

THE EAGLE
St. John's Newsletter
April 5, 2020

OUR ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK
On-line Worship Views..... 432+

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

Our offering received last weekend:
General Fund: \$10,073.00

FROM OUR PASTOR

"...O, Thou Who changest not, abide with me." Some might feel that old hymn to be depressing. I don't. I find it realistic and flowing with hope.

As we react to the Covid19 virus, things change. We had hoped to be liberated from our restrictions soon, but know now that we have to wait until May 1, at least. We're getting used to uncertainty.

Handling uncertainty gets easier as we stay rooted in Him Who changest not. Our congregations of the LCMS refrained from public Services back in 1918 when the Spanish flu was striking the world. 102 years later the Church is still standing, because the foundation has remained the same: Jesus Christ. He doesn't change. Doesn't tremble. Stands firm. Pumps life and hope into the veins of the Church. Bears fruit. In 2020.

We still staff the Church office, but with fewer people and less contact. We greatly appreciate that many of you have mailed your offerings to the church, or have dropped them off. When you've hand-delivered it, we have asked you to leave it on the pew outside the office or to slide it beneath the door

and the secretary on duty will immediately bring it to the desk once you've left (thanks for understanding as we strive to keep everyone as safe as possible).

Our Stewardship Board and Webmaster have done everything to launch our online giving portal at www.stjohnsLCMS, and now we're waiting for word from the vendor that they've completed their part. Thanks for your patience.

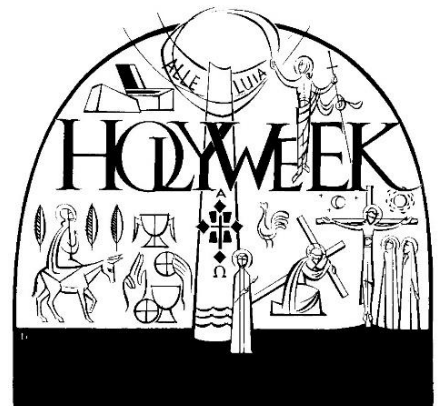
Folks express gratitude for our daily devotions on Facebook and I'm glad they can help. I hope they only supplement an already healthy routine of Scripture and prayer in your homelife. Change is coming. Those devotions will stop. I don't know when, but we will be back together, and we will be cherishing the weekly privilege of it.

Our hope is certain. After all, it's founded on Him "Who changest not."

In Him,



P.S. On our website we will post videos for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday to help you worship our crucified and risen Savior. As many have said, "Easter is not cancelled!"



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!

TO GET THE CHURCH BROADCASTS

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

PRAYER LIST

Gene Koebele, Judy Joergens, Donna Wetherell, 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.

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.

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 5 – Palm Sunday

Matt. 21:3 – “If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.” Did Jesus really *need* the donkey? If the man had refused to give the donkey, would the work of salvation have been derailed? Of course not. But what an honor for the man who owned this donkey and foal! Likewise, the Lord needs none of us, but what an honor for God to choose to use our generosity in the work of His Church.

LIFE QUOTE from Lutherans for Life

April 5

“For me, Holy Week offers us a glimpse into the holy and vicarious humanity of Jesus. The human Jesus struggling with His own suffering in agony is a portrait for which I am deeply thankful. Jesus struggled as I do. And while I often reluctantly say to God, ‘Not my will but yours be done,’ I trust that God will generate salvation out of suffering and life from death.” Margaret Manning Shull is a member of the speaking and writing team at Ravi Zacharias International Ministries in Bellingham, Washington

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!

r Charity Toward Men in Office

Almighty God,

You have ordained the authorities that are;

You have clothed them in a majesty that is higher and stronger than the given facts of their history, a majesty that wakens fear in us and claims honor from us.

O God, remember in Your mercy the men who bear the burden of this majesty, men like us, easily bent by the pressure of temptation, by the impact of expediency. Remember them and strengthen them when they are moved to shade the truth to their own ends, to withhold what should be told, to distort what must be told, to disclose what does not serve our common weal. Keep intact their honor and their credibility.

Purge us, O God, of cynical distrust, of party passion, of the deafness of our rebellious bent. Teach us, O Lord, the meekness that would rather be deceived than be encrusted with perpetual distrust.

Teach the charity that will interpret all uncertainties toward the side of goodness.

Create in our world an air in which the truth can freely breathe,

a sea on which the ships of truth can sail, an earth on which the feet of truth can walk unhurt.

Your Son, our Lord, would not speak ill of Caesar even when Caesar's power nailed Him to the cross. Give us the Spirit of Your Son.

Amen.

--by Martin Franzmann. From Pray For Joy. Concordia Publishing House. 1970

THE LUTHERAN WITNESS

It's that time of year to renew your 2020 Lutheran Witness. **Cost is \$15.96/yr.** If you are a **NEW** subscriber, you will not receive your first one until July 2020. Please make checks payable to St. John's.

PORTALS OF PRAYER

Direct Mail 1 year subscription

Reg. \$9.10

Digest \$14.50

Large Print \$15.40

Simply use the designated envelopes provided in your box. Please have **these** into the office by **Wednesday April 8th**. Please make checks payable to St. John's.

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!

CALENDAR-----APRIL 5 – APRIL 12, 2020

SUNDAY	5	10:00 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE ON CHANNEL 81 ON MEDIACOM
MONDAY	6	12:00 PM	PASTOR'S DAILY DEVOTION ON ST. JOHN'S FACEBOOK PAGE
TUESDAY	7	12:00 PM	PASTOR'S DAILY DEVOTION ON ST. JOHN'S FACEBOOK PAGE
WEDNESDAY	8	12:00 PM	PASTOR'S DAILY DEVOTION ON ST. JOHN'S FACEBOOK PAGE
THURSDAY	9	12:00 PM	PASTOR'S DAILY DEVOTION ON ST. JOHN'S FACEBOOK PAGE
FRIDAY	10		PASTOR'S SABBATH
		12:00 PM	PASTOR'S DAILY DEVOTION ON ST. JOHN'S FACEBOOK PAGE
		12:00 PM	OFFICE CLOSSES AT NOON
SATURDAY	11	12:00 PM	PASTOR'S DAILY DEVOTION ON ST. JOHN'S FACEBOOK PAGE
SUNDAY	12	10:00 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE ON CHANNEL 81 ON MEDIACOM

BIRTHDAYS FROM LAST WEEK

- 4/1 Audrey Niemerg & Raymond Jutkins
- 4/2 Elizabeth Soltwedel
- 4/3 Hunter Stewart
- 4/4 Amy Wetzel, Karen Grupe, & Tina Richter

ANNIVERSARIES FROM LAST WEEK

- 4/4 Jacob & Stacy Nelson

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

- 4/5 Ella Brown, Graham Ziegler & Marsha Klussman
- 4/6 Jeff Stremming & Joey Walls
- 4/7 Earline Jutkins & Elijah Wendling
- 4/8 Cheryl Pruemer, Meghan Wahl, & Taylor Kuhns
- 4/9 Eileen Hartman, Molly Wallin, Nancy Johnson, Ron Giesler, & Steve Rubin
- 4/10 Gene Jackson & Helen Miller
- 4/11 Carol Osborn & Cohen Hoedebecke

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

- 4/5 Roger & Nancy Ohnesorge
- 4/8 Mike & Sharon Field

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 St. Louis, MO 61308

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!