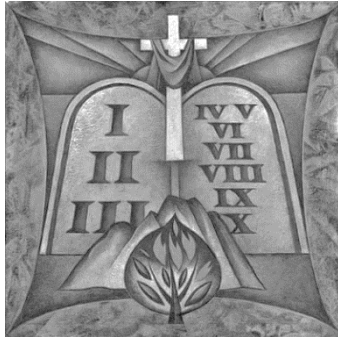


# THE EAGLE

St. John's Newsletter  
March 7, 2021

From Our Pastor ...

Today our first reading is the giving of the Ten Commandments. Do you think of them as a source of joy or sadness?



Someone recently asked, "When were Adam and Eve most free?" Was it when they were in the garden under God's restrictions, or when they were East of Eden, having lost paradise, but able to eat anything there by the sweat of their brow?

Autonomy doesn't lead to freedom. True liberty is enjoyed by those who trust and obey God. I have had to learn and relearn this many times. You, too, I know. That's why we teach the Commandments and the Creed, and more. We desire our members and our neighbors to be truly free. In Christ!

I want to thank you for being so accommodating to fellow Lutheran groups who need a place to gather these days. Yesterday we hosted the LLL District Convention, next month it will be the LWML Joyshop, and in May it will be the Convocation on Ministerial Recruitment. We've been blessed with a good building for these events. We're even more blessed with great people who welcome others. Thanks for that. In the freedom of the Law & the Gospel

*Pastor Furdick*

## THE LCRL NEEDS YOU!



Thank you for your prayers and please consider supporting the vital work of the LCRL. We are a

"stand-alone, 501 (c)3 organization that exists solely by the gifts of generous believers. With your help we will continue the work of defending the religious liberty of our LCMS Churches, Schools, and Universities to preach and teach the whole counsel of God without fear of government coercion or abuse. We are your voice in Washington DC, protecting your voice in the community, defending religious liberty, promoting a culture of the sanctity of life, defending the institution of marriage, and promoting educational freedom/parental choice. To give, you can help with an offering today to "Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty" or online go to [www.lcms.org/givenow/lcrl](http://www.lcms.org/givenow/lcrl) Thank you.

### Youth Quake

Our youth had a great "Quake!" event last Saturday. Thanks for your support!



### Volunteers Needed

We need volunteers to pick up envelopes containing DVD copies of St. John's weekend service & worship folder from the church office & drop them off at several facilities around town.

If you would be willing, please contact Kathy Stremming (217-254-9360). Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

### LCMS Stewardship Thought

John 2:16 – “And he told those who sold the pigeons, "Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade." The Lord's House is not a place to sell, but a place to receive and a place to give. It's not a place for our schemes and plans. Instead, the Church is a place for the Lord's gracious giving and our faithful sacrifices in response.

### LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life

“Whether you are five or 35 or 65, there will be days when it seems to you that God has dropped it. When that happens, when the darkness threatens to close in on you, just go back to the simple truth that God taught you in your youth. Go back to the Word of Light, the Word that is Christ. ‘Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so.’ That will lighten the way for you, for us all.”

Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer, *The Lutheran Hour – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life*  
• [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)

### We Need Your Help

When you come into the church and ring the doorbell, please state your name. With masks, hoods, caps, & lighting, we are having problems recognizing faces. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

Sarah & Deania

### This Week's Sunday School Lesson

2 Samuel 7:18-29; Psalm 24

“The King of Glory” is the title for this week's lesson. King David prays, thanking God for His blessings and seeking His guidance. As David worships and acknowledges the true God, he asks God's blessing on his household and nation. David's psalm praises and glorifies God as it looks ahead to the coming of the glorious Savior and King.

### Youth Card Sales

Donna Wetherell has added more anniversary, sympathy, & birthday cards to the cabinet. Remember, that your card purchases help our youth.

### Your Response to the Gospel

#### Our Attendance Last Week

In Person Attendance

Sunday, February 28.....	347
Online Worship Views .....	110
Sunday School Pre-K-HS.....	37
Adult Sunday School Class .....	16
LifeLight .....	8
Lenten Services, March 3 .....	119

#### Our Offerings Last Week

General Fund, February 28.....	\$11,574
Online General Fund.....	\$2,205
<b>Total General Fund Offering..</b>	<b>\$13,779</b>
<b>Building Fund.....</b>	<b>\$90.00</b>

### Thank You!

The Children's Library Team wishes to say a big “THANK YOU” for the donation from the Roselle McClure Memorial. This will help us purchase some very needed children's books.

Ammon Probst & Kathy Burdick

### Prayer List

Dwight Klepzig, Lilly Wright, Gerard Bierman, Bob Miller, Cassie Power, Brett Kull, Delores Miller, Rose Boggs, Tim Mueller, Mike McWhortor, Bertie Powell, Zach Fritcher, Evelyn Shumaker, & Janet Brinkopf.

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

### Easter Lilies

It is time to order your lilies for Easter. This year, they are 8" lilies for \$15. You can stop by the church office to place your order, which need to be in by Monday, March 22.

### Good News for the Stephen Ministry

Now that I have been installed & commissioned, Karla Flach & Rosemary Seggelke will be recommissioned on Mar. 21 at the 8 am service. On April 1, we will be able to actively start serving our congregation. Please call me if you are in need of a Stephen Minister. The number to call is 1-217-868-9576 to reach me.

Between now and forever I will be looking for more male & female Stephen Ministers, and a male Stephen Leader. The leaders are more administrative in seeing that the program continues to be able to serve the whole congregation and community.

Please pray for a successful & beneficial ministry here at St. John's.

~~Jan Martins

### Fish Fry

St. Paul, Wheeler & St. John, Dieterich Lutheran Youth Fellowship will be hosting a drive thru Fish Fry.

Where: Dieterich Civic Center

When: Friday, March 12

4:00 to 6:30 p.m.

Menu

Fish, Chicken, Fries, & Cole Slaw

Cost: Adults \$10/Children \$7

### Church Week at Rural King

We are again participating with Rural King in their **CHURCH WEEK**. If you shop at Rural King from **March 24 - 27, 2021** they will donate 10% of your total purchase to St. John's Lutheran Church Food Pantry.

Instructions--Simply go to:

<https://www.ruralking.com/churchweek>

- Under Church Week Heading click on Search or Organization Search
- Select State
- Select City
- Select: Our Church

You have until April 1, 2021 to upload your receipts. If you'd rather, you can turn in your receipt to the office & we will get your information turned in! **THANK YOU** for helping the Food Pantry through this project!

### Food Pantry

**Our next distribution will be**

Tuesday, March 9

3:00 – 4:00 P. M.

**March Pantry Donation**

Canned Chicken & Wide Noodles

**CALENDAR-----March 7, 2021 – Mar. 14, 2021**

Sunday	7	8:00 & 10:30 AM	Worship Services, Dr. Greg Seltz Preaching
		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 Christian Education
Tuesday	9	1:00 PM	Prayer Shawl
		3:00 – 4:00 PM	Food Pantry
		5:00 PM	Board of Social Ministry
Wednesday	10		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	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
		9:00 AM	Board of Youth

**Birthdays This Week**

- 3/7 Beth Hanks, Gayland Bourland, Curt Meseke, & Laura Braun
- 3/8 Charlie Jansen, Jerry Pruemer, & Rose Boggs
- 3/9 Brody Kuhns & James Ousley
- 3/10 Dr. James Gartner, Kaiden Kohnert, & Katherine Jansen
- 3/11 Jim Schroeder & Patricia Logan
- 3/12 Steve Wendling
- 3/14 Donna Parker & Sean Sandifer

**Anniversaries**

- 3/10/18 Jason & Michelle Miller

**The Board of Social Ministry**

We have scrip cards available in the fellowship hall after services and in the office until the cards on hand are gone.

Here’s what’s left: Buffalo Wild Wings, Chili’s, Kohls, and Maurice’s

\$5.00 Sav-A-Lot vouchers will continue to be provided after services and in the office.

**Don’t Forget**

Next Sunday, March 14

