

THE EAGLE
St. John's Newsletter
January 26, 2020

OUR ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK	
Worship	338
Adult Bible Class.....	28
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Sunday School.....	34

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

Our offering received last weekend:
General Fund: \$7821.00
Simply Giving General Fund \$730.00
Simply Giving Building Fund \$25.00

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

We have had several walkers donated to the church in the past several years. Right now they are stored in the hall closet and rarely used. It would be great if they could be passed along to someone in need.

If you know a family member or friend who could benefit from having one of these aids, please contact the church office. Thank you!

We will soon hire a new Office Assistant for the St. John's Office. Applications and job description will be available Monday in the church office.

Deadline: February 5. 28 hours per week (Tu-Fr, 8:00-11:30am, 12:30-4:00pm). \$14.00/hr. Excellent skills with people and computers are desired.

In an effort to save heat in the Education Building, please close the doors to all classrooms after Sunday sessions. Thank you!

FROM OUR PASTOR....

Sometimes you get more than you expect. Three weeks ago I wrote my Eagle note with a reference to the importance of Sunday School, along with a picture of a man wearing his "I ♥ Sunday School" shirt. My off-handed remark that we probably wouldn't see such a shirt among us was met by the surprise of 11 men wearing the shirt in worship last weekend. Ha! And Hallelujah! Dads and Moms: thank you. Let's keep going!

One of the many people who have made my transition to St. John's much easier is Kathy Stremming. Her service to Christ and the Church in our office has blessed us for years. This week she officially retires. She's not thrilled about this, but we're going to have a low-key Retirement Luncheon for her next Sunday (February 2) at 11:30am in the gym. The Board of Social Ministry is providing the food. Let's all take a moment to give thanks to God. Come and celebrate. Kathy wants us to keep the focus on the Lord (that's one more reason she has been a key leader in our ministry). Thanks be to God!

A blessed Lutheran Schools week!



Have you taken a deep look at our church website? What do you like? What do you think would be helpful for our community there? Take a look. Share your ideas with our church office. We will forward them to the appropriate person. Go to www.stjohnsLCMS.net



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, Evelyn Shumaker, Patsy Latch, Rochel Alwardt, Eden & Marci Probst, Paulena Romero. Joyce Wenthe, Pastor Gall and Ruth, Janet Brinkopf, Julie Scott, Jan Pike, Jean Slifer, Zack Janis, James Seggelke, all members of the Armed Forces.

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

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 January 27 at 7pm in the LCC Family Gathering Center.

VFW AUXILIARY MEALS

February 7 and 21

The VFW Auxiliary is hosting meals to support local food pantries Feb.7 and 21 from 5 to 6:30pm at the Effingham VFW Post, 2304 Veterans Drive in Effingham. The food pantries benefiting include our St. John's pantry!

GOLDEN EAGLES

Thursday, January 30, at noon. Menu is Lasagna, Salad, Bread and Dessert. Please sign up TODAY so we can plan for you! Donation is just \$3.00!



01/19/20 With one more on Saturday night, we have at least 12 disciple-dads who support our Sunday School. That's great for their families and our Church family!

SUPER BOWL PARTY!!!

Sunday February 2, 2020

St. John Lutheran Church Gym

Pregame starts at 4:30PM Kick off is at 5:30PM

The Board of Education along with the Board of Trustees would like for you to join them for fellowship and some Super Bowl fun!

ALL AGES WELCOME!!!

Please bring a snack to share.

There will be a basket set up for a free will donation to support the Food Pantry.

If you have any questions, contact
Brent Budde 217-343-2841 or Jessica Budde 217-690-9268

***Benefit for Jan Pike – March 14, 2020 at the Country Haven Event Center
11am – 1am. Support Jan and her family. Proceeds will go towards offsetting
the cost of Jan and a caregiver living in St. Louis for 3 months post-transplant.
Check the featured events on the flyer on our bulletin boards!***

NEWS FROM THE NEST

- *Mommy and Me Class Enrollment is OPEN! Pick up a form from the main hall bulletin boards! Session runs from February 7 – March 13 from 9-10:30am*
- *Eagle's Nest will observe LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK January 27 – 31*
 - *Monday and Tuesday – Pancakes With Pastor*
 - *Wednesday and Thursday – Pajama Day*
 - *Friday – Team Spirit Day, wear your favorite team jersey or colors*
- *2020-21 Eagle's nest preschool enrollment forms are on the bulletin board! Take one to share with a family member, friend or neighbor!*

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

January 26 – Third Sunday after Epiphany

Matt. 4:20 – “Immediately they left their nets and followed him.”

Discipleship cost Peter and Andrew everything they had. They left their trade, their hometown and their families, and they followed Jesus. God has called us to the same discipleship and the same devotion, though the exact details of how that is lived out will vary. The important thing is that we know that all we have is the Lord's to be used for His purpose, and we are His disciples, ready to follow where He leads.

CALENDAR-----JANUARY 26 – FEBRUARY 2, 2020

SUNDAY	26	8 & 10:30AM	WORSHIP with H/C
		9:15AM	CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
MONDAY	27	8:00AM	PANCAKES WITH PASTOR
		5:30PM	CHOIR
<i>PRESCHOOL CLASSES – MONDAY THRU FRIDAY 8:30-11:30AM LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK!</i>			
TUESDAY	28	8:00AM	PANCAKES WITH PASTOR
		5:00PM	ALTAR GUILD
		7:00PM	VOTER ASSEMBLY
WEDNESDAY	29	1:00PM	STAFF MEETING & DEVOTIONS
		6:00PM	BELLS
THURSDAY	30	NOON	GOLDEN EAGLES
		1:30PM	ADULT CATECHISM BIBLE STUDY
FRIDAY	31		<i>PASTOR'S SABBATH</i>
SATURDAY	1	8:00AM	PRAISE BAND PRACTICE
		8:00AM	WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY
		5:30 PM	WORSHIP
SUNDAY	2	8:00& 10:30 AM	WORSHIP
		9:15AM	CHRISTIAN ED
		11:30AM	KATHY STREMMING'S RETIREMENT
		5:30PM	SUPER BOWL PARTY

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

1/26 Leslie Boggs, AJ Radloff
 1/27 Rebecca Ragan
 1/28 Alec Niebrugge
 1/29 Taylor Rieman
 1/30 Darcie Buening
 1/31 Kathy Stremming
 2/1 Larissa Jones, Emily Lotz

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

1/26/69 Paul & Carolyn Webb
 1/27/63 Richard & Betty Albin

LIFE QUOTE

January 26

St. Titus, Pastor and Confessor

Serving as Gospel-motivated voices for the sanctity of life can leave us feeling like lambs in the midst of wolves (Luke 10:3). Yet One who has supported us since before our birth (Psalm 71:6) accompanies us all the way to old age (Psalm 71:18). He populates His flocks with endangered little ones, and He, Himself, dispatches His people to safeguard the least of these (Acts 20:28, 35).

**Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board for the Acolyte Schedule!
 We really need volunteers to fill the last part of the year and special services**

YOUTH SPONSORED HAPPENINGS

LOOK FOR ALL-CHURCH EVENTS! – FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

MOTHER/SON GAME DAY SUNDAY, FEB. 9TH 1 – 3PM / SUPERHERO THEME!

Games & food Admission \$5 per kid *Signup on bulletin board by February 2nd*

FATHER/DAUGHTER DANCE SUNDAY, FEB. 16TH 1 – 3PM / UNICORN THEME!

Games & food Admission \$5 per kid *Signup on bulletin board by February 9th*

FOR SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH – FEBRUARY 16, DINNER AT BURDICK'S - 5PM

ALL AGES PICKLEBALL - FEBRUARY 23 – MARCH 29 FROM 1-4 PM

- No gym activities on March 22 – See Bowling event below!

ASH WEDNESDAY SOUP LUNCHEON & SUPPER FEBRUARY 26

- Lunch served from 11:30 – 12:15 and 12:45 – 1:30
- Supper is 5:00-6:15pm

LOCK-IN –FRIDAY, MARCH 6 & 7 - ARRIVAL 8:00PM – 7:00AM DEPARTURE

- Everyone arrives by 8:30pm and once locked in **NO LEAVING** until 7am
- Activities and food thru the night - Breakfast in the morning
- Can bring a friend, Signup on bulletin board--*Permission slips required*

FAMILY BOWLING @ SILVER DOLLAR LANES FOR ALL AGES

SUNDAY, MARCH 22 - 2 – 4PM

- No lane or shoe cost to our congregation
- Snacks provided - Drinks can be purchased at the bowling alley

BINGO! BASKET RAFFLE! SPAGETTI SUPPER, SUNDAY, MARCH 29TH

5:00pm Spaghetti Supper / 6:00 – 7:30pm Bingo & Silent Auction

- Baskets will be displayed in the gym starting Saturday, March 28th for those attending church that evening and will stay on display until Sunday evening. Winners will be announced at the conclusion of Bingo
- Tickets must be purchased in advanced: \$8 for adults, \$4 for ages 3-12, Free for kids 2 and under
- If you must purchase a ticket at the door: \$10 for adults, \$5 for kids
- Everyone is invited to contribute a basket for the silent auction by dropping them off at the church by Sunday, March 22nd (Remember Easter will be 2 weeks from this date and everyone enjoys an Easter basket!)

EASTER BREAKFAST APRIL 12TH 7:00 – 10:15AM

VBS – JUNE 15 – 18TH 6:00 – 8:00PM

LARRY BRANDT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

- Watch for dates to apply

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

"The Wine Sign" is the lesson for this week. While Jesus and His mother are guests at a wedding in Cana, Mary asks Him to assist the wedding hosts, who have run out of wine. In Jesus' first recorded miracle, He changes a large volume of plain water into wine that is superior to what has already been served. Those who witnessed this miracle marvel at what He has done. Discuss, "What wonders does God still work through His people?"

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)
- **Aaron Smith**, husband of Blair, (Keller), son-in-law of Rick & Dana Keller, serving in Qatar
- **Baileigh Longwell**, daughter of John Longwell, stationed at Naval Submarine Base, Bangor, Kitsap Peninsula, WA

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.

All Thrivent members are eligible to lead a Thrivent Action Team. Go to <https://www.thrivent.com/making-a-difference/living-generously/thrivent-action-teams> to learn more. Or call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Action Teams".

You can help fund an event here at St. John's with \$250!

2019 Contribution statements were mailed this week. If you requested to receive yours by email, please check your inbox. Thank you!