

THE EAGLE
St. John's Newsletter
December 29, 2019

OUR ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Worship.....	375
Adult Bible Class.....	25
Confirmation Classes.....	9
Christmas Eve.....	622
Christmas Day.....	81

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

Our offering received last weekend:

General Fund:\$10,320.00
Building Fund: \$250.00

2020 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES
May be picked up in the fellowship hall

Celebrate! Next Sunday, January 5, we'll observe the Feast of **Epiphany**, Christmas for the Gentiles!

Adult Catechism Bible Study--
Sign up today if you are interested in studying the basics of the Lutheran Christian Faith. Pastor Burdick will begin his 10-session Catechism class in the week of January 6! Let him know you're interested on the sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board in the main hallway. Thank you.

From Our Pastor...

Merry Christmas, dear friends. Kathy and Abby and I are exceedingly grateful to God for our salvation from Him and our fellowship with you. You have been so very kind to us. Thank you. While we are away this Sunday with some of our extended family in Peoria, I'd like to express my gratitude to Pastor Fortkamp, as well as Gloria, for all he has done among us. We are blessed.

I also thank the many volunteers who served so well throughout Advent and Christmas: the ushers, acolytes, altar guild, communion servers, elders, audio-visual operators, live-nativity participants, greeters and readers. And especially the musicians ... you organists, directors, band members, ringers, and singers have blessed us and glorified God. Thank you.

The new year will hold some surprises for us. None of them will surprise the Lord of all time and people. In all circumstances, He will prove to be faithful and sufficient. Thus, we greet the swiftly changing year in the name of Jesus, Who changes not. Merry Christmas! In His love,

Pastor Burdick

Adult Fellowship will be hosted by Jeff & Lonni Weis on January 19th. Soup supper will start at 4 & eat at 5 pm. Please bring your own drinks and dish is optional. Please join us at 2406 Culpepper St. If you have any questions please call Lonni at 217-821-9777.



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 & Cailin
- ✿ 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 & Melinda Bahrns/ Gene & Gail Bolat by Todd & Sonya Martin
- ✿ In Memory of Lois & Rolan Moeller and for God's many blessings, by John & Marla Jackson
- ✿ 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 5th.

JANUARY FOOD PANTRY

Is in need of Chicken Soup & Crackers

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

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 12th 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

Board Chairs & Secretaries:

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.

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, Vivian Kinkelaar, Dianne Doty, Carolyn Reynolds, Ruth Buening, Julie Scott, Cindy Myers, Janet Brinkopf, Shirley Wittenberg, Patsy Latch, Evelyn Schumaker, Troy and Ammon Probst and family

In coordination with the board of Education and Evanglism Hayden Renser was scheduled to come for a presentation on January 5, but her trip to Kenya has been cancelled. She will no longer have a trip to report to us about at this time.

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

Gal. 4:4 – "But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law." Jesus was born under the law so that He might fulfill the law in our place. His perfect righteousness is credited to us. And it is this free forgiveness of sins and this crediting of righteousness that sets us free to follow our Lord in godly living. Since we are freed from the law's condemnation, we are freed from any mercenary attitudes. Now that the Lord has shown His love to us in saving us, we freely show our thanks to Him in generosity, humility, and kindness. That's "stewardship!"

"The celebration of Christmas and the celebration of Epiphany are celebrations of life, infant life. The salvation of the world, your salvation, began with conception, and the Christ child, your Savior Jesus, passed through every stage of life that you did, including many stages where it is legal in our country to destroy nascent life. Yes, we can adduce many passages from Scripture (and many insights from secular science) to prove that there is no essential difference between the embryo you once were the child or adult you are today; but the greatest demonstration that all life is sacred comes from Christ Himself, whose journey to the cross began in the womb of Mary." *Rev. Christopher Maronde, pastor of Saint John Lutheran Church, Decatur, Indiana – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

CALENDAR

December 29, 2019--January 5, 2020

SUNDAY	29	8 & 10:30 AM	WORSHIP
		9:15 AM	CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
		11:30 AM	FELLOWSHIP MEAL
<i>PRESCHOOL CLASSES RESUME JANUARY 6, 2020</i>			
MONDAY	30	5:30 PM	CHOIR
TUESDAY	31	6:00PM	NEW YEAR'S EVE WORSHIP W/HC
WEDNESDAY	1		OFFICE CLOSED
		9:00AM	NEW YEAR'S DAY WITH W/HC
FRIDAY	3		<i>PASTOR'S SABBATH</i>
SATURDAY	4	5:30 PM	EPIPHANY WORSHIP
SUNDAY	5	8 & 10:30AM	EPIPHANY WORSHIP
		9:15 AM	CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
		8 & 10:30AM	INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

- 12/29 Tyler Devall, Clayton Gregory,
Andrew Knight, Phillip Knight,
Angela Lidy, Zachary Pruemmer
- 1/1 Carla Fox,
- 1/2 Vicki Cook, Faith Flinn, Jacqueline
Wiseman
- 1/3 Sandra Devall
- 1/4 Kay Boerngen
- 1/5 Christopher Bahrns
Cathy Bloemer

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

- 12/25/96 Brian & Jill Marxman
- 12/27/75 Rev. Earl & Liz Brown
- 12/29/73 Sarah & Daniel Riordan
- 12/30/66 Chuck & Lorri Mayberry
- 12/31/12 Troy & Lindsay Van
Blaricum

**INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS ON
JANUARY 4th & 5th**

PASTOR would like to invite all officers,(newly elected and appointed as well as all those continuing to serve in 2020)

to come forward in one of our three services for an installation and blessing. Thank you for serving!