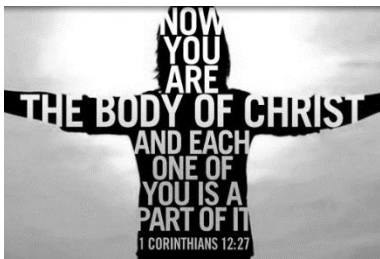


The Eagle Newsletter
Weekly Newsletter of St. John's
January 23, 2022

From our Pastor:

Dear Body of Christ:

I don't think there could be a better Epistle reading assigned for today as we celebrate a New Member Welcome: **"Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it."** (1 Cor 12:27) The human body is wonderfully made up of many parts, working together under one head. So it is with The Church ... St. John's Church, included.



To those members who joined St. John's by Baptism over ninety years ago: you belong! To those who joined in the past nine months: you belong! Together, you belong to Jesus and to His Church. This weekend, I urge each of us to go out of our usual way to reach out and welcome someone you don't yet know. In a church this size, we don't know everyone. Ok. Don't greet everyone today. Greet one whom you don't already know.

Along the line of this encouragement to get to know the Body of Christ a bit better, I'm going to have a long note in the Eagle next Sunday that's been relayed to me by Pastor Fortkamp. It's not perfect, but it is excellent. It's titled, *"10 Things I Wish Church Members Knew About Ministry."* Watch for it next weekend.

With love, in Christ,

Sr. Youth

Will meet at the Burdicks' on
Sunday, January 30 at 4:00 p.m.

Welcome New Members
Since April 2021

Baptized:

Carlee Adams, Jensen Brach,
Carson Frailey, Alayna Goldstein,
Jaxson Pilcher, Hank Rieman,
Decker Snow, Isla Veach,
Emery Wendling, Kolton Westjohn,
Grayson Whitaker, & Blakelee Willenborg

Transferred In:

Robert & Anita Backhus
Steve Backhus
Kristin & Amelia Hippchen
Dutch & Emily Klitzing
David, Andrew, & Kaylynn Moeller
Eric Whitaker
Robert & Pamela Williams
Fred & Ruth Bray

Adult Confirmation

Andrew Snow
Bryan Wilson
Lisa Wilson

Profession of Faith:

Topper & Sarah Woelfer

Voter's Meeting

Tues., Jan., 25th at 7:00 p.m.

Updated Health Measures

The Elders wish to share these updated measures for public health: 1) For collection of the attendance and prayer cards, you may place them in the offering boxes OR hand them to an usher after the sermon, 2) Those distributing the host at Communion use sanitizer after each table, and 3) Pews have been taped for more distance at the front, on both sides.

Sanctity of Life Sunday, January 23

Camp CILCA

Check out the info on the bulletin insert from Camp CILCA. The Woodcutters' Retreat is at the end of February, and the summer camps are just four months away. Go to: www.CILCA.org for more details.

Today our Sunday School is launching the mission project in support of children in Ghana through Lutheran Heritage Foundation!

At our January 25 Voters Assembly

We will elect a lay delegate (and an alternate) to represent us at the Central Illinois District Convention July 17-19. Prayerfully consider serving, please.

Your Response to the Gospel Our Attendance Last Week

Sunday, January 16320
Sunday School.....28
Adult Sunday School

Our Offerings Last Week

General Fund, Jan.16\$5,895.38
Online General Fund Jan. 16\$1,503.83
Total Gen. Fund Offering\$7,399.21

December 2021 General Fund Summary

Deposits\$83,258.03
Expenditures.....\$52,358.88
Ending Balance.....\$167,902.40

Prayer List

Irene Esch, Geraldine Grieves, Earlene Jutkins, John Holland, Ruth Holland, Katie Buzek, Linda Nolan, Beverly Koester, Zach Fritcher, Chad Nelson, Doris Hammer, David Tieffel, and Devin Frailey and Hali Schlecte on their marriage on Sat., Jan. 22.

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

UPDATE for New Life Light Study

The books have not arrived yet for Genesis Part 1. Therefore, our orientation will be held on Sun., Jan. 30 at 9:15 a.m. in the Conference Room

Lutheran Care Center Cancellation

The annual Congregational Meeting that was to be held on Mon., Jan 24th, will be cancelled this year because of COVID-19.

Sunday School Building Work Day

Kiley Bohnhoff & Kathy Burdick will be having a work day in the Sunday School building on Monday, Jan. 31st, starting at 8:30 a.m. until _____. We will be painting

Stewardship Thought

1 Corinthians 12:16 – “And if the ear should say, ‘Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,’ that would not make it any less a part of the body.” The Lord has called each of us individually and given each of us unique gifts. He has made our whole lives holy in our Baptism and has called us to a life together in the Church, His body. You are a part of that body, and that body needs you and the gifts the Lord has given you. This is your holy calling from the Lord



LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life

“The Lord called all things into being, from the greatest to the least, with His mighty mere Word. But He formed the human bodies with His own fingers and His very breath. He lovingly, intimately, and meticulously knits us together in our mothers’ wombs.”

Pastor Michael Salemink, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

Altar Guild

Will meet on Tues., Jan, 25th at 5:00 p.m.

This Week's Sunday School Lesson

Luke 18:15-17

"The Kingdom of Children" is this week's lesson. The disciples try to prevent the people from bringing their children to Jesus. Jesus rebukes the disciples and draws the children near to Himself, using a child as an example of how believers receive the kingdom of God.

St. Paul (Blue Point) Lutheran Church Men's Club

Will be having their Annual Pancake & Sausage Supper, drive-thru style, Sun., Jan., 30th from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. See the poster on the bulletin board for more info.

Thank You!

The family of Ray Habbe would like to extend our deepest gratitude for all the flowers, cards, memorials, & all other acts of kindness shown us during the loss of our loved one. A special thanks to Pastor Burdick & Pastor Fortkamp for all their support during our difficult time.



Lutheran Schools Week

The Eagles Nest Preschool will be celebrating Lutheran Schools Week the week of January 24. Each day, the students and staff will wear something special.

Mon., Jan. 24 and Tues., Jan 25
Super Hero or Princess T-Shirt

Wed., Jan 26 and Thurs., Jan. 27
Pajamas or Sweats

Fri., Jan 28
Wear a Hat

Social Ministry Reminder

\$5 Vouchers to Save A Lot are available in the office.

Next Food Distribution

Tues., Jan. 25 from 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Food Pantry Donations for January

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

Golden Eagles

The board of social ministry appreciates the response we are seeing for the monthly Golden Eagle Meal! The food is great, but the fellowship is the proverbial icing on the cake!

In the beginning, when the first senior meals were held, we catered each time for about 20 people. Now we've grown to about 50 attendees! That speaks to how important it is to gather together.

Recent events have changed how we offer meals. The caterers in our area have either asked for a certain number in order to deliver or some have cut back on catering at all. Prices have become restrictive as well.

In light of the above situation, the ladies on our board have taken it on themselves to prepare the meals. We pay for the major expenses from receipts. After lengthy discussions, we've come to the difficult decision to ask for a \$5 donation at the Golden Eagle meals. Still quite a deal for homemade dishes and desserts! We will continue to ask for volunteers for desserts to share the work. Any profits will be saved up for times when we can possibly cater a meal in the future and take a break from cooking!

Thank you to all who come to Golden Eagles! Haven't been? Why not join us! We meet the last Thursday of each month at noon in the gym.

Birthday's This Week

01/23 Kenzia Watson, Steven Moeller, & Tyler Budde
01/24 Charles Braasch, Katie Lotz, & Mike Mietzner
01/25 Cole Marxman & Perrie Richards
01/26 AJ Radloff, Kristin Jackson, & Leslie Boggs
01/27 Rebecca Ragan
01/28 Alec Niebrugge
01/29 Taylor Rieman

Anniversary's This Week

01/26/69 Paul & Carolyn Webb
01/27/63 Richard & Betty Albin

CALENDAR-----January 23, 2022 – January 30, 2022

Sunday	23		LIFE Sunday
		8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Worship Service w/HC The choir will sing at the 8:00 a.m. Service
		9:00 a.m.	New Member Welcome
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
		9:15 a.m.	Financial Peace University Class
		10:00 a.m.	Worship Service/Mediacom Channel 81
		2:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m.	Team Puzzle Race Meal
<i>Lutheran School Week</i>			
<i>Preschool Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.</i>			
Monday	24	5:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
		6:15 p.m.	Board of Christian Education
		6:30 p.m.	Board of Early Childhood
Tuesday	25	9:00 a.m.	CID BOD in Springfield
		3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Food Pantry Distribution
		5:00 p.m.	Altar Guild
		7:00 p.m.	Voters Meeting
Wednesday	26	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.	Confirmation Class
		5:30 p.m.	Bell Choir
Thursday	27	10:00 a.m.	Evergreen Devotions
		10:45 a.m.	Lakeland Devotions
		12:00 Noon	Golden Eagles Luncheon
Friday	28		Pastor's Sabbath
Saturday	29	8:00 a.m.	Praise Band
		5:30 p.m.	Worship Service w/HC
Sunday	30	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
		4:00 p.m.	Sr. Youth at Burdicks;