

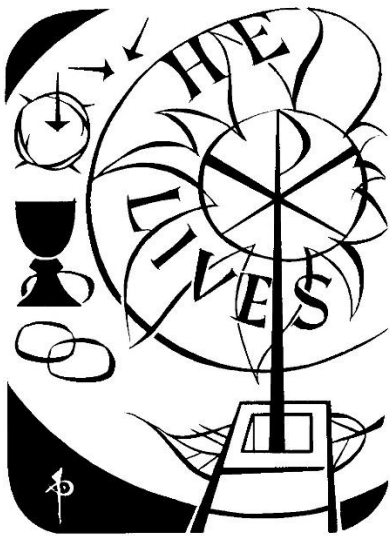
THE EAGLE
St. John's Newsletter
April 12, 2020

OUR ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK
On-line Worship Views..... 529

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

Our offering received last weekend:
General Fund: \$6,475
Building Fund \$65.00

FROM OUR PASTOR



From our pastor ...

Happy Easter! Even better, may your joy be built on this sure foundation: CHRIST IS RISEN! I am grateful for the responsibility and privilege of being with you for our first Easter together.

We're concerned about many dimensions of what this pandemic is doing among us. Here's the one about which I want to write today, Easter Day: *Action* usually influences *thinking*. Sometimes it is the other way around, but only rarely. What we do repeatedly affects what we believe. Therefore, I'm concerned that the effects of our extended shelter in place will be that

members of the Body of Christ will do and believe nothing Christian. They will do and believe falsely. I'm quite concerned. But not without hope, and my hope is that we are doing things now that will be the foundation for life after the lockdown. For that to happen, here are things we can do...

Daily prayer. Establish routines of repentance, Scripture and prayer, individually and, if we live with them, with our family. Every morning.

Weekly worship. Dress up for your participation with our recorded Service and actively worship.

Joyful offerings. Out of joy for God's mercy, not to a budget, respond with proportionate and first-fruits offerings for the health of our congregational mission and ministry.

What we do influences what we believe. By God's grace, we can do this well. And when the next chapter opens, we can be better for it. But it takes action now. Perhaps that seems like a lot to lay on us on such a happy occasion as Easter. Well, our long-term health depends on what we are doing these days. We can do it well. After all, our Lord is alive and well, and we are His Body.

A blessed Easter, dear friends in Christ. We are closer to that day when we'll be gathering in the same building, as the same Church. Alleluia!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Pastor Furdick'.

FYI

We have given serious consideration to various ideas about how we could gather, including parking lot Services and drive-through Communion, but the hurdles have been too high thus far for our context. Thank you for your patience and understanding. Stay connected through our website (www.stjohnsLCMS.net) and our Facebook page. And on Sundays at 10:00am, worship with us on Mediacom channel 81.

PRAYER LIST

Bill Draper, Judy Joergens, John Romero, Dick Hulskotter, Evelyn Shepard, Connie Phelps, Jan Martins, Gayland & Shawn Bourland, Steven 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, Evelyn Shumaker, Janet Brinkopf, Julie Scott, Lori Spears, Jan Pike, Joni Herron, Rochel Alwardt, Pastor Ted Gall, Gerald Pruemmer, Colin Kinkelaar, All Health Care Workers.

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Stewardship Board is in need of a couple of volunteers to help existing counting teams. It usually takes less than an hour per month. If you would like to help, please contact Jeanette Worman at jaworman@gmail.com or call 217-821-7918.

LCMS STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

April 12 – Easter

John 20:16 – “Jesus said to her, ‘Mary.’” Jesus is not only risen from the dead and the Victor over sin, He even calls us by name. He still calls us His friends and brothers, and He means to bring us through death to join Him in His resurrection. Christ is risen; He is risen indeed!

LIFE QUOTE from Lutherans for Life

April 19

“Did the soldiers wonder about Jesus in years to come? Surely, a Man of such power could have avoided the cross. But that wasn’t what Jesus was doing with His authority. He was in charge that night, because He was about the business of saving us. And now that He has risen from the dead and ascended into heaven, we know that He is in charge of everything in heaven and earth—and we are safely His forever.” *Dr. Kari Vo, Lutheran Hour Ministries – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

**Sign-up at www.cidLCMS.org
to get our District’s newsletter, The
GatePost, emailed to you**

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY

The photography of our new church directory has been postponed by Lifetouch due to Covid-19 until further notice!

FOOD PANTRY ANNOUNCEMENT!!!

Because of the Covid-19 Pandemic, the Food Pantry is accepting monetary donations only at this time. Thank you all so much for your continued support!

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!

TO GET THE CHURCH BROADCASTS

Analog TV's will require a Mediacom DCT or DTA tuned to Channel 81.

CONTACT INFORMATION NEEDED

Email and Facebook are the quickest ways for us to be in contact with many people. If you use Facebook, "like" the [St.JohnsEffingham](#) page. For email, thank you for ensuring that we have a valid address for you in the office! Thank you!

CONFIRMATION

The Rite of Confirmation for ten wonderful students is coming up. We have moved it from May 3 to Pentecost Day, May 31. Pray for Evan, Camille, Kylie, Sophie, Andrew, AJ, Katie, Makenna, Aiden and Elena! They have all picked excellent Confirmation verses, are working on their banners, and are studying God's Word through Luther's Small Catechism. Pray for them and their parents. They are about to make the good confession!

STUDENT SUPPORT

We support two students (and their families) at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis through the adopt-a-student program: Michael Stein and Jeron Melin. Michael and his family will receive his first call into pastoral ministry this month and will graduate in May. Jeron and his wife will receive their vicarage assignment. Both of these ceremonies will be "virtual" only, but we can celebrate with them via www.CSL.edu on April 28 and May 15!



CHRIST THE **LORD**
IS RISEN TODAY!

SUNDAY	12	10:00 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE ON CHANNEL 81 ON MEDIACOM
MONDAY	13	12:00 PM	PASTOR'S DAILY DEVOTION ON ST. JOHN'S FACEBOOK PAGE
TUESDAY	14	12:00 PM	PASTOR'S DAILY DEVOTION ON ST. JOHN'S FACEBOOK PAGE
WEDNESDAY	15	12:00 PM	PASTOR'S DAILY DEVOTION ON ST. JOHN'S FACEBOOK PAGE
THURSDAY	16	12:00 PM	PASTOR'S DAILY DEVOTION ON ST. JOHN'S FACEBOOK PAGE
FRIDAY	17		PASTOR'S SABBATH
		12:00 PM	PASTOR'S DAILY DEVOTION ON ST. JOHN'S FACEBOOK PAGE
		12:00 PM	OFFICE CLOSSES AT NOON
SATURDAY	18	12:00 PM	PASTOR'S DAILY DEVOTION ON ST. JOHN'S FACEBOOK PAGE
SUNDAY	19	10:00 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE ON CHANNEL 81 ON MEDIACOM

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

- 4/12 Allen Radloff, Eldon Joergens, Liz Brown, & Nancy Lykins
- 4/13 Beth Bahms, Cathy Norris, Hunter Keith, Lee White
- 4/14 Anna Mae Gibson, Betty Albin, Deana Wetherell, Kevin Wenthe, Kristen Pryor, & Megan Smith
- 4/15 Allyson Kremer, Bonnie Siebert, Jennifer Wilson, & Roscoe Davies
- 4/16 Amanda Genaust, Jenna Norris, Vincent Wendt
- 4/17 Andrew Lotz, Avery Bohnoff, Evan Lotz, Ray Hartman, & Zachary Scott
- 4/18 Eva Wendling * Molly Lipe

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

- 4/12 Bob & Bernetta Marxman
Daniel & Ashley Jansen
- 4/13 Todd & Sonja Martin
- 4/14 Dennis & Jackie Genaust
- 4/16 Greg & Mary Brown

