

The Eagle Newsletter

Weekly Newsletter of St. John's
January 9, 2022

From our Pastor:



Lazarus died. Jesus cried. Kind of weird. I say it's weird in light of the fact that the Lord Jesus had the power – and used His power – to raise Lazarus from the dead. Problem solved, right? Yes. And no. On that day, Jesus gave one of the magnificent signs that points to His nature and mission: He raised Lazarus from the grave, announcing again that He was and is God in the flesh. Magnificent!

Lazarus lived again ... for a while. Some time later, he died and was buried. As my confirmation class discussed this past week, his body is now decomposed, waiting for the day of resurrection. Death is the inevitable problem, and that stinks. It came again to Lazarus. I believe that's why Jesus cried outside his friend's tomb.

All of this points to the fact that we suffer many things in this life – loss, pain, shame, and despair. They all make us cry, inside or out. I believe our Lord Jesus weeps with us. He suffers with us.

Yet, there is one thing we Christians do not suffer: the wrath of God. Christ alone bore that. Take heart in your grief. Take joy and peace in your burdens. Christ was baptized, crucified, and resurrected in order to accomplish your salvation. In Him, you are safe – whether you're standing beside a

loved one's grave, or you're in the grave. Your suffering isn't the final word.

This might sound like a Sunday School lesson, and it is. Today we resume our regular classes after the hiatus of the Christmas program and a couple of Sundays of special schedules. It's a new year, a new start. **I want to thank you Sunday School teachers.** You do a great job, with a great curriculum. Thank you. I also want to encourage every person above high school to engage in our class in the gym at 9:15am Sunday. Our little study of John 11 is the same as what the kids are studying, and it proves to be very practical. We're all sitting at the feet of the Lord Who wept ... and Who will call us forth from our graves someday. That won't be weird. It will be wonderful.

Poinsettias

Please pick up yours today!!
They are in the gym!

2022 Has Arrived

It's time to start using your new offering envelopes. Have you picked yours up yet? Stop in the gym & get yours today to help you stay on track this year

Your Response to the Gospel
Our Attendance Last Week

New Year's Eve 102
New Year's Day 57
Sunday, January 2 184

Our Offerings Last Week

New Year's Eve/Day \$2,506.00
General Fund, Jan. 2 \$8,276.00
Online General Fund \$5,157.83
Total Gen. Fund Offering \$15,939.83

Prayer List

Geraldine Grieves, Earlene Jutkins, 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, and the family of Ray Habbe.

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

Our Deepest Sympathy

Our prayers go to the family of Ray Habbe. He passed away Jan. 1, and services were held on Wed., Jan 5 at Johnson's Funeral Home.

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

Church Directory Update

Board and committee pictures were arranged, candid shots and events were collected, and family photos have been taken and delivered. We received a digital copy to proof. Now, the printer is making a draft copy of our directory for a final look.

Thank you for your patience. It should only be a little while longer.
Directory Committee

Stewardship Thought

Luke 3:21 – “Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened.” We know why the people were baptized, but why was Jesus baptized? He didn't need repentance or forgiveness. The answer is that He did it for us. The reason God sent His Son into the world is to fulfill all righteousness for us, to do what we could not do. The whole of Jesus' life, everything He did and said, was one great offering to the Father in our stead to fulfill all righteousness for us. With our righteousness fulfilled in Jesus and given to us in Baptism, our hearts now overflow with thanksgiving and praise.

LCMS Foundation

TODAY | TOMORROW | FOREVER

We want to keep our estate plans as simple as possible. An estate plan includes many legal documents: wills, trusts power of attorney, health care representative, etc. Many of those documents control who is responsible for your affairs in your last days on earth and after the Lord calls you home. Your attorney will present the decisions to be made and create clear direction according to state law to make sure your wishes are followed. In selecting these people, your choice will not just be a business one, or legal one. In addition, you focus on what makes you different, your connection with Jesus. Who are the faith-filled, responsible people in your life you choose? Your LCMS Foundation gift planning counselor can get you thinking and praying. Contact Scott Radden at (618) 977-4049 or Scott.Radden@LFND.org for more information.

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.

Puzzle Night/Mexican Dinner

Jan 23rd

Puzzle contest starts at 2:30 p.m.
Get a team of 4. Can't build a team,
let us know & we will help.

Mexican meal to follow at 5:30 p.m.

Tickets are

Adults \$8 & Children (4-12 yrs.) \$4

Menu

Taco bar & trimmings,
Chicken Quesadillas,

Chips & Salsa, Dessert & Drink
You can come just for the meal, but
we *really* would like puzzle
contestants, too!

Tickets are available in the church
office or at any church service.

Questions, contact

Carolyn Wendte (217-821-6541) or
Domer Ohnesorge (217-821-3300)



Ramsey Plus

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

Call Committee

We will meet on Mon., Jan 10 at 7:00 p.m.
in the Trinity Room. Members are:
Jeff Weis, Dave Worman, Todd Martin,
Sandy Wieneke, Holly Bray, Ray Hartman
Dan Jansen, & Sandy Bernhardt

LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life

"[E]very human life, no matter the size, level
of development, environment, or degree of
dependency, is indispensable in fulfilling
God's plans."

*Lynette Auch, president of Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from
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Sunday School Classes

Pre-K - 12 Grade

Our Sunday School classes will begin again
THIS Sunday, January 9th. We are so
excited to get started again!!

This Week's Sunday School Lesson

John 11:1-44

Jesus performs an amazing miracle in "A
Resurrection Sign." Mary and Martha's
brother, Lazarus, falls seriously ill. When
word of his illness comes to Jesus, He
delays two days, assuring His disciples the
disease would not lead to death but to God's
glory. Despite death threats, Jesus
reassures the disciples when deciding to
return to Judea. They set out for Bethany,
arriving four days after Lazarus is placed in
the tomb. Jesus tells Martha that He is the
resurrection and the life, as she boldly
confesses, "I believe that You are the Christ,
the Son of God" (John 11:27). Deeply
moved by their grief, Jesus calls Lazarus
back to life.

Door Offering

Rev. Tim Schnare from Lutheran Heritage
Foundation will be preaching here Sat., Jan.
15th and Sun., Jan 16th. We will be taking
up a door offering for Lutheran Heritage
Foundation. **Please** make your checks
payable to LHF.

Birthday's This Week

- 01/09 Jessica Fritch, Madison Budde, &
Marilyn Schaefer
- 01/10 Ana Lotz, Norbert Brauer, Ruth Gall,
Dana Haarmann, Darwin Wohltman,
Pat Miller, Zachary Worman, &
Tenley Sams
- 01/11 Joanne Schlechte
- 01/12 Brent Bahrns, Carolyn Wendte,
Kylie Pryor, & Mandy Westjohm
- 01/13 Madisson Marcum
- 01/14 Grayson Buening
- 01/15 Paula Holland

Anniversary's This Week

- 01/14/06 Adam & Kiley Bohnhoff

CALENDAR-----January 9, 2022 – January 16, 2022

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| 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' |
| <i>Preschool Monday – Thursday 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.</i> | | | |
| Monday | 10 | 5:00 p.m. | Board of Stewardship |
| | | 5:30 p.m. | Choir Practice |
| | | 6:30 p.m. | Board of Early Childhood |
| | | 7:00 p.m. | Call Committee |
| Tuesday | 11 | 9:00 a.m. | Pastor's Conference at Pana |
| | | 1:00 p.m. | Prayer Shawl |
| | | 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. | Food Pantry Distribution |
| | | 5:15 p.m. | Board of Social Ministry |
| | | 7:00 p.m. | Adult Catechism |
| Wednesday | 12 | 8:50 a.m. | Preschool Chapel |
| | | 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. | Stephen Ministry Office Hours |
| | | 12:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. | Stephen Class |
| | | 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. | 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 | 13 | 8:50 a.m. | Preschool Chapel |
| | | 6:30 p.m. | Board of Elders |
| Friday | 14 | | No Preschool |
| | | | Pastor's Sabbath |
| Saturday | 15 | 8:00 a.m. | Praise Band |
| | | 1:00 p.m. | Haake/Walker Wedding |
| | | 5:30 p.m. | Worship Service Rev. Tim Schnare from Lutheran Heritage Foundation will be preaching. Door Offering |
| Sunday | 16 | 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. | Worship Service Rev. Tim Schnare from Lutheran Heritage Foundation will be preaching. Door Offering |
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