

# THE EAGLE

St. John's Newsletter

December 22, 2019

## OUR ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Worship .....	405
Sunday School.....	38
Adult Bible Class.....	26
Confirmation Classes.....	12
Advent Worship .....	118

### FROM THE BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP

Thank you for supporting God's work through St. John's.

Our offering received last weekend:

General Fund: .....\$10849.00

Building Fund: ..... \$20.00

### 2020 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES

*May be picked up in the fellowship hall*

*Please continue to use the 2019 envelopes until the NEW YEAR!*

Please be advised that for the safety of the Members of our Church, the Board of Trustees has decided that during the winter months, the front entrance, and east entrance of the Church will be closed when snow and ice are present. Chains or similar devices will be used to block the entrances off when there is a concern for safety. Please be aware of this change. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

We will be taking down the Christmas decorations in the church on January 11<sup>th</sup> at 9AM, if anyone is interested in helping, please come and join us, thank you.

### From Our Pastor...

"I'm sorry, I don't know your name." In these first three months of our life together you've heard me say that in various ways. I hope you can find the comfortable and confident "sweet spot" in which to say that to others here at Church. In a congregation our size, it's certain that you don't know everyone's name. Add to that the number of guests we hope will join us for Christmas and you're going to need to find that sweet spot.

Here's my appeal: decide ahead of time how you're going to approach people in that way. Be gentle and confident. Introduce yourself and ask their name. If they are a longtime-member and you didn't know it, apologize and keep getting to know them, as the Lord would. If they are a guest, welcome them as the Lord would.

Our office staff recently discussed a little article titled, "*Investing in People Skills over Marketing.*" The title largely says it all. Warm, clear communication between people is more powerful than the most impressive marketing campaign.

Of course, just getting to know people's names is not our ultimate goal. We want all who walk with us here at St. John's to know God's grace and truth in Jesus Christ. Join me in praying that His name will be known – and glorified – among us. A blessed Advent ending, and Christmas beginning,

*Pastor Bredick*



## POINSETTIAS WERE PLACED ON THE ALTAR BY THESE FAMILY & FRIENDS

- ❁ In Memory of Lloyd Budde, by Lois Budde & family
- ❁ In Honor of Christ's birth, by Lisa & Dan Norton
- ❁ In Memory of Jim Wall, by the Wall Family
- ❁ In Memory of Lowell & Joyce Miller & Clyde Janis, two white poinsettias, by Howard & Laura Janis
- ❁ In Loving Memory of Tyler Walker, by the Zeigler family
- ❁ In Loving Memory of Bob Wendling, by Norma, children, grandchildren & greatgrandchildren
- ❁ In Loving Memory of their fathers, Ardon Mellendorf & Glen Miller, by Neal & Sarah Mellendorf
- ❁ For Blessings received and memory of loved ones, by Warren & Elois Schlechte
- ❁ In Loving Memory of Onda Wendte, by Irvin, Carolyn, Derek, Donetta Coraline & Cailen
- ❁ In Loving Memory of Doug Boerngen, by Tamara Boerngen and the girls
- ❁ Thanks Be To GOD for Jesus' birth, death and resurrection, by Pastor & Kathy Burdick
- ❁ In Memory of Carolyn, by Charlie Braasch
- ❁ In Memory of Raymond Bahrns /Gene & Gail Bolat by Todd & Sonya Martin
- ❁ In Memory of Lois & Rolan Moeller and for God's many blessings, by John & Marla
- ❁ In Loving Memory of Eugene & Luella Steben, by Gail & Marlene Bushue & family
- ❁ In Loving Memory of Wilbert Schaefer, by Marilyn Schaefer
- ❁ In Loving Memory of Elnora Smallwood, by Marilyn Schaefer
- ❁ In Loving Memory of Jeannie Wente, by Leroy
- ❁ Thanksgiving for all our blessings, The Chris & Christina Niebrugge family
- ❁ To The Glory Of God, by Pastor & Liz Brown

## LIFELIGHT

The first class will begin January 19 discussing the "Life of David". Orientation is January 12. Sign-up sheet is on the main hall bulletin board. Reminder to sign up by January 5<sup>th</sup>.

Scrip cards are always the right size and color! Shop early for Christmas giving.

## JANUARY FOOD PANTRY

Is in need of Chicken Soup & Crackers

The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup> we will be taking up a collection for our Food Pantry

In coordination with the Boards of Education and Evangelism Hayden Rensner was scheduled to come for a presentation, but her trip to Kenya has been cancelled. She will no longer have a trip to report to us about at this time.

## ATTENTION

There will be no Sunday school on Sunday, December 29th

For our members who are snow birds in the winter months, please stop in or call the office and let us know that you will be gone!

## HOMEFIRES

Participants will meet on January 12<sup>th</sup> in the Trinity rooms at 5 p.m. to organize their groups and schedules. If anyone is interested, please join us! The book they are discussing is "UNSHAKABLE HOPE" by Max Lucado

Please list the 2020 elected and appointed members of your board in your December minutes. Also note the chair, secretary as well as the treasurer, if applicable. Thanks.

## From Our Elders:

The board of elders will be bringing a suggested resolution to the Church Council and the Voters next month in relation to our Central Illinois District's appeal for a special offering. See the insert in the Worship folder today. Prayerfully consider how we can help our District continue to carry out the mission and the ministry we have together. Thank you!

## PRAYER LIST

Shawn Bourland, Steven & Kathleen French, Craig Lindvahl, Deborah Wallin, Gerard Bierman, Tim Mueller, Joye Bushue, Austin Miller, Esta Johnson, Alan Phelps, Roselle McClure, Greg Lankford, Zach Fritcher, Lori Spears, Gerald Pontious, Voris Osborn, Lois Kyle, Joyce Schaefer, Craig Wolff, Nick Miller, Rochel Alwardt, John Holland, Lorri Mayberry, Marion Tolch, Ronnie Ziegler, Dave Wall, Vivian Kinkelaar, Dianne Doty, Carolyn Reynolds, Ruth Buening, Julie Scott, Cindy Myers, Janet Brinkopf, Shirley Wittenberg, Patsy Latch, Evelyn Schumaker, Troy and Ammon Probst.

CALENDAR

December 22-29, 2019

SUNDAY	22	8 & 10:30 AM	WORSHIP W/HC
		9:15 AM	CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
<i>PRESCHOOL CHRISTMAS BREAK</i>			
MONDAY	23	5:30 PM	CHOIR
TUESDAY	24	12:00	OFFICE CLOSURES
		4:00, 6:30, 11:00	CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP
WEDNESDAY	25	ALL DAY	OFFICE CLOSED
		9:00AM	CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP
FRIDAY	27		<i>PASTOR'S SABBATH</i>
SATURDAY	28	2:00PM	STREMMING/OUSLEY WEDDING
		5:30 PM	WORSHIP
SUNDAY	29	8 & 10:30AM	WORSHIP
		9:15 AM	CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
		11:30AM	FELLOWSHIP MEAL

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

12/22 Wilma Krueger, Carol Lading  
 12/23 Travis Barr, Renee Kremer,  
 Patrick Romero, Anne Stine  
 12/24 Carla Bierman, Emmeline Flach,  
 Gary Norris, Tommy Quance  
 12/26 Mitchell Haller, Eugene Koebele,  
 Shannon Stuemke, Clifford Traub  
 12/27 Jessica Budde, Dylan Kuhns  
 12/28 Dannie Braun  
 12/29 Tyler Devall, Clayton Gregory,  
 Andrew Knight, Phillip Knight,  
 Anglea Lidy, Zachery Pruemer

**ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK**

12/16/78 Richard & Sandra Devall  
 12/16/66 Jerry & Mattie Niccum  
 12/16/72 Neil & Phyllis Rohlfing  
 12/18/60 Eldon & Judy Joergens  
 12/21/13 Blair & Aaron Smith  
 12/21/96 Philip & Shannon Stuemke  
 12/22/06 Joanna & Rob Davies

