

## OUR ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Weekend Worship.....	311
Sunday Bible Class.....	11
Sunday School Students.....	21
Sunday School Workers.....	6
Midweek Lenten Services .....	100
Thursday Lifelight.....	5

### FROM THE BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP:

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

**General Fund: \$8,360.02**

**Building Fund: \$ 20.00**

**Simply Giving General Fund: \$620.00**

**Simply Giving Building Fund \$ 25.00**

### PORTALS OF PRAYER SUBSCRIPTIONS DUE MARCH 25!

**Regular size: \$8.60**

**Digest: \$14.00**

**Large Print: \$14.90**

**New subscriptions begin in July**

### EASTER LILIES FOR THE ALTAR

*Place a flower in memory or in honor of loved ones. Call the church office to reserve your Easter Lily for \$15 each. Deadline to order is March 23.*



**WE WELCOME  
EAGLE'S NEST  
PARENTS AND  
CHILDREN!**

*The students and their families will have a brunch here on Sunday, March 18. Afterwards, the preschoolers will be singing at the 10:30 service.*

**Coffee fellowship will be upstairs!**

# THE EAGLE

St. John's Newsletter

**March 18, 2018**

Church Office Hours

Monday–Friday 8:00–11:30/12:30–4:00

**Email: [saintjohnslcms@gmail.com](mailto:saintjohnslcms@gmail.com)**

**Website: [stjohnslcms.net](http://stjohnslcms.net)**

- Our 8 a.m. service is shown on Mediacom Channel 95.2 or 81 at 10 a.m. on Sundays.
- Services can be viewed on our website
- Sermons are posted on our Facebook page

**Our Youth will serve EASTER BREAKFAST  
from 7:00 – 9:30.**

### DO YOU NEED A L.I.F.T.?

*All "Ladies in Fellowship Together" will meet at Gopher's Grill on Monday, March 19 at 6 p.m. Let's start the week out with an adventure at the newest restaurant in town! We have reservations for:*

*"St. John's Lutheran Church"*

### REGISTER NOW FOR FINANCIAL PEACE CLASSES OFFERED AT ST. JOHN'S

What if you were debt-free, investing and making wise spending decisions? With Dave Ramsey's class Financial Peace University, you CAN take control of your money and start planning for your future. If you're interested in learning more about the class, contact Kristen (Siebert) Probst at [217-821-8244](tel:217-821-8244).

Class begins April 4<sup>th</sup> here at St. John's!

Visit the site at the link below to learn more and register! <https://fpu.com/1059093>

Go to our Facebook page for an introductory video.

**OUR NEXT BLOOD DRIVE IS APRIL 29  
FROM 8 A.M. TO NOON**

**Reminder: Family Bowling Sunday at 1 p.m.**

## STUDY OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, 9:15 A.M.

Bible Study with Pastor Fortkamp

Lifelight –Conference Room

Sunday school opening in Church

WEDNESDAY, 3:30 p.m.

Confirmation Classes, for Grades 6–8

THURSDAY, 10:00 a.m.

Lifelight – Conference Room



**TUESDAY, APRIL 24 AT 6:30 P.M.**

**2018 JOY SHOP at Immanuel Lutheran Church.** Salad supper, Bible study and fellowship. RSVP to your society by April 12  
Features Katie Schuermann

**Log in at <http://smile.amazon.com>  
to choose St. John's Lutheran Church,  
Effingham. ½% of your purchase will be  
donated to our general fund!**

### **EAGLE'S NEST REGISTRATION**

**is now open for 2018/2019!**

Pick up a form from the main hall bulletin board or go online at [eaglesnestpreschool.com](http://eaglesnestpreschool.com)

### **GOLDEN EAGLES**

**will meet March 22 at noon in the gym**

**The menu this month:**

- **Homemade Lasagna**
- **Salad**
- **Breadsticks**
- **Homemade Dessert**
- **Lemonade, Tea and Coffee**

**Lydia Guild has pecans for sale!**

**Contact any guild member.**

**\$10.25 halves**

**\$10.00 small pieces**

***In Memory of Shirley Niehoff***  
*Shirley entered glory on Monday, March 12 at the age of 77 years, 6 days. Rev. Fortkamp provided graveside services on Thursday, March 15, at Arborcrest Cemetery. May God grant Shirley's family and friends the peace that comes with His promise of a sure and certain reunion in Heaven.*

### **Larry Brandt Memorial Scholarship Applications**

The Board of Youth established this scholarship fund to support St. John's students as they pursue a post-secondary education. Applicants must be enrolled in or attending an accredited college or university pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree.

Pick up the form and details from the church office, the main hall bulletin board or online at our website. **DEADLINE IS APRIL 10, 2018**



**Easter  
Breakfast  
Served by LYF  
7:00 – 9:30 a.m.**

The menu includes:

- ☀ Scrambled Eggs
- ☀ Ham
- ☀ Biscuits and Gravy
- ☀ Fruit
- ☀ Homemade Pastries
- ☀ Orange Juice and Coffee

**Served by St. John's Sr. High LYF**

Your freewill offering will be used for students to participate in church-related activities

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

**JUNE 11-14**

**"Splash Canyon"**

*God's Promise on Life's Wild Ride.*

**6:00-8:00 P.M.**

**FOOD PANTRY**

In February, we served 97 families that included 180 adults and 58 children.

Our next distribution date is

Tuesday, March 27 from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.

The Board of Evangelism has a basket set up in the Atrium for Cancer Center gift bags. You will find a shopping list on the main hall bulletin board.

**ELECTRONIC RECYCLING DAY  
IN OUR PARKING LOT  
SATURDAY, APRIL 14  
FROM 9 A.M. TO NOON**

You will find a list of accepted items on the bulletin board by the church office. Take a copy with you and plan to be "green" by disposing of electronics in a responsible manner!

**"ONCE UPON A TREE" CANTATA**

March 21 at 6:30 p.m.

March 24 at 5:30 p.m.

Final practices are as follows:

- **Sunday, March 18** 6:00-8:00, practice with staging/props – lighting – music.
- **Monday, March 19:** Rehearsal supper begins at 4:30 pm. Full Dress Rehearsal, costumes, NO MAKE UP. Be ready by 6:30pm Two (2) run throughs.
- **Tuesday, March 20:** Rehearsal supper begins at 4:30 pm Full Dress Rehearsal, costumes, full makeup. Be ready by 6:30 pm. Two (2) run throughs.

***Fellowship Potluck  
April 15!***

*Come to celebrate that you have your taxes done...or just celebrate our St. John's church family! We had a good turn out in January, so we are hoping more of you will join us following the 10:30 service on Sunday, April 15.*

**A REMINDER TO LYDIA GUILD MEMBERS:**

April's collection for the food pantry is:

Hamburger Helper

Applesauce

Toilet Paper

All ladies of the congregation are encouraged to attend the next Lydia Guild meeting on Tuesday, April 3 at 7:00 p.m.

**Have a Healthy Day!**

The trustees have added hand sanitizing stations throughout the main floors of the church. They are motion activated. No need to touch the dispenser!

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS****March 18-25, 2018**

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>8:00 &amp; 10:30 A.M.</b>	<b>WORSHIP SERVICES</b>
		<b>9:15 A.M.</b>	<b>CHRISTIAN EDUCATION</b>
<b>PRESCHOOL BRUNCH AND STUDENTS SING AT 10:30 SERVICE</b>			
		<b>6:00 – 8:00 P.M.</b>	<b>CANTATA PRACTICE</b>
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>5:30 P.M.</b>	<b>CROSSTONES</b>
		<b>6:00 P.M.</b>	<b>L.I.F.T. DINNER OUT AT GOPHER'S</b>
		<b>6:00 P.M.</b>	<b>BOARD OF YOUTH MEETING</b>
		<b>6:30 P.M.</b>	<b>EARLY CHILDHOOD</b>
		<b>6:30 P.M.</b>	<b>CANTATA DRESS REHEARSAL</b>
<b>PRESCHOOL MONDAY THRU FRIDAY 8:30 – 11:30 A.M.</b>			
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>6:00 P.M.</b>	<b>LYDIA GUILD</b>
		<b>6:30 P.M.</b>	<b>CANTATA DRESS REHEARSAL</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>12:15 P.M.</b>	<b>MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICE</b>
		<b>1:00 P.M.</b>	<b>OFFICE COMMUNION</b>
		<b>3:30 P.M.</b>	<b>LAST CONFIRMATION CLASSES</b>
		<b>6:30 P.M.</b>	<b>CANTATA PRESENTATION</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>10:00 A.M.</b>	<b>LIFELIGHT</b>
		<b>NOON</b>	<b>GOLDEN EAGLES</b>
		<b>1:00 P.M.</b>	<b>QUILT TYING</b>
		<b>6:00 P.M.</b>	<b>CONFIRMATION REHEARSAL</b>
		<b>6:30 P.M.</b>	<b>REMEMBER YOUR BAPTISM</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>1:00 P.M.</b>	<b>STEPHEN MINISTERS</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>9:30 A.M.</b>	<b>E.A.S.T.E.R.</b>
		<b>5:30 P.M.</b>	<b>CANTATA</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>8:00 A.M.</b>	<b>WORSHIP SERVICE WITH HOLY COMMUNION</b>
		<b>9:15 A.M.</b>	<b>SUNDAY SCHOOL</b>
		<b>10:30 A.M.</b>	<b>CONFIRMATION WITH HOLY COMMUNION</b>

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

- 3/18 Vera Pfenninger, Derek Storm  
3/19 Wes Radloff  
3/20 Wyatt Keith, Gwen Kuhns, Jill Marxman, Kathy Stumpf  
3/21 David Winter  
3/22 Mike Johnson, Brad Miller, Nick Miller  
3/24 Stacey Hagerstrom

**ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK**

- 3/18/00 John & Donna Parker  
3/24/07 Jeremy & Jessica Fritch

**Benefit for Pam (Berg) Kepley**

Sunday, April 8, 2018/11 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Carriage House Event Center, Altamont, Illinois

Pam was diagnosed with a cancerous brain tumor in August, 2017. Money raised will help with medical expenses.

Please purchase meal tickets in advance.  
\$10 for adults                \$ 6 for children  
FREE for children 5 and under

Tickets may be purchased at Cobblestone Inn and Suites, Peoples Bank, or Immanuel Lutheran Church, all located in Altamont.

Questions or to make donations: 217/821-7384