

THE EAGLE
St. John's Newsletter
January 19, 2020

FROM OUR PASTOR....

Today we celebrate life. Truth be told, we ought to every day.



Today we do so because this Wednesday is the infamous anniversary of the SCOTUS decision that allows death to be man's answer to inconvenient pregnancies. *Lord, have mercy! Make us witnesses for life at every stage of human living!*

In our family, the gift of Abby has expanded our view of the preciousness of life. Her disabilities come with burdens for her and for all who care for her. They also are effective windows through which we see life in beautiful colors and deep gratitude. All four of our kids have weaknesses. Abby's are just more noticeable, and the obviousness of them doesn't diminish her value. Abby is an indescribable gift from God.

So are you. So is your neighbor. We are a congregation and national church body, the LCMS, that believes every life is an indescribable gift from God. That doesn't only affect how we vote, it impacts the way we live every day. We welcome kids. We feed neighbors. We visit the sick. We love the dying. We are Lutherans ... for life. Our weaknesses are windows through which we can see life in beautiful colors and deep gratitude. Thank You, Lord! In Him,

Pastor Bredick

OUR ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK	
Worship.....	359
Adult Bible Class.....	20
Confirmation Classes.....	14
Sunday School.....	31

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

Our offering received last weekend:
General Fund:\$11,179.35

Auditors will be in the office on January 23. All groups and organizations will need to bring their bank statements and check books in for yearly review.

BLOOD DRIVE

Sunday, January 19th from 8 to 12:00AM

**Food Pantry needs for January
Chicken Soup & Crackers**



Lutheran Schools Week is next 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, Jean Slifer, all members of the Armed Forces.

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

We're united in "Witness – Mercy – Life Together."

Church Council meets Tuesday, January 21 at 7:00pm.

Our Voters Assembly Meeting is Tuesday, January 28 at 7:00pm.

Our **Lutheran Care Center** in Altamont provides great care and fellowship for residents. We are invited to attend its 2020 Congregational Meeting to be held on 1/27/2020 @ 7 p.m. in the LCC Family Gathering Center.

VFW AUXILIARY MEALS

The VFW Auxiliary is hosting meals to support local food pantries Feb.7 and 21st from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at the Effingham VFW Post, 2304 Veterans Drive in Effingham.

The food pantries benefiting include St. John's Lutheran food pantry!

GOLDEN EAGLES

Thursday, January 30, at noon. Menu is Lasagna, Salad, Bread and Dessert. Cost is \$3.00!! Please join us for a spectacular lunch and fellowship.

EAGLE'S NEST PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT FORMS ARE ON THE BULLETIN BOARD FOR SIGNING UP NEXT YEAR! TAKE ONE TO SHARE WITH A FAMILY MEMBER, FRIEND OR NEIGHBOR!

CALENDAR-----January 19--26th 2020

SUNDAY	19	8 & 10:30 AM	WORSHIP
		8—12:00AM	BLOOD DRIVE
		9:15 AM	CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
		9:15AM	LIFELIGHT ORIENTATION
		4:00PM	ADULT FELLOWSHIP AT JEFF & LONNI WEIS HOUSE
MONDAY	20		NO SCHOOL
		12:00AM	EVANGELISM
		5:30PM	CHOIR
		6:30PM	EARLY CHILDHOOD
TUESDAY	21	7:00PM	COUNCIL
<i>PRESCHOOL CLASSES – TUESDAY THRU FRIDAY 8:30-11:30AM</i>			
WEDNESDAY	22	1:00PM	STAFF MEETING & DEVOTIONS
		6:00PM	BELLS
THURSDAY	23		AUDIT COMMITTEE HERE
		1:30PM	ADULT CATECHISM BIBLE STUDY
FRIDAY	24		<i>PASTOR'S SABBATH</i>
SATURDAY	25	8:00AM	PRAISE BAND PRACTICE
		9:30AM	E.A.S.T.E.R. CLASS
		5:30 PM	WORSHIP W/HC
SUNDAY	26	8:& 10:30 AM	WORSHIP W/HC
		9:15AM	CHRISTIAN ED

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

- 1/20 Vicky Keith
- 1/21 Rachel Miller, Nancy Moeller
- 1/23 Tyler Budde, Steven Moeller
Kenzia Watson
- 1/24 Charles Braasch, Katie Lotz, Mike Mietzner
- 1/25 Cole Marxman, Jerry Niccum,
Perrie Richards
- 1/26 Leslie Boggs, AJ Radloff

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

- 1/22/77 Steven & Nancy Moeller
- 1/25/55 Marlin & Rochel Alwardt
- 1/26/69 Paul & Carolyn Webb

January 19

**Second Sunday after Epiphany
Eph. 5:27 – “... so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish.”**

Our Lord has cleansed us with His blood; in His sight we are now pure and holy. He has given Himself, laying down His life for us. Now we are His spotless and beautiful bride. By His sacrifice, we are moved to sacrifice. By His cleansing, we find a desire to ourselves be clean and live blamelessly as He is blameless.

The Board of Social Ministry and the Food Pantry volunteers would like to acknowledge and thank these LOCAL VENDORS who participate in the Scrip Program: Effingham Culver's, IGA, Joe Sippers, Joe's Pizza, Niemerg's, Pizza Man, and Save A Lot. All other cards are ordered from the SCRIP clearing house.

**Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board for the Acolyte Schedule!
We need volunteers please.**

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

This Week for Sunday School

In Christian education this week, we learn how "Fishers Follow." Spotting some fishing boats by the shore of Galilee, Jesus turns Simon Peter's boat into a floating pulpit. He preaches from the boat and then commands the disciples to put out to fish. Although they had fished all night without a catch, now they find their nets full to bursting. Recognizing his sinfulness, Peter falls down in front of his Savior and Lord, who calls him to a new kind of fishing. Ask, "How does God help us recognize our sinfulness? How does He rescue us from our sins?"

Mother/son game day - Sunday, Feb. 9th from 1—3pm in the Church Gym.

Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board and the deadline to register is Feb. 2nd. The theme is superhero and the admission is \$5.00 per child.

Father/daughter dance-Sunday, Feb. 16th from 1—3pm in the Church Gym.

Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board and deadline to register is Feb. 9th. The theme will be unicorns and the admission is \$5.00 per child.

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.
- Dennis and Nitelle Lading have an extended family member, **Sam Kehoe**, Captain with 82nd Airborne in Fort Bragg
- Son of Melissa & Jeff Vail & grandson of Marty Vail, Specialist **Nathan Vail** (Army)

*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.*