

THE EAGLE

St. John's Newsletter

April 11, 2021

From Our Pastor ...



"I was glad when they said to me, **'Let us go to the house of the Lord!'**" (Psalm 122:1) King David penned those words of thanksgiving, but I know that you feel them, too. Welcome! It's time to make more contact with folks in our church family who have been away from corporate worship. The Elders and I will be doing that, and I ask you to help. Reach out to friends and family who have stayed away from in-person worship during the pandemic, and invite them to join us. A small segment may not be able to come back yet, and for them our online Services are necessary. Most can return. They may be needing a loving invitation and bit of encouragement, so, give it!

The graphic above expresses what we believe about worship – it's the Lord who welcomes us, serves us, and sends us. You and I simply get to be His hands and voices. Thanks to Kelly Siebert for creating that graphic. "It's time for Church!" could be the phrase in your home as dad or mom go through and lovingly prod the kids to get up,

dress up, and listen up for worship. It's my prayer that more and more our members and friends will return to Church in these Easter weeks, and we'll come out of this pandemic stronger than when it started. God can do that; let's let Him.

A blessed, happy Easter! Alleluia!



Join the Choir!

Rehearsal is held in the sanctuary each Monday at 5:30 p.m.

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.

Upcoming Meetings

Church Council Meeting

Tuesday, April 20, 7:00 p.m.

Quarterly Voters Assembly

Tuesday, April 27, 7:00 p.m.

Board Chairs, be sure to get your reports into the office by **April 15th**.

LCMS Stewardship Thought

John 20:19 – “Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’” The peace we have in Jesus is what makes a life of good works possible. Since we know that it is Jesus who saved us – not our works – we are now free to do good works. Good works shouldn’t be done out of self-interest but for the right reasons – out of thanksgiving toward God and love for our neighbors.

LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life

“Christmas, Good Friday, and Easter clinched it for Paul. If God’s Son, divine and holy from all eternity, would take on human flesh for me, obey the commandments for me, suffer and die for me, and rise again to guarantee my forgiveness and resurrection, there can be no doubt. He loves me.”

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

This Week’s Sunday School Lesson

I Kings 18:17-40

Today, we will study “Consuming Fire.” Elijah challenges the people to stop “limping” between Baal and the true God. Gathering the 450 prophets of Baal, Elijah proposes a test to determine the truth: each side will butcher a bull for sacrifice and call on their god to send down fire. The prophets of Baal call upon their god, even cutting themselves to appease it, but nothing happens. Elijah drenches his offering with water, completely filling the trench around it. Then Elijah offers a simple prayer to the true God, who sends down fire from heaven to consume the offering, the wood, and even the water in the trench.

A Big Thank You!

The Youth Board would like to thank all who helped in anyway with the LYF Easter Breakfast. Thank you to all who came, to all who brought food, and to all who worked and served. We truly appreciate you all! God Bless.

Prayer List

Becky Janis, Doris Hammer, Joyce Schaefer, Gloria Fortkamp, Craig Wolff, Dwight Klepzig, Gerard Bierman, Bob Miller, Cassie Power, Brett Kull, Rose Boggs, Mike McWhortor, Bertie Powell, Zach Fritcher, Evelyn Shumaker, & Janet Brinkopf.

Members of the Armed Forces, including Dylan Koester, 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

Your Response to the Gospel

Our Attendance Last Week

In Person Attendance

Sunday, April 4.....	396
Online Worship Views.....	196
Sunday School Pre-K-HS	37
Adult Sunday School Class.....	--
LifeLight.....	--
Maundy Thursday	173
Online Views	76
Good Friday	164
Online Views	72

Our Offerings Last Week

General Fund, April 4.....	\$15,076.18
Online General Fund.....	\$3,630.00
Total General Fund Offering .	\$18,706.18
Building Fund	\$195.00

Sports Water Bottles

We have discovered a box of blue sports water bottles in the basement, imprinted with our church information ... but they have no lids! Can you help us purchase some lids for them? See one of the bottles on the Welcome Center.

Drivers Needed

The Elders are needing volunteer drivers to assist with picking up those who need a ride to church on Sundays. If you can help, please contact:

Keith Knight (217-821-6719)

Family Life Center's
1st Annual 5 K Walk/Run for Life

The Family Life Center is having their 1st Annual 5K Walk/Run for Life on Sat., April 24th. Registration is at 8 a.m. with the walk/run starting at 9 a.m. We are looking for sponsors, volunteers, & participants. You can sign up online from our website, Familylifepcc.org or call Linda at Family Life Center for more information on sponsoring or volunteering.

St. John's NEW Directory

Let's try this again! COVID messed up a lot of things; the new directory was one of those things. Our new photography dates will be Sept. 11, 12, 18, & 19 (more if needed). We will be using Waymo's Photography, a local establishment, since LifeTouch no longer produces directories.

We will be using a sign-up similar to the sign-up used for our church services & it, too, will be on our website. We are hoping this will make it user-friendly since it's a system already in place. Watch for this event in the near future.

Jr. Confirmation Classes

We have wrapped up our midweek Jr. Confirmation Classes for the year. Special thanks, again, to Jerry Lindsey for teaching the 6th grade class! Because some have asked why we didn't have the Rite of Confirmation on Palm Sunday, it's because our two current 8th graders accelerated to go through Confirmation last year on account of the pastoral vacancy in 2019. We're now back on track – the Rite of Confirmation will be held next spring and for years to come. We have some fantastic students in our upcoming 6th, 7th & 8th grade classes!

The Next Food Distribution

Will be held on Tuesday, April 13 from
3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

April Pantry Donation

Beef Stew & Granola Bars

"THE HARVEST IS PLENTIFUL!"

Read all about the upcoming Circuit Convocation on Ministerial Recruitment in today's bulletin insert, or on our church website. Then, **register!** Don't delay. It's going to be a great event for everyone.

Larry Brandt Memorial Scholarship
Applications

The Board of Youth established this scholarship fund to support St. John's students as they pursue a post-secondary education. Applicants must be enrolled in or attending an accredited college or university pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree.

You can find the information you need online at our website: stjohmslcm.net and on the bulletin board.

**The deadline to apply is Monday,
April 26**

New Member Welcome

On Sunday, April 18th, we will be holding a "New Member Welcome". We will be recognizing those who have joined us in membership through a transfer, affirmation of faith, or as an adult confirmand. Those we will be welcoming are:

Curtis Baginski
Kent & Niki Bishop
Matt Gordon
Lillian Harstine
Doug, Kristen, Kendell, & Lincoln Jackson
Marsha Klussman
Curt & Lorie Meseke
Jack & Linda Miller
Rylee Rothrock
Doug, Julie, Ruby, Ethel, Malachi
Stuckemeyer
Tanner Veach
Becky Wenthe

Please join us in the gym for our Coffee Fellowship at 9:00 a.m. to help welcome them.

CALENDAR-----April 11, 2021 – April 18, 2021

Sunday	11	8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Worship Services, w/HC
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
		10:00 a.m.	Worship Service/Mediacom Channel 81
<i>Preschool—Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday</i>			
Monday	12	5:00 p.m.	Board of Stewardship
		5:30 p.m.	Choir
		6:15 p.m.	Board of Education
Tuesday	13	1:00 p.m..	Prayer Shawl
		3:00 – 4:00 p.m.	Food Pantry Distribution
		5:00 p.m.	Board of Social Ministry
		6:00 p.m.	VBS Meeting
Wednesday	14	8:50 a.m.	Preschool Chapel
		1:00 p.m.	Office Staff Devotion/Meeting
Thursday	15	8:50 a.m.	Preschool Chapel
Friday	16		Pastor Sabbath
Saturday	17	8:00 a.m.	Praise Band Practice
		4:00 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.	Worship Services
Sunday	18	8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Worship Services
		9:00 a.m.	New Member Welcome
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
		10:00 a.m.	Worship Service/Mediacom Channel 81

Birthdays This Week

- 4/11 Carol Osborn & Cohen Hoedebecke
- 4/12 Allen Radloff, Eldon Joergens,
Liz Brown, & Nancy Lykins
- 4/13 Beth Bahrns, Cathy Norris,
Hunter Keith, & Lee White
- 4/14 Anna Mae Gibson, Betty Albin,
Deana Wetherell, Kevin Wenthe,
Kristen Pryor, & Megan Smith
- 4/15 Allyson Kremer, Bonnie Siebert,
Jennifer Wilson, & Roscoe Davies
- 4/16 Amanda Genaust, Jenna Norris, &
Vincent Wendt
- 4/17 Andrew Lotz, Avery Bohnhoff,
Evan Lotz, Ray Hartman, &
Zachary Scott

Anniversaries

- 4/11/15 Timothy & Melody Schuette
- 4/12/58 Bob & Bernetta Marxman
- 4/12/03 Dan & Ashley Jansen
- 4/13/96 Todd & Sonja Martin
- 4/15/78 Dennis & Jackie Genaust
- 4/16/82 Greg & Mary Brown

VBS Meeting

There will be a meeting on Tues, April 13th at 6:00 p.m. in the multi-purpose room for any and all who wish to help in any way this year with VBS. If you have questions, or for further information, please contact:
 Carolyn Wendte (217-821-6541) OR
 OR Donetta Ohnesorge (217-821-3300).