

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH

246 Benjamin StreetRomeo, Michigan 48065
FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY.....JANUARY 29, 2012
Church Office.....752-4588 Hotline.....752-1067
Pastor Mark Evans.....752-2498
Email Address.....stjohnlutheranromeo@comcast.net Website.....www.stjohnromeo.org

WORSHIP 8:30 & 10:30 AM

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP.....P=Presiding, A=Assisting, C=Congregation

PreludeJan Evans

Congregational Greeting and Theme of the Day:
"With Authority"

ENTRANCE HYMN (stand): ***"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"*** **LBW #543**

GREETING:

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

KYRIE:.....WOV Page 28

P: Kyrie eleison;

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Christe eleison:

C: Christ, have mercy.

P: Kyrie eleison:

C: Lord, have mercy.

HYMN OF PRAISE:.....WOV Page 29

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;

Glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father,

We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;

Glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:.....WOV Page 30

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray...

C: **Healing God, you call us to follow in the path of the Holy One of God,
Jesus, who speaks and acts with authority. May we follow in his footsteps
motivated by knowledge of your wonderful deeds. Amen.**

PRAISE SINGERS (2) ***"Kyrie Eleison"*** *by David Huntsinger*

CHILDREN'S SERMON (2) Pastor Mark Evans

PRAISE HYMN: *Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)*

My chains are gone, I've been set free. My God, my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood, His mercy reigns, unending love, amazing grace.
The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, the sun forbear to shine.
But God who called me here below will be forever mine.
Will be forever mine. You are forever mine.

BAPTISM: (2) (*No photographs, please until after worship. The Service of Baptism is an opportunity for all of us to remember our Baptisms.*)

P: Dear Parents and Sponsors, you have brought **Aidan John Phillips** to this place because God wants him to be washed and cleansed. Through sin, we live in a broken world, but in baptism, by water and the spirit, we are reborn children of God and made members of Christ's Body.

S: *We present Aidan John Phillips to be washed in God's Baptismal water.*

P: As parents and sponsors, you are now asked to see that this child grows up in the Christian Faith; that he learn the stories of our Faith. See to it that through your lives he understands the meaning of the Creeds, the Lord's Prayer, and the Ten Commandments. Make sure that he experiences the love of Christ through your love, for it is Christ's love which shall sustain him throughout his life. Will you keep these promises?

Parents & Sponsors: We will.

P: Together, with this Congregation of Believers, will you affirm your faith and the Faith into which **Aidan** is baptized?

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: (congregation together)

God is love, and in God is the source of all goodness and truth. God is the creator of the universe and continues to recreate with us a kingdom of compassion for all humankind. Jesus is God's Son. Jesus was born of Mary, lived a life of kindness and concern, died a cruel death on an executioner's cross, and was raised on the third day to a new life. Jesus' life is our life. We can now live a life of kindness and concern; we can die and be raised to new life; we can live as forgiven sinners, confident of our place in eternity. We can respond to the call of Christ to follow him. The Holy Spirit is the spirit of God, alive and at work, establishing and building the realm of God on this earth. The Spirit of God leads us into the true faith, guides us through the difficult choices of life, and comforts us when we feel as if we cannot go on. God is with us, living inside of us, through the Holy Spirit. Amen.

THE BAPTISM: **Aidan John Phillips**, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

BAPTISMAL PRAYER

P: **Aidan John Phillips**, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the Cross of Christ forever.

A: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

CONGREGATIONAL WELCOME: We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, child of the same heavenly Father, and worker with us in the kingdom of God.

✠ Today we welcome ***Aidan John Phillips*** into our family of Christ. Aidan is the son of John and Alana (Bell) Phillips of Bruce Twp. Aidan's sponsors are Andrew Bell and Erin Phillips.

THE WORD OF GOD:

First Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

¹⁵The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own brothers. You must listen to him. ¹⁶For this is what you asked of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said, "Let us not hear the voice of the LORD our God nor see this great fire anymore, or we will die." ¹⁷The LORD said to me: "What they say is good. ¹⁸I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers; I will put my words in his mouth, and he will tell them everything I command him. ¹⁹If anyone does not listen to my words that the prophet speaks in my name, I myself will call him to account. ²⁰But a prophet who presumes to speak in my name anything I have not commanded him to say, or a prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, must be put to death."

Psalm 111

- 1 Praise the LORD. I will extol the LORD with all my heart in the council of the upright and in the assembly.
- 2 **Great are the works of the LORD; they are pondered by all who delight in them.**
- 3 Glorious and majestic are his deeds, and his righteousness endures forever.
- 4 **He has caused his wonders to be remembered; the LORD is gracious and compassionate.**
- 5 He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his covenant forever.
- 6 **He has shown his people the power of his works, giving them the lands of other nations.**
- 7 The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy.
- 8 **They are steadfast for ever and ever, done in faithfulness and uprightness.**
- 9 He provided redemption for his people; he ordained his covenant forever— holy and awesome is his name.
- 10 **The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow his precepts have good understanding. To him belongs eternal praise.**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

¹Now about food sacrificed to idols: We know that we all possess knowledge. Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. ²The man who thinks he knows something does not yet know as he ought to know. ³But the man who loves God is known by God. ⁴So then, about eating food sacrificed to idols: We know that an idol is nothing at all in the world and that there is no God but one. ⁵For even if there are so-called gods, whether in heaven or on earth (as indeed there are many "gods" and many "lords"), ⁶yet for us there is but one God, the Father, from whom all things came and for whom we live; and there is but one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom all things came and through whom we live. ⁷But not everyone knows this. Some people are still so accustomed to idols that when they eat such food they think of it as having been sacrificed to an idol,

and since their conscience is weak, it is defiled. ⁸But food does not bring us near to God; we are no worse if we do not eat, and no better if we do. ⁹Be careful, however, that the exercise of your freedom does not become a stumbling block to the weak. ¹⁰For if anyone with a weak conscience sees you who have this knowledge eating in an idol's temple, won't he be emboldened to eat what has been sacrificed to idols? ¹¹So this weak brother, for whom Christ died, is destroyed by your knowledge. ¹²When you sin against your brothers in this way and wound their weak conscience, you sin against Christ. ¹³Therefore, if what I eat causes my brother to fall into sin, I will never eat meat again, so that I will not cause him to fall.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (stand):.....WOV No. 613
C:

Celtic Alleluia

Al – le – lu – ia, al – le – lu – ia!

Al – le – lu – ia, al – le – lu – ia!

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 1st Chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The Holy Gospel: Mark 1:21-28

²¹They went to Capernaum, and when the Sabbath came, Jesus went into the synagogue and began to teach. ²²The people were amazed at his teaching, because he taught them as one who had authority, not as the teachers of the law. ²³Just then a man in their synagogue who was possessed by an evil spirit cried out, ²⁴"What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are--the Holy One of God!" ²⁵"Be quiet!" said Jesus sternly. "Come out of him!" ²⁶The evil spirit shook the man violently and came out of him with a shriek. ²⁷The people were all so amazed that they asked each other, "What is this? A new teaching--and with authority! He even gives orders to evil spirits and they obey him." ²⁸News about him spread quickly over the whole region of Galilee.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON: ***"With Authority"*** Pastor Mark Evans

OFFERING/OFFERTORY: (*Stand, if you are able, and sing*)..... LBW 565

C: **Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

A: Let us pray. Merciful God,

C: **we offer with joy and thanksgiving what You have first given us--ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of Your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of Him who offered Himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Announcements and Recognition of Visitors

People Concerns for the Week..... Pastor Mark Evans

Please keep the following individuals in your prayers:

Bill Adams, Margaret Allemon, Bob Barke, Dennis Barke, Marv & Rosalie Blackett, Michelle Blaskay, Paul Blaskay & Family, Jennifer Buckley, Pat Cabala, Amy (Barr) Carbeck, Matthew Decker, Tom Dixon, Melvin Dyker, Pastor Mark, Martin Falker, Judy Gallagher, Ed Goebel, Joyce Guimond, Al & Velma Jean Havers, Bill Higgins, Margaret Hotchkiss, Jennifer Hudson, Shannon Jaquays, Deborah Joyce, Harold Joyce, Lorolei Kahl, Pat Koleda, Amy Krawciw, Josh Long, Brigitte Maday, Ellen Maddin,, Helen Mangold, Amy May, Mike, Brooklynn Oland, James Olson, Jerry Olson, Lillie Oming, Don & Betty Pinnick, Ursula Rick, Ruth Rohm & Family, Clarence Samuel, Eric Schorling, Rick Schwartz, Chris Seablom, Bob See, Ron Seglund, Debbie Shepak, Virgene Shreves, David Shirey, the Family of Larry Sieger, Jim Smith, Carol Vernier, Joyce Vestrand, Ed Werderman, Suzanne Wilson, Kenneth Wizinsky Sr., Kim Wizinsky, Peter Yelick, and our serviceman overseas, Steve Horney.

After the updates of the People Concerns, the Congregation will stand and sing together:

PRAYER HYMN:

God Will Make A Way

God will make a way where there seems to be no way.
He works in ways we cannot see; He will make a way for me.

He will be my guide, hold me closely to His side.
With love and strength for each new day, He will make a way. He will make a way.

THE PRAYERS (stand):..... WOV Page 34

A: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus,
and for all people according to their needs.

Each portion of the prayers concludes with these words:

A: Lord, in your mercy,
C: **hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude with these words:

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
C: **Amen**

THE LORD’S PRAYER: (Stand if you are able) WOV Page 39

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

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 temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

THE BENEDICTION:

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN:

"Holy God, We Praise Your Name"

LBW #535

DISMISSAL:

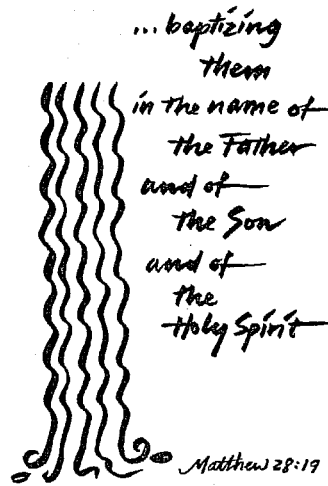
A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

Postlude..... Jan Evans

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To Our Visitors and Guests: Thank You for joining us for worship today. Please fill out a visitor card and give to the usher, or sign our guest register book in the front entrance when you leave. Please come and join us again!



VOLUNTEER MINISTERS FOR JANUARY 29, 2012

Assisting Minister: Karen Joyce

Acolyte: 1) Volunteers Please!
2) Hunter Long, Nick Howard

Greeters: 1) Tom Jurek Family
2) Ralph & Libby Wilson

Reader: 1) Ed Pauly
2) Mikaela Keller

Nursery: 1) Volunteer Please!
2) Hilary Beyerlein

Ushers: 1) Ed & Kay Pauly
2) Jeff & Ann Beyerlein

Counters: DROP BAG

Coffee Hour: Karen Joyce



THE WEEKLY BULLETIN – January 28/29, 2012

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GUESTS & VISITORS:

The members of St. John Lutheran Church and their Pastor extend to you a most cordial welcome and wish you a blessed worship hour with us. A staffed nursery is available for children 4 and under in the back of the church on Sundays.

Volunteer Ministers for FEBRUARY 5, 2012

Assisting Minister:

TBD

Acolytes:

- 1) Volunteer Please
- 2) Ryan & Aaron Schmidt

Greeters:

- 1) Bill & Linda Walters
- 2) Brad Morrison Family

Reader:

- 1) Ron Weyersberg
- 2) Amy Maruca

Nursery:

- 1) Volunteer Please
- 2) Suzanne Jaroh

Ushers:

- 1) Ron Weyersberg Family
- 2) Velma Springstube, Steve Springstube, Laura Gutenkunst

Counters:

Drop Bag

Coffee Hour:

Steve Hunt Family

Sat. Service Coordinators:

2/4/12: Dave & Laurie Hudson

Last Week's Attendance:

Saturday, 1/21	
5:00pm.....	52
Sunday, 1/22	
8:30am.....	87
10:30am.....	176
Sunday school.....	20



*The altar flowers this week are in honor of Lori Vernier's 28th Birthday!
from Carol & Bill Vernier*

May God richly bless the life of Aidan John Phillips, baptized this Sunday. Aidan's parents are John and Alana (Bell) Phillips of Romeo.

Please come to our Annual Meeting on Sunday, February 12th directly after one worship service at 10:00 a.m.!





We are in desperate need of volunteers! We are very short of people for ushering, counting, coffee hour and communion care and bread. Please prayerfully consider signing up for one of these volunteer ministries. Training is available. As of this writing, we have no one available for March communion care and bread. Thank you!

"Fresh Flower Ministry"

There is a poster board in the Gathering area for you to sign up for flowers. You can pick any date and then honor, remember, or celebrate anyone you choose. See more details on the order form.

POP CAN TABS

The total for 2011 was 74.5 lbs. collected, and the grand total is 332.5 lbs.

Please remember to visit our website!

www.stjohnromeo.org

The 50 plus Group

The group will meet on the **2nd Wednesday of each month.** Our next meeting is **February 8th** at 10:15am. The theme is "Leader Dog for the Blind." Guest speaker will be Mrs. Ashley Pecklo, Special Events Manager. A delicious catered luncheon will be prepared by Mr. Bob Schultz with a free will offering to help defray the luncheon expenses. A sign up sheet/board is in the gathering area for those who plan to attend. Please consider signing up to help out and attend!

Community
Wide Military
Package Drive
All are invited
to bring



unsealed Military Care Packages during Downtown Romeo's Romantic Days & Chocolate Festival. At Romeo Masonic Temple, 231 N. Main, Romeo, MI. (Boxes and info available in church entranceway)

Friday, February 10, 2012
~ 10:00am – 6:00pm
Saturday, February 11, 2012 ~ 10:00am – 12:00pm

MEN'S CLUB NEWS

Tuesday, February 13th is the next Euchre Night!

Sponsored by the St. John Men's Club, Euchre Night is the 2nd Tuesday of each month (off during summer months). Registration is 6pm and start time is 6:30pm. A fee of \$10 includes snacks and prizes.

The "Flower Girl" is looking for donations of large vases. If your vase cupboard is overflowing and you have one or two to spare it would be greatly appreciated. These will be used here at the church for the Altar Flower Ministry bouquets. You can drop them off at the office any time.

Thanks so much!



Church Group -
Meets at 12:30pm on the first Wednesday

of the month at the church. Please feel welcome to attend Bible study at any time. For more information, call Martha Kegler at 586-784-5439.

LOVE Day - Meets 9am-3pm on the second Tuesday of the month in the church basement. Contact Leona Thorman at 810-798-8532.

LOVE Day II - Meets 8am - 12pm on the first Wednesday of the month in the church basement. Contact Jan Alling at 586-752-7016.

WELCA FEBRUARY

PROJECT - HEALTH KITS

- ☆ Bath Towel, Hand Towel ☆
 - ☆ Washcloth, Bar of Soap ☆
 - ☆ Toothbrush, Toothpaste ☆
 - ☆ Comb ☆
 - ☆ Nail File or Clippers ☆
 - ☆ Box of Band-aids ☆
- THANK YOU!

➤ **Please note** that WELCA donations are still accepted in the main hallway but are now inside of the black cupboard in the labeled shelves.

Over 30 ministry resources available to you free at www.semi-welca.org

Meijer Community Rewards for December

2011 - \$35.52

Year to Date: \$374.43

Thank you, Shoppers!

NEWSPAPER AND MAGAZINE RECYCLING

Thank you for the tremendous response with this!

In **December** we recycled **5.48 tons** and received **\$87.91!** Landfill space saved - 17.10 cubic yards.

Total 2012 Year-to-date: **\$387.93.** Thank you!

➔IMPORTANT NOTE!

When we collect under 4 tons of paper, we earn under \$20.00. But when we collect 4 tons or more, we earn at least \$60.00!!!

So a little bit more paper from each of us earns the church 3 times as much money!

PLEASE, NO CARDBOARD or PHONE BOOKS

FEBRUARY PANTRY NEEDS FOR

SAMARITAN HOUSE

- TOMATO SAUCE -
- COFFEE - JUICE - BABY FOOD #3 - COOKING OIL - SHAMPOO - BATH SOAP - LAUNDRY DETERGENT - CRACKERS - OATMEAL - HAMBURGER HELPER - SUGAR - FLOUR - DEODORANT - DISH DETERGENT - DEPENDS (SIZE LARGE & EXTRA LARGE)

We are always in need of gluten free, sugar free and low sodium items*

We appreciate any non-perishable food items and toiletries that you can donate. Drop off your food donations during our normal business hours:

Tuesday and Wednesday, 10-6 and Friday 10 - 4. We are located at: 62324 Van Dyke, Washington, MI 48094, (586) 336-9956.

DECEMBER 2011 FINANCIAL REPORT

	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>Excess</u> <u>(Shortage)</u>
General Ministry - Dec.	\$ 33,117	\$ 20,668	\$ 12,449
Year To Date	\$ 239,893	\$ 234,635	\$ 5,258
Mortgage - Dec.	\$ 18,915	\$ 6,401	\$ 12,514
Year To Date	\$ 84,659	\$ 76,812	\$ 7,847

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THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN, JANUARY 28 – FEBRUARY 5, 2012

Saturday -Worship, 5pm
Sunday -Worship, 8:30 & 10:30am
-Sunday School, 10:15am
Monday -Can-Do Ringers, 6:30pm
Tuesday -Weight Watchers, 5:45pm
-Symphonia, 7pm
Wednesday -LOVE DAY II, 8am – 12pm
-Tai Chi, 10:30am
-WELCA, 12:30pm
-Praise Ringers, 6:30pm

Thursday -Praise Singers, 7:30pm
-AA & Alanon, 8pm
Saturday -Worship w/comm., 5pm
Sunday -Worship, 8:30 & 10:30am
-Sunday School, 10:15am



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Counters: Drop Bag

Coffee Hour Karen Joyce

Saturday Service Coordinators: Jan. 28: Gene & Lola Miller

Notes for the Office: *Please specify to whom your message is for by circling the appropriate heading:*

Administrative

Custodial

Finance

Pastoral

2nd Annual Spaghetti Dinner & Silent Auction

Capital Banquet Center will host the 2nd Annual Spaghetti Dinner to benefit Samaritan House. Plan to join us on **Wednesday, February 1st, from 4pm to 8pm** for an all you can eat buffet. Dinner includes two pasta selections, tossed salad, rolls and butter, hot fudge sundaes and non-alcoholic beverages. A cash bar will be available. Tickets are \$15 per person or two for \$25. Children 5 & under are \$6. You can purchase your tickets at Samaritan House, online or at the door. Silent auction items will be displayed throughout the evening for bidding. Capital Banquet Center is located at 12350 31 Mile Rd., east of Van Dyke. Please call Kim at 586-336-9956 for any additional information.



Samaritan House would love to have a Nativity Scene for our front yard. It needs to be weather resistant and a size that is noticeable from the street. If you have a nativity you are no longer in need of and would like to donate, please call us at 586-336-9956. Thank you.

Income Tax Preparation:

Beginning the last Saturday in January and continuing through early April, Samaritan House in cooperation with Accounting Aid Society and VITA will offer both Federal and Michigan Income Tax preparation to individuals with a gross income of \$25,000 or less and families with a gross income of \$50,000 or less. This is a free program, appointments are necessary. In early January, we will begin to schedule appointments, please call 586-336-9956. This free program at Samaritan House has returned OVER \$1.1million to this community at no cost to our clients.

Foster Care Program at Michi-Lu-Ca in 2012

Living Water Ministries has partnered with LSSM to offer a special camp experience at Michi-Lu-Ca for children (grades 3-12) who are in foster care. Being away from their mom and dad while in foster care is tough on kids and this week of camp provides a safe environment to explore faith, love, and grace in a beautiful outdoor setting. The partnership between LSSM and Living Water Ministries is exciting because it is a way that we can offer an opportunity for kids in foster care to gain a sense of community in Christ. This program will take place July 15-20, 2012 at Michi-Lu-Ca Conference Center and Camp.

Please contact the Living Water Ministries office at (231) 861-4138 or at office@elcalivingwater.com with any questions.