

# The Visitor

April 2024

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## Jesus is on the Loose & God's Spirit is Moving!

*Rev. Brenda Satrum*

Warm thanks to all of the inspired and hard-working people who made Holy Week and Easter Sunday so lovely at St. John's! The sanctuary was beautiful—and our kids did a great job bringing an ugly cross to life with fresh flowers. Musicians lifted our spirits, and a terrific and abundant brunch fueled us for the rest of the day.

I stand by my Easter message (from Mark 16:1-8) as April begins: It's been a long, hard pull for many of us personally and in our work and ministry at church. If you need a break, take it! Truly, I tell you—there are enough of us to share the load if you need a moment and recover, so pay attention to your energy and take time when you need it. Jesus is alive, the tomb is empty, and God's Spirit is moving in, through, and even in spite of us.

When we DO have the energy, let's care for and connect with God and our neighbors:

- The **Pastoral Care Team** meets after church on Sunday, April 7, to refresh listening skills and review the how-to's of sharing at-home Communion. If you know of someone who might enjoy regular visits from a Care Team member or for the pastor to stop by, please contact Pastor Brenda (406.381.1919, call/text or [pastor@stjohnschehalis.net](mailto:pastor@stjohnschehalis.net)).
- **Adult Bible Study** and **Confirmation** are starting up. Connect with God and your friends and family of faith! The Pastor's Bible study is on Tuesdays, Confirmation will meet on Sundays around our families' schedules. Contact PB (see above).
- I'm continuing to meet with and listen to the people of St. John's, learning "what makes us tick, and what ticks us off." It's clear that the people of St. John's love God, each other, and our community deeply—from youngest to oldest—and that the Spirit's leadership provides a solid foundation upon which to build and grow. I'll bring both affirmations and "growth opportunities" to our council and leadership to guide our work together.

St. John's is a truly beautiful community of God's people. It's a pleasure to get to know you, and a delight to join you in ministry this spring. God bless! *Yours in Christ, Pastor Brenda*

### St. John's Lutheran Church Statement of Mission

Rooted in the gospel of Jesus Christ we exist to

- **PROCLAIM** God's unconditional love we exist to
- **GROW** in discipleship as we follow in Jesus' steps and
- **SERVE** others as instruments of God's Holy Spirit

## Spiritual Growth Opportunities with Pastor Brenda...

Call or text 406.381.1919 or email [bsatrum@gmail.com](mailto:bsatrum@gmail.com) to inquire or sign up for either of these opportunities.

### Weekly Bible Study

#### In-person at SJL and online, time/s TBD

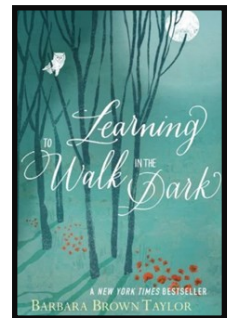
- Get to know Pastor Brenda, each other and God's Word more deeply as we "Dwell in the Word," spending time in study, reflection, and prayer over one of the passages to be preached in the upcoming Sunday's service.
- After Easter, participants may choose to move into a "Book of Faith" study of the book of Mark (our Gospel this year), 1 John (April's epistle readings), Ephesians (PB's personal favorite), or others.
- **Please contact Pastor Brenda ASAP** if you're interested to help discern the best times to offer these sessions!

### Monthly Love Well Book Club:

Time TBD at SJL

#### Second Saturdays 10-11:30a on Zoom

- Enjoy some of the best fiction and non-fiction reading for growing, stretching, and even *resting* your spiritual muscles in a monthly book club facilitated by Pastor Brenda. On Sundays we may take turns providing soup or salad and bread to make this a lunch meeting.
- April 7 (Sun.) & 13 (Sat.): *Learning to Walk in the Dark*, by Barbara Brown Taylor, a winsome exploration of spirituality that grows and even thrives in times when answers are hard to find. In the months ahead: *The Road Back to You*, by Suzanne Stabile (personality styles), *Let Your Life Speak*, by Parker Palmer, and other awesome suggestions from participants. Purchase your own books at your favorite local bookseller.



## What is My Coffee

I visited Matthew, the owner of Lucy's Flour Shop, a little while back. As I nibbled on an enormous chocolate chip cookie, I began to tell him a story.

A few years back, on a bitterly cold December evening, there was a visitation at the funeral home across the street from his bakery. The people bundled up in coats, scarves, and blankets, were lined up around the building waiting to hug the family of the deceased. Seemingly out of nowhere, a man showed up and began giving away hot coffee to the people outside. People who entered the funeral home with coffee in their hands whispered of a mysterious man handing out free coffee, and how much they appreciated it.

I looked at Matthew and said, "I have a suspicion that you were that man. Is that right?"

Matthew very humbly replied, "Yes. I felt so bad for them and wanted to do something, but all I could do was make coffee, so I made coffee."

I responded that he blessed so many people that night by helping them warm up and by showing there's good in the world. He added a positive note to a devastating situation.

I paused, then added, "That visitation was for my sixteen-year-old son. Thank you for being so kind."

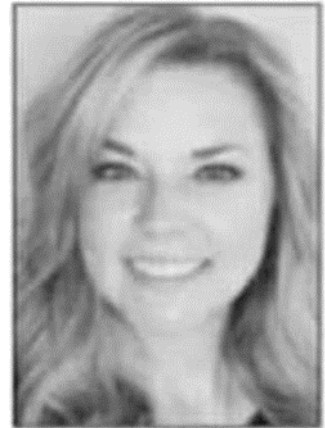
That conversation has stuck in my head

since then. "All I could do was make coffee, so I made coffee."

Somedays, I am burdened with the reality that I can't do everything to help everybody. I truly do want to make a difference in people's lives and change the world. I dream big, but I can't do it all. Matthew's words came back to me recently. "All I could do was make coffee, so I made coffee." I repeatedly asked myself, "what is my 'coffee' in this situation?" I can't do everything, but I can do something, so I figured out how to do it and I did it.

None of us can do it all, but we can all do something, and if we do, we can make a difference in the world. I challenge you to ask yourself often, "what is my coffee?", and then go make your coffee.

Pam Kearney is a life-long resident of Dawson County.



**Guest Column**  
by Pam Kearney



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**Office Hours:**

**9 a.m to 2:30 p.m Monday  
thru Thursday**

**Worship**

**Schedule:**

- **8:30am Bible Study**
- **9:30 a.m.  
Worship**

## **Pastoral care or concerns and Care Team contact info**

**For nonemergency care** (card of encouragement, visit at home or health care facility, or to receive communion), **please call the church office** to put your (or your loved one's) name on the Care list, updated weekly. If Michelle does not answer please leave a message that you would like to be contacted by the Care Team. A member will follow up with you within the week.

Church phone and voicemail number: **(360)748-4741 extension 2**

**For emergency pastoral care** (immediate or grave health or personal crisis) **contact Pastor Brenda Satrum or Paul Brassey**, if Pastor Brenda is not available.

Pastor Brenda Satrum: **(406) 381-1919**

Paul Brassey: **(360) 324-7808**

## **Supply Pastor Schedule:**

**April 7 Pastor Brenda Satrum**

**April 14 Pastor Randy Faro**

**April 21 Pastor Brenda Satrum**

**April 28 Pastor Brenda Satrum**

## **Women's News:**

### **Women's Monthly Bible Study**

By Joan Jahnsen

We will continue our monthly Bible study that explores how biblical stories of the natural world help us grow our love for and commitment to God, other people and our beloved earth. We will meet at **10:00 am on Sat. April 20<sup>th</sup> for Session 3: RIVERS**. The rivers that flow through scripture will teach us to pay attention to God's faithfulness throughout generations and to God's continued work to carry us towards life, justice and abundance for all creation.

## Young At Heart

by Sue Edwards

Young at Heart met Tues March 20th with 9 in attendance for guest speaker Jesse Lloyd from Veterans Journey Forward at the Veterans Memorial Museum in Chehalis. Jesse served for 5 years as a Marine in Infantry and Security. He then achieved a Bachelor's degree in Psychology and has nearly completed a Master's degree in Counseling. He has expertise in Post Traumatic

Stress, Substance Abatement, and Family Counseling. Lewis County veterans can access his assistance for free at the museum and at Timberland libraries in East Lewis County which he visits once a week. He noted it is rare for veterans under age 40 to seek help for emotional issues. He is working to reach younger vets via Disc Golf, a 5K run, and other recreational activities. Veterans have only to complete 5 minutes of paperwork with VJF to receive free help. Historically, the VA in the Pacific Northwest is among the worst in the United States. Veterans Journey Forward is NOT part of the VA, is funded by a grant from Lewis County, and began here the Fall of 2022. Its Veterans Service Officer Brianna Smith secured \$600,000 in back benefits to local veterans in January 2024 alone! Any local veteran is encouraged to consult Veterans Journey Forward for any concerns .



Submitted by Sue Edwards

The following came from an anonymous Mother in Austin, Texas:  
Things I've learned from my Children (honest & no kidding):

1. A king size waterbed holds enough water to fill a 2000 sq. ft house 4 inches deep.
2. If you spray hair spray on dust bunnies and run over them with rollerblades, they can ignite.
3. A 3-year old's voice is louder than 200 adults in a crowded restaurant.
4. If you hook a dog leash over a ceiling fan, the motor is not strong enough to rotate a 42 pound boy wearing Batman underwear and a Superman cape. It is strong enough, however, if tied to a paint can, to spread paint on all four walls of a 20x20 ft. room.
5. You should not throw baseballs up when the ceiling fan is on. When using a ceiling fan as a bat, you have to throw the ball up a few times before you get a hit. A ceiling fan can hit a baseball a long way.
6. The glass in windows (even double-pane) doesn't stop a baseball hit by a ceiling fan.
7. When you hear the toilet flush and the words "uh oh," it's already too late.
8. Brake fluid mixed with Clorox makes smoke, and lots of it.
9. A six-year old can start a fire with a flint rock even though a 36-year old man says they can only do it in the movies.
10. Certain Legos will pass through the digestive tract of a 4-year old.
11. Play dough and microwave should not be used in the same sentence.
12. Super glue is forever.
13. Pool filters do not like Jell-O.
14. Garbage bags do not make good parachutes.
15. Marbles in gas tanks make lots of noise when driving.
16. You probably do not want to know what that odor is.
17. Always look in the oven before you turn it on. Plastic toys do not like ovens.
18. The fire department in Austin, TX has a 5-minute response time.
19. The spin cycle on the washing machine does not make earthworms dizzy.
20. It will, however, make cats dizzy. Cats throw up twice their body weight when dizzy. 😊





Who: Children up thru grade 5  
What: Songs, Story, Games & Snack  
When: **Wednesdays 4:15-5:00pm**  
Where: Conference Room  
Leader: Joan Jahnsen & helpers  
Questions? call 360-388-5337

I would like to thank all who sent cards and called while I was basically at home unable to drive for six weeks. Your thoughtfulness meant a lot. Also, prayers of thanksgiving a recent medical test was a false alarm.

Marilyn Fenn



## Food for our Future:

**Packing weekend food for food insufficient students K-8 Chehalis school district. We are currently serving 60+ students a week. We are in need of clean plastic shopping bags Please bring them to the church Please leave in the Narthex on the table if you have any questions call Cathy Cavness**

**Thank you!**

**Cathy Cavness and Lorna Johnson**



## Library/BookGuild

The Book Guild will meet on **Tues. Apr. 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 pm** in the conference room. We will be having a book smorgasbord. Ladies will bring suggested books to the meeting that they have read and would lead to good discussions. We will then vote on the books that we will read for our next year which runs from Aug. through June.



**Financial Review:**

Monthly income March	
Offering	\$ 13,157.45
Other income	\$ 2,770.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 15,927.45</b>

Monthly income budget	\$ 17,200.00
Monthly expenses March	\$ 19,811.11

Noisy Sunday \$ 2,521.73

**2024 Year to date Totals**

YTD income:	\$56,338.49
YTD expenses:	\$61,182.24
Net Income:	\$-4843.75

We Thank You for your Generous Gifts



**Giving to Support St. John's**

As a church we encourage those who are part of the St. John's family to be giving to the work of our congregation. We believe you should not feel burdened by the issue of giving but in fact, find it a joy! We are pleased to provide e-giving options as an alternative to giving cash and checks in the offering plate (your cash and checks are always welcome!).

**Mobile Phone:** Scan the QR code provided here to access our mobile giving site and follow the prompts.

**Our Website** – on your computer, go to [www.stjohnschehalis.net](http://www.stjohnschehalis.net) and click on the “donate” button

**Online Banking** – Arrange to give through bill-pay at your own bank's website. You will be asked for the following information:

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**Questions?** Contact the Office

**Gentle Reminder**

If you are aged 70 1/2+ and have investments that now require you to make monthly withdrawals, you can have any amount of that monthly money sent as offering to St, Johns TAX FREE. The contribution must come directly from your Financial institution, not directly from you. Contact you financial planner to set it up, and let whomever does your taxes know so you get the tax relief. Its easy to do, and will save you some tax dollars.

Council thanks you





## Birthdays

- 2 Greg Moir
- 4 Christine Vlach  
Clara Giuliani
- 5 Samantha Barber
- 6 Brad Meagher
- 8 Caroline Carter  
Hannah Meier
- 9 Jerry Grill
- 10 Dolores Goedhard
- 16 Bernhard Kreutz  
Judy Utter
- 17 Evan Unzelman
- 18 Bob Cosser  
Michelle Lee
- 26 Christine Larsen
- 27 Stephen Jendryka
- 28 Tim Touhey



# BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

## April

### Anniversaries

- 25 Vicki and Bruce Graham

### Baptism Anniversaries

- 1 Matt Edwards
- 3 Jim Carey
- 5 Rick Michal
- 6 Lexi Erwin  
Janie Mauel
- 10 Lynette Gage  
Dolores Goedhard
- 11 Cole Fisher  
Riley Fisher  
Lucas Lee
- 12 April Michal  
Michael Vance
- 14 Shirley Dolman  
Andrew Michal
- 15 Brynne Bailey  
Colt Conzatti
- 17 Angela March
- 18 Janet Christin
- 19 Sierra Gilliland
- 22 Cason Justice
- 29 Ezra Birchard





### Birthdays

- 1 Mary Olson  
Bob Russell
- 2 Matthew Munz
- 3 Sue Edwards  
Mary Lou Sterner
- 4 Louis Wagner
- 5 Lilly Tobin
- 7 Jason Humphrey
- 9 Sierra Gilliland  
Ali Kirsch
- 11 Margarite Humphrey
- 12 Christina Jo Leith
- 15 Lillian Tobin
- 17 April Michal
- 18 Zach Stanfield
- 19 Katie Jahnsen  
Reid Olson
- 20 Alexandra Dean
- 21 Kristin Jendryka  
Mia Suhrbier
- 22 Ethan Barber  
Bobbi Haworth  
Colleen Touhey
- 23 Aaron Buda  
Ryan Buda
- 24 Oliver Heck
- 26 Sandi Gaffney  
Amber Gilliland  
Cori Jo Duncan  
Martina Munz  
Susan Russell
- 27 Mindy Judd
- 28 Randy Faro  
Brandon Touhey
- 31 Chris Coles  
Riley Fisher

### Anniversaries

- 18 Jan and Bob Cosser
- 21 Keith and Ceci Birchard
- 23 Sandy and Brian Gilliland
- 24 Katie and Jason Humphrey
- 27 Helen and Joe Buda

### Baptism Anniversaries

- 3 Sue Edwards  
Serene Johnson
- 5 Jerry Grill
- 6 Nancy Lynch
- 8 Courtney Cox  
Kelsey Hoffman
- 9 Cole Swanson
- 10 Adam Moir
- 11 Jill Carlson  
Ali Kirsch  
Krystal Sawyer
- 12 Alex Cox  
Greg Moir
- 13 Jeff Brown
- 17 Katrin Kreutz  
Mary Olson
- 18 Larry & Gail Dean  
Kathy Leith
- 20 Anne Gray
- 22 Christina Jo Leith  
Hannah Meier
- 23 Katie Humphrey  
Stephen Jendryka
- 24 Bob Russell
- 25 Evan Mitchell
- 27 Eric & Billie Melin  
Ericka Suhrbier
- 28 Cathy Scott



# April 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> 7 a.m. Group Exercise class 9 a.m. to 12 pm One Little Tree Preschool 10 am Altar Guild meeting	<b>2</b> 1:30 p.m. to 3:00pm Bible Study with Pastor Brenda	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 7 a.m. Group Exercise class	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> 8:30 am Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m Youth and Family 10:30am Church Growth	<b>8</b> 7 a.m. Group Exercise class 9 a.m. to 12 pm One Little Tree Preschool	<b>9</b> 9 a.m. to 12 pm One Little Tree Preschool 1:30 p.m. to 3:00pm Bible Study with Pastor Brenda	<b>10</b> 8 a.m Group exercise class 4:15 Kids of the Kingdom 7:00 pm Adult Choir Practice	<b>11</b> 9 a.m. to 12 pm One Little Tree Preschool 1:15 p.m. Fiber arts	<b>12</b> 7 a.m. Group Exercise class	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> 8:30 am Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Worship	<b>15</b> 7 a.m. Group Exercise class 9 a.m. to 12 pm One Little Tree Preschool	<b>16</b> 9 a.m. to 12 pm One Little Tree Preschool 1:30 p.m. to 3:00pm Bible Study with Pastor Brenda	<b>17</b> 8 a.m Group exercise class 1:30 Young @Heart 4:15 Kids of the Kingdom	<b>18</b> 9 a.m. to 12 pm One Little Tree Preschool 1:15 p.m. Fiber arts	<b>19</b> 7 a.m. Group Exercise class 9 a.m. to 12 pm One Little Tree Preschool	<b>20</b> 10 am Women Bible study
<b>21</b> 8:30 am Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Worship Noisy Sunday 11:00 am Council meet- ing	<b>22</b> 7 a.m. Group Exercise class 9 a.m. to 12 pm One Little Tree Preschool 6:00 p.m. Worship and Music meet- ing	<b>23</b> 9 a.m. to 12 pm One Little Tree Preschool 7:00 p.m Book Guild 1:30 p.m. to 3:00pm Bible Study with Pastor Brenda	<b>24</b> 8 a.m Group exercise class 4:15 Kids of the Kingdom 7:00 pm Adult Choir Practice	<b>25</b> 9 a.m. to 12 pm One Little Tree Preschool 1:15 p.m. Fiber arts	<b>26</b> 7 a.m. Group Exercise class 9 a.m. to 12 pm One Little Tree Preschool	<b>27</b> Mobile Meals 7:30 am –12
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## Upcoming Events

- April 1** Altar Guild 10 am  
**April 7** Youth and Family in the Nursery 10:30 am  
Church Growth 10:30 am  
**April 10** Adult Choir 7:00 pm  
**April 17** Young at Heart 1:30 pm  
**April 20** Women's Bible Study Brunch 10 am  
**April 21** Noisy Sunday Collection during Worship Service  
St. John's Council meeting in Conference room. 11 am  
**April 22** Worship and Music Meeting 6:00 pm  
**April 23** Book Guild 7:00 pm  
**April 24** Adult Choir practice 7:00 pm  
**April 27** Mobile Meals at LC Gospel Mission 7:30 -10am
- Tuesday's** Bible Study with Pastor Brenda 1:30 to 3 pm  
**Wednesday's** Kids of the Kingdom 4:15pm  
**Thursday's** Fiber Arts 1:30 pm

**St. John's QR Codes** They are simple to use just open up your Camera on your smart phone, tap your finger on the QR code and it will take you right to the Facebook page, Website and Worship link.

Facebook page



Website



Worship link



**St. John's Calendar** Our church calendar has moved! You will find the new Calendar in the hallway leading to the Conference room. If you are interested in when the community center is rented that calendar is in the Office. We also have an online Calendar on our website. If there is something you would like to add feel free to do so, let Michelle know.