

**THE EAGLE**  
St. John's Newsletter  
March 1, 2020

**FROM OUR PASTOR....**

God does great things at St. John's daily, but I'm particularly glad for what He does when we host the E.A.S.T.E.R.\* class in the gym every-other Saturday morning. Neighbors with special needs come here and see their friends. They enjoy the fellowship. Yet, best of all, they learn a Bible Lesson. They worship, make crafts, collect an offering, and sing together. It's a wonderful scene every time.

E.A.S.T.E.R. has served (and learned from) special-needs neighbors for over 40 years, and some of our members help each week. If you're interested in a loving volunteer activity, check it out. I'd especially urge some of our youth to volunteer (and learn) alongside their parents. You won't regret it. God does great things.

It was heart-warming to see many of our youth serving shoulder-to-shoulder at the Soup Supper on Ash Wednesday. Thanks, kids and parents!

I hope your use of our Lenten devotionals is helping you slow down, meditate upon the Word, and to pray back out of what you've heard God say. Kathy and I have found them rich and helpful. Oh, in your prayers continue to lift up Pastor and Ruth Gall. Pastor is still at St. John's Springfield, and we hope he'll soon be back in Effingham. Thankful for Easter and E.A.S.T.E.R.



**OUR ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK**

Worship.....	363
Adult Bible Class .....	22
Lifelight .....	9
Confirmation Classes .....	10
Sunday School .....	29
Ash Wednesday Services.....	189
Pastor's Thursday Class .....	14

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

Our offering received last weekend:

General Fund: .....	\$12,539
Simply Giving General Fund .....	\$730
Simply Giving Building Fund .....	\$25
Thrivent Choice Dollars.....	\$488

Pastor Burdick will hold an **Acolyte training session** for all 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders today Sunday, March 1, immediately following the 10:30am Service. This will prepare the 5<sup>th</sup> grade students for soon joining the acolyte team, and will ensure that the 6<sup>th</sup> graders get scheduled to help this Spring.

The training should be about 20 minutes long, from approximately **11:40-12:00**. Parents: if your son or daughter can't make it, please email pastor ([mhburdick@gmail.com](mailto:mhburdick@gmail.com)) and we'll do our best to schedule another time. Thank you for your service to Jesus and His Church!

**We need and appreciate the service of all youth in all three services.**

## SAVE YOUR STUFF

St. John's Youth Garage sale is  
Planned for August 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>!

Take note of the display in the main hallway announcing our **Sunday School Class of the Month!** We're blessed with a great Sunday School.

## PRAYER LIST

Gayland & 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, Gerald Pontious, Voris Osborn, Lois Kyle, Joyce Schaefer, Craig Wolff, Nick Miller, John Holland, Lorri Mayberry, Bob Miller, Evelyn Shumaker, Rochel Alwardt, Janet Brinkopf, Julie Scott, Lori Spears, Jan Pike, Zack Janis, James Seggelke, Bill Draper, Joni Herron, Carla Bierman, Marlin Alwardt, Pastor Ted Gall, Shirley Cheadle, Gerald Pruemer, Colin Kinkelaar, Marci and Eden Probst, Rose Boggs, Brett Kull, and Nate & Rachel Renner, who were married Saturday. These members of the Armed Forces: Paul Smith, Sam Kehoe, Nathan Vail, Aaron Smith, Baileigh Longwell, Jason Mette, SPC Gabriel Walker, Johnathon Schuette, and all members of the Effingham National Guard.

## ADDRESS FOR JAN PIKE

Metropolitan Flats  
c/o Janice Pike  
4545 Forest Park Ave,  
Building B – Apt. 207  
St. Louis, MO 61308

## YOUTH HOSTED EVENTS!

### ALL AGES PICKLEBALL

**MARCH 1, 8, & 15 1-3 pm**

Cost is \$5 for adults

\$3 for children 12 and under.

Everyone Welcome!

The board is asking for your help in clearing the gym to set up and take down the pickleball courts. They will start work immediately following the 10:30 service.

### **LOCK-IN –FRIDAY, MARCH 6 & 7 FOR GRADES 6 THROUGH 12**

- Everyone arrives by 8:30pm Friday, and once locked, **NO LEAVING** until 7 am Saturday
- Activities and food thru the night
- Breakfast in the morning

You can bring a friend, Signup on bulletin board and be sure to take a permission slip for your friend as well!

### **FAMILY BOWLING @ SILVER DOLLAR LANES FOR ALL AGES SUNDAY, MARCH 22 - 2 – 4PM**

No lane or shoe cost to our congregation. Snacks will be provided, and, drinks can be purchased at the bowling alley.



Looking for a way to walk with others in public support of life? Consider the “March On The Arch” on March 7<sup>th</sup> in St. Louis. If I didn't have to be back home for our Saturday evening Service, I'd be walking! You can walk the whole route, or only be part of the Rally at the Arch. For LIFE! Visit [www.STLmarch.com](http://www.STLmarch.com) for more information. Our Synod is one of the sponsors of the event. – Pastor B

## **WELCOME Deania Trimble!**



Deania lives in Newton with her husband, of 42 years, Tony. They have 3 grown children, 1 grandson, and 1 to arrive in June.

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL and ADULT BIBLE CLASS LESSONS THIS WEEK**

“Ephphatha...be opened” (Mark 7:34), Jesus says to a deaf man as he places His fingers in the man’s ears and touches his tongue in this week’s lesson, “A Hearing Aide.” The man’s ears open and his tongue releases, but Jesus warns the crowd not to tell anyone. “The good news cannot be contained, however, and those who witness the miracle share the story. Discuss, “How can we share the Good News with our friends and Family?”

### **LCMS STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT For March 1, Lent 1**

**Matt. 4:7 – Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’”** Jesus defeats Satan in our place – not by using His power as God but by His perfect obedience in His perfect humanity. Jesus defeats Satan – not by miracles but by quoting the Scriptures and living according to it. This should cause us great joy for two reasons. First, because we see Jesus win the victory for us. Second, because here Jesus shows us how to stand in that victory – on the Word of God alone.

**LIFE QUOTE from Lutherans for Life** Abortion and assisted suicide promise control. But they don’t seize power from death. Instead, they simply submit to death’s reign (Romans 5:14), accepting defeat and calling it a treaty. These practices and ideologies constitute sinfulness. We need not surrender, for Jesus embodies a new model of humankind. His forgiving grace works in us a faith that gives freedom to receive life and celebrate it even amid difficulty and suffering (Romans 5:17).

**High School Youth Night**  
at the Burdicks’ will be March 15  
6:00-8:00pm!

**From Pastor and the Elders: We are extending an open invitation to anyone who would like a ride in the church van/bus to or from worship on Sundays. Please contact the office by 4pm on Friday at 342.4334.**

### **BINGO! BASKET RAFFLE! SPAGHETTI SUPPER, SUNDAY, MARCH 29<sup>TH</sup>**

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

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**



**CALENDAR**

**MARCH 1 - MARCH , 2020**

SUNDAY	1	8:00 & 10:30 AM	WORSHIP
		9:15 AM	CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
		11:40 AM	ACOLYTE TRAINING
		1:00 – 3:00 PM	PICKLEBALL
MONDAY	2	5:00 PM	BOARD OF TRUSTEES
		5:30 PM	CHOIR
		6:30 PM	EARLY CHILDHOOD
<i>PRESCHOOL CLASSES – MONDAY – FRIDAY, 8:30-11:30 AM</i>			
TUESDAY	3	9:00 AM	PASTOR'S CONFERENCE (LOUISVILLE)
		6:30 PM	BUILDING COMMITTEE
		7:00 PM	LYDIA GUILD
WEDNESDAY	4	12:15 PM	LENTEN SERVICE
		1:00 PM	STAFF MEETING & DEVOTIONS
		6:30 PM	LENTEN SERVICE
		7:30 PM	BELL CHOIR PRACTICE
THURSDAY	5	1:30 PM	BIBLE STUDY
FRIDAY	6		<i>PASTOR'S SABBATH</i>
		8:00 PM FRIDAY TO 7:00 AM SATURDAY	YOUTH LOCK-IN
SATURDAY	7	8:00 AM	WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY
		8:00 AM	PRAISE BAND
		9:30AM	E.A.S.T.E.R. CLASS
		5:30 PM	WORSHIP W/HC
SUNDAY	8		DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS
		8:00 & 10:30 AM	WORSHIP W/HC
		9:15 AM	CHRISTIAN ED.
		1:00 – 4:00 PM	PICKLE BALL IN THE GYM
		5:00 PM	S. S. STAFF APP. DINNER

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

- 3/1 Blaine Flach & Don Latch
- 3/3 Jackson Hagerstrom, Ursula Polzin, & Sarah Womack
- 3/4 Kennedy Bailey, Thurl Burton Jr., Terry Long, & Karen Stevenson
- 3/5 Pam Higgs, Kade Pennington, Gage Wernsing, & Paul Whitehair
- 3/7 Gayland Bourland, Laura Braun, Beth Hanks

**ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK**

- 3/2/1996 Joyce & Michael Curry
- 3/2/2002 Sean & Cherilla Junge
- 3/6/1999 Brian & Dawn Koester

**FOOD PANTRY NEEDS FOR MARCH**

Pasta Sauce & Pasta

