

# The Voice

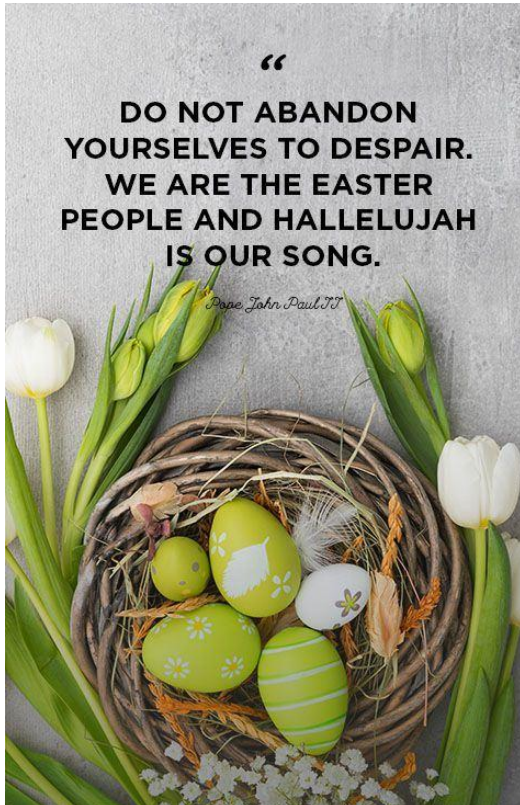
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**While church is shut down, we invite everyone to visit our Facebook page to view Pastor Schriber giving weekly sermons each Sunday at 10 am and, during Lent, each Wednesday at 7 pm. Videos can be viewed any time after they are posted as well. Facebook.com/St.JohnsCovington**

## Happy Birthday

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| 2 - Matthew Davis    | 19- Tom Fenner        |
| 2 - Brooks King      | 19- Kristin Gephart   |
| 5 - Bill Leistner    | 20- Briana King       |
| 8 - Jerry Besecker   | 26- Justin Miller     |
| 8 - Kathy Short      | 27- Harold Roeth      |
| 10- Rick Longenecker | 28- Ray (Skip) Martin |
| 14- Preston King     | 30- Holly Rohr        |
| 14- Brandy Hahn      | 30- Parker Sarna      |
| 18- Barb Besecker    |                       |
| 18- Kathy Short      |                       |



### Pastor Spotlight: Pastor Jon Schriber



I am very excited to be named as your Interim Pastor. I have already enjoyed getting to meet some of you and look forward to getting to know the rest of you in the months to come. I am also impressed with the ministries you have going and the work of so many of the folks at St. John's.

My role as your Interim Pastor is to provide for the spiritual needs of the congregation: worship, visitation, hospital calls, funerals, weddings, etc. Thus, if a need arises, please do not hesitate to call me. I live twenty-six miles from the church, a very easy drive.

Allow me to share some information about myself. I retired the end of January 2019 after forty years of full-time ministry, thirty-five of those years serving St. John's in Sidney.

My wife Gaile and I have been married nearly forty-four years and are parents of four grown children and grandparents of four grandchildren. Our oldest daughter and her family live in Lubbock, Texas, and the rest of our family is in this part of the state.

You will notice that I use a cane to get around. I have neuropathy in my feet, a result of medicine and a kidney transplant nineteen years ago (my wife was my donor). This past December, I had my thyroid and three and a half of my parathyroids removed. They were a mess, and this is the best I have felt in a few years. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to ask. When it comes to health, I have no secrets.

Finally, during my time of service, please understand I have no involvement in the call process, other than praying for you and the process. For me, it is a blessing to serve you and walk alongside you on this journey. I will not make changes on my own; that is not my role or place. You are a strong, healthy congregation; why mess with that!? In fact, your next pastor will be blessed by you.

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E-mail - schriberjonathan@gmail.com

I pray for God's blessings and guidance for all of us as we journey together over the coming months.

In Christ's Peace,  
Pastor Jon

# PRAYER LIST

## HOSPITALIZED, RECOVERING AT HOME, and OTHER PRAYER CONCERNS

Marian Fenner	Jerry Schroeder	Uta Schroder
Phyllis Drieling	Jim Perry	Leon Hollopeter
Roger Colby	Jack Besecker	Erica Hollopeter
Judy Fletcher	Sally Griffin	Linda Iddings
Helen Kellar	Luella Roeth	Laura Schmidt
Ann Horman	Bill McKibben	Harold Roeth
Janice Meyer	Kathy Short	Keith Fletcher
Matthew Hahn		

### IN EXTENDED CARE

Linda Morrow (Cincinnati)  
 Barb Besecker (Versailles Health Care Center)  
 Charlie Horman (Brookdale)

### FRIENDS & RELATIVES OF MEMBERS

Paula Hahn (daughter-in-law of Richard & Gloria Hahn)  
 Kennedy Kraft (granddaughter of MaryAnn Francis)  
 Larry & Tracy Laub (friend of Jim Perry)  
 Thelma Archer (friend of Jim Perry)  
 Bernice Davis (cousin of Jim Perry)  
 Marilyn Helke (friend of Colbys)  
 Ethel Besecker (friend of Colbys)  
 Fran Maynard (friend of Colbys)  
 Jack McCoy (friend of King family)  
 Darlene Wise (friend of Jim Perry)  
 Bridget Simon (friend of Jim Perry)  
 Mary Littlejohn (friend of Jim Perry)  
 Shirley Sheffer (friend of Dawn Flory)  
 Bob Bruyere (uncle of Charlie Bruyere)  
 Howard Chaney (friend of Jim Perry)  
 Owen Gauntt (friend of Dawn Flory)  
 Joyce Gilbert (friend of Jim Perry)  
 Lester Smith (friend of Jim Perry)  
 Joel Miller (Connie Adams' brother-in-law)  
 David Moss (friend of Levi, Brandy, & Tyrus Hahn)  
 Mr. & Mrs. Tom Burlieson (friends of Jim Perry)  
 Asher Cantrell (grandson of Stephanie Wood)  
 Andrew Purvis (grandson of Pattie Perry)  
 Joanne Schmidt (mother of Jim Schmidt)  
 Kenton Stacy (grandson of Wanda Stacy)  
 Joan Will (cancer-aunt of Laura Schmidt)



### FAMILY & FRIENDS IN THE ARMED FORCES

Faith King- Army- Bravo 1-134<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery, Piqua, OH (niece of Brooks and Briana King)  
 Brandon Moyer – Navy, Pyndell AFB, Florida  
 Jon Osterman- Army  
 Cory Purvis- Army, Alaska (Pattie Perry's grandson)  
 LT Mary Strade- USS Bainbridge- deployed (sister of Laura Schmidt)  
 Jerrid Stangel- Army  
 Tristin Stangel- Marines, Keesler AFB, Mississippi

# SCRIPTURE

## Palm Sunday, April 5, 2020

**Procession with Palms:** Matthew 21:1-11  
**First Reading:** Isaiah 50:4-9a  
**Psalm:** Psalm 31:9-16 (5)  
**Second Reading:** Philippians 2:5-11  
**Gospel:** Matthew 26:14-27:66 or Matthew 27:11-54

## Maundy Thursday, April 9, 2020

**First Reading:** Exodus 12:1-4 [5-10] 11-14  
**Psalm:** Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19 (13)  
**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 11:23-26  
**Gospel:** John 13:1-17, 31b-35

## Good Friday, April 10, 2020

**First Reading:** Isaiah 52:13—53:12  
**Psalm:** Psalm 22 (1)  
**Second Reading:** Hebrews 10:16-25 or Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9  
**Gospel:** John 18:1—19:42

## Easter Sunday, April 12, 2020

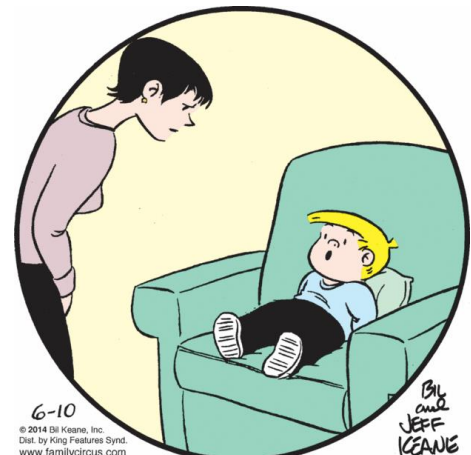
**First Reading:** Acts 10:34-43 or Jeremiah 31:1-6  
**Psalm:** Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 (24)  
**Second Reading:** Colossians 3:1-4 or Acts 10:34-43  
**Gospel:** Matthew 28:1-10 or John 20:1-18

## Sunday, April 19, 2020

**First Reading:** Acts 2:14a, 22-32  
**Psalm:** Psalm 16 (11)  
**Second Reading:** 1 Peter 1:3-9  
**Gospel:** John 20:19-31

## Sunday, April 26, 2020

**First Reading:** Acts 2:14a, 36-41  
**Psalm:** Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 (13)  
**Second Reading:** 1 Peter 1:17-23  
**Gospel:** Luke 24:13-35



“Yes, I’m bored, but not so bored that you need to think of something for me to do.”

## Call Update

What a difference a month makes. How quickly our lives, or how we live them, can change. I hope this finds everyone healthy. Worship life truly has changed; council continues to seek the best way for our congregation to **Worship Together, While Apart**. I, for one, really miss the personal interaction of everyone at church, but I also realize it is probably what's best for everyone. All we can hope for is that in two months or so, we will look back at this and say, "Man, this process was really overblown," and not, "Boy, did we underestimate this," but right now, we don't know. I keep reminding myself that until I go through medical school, residency, and everything else, I might as well do the things that those people tell me to do.

There have also been a lot of changes with our call process. I had a conversation one Sunday after service with one of our supply pastors, Jonathan Schriber. He asked me what we were really looking for in an interim pastor. I told him that the work of our congregation continues and that what we need most is someone to work with us, help run our service, and give sermons. We got this and so much more! After completing the process (the synod has to approve), we completed an interim contract with Pastor Jon. Since then, we all know how worship is taking place; I will say that Pastor Jon was one of the first to work on the question of how to continue to get folks together remotely. We thank him, appreciate him, and look forward to working with him through this process of finding our permanent new Spiritual Leader.

As was published last month, our Call Committee has been put together; members are Levi Hahn, Betty Hollopeter, Delbert Kiehl, Brooks King, Sandy Longenecker, Laura Schmidt, Tiffany Shively, and Mindy Gearhart (Council Representative). They were scheduled to meet with Pastor Abrams, Assistant to the Bishop, at the end of last month for training, explanations of responsibilities, etc., but with limits on travel and group meetings, this remains challenging as well. That being said, this process is continuing to go on. The work of our Lord cannot be stopped!! It has not been stopped for over 2000 years!! Let's continue to do our part as God's hands, hearts, and ears in this time and place.

He Is Risen! He Is Risen Indeed! Happy Easter!

Kevin Marten

"A wise man should consider that health is the greatest of human blessings, and learn how by his own thought to derive benefit from his illnesses."

-Hippocrates

## Calling All People Who Sew! You Can Help Make Surgical Masks for the Shortage

The highly-contagious coronavirus (COVID19) has led to a critical shortage of small particle filtering face masks (N-95s).

From Premier Health Helping Hands:

Lisa Thomson, a Nurse Practitioner with Pulmonary & Critical Care Consultants at Premier Health, created this video to help. **If you have already generously created masks from other patterns and materials, we will welcome those.**

If you want to donate Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) i.e., nitrile gloves, masks and face shields we will add them with our inventory.

Mail or deliver to the following address:

Miami Valley Hospital  
One Wyoming Street  
Attn: Mike Farwell (Loading Dock)  
Dayton, OH 45409

How to make a surgical mask

1. Cut out 2 squares of fabric 8 inches by 8 ½, a solid (for the inside of the mask) and a print (for the outside).
2. Put right sides together and sew 1 seam on the 8 ½ inch side of the fabric and press open.
3. Then, on the long edges of the rectangle, fold in ¼ inch and press. You will then iron ¼ inch on each short end and repeat.
4. Cut 7 inches of craft wire and bend the ends so it will not poke through the fabric and sew in the folded down ¼ inch fold on the print fabric. Sew down the other short end. (the craft wire may be omitted if you unable to obtain).
5. Put wrong sides together and make 3 – ½ inch pleats and cut 13 inches of elastic, cut in half and secure to each corner.
6. Sew around the sides and the bottom of the mask (your ends that you previously sewed, where the wire is will remain open). I recommend sewing these seams twice for added durability.
7. Congratulations! Your mask is completed!

Note that these masks have the option for a filter to be placed in them, which is essential for effectiveness (vacuum cleaner bags which filter 0.1 micron will work). You may need to find alternatives for materials as ¼ elastic extremely difficult to find at this time (some individuals are making ties or using grosgrain ribbon for ties).

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Premier Health Helping Hands  
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Dearest Youth,

We are in unprecedented times! Your parents and grandparents are seeing uncharted things happening in your world, and I am confident they are doing their utmost to give you a sense of normal in this abnormal time. I encourage you each day to find three positive things. Look for those God moments I ask you about. Listen to the stories of people helping one another, and do your part as you are able. Call your relatives. FaceTime them. Draw pictures. Write a letter. Read a book to cousins over the phone. Play with your siblings even when you don't want to. Decorate your sidewalks. Post a sign on your mailbox. But, above all,



be kind. Mirror the behavior you want to see in the world. I know that with you in it, it is a beautiful place. The weekend of the 21<sup>st</sup>, I made a giant kettle of turkey noodle soup and delivered it to neighbors to ensure they had a hot, nutritious meal, a smile, and knowledge that although six feet apart, we are all still neighbors and weathering this together.

I am so sorry we had to postpone our movie day, CedarMania, the Easter Brunch etc., and most importantly the upcoming Baptism, Communion, and Confirmations. Please know you will not miss out! All your hours of preparation and anticipation will be rewarded. These trying times can only strengthen our faith! We will all rejoice when we can worship together again! Remember there are seven weeks of Easter and EVERY Sunday is a resurrection Sunday. I hope that you can find the positive in your new-found family time. I look forward to seeing your smiling, donut-eating faces soon! Please keep in touch and know that our God is a God of Love and Grace, and He has us all in his hands! P.S. Make sure you continue to diligently wash yours!

I leave you with this: Romans 6:14 says, "For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace."

Grace and Peace be with you and your families.

Love,  
Laura

St. John's Lutheran Church  
Council Minutes  
March 11, 2020

Present: Kevin Marten, Scott Gephart, Holly Turner, Mindy Gearhardt, Chad Reese, Brandy Hahn, Dave Larson, Kaitlyn Flory, Derrek Shively, Pastor Schriber

1. Devotions – Lenten service
  2. Financial Report – We received our quarterly Felger deposit. The deposit is currently on par as it has been with the past several quarters. Mindy moved to accept the financial report, seconded by Chad. Motion carried.
  3. Committee Reports
    - a. Social Committee – The committee is going to continue with the Monday services at the Stillwater Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. College care packages will be sent out in April.
    - b. Stewardship – Envelopes will be ordered soon.
    - c. Worship & Music – Rick has updated the altar guild manual. Altar guild members will be encouraged to read it and give feedback.
  4. Old Business
    - a. Call Update
      - i. Synod Update – Pastor Schriber will be our interim pastor.
      - ii. Site Profile Update – A few more areas need to be completed. Members will need to get together and finalize some of the parts. We were waiting to hear some feedback from the Synod.
      - iii. Call Committee – The committee will be meeting with Pastor Abrams towards the end of the month to discuss what things need to be done and what to expect.
      - iv. Contract with Pastor Schriber – We followed the Synod guidelines for the contract with Pastor Schriber. David moves to accept the contract for Pastor Schriber, seconded by Mindy. Motion carried.
    - b. Maintenance Position – At this time a position is not needed. Rick will continue to be a point person between companies and the church for maintenance issues.
    - c. Media Editor – It was discussed that we will have a few more people to add pictures and events to our social media accounts.
  5. New Business
    - a. Council Installation/Baptism/First Communion/Confirmation
      - i. Council Installation will be April 19
      - ii. Baptism – March 22
      - iii. First Communion and Confirmation will be held April 5 (Palm Sunday)
    - b. PLUS Overnighter – 5K will be held April 11. Mindy moves to donate \$1,000 with the contingency to go up to \$1,500 if needed, seconded by Brandy. Motion carried.
    - c. Basement Use – Stephanie to use basement on April 4<sup>th</sup> or Kevin moves allow Stephanie to use the basement on either April 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> for a baby shower, seconded by David. Motion carried.
    - d. Copier – Our copier lease is up. DSC is our current supplier. The contract will be for 3 years at \$83.92 per month. David moves to accept the contract, seconded by Scott. Motion carried.
    - e. Flu Season/Sharing the Peace – Mindy will contact Stephanie and give her some information to put some information in the Refrigerator Notes.
    - f. Barbershop Quartet will be here for the entire service June 14<sup>th</sup>.
    - g. Rick is going to update the parsonage over the next few months. The lawn will be reseeded. The new floors will be installed this month.
  5. Adjournment - Holly moves to adjourn, seconded by Scott. Motion carried. Council closed with the saying of the Lord's Prayer.
- Respectfully submitted by,  
Holly Turner