

THE EAGLE
St. John's Newsletter
February 23, 2020

FROM OUR PASTOR....

Are you listening? I'm not asking you in a frustrated tone of voice (you can imagine that, can't you?). Are you listening *to God's clear voice filled with Law and Gospel?* If you're in worship regularly, yes, you are. If you're carving out some time daily to read the Bible and to pray back to God, yes, you're listening. And wise people such as you know that you could be listening even more intently. There's always room for such improvement. May Lent be a season of growth in listening to the Word of God for you.

"This is my beloved Son ... keep on listening to Him," said the Father at Jesus' Transfiguration. The beloved Son went from the Mount of Transfiguration toward the Mount of Calvary. He went from the redemption of the cross to the resurrection of the dead on Easter. For whom? For you and your neighbor. Invite your neighbor to listen to Jesus this Lent. Give them a devotional. Give them a ride to church on Wednesdays. Give them Jesus!



OUR ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK	
Worship	387
Adult Bible Class.....	26
Lifelight	9
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Thank you for supporting God's work through St. John's.

Our offering received last weekend:

General Fund:\$12,539.56
Simply Giving General Fund \$730.00
Simply Giving Building Fund \$25.00

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.

Ash Wednesday Communion Services:
12:15pm and 6:30pm
Imposition of Ashes will be offered.

"Places of The Passion"
is our Lenten theme,
from the Gospel of Luke.



Golden Eagles Gather this Week!

Be sure to sign up on the main hall bulletin board today, so we can plan for you! The main course is ham, scalloped potatoes and sides. Of course a wonderful homemade dessert is included! All for a \$3 donation! We hope to see you there!!!

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

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, Marion Tolch, Bob Miller, Evelyn Shumaker, Rochel Alwardt, Paulena Romero, Joyce Wenthe, Janet Brinkopf, Julie Scott, Lori Spears, Jan Pike, Zack Janis, James Seggelke, Bill Draper, Howard Haake, Warren Schlechte, Lois Schlechte, Carla Bierman, Marlin Alwardt, Pastor Ted Gall, Gerald Pruemmer, Colin Kinkelaar, Marci and Eden Probst, Brett Kull, Jan Martins, Joni Herron, Connie Phelps, the family of Ralph Stuckemeyer, 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.

Teach Your Children To Use GPS

*After service today, have a conversation with your children, asking, "What do you want to be when you grow up?" After a few moments of discussion, ask, "Who do you think GOD wants you to be when you grow up?" Emphasize to your children that God has a specific plan in mind for them, and that following God's plan is the surest way to joy. Every life decision – which college to attend, whom to date, which job to pursue, whether to enter seminary, who to marry—should be undertaken only after praying for God's guidance. In other words, encourage kids to navigate life using **GPS – God's Positioning System.***

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?



Father/Daughter Dance 2020!

Thanks to these awesome dads who gave their daughters a day to remember!

LCMS STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT For the Transfiguration

Matt. 17:8 – "And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only." Jesus is enough. Moses and Elijah point to Jesus and are happy to fade into the background. With our eyes focused on Him – and Him alone – the rest of our lives come into focus. He is primary; all else is secondary. When that order is right in our lives, things truly fall into place.

SUNDAY SCHOOL and
ADULT BIBLE CLASS LESSONS
THIS WEEK

“The Fish-and-Bread Sign” is the topic for the lesson this week. A crowd of at least five thousand men, plus women and children, gather to hear Jesus preach. When challenged to find a way to feed the hungry crowd, the disciples question how this is possible. Using just five barley loaves and two fish, Jesus feeds them all, with abundant leftovers.

Discuss, “How does God provide food for His people today?”



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

The next **High School Youth Night** at the Burdicks' will be March 15
6:00-8:00pm!
We had a great start last Sunday.
Thanks be to God.

YOUTH HOSTED EVENTS!

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!

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 FOR GRADES 6 THROUGH 12

- Everyone arrives by 8:30pm Friday and once locked in **NO LEAVING** until 7am 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!

We're beginning to publish announcements about an important opportunity our Stewardship Board is bringing to us: "Transferring the Blessings" will be our theme on the first Sunday after Easter.

We'll have a guest preacher (Pastor Chuck Olander). He and Scott Raddon (of the LCMS Foundation) will offer a presentation on how we can bless our families and our church family with our finances following our death. Another name for the presentation is "Lifetime Plan For Giving."

These presentations will be offered after our Saturday evening Service, and during the Sunday School hour. Watch for more!

CALENDAR-----FEBRUARY 23 - MARCH 1, 2020

SUNDAY	23	8:00 & 10:30AM	WORSHIP WITH HC
		9:15AM	CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
		1:00 – 4:00 PM	PICKLEBALL
MONDAY	24	5:00 PM	STEWARDSHIP
		5:30PM	CHOIR
		6:30PM	BOARD OF EARLY CHILDHOOD
<i>PRESCHOOL CLASSES – MONDAY – FRIDAY, 8:30-11:30AM</i>			
TUESDAY	25	3:00-4:00 PM	FOOD PANTRY
WEDNESDAY		11:30-12:15 & 5:00-6:15 SOUP	SOUP LUNCHEON/SUPPER
	26	12:15 & 6:30 PM	ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES W/HC
		1:00PM	STAFF MEETING & DEVOTIONS
		7:30PM	BELL CHOIR PRACTICE
THURSDAY	27	NOON	GOLDEN EAGLES
		1:30 – 2:30PM	ADULT CATECHISM BIBLE STUDY
FRIDAY	28		<i>PASTOR'S SABBATH</i>
		6:00PM	WEDDING REHEARSAL
SATURDAY	29	8:00AM	PRAISE BAND
		2:00PM	RENNER/ZIEGLER WEDDING
		5:30PM	WORSHIP
SUNDAY	01	8:00 & 10:30AM	WORSHIP
		11:40AM	5 TH /6 TH GRADERS ACOLYTE TRAINING
		1:00 – 4:00PM	PICKLE BALL IN THE GYM

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

- 2/23 Karla Johnson, Bob Miller
- 2/24 Tatum Genaust, Greg Habbe,
Pauline Kinkelaar,
Lydia Wendling
- 2/25 Becky Fielitz, Alice Knight
- 2/26 Jerry Starner, Cory Wahl
- 2/27 Jeffrey Keitel
- 2/28 Lora Giesler, Ashlyn Hanks,
Heather St. John, Karen Tarrant,
Wade Wenthe



ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

- 2/26/65 Jerry & Vernabelle Lankford
- 2/27/75 Terry & Becky Fielitz

LIFE QUOTE from Lutherans for Life

Many advocates of death-as-a-solution traffic in “cleverly devised myths” (2 Peter 1:16). Claims about “bodily autonomy,” “reproductive health care,” “medically necessary,” “safer than childbirth,” and “coat hangers” only obscure the beautiful truth. Gospel-motivated voices may lay the lies to rest with the Word “fully confirmed” (2 Peter 1:19) in eyewitness testimony: in the body and life of Jesus, God gives glory and sanctity to every member of our race.

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.