

# CHILD OF GOD

## WEEKLY E-NEWS

### APRIL 25, 2024

#### Week at a Glance

April 28, 2024

8 am Worship

10 am Worship  
Confirmation

9 am Bible Study  
Sunday School

Women's Bible Study

May 1st  
6:30 pm

Men's Bible Study

May 1st  
6:30 pm



Child of God:  
A Making and  
Shaping Community

#### Life After Death: Your Fishing Story

*15 When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" "Yes, Lord," he said, "you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my lambs."*

*16 Again Jesus said, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep."*

*17 The third time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, "Do you love me?" He said, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my sheep. 18 Very truly I tell you, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go." 19 Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. Then he said to him, "Follow me!" John 21*

HE IS RISEN!!! These three words are the cry of joy for believers of EASTER. They are the words of hope eternal. But they are words that emanate from something more substantive. The risen LORD. But because we still have two feet on the ground while we wait for the day of glory, we need reassurance for every day.

This Sunday's theme falls into the category of one of Pastor's personal favorites. I enjoy fishing and I also enjoy a good fishing story. The miraculous catch of fish is one of eternal hopes for the fisherman in all of us. It is one of those things that continues to draw me back to the waters with my rod and reel in hand with the very real possibility of making 'the catch of the day'.

There is something wild and untamed about Jesus' encounter with the disciples that early morning along the shore of Galilee. His promptings and contextual questions drive the story along like the telling of any good story. He reveals Himself on His terms and through His power over creation. He shows a genuine love for His friends and His brothers. Can you see yourself as one of the disciples that day? Can you see that Jesus intends for you to see Him in creation and in His gracious words?

What happens following the boatload of fish is just as important. He goes for a walk with Peter and reassures him and restores him and sends him. This is the same way in which Jesus walks with each of us in our earthly journey.

In each of our stories, no matter what it looks like, Jesus walks with us with His words meant to restore and turn us toward Him. It is a story that calls us to turn from the world and its deceitfulness. To turn from foolish fishing in dangerous waters and to walk with Jesus and follow Him.

In the end, we all have a fishing story to tell; The ways and the moments when Jesus appeared to us and we became His disciples. A story that is our story to share with others as we follow Jesus.

He Is Risen! Alleluia!

Pastor Gorline

## Church News and Events



Be in the Word:



**Women's Bible Study is Wednesday, May 1st, @ 6:30 pm.**

(Music Room)

**Men's Bible Study is Wednesday, May 1st, @ 6:30 pm.**

(Pastor's Office)

Mark your calendars for **Vacation Bible School** for June 24-28. The theme is "Celebrate the Savior". We are sharing this experience with Chapel of the Cross on Jungermann Road, at their location. It will run from 9am to 12pm daily and there is not cost. Please contact [joshuaeckstein@chapelofthecrosslutheran.org](mailto:joshuaeckstein@chapelofthecrosslutheran.org) for additional registration information or if you would like to volunteer.

**COG Summer Camp** is going to celebrate Chapel on Tuesdays this summer. There is a sign up sheet at the Registration desk if you would like to volunteer to help our campers learn about Jesus. You must be 18 years of age to help with this ministry. You may also contact the church office. Thanks!

## Community Events

**ALL LIFE IS PRECIOUS:** As Christians we are advocates for God and love life. Across the country and in Missouri there is a continued struggle for the sanctity of life. Please take the time to be informed of the current issues and how you can make a difference and love life and others in the same way that Jesus loves us and life. Please follow the links to find out how you can be a champion for life. <https://missourilife.org/the-battle-to-keep-mo-pro-life/> and [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)

You are invited to attend the **This Is My Body Summit, on Saturday, May 4, 2024** at Chapel of the Cross Lutheran Church at 907 Jungermann Rd, St. Peters, MO The speaker is Rev. Michael Salemink, Executive Director of National Lutherans for Life. It is a free event from 8 am to 12 pm. Coffee and snacks will be served. you can register at [tinyurl.com/mybodystl](http://tinyurl.com/mybodystl).



### **MUSIC NEWS**

**“Make a joyful noise to the LORD”**

**Gateway Ringers Spring Concert** ([info@gatewayringers.org](mailto:info@gatewayringers.org) for more information)

**Sunday April 28th, 4:00pm** - Chapel of the Cross Lutheran,  
11645 Benham Rd. 63136

**Sunday, April 28, 2024 2:00PM** - St. Charles Symphony Society Spring Concert @ Immanuel Lutheran Church, St. Charles.

Visit: [www.stcsymphony.org](http://www.stcsymphony.org) for more info. Concert is free!

**KFUO Radio**, the broadcast voice of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, shares Christ for you anytime, anywhere on [KFUO.org](http://KFUO.org) via worship services, Bible and theology studies, practical talk programs, and sacred music. CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUO AM850 & [kfu.org](http://kfu.org): Begin studying Daniel on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m.), continue studying Proverbs on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m.), and study what we believe about The Church on Concord Matters (5/4 at 11:00 a.m.). Find your favorite programs on demand at [kfu.org](http://kfu.org) and the KFUO Radio app!

If you joined us for Easter Sunday worship and brunch, you may have enjoyed this delicious breakfast casserole. Bonus: it's gluten free! Thanks to the Frankenbach's for sharing this recipe! Look for more new recipes to come in future editions of the e-news.

## SAUSAGE CREAM CHEESE TATER TOT BREAKFAST CASSEROLE

### Ingredients:

- 2 lb. breakfast sausage
- 1 (8-oz) package cream cheese, softened
- 1 (30-32oz) bag frozen tater tots
- 1 tsp salt
- 1/2 tsp pepper
- 1/4 tsp garlic powder
- 1/4 tsp onion powder
- 2 cups shredded cheddar cheese
- 8 eggs
- 2 cups milk

### Instructions:

1. Preheat oven to 350°F.
2. Lightly spray a 9x13-inch pan with cooking spray.
3. In a large skillet, cook sausage until no longer pink. Drain fat. Add cream cheese to skillet and mix with cooked sausage.
4. In a large bowl, toss together tater tots, sausage, and cream cheese mixture, and shredded cheddar cheese.
5. Pour into a lightly greased 9x13-inch pan.
6. Whisk together eggs, salt, pepper, garlic powder, onion powder and milk.
7. Pour over tater tot mixture.
8. Bake uncovered for 60 - 70 minutes, or until eggs are set.

# GREAT SONGWRITERS OF CHRISTIANITY

You almost can't go through a church season and not sing a hymn text by Charles Wesley.

**Advent: "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"**

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5lwtbnU-1Tw>)

**Christmas: "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"**

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SFjMPaOBzXc>)

**Easter: "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"**

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p0DzBEQNb4U>)

**General/Post Easter Season: "Love Divine, all Loves Excelling"**

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yEiTbxMpZ6I>)

**"Rejoice, the Lord is King"**

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ipRM9AeIP6w>)

**"Oh for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"**

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S1ccM7eUdY4>)

Born in 1707, Charles was the youngest of 18 children and was one of only 10 who lived to adulthood. Charles' father and brother were heavily involved in the church and Charles became ordained as a priest in the Church of England in 1735. Along with his brother, John, Charles was instrumental in the starting of the Methodist movement.

He served as a priest of a single parish for only 2 years until the vicar he was serving with told him he shouldn't be a pastor anymore. After that, he became an itinerant pastor and spent a lot of time serving with his brother, John, also a priest. Many of his 6,500 hymn texts were written to accompany sermons given by John.

Wesley references verses from all but 4 books of the Bible. It's been said that his hymns clothe Christ in flesh and blood and gives converts a belief to grasp, embrace a personal faith. May we be bold to spread that same timeless message in our daily lives!

**"Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"**

2. My gracious Master and my God,  
Assist me to proclaim,  
To spread through all the earth abroad,  
The honors of Thy name.

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[https://hymnary.org/person/Wesley\\_Charles](https://hymnary.org/person/Wesley_Charles)  
<https://www.britannica.com/biography/Charles-Wesley>  
<https://songsandhymns.org/people/detail/charles-wesley>

All for HIM, Stephanie McSwain