

THE EAGLE

St. John's Newsletter

December 9, 2018

Church Office Hours

Monday–Friday 8:00–11:30/12:30–4:00

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OUR REVISED SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER

- Sundays 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. only
- Advent services at 6:30 p.m. only
- Christmas Eve Worship at 4:00 and 6:30 p.m. only

POINSETTIAS FOR THE ALTAR
Come by the church office to have a flower placed in memory or in honor of a loved one or a praise or thanksgiving.
NEW PRICING - \$10EACH
Deadline to order is December 15

OUR ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

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| Weekend Worship..... | 296 |
| Advent Service..... | 51 |
| Adult Bible Class | 21 |
| Sunday School Students..... | 44 |
| Teachers..... | 9 |

FROM THE BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP:

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

General Fund: \$ 9,795.00

Building Fund: \$100.00

November General Fund Summary

Deposits: \$39,499.00

Expenditures: \$67,876.66

Ending Balance: \$91,187.94

"What Child is This?"

Children's Christmas Program

December 16 at 10:30 a.m.

PRACTICE

3-5 p.m.

SUNDAY,

DECEMBER 9



OUR YOUTH WILL HOST A

Cookie Walk

December 16

Be sure to browse our variety of baked goodies for your Christmas treats!

They will be set up in the hallway on the main level.

THANK YOU to all who supported the breakfast to raise \$ for Haitian Bibles. Your overwhelming response filled the need over and above what was expected!

THANK YOU SO MUCH for the prayers, calls, visits, gifts and well-wishes for my recovery. I've been working hard at Cardiac Rehab and at home to get stronger after that heart attack in early November.

Special thanks to the Carolers who brought joy to my heart last Sunday!

I miss being with you and extend Blessed Christmas Wishes to each and all!
Pastor Gall

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SUNDAY, 9:15 A.M.

Bible study by Pastor Fortkamp
Trinity A/B

Sunday School classes meet in church

WEDNESDAY, 3:30 P.M.

Confirmation with Pastor Fortkamp



IN MEMORY OF ELNORA SMALLWOOD

Elnora Smallwood entered eternal glory on Tuesday, December 4, 2018 at the age of 104 years, 4 months and 28 days.

Funeral services were held at St. John's on Saturday, December 8 with burial in Arborcrest Memorial Park.

May God grant her family and friends the peace that comes with His promise of a sure and certain reunion in Heaven.

DECEMBER 30 PRESENTATION

*Join us in the Trinity Rooms during Sunday school hour, (9:15 – 10:15) on Sunday, December 30. We will hear an interesting presentation from Hayden Rensner, daughter of Pastor and Mrs. Jason Rensner. Hayden will share information about her medical mission work in Sierra Leone, Africa. Come and hear how God's Word is being spread through this work in Africa. **Boards of Evangelism and Christian Education***

CHRISTMAS...WHEN WE RECEIVED
GOD'S BEST GIFT OF ALL,
OUR SAVIOR!!!

This month I'm asking you to think of others from our church family who are shut-ins or in assisted living homes that would like the gift of our visits. Let the church office know their names & contact information so we can begin meeting them in January of 2019.

God has already blessed our visiting ministry team with EIGHT volunteers to have monthly fellowship with St. John's valued members!!! But don't let that number stop YOU from adding your name on the sign up sheet. With more volunteers, it's even easier to spread Christ's love with our special seniors!!

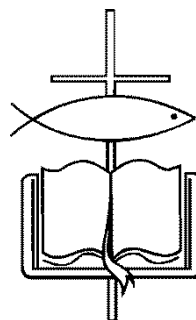
LIFELIGHT

**New study will begin in
January**

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**Sign up on the main hall
bulletin board.**

**Sunday and midweek classes
available.**



NATIONAL YOUTH

**GATHERING
JULY 2019
MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA**

**Two of our high school students,
Coralin Ohnesorge
and Wes Radloff
as well as their chaperones are
registered for the 2019 Gathering.**

**Take STOCK in our Youth! Purchase
a certificate for \$20. You'll be invited
to hear a report on their trip over a
pasta dinner!**

Our Adopted Seminary Student

Mr. Michael L. Stein

Lutheran Senior Services CPE

723 S. Laclede Station Rd

Webster Groves, MO 63119-4911

CORRECTION!

***ROGER AND NANCY OHNESORGE recently
donated a ping pong table to our youth.***

Last week it was incorrectly reported.

Thanks so much ROGER AND NANCY!!!

Eagle's Nest Preschool

Jesus' Birthday Party (All classes)

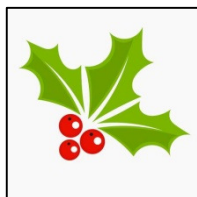
December 17 and 18

10:45 a.m. both days

Christmas Break

December 19 to

January 3



“Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”
Philippians 2:9-11

I have never experienced a Christmas service in Haiti, but I have been to several worship services when I've visited, so I can only imagine what a grand celebration a Christmas service would be! Because of the lack of commercialism and the strong faith of the Haitians to trust in the Lord to provide daily, I truly believe that the people of Haiti worship and praise the Lord, for the gift of Jesus, with extremely thankful hearts to a point that maybe we can't fully express here in the United States.

What if you didn't have a warm home to return to after church and a tree with presents underneath, would you still proclaim the greatness of the gift of birth of our Savior? I'm sure you would, but how? So, this Christmas as you are singing your favorite Christmas carols and hymns, close your eyes for a brief moment and imagine you are worshipping in Haiti! Lift your hands, raise your voices, bow down on your knees, and confess with your mouth that Jesus Christ is Lord. He is our Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace!

I'm so grateful to have written this article right before Christmas. I thank my friends in Haiti because they have reminded me to worship as true worshippers do, in spirit and truth, from a place of need, not a place of want. Lord I Need Thee, Every Hour I Need Thee! Thank you for the gift of Your Son, Jesus!

Amen & Merry Christmas!

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF OUR
ADOPTED SCHOOL IN HAITI!**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 9-16, 2018

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| SUNDAY | 9 | 8:00 & 10:30 A.M. | WORSHIP SERVICES WITH HOLY COMMUNION |
| | | 9:15 A.M. | CHRISTIAN EDUCATION |
| | | 3:00 – 5:00 P.M. | CHRISTMAS PRACTICE |
| MONDAY | 10 | 5:15 P.M. | STEWARDSHIP |
| | | 6:00 P.M. | BOARD OF TRUSTEES |
| | | 6:00 P.M. | EVANGELISM BOARD |
| PRESCHOOL CLASSES 8:30 – 11:30 A.M. | | | |
| TUESDAY | 11 | 5:30 P.M. | BOARD OF SOCIAL MINISTRY MEETING AT JOE'S PIZZA |
| | | 6:15 P.M. | BOARD OF EDUCATION |
| WEDNESDAY | 12 | 3:30 P.M. | CONFIRMATION CLASS |
| | | 6:30 P.M. | ADVENT WORSHIP |
| | | 7:30 P.M. | CHOIR AND BELLS |
| THURSDAY | 13 | 1:00 P.M. | PRAYER SHAWL AT CRACKER BARREL |
| | | 6:30 P.M. | BOARD OF ELDERS MEETING |
| SATURDAY | 15 | 9:30 A.M. | E.A.S.T.E.R. |
| SUNDAY | 16 | 8:00 A.M. | WORSHIP |
| | | 9:15 A.M. | CHRISTIAN EDUCATION |
| | | 10:30 A.M. | CHRISTMAS PROGRAM |

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

- 12/10 Abby Barr, Chloe Martin,
Justin Marxman
- 12/11 Kiersten Baker, Jill Hecht, Joel
Wolfe
- 12/12 Marlin Alwardt, Mallory Dixon,
Kaleb Hartman, Adam
Wendling, Brandon Willis
- 12/14 Bob Flach, Randy Miller
- 12/15 Kris Wernsing

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

- 12/9/88 Bob & Janet Hecht
- 12/11/71 Paul & Colleen Leppin
- 12/11/71 Les & Norma Miller

Pastor Fortkamp's birthday is
December 21.

ORDERING FROM THE AMAZON SITE?

*Make your purchases through
smile.amazon.com and check St. John's
Lutheran Church to receive ½% of your
purchase. It is automatically sent to our
general fund.*

LUTHERAN HOUR PROGRAMS:

WCRA Effingham, 1090 AM Sundays at 9:30 a.m.
WPMB Effingham, 104.7 FM Sunday at 12:03 p.m.
WGEL Greenville, 101.7 FM Sunday at 9:15 a.m.
KFUO St. Louis, 850 AM Sunday at 12:30/5:00 p.m.