

THE EAGLE
St. John's Newsletter
February 16, 2020

OUR ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

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

Our offering received last weekend:

General Fund:	\$9,503.00
Building Fund:.....	10.00

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

The training should be about 20 minutes long, from approximately **11:40-12:00 on Sunday, March 1**. Parents: if your son or daughter can't make it, please email pastor (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.

FROM OUR PASTOR....

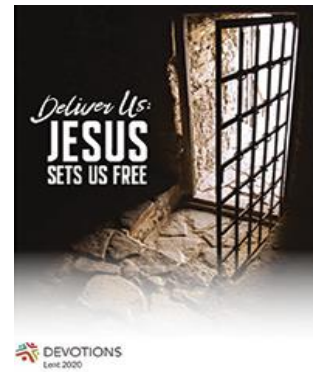
Advent has the wreath, but Lent lacks a tradition like that -- that is, unless you count the discipline of giving up something. The notion of abstaining from something you enjoy like sweets, social media, or spending can be helpful to the Christian. It takes effort and support to let go of something. Godly discipline is difficult for our human nature. What helps is taking up something at the same time.

This Lent, take up extra prayer and worship. Come to worship more often. Read God's Word and pray at home more often. You can give up something at the same time that you take up something extra that's focused on Jesus Christ and His passion.

Take up two of our Lenten devotional booklets available today: "*Deliver Us.*" Use one in your home. Give the other to a neighbor. Invite them to know that the heart of Lent is not in what we give up, but what God has done to deliver is from sin, death, and devil. These devotions will walk us through the Exodus event and will draw us closer to God's grace and truth. We begin in eleven days. May it be a holy time for us all.

In Christ, 

P.S. Ask Kathy who won our family Advent Wreath Game.



Have you been to our website lately? Check it out at www.stjohnsLCMS.net When someone is searching for a church family, they often begin on the web. We've asked our boards and staff to consider what ought to be there for folks to know about us. What do you think? How can you help keep the message straight and get the message out?

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, Warren Schlechte, Lois Schlechte, Carla Bierman, Marlin Alwardt, Pastor Ted Gall, Gerald Pruemer, Eden Probst, Colin Kinkelaar, Brett Kull, the family of Ray Stuckemeyer, and all members of the Armed Forces

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.

Thank You! The family of Jean Slifer would like to thank the ladies of Lydia Guild for helping and providing desserts for the funeral dinner.

LCMS STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

1 Cor. 3:7 – “So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth.”

Isn't that the truth! It's not just true about preachers like Paul; it's true about all of us in the Christian life. God can do such wonderful things with our feeble efforts. This is so very true of our gifts to the Lord's work in the church. From His generous giving to us, we learn to give generously. Then the Lord blesses this response to His grace in turn, and He uses our very giving to continue to bless us in the church where we hear of His gracious generosity to us. The cycle repeats, and the Lord gives growth!

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!

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

THIS WEEK

In our Christian education time this week, we study “A Life Restored.” Jairus, a synagogue ruler, comes to Jesus, begging Him to heal his critically ill daughter. Along the way, servants come with news of his daughter's death. Taking along Peter, James, and John, Jesus ignores the mourners, takes the young girl by the hand, and tells her, “Arise.” And rise she does, demonstrating Jesus' power over death itself.



What a fun afternoon for moms and boys! Last Sunday's Super-Hero Game Event in the gym was fantastic. Thanks to the Youth Board for planning it, and all the parents and kids who participated.

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 Burdicks' (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

- **Father/Daughter Dance**
Feb. 16, 1 – 3pm Unicorn theme!
Games & food admission \$5 per kid
Dress up clothes not required.
Daddy and daughters can choose!
- **Senior High School Youth**
Feb. 16, 5pm dinner at Burdick's
- **All Ages Pickleball**
Feb. 23, MARCH 1, 8, & 15 1-4 pm
Cost is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children 12 and under.
Everyone Welcome!

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
- **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
- **Johnathon Schuette**, Effingham National Guard is being deployed to Afghanistan
- **All Effingham National Guard members**

If you know of other members in 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.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS FOR FEBRUARY
Chili and Peanut Butter

CALENDAR-----FEBRUARY 16-23, 2020

SUNDAY	16	8 & 10:30AM	WORSHIP
		9:15AM	CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
		1:00 – 3:00 PM	FATHER/DAUGHTER DANCE
		5:00 PM	SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH DINNER
MONDAY	17	NOON	EVANGELISM BOARD MEETING
		5:30PM	CHOIR
		6:30PM	EARLY CHILDHOOD
<i>PRESCHOOL CLASSES No School Monday – T-F 8:30-11:30AM</i>			
WEDNESDAY	19	8:50AM	PRESCHOOL CHAPEL
		1:00PM	STAFF MEETING & DEVOTIONS
		6:00PM	YOUTH MINISTRY
		6:00PM	BELLS
THURSDAY	20	8:50AM	PRESCHOOL CHAPEL
		1:30PM	ADULT CATECHISM BIBLE STUDY
FRIDAY	21		<i>PASTOR'S SABBATH</i>
		6:00PM	WEDDING REHEARSAL
SATURDAY	22	7:30-11:00AM	INTRUDER TRAINING
		2:00PM	GRUPE/HAARMAN WEDDING
		5:30 PM	WORSHIP WITH H/C
SUNDAY	23	8:00 & 10:30 AM	WORSHIP WITH H/C
		9:15AM	CHRISTIAN ED
		1:00 – 4:00PM	PICKLEBALL IN THE GYM

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

- 2/16 Dakota Fread
- 2/17 Steve Miller
- 2/18 Bob Shepard
- 2/19 Megan King, Christina Niebrugge
- 2/20 Nancy Kohnert, Florence Leppin, Alex Wall, Angie Yocum
- 2/21 James Carter, Dan Norton, Meghann Pruemer, Linda White
- 2/22 Coen Pennington, Marty Vail

ANNIVERSARY THIS WEEK

2/20/16 David & Elesha Brinkopf

LIFE QUOTE: Epiphany VI –

For two generations, forty years, Lutherans For Life has been declaring and demonstrating the sanctity of human life. Is our courage and compassion making any difference, with abortion ongoing and assisted suicide expanding? “[N]either he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth” (1 Cor. 3:7). He retains responsibility for all outcomes; our privilege is participating in His miraculous activity!

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