

THE EAGLE

St. John's Newsletter

March 21, 2021

From Our Pastor ...

Don and Sue are good friends of ours from Greenwich, CT, where Kathy and I lived during my vicarage. Greenwich is a suburb of NYC, and when I was visiting them in 2002 they dropped me off at the train station to go back into the city. As I got out of their car they asked if I wanted them to wait until the train arrived. In the parking lot I loudly answered, "Nope! I've got plenty of money!"

They quickly decided to stay with me. Good Christian friends listen and stay. Sometimes they know what we need even more than we do. And sometimes we are the ones who listen to others and give them what they need, not just what they asked for. For your family and for your friends, give them truth, grace, help, and guidance. Give them Christ. Stay with them. And if you are burdened by the remembrance of times when you haven't – or they haven't – rejoice in Christ's forgiveness.

The bulletin cover today shows us a crowd in NYC's Grand Central Station. Those people are part of "the many" for whom Jesus gave His life as a ransom. In your mind, picture the doors of Save-A-Lot, or your neighborhood street, or your school. The people there need us to be like Don and Sue, listening to them and giving them what they need –

companionship, truth, grace, mercy, and ultimately Jesus.

"Let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith." (Galatians 6:9-10)



Jeremiah & Ezekiel Review

The next review session for our Today's Light Bible readings will be Monday, April 5, from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m., or from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. I will summarize what we have heard from Jeremiah and Ezekiel. I know the readings haven't been easy. Keep going!

-- Pastor Burdick



Our District Camp CILCA has tremendous things going on this summer – some camps are for young kids and parents at the same time, and some are for the older kids only. Check it out at: www.CILCA.org, or pick up the flyer on the main hallway bulletin board.

Register by March 31 and get the discount, please. Then, let us know in the church office (email is best: office@stjohnsLCMS.net) by April 12, and will see how far our congregation's scholarship funds for CILCA can go for you! We want to help St. Johns' kids go to Camp.

LCMS Stewardship Thought

Mark 10:45 – “For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” Jesus gives everything He has: He gives Himself. That self-giving is the model for our giving in all aspects of our lives. In our family, in our church, and in the world at large, Jesus calls us to follow His example in self-giving. We can only do this if we are connected to His self-giving in faith.

LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life

“We affirm again and again that God handmade all people and Jesus died for all people. And that means ALL lives are valuable and equally loved.”

Michelle Bauman, Director of Y4Life for Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

This Week’s Sunday School Lesson

I Kings 6:11; 11:1-11

“The Unwise Wise King” is the title of today’s lesson. Solomon gathers the supplies and artisans to begin the most important construction project of his reign—building a house for God. Using the very finest materials and most skilled craftsmen, Solomon builds a temple so glorious that none to come after it would ever compare. Later in his life, Solomon’s many wives and concubines lead him away from the true God. In His anger, God vows to take the kingdom away from Solomon’s descendants.

Next Food Distribution

Tuesday, March 23,
from 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Food Pantry

March Pantry Donation

Canned Chicken & Wide Noodles

Your Response to the Gospel

Our Attendance Last Week

In Person Attendance

Sunday, March 14.....	352
Online Worship Views.....	121
Sunday School Pre-K-HS	44
Adult Sunday School Class.....	16
LifeLight	10
Lenten Services, March 17	111
Lenten Online Views.....	70

Our Offerings Last Week

General Fund, March 14	\$7,704.50
Online General Fund.....	\$2,035.00
Total General Fund Offering...	\$9,739.50
Building Fund	\$30

Prayer List

Lee Larimer, Craig Wolff, 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, and the family & friends of Rev. Dr. Wayne Hoffman, who passed away on March 2, and the family of Ronald Stuckemeyer, brother of Cheryl Pruemer, who passed away on March 13.

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

This year, they are 8” lilies for \$15. You can stop by the church office, or call the office, to place your order. Your Easter Lily order is due this Monday, March 22.

Larry Brandt Scholarship

Information coming soon!

Watch the Eagle & online for information.

Offering Envelopes

The Stewardship Ministry team would like to remind you that we still have several assigned envelopes that have not been picked up. Please stop by the office to pick yours up.

ALSO, we have several unassigned envelopes. If you would like to have a box of envelopes, please let the office know.

If you would rather not use envelopes, you can also do our Online giving options.

Church Week at Rural King

We are again participating with Rural King in their **CHURCH WEEK**. If you shop at Rural King from **March 14 - 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!

Immanuel Altamont

Immanuel will host a Drive-Thru Easter Experience on March 28th from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. In the north parking lot. This experience will show the occurrences of Holy Week!

\$5.00 Save-A-Lot Vouchers

Now more than ever, the Board of Social Ministry wants you to know about our \$5.00 Save-A-Lot Vouchers that you can purchase in the office. Times have been hard for a lot of people in our community, so we encourage you to buy a voucher, or two, so that when you encounter a person in need, they have the opportunity to shop for themselves. Think of it as an extension of our already successful St. John's Food Pantry. We can reach those who may not yet know about this ministry or our church.

On the back of the certificate, this verse from Jeremiah offers hope: *"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope."*

We hope you'll consider using these vouchers in your everyday errands. Even \$5 can help in a big way. The money you pay stays in an account for the food pantry until the voucher is used. We then reimburse Save-A-Lot.

Thank you~~The Board of Social Ministry.

LYF Easter Breakfast

Serving will be 7:00 – 10:00 a.m.
Dine-in or Carry-out will be available.

Menu

Ham, sausage links, biscuits & gravy,
scrambled eggs, fruit salad,
assorted pastries,
milk, orange juice, and coffee.

Free will donation

CALENDAR-----March 21, 2021 – Mar. 28, 2021

Sunday	21	8:00 & 10:30 a.m.	Worship Services,
		8:00 a.m. Service Only	Commission Stephen Minister Karla Flach & Rosemary Seggelke
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
		10:00 a.m.	Worship Service/Mediacom Channel 81
<i>Preschool—Monday- Friday</i>			
Monday	22		Pastor’s Devotion on Facebook
		10:00 a.m.	LWML Zone Board Meeting
		6:30 a.m.	Board of Early Childhood
Tuesday	23	3:00 – 4:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Distribution
Wednesday	24		Pastor’s Devotion on Facebook
		12:15 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.	Lenten Services
		1:00 p.m.	Office Staff Devotion & Meeting
		5:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class
Thursday	25		
Friday	26		Pastor’s Sabbath
Saturday	27	8:00 a.m.	Praise Band Practice
		4:00 & 5:30 p.m.	Worship Services w/HC
Sunday	28	8:00 & 10:30 a.m.	Worship Services w/HC
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
		10:00 a.m.	Worship Service/Mediacom Channel 81

Birthdays This Week

- 3/21 David Winter & Sophia Bahrns
- 3/22 Bradley Miller, Elsie Kinkelaar,
Mike Johnson, & Nicholas Miller
- 3/24 Carter Frailey &
Stacey Hagerstrom
- 3/25 Audrey Fritcher, James Starner,
& Keith Bahrns
- 3/26 Adam Storm, Avery Watson,
Pam Baker, Pauline Johnston, &
Sharon Giesler
- 3/27 Al Palisch, Emma Newlin,
Hayes Hinton, & Sandy Wieneke

Anniversaries

- 3/24/07 Jeremy & Jessica Fritch

Catechism Bible Study

It will begin Wednesday, April 21, at 7:00 p.m. What is it? It’s our Adult Confirmation Class, and a Bible Study on the core beliefs of LCMS Lutherans at the same time.

Therefore, anyone interested in becoming a member of St. Johns -- and any old Lutheran wanting to review what they studied years ago – is urged to participate. Meets for ten weeks, and Pastor Burdick is the leader.

Classes begin with a brief video from www.lhm.org/godconnects/ and then dive into the Catechism and Bible. Each participant is urged to purchase the newest edition of Luther’s Small Catechism (\$15), but loaner copies are at church. All are welcome.