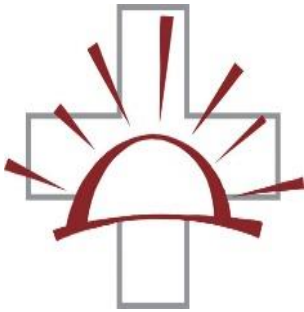


The New Year Eagle

Weekly Newsletter of St. John's
January 2, 2021

From our Pastor:



Today's Light. It has been a blessing to us. I mean both the light we've received from the sun each day for the past year, and the Concordia Publishing House journal many of us have used for reading from Isaiah to Revelation the past twelve months. This week we completed Revelation. What a way to end the year, huh? There were some mysterious, frightening things in there (both the year 2021 and John's Revelation). But you knew the end of the story. The true story of history and salvation. Here's part of it in John's message:

⁵He who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶And He said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. ⁷The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son. ⁸But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death." ⁹Then came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues and spoke to me, saying, "Come, I will show you the Bride, the wife of the Lamb."

There are magnificent, encouraging, and victorious things in there. We know the end of the story. Daily we have all we need to press on. We know who the Bride in Revelation is.

It's you, Church.

You will certainly suffer and be perplexed. You will also certainly rest in victorious peace, for the Lamb suffered all things for you. He is making all things new. Wait. You'll see.

Men of St. John's

Join us for breakfast & Bible Study on "The Parable of the Tenants" (Matthew 21) At Niemerg's Restaurant Sat., Jan. 8 at 8:00 a.m.
Questions?
Call
Gayland Bourland at 217-343-4366.

Christmas Takedown

Will be on Saturday, Jan. 8th at 9:00 a.m. We ask that anyone interested to PLEASE help us out. Thanks, Howard Janis.

Know what you believe and why!

Join Pastor Burdick for the Adult Catechism Bible Study series, at 7:00 p.m. Tuesdays, beginning January 4. Interested in joining our congregation? This is the class for learning what LCMS Lutherans believe, teach, and confess. **Join us!**

A sign-up sheet is on the main bulletin board in the Atrium hallway.

2022 Offering Envelopes

Stop in the gym to pick up your envelopes today. There is a sign-up sheet if you wish to start using them, and don't currently have a number.

LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life

“Friend of Jesus, no matter what painful or wonderful endings you marked in the past year, please watch for the early signs of new beginnings. Seize them as opportunities for you and God to develop together. Think about what the Bible teaches about life, appreciate God’s love for you, gather up bits and pieces of experience, and put them in a file named ‘lessons learned.’ Then keep it handy.”

Jason Nelson, Time of Grace – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

Your Response to the Gospel
Our Attendance Last Week

Christmas Eve599
Christmas Day71
Sunday, December 26 139

Our Offerings Last Week

Christmas Eve/Day\$13,616.00
General Fund, Dec. 26.....\$17,641.43
Online General Fund.....\$2,708.75
Total Gen. Fund Offering\$33,966.18
Building Fund..... \$150.00

The Next Food Distribution

Tues., Jan. 11th from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

January Donations

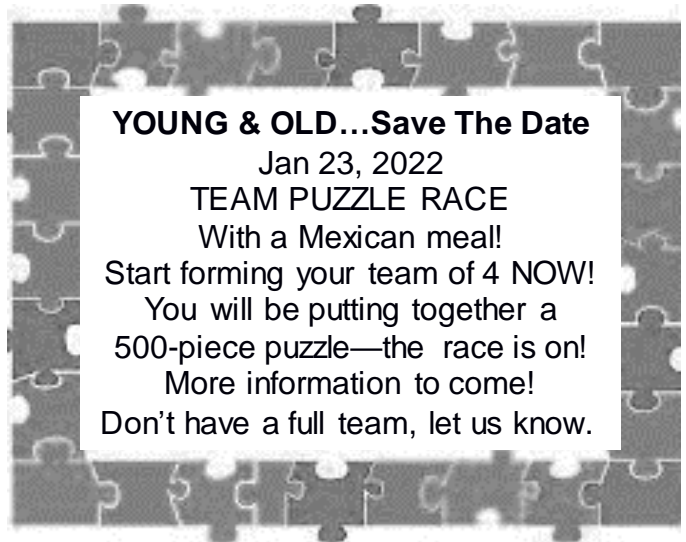
Kleenex, paper towels, small liquid laundry soap, and wet wipes.

Ramsey Plus

“Financial Peace University”



Scan this QR and you can take advantage of our congregation’s membership in “Ramsey Plus.” It can bless your household tremendously.



YOUNG & OLD...Save The Date

Jan 23, 2022

TEAM PUZZLE RACE

With a Mexican meal!

Start forming your team of 4 NOW!

You will be putting together a 500-piece puzzle—the race is on!

More information to come!

Don't have a full team, let us know.

Prayer List

Nancy L Ohnesorge, Rick Keller, John Holland, Ruth Holland, Katie Buzek, Linda Nolan, Beverly Koester, Zach Fritcher, Kay Woodland, Chad Nelson, Doris Hammer, Cassie Power, Evelyn Shumaker, David Tieffel, Ray Habbe, the family of Mike McWhortor, and the family of Lorraine Haake.

Members of the Armed Forces, including Ryan Budde, Nathan Vail, Gabriel Walker, Bryce Ikemire, and all first responders of our community and nation.

Stewardship Thought

Luke 2:40 – “And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.” At Christmas God became man. And as a man, Jesus grew up and increased in strength and wisdom. We are called to follow in the footsteps of Jesus, to grow in His image. The power for this growth comes from receiving the grace of Jesus in His Word and Sacraments. How is the Lord calling you to grow this year?

New Life Light Study

We will be having an orientation on our new study of Genesis Part 1 on Jan 23 at 9:15 a.m. Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board.

Installation of Officers & Board Members 2022

Come forward during service for an Installation and Blessing

- **President**, Jerry Lindsey
- **Vice President**, Todd Martin
- **Treasurer**, Ray Hartman
- **Secretary**, Sandy Wieneke

Board of Christian Education

- Phil Stuemke, Renee Kremer, Sarah Wyckoff, Nancy Johnson, and Cindy Esch

Board of Early Childhood

- Ammon Probst, Jamie Lotz, Lisa Norton, Treva Brandt, Eric Hanks, Shawn Bourland, and Don Wendte

Board of Elders

- Jeff Weis, Todd Zeigler, Howard Janis, Jim Schroeder, Keith Knight, Dave Worman, and Gayland Bourland

Board of Evangelism

- Holly Bray, Marlene Walker, Marilyn Schaefer, Dena Willis, Laura Janis, and Jan Martins

Board of Social Ministry

- Lonni Weis, Logan Weis, Patsy Latch, Sandy Wieneke, Marla Jackson, Marilyn Schaefer, Kathy Stremming, Jane Tolch, Mattie Niccum, and Ruth Bray

Board of Stewardship

- Wade Bloemer, Troy Probst, Jeanette Worman, Jerry Bloemer, Jerry Lindsey, and Dan Jansen

Board of Trustees

- Al Siebert, Lyle Tolch, Dave Budde, and Dennis Johnson

Board of Youth Ministry

- Donetta Ohnesorge, Carolyn Wendte, Carrie Brown, Cathy Norris, Christina Niebrugge, and Eileen Hartman

We extend our sincere thanks and blessing to every Congregational Board Member who has completed their time of service. You served because you care about the mission of the Gospel and dear St. John's of Effingham. We are better because of what God has accomplished through you. Thank you.

CALENDAR-----January 2, 2022 – January 9, 2022

Sunday	2	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service Contemporary Service Installation of Officers.
		10:00 a.m.	Worship Service/Mediacom Channel 81
<i>Preschool Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.</i>			
Monday	3	4:30 p.m.	Today's Light Review
Tuesday	4	9:00 a.m.	Pastor's Conference at Pana
		4:00 p.m.	Bd of Trustees
		7:00 p.m.	Adult Catechism
Wednesday	5	11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. 12:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Stephen Ministry Office Hours Stephen Class Stephen Ministry Office Hours
		1:00 p.m.	Office Staff Devotions & Meeting
		5:00 p.m.	Financial Peace University Class
		5:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class
		5:30 p.m.	Bell Choir
Thursday	6	7:00 p.m.	Shepherding our Strays Teams
Friday	7		Pastor Sabbath
Saturday	8	8:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study at Niemergs'
		8:00 a.m.	Praise Band
		9:00 a.m.	Christmas Takedown
		5:30 p.m.	Worship Service w/HC
Sunday	9	8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Worship Service w/HC
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
		9:15 a.m.	Financial Peace University Class
		10:00 a.m.	Worship Service/Mediacom Channel 81
		5:00 p.m.	Home Fires at Phyllis Duekers'

Birthdays This Week

- 01/02 Faith Kinkelaar, Jacqueline Wiseman, Vicki Cook, & Zoey Boone
- 01/03 Sandra Devall
- 01/04 Kay Boerngen
- 01/05 Cathy Bloemer & Christopher Bahrns
- 01/06 Jeremy Fitch
- 01/07 Dale Walls, Dawson Wyckoff, Robert Williams, & Teri Schaefer
- 01/08 Charity Ozenkoski, Jack Watson, Kateleigh Zeigler, Sarah Wyckoff, & Tate Niebrugge

Many Thanks

for the Warm Wishes that I received after my surgery and recovery. Also thank you so much for the birthday wishes. I am now at home and recovering. God's Blessings to you all. *Roberta Jenkins*

The Circuit Youth Event of ice skating on January 9 has been cancelled, due to the UIUC Covid-19 restrictions.