

THE EAGLE

St. John's Newsletter
April 19, 2020

OUR ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Online Worship Views 523

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

Our offering received last weekend:

General Fund:..... \$9,240.00

March General Fund Summary

Total Deposits.\$55,295.61

Total Expenditures\$49,964.25

Ending Balance.....\$160,367.31

FROM OUR PASTOR



God gives. God forgives. We manage. We respond in joyful stewardship. We had planned to welcome a guest preacher for this weekend's Services with an emphasis on stewardship. The time will come for that, but the time is now for us to receive His grace and to respond in joy with the time, skills, and money He has temporarily entrusted to us.

Our Stewardship Board is glad to announce that Online Giving is now an easy and secure option for all who desire to bring their Offerings to the Lord in support of the ministry of St. John's. You can still mail or drop off offerings at the office, but many will want to go to our church website www.stjohnsLCMS.net and click on "Online Giving." Kathy and I set up our weekly offering and found it be very easy. First you create a profile, then you set up your donation either from your checking/savings account or your

credit/debit card. The Stewardship Board asked me to mention that the best option for the church is for you to give from your checking or savings account, but it's all up to you. God gives. We respond in joyful stewardship.

As a congregation, and as some of the individual households of St. John's, our financial support for Trinity Hope is ongoing, because the feeding programs of Trinity Hope go on in Haiti. To read more about Trinity Hope, go a little father into today's Eagle, or go to www.TrinityHope.org Today we are also praying for the children and families served by this unique program of mercy and witness, because they have entered into a new phase of their ministry. Covid-19 has shut down the schools where the meals are served, so our offerings are temporarily making food available in the homes of those school children. We're praying for fuller stomachs in order that ears and hearts will hear the Gospel of our resurrected Lord.

God gives. We manage. **For Christ is risen!** In Him,

LET'S STAY CONNECTED!

Stay connected through our website (www.stjohnsLCMS.net) and our Facebook page, St.JohnsEffingham. On Sunday, at 10:00 am, 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 Pruemer, Colin Kinkelaar, All Health Care Workers and First-Responders.

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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.

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

LCMS STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT **April 19 – Second Sunday of Easter**

1 Peter 1:3b-4 – “He has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you.” We have waiting for us an inheritance – a treasure gathered where moth and rust do not destroy. That should change our perspective on the treasures of this earth. They are fleeting; they come and go. But we can use the treasures of this earth for the work of the Kingdom that will not fade away.

LIFE QUOTE from Lutherans for Life **April 19 Second Sunday of Easter**

“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*

COUNCIL & VOTERS MEETING

The meetings for the Council & Voters have been postponed until further notice.

TRINITY HOPE

Trinity Hope is about...

HUNGER -- Trinity HOPE is a ministry that feeds thousands of hungry children, teachers and cooks each day in Christian schools spread throughout Haiti. *This is the only meal nearly 50% of those we serve will eat in a 24-hour period.*

NUTRITION -- Children receive a nutritious bowl of rice (or corn) and beans, with a high-protein mix of tomato paste, dried herring, oil, maggi (seasoning) and water. The special mix was developed by a Vanderbilt University nutritionist. *Approximately 62% of Haitians suffer from malnutrition.*

FAITH -- Every school Trinity HOPE feeds is a Christian school, actively teaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ on a regular basis. Many schools are tied to the local Christian church. *Approximately 60% of the Haitian population practices Voodoo. 95% of the children we feed come to believe in Jesus Christ.*

EDUCATION -- "An empty stomach has no ears" is a well-known phrase in Haiti. Trinity HOPE understands that when children are SO hungry they can't concentrate, their education suffers. Haiti's future depends on the education of the upcoming generation. *48% of Haitians over the age of 15 are illiterate.*

FOOD PANTRY ANNOUNCEMENT

Items to donate for the month of April are:

Canned Fruit & Cereal

You may drop your items off at the church in the kitchen on the cart that is designated for the food pantry.

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!

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!

COMMUNION

Pastor Burdick and Pastor Fortkamp are available to give you the Lord's Supper in individual services. Please contact the Church office (217-342-4334) and we will make arrangements.



CALENDAR-----APRIL 19 – APRIL 26, 2020

SUNDAY	19	10:00 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE ON CHANNEL 81 ON MEDIACOM
MONDAY	20	12:00 PM	PASTOR'S DAILY DEVOTION ON ST. JOHN'S FACEBOOK PAGE
TUESDAY	21	12:00 PM	PASTOR'S DAILY DEVOTION ON ST. JOHN'S FACEBOOK PAGE
WEDNESDAY	22	12:00 PM	PASTOR'S DAILY DEVOTION ON ST. JOHN'S FACEBOOK PAGE
THURSDAY	23	12:00 PM	PASTOR'S DAILY DEVOTION ON ST. JOHN'S FACEBOOK PAGE
FRIDAY	24		PASTOR'S SABBATH
		12:00 PM	PASTOR'S DAILY DEVOTION ON ST. JOHN'S FACEBOOK PAGE
		12:00 PM	OFFICE CLOSSES AT NOON
SATURDAY	25	12:00 PM	PASTOR'S DAILY DEVOTION ON ST. JOHN'S FACEBOOK PAGE
SUNDAY	26	10:00 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE ON CHANNEL 81 ON MEDIACOM

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

- 4/20 Breanne Weaver & Stacey Nelson
- 4/21 Don Tieffel & Janet Hecht
- 4/22 David Wendte, Dennis Lading, Eric Hanks, & Erin Wendling
- 4/23 Ian Keith & Norma Lansing
- 4/24 Earl Mueller, Emma Budde, & Erin McDevitt
- 4/25 Adia Jennings, Audrey Garbe, Clair Niebrugge, Corbyn Boone, & Julie Vahling

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

- 4/21 Keith & Patsy Bahrns, 1974
- 4/25 Neal & Sarah Mellendorf, 1981

JUST A REMINDER

THE LUTHERAN WITNESS

&

PORTALS OF PRAYER

Subscriptions for 2020 are due.

The Lutheran Witness is \$15.96/yr.

Portals of Prayer cost is

Reg. \$9.10

Digest \$14.50

Large Print \$15.40

You may mail or drop off your payments at the church in the basket on the pew in front of the office during regular business hours.