

The Voice of Billingsville

March 2022

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“No matter who you are, or where you are on life’s journey, you are welcome here.”

Soup & Sandwich

St. Johns Board of Christian Education will be hosting a soup and sandwich lunch on Sunday, March 13 following the morning worship service.

Please come join in fellowship with us as we enjoy a variety of soups, from vegetable and chili, to chicken noodle and gumbo.

The Board would like for the congregation to bring sandwiches and/or a dessert. Since the next day is “Pi Day” (3.14), pies would be appreciated.

The luncheon will be dine-in or carry-out. Free-will donations will support Vacation Bible School.

Bring a friend to worship and then enjoy a delicious lunch!

CONGRATULATIONS!

Rhea Helmreich’s great-grandson, Bennett James Vickery, was born in San Antonio Feb. 25!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Wednesday, March 2:** Ash Wednesday Service at 7:00 pm
- Sunday, March 6:** Holy Communion
- Wednesday, March 9:** Church Board meeting at 6:00 pm
- Sunday, March 13:** Penny Sunday; Benevolence Offering
- Sunday, March 13:** Soup and Sandwich Lunch
- Thursday, March 24:** Newsletter articles due
- Sunday, March 27:** One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

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LESSONS FROM THE MOUNT

Part Two Of A Five-Part Devotional

Matthew 6:25-34 (NIV)

"I tell you, do not worry. Don't worry about your life and what you will eat or drink. And don't worry about your body and what you will wear. Isn't there more to life than eating? Aren't there more important things for the body than clothes? Look at the birds of the air. They don't plant or gather crops. They don't put away crops in storerooms. But your Father who is in heaven feeds them. Aren't you worth much more than they are? Can you add even one hour to your life by worrying?"

And why do you worry about clothes? See how the wild flowers grow. They don't work or make clothing. But here is what I tell you. Not even Solomon in all his royal robes was dressed like one of these flowers. If that is how God dresses the wild grass, won't he dress you even better? Your faith is so small! After all, the grass is here only today. Tomorrow it is thrown into the fire. So don't worry. Don't say, 'What will we eat?' Or, 'What will we drink?' Or, 'What will we wear?' People who are ungodly run after all those things. Your Father who is in heaven knows that you need them. But put God's kingdom first. Do what he wants you to do. Then all those things will also be given to you. So don't worry about tomorrow. Tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own."

Have you ever received advice that seemed a little insensitive or unempathetic?

Jesus' words could easily come across this way if we miss the invitation that He's giving us. Jesus isn't just telling us to stop worrying; he's inviting us to start trusting. And he doesn't expect us to put this trust in just anybody; He invites us to trust our heavenly Father.

Trust really is the centerpiece of every great relationship. Whether it's with a family member,

a friend, or a co-worker, if you want to grow your relationship, you have to grow in trust.

Is it any surprise then that the same would true in our relationship with God. If we really want to have a great relationship with him, we need to learn to trust him. And here's the best part; where people tend to let us down from time to time (even trustworthy people), God will never let you down. He's always there, always loving you, and always in control.

In this passage, Jesus mentions clothing, food, and drink, saying that we can trust God for them. He points out that animals don't worry, so why should we? In other words, God is the God of everything, so we can trust him with everything.

We tend to worry more when we forget this, don't we? We know how life throws curve balls at us, and so we tend to try and manage it all ourselves. And while we do need to work and be responsible, it's never helpful to begin to worry, is it? And this is the beauty of trusting God. When our trust is in him, we can place our worries in his capable hands.

Take a moment and let God know you're trusting him. If you find it hard to trust God, ask him to help you trust in him more. Finally, ask God to give you the wisdom to know what to do and the courage to do it.

In Christian Sympathy

Marjorie Vieth Meyer passed away on February 3. Please keep the Vieth family in your prayers.

Anna Adler, Charles' sister, passed away February 16. Please keep Anna's family in your prayers.

Dennis Herigon, Marilyn Geiger's brother, passed away February 22. Please keep Dennis's family in your prayers.

HEALTH FACTS
THE ART OF SMELL

We can capture so many memories and just one smell can trigger those memories which can bring comfort. Example: The perfume that my mother wore, reminds me of her good night kisses and so I will associate Chanel No. 5 with my mother.

When you smell food, it starts the reaction of salvia in the mouth, which in turn starts the digestive system and raises the desire to eat!

Smell also can be an important factor in neurology, and today one of the first signs of Alzheimer's or Dementia is the loss of smell. Also, COVID-19 symptoms include loss of smell.

Stimulate memories and bring beautiful moments to your brain just by smelling.

Nancy Meyer, Health Minister

FEBRUARY STATISTICS			
	Offering	Benevolence	Attendance
06	\$2305	\$25	43
13	\$1310	\$105 Penny Sun: \$31.04	38
20	\$625	\$25	32
27	\$1557	\$25	35

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING NOTES
February 9, 2022

Present Jared, Ed, Linda, Scott, Vicki, Pastor Jim and guest Dave Munzel.

Dave Shared information on the trees and power lines at the Church. The power company will be contacting Scott.

Morgan Hawley replaced the AED pads.

Scott had a few members come to him with a concern of the handrail in the basement. Scott will have Brian Jobe look into extending the rail.

Turner Heating and Cooling came to see why there was no air flow in the basement, it was discovered that insulation inside the duct had fallen blocking air flow; the ducts were found to be clean.

Building request made by Linda Simmons for April 30th was approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Vicki Hilden, Secretary

THANK YOU
To Edna Harris for her donation to the Cemetery Fund in memory of Barbara Friedrich
To Ed & Lynnd Schler for their donation to the Cemetery Fund in memory of Louise Overstreet.
To Linda Simmons & Donnie Helmreich for their donation to the Cemetery Fund in memory of Louise Overstreet.
To Linda Simmons for her donation to the Cemetery Fund in memory of Bob Simmons.

	Worship Leader	Greeters & Ushers	Scripture Readings
Mar 06	Janet Stegner	Melissa Hundley & Volunteer	1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Luke 5:1-11
Mar 13	Kamrynn Hundley Molly Rapp	Jason Hundley & Volunteer	1 Corinthians 15:12-20 Luke 6:17-26
Mar 20	Angie Hackman	Marg Scott & Volunteer	1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50 Luke 6:27-38
Mar 27	Melissa Hundley	Volunteers	2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2 Luke 9:28-36, (37-43a)

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Ben Rold	06
Vayda Stretz	06
Angie Hackman	07
Brooke Fieth	11
Stacy Reuter	11
Linda Simmons	11
Iris Gerhardt	13
Linda Wassmann	13
Charles Stegner	20
Nick Grathwohl	26
Margaret Scott	30

Please let these homebound and nursing home friends know you are thinking about them with a visit or a card.

Arlene Friedrich

Katy Manor P.O. Box 8, Pilot Grove, MO 65276

Rob & Louise Friedrich

Riverdell Care Center 1121 11th St, Boonville, MO 65233

Lyndall Galloway (Laura's father)

MO Veterans Home 1 Veterans Way, Mexico, MO 65265

Shirley Schmidt (Vicki's mother)

Nye Point 2700 Laverna St, Fremont, NE 68025

Dorothy Vieth

Lenoir 3710 Lenoir St, Columbia, MO 65201

Bernadine Wassmann

Katy Manor P.O. Box 8, Pilot Grove, MO 65276

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

Sonny & Arlene Friedrich	02
Ed & Lynnd Schler	02
Keith & Cathy Bail	23

PRAYER CHAIN

- Angie Carmichael, cancer
- Pastor Jim & Sharon Elliott
- Carol (Pastor Jim's sister-in-law), lung cancer
- John (Sharon's brother-in-law), heart issues
- Eula Brown Gowan
- Joey Hoflander, recovering from stroke
- Todi Hughes (Holly's mom)
- Shelley Jennings
- Iva Mae Johnson (Vicki's aunt)
- Nancy Kueckelhan
- Ava LeCave
- Chris (Ann Muntzel's nephew), chemotherapy
- Marilyn Rethmeyer, cancer
- Karen Schnetzler
- Carol Snyder
- Sandy Upton (Dave & Ann's niece), chemotherapy
- Cora Louise Wisdom

✠ BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES ✠

Terry Lynn Schler	01
James Wayne Friedrich	08
Gregory Eugene Friedrich	11
Cayley LeAnn Schler Inskip	12
Josiah Meriwether Searfoss	12
Charlie Jean Smith	12
DeanaMarie Johnston Naylor	20
Carol Jean Stegner Fowler	22
Austin Maxwell Edwards	24
Melanie Sue Gerhardt Scalia	25
Roberta Ida Gerhardt Kueckelhan	26

MARK 11:24 "Listen to Me! You can pray for anything, and if you believe, you will have it."

Serving in our military:

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| Landon Bail | Cliff Burgoyne | Jeff Burgoyne |
| Lakoda Davis | Tony Davis | Chris Hawley |
| Natalie Meng | Blayne Vickery | James Walker |



Play a Tune



ACCORDION
BANJO
CELLO
CLARINET
DRUM
FLUTE
GUITAR

HARMONICA
HARP
MARIMBA
ORGAN
PIANO
RECORDER
SAXOPHONE

TRIANGLE
TRUMPET
TUBA
XYLOPHONE



LOOKING AHEAD...

Palm Sunday

On Sunday, April 10th the children will enter the sanctuary waving palm branches.

Good Friday

The Good Friday Service of Sorrow will be April 15th at 7:00 pm.

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 16th at 2:00 pm. Kids will enjoy activities, snacks, and an Easter Egg Hunt.

Easter Sunrise Service & Breakfast

Sunday, April 17th at 7:00 am.

The Youth Group will serve breakfast following the service. Members of the congregation are welcome to bring cinnamon rolls, coffee cake, etc.

Youth and their families need to be at church by 5:30 am that morning to prepare breakfast.



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