

Jan 29 – 73
Feb 5 – 101
Feb 12 – 96
Feb 19 – 100



ST. JOHN Music & Outreach

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Music: Preparations

So much of our lives seems to be taken up in preparation - meals, school, family events like birthday parties, weddings, vacations, and family gatherings at the holidays. Just when you get through one event, another seems to be fast approaching.

That is a close description of how music planning for worship services feels. It seems like I just finish putting my Christmas music away when I start planning and preparing for Holy Week and Easter. Here is what is currently being planned, but when you involve multiple people, plans need to be flexible and include contingencies.

Midweek Lenten services: I will be playing for both the afternoon and evening midweek services. My supervisor at UCCS is very understanding and allows me to work from my "other home, namely the church" on Wednesdays through Lent. Angela will be assisting on Holy Week and play the Maundy Thursday services. I will be playing the Sunday's in Lent, Palm Sunday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

The plan I am presently preparing for will include duet music during the pre-service music on Palm Sunday, with possibly instrumental support on some of the hymns. There will be pre-service Good Friday concerts for both services. Easter Sunday pre-service concerts will include organ and duet music. Instrumental music will supplement the organ for hymn singing with a potential surprise duet for the postlude on Easter.

The choir will be adding their voices periodically during the Sundays in Lent, singing alternate harmonies to the hymns planned for that worship service. I am also hoping that the choir will be able to add to the congregation's singing melody of Easter's liturgical canticle "This is the Feast" through singing harmony as they did through Epiphany on the *Te Deum*.

Planning worship music takes a lot of preparation. I have learned that everything hoped for usually doesn't work out. The silver lining is no preparation is really lost; it was started a year in advance giving everyone plenty of time to be polished and ready for next year.

I pray that your Lenten season is filled with personal preparations and meditation.

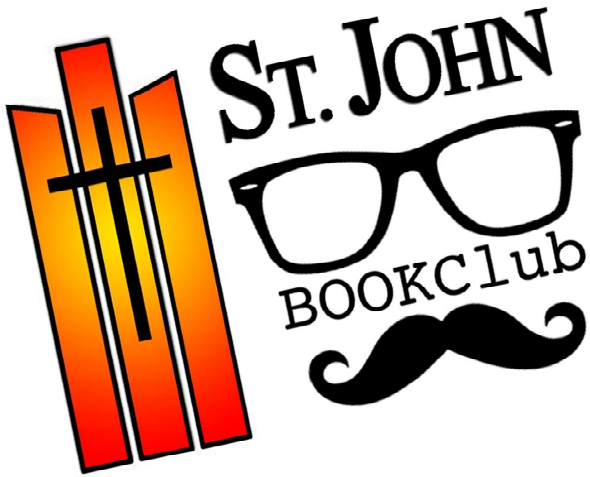
Lori

Outreach: Church Nursery

I noticed that we have no visible nursery for families to take little ones to when necessary during our services. Visitors would not know that we have one down the hall past the office. I didn't know until I asked about it myself. Not wanting that to keep visitors from returning, I presented a few options at the February Council meeting. We decided to turn the classroom in the church overflow area into a nursery and move that class to the room down the hall. Arrangements needed in order to prepare for it: 1. Create Nursery signage. 2. Supply the nursery with chairs, and a changing table, diapers, etc. 3. Wire the room for worship service audio-video. 4. Announce the location of the nursery in worship bulletins.

If you can provide tech skills, make a sign(s), or donate anything to the new nursery, please contact me.

Thank you,
Gail (720) 201-8743



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:

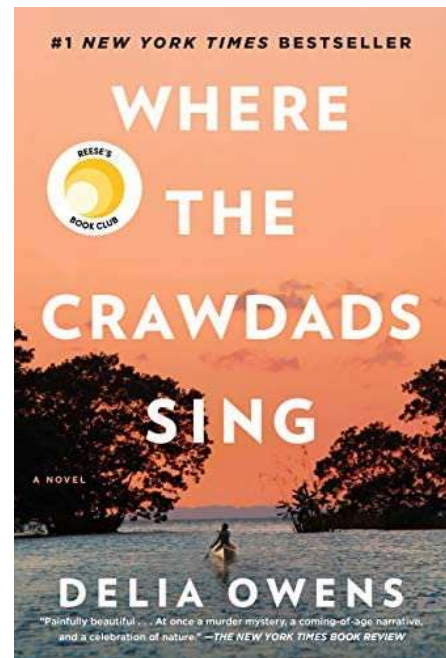
For years, rumors of the “Marsh Girl” have haunted Barkley Cove, a quiet town on the North Carolina coast. So in late 1969, when handsome Chase Andrews is found dead, the locals immediately suspect Kya Clark, the so-called Marsh Girl. But Kya is not what they say. Sensitive and intelligent, she has survived 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 @ Gordon Gross's home.

Pick up a book & join us at the BOOKClub!



Signpost Inn Events

Stations of the Cross Tour

April 1, 2023

8:00 am - 4:00 pm Mountain Time

Stations of the Cross Shrine, San Luis, Colorado

Total cost: \$0

[Register](#)

Jesus said, "Watch with me." ~ Matthew 26:40

Join us for an unforgettable Lenten experience! Come and tour the Stations of the Cross Shrine in San Luis Colorado and stand still with the Lord as you contemplate Christ's journey to the cross to save us all.

The Stations of the Cross, also called The Way of the Cross, The Way of Sorrows, *Via Dolorosa* or the Path to Calvary, refers to a series of images depicting Jesus Christ on the day of his crucifixion and accompanying prayers. The installation in San Luis, Colorado features 15 exquisite and impressive sculptures, created by Huberto Maestas, a native Colorado artist whose work has captured international attention.

Liv will take you on a journey of contemplation as you move through all 15 stations, which will create space for you to come face-to-face with the overwhelming reality of God's love.

Please note: this event begins in Cañon City with an introduction to the Stations of the Cross. You will be responsible to drive / carpool yourself to San Luis (approximately a two hour drive) and back.

Virtual Workshop: Contemplative Prayer

April 15, 2023

10:00 am - 12:00 pm Mountain Time

Location: Zoom Virtual Workshop

Cost: \$0

Prayer does not have to be another requirement. It doesn't have to be more work. This short workshop will provide simple, structured guidance for how to practice contemplative prayer.

Contemplative Prayer Retreat

April 28-May 1, 2023

Location: Westcliffe, Colorado

Cost: \$550

This retreat provides space and structure so you can slow down, relax, and connect with God. We take care of all the details so you don't have to. Located high in the beautiful Colorado Rockies, the views are second to none.

Young Adults Conference: Bridging the Gap

March 10-12, 2023

Location: Westcliffe, CO

Cost: \$250

Sometimes the gap between our belief about God and our experience of him seems too large to bridge. This conference is for every young adult who wants to bridge that gap. For anyone ages 18-25.

Have you considered my servant Job?



From December 30, international guests began arriving to Phnom Penh for the [Asia Regional Gathering](#), a time of intentional retreat for LCMS missionaries working in the various countries of Asia. Due to COVID-19, this was our first in-person gathering as a team in over three years. Aimee volunteered to host the event in Cambodia, and had since been working hard to ensure it was a smooth and edifying time. By God's grace, it was a huge success! In total, we had 60+ people visiting from 9 different countries. The verse above, from Job 1:8,

provided the theme for our time in God's Word. After [morning worship](#) each day, adults were led by [Dr. Charles Cortright](#) (pic a) to reflect on Job as [a type](#) of Jesus Christ. We were honored to have our [local partners join](#) one morning (pic b), capped by a lunch with our key LCMS leaders. Meanwhile, children were broken up by age and led by [an extraordinary team of volunteers](#) in various Bible-based activities (pic c). For older children, this was a chance to connect or reconnect with other kids who understand what it means to be a ["third culture kid."](#) Afternoons were free, allowing missionaries to connect with each other organically, as well as participate in optional excursions, sometimes [led by members of our local youth group](#) (pic d). After the main program, participants had the opportunity to [travel to Siem Reap to visit Angkor Wat](#) (pic e), the most famous site in the country. Over two-thirds chose to go. Feedback from the entire gathering has been overwhelmingly positive! We give thanks to God for this needed opportunity to reconnect.



In other news:

- [J.P.'s parents visited](#) Cambodia for the first time!
- J.P. conducted more [Catechism training!](#)
- During a [beach trip](#) with J.P.'s parents, Aimee [sliced her foot](#) on coral.
- J.P. traveled with Cambodia Lutheran Church leaders to explore the [possibility of a new church plant.](#)
- Congrats to three local partners who just [completed their masters degree!](#)

Praises: for the success of the Asia Regional Gathering; for a wonderful visit from J.P.'s parents; for fruitful time studying God's Word in the Small Catechism.

Prayers: for Aimee's foot, which is taking longer than expected to heal due to infection; for Isaac, who turns 6 on February 16; for the safe travel of LCMS colleagues from St. Louis when they visit Cambodia in February; for J.P.'s dissertation process; for J.P.'s upcoming travels in and out of Cambodia.




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MARCH 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH CAÑON CITY, COLORADO 790 Greydene Ave., Cañon City, CO, 81212 http://www.StJohnCanonCity.org 719-275-0111</p>			<p>1 7:30 Morning Prayer 10:00 Bible Study 1:30p Lent Srvc.</p> <p>6:00p Soup Supper 7:00p Lent Srvc.</p>	<p>2 7:30 Morning Prayer 9:00 Quilters</p>	<p>3 7:30 Morning Prayer</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>5 2ND SUNDAY IN LENT</p> <p>9:00 Divine Service 10:30 Sunday School & Adult Bible Class 11:30 Elder's Meeting</p>	<p>6 7:30 Morning Prayer</p> <p>4:00p Children's Chorale</p> <p>6:30p Confirmation</p>	<p>7 7:30 Morning Prayer</p>	<p>8 7:30 Morning Prayer 10:00 Bible Study 1:30p Lent Srvc.</p> <p>6:00p Soup Supper 7:00p Lent Srvc.</p>	<p>9 7:00 Men's Breakfast 9:00 Quilters</p>	<p>10 7:30 Morning Prayer</p> <p>Prison Ministry – Pastor Out of Office</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>12 3RD SUNDAY IN LENT</p> <p>9:00 Divine Service w/ Holy Communion 10:30 Adult Bible Class 11:30 Council Meeting</p> <p><i>Daylight Saving Time Begins</i></p>	<p>13 7:30 Morning Prayer</p> <p>4:00p Children's Chorale</p> <p>6:30p Confirmation</p>	<p>14 7:30 Morning Prayer</p> <p>Circuit Pastors' Meeting – Pastor Out of Office</p>	<p>15 7:30 Morning Prayer 10:00 Bible Study 1:30p Lent Srvc.</p> <p>6:00p Soup Supper 7:00p Lent Srvc.</p>	<p>16 7:30 Morning Prayer</p> <p>9:00 Quilters</p>	<p>17 7:30 Morning Prayer</p>	<p>18 9:00 LWML</p>
<p>19 4TH SUNDAY IN LENT</p> <p>9:00 Divine Service 10:30 Adult Bible Class</p>	<p>20 7:30 Morning Prayer</p> <p>4:00p Children's Chorale</p> <p>6:30p Confirmation</p>	<p>21 7:30 Morning Prayer</p>	<p>22 7:30 Morning Prayer 10:00 Bible Study 1:30p Lent Srvc.</p> <p>6:00p Soup Supper 7:00p Lent Srvc.</p>	<p>23 7:00 Men's Breakfast 9:00 Quilters</p> <p>6:30 BOOKClub</p>	<p>24 7:30 Morning Prayer</p>	<p>25 9:00 Church Spring Clean Up</p>
<p>26 5TH SUNDAY IN LENT</p> <p>9:00 Divine Service w/ Holy Communion 10:30 Adult Bible Class</p>	<p>27 7:30 Morning Prayer</p> <p>4:00p Children's Chorale</p> <p>6:30p Confirmation</p>	<p>28 7:30 Morning Prayer</p>	<p>29 7:30 Morning Prayer 10:00 Bible Study 1:30p Lent Srvc.</p> <p>6:00p Soup Supper 7:00p Lent Srvc.</p>	<p>30 7:30 Morning Prayer</p> <p>9:00 Quilters</p>	<p>31 7:30 Morning Prayer</p>	