

THE EAGLE
St. John's Newsletter
February 21, 2021

From Our Pastor ...

“Return to The Lord” – Last week it was *Joel*. Our Midweek Lenten Service this Wednesday will listen to *Jeremiah*. Many of you have been reading his book and understanding why he’s called “the weeping prophet.” Jeremiah had good reasons to give up, cash in, and walk away from his calling. Yet the Lord said to him, “If you return, I will restore you...” (Jer. 15:19).



I’m pretty certain you have callings in which you’re tempted to give up, cash in, and walk away. Yours are not identical to Jeremiah’s, but The Lord is the same Lord. He is capable of doing restoration. Here’s the thing, though: His restoration is always bound up in the work of Jesus Christ. It always includes repentance and forgiveness, death and resurrection. That will be our focus for this second week. Join us again at 12:15 or 6:30pm Wednesday.

“Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.” (Eph. 3:20-21).

Important Reminders

Please...

- Use pews that are marked with blue tape on the ends.
- Use our signup system for every Service you will attend in-person. Go to stjohnslcms.net and click the orange “Sign Up” button ... or call the church office to have the staff sign you up.
- Note that the front half of the sanctuary use 2 pews of buffer zone, and the back half uses 1. This has allowed us to increase signup capacity to 95 per Service.

Preschool Registration

The Eagles Nest Preschool is currently accepting applications for the 2021-2022 school year. Forms are in the Atrium, the bulletin board, and they are also available online.

Jeremiah Review Session

Pastor Burdick will offer a review of our February “Today’s Light” readings on Monday, March 1. Like the previous one, you may attend at either 4:00pm or 5:30pm in the Trinity Room. You do not have to sign up. God bless your journey through the Scriptures

Installation

We install & commission Janet Martins as our Stephen Ministry Leader this weekend in the 8:00 am Service. We thank her for completing the full training and to serving in this capacity so the good work of Stephen Ministry can continue at St. John’s! May God be glorified and His people be served with love and mercy through this caring ministry.

LCMS Stewardship Thought

Mark 1:13 – “And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him.” God the Father cares for Jesus even in the midst of his temptation in the wilds. God cares for us in every situation as well. Jesus realized this and always acted from the basis of trust in God the Father’s provision. This is likewise the basis for our life lived in Christ: God cares for us, so we need not act out of fear or greed.

LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life

“God controlled your salvation from start to finish. He gave you faith in Baptism and strengthens faith through the Word. You can trust that He will continue to keep control of your life because you rest in the palm of His loving hand. Stand firm because God is in control.”

Rev. Peter Sulzle, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

This Week’s Sunday School Lesson

I Samuel 17:2-11, 33-51

“The Fearless Shepherd” is the title for today’s lesson. As their armies remain encamped against one another, the Philistines send for their champion, Goliath, to challenge the Israelites. The Israelites fear to challenge the giant. Young David expresses dismay at the soldiers’ lack of trust in God. Confident that the Lord will give him victory, David uses his sling and knocks Goliath to the ground before cutting off Goliath’s head with the giant’s own sword.

Next Food Distribution

Tuesday, February 23 from 3-4 pm

February Food Pantry Donation

Chicken Noodle Soup/Canned Peaches

Youth Events

VBS

June 14-17—SAVE THE DATE!

Your Response to the Gospel

Our Attendance Last Week

In Person Attendance

Sunday, February 14.....	255
Online Worship Views	334
Sunday School Pre-K-HS.....	35
Adult Sunday School Class.....	13
LifeLight	7
Ash Wednesday.....	148
Ash Wednesday Online.....	79

Our Offerings Last Week

February 14 General Fund.....	\$9,847
Online General Fund.....	\$1,560
Total General Fund Offering..	\$11,407

St. John’s Children’s Library

Great news! Our Children’s Library is up & running! Come take a look at the renovated Children’s Library. There are plans for acquiring new books & upgrading our materials. Information about how you can help us with this project will be coming. Watch for it! Please feel free to use the check-out system and enjoy! If you have any questions, please contact:

Ammon Probst (309) 255-2898 OR

Kathy Burdick (309) 255-8343

District & Synodical Conventinon

The congregations of the LCMS overwhelmingly approved of delaying the District and Synodical Convention by one year each. Our CID Convention will be held in 2022.

Portals of Prayer & Lutheran Witness

It is time to sign up for your Portals of Prayer & Lutheran Witness subscriptions.

Here are the prices for this year.

Portals of Prayer

Regular Size "Direct Mail" \$9.60

Digest Size "Direct Mail" \$15.00

Large Print "Direct Mail" \$15.90

Lutheran Witness

\$15.96/year.

Money for the subscriptions can be put in the designated offering envelopes, or if you do not use the envelopes, please indicate it in the memo line of your check. You can also drop your check by the office.

Feb. 25 is the deadline.

Prayer List

Lilly Wright, Rich Worman, Dick Hulskotter, Gerard Bierman, Deb Meyers, Bob Miller, David Winter, Cassie Power, Brett Kull, Delores Miller, Rose Boggs, Tim Mueller, Craig Wolff, Mike McWhortor, Bertie Powell, Zach Fritcher, Evelyn Shumaker, Janet Brinkopf, and Mr. & Mrs. John Root who were married here this past Friday.

Members of the Armed Forces, including Ryan Budde, Paul Smith, Nathan Vail, Baileigh Longwell, Jason Mette, Gabriel Walker, Johnathon Schuette, Henry Bielenberg; and all first responders of our community and nation

Special thanks to the anonymous youth members of the congregation who went to the home of one of our members and shoveled the snow this week! It was nice to hear that you followed it up with some sledding at the Burdicks'. Thanks for helping!

2021 CID LLL District Annual

Meeting

As more people are spending time at home and with their households due to the pandemic, the Lutheran Hour®, is touching families using the newest technologies connecting with them on their preferred media source. Along with the Households of Faith materials, LHM is still sharing the Gospel and equipping the laity to strengthen the spiritual vibrancy of their homes as they reach out in the community in spiritual conversations. This is the last chance to register for the Central Illinois LLL District Annual Convention held at Saint John's Lutheran Church, 901 W. Jefferson Ave., Effingham. Our guest speaker, Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler, Speaker of the Luther Hour®, will provide us with updates in a virtual presentation along with representatives from CID LCMS and LWML AND Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty.

Registration is \$15 per person, students and children are free. Included in your registration cost is a catered lunch & refreshments

Register today—check Atrium for registration information or contact: Deloris Blessman (309) 361-1461 or email (delorisblessman@yahoo.com). For more information, you can contact <church ambassador/CID LLL VP Dale Wetherall, 217-259-4728 or email dalewet51@gmail.com>

Registration is due by Feb. 25, 2021.

CALENDAR-----Feb. 21, 2021 – Feb. 28, 2021

Sunday	21	8:00 AM Service	Commission Janet Martins
		8:00 & 10:30 AM	Worship Services
		9:15 AM	Sunday School
		10:00 AM	Worship Service/Mediacom Channel 81
<i>Preschool—Monday- Friday</i>			
Monday	22		Pastor’s Devotion on Facebook
		6:30 PM	Board of Early Childhood
Tuesday	23	3:00 - 4:00 PM	Food Pantry
Wednesday	24		Pastor’s Devotion on Facebook
		12:15 PM & 6:30 PM	Lenten Services
		1:00 PM	Office Staff Devotion & Meeting
		5:00 PM	Confirmation Class
Thursday	25		
Friday	26		Pastor’s Sabbath
Saturday	27	8:00 AM	Praise Band Practice
		11:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Virtual Youth Quake
		4:00 & 5:30 PM	Worship Services w/HC
Sunday	28	8:00 & 10:30 AM	Worship Services w/HC
		9:15 AM	Sunday School
		10:00 AM	Worship Service/Mediacom Channel 81

Birthdays This Week

- 2/21 Dan Norton, Linda White,
Meghann Pruemer, & Mike Carter
- 2/22 Coen Pennington & Marty Vail
- 2/23 Bob Miller & Karla Johnson
- 2/24 Greg Habbe, Lydia Wendling,
Pauline Kinkelaar, &
Tatum Genaust
- 2/25 Alice Knight & Becky Fielitz
- 2/26 Cory Wahl & Jerry Starner
- 2/27 Jeffrey Keitel

Anniversaries

- 2/22/20 Dana & Daniel Haarmann
- 2/26/65 Jerry & Vernabelle Lankford
- 2/27/75 Terry & Becky Fielitz

The Board of Social Ministry

The Board of Social Ministry has scrip cards available in the fellowship hall after services and in the office until the cards on hand are gone. No more cards will be purchased. \$5.00 Sav-A-Lot vouchers will continue to be provided after services and in the office.

