

THE EAGLE
 St. John's Newsletter
 March 8, 2020

FROM OUR PASTOR....

The Bell Choir gave a musical offering last Sunday in tones that were both solemn and beautiful. "Reflections on the Cross," I think it was called. I loved it. It was easy to think about the Scripture Readings printed in the bulletin as they played. I love the fact that we have a Bell Choir, and I bet Linda Marxmann and the rest of our ringers would love it if you would join them. Please prayerfully consider it. They rehearse on Wednesdays at 5:30pm.

May I also suggest that you prayerfully consider joining our vocal choir? Holly and the choir offer up God-glorifying anthems. They don't perform. They bring an offering of music. They rehearse on Mondays at 5:30pm.

Added to these choirs, we're blessed by the organists, soloists, and the praise band servants who help us in our worship. I thank all of these fine groups for your loving stewardship of music! Luther says you have a very, very important role in our congregation. He once wrote: "Next to the Word of God, music deserves the highest praise. ... But any who remain unaffected [by music] are clodhoppers indeed and are fit to hear only the words of dung-poets and the music of pigs."

Thank the Lord: we are more than clodhoppers! We're redeemed sinners, singing the praises of Him who died and rose.

Under His grace,



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

OUR ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

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| Worship..... | 400 |
| Adult Bible Class..... | 25 |
| Lifelight | 11 |
| Confirmation Classes..... | 16 |
| Sunday School..... | 39 |
| Guests..... | 2 |
| Ash Wednesday Services..... | 149 |
| Pastor's Thursday Class | 9 |

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

Our offering received last weekend:

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| General Fund: | \$12,856.75 |
| Building Fund..... | \$90.00 |

The Preschool Class is the Sunday School Class of the Month!
 Our teachers are Ashley Jansen, and Philip & Shannon Stuemke.



Our Favorite Bible Story
 Noah's Ark

Our Favorite Foods

Biscuits-n-Gravy, Chicken Noodle Soup
 Hamburger & Pizza Rolls

God is

Love, awesome, forgiving, and caring

We want to be:

Superman, Elsa, Moana, Toy Builder,
 Woody the Cowboy

We like to go to

Niemerg's, farm, store, Grandma &
 Grandpa's, Camping, & Park



We are taking order for Easter Lilies. They will be 8" Lilies for \$15., If you would like to order one in memory or in honor of a loved one, please contact the church office.

The deadline is Monday, March 16.

PRAYER LIST

Warren & Lois Schlechte, Lloyd & Shirley Wittenberg, Alan & Connie Phelps, Jan Martins, Ilda Wendling, Gayland & Shawn Bourland, Steven & Kathleen French, Deborah Wallin, Tim Mueller, Joye Bushue, Austin Miller, Esta Johnson, 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, Janet Brinkopf, Julie Scott, Lori Spears, Jan Pike, James Seggelke, Bill Draper, Joni Herron, Marlin & Rochel Alwardt, Pastor Ted Gall, Shirley Cheadle, Gerald Pruemer, Colin Kinkelaar, Bev Koester, Rose Boggs,
 These members of the Armed Forces: Paul Smith, Sam Kehoe, Nathan Vail, Aaron Smith, Baileigh Longwell, Jason Mette, 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

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS FOR MARCH
 Pasta Sauce & Pasta

THERE WILL NOT BE PICKLE BALL THIS SUNDAY!

The Youth Board would like for you to enjoy activities outdoors instead.

YOUTH HOSTED EVENTS!

ALL AGES PICKLEBALL

MARCH 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.

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.

BASKET RAFFLE! SPAGHETTI SUPPER, SUNDAY, MARCH 29TH

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

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

OPEN HOUSE

Dean & Donna Wetherell will be celebrating their 50th Anniv. on, Sat., March 14, from 1-4 p.m. at St. John's. Everyone is invited. They request your love & friendship, no gifts please.

LCMS STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

March 8 – Lent 2 John 3:16 –

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.” This is perhaps the most well-known and well-beloved verse in the New Testament – and for good reason. This simple Gospel message is the foundation for our whole life, including our new life in Christ. This new life is characterized by thankfulness and devotion to our Father, who has provided for us so lavishly in Christ.

SUNDAY SCHOOL and ADULT BIBLE CLASS LESSONS THIS WEEK

“Jesus Teaches His Church

In this week’s lesson, “A Mercy-Full Message,” Jesus tells the famous parable of the Good Samaritan, who risks his own life to help a Jewish man whose peril was ignored by his own countrymen. In telling the parable, Jesus answers the question “Who is my neighbor?” for His followers as He challenges us to “go, and do likewise” (Luke 10:37). As a family, you could discuss ideas to help those in need in your community.

LIFE QUOTE from Lutherans for Life March 8 – Lent II –

We scarcely need more help than when “coming in” (approaching birth) or “going out” (approaching death). In these times of weakness, neither hills nor pills nor legislative bills will avail unless they come from our Lord. Since Almighty Maker keeps our coming in and going out (Psalm 121:7-8) as a gracious Savior, He gets to direct the decisions about how one lives and when one dies.

Yeah!

Many of our Eagles’ Nest Preschool students and their families will be with us next Sunday in the 10:30am Service, as the children will give some musical offerings.

Sunday, October 4, from 3:00-6:00PM, the congregations of the Effingham-Shelby Circuit will hold a Convocation focused on recruitment of the next generations of pastors. We get to host it here at St. John’s! Who will be the pastor for our children and grandchildren? Pray the Lord of the harvest to send out workers.



Saturday, March 14th, 2020 @ 6:00 p.m.
Altamont Lutheran School Gymnasium
Cost: \$10.00 per person.

No more than 8 to a team, and snacks will be provided. Drinks available for \$1., and Mulligans can be purchased, \$5.00 per team. To register, contact Lena @ LCC Kids. All proceeds will go towards the purchase of classroom supplies for LCC Kids.

Thank you for your support!

“Transfer the Blessings” seminar will be held here, Saturday April 18th at 6:30 p.m. and Sunday, April 19th at 9:15 a.m. Rev. Charles Olander, CID Planned Gift Counselor and Scott Radden, LCMS Foundation will be here. For more information, contact: Pastor Burdick @ 217-341-4334 OR Rev. Charles Olander @ 217-416-8842. Please sign up ahead.

CALENDAR-----MARCH 8 – MARCH 15 , 2020

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| SUNDAY | 8 | <i>Daylight Savings Time Begins</i> | |
| | | 8:00 & 10:30 AM | WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION |
| | | 9:15 AM | CHRISTIAN EDUCATION |
| | | 5 PM | S. S. STAFF APP. DINNER |
| MONDAY | 9 | 5:00 PM | BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP |
| | | 5:30 PM | CHOIR |
| | | 6:15 PM | BOARD OF EDUCATION |
| <i>PRESCHOOL CLASSES – MONDAY – FRIDAY, 8:30-11:30 AM</i> | | | |
| TUESDAY | 10 | 3-4 PM | FOOD PANTRY |
| | | 5:15 PM | BOARD OF SOC. MIN. |
| WEDNESDAY | 11 | 12:15 PM | LENTEN SERVICE |
| | | 1:00 PM | STAFF MEETING & DEVOTIONS |
| | | 5:30 PM | BELL CHOIR PRACTICE |
| | | 6:30 PM | LENTEN SERVICE |
| THURSDAY | 12 | 1 PM | PRAYER SHAWL |
| | | 1:30 PM | CATHECHISM BIBLE STUDY |
| | | 6:30 PM | BOARD OF ELDERS |
| FRIDAY | 13 | | PASTOR'S SABBATH |
| SATURDAY | 14 | 8:00 AM | MEN'S BIBLE STUDY |
| | | 8:00 AM | PRAISE BAND |
| | | 1-4 PM | WETHERELL 50 TH ANNIV. CELEBRATION |
| | | 5:30 PM | WORSHIP |
| SUNDAY | 15 | 8:00 & 10:30 AM | WORSHIP |
| | | 9:15 AM | CHRISTIAN ED. |
| | | 9:30 AM | PRESCHOOL BRUNCH/SING |
| | | 10:30 AM | PRESCHOOL SINGING IN CHURCH |
| | | 1:00 – 3:00 PM | PICKLE BALL IN THE GYM |
| | | 6:00 PM | SR. HIGH YOUTH/BURDICKS |

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

- 3/8 Rose Boggs, Charles Jansen, & Jerry Pruemer
- 3/9 Brody Kuhns & James Ousley
- 3/10 Dr. James Gartner, Katherine Jansen, & Kaiden Kohnert
- 3/11 Patricia Logan, James Schroeder
- 3/12 Steve Wendling
- 3/13 Donna Parker & Sean Sandifer
- 3/14 Kyle Kohnert, Michael Kremer, Jr., Aleece Lotz, Tyler Marxman, Holly Wall

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

- 3/10/2018 Jason & Michelle Miller

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE....

PLEASE have your items submitted for the Eagle Newsletter into the office by 11:00 a.m. on Thursdays to make sure it will be in the next newsletter. **Thank you!**