



**Confirmation Sunday**  
**May 1, 2022**

**The Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
**of St. John**

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**Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod**

# CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

## RINGING OF THE BELLS

## WELCOME

## OPENING HYMN (Choir)

**“You Are Welcome”**

*STAND*

## INVOCATION

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

## CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Let us confess our sins to God and ask for his forgiveness.

**C: Almighty God, merciful Father, I confess to you that I have not loved you with all my heart. In what I have done and left undone, I have pursued my ways instead of your ways. I have not loved my brothers and sisters as myself. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. I am truly sorry for my sins. I repent of them. I beg for your mercy, O Lord.**

*Silence for meditation.*

M: Forgive us for the sake of Jesus Christ who suffered and died for us.

**C: Cleanse me from my sins. Release me from my guilt. Grant me your Holy Spirit to amend my sinful life.**

M: The almighty God has been merciful to us and has sent his Son to die for all. For his sake, God forgives our sins and calls us from darkness to his marvelous light. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name

of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## **SALUTATION**

M: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

M: Let us pray.

M: Father of lights, every good and perfect gift comes from you. Inspire us to think those things that are true and long for those things that are good, that we may always make our petitions according to your gracious will; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## *BE SEATED*

## **LESSON**

## **PSALM 34:8-10**

8 Taste and see that the Lord is good blessed is the one who takes refuge in him. 9 Fear the Lord, you his holy people for those who fear him lack nothing. 10 The lions may grow weak and hungry but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing. 11 Come, my children, listen to me. I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

**Psalm 91 (page 100)**

## *STAND*

## **GOSPEL**

## **LUKE 24:13-35**

13 Now that same day two of them were going to a village called

Emmaus, about seven miles [a] from Jerusalem. 14 They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. 15 As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; 16 but they were kept from recognizing him. 17 He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?" They stood still, their faces downcast. 18 One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, "Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" 19 "What things?" he asked. "About Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. 20 The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; 21 but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. 22 In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning 23 but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. 24 Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus." 25 He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! 26 Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" 27 And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself. 28 As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. 29 But they urged him strongly, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with

them. 30 When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. 31 Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. 32 They asked each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?” 33 They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together 34 and saying, “It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.” 35 Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.

*After the Gospel:*

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise be to you, O Christ. (Spoken)**

*BE SEATED*

**HYMN**

**Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus - CW 452**

**SERMON TEXT: PSALM 34:8-10**

**THEME: DON'T JUST LOOK, TAKE AND EAT!**

*(Remain Seated after the sermon)*

**RITE OF CONFIRMATION**

*The Confirmands Come Forward.*

*(Confirmation is a public profession of the Christian faith, following a period of instruction, by one who has been baptized in the name of the Holy Trinity. It is a rite by which a person is recognized as one who is properly prepared to receive Holy Communion)*

M: Dear brothers and sisters in Christ: Our Lord Jesus said to his

disciples, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I will be with you always, to the very end of the age."

In obedience to the Lord's command, you have been baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. You have been taught the precious truths of the Christian faith as confessed by the Evangelical Lutheran Church. You know what God has given you by his grace and what he expects of you as his dear child. You can now exercise the privilege of partaking of Holy Communion.

You are here to make a public profession of your Christian faith. The Apostle Paul writing to the Romans says: "If you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved ... For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

Therefore, lift up your heart to the God of all grace and joyfully answer these questions:

M: Do you this day in the presence of God and of this congregation acknowledge that in Baptism, God gave you the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation?

*(C: Confirmands Answer)*

**C: I do.**

M: Do you reject the devil along with all his lies and empty promises?

**C: I do.**

M: Do you believe in God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit?

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**The third day he rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.**

**From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the holy Christian Church,**

**the communion of saints,**

**the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body,**

**and the life everlasting. Amen.**

M: Do you believe all the books of the Bible to be the inspired Word of God?

**C: I do.**

M: Do you believe that the teaching of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, as you have learned to know it from Luther's Small Catechism, is faithful and true to the Word of God?

**C: I do.**

M: Do you intend to continue steadfast in this teaching and to en-

dure all things, even death, rather than fall away from it?

**C: I do and I ask God to help me.**

M: Do you intend faithfully to conform all your life to the teachings of God's Word; to be faithful in the use of the Word and Sacrament; and in faith and action remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, as long as you live?

**C: I do and I ask God to help me.**

M: Since it is God alone who enables us both to will and to do his good pleasure, it is right for us, dear friends in Christ, to call on him on behalf of our confirmands, that he would graciously complete the good work which he has begun in them. Let us, therefore, bow our heads and pray.

M: Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank and praise you for your great goodness in bringing your servants to the knowledge of your Son, Jesus Christ, and in giving them both the heart to believe and the mouth to confess your saving name. Enable them to bring forth the fruits of faith and to continue steadfast and victorious until the day comes when all who have fought the good fight of faith shall receive the crown of righteousness, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen. (Spoken by Confirmands and Congregation)**

*(The Confirmands kneel while the Pastor pronounces the blessing)*

*(STAND)*

M: Your church now invites you to partake of the Sacrament of the Lord's body and blood. Accept this invitation with deep reverence and holy joy. Regard your communing at the Lord's Table as a precious privilege given you by God through his church; re-

ceive this sacrament thankfully and often. The almighty and most merciful God: Father, Son (†), and Holy Spirit, bless and keep you.

## **PRAYER**

**M:** Gracious Father, you have adopted these young men and women through Baptism and anointed them with your Holy Spirit. Renew and strengthen them by that same Spirit so that they may continue to grow in faith and boldly confess you before others. Move them to faithfully hear your Holy Word and joyfully receive your Sacrament that they may again and again be assured of your gracious love and forgiveness. Keep them faithful and holy so that they may inherit eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

*BE SEATED*

## **THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**M:** The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you. (Spoken)**

**M:** Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them up to the Lord. (Spoken)**

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is good and right so to do. (Spoken)**

**M:** It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who rose from the dead in glorious triumph to bring forgiveness to the world and everlasting life to all who believe.

### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**M:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: Amen.**

### **DISTRIBUTION**

*This year's Confirmation Class will be ushered forward to receive the sacrament first.*

### ***A Special Note to Visitors Regarding Holy Communion***

*The Bible tells us that those who take Communion together must:*

- 1. Recognize that Christ's true body and blood are present in the Sacrament (1 Cor. 11:29),*
- 2. Examine themselves (1 Cor. 11:28)*
- 3. Be perfectly united in faith with the congregation with which they commune (1 Cor. 1:10; 10:17). For these reasons, we ask:*

1. That only communicant members belonging to either this or another congregation within our (WELS or ELS) fellowship come forward to commune with us.

2. That all who come forward be properly prepared to receive the sacrament. (See page 156 in the front of our Christian Worship Hymnal as an example of such preparation.)

If you are interested in learning more about our teaching and practices, or want to join our fellowship, please speak to the pastor after the service.

### **DISTRIBUTION HYMN    Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior CW 313**

### **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

M: Blessed are you, O God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. By his victory over the grave, our Savior declared death's reign ended, the door to heaven open, and the payment for sin complete. We celebrate with joy the glorious resurrection of your Son. We marvel at the depth of your love. We stand in awe of your power. We are humbled by the compassion you have shown our fallen race. Lead us to rejoice in the pardon offered and sealed in this Sacrament and to live a life worthy of your name. The Lord Jesus lives! Alleluia.

**C: Amen.**

### **LORD'S BLESSING**

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

## **CLOSING HYMN**

**Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear CW 282**

## **Confirmation**

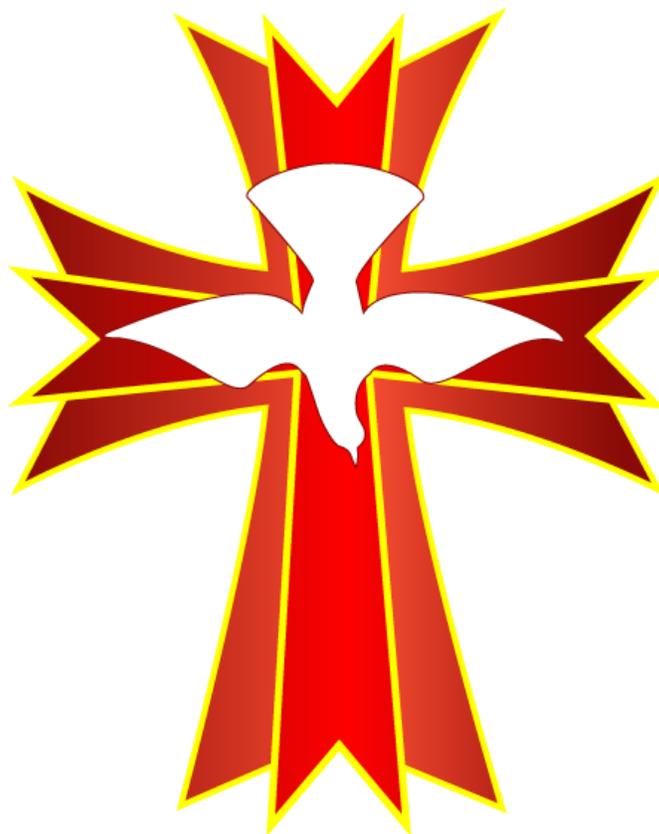
Today our Confirmands were confirmed in their faith. We ask that you keep them in your prayers as they live their life for the Lord.

### **2022 Confirmands**

**Eden Behnke**

**Brekkyn Weed**

**Ella Louise Wyss**



*Confirmation Sunday*  
*May 1, 2022*

***Pastor Daniel Sargent***  
***Jim Seefeldt***  
***Matt & Ronda Lemke, Kyle Seefeldt***

***Pastor***  
***Organist***  
***Counting Team***

<b>Opening Hymn (Choir)</b>	<b>“You Are Welcome”</b>
<b>Hymns</b>	<b>452, 313 482</b>
<b>Lesson</b>	<b>Psalm 34:8-10</b>
<b>Psalm of the Day</b>	<b>Psalm 91 (page 100)</b>
<b>Gospel Lesson</b>	<b>Luke 24:13-35</b>
<b>Confession of Faith</b>	<b>Nicene Creed</b>
<b>Sermon Text</b>	<b>Psalm 34:8-10</b>
<b>Worship Theme</b>	<b>t Just Look, Take and Eat!”</b>

***OFFERING*** If you wish to give an offering, it can be placed in the plates on the usher table in the narthex.

***Welcome to All*** Thank you for joining us in worship today, and a special welcome to our guests who are with us. May the Word and promise of our Lord’s love for us in Jesus fill your heart and soul with his peace. If you are a guest with us today, please sign our guest book in the entrance area.

***Large Print Bulletins*** Large print editions of today’s bulletin and Scripture lessons are available from one of the ushers. Please request one if it is needed.

***Prayer Requests*** Please remember the following in your prayers:

- ◇ The three members of this year's confirmation class.
- ◇ Quinn Leone Sotka as the blessing of Holy Baptism is received today
- ◇ God's Richest Blessings for the 72nd Wedding Anniversary of Leo & Cecile Seefeldt
- ◇ Birthday and wedding anniversary celebrations this week for members and loved ones.

Please contact Pastor Sargent for any prayer requests and to inform him of any family members entering the hospital.

Also, if you would like a special prayer put in the bulletin, please contact Brenda Polzin or email the request to [stjohn-grover@gmail.com](mailto:stjohn-grover@gmail.com) by Thursday mornings.

***Communion Announcements*** Those who desire to attend the Lord's Supper are asked to announce by having the ushers sign up for you. We follow the Bible based practice of communing those who are communicant members of our congregation and those who are members of a congregation in fellowship with the Wisconsin Synod. If you have any questions about attending the Lord's Supper with us, please ask to speak with our pastor before the time of service.

***Flowers*** The altar flowers are given in thanks to the Lord from the parents of the confirmation class.

***Baptism*** Quinn Leone Sotka, parents Dustin and Stephanie Sotka, will receive God's washing of Holy Baptism after the service today. May the Lord bless and keep this child in his baptismal grace.

***New Calendar*** The May, 2022 calendar is available on the pedestal.

**Council Members** This Saturday, May 7, we will be having our preliminary budget meeting. Council members are asked to attend if they are available. It will be held at 9:00 am in the school.

**Seroogy Candy Bars** St. John Lutheran Youth Group is selling Seroogy candy bars at the cost of \$1.50 each. Proceeds will be going towards this year's International Youth Group Rally at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!

**Bible Study Special Note:** There will be no Bible Study this Sunday because the Confirmation Class will be examined before the congregation during that time. All members of the congregation are welcome to attend.

Next week's lesson is "**The Wedding Feast**" (Matthew 22:1-14) If you come in during the study, copies are available at the usher table. Come and join us in the church at 8:30.

**Sunday School** We are still looking for Sunday School Teachers. If you are interested in helping let Pastor Sargent know.

**Homebound/Shut-ins** Please take note of our members who are not able to be with us at our Sunday services. Remember them in your prayers and if you are able, reach out to them with a card or a letter.

"We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ." (1 John 1:3)

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***Livestream Volunteers*** We are still in need of volunteers to help with the live-streaming. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Sargent.

***2022 Altar Flowers Sign Up*** A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board to donate flowers for special dates in memory of a loved one or for another special occasion.

***Weekly Bulletins*** You can now find the weekly bulletins on our website([stjohnpeshtigo.org](http://stjohnpeshtigo.org)). Go to the website, click on “weekly bulletins”, then click on the link for the bulletin.

***Changes*** To better help us keep our records up to date (address changes, landline disconnection, cell phone numbers, family

members move, etc), it would be greatly appreciated if you could fill out a form which is located in the rack in back of church. You may return to any usher, Brenda Polzin, or Pastor.

**Worship & Daily Devotions on WOCO** The worship broadcast on WOCO AM 1260 today (11:00 am) is hosted by Our Savior/St. Mark, Lena/Spruce. The daily devotions on WOCO AM (1260) & FM (107.1) this week (Monday-Friday at 9:05 am) are hosted by Grace, Crivitz, by Staff Minister, Dan Kock.

**Last Week at St. John Ev. Lutheran**

Those Who Joined Us in Worship 4/24/2022	127
Live Stream Service 4/24/2022 (Households)	13
Sunday School/Bible Study 4/24/2022	11/10
Average Sunday Attendance for the Year (17 weeks)	142

**This Week at St. John Ev. Lutheran**

Monday	6:30pm	Zion Service
Wednesday	6:00pm	Lutheran Pioneers Meeting (6-7:30pm)
Friday	8:10am	School Chapel Devotion
Saturday	9:00am	Preliminary Budget Meeting (in school)
Sunday	8:30am	Sunday School/Bible Study
	9:30am	Worship Service

Next Sunday's Counting Team: Team "E" - Scott & Sue Schonfeld, Dave & Patti Bornick

**Offerings for the Lord's Work**

General Fund Income for 4/10/2022	\$ 5,590.75
General Fund Income for 4/17/2022	\$ 10,298.44
General Fund Income for 4/24/2022	\$ 5,861.75
Total General Fund Income (43 weeks)	\$256,900.79
Budget Needs Weekly at \$5,826.92 (43 weeks)	\$250,557.56
Total Church Offering Goal <b>SURPLUS</b>	\$ 6,343.23

Tuition/School Choice (projection-\$227,800) 35,220.35/\$150,048  
**\*Note: In the past, tuition was included as part of the general fund figures. Now with the School Choice program, it is a separate figure with its own projection.**

***Included in General Fund Income Total:***

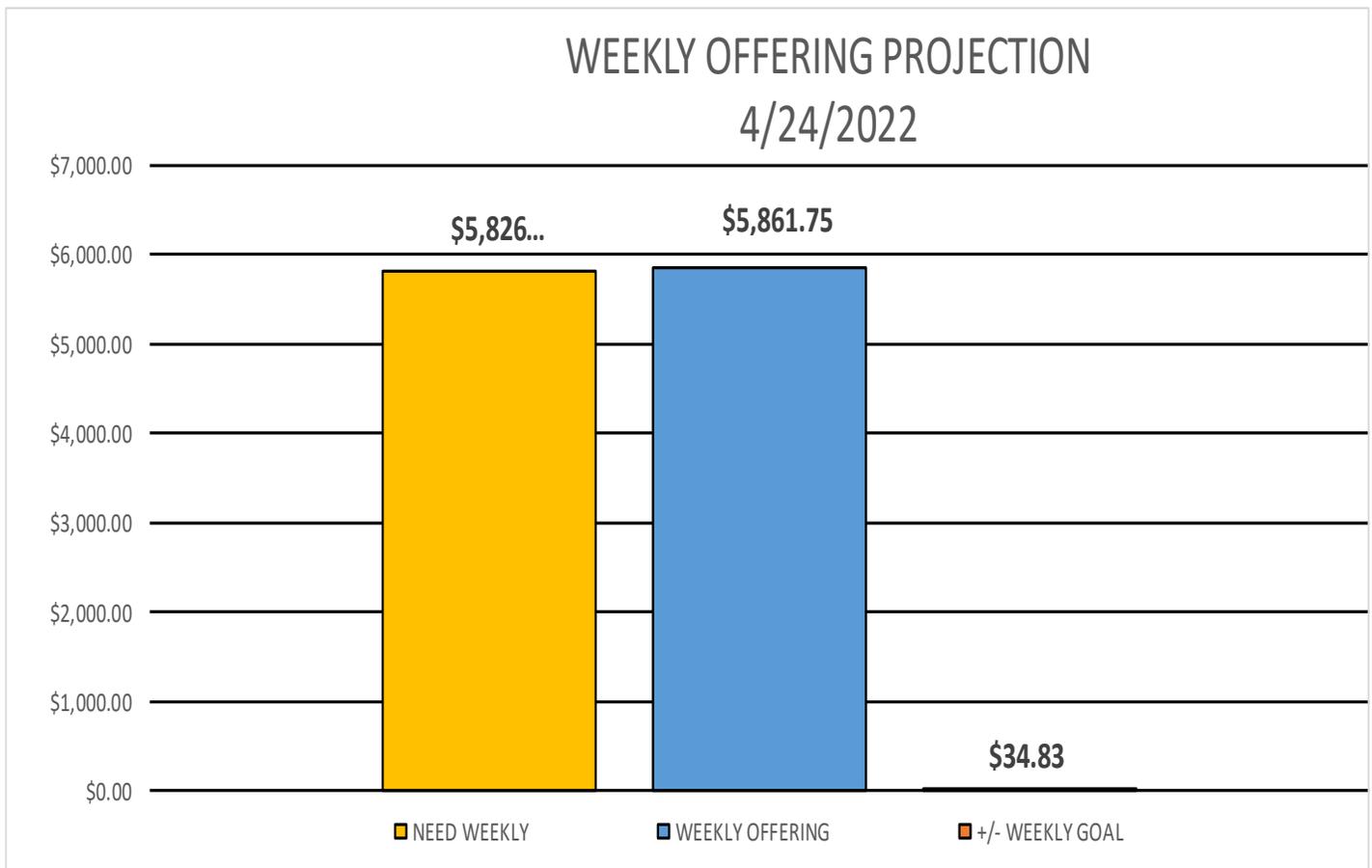
E-giving - \$1,696.75;

***Special Gifts & Offerings***

CMO - \$400; Gym/Fellowship/Bldg - \$20; Sunday School Missions - \$5.75; School Missions - \$26.25; Hot Lunch - \$68

***Memorials & Special Gifts Received:***

**LARGER VIEW OF THIS BAR GRAPH IS ON THE BULLETIN BOARD**





## School News

- ⇒ We wish all the Confirmands the Lord's richest blessings today as they are confirmed in their faith.
- ⇒ We have reschedule our Track Day from May 6 to Friday, May 20 with Trinity Lutheran School from Marinette. This is due to the late spring with all the rainy, cold weather we have had up until now.
- ⇒ The CEA is hosting a Ma'ams and Muffins morning on Thursday, May 5, from 7:30 - 8:30 am. Children from our school are inviting their moms, grandmothers, aunts or other close female figures in their lives to come and have a muffin with them before school begins.
- ⇒ Lutheran Pioneers will meet on Wednesday, May 4 at Zion Lutheran Church in Peshtigo from 6:00 - 7:30 pm. Children from our congregation in Grades 1-8 are invited to attend.
- ⇒ A huge thank you to everyone who made our Family Entertainment Night a great success. Thank you to the teachers and students who provided us with wonderful entertainment. Thank you to our CEA for organizing this event, to all who volunteered their time and food, and for all who donated to the bucket raffle. A total of \$2,337 was raised to go towards new flooring in Mrs. Myslik's classroom.

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Wednesday 7:30am-2:30pm

Thursday 7:30am-2:30pm(subject to change)

