

THE EAGLE
 St. John's Newsletter
 February 9, 2020

FROM OUR PASTOR....



Like the Burdicks, you might find yourself in a new place geographically

this Lent. But probably not. Most likely, your place is largely the same, with some adjustments. But places aren't only physical. They are also relational and spiritual. We'll be touring all three dimensions together soon.

This Lent we'll be walking through the Passion of Jesus according to Luke's Gospel. What is important in these places is not the physical surroundings but the spiritual dispositions of the people who gather there. Again and again, we will see God's people, from the religious and political leaders to the disciples, revealing the sinful ways of the human heart. Yet, again and again, Jesus will reveal how he enters these physical places to bring about salvation and spiritual change. The most troubling places of our lives become the most amazing places of God's grace when Jesus visits them.

Beginning February 26, Ash Wednesday, plan to be part of our Lenten journey in three ways:

1. Every Sunday (or Saturday) worship.
2. Wednesday midweek Services (12:15 & 6:30pm).
3. Special home devotions through Lutheran Hour Ministries titled, "DELIVER US: Jesus Sets Us Free." We will make these available next weekend.

Lent is a wonderful time of renewal in Christ. May it be so in your life, together.

OUR ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Worship	378
Adult Bible Class.....	17
Lifelight	9
Confirmation Classes.....	15
Sunday School.....	34
Guests	3
Pastor's Class.....	12

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

Our offering received last weekend:

General Fund:	\$10,565.00
Building Fund:.....	55.00
Simply Giving General Fund ...	\$1,205.00

JANUARY GENERAL FUND SUMMARY

Deposits:.....	\$50,604.78
Expenditures:.....	\$52,594.55
Ending Balance:.....	\$146,771.85

FREE CHURCH DIRECTORIES!

Although they are dated, you may want one for a keepsake. Looking forward to a new edition in the future! Pick up a copy from the Welcome Center.

St. John's Altar Guild members have been discussing the use of gluten-free wafers and non-alcoholic wine. We are wanting to gauge the need so that we can meet our members' needs. If you desire to have these available for you or a loved one, please contact Lisa Norton at 821-7033. Once the need has been established, we will provide additional information about how they will be offered during communion.

God's blessings, Lisa Norton

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, Bob Miller, Evelyn Shumaker, Patsy Latch, Rochel Alwardt, Paulena Romero, Jerry Niccum, Joyce Wenthe, Janet Brinkopf, Julie Scott, Jan Pike, Zack Janis, James Seggelke, Bill Draper, Howard Haake, Gayle Robbins, Warren Schlechte, Lois Schlechte, Carla Bierman, Marlin Alwardt, Pastor Ted Gall, for the family of Jean Slifer, All members of the Armed Forces

VFW AUXILIARY MEAL FEBRUARY 21

The VFW Auxiliary is hosting meals to support local food pantries Feb. 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!

We will hold Intruder Preparedness Training here at St. John's on Saturday, February 22, from 7:30-11:00am. This will be conducted by the Effingham Police Department along with our elder and retired State Trooper, Todd Zeigler.

We invite and urge all of our ushers, staff, leaders, and all interested persons to take part in this training. It is designed to help us be prepared for a severe interruption during worship or other congregational functions.

FYI: St. John's will host a retirement-readiness seminar on February 15 for church workers who are enrolled in Concordia Retirement Plan. Pastors and other church workers have been invited through the Synod's Concordia Plans.



Welcome to our newest members: Edén Kate and Marci Grace Probst, baptized last Sunday into Christ!

Parents of 6, 7 and 8th graders,
We still have spaces in our schedule. Please sign up where we still need an acolyte. You'll find the sign-up sheet on the main hall bulletin board.

**LCMS STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT -
Matt. 5:17 – “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.”**

We cannot keep the Law of God perfectly. We are sinners. For us to be saved, Jesus had to fill up the Law in our place. Now the threat of the Law is abolished, and the Law itself is upheld. For in Christ now we desire to fulfill the Law and to live out a godly Christian life. This is precisely because we are so full of thanksgiving toward God for His salvation in Christ.

A very heartfelt, but humble THANK YOU for the kind words and encouragement from my church family. Retired but not expired. I will still be around!
Kathy Stremming

LIFE QUOTE:

Epiphany V – Our Lord glories in hearing humankind’s cries of distress (Isaiah 58:8-9). His salvation prepares us not to hide ourselves from our own flesh (Isaiah 58:7), particularly our gestating children and aging relatives. We need not take refuge in using death as a solution, because Jesus does the hiding for us (1 Corinthians 2:7) – hiding life’s preciousness even behind surprise pregnancies and terminal diagnoses.

The Beta Sigma Psi Educational Foundation is offering a \$3,000 scholarship for a Lutheran male freshman attending the University of Illinois at Urbana/Champaign in the Fall of 2020. Visit betasigmapsi.org/scholarships-for-high-school-students/ to find out more. We can print out an application in the church office.

February 28-29, 2020 at Camp CILCA: Men’s Woodcutters Retreat ~ Bring your chainsaw, ax, logsplitter, and Bible to cut down trees, split wood, and study God’s Word. A \$30 donation will cover all meals and lodging. Go to cilca.org/menswoodcutters-retreat.html or call 217- 487-7497 to register.

ADDRESS FOR JAN PIKE

Jan will need to stay here for 12 weeks of recovery time. You may want to send thoughts and prayers!

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

THIS WEEK

“A Weather Wonder” is the theme for this week’s lesson. With the simple command, “Peace! Be still!” (Mark 4:39), Jesus proclaims His power over a storm strong enough to shake even experienced fishermen. With the disciples, we must ask, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey Him?” (v. 41). How can your family respond to this question?

In memory of Wilma Jean Slifer

Jean passed away on January 25, 2020 at the age of 93 years, 3 months and 17 days. The service to celebrate her life was held Wednesday, February 5 at St. John’s with burial in Berry Cemetery, Toledo. We pray that Jean’s family and friends rely on God’s comfort and His promises.

Biblical illiteracy is weakening individuals, families, and congregations, but we can do something about it. **Read Bible stories to children** again and again and again ... in all phases of their lives!

Singing Rooster Coffee

If you would like to support our Haitian schools and serve up a good cup of coffee in the process, look at this!

Vienna, Medium Roast – Ground or WB
French, Dark Roast – Ground or WB
Decaf – Ground or WB
K-cups – Vienna Roast only

A 12 oz. bag is \$10 / A 5lb bag is \$55
You may place an order here:
hollybray@hotmail.com
Or stop by the church office.

CALENDAR-----FEBRUARY 9-16, 2020

SUNDAY	9	8 & 10:30AM	WORSHIP W/HOLY COMMUNION
		9:15AM	CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
		1:00 – 3:00 PM	MOTHER/SON SUPER HERO GAMES
MONDAY	10	5:00PM	STEWARDSHIP
		5:30PM	CHOIR
		6:15PM	EDUCATION
<i>PRESCHOOL CLASSES – M-F 8:30-11:30AM !</i>			
TUESDAY	11	3 – 4PM	FOOD PANTRY
		5:15PM	SOCIAL MINISTRY
WEDNESDAY	12	1:00PM	STAFF MEETING & DEVOTIONS
		1:00PM	PRAYER SHAWL
		6:00PM	BELLS
11:00 AM PRESCHOOL VALENTINE PARTY			
THURSDAY	13	1:30PM	ADULT CATECHISM BIBLE STUDY
		6:30PM	ELDERS
11:00 AM PRESCHOOL VALENTINE PARTY			
FRIDAY	14		<i>PASTOR'S SABBATH</i>
SATURDAY	15	8:00AM	PRAISE BAND PRACTICE
		8:30AM – 3:30PM	CID RETIREMENT WORKSHOP
		5:30 PM	WORSHIP
SUNDAY	16	8:00 & 10:30 AM	WORSHIP
		9:15AM	CHRISTIAN ED
		1:00 – 3:00PM	FATHER/DAUGHTER DANCE
		5:00PM	SR. HIGH @ BURDICKS

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

- 2/9 Dylan Huey, Nitelle Lading,
Kimberly Tarrant, Ashley Wendt
- 2/11 Rick Keller, Jonathan McDevitt,
Kathy Schroeder
- 2/14 Faith Donaldson, Gary Hewing,
John Huelskoetter, Luke Sipe

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

- 2/9/80 David & Donna Budde
- 2/9/74 Mike & Karla Johnson
- 2/10/78 Gary & Rebecca Hewing
- 2/11/12 Brian & Jennifer Shull
- 2/14/02 Rev. Gary & Gloria Fortkamp
- 2/14/96 Wesley & Carol Osborn

***FOOD PANTRY NEEDS FOR FEBRUARY
Chili and Peanut Butter***

St. Peter Lutheran Church will be hosting a SAUSAGE SUPPER on Sunday, February 9. Serving begins at 5:00 PM. In the gym.

Benefit for Jan Pike – March 14, 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!

YOUTH SPONSORED HAPPENINGS

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

Games & food Admission \$5 per kid *Signup on the bulletin board TODAY!*

Come dressed as your favorite super hero duo or choose casual attire!

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

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

Dress up clothes not required. Daddy and daughters can choose!

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 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 Cavalry 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
- **Jason Mette**, husband of Megan (Latch) Mette, Navy deep sea diver
- **SPC Gabriel Walker** is serving as a Cavalry Scout with 1-38 Infantry 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team 4th Infantry Division. He is the son of Todd and Julie Zeigler. He is stationed at Fort Carson in Colorado Springs, Colorado

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.

Listen to The Lutheran Hour!

<u>Station</u>	<u>City, State</u>	<u>Freq</u>	<u>Band</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>
<u>WDAN</u>	<u>Danville, IL</u>	<u>1490</u>	<u>AM</u>	<u>Sun</u>	<u>8:00 AM</u>
<u>WCRA</u>	<u>Effingham, IL</u>	<u>1090</u>	<u>AM</u>	<u>Sun</u>	<u>9:30 AM</u>
<u>WCRA</u>	<u>Effingham, IL</u>	<u>96.3</u>	<u>FM</u>	<u>Sun</u>	<u>9:30 AM</u>
<u>WPMB</u>	<u>Effingham, IL</u>	<u>104.7</u>	<u>FM</u>	<u>Sun</u>	<u>12:03 PM</u>
<u>WITY</u>	<u>Tilton, IL</u>	<u>980</u>	<u>AM</u>	<u>Sun</u>	<u>10:00 AM</u>
<u>WMCV</u>	<u>Terre Haute, IN</u>	<u>96.3</u>	<u>FM</u>	<u>Sun</u>	<u>9:00 AM</u>

*Thank
you*

We are blessed ... and we want to thank those who are serving our children! Sunday, March 8, Sunday School Staff members are invited to the Burdick's (717 S. First St.) for an Appreciation Dinner at 5:00pm. Would you like to help us? We welcome all the help we can get from parents and others who are not currently serving in our Sunday School. If you'd like to assist with food, appreciation messages, or prep and cleanup of the dinner, please email us at mhburdick@gmail.com, or call Kathy at 309-255-8343.

Thank you! - Kathy and Pastor

The Life team of Immanuel Lutheran in Altamont is sponsoring a bus to the "March to the Arch" on Saturday, March 7. This is a pro-life walk of 4 miles ending with a rally at the St. Louis arch. The bus leaves from Immanuel at 9AM. Cost is \$25 per rider. High school youth may ride for no cost. Call Immanuel at 618-483-6395 to reserve seats.