

# THE EAGLE

## St. John's Newsletter

### April 4, 2021

From Our Pastor ...

#### ***The Resurrection of Our Lord! Alleluia!***

“For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures...” (1 Cor 15:3-4)

The Apostle Paul didn't have a paper route, but he had a message to deliver. He didn't pedal a bike with a canvas bag over his shoulder, but he had news that people needed to hear. It was a vital message to broadcast: ***Jesus died. Jesus rose!*** Today we're gathered to receive, believe, and broadcast this good news “of first importance.” Nothing else is more important. The bodily resurrection of Jesus, the Christ, changes everything.

Have you heard of La Verne Wimberly of Tulsa? Her church went to virtual worship in March of 2020, but that didn't stop her from dressing up for Sunday service. For over a year she has continued to put on her finest hats and dresses at the regular time of her congregation's online worship. She posts a selfie in each set of her Sunday best, for the purpose of encouraging others in her church. I think it also grounds her in the “first importance” of every-Sunday worship and wearing your finest when you come before the resurrected Lord to receive His grace and truth. She says she'll be



back to in-person worship real soon. I hope so. I thank God for her example.

We're dressed up in the righteousness of Jesus when we live in daily repentance. Arrayed in His goodness, we let others know that our lives are lived in the light of His death and resurrection. We deliver the news: *Jesus died. Jesus rose! This changes everything.*

It's time for church, dear brothers and sisters in Christ! Time to broadcast the fear-silencing announcement of Easter today and every Lord's Day from here on. ***Christ is risen. Alleluia!***



#### **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/](http://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.

## LCMS Stewardship Thought

John 20:1 – “Now on the first day of the week ...” All is made new by the Resurrection of Jesus! Even the day of worship has transitioned from the Old Testament’s Saturday Sabbath to the Lord’s Day of the New Testament. For the Lord has made all things new. He has begun a new week for a new creation in rising from the dead as the New Adam. We are also made new in Him – a new heart, a new life, new desires, and a new outlook toward God. All this comes from our Risen Lord’s grace. Especially after the sort of year we’ve had since last Easter. It’s sure good news to hear that the Lord makes all things start afresh.

## LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life

“As we gather this Easter just with our household, or perhaps all alone, we will undoubtedly miss some of the traditions that we have embraced over the years. Do not lament the loss of what does not last. Rather, embrace the enduring message that ‘He is risen! He is risen indeed!’ It changes everything!”

Rev. Robert Fleischmann, Christian Life Resources – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

## Prayer List

Doris Hammer, Joyce Schaefer, Gloria Fortkamp, Deb Meyers, Craig Wolff, Dwight Klepzig, Lilly Wright, Gerard Bierman, Bob Miller, Cassie Power, Brett Kull, Rose Boggs, Tim Mueller, Mike McWhortor, Bertie Powell, Zach Fritcher, Evelyn Shumaker, & Janet Brinkopf, and the family of Ruth Terhune.

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, March 28 .....	316
Online Worship Views .....	94
Sunday School Pre-K-HS .....	44
Adult Sunday School Class .....	16
LifeLight .....	6

### Our Offerings Last Week

General Fund, March 28 .....	\$17,595.50
Online General Fund .....	\$2,305.00
<b>Total General Fund Offering .</b>	<b>\$19,900.50</b>
Building Fund .....	\$90.00



## Baby Bottle Project



The Family Life Center is once again doing the Baby Bottle Project. This program is run completely by volunteers. They need a volunteer contact from St. John’s to help coordinate the drop-off & pick-up of the bottles. The bottles are distributed on Mother’s Day and are collected on Father’s Day.

Please let Pastor Burdick or the office staff know if you are willing to volunteer.

## 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

## Stewardship Request

Please help us when we count the offerings by NOT stapling things to your envelope or using tape on your envelope. Thank you

## Lydia Guild

Will meet on Tuesday, April 6 at 7:00 p.m.  
We will not be serving refreshments.

**Family Life Center's**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Annual 5 K Walk/Run for Life**

The Family Life Center is having their 1<sup>st</sup> Annual 5K Walk/Run for Life on Sat., April 24<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**Deepest Condolences**

Our thoughts and prayers go to the family of Ruth Ruby Terhune. Ruth passed away Saturday, March 27 at HSHS St. Anthony's Memorial Hospital. Services were held here at St. John's on Tuesday, March 30, with her burial at St. Paul's in Strasburg. Memorial donations may be made to St. John's Lutheran Church, St Jude Children's Research Hospital or a charity of the donor's choice.

**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. (COVID messed them up!)

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.

**Food Pantry**  
**April Pantry Donation**  
Beef Stew & Granola Bars

**Welcoming Families and Youth**

We have a lot to offer youth and their families at St. John's, including...

- Our Sunday School for learners from age three to 103. Our teachers use an excellent curriculum called "Enduring Faith," and they work hard to bring the Good News to you and yours. We thank them! We also have a LifeLight Bible class on Sundays.
- Our Confirmation Classes for youth in 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade. Our one-year curriculum of Bible Overview is wrapping up this Wednesday. We want to say a special thanks to Mr. Jerry Lindsey for his service to the 6<sup>th</sup> grade class this year. Trained and dedicated teachers like Jerry are precious. Thank you, and we look forward to starting again in the Fall!
- Our Church Library on the south end of the 5<sup>th</sup> floor. Last Sunday someone captured this image of kids gathered around books up there. You'll also find resources for adults. Soon you'll hear about opportunities to sponsor some new books, and about the summer story-time offerings.
- Camp CILCA. Notify the church office by April 12 of what camps your children are attending, when we'll be dividing the blessing of our scholarship funds.



**CALENDAR-----April 4, 2021 – April 11, 2021**

Sunday	4	6:00 a.m., 8:00 a.m., & 10:30 a.m.	Easter Worship Services, w/HC
		7:00 – 10:00 a.m.	Youth Breakfast
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
		10:00 a.m.	Worship Service/Mediacom Channel 81
<i>Preschool—Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, &amp; Friday</i>			
Monday	5		No Preschool
		4:00 p.m. & 5:30 p.m.	Ezekiel Review
		4:00 p.m.	Board of Trustees
		5:30 p.m.	Choir
Tuesday	6	9:00 a.m.	Pastor Conference at St. Paul, Sigel
		7:00 p.m.	Lydia Guild
Wednesday	7	1:00 p.m.	Office Staff Devotion/Meeting
		5:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class
Thursday	8	6:30 p.m.	Board of Elders
Friday	9		Pastor Sabbath
Saturday	10	8:00 a.m.	Praise Band Practice
		4:00 a.m. & 5:30 PM	Worship Services, w/HC
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

**Birthdays This Week**

- 4/04 Amy Wetzel, Karen Grupe, & Tina Richter
- 4/05 Ella Brown, Graham Ziegler, & Marsha Klussman
- 4/06 Jeff Stremming & Joey Walls
- 4/07 Earline Jutkins & Elijah Wendling
- 4/08 Cheryl Pruemer, Meghan Wahl, & Taylor Kuhns
- 4/09 Eileen Hartman, Molly Wallin, Nancy Johnson, Ron Giesler, & Steve Rubin
- 4/10 Gene Jackson & Helen Miller

**Anniversaries**

- 4/04 Jacob & Stacy Nelson
- 4/05 Roger & Nancy Ohnesorge
- 4/07 Don & Ruth Rhodes
- 4/08 Mike & Sharon Field

