

## OUR ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

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| Weekend Worship.....          | 350 |
| Sunday Bible Class.....       | 20  |
| Sunday School Students.....   | 40  |
| Guests .....                  | 1   |
| Sunday School Workers.....    | 10  |
| Midweek Lenten Services ..... | 115 |
| Thursday Lighthouse.....      | 3   |

### FROM THE BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP:

Thank you for supporting God's work through St. John's. Our offering received last weekend:

**General Fund: \$10245.24**

**Building Fund: \$77.60**

**Thrivent Choice: \$480.00**

### Lent and Easter Worship Schedule

Midweek Lenten Service, March 14  
12:15 and 6:30 p.m. (March 21, 12:15 only)

March 21 and 24 – Cantata

March 25 is Palm Sunday  
*Confirmation at the 10:30 service*

March 29 is Maundy Thursday  
1:00 and 6:30 p.m. services  
with Holy Communion

March 30 is Good Friday  
1:00 and 6:30 p.m. services

**NO CHURCH ON SATURDAY, MARCH 31**

EASTER SUNDAY is April 1  
Worship at 6:00, 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. with Holy Communion

Our Youth will serve EASTER BREAKFAST  
from 7:00 – 9:30.

### *EASTER LILIES FOR THE ALTAR*

*Place a flower in memory or in honor of loved ones. Call the church office to reserve your Easter Lily for \$15 each. Deadline to order is March 23.*

# THE EAGLE

St. John's Newsletter

## March 11, 2018

Church Office Hours

Monday–Friday 8:00–11:30/12:30–4:00

*Email: [saintjohnslcms@gmail.com](mailto:saintjohnslcms@gmail.com)*

*Website: [stjohnslcms.net](http://stjohnslcms.net)*

Our 8 a.m. service is shown on Mediacom Channel 95.2 or 81 at 10 a.m. on Sundays.

### OUR MID-WEEK LENTEN SERIES

**“The Lord's Prayer.”**



We say it daily, but do we ever ponder upon it? This week's focus is on “Give Us This Day

Our Daily Bread”. Please plan to attend  
**The service times are 12:15 and 6:30 p.m.**

### SEMINARY FOOD DRIVE

Now until March 18.

THE YOUTH BOARD invites you and your family to join us for  
**FAMILY BOWLING**

at Pagel Silver Dollar Lanes  
**Sunday, March 18, 1-4 p.m.**

**PIZZA PROVIDED!**

(Soda available for purchase)

Please sign your name and number attending on the main hall bulletin board.

**Golden Eagles will meet March 22 at noon in the fellowship hall**

### Something New for You..

The trustees have added 3 hand sanitizing stations throughout the main floors of the church. Help yourself to a healthy helping! They are motion activated. No need to touch the dispenser!

## STUDY OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, 9:15 A.M.

Bible Study with Pastor Fortkamp

Lifelight –Conference Room

Sunday school opening in Church

WEDNESDAY, 3:30 p.m.

Confirmation Classes, for Grades 6–8

THURSDAY, 10:00 a.m.

Lifelight – Conference Room

### LWML-CID MISSION GRANT FOR MARCH

Books for Papua New Guinea School  
This partial grant of \$2,650 will be used to purchase and ship Lutheran books and study materials to the Good News Lutheran Church in the Enge Province of Papua New Guinea. This will help alleviate a drastic shortage of Lutheran books and study materials for the teachers and students in the seminaries and schools.

*Pray that these books strengthen the faith of all who receive these materials so “The Great Commission” of making disciples of all nations is fulfilled.*

### EAGLE'S NEST REGISTRATION

**is now open for 2018/2019!**

Pick up a form from the main hall bulletin board or go online at [eaglesnestpreschool.com](http://eaglesnestpreschool.com)

**Log in at <http://smile.amazon.com> to choose St. John's Lutheran Church, Effingham. 1/2% of your purchase will be donated to our general fund!**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 24 AT 6:30 P.M.**  
**2018 JOY SHOP at Immanuel Lutheran Church.** Salad supper, Bible study and fellowship. RSVP to your society by April 12  
Features Katie Schuermann

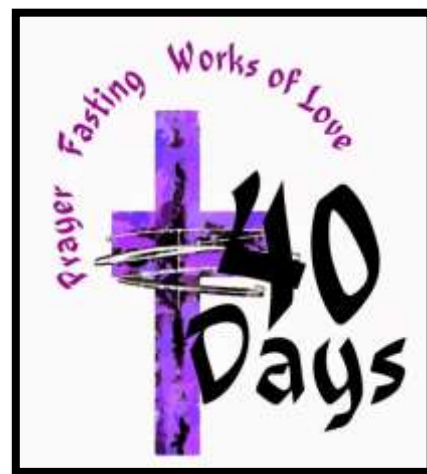
### ***EAGLE'S NEST PRESCHOOL NEWS!***

*The students and their families will have a brunch here on Sunday, March 18. Afterwards, the preschoolers will be singing at the 10:30 worship service. We welcome Eagle's Nest parents and children!*

### **Larry Brandt Memorial Scholarship Applications**

The Board of Youth established this scholarship fund to support St. John's students as they pursue a post-secondary education. Applicants must be enrolled in or attending an accredited college or university pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree.

Pick up the form and details from the church office, the main hall bulletin board or online at our website. **DEADLINE IS APRIL 10, 2018**



### **In Memory of Eugene Steben**

Eugene E. "Gene" Steben, passed away March 1, 2018, at the age of 79 years, 8 months, and 6 days. Funeral services were held March 5, at St. John's Lutheran Church, Effingham, with burial in Arborcrest Memorial Park.

May God comfort Gene's family and friends with His promise of a sure and certain reunion in Heaven.

**Lydia Guild will be selling pecans after all services this weekend. See our display in the Atrium...**

**\$10.25 halves**

**\$10.00 small pieces**

### **"ONCE UPON A TREE" CANTATA**

**March 21 at 6:30 p.m.**

**March 24 at 5:30 p.m.**

### **CANTATA PRACTICE MARCH 11**

Practice will continue on Sunday, March 11 from 6-8 p.m. All who are involved with the Cantata should be present. However, the Make Up Committee does NOT need to attend. We will continue staging the scenes and begin working with props. Prop Committee should bring necessary props. Contact Holly Bray, Amy Kohnert or Dean Manuel (618-267-7914)

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:**

The EASTER class (Effingham Area Special Teaching Education Religion) meets alternating Saturday mornings from 9:30-11:00AM here at St John's from September through May.

For more information contact Joan Garbe at 217/739-2269.

**Deaconess Brenda Scarberry will be here on March 10 to visit our Easter class and provide us with information about Bethesda at the Saturday, 5:30 service.**

### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

**JUNE 11-14**

**"Splash Canyon"**

*God's Promise on Life's Wild Ride.*

**6:00-8:00 P.M.**



### **FINANCIAL PEACE CLASSES OFFERED AT ST. JOHN'S**

What if you were debt-free, investing and making wise spending decisions? With Dave Ramsey's class Financial Peace University, you CAN take control of your money and start planning for your future. If you're interested in learning more about the class, contact Kristen (Siebert) Probst at 217-821-8244. Class begins April 4<sup>th</sup> here at St. John's!

Visit the site at the link below to learn more and register! <https://fpu.com/1059093>

Go to our Facebook page for an introductory video.

**The Board of Evangelism has a basket set up in the Atrium for Cancer Center gift bags. You will find a shopping list on the main hall bulletin board.**

### **FOOD PANTRY**

**Tuesday, March 13 from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.**

*Members may call the church office anytime for groceries.*

### ***DO YOU NEED A L.I.F.T?***

*All "Ladies in Fellowship Together" will meet at Gopher's Grill on Monday, March 19 at 6 p.m.*

*Let's start this week out with an adventure at the newest restaurant in town! We have reservations under: St. John's Lutheran Church.*

**Lenten Reminder:  
God grades on the  
cross, not the curve.**



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 11-18, 2018

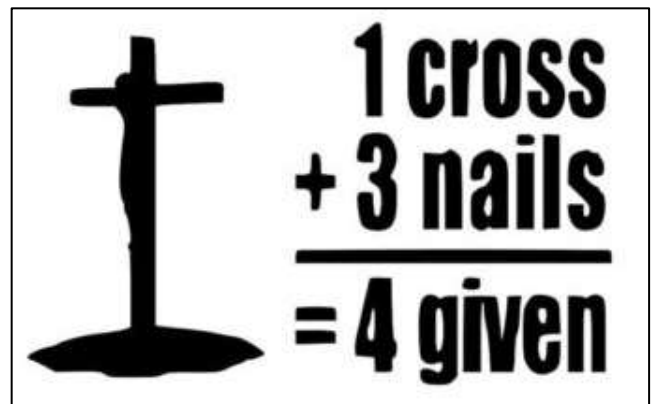
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| <b>SUNDAY</b>  | <b>11</b> | <b>8:00 &amp; 10:30 A.M.</b> | <b>WORSHIP SERVICES<br/>WITH HOLY COMMUNION</b> |
|  |           | <b>9:15 A.M.</b>             | <b>CHRISTIAN EDUCATION</b>                      |
|  |           | <b>6:00 – 8:00 P.M.</b>      | <b>CANTATA PRACTICE</b>                         |
| <b>MONDAY</b>  | <b>12</b> | <b>5:15 P.M.</b>             | <b>STEWARDSHIP</b>                              |
|  |           | <b>5:30 P.M.</b>             | <b>CROSSTONES</b>                               |
|  |           | <b>6:00 P.M.</b>             | <b>EVANGELISM MEETING</b>                       |
| <b>PRESCHOOL MONDAY THRU FRIDAY 8:30 – 11:30 A.M.</b>      |           |                              |   |
| <b>TUESDAY</b>   | <b>13</b> | <b>3:00 – 4:00 P.M.</b>      | <b>FOOD PANTRY</b>                              |
|  |           | <b>5:30 P.M.</b>             | <b>BOARD OF SOCIAL MINISTRY</b>                 |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b>   | <b>14</b> | <b>12:15 &amp; 6:30 P.M.</b> | <b>MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES</b>                  |
|  |           | <b>3:30 P.M.</b>             | <b>CONFIRMATION CLASSES</b>                     |
| <b>THURSDAY</b>  | <b>15</b> | <b>10:00 A.M.</b>            | <b>LIFELIGHT</b>                                |
|  |           | <b>6:30 P.M.</b>             | <b>RESCHEDULED ELDER MEETING</b>                |
| <b>FRIDAY</b>  | <b>16</b> | <b>9:00 – 10:30 A.M.</b>     | <b>MOMMY AND ME</b>                             |
| <b>SATURDAY</b>  | <b>17</b> | <b>5:30 P.M.</b>             | <b>WORSHIP</b>                                  |
| <b>SUNDAY</b>  | <b>18</b> | <b>8:00 &amp; 10:30 A.M.</b> | <b>WORSHIP SERVICES</b>                         |
|  |           | <b>9:15 A.M.</b>             | <b>CHRISTIAN EDUCATION</b>                      |
| <b>PRESCHOOL BRUNCH AND STUDENTS SING AT 10:30 SERVICE</b> |           |                              |   |
|  |           | <b>6:00 – 8:00 P.M.</b>      | <b>CANTATA PRACTICE</b>                         |

## BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

- 3/11 Patricia Logan, Jim Schroeder
- 3/12 Steve Wendling
- 3/13 Donna Parker, Sean Sandifer
- 3/14 Kyle Kohnert, Michael Kremer, Jr., Aleece Lotz, Tyler Marxman, Holly Wall
- 3/15 Jordan Grupe, Andrew Perry, Kelsey Rubin, Brad Wenthe, Mike Womack
- 3/16 Chris Lading, Mark Marxman
- 3/17 Norma Wendling

*OUR NEXT BLOOD DRIVE IS APRIL 29  
FROM 8 A.M. TO NOON*

**ELECTRONIC RECYCLING DAY HERE  
SATURDAY, APRIL 14 FROM 9 A.M. TO NOON**  
You will find a list of accepted items on the main hall bulletin board. Take a copy with you and plan to be "green" by disposing of electronics in a responsible manner!



**Planning for a LIFETIME** – an attorney will be presenting on legal documents everyone should have and information on estate planning. This free meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 13 at 6 p.m. at the Effingham Public Library. Please register at [effinghamlibrary.org](http://effinghamlibrary.org) or call 342-2464.