

THE EAGLE
 St. John's Newsletter
 January 12, 2020

FROM OUR PASTOR....

If you made a resolution for growth in goodness in 2020, is it still intact? Whether it was in regard to diet or devotions, I doubt you have a perfect record in the first eleven days of the year. Therefore, let's rejoice together in forgiveness -- from Christ, not yourself. Repent, and believe the Good News! *Daily*. Blood-bought, objective forgiveness is the main commodity of our congregation and the deepest need of our lives.

You have done a lot of ministry through the years as you supported the mission of the Central Illinois District. Through your offerings here, you provided opportunities for college students to be baptized and confirmed in the LCMS. I was privileged to be the pastor for one of those students at WIU, and this month he has a great little article in *The Lutheran Witness* on the beauty of forgiveness. In it, he reminds us that "forgiving ourselves" is not the best concept. God's forgiveness for the sake of Jesus is!

Stay in the Word of God daily. Join a Bible Study here at Church. Rejoice in the truth and grace of Jesus. Resolve to live daily as His redeemed child! In Him,

Pastor Bredale

P.S. Since the flu risk seems to be pretty high these days, feel free to greet me – and others – without a handshake if you wish. It might feel awkward, but it may be the best practice.

OUR ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK	
Worship.....	404
Adult Bible Class.....	33
Confirmation Classes.....	5
New Year's Eve.....	144
New Year's Day.....	54

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

Our offering received last weekend:
 General Fund:\$15,198.35

December General Fund Summary-
 Debits.....\$76,635.65
 Credits.....\$85,279.06
 Ending Balance..... \$148,761.62

The St Paul (Blue Point) Men's Club annual sausage and pancake supper is set for Sunday, January 26. Serving begins at 4:00pm. The church is located 4 miles north and 2 miles east of Altamont. Everyone is welcome and please bring a guest.



Lutheran Schools Week
 – a time to celebrate the mission and ministry of our Eagle's Nest Preschool.
January 27-31.
 On Monday and Tuesday of that week we'll start with "Pancakes with Pastor" as PB flips the flapjacks (or not) for students from 8:00-8:25am. Pastor needs a crew of volunteers

to assist for serving, helping children, and cleaning up. If you can help, please sign up on the Atrium Hall Bulletin Board. Thank you.

PRAYER LIST

Shawn Bourland, Steven & Kathleen French, 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, John Holland, Lorri Mayberry, Marion Tolch, Ronnie Ziegler, Bob Miller, Marilyn Watkins, Evelyn Shumaker, Patsy Latch, Rochel Alwardt, Eden & Marci Probst, Paulena Romero, Joyce Wenthe, Janet Brinkopf, Julie Scott, Jan Pike, all members of the Armed Forces.

Thanks to the Lydia Guild and all others who brought deserts to the funeral dinner for Onda Wendte. --Irvin, Carolyn and Donetta

Annual Banquet for Camp CILA

WHEN: January 26th, 5-8pm (Tickets are \$40 and must be reserved by January 23rd by calling or emailing the camp office.)

WHERE: Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Springfield, IL

WHO: Guest Speaker Rev, Johnson Fisk on why the First Article matters.

WHAT: Live Brass Ensemble, great food from Nelson's Catering.

WHY: The Annual Banquet is an evening celebrating God's work of Creation and Redemption, especially as those works are proclaimed and taught at Camp CILA. Join us for an evening of music, food, great speakers, and friends.

In Christ, Joshua Theilen, Director, Camp C-I-L-C-A

Thank You!

What an awesome surprise rendered to me December 29! I had no clue! My eyes filled with tears because of the love and kindness shown to me. The spoken words, the messages in the cards, and the gifts overwhelmed me. I thank God for each of you! Since we are planning to leave tomorrow (Dec.30) for Florida, I will not send a personal thank you. But each gift and card is appreciated-thank you! Your friendship is cherished! Thank you also to the Social Ministry Group for planning this event. Gloria and I thank you for the awesome honor shown to us. We praise God for each of you and look forward to seeing you again in February.

Pastor Gary & Gloria Fortkamp

CHURCH COUNCIL, TUESDAY, January 21 AT 7 P.M.

Submit quarterly reports to the office on Friday if you have not already done so! Thank you.

VOTERS ASSEMBLY, TUESDAY, January 28 AT 7 P.M.

BECOME A VOTER! Attend the meeting and submit your name to be accepted. By the end of the meeting you will be a VOTER!

From our **Lutheran Care Center:** Please note the 2020 Congregational Meeting will be held on 1/27/2020 @ 7 p.m. at the Family Gathering Center. We welcome all to attend!

CALENDAR-----January 12--19th 2020

SUNDAY	12	8 & 10:30 AM	WORSHIP W/HC
		9:15 AM	CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
		9:15AM	LIFELIGHT ORIENTATION
		11:30AM	"QUAKE" GROUP MTG.
		5:00PM	HOMEFIRES MTG
MONDAY	13	5:30PM	CHOIR
		6:15PM	BOARD OF ED
<i>PRESCHOOL CLASSES – TUESDAY THRU FRIDAY 8:30-11:30AM</i>			
TUESDAY	14	3-4:00PM	FOOD PANTRY
		5:15PM	BD OF SOC MIN
WEDNESDAY	15	8:50AM	PRESCHOOL CHAPEL
		1:00PM	STAFF MEETING & DEVOTIONS
		6:00PM	BELLS
		6:00PM	BD OF YOUTH
THURSDAY	16	8:50AM	PRESCHOOL CHAPEL
		1:30PM	ADULT CATECHISM BIBLE STUDY
FRIDAY	17		<i>PASTOR'S SABBATH</i>
			<i>NO SCHOOL/TEACHERS INSTITUTE</i>
<i>YOUTH QUAKE</i>			
SATURDAY	18	5:30 PM	WORSHIP
SUNDAY	19	8 & 10:30AM	WORSHIP
		8-12AM	BLOOD DRIVE
		9:15 AM	CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
		9:15AM	LIFELIGHT
		4:00PM	ADULT FELLOWSHIP AT JEFF & LONNI WEIS HOME

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

- 1/13 Madisson Haake
- 1/15 Paula Holland
- 1/16 Kylee Hewing, Dennis Wendling
- 1/17 Devin Frailey, Dale Schagemann, Todd Zeigler
- 1/18 Alec Longwell, Lindsey Stewart, Hudson Wilson
- 1/19 Keith Knight

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

- 1/14/06 Adam & Kiley Bohnhoff
- 1/17/10 John & Cathy Mellendorf

We pray for the men and women of our **Armed Forces**, including:

- Bob and Karla Flach's oldest grandson, Paul Smith, who is being deployed. He is a member of 1st squadron 17th Calvary division, 82nd combat aviation brigade at Fort Bragg.

If you know if other members our Armed Forces for whom we can be praying, please send the relevant information to the Church Office via phone, email or written note. Thank you.

“HOMEFIRES” Home Bible Studies

Participants will meet on January 12th in the Trinity rooms at 5:00 pm. to organize their groups and schedules. If anyone is interested, please join them! The book they are discussing is ‘UNSHAKABLE HOPE’ by Max Lucado

Adult Fellowship will be hosted by Jeff & Lonni Weis on January 19th. Soup supper will start at 4 & eat at 5pm. Please bring your own drinks.

A covered dish is optional. Please join us at 2406 Culpepper St. If you have any questions please call Lonni at 217-821-9777.

We had a **great response** in adding new members to our **St. John's Prayer Partner** ministry. Prayer requests from members of our congregation are received and Prayer Partners are then notified by phone, by text or by email of the prayer request. Prayer Partners then pause and pray. It's that simple. If you'd like to become a **St. John's Prayer Partner**, either phone or text Julie Scott at 343.3047 or email stjprayerpartners@gmail.com

Matt. 3:15 – “But Jesus answered him, ‘Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.’ ” The reason God sent His Son into the world is to fulfill all righteousness for us, to do what we could not do. So here Jesus plunges Himself into our sins and soaks them up in His Baptism, so that in our Baptism we might be cleansed and renewed. The whole of Jesus’ life, everything He did and said, was one great offering to the Father in our stead to fulfill all righteousness for us. All our offerings back to our Lord are in thanksgiving for this one great, true offering.

“[A] bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench” (Isaiah 42:3a). He who went into the water with sinners (Matthew 3:6, 13) doesn’t let human impairments impede His redeeming. A body broken by deformity He will not discard in abortion, and a person incapacitated by disease He will not abandon in physician-assisted suicide.

This Week For Sunday School

This week in our Christian education time, we discuss “Claimed and Tested.” At Jesus’ Baptism in the Jordan River, the heavens open, the Spirit descends, and the Father speaks: “You are My beloved Son” (Luke 3:22). Jesus goes from the waters of Baptism to the wilderness, where He faces a series of temptations from the devil. Jesus resists each one as He speaks the truth of God’s Word against the lies of Satan. Ask one another, “How can we use God’s Word as we defend our faith?”