

THE EAGLE

St. John's Newsletter

April 26, 2020

OUR ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Online Worship Views..... 250

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

Our offering received last weekend:
General Fund:..... \$4,548.00

FROM OUR PASTOR

When I call our insurance company, I often am "on hold" for a while, waiting for the person who can help me. I love the company. I hate the music. It grinds on my nerves, looping a synthesized ear-worm that makes me wonder why I love this company so much. Sooner or later the right person comes on, the worm is gone, and I remember again why this company has been such a blessing to us, especially through the 26 years of caring for Abby and her many physical and financial needs. "On hold" can be endured.

We are all engaged in a strange endurance test during this pandemic. Life is on hold. What's the background music you're hearing? If what you're hearing – literally and figuratively – is grinding on your nerves, change the channel. You can't force a change in the shelter-in-place restrictions, but you surely can change much of the music, news, and conversations that are being piped into your head and heart. Listen to good things. Turn off the news and turn on "Little House on the Prairie" (seriously ... that's one of the shows we've been watching the past two weeks). Pipe in good music. It will help while you wait.

The wait will end. We'll slowly come closer to the way things used to be before the pandemic, and maybe some things will be better than they were. But best of all, on the grand, real scale of things, the day is certainly coming when the Day of Resurrection will appear. Our Risen Lord will return in triumph and grace. The "hold" will be over. The One Who can truly help us will end the grind and commence the song: "This is the feast of victory for our God, Alleluia!" (Revelation 7). Knowing that, we can endure anything in Him.

In His Love,



LET'S STAY CONNECTED!

Stay connected through our website (www.stjohnsLCMS.net) and our Facebook page, [St.JohnsEffingham](https://www.facebook.com/StJohnsEffingham). On Sunday, at 10:00 am, worship with us on Mediacom channel 81.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all who have used our "Online Giving" portal through our website! It's working securely and easily. Go to www.stjohnsLCMS.net and click on "Online Giving" to make a one-time or recurring offering.

VOTERS MEETING

The Voters meeting has been postponed until further notice.

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

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.

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.

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!

FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION

During our "Shelter-In-Place" due to Covid-19, we are currently doing drive thru for our distribution on the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays.

COMMUNION

Pastor Burdick and Pastor Fortcamp 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.

LCMS STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

April 26 – Third Sunday of Easter

1 Peter 1:18-19 – “Knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.” We have been ransomed – bought back from the slavery into which we were born. We do not belong to ourselves, or to the devil, or to the world. We belong to Jesus. Therefore, we live our lives not in accordance with our own wisdom but in line with God's Word.

LIFE QUOTE from Lutherans for Life

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“God transformed Paul's life, and Paul used whatever talents he already had in the service of God and others. Glorifying God and spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ, Paul understood—by the grace of God—the newfound purpose and direction of his life. If God can do these kinds of wondrous works in the lives of others, why can't He do them in yours? The answer: He can.” *Rev. Leroy Johnson – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

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.

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. Also, please make sure that we have a valid email address for you in the office.



LOVELY NEW HYMN

This is a lovely new hymn based on the Gospel Reading for this week, wherein the discouraged disciples walking to Emmaus have their eyes opened and hearts lifted by resurrected Lord (Luke 24). May it be a source of courage and peace for you!

1 Who are you who walk in sorrow
Down Emmaus' barren road,
Hearts distraught and hope defeated,
Bent beneath grief's crushing load?
Nameless mourners, we will join you,
We who also mourn our dead;
We have stood by graves unyielding,
Eaten death's bare, bitter bread.

2 Who is this who joins our journey,
Walking with us stride by stride?
Unknown Stranger, can You fathom
Depths of grief for one who died?
Then the wonder! When we told You
How our dreams to dust have turned,
Then You opened wide the Scriptures
Till our hearts within us burned.

3 Who are You? Our hearts are
opened
In the breaking of the bread—
Christ the victim, now the victor
Living, risen from the dead!
Great companion on our journey,
Still surprise us with Your grace!
Make each day a new Emmaus;
On our hearts Your image trace!

4 Who are we who travel with You
On our way through life to death?
Women, men, the young, the aging,
Wakened by the Spirit's breath!
At the font You claim and name us,
Born of water and the Word;
At the table still You feed us,
Host us as our risen Lord!

5 "Alleluia! Alleluia!"
Is the Easter hymn we sing!
Take our life, our joy, our worship
As the gift of love we bring.
You have formed us all one people
Called from ev'ry land and race.
Make the Church Your servant body,
Sent to share Your healing grace!

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CALENDAR**APRIL 26 – MAY 3, 2020**

SUNDAY	26	10:00 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE ON CHANNEL 81 ON MEDIACOM
MONDAY	27	12:00 PM	PASTOR'S DAILY DEVOTION ON ST. JOHN'S FACEBOOK PAGE
TUESDAY	28	12:00 PM	PASTOR'S DAILY DEVOTION ON ST. JOHN'S FACEBOOK PAGE
		3:00 -4:00 PM	FOOD PANTRY
WEDNESDAY	29	12:00 PM	PASTOR'S DAILY DEVOTION ON ST. JOHN'S FACEBOOK PAGE
THURSDAY	30	12:00 PM	PASTOR'S DAILY DEVOTION ON ST. JOHN'S FACEBOOK PAGE
FRIDAY	1		PASTOR'S SABBATH
		12:00 PM	PASTOR'S DAILY DEVOTION ON ST. JOHN'S FACEBOOK PAGE
SATURDAY	2	12:00 PM	PASTOR'S DAILY DEVOTION ON ST. JOHN'S FACEBOOK PAGE
SUNDAY	3	10:00 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE ON CHANNEL 81 ON MEDIACOM

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

- 4/27 Baileigh Longwell, Judy Wendling, & Oliver Boone
 4/28 Jerry Lindsey, Leigha Weber, & Westen Royse
 4/29 Shirley Wittenberg
 4/30 Breannah Westjohn & Karla Flach
 5/01 Brandon Wendling & Marla Jackson
 5/02 Brian Haake & Warren Habbe

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

- 4/28/2001 Tod & Marisa Szeluga
 4/29/2006 Lance & Jacque Dixon
 4/29/1972 Richard & Pauline Kinkelaar
 5/02/1965 Richard & Nancy Ohnesorge

EASTER LILIES

If you would like to pick up your Easter Lilies, they are on a cart in the gym.

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