



Confirmation Sunday
May 5, 2024

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

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Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

CW 509 - How Shall the Young
Secure Their Hearts

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

First Lesson

Ephesians 4:1-6

As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. 2 Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. 3 Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. 4 There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism; 6 one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

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 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 be-

ginning 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

CW 512 - Let Children Hear the Mighty Deeds

SERMON TEXT

LUKE 24:13-35

Theme: WHY SHOULD I GO TO CHURCH!

(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 endure 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; receive 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 temp-

tation, 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

CW 312 - Lord Jesus Christ,
You Have Prepared

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 CW 452 - Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus 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.

2024 Confirmands

Brady Grant Charapata

Taylor Rain Chartrand

Jack Jerome Hurley

Gerald Keith Lewis IV

Jeremiah Wayne Maedke

Zachary Russell Schonfeld

Bronne Clyde Thoune

Sawyer Mae Thoune

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Confirmation Sunday
May 5, 2024

Pastor Daniel Sargent
Jim Seefeldt
Sally Motkowski, Sue Mylener
Matt & Ronda Lemke,
Gup & Melissa Gannigan

Pastor
Organist
Greeters

Counting Team

Hymns	509,	512,	312,	452
Lesson			Ephesians 4:1-6	
Psalm of the Day			Psalm 91 (page 100)	
Gospel Lesson			Luke 24:13-35	
Confession of Faith			Nicene Creed	
Sermon Text			Luke 24:13-35	
Worship Theme			“Why Should I Go To Church”	

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.

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.

NOTE: Visitors, please fill out a card if receiving Communion so we can let your home Church know of your attendance. Thank you!!

Prayer Requests Please remember the following in your prayers:

*The nine members of this year's confirmation class.

*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 stjohngrover@gmail.com by Wednesday afternoon.

Flowers The altar flowers are given in thanks to the Lord of the Confirmation Class.

New Calendar The May, 2024 calendar is available on the pedestal.

Festival of Ascension Grace, Crivitz will observe the Festival of Ascension this Thursday, May 9, 2024 at 6:00 PM. The service will include the Lord's Supper. All are invited to join!

LWMS LWMS will no longer be collecting pill bottles for the LWMS African Medical Missions. Thank you for your many years of support.

Bus Trip There is a bus trip available to visit the Creation Museum and the Ark Encounter on July 22 -26. There is more infor-

mation on the bulletin board. You can also call Donna at 906-826-2418 to get more information or see Mark Kamps. Deadline to register is May 1.

Vacation Bible School Zion and St John will once again be hosting Vacation Bible School this summer! It is a week earlier than in the past!!

Save The Date for Monday July 8th through Thursday July 11th, 2024. Come and enjoy Bible Stories, snacks, games, songs and a ton of summer fun! Don't forget to bring a friend! More information coming soon.

NOTE: We will be in need of volunteers to help with this Summer's Vacation Bible School.

Grief Support Group Grace Lutheran, Crivitz is doing a Grief Share Group. Grief Share is an opportunity for help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member or friend. The support group will consist of a video seminar by grief recovery experts connected with truths from the Bible, small group discussion and a personal workbook with daily exercises. Our Grief Share group will meet weekly on Thursdays from 6-7:30 p.m. Come or invite a friend that could use a grief support group.

Seroogy Candy Bars St. John Lutheran Youth Group is selling Seroogy candy bars once again at the cost of \$2.00 each.

Thank you for your support!!

Bible Study Our Bible Study is called "**Grand Themes & Key Words**". This Sunday there is no Bible Study because of Confirmation. Next Sunday we will look at the term, "**False Teaching**". Please come and join us for this study at 9:00.

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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2024 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). 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 Zion, Peshtigo by Pastor Luke Myslik.

Last Week at St. John Ev. Lutheran

Those Who Joined Us in Worship 4/28/2024	161
Live Stream Service 4/28/2024 (Households)	22
Sunday School/Bible Study 4/28/2024	21/7
Average Sunday Attendance for the Year (17 weeks)	171

This Week at St. John Ev. Lutheran

- Monday 6:30pm Zion Service
- Thursday 6:30pm Grief Share Group @ Grace, Crivitz
- Friday 8:15am School Chapel Devotion
- Sunday HAPPY MOTHER’S DAY
 - 9:00am Sunday School/Bible Study
 - 10:00am Worship Service

Next Sunday’s Counting Team: Team “D” - Shane Seefeldt, Mark & Eunice Kamps

Next Sunday’s Greeters: Darlene Nohr & Diane Loll

Offerings for the Lord’s Work

General Fund Income for 4/14/2024	\$ 6,890.06
General Fund Income for 4/21/2024	\$ 5,257.06
General Fund Income for 4/28/2024	\$ 5,514.44
Total General Fund Income (44 weeks)	\$272,003.62
Budget Needs Weekly at \$6,000.00 (44 weeks)	\$271,678.00
Total Church Offering Goal SURPLUS	\$ 325.62
Tuition/School Choice(projection-\$188,632)	
	\$41,679.36/\$192,913.50

Included in General Fund Income Total:

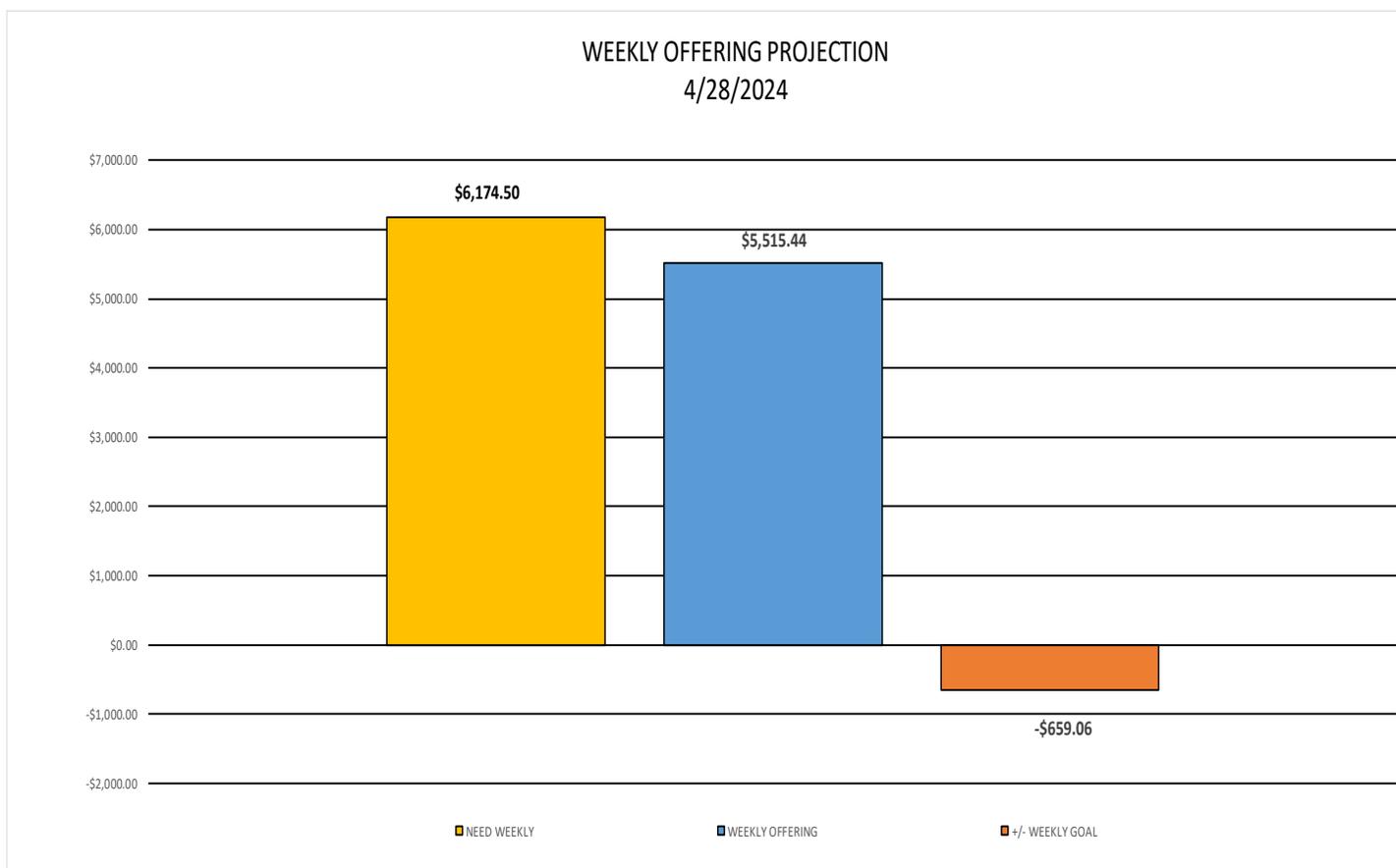
E-giving - \$1,911.44;

Special Gifts & Offerings

Sunday School Missions - \$16.75; School Missions - \$64.77;LYG - \$30, School Undesignated/Box Tops - \$5.50; Church Organ - \$100

Memorials & Special Gifts Received:

Church Organ - In memory of Harriet Christeck from Jim & Connie Seefeldt



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Office hours @ St. John School

Wednesday 7:30am-2:30pm

Thursday 7:30am-2:30pm



School News

- ⇒ Today we wish all our Confirmation students the Lord's richest blessings as they profess their faith and are received as Communicant members of the Lutheran Church. May they continue to grow in their faith and daily walk with the Lord.
- ⇒ Our annual school Track Day will be held here at St. John's Lutheran School on Friday, May 17th along with the children from Trinity, Marinette. We are in need of many volunteers to help make the day run smoothly. If you are interested in helping, and could spare a few hours either in the morning or afternoon, or even all day, please contact Mrs. Sargent in the school office. Or you can go directly to our SignUp Genius on our school website or use the following link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0E4FACAA2AA0F85-48939350-track#/>
- ⇒ Next Sunday, May 12th is Mother's Day and the students in 3K, 4K and K - Grade 1 will be joining the children in Sunday School to sing This Little Light of Mine.

Ladies Night Out Winter Schedule 2024

Thursday, May 16th

Schooners in Menominee (4:30pm)

Thursday, June 20th

Bavarian Inn in Lena (5:00pm)

Thursday, July 18th

Dockside near Oconto (4:30pm)

Thursday, August 15th

Irish Greens near Oconto (4:30pm)

**Anyone questions, please call Marquita at 715-582-3304
4:30pm Social - Dinner 5:00pm**

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150th Anniversary of the Ev. Lutheran Church of St John

Rev. Carl Heubner from the Wisconsin Synod was sent to serve Lutheran immigrants who had organized congregations in Marinette County. One group was started in 1870 called the German Lutheran Congregation of Peshtigo and Surrounding Territory. On October 8, 1871 the Peshtigo Fire devoured all of Peshtigo and the surrounding territory. The homes, barns, cattle, belongings, and the church building of these members were reduced to ashes. Many lost husbands, wives, and children. Those who survived took courage and wanted a new start for their church. On January 1, 1874 a new congregation was organized. The name they chose was the Ev. Lutheran Saint Johannes Gemeinde. (Ev. Lutheran Church of St. John) It was decided to build a church on three acres donated by Fred Warnecke. In August of 1876 a wooden church building was erected on the very site of our present sanctuary.

We will be remembering this **150th Anniversary** with special prayers on Sunday, December 31, 2023. The Church Elders have set aside the date of **October 13th, 2024** for a special Anniversary Service to be held at 4:00pm with a potluck meal after the service.

The Elders are asking for volunteers to help form an Anniversary Committee for this special service.

