

THE EAGLE

St. John's Newsletter

February 7, 2021

From Our Pastor ...

Lutheran
Hour
Ministries
(LHM) is also
known as
The Lutheran



Laymen's League (LLL). They give us a marvelous radio and internet program each week. They also provide rich resources to strengthen Christians and help us reach out with the Gospel. For the strengthening of us Christians, I want to learn more about LHM's "Households of Faith" initiative. That's why we're ...

- Observing "Lutheran Hour Sunday" next weekend.
- Hosting the LLL District Convention on March 6.

If you are interested in understanding and possibly implementing the *Households of Faith* resources here at St. John's, please speak with me. I'm looking for one or more people who are willing to dive into these resources and see what they can do for our households. Maybe after next Sunday's bulletin insert, you'll feel compelled to volunteer for this exploration. Think and pray about it, will you?

I am glad that we're already strengthening households in some ways. Folks who are conducting devotions at home or reading through

Jeremiah in *Today's Light* are taking very positive steps. Jeremiah isn't going to inspire you to great joy, but it will give you great insight into the sin and sadness that undermines the Church. Households that aren't using *Today's Light* but are using *Portals of Prayer* and other devotionals are doing something healthy, too. Keep going!

If there is room in your day for another brief devotional, please stop in the Atrium and pick up a free copy of "*The Marks of Love*," our Lenten devo. Maybe better yet, pick up a copy and give it to someone. Then invite them to our Ash Wednesday and other midweek Services. Lent is only ten days away. I pray your Lenten journey will be rich in grace and renewal!

In God's Love,

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

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.

LCMS Info on the Covid-19 Vaccine

The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod has made a statement concerning the Covid-19 vaccine, addressing some of the concerns and questions folks might have. You can read it at: www.LCMS.org, and there are a few copies posted on the main bulletin board at church.

LCMS Stewardship Thought

1 Corinthians 9:25 -- "Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable." Self-control is a fruit of the Spirit – for the desires of the flesh are at war with the desires of the Spirit. Having received the new life in Christ by his grace, he now calls us to follow him deliberately, with self-control, with intention.

LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life

"If your boyfriend or girlfriend won't go to church with you while you are dating, he or she probably won't when you're married either. How long can you keep your faith life going if your spouse thinks praying, Bible reading, and church going are stupid wastes of time? Abraham went to great lengths to find a believing wife for Isaac."

Pastor Mark Jeske, Time of Grace – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

This Week's Sunday School Lesson

Ruth 1:1-2:13, 4:13-17

Today's lesson, "The Faith-Full Family," tells of Ruth's loyalty to her widowed mother-in-law, Naomi. Returning to Naomi's ancestral home in Bethlehem, Ruth gleaned Boaz's fields to provide food for herself and Naomi. Ruth finds favor with Boaz, who purchases Naomi's land and redeems Ruth from her widowhood. Having married Boaz, Ruth bears a son, Obed, the grandfather of King David.

Next Food Distribution

Tuesday, Feb. 9 from 3:00-4:00 PM

February Food Pantry Donation

Chicken Noodle Soup/Canned Peaches

Your Response to the Gospel

Our Attendance Last Week

In Person Attendance

Sunday, January 31 305
Online Worship Views 124
Sunday School Pre-K-HS..... 49
Adult Sunday School Class..... 21

Our Offerings Last Week

January 31, General Fund \$5,117
Online General Fund..... \$1,830
Total General Fund Offering.... \$6,947
Building Fund..... \$50

Deepest Sympathies

Prayers to Gwen Kuhns and her family at the passing of her husband, Mike Kuhns. Mike passed away Mon., February 1st at his home. Services were held Friday, Feb. 5 at St. John's

Youth Events

Youth Quake 2021

ATTENTION ALL St. JOHN'S YOUTH
(grades 6th-12th)

Date: Sat. Feb. 27

Place: St. John's Lutheran Church
Effingham

Time: 11:00 am – 5 pm

Best of all—IT'S FREE!

More news to come on how to register.

Ash Wednesday Meals

Wednesday, Feb. 17th

Luncheon—11 am-12:15 pm

Supper Meals—5 pm-6:30 pm

(Possible Dine In, Grab & Go, &
Drive Through)

VBS

June 14-17—SAVE THE DATE!

Braille

There will be NO Braille until further notice.

Prayer List

Alyssa Burdick & baby, Emery Mae Wendling, Paul Wendling Cindy Meyers, Gerard Bierman, Earline Jutkins, Danny Reynolds, Deb Meyers, Irene Esch, 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 the family of Mike Kuhns.

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

LifeLight Class

We will be starting a new study on the Parables. The Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. The deadline to sign up is this Sunday, Feb. 7. Our 1st week will be Sunday, Feb. 14.

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.

Stephen Ministry



This is the symbol of the Stephen Ministers Caregiver Compass.

Stephen Ministers & Stephen Ministers Leaders strive to be compassionate, full of faith, skilled, trustworthy, and Christ-centered in all that they do.

Trustworthy includes keeping all things confidential involving your care. This begins when:

- You call to gain information about becoming a Care Receiver.
- The existence of the Caring Relationship.
- Your name, as well as the names of your loved ones.
- Your specific situation or need.
- Any communications between you and your Stephen Minister.
- Any notes the Stephen Minister may make regarding your next visit for follow ups.

When the care giving relationship has ended all written material is destroyed.

*Note: Male care receivers have a male care giver.

Female care receivers have female care givers.~~Janet Martins

Thank You

The Audio/Video Committee would like to thank Dan Jansen for his work on fabricating the console for the A/V system. It turned out very nice & efficient! It will make the two techs' work easier & there is less clutter to deal with as there is lots of storage. Stop by upstairs to see it!

CALENDAR-----Feb. 7, 2021 – Feb. 14, 2021

Sunday	7	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	8		Pastor's Devotion on Facebook
		6:15 PM	Board of Education
Tuesday	9	1:00 pm	Prayer Shawl
		3:00 - 4:00 PM	Food Pantry Distribution
		5:15 PM	Board of Social Ministry
		6:00 PM	Board of Youth
Wednesday	10		Pastor's Devotion on Facebook
		1:00 PM	Office Staff Devotion/Meeting
		5:00 PM	Confirmation Class
Thursday	11	6:30 PM	Board of Elders
Friday	12		Pastor's Sabbath
Saturday	13	8:00 AM	Praise Band Practice
		4:00 & 5:30 PM	Worship Services w/HC
Sunday	14	8:00 & 10:30 AM	Worship Services w/HC
		9:15 AM	Sunday School
		10:00 AM	Worship Service/Mediacom Channel 81
		11:30 AM	Board of Stewardship

Birthdays This Week

- 02/07 Colleen Leppin, Randy Esch, & Richard Albin
- 02/08 Adam Bohnhoff, Calli Fritcher & Carli Fritcher
- 02/09 Ashley Veach, Nitelle Lading, & Kimberly Tarrant
- 02/11 Jonathan McDevitt, Rick Keller

Anniversaries

- 02/09/80 David & Donna Budde
- 02/09/74 Mike & Karla Johnson
- 02/10/78 Gary & Rebecca Hewing

Thank You To Our Musicians!

Your faithful stewardship of talent is a blessing to the Church.

Thank You St. John's!

You gave over \$5400 to support our special project of giving Bibles to the children of Haiti's Baja and Chatelain Schools, through Trinity Hope. When the students receive their Bibles in their heart language, we'll share a photo of the happy event. Praise the Lord.

Lenten Midweek Services:

Wednesdays, February 17-March 24
12:15 pm & 6:30 pm

