

THE EAGLE

Weekly Newsletter of St. John's February 13, 2022

From our Pastor:

We rarely have original thoughts. We all learn from others, and pass along what we learn. For the past two weeks I've shared portions of an article Pastor Wright shared. Both of us have edited the original to reflect our contexts. I'm grateful for whomever penned the original "Ten Things I Wish People Knew About Ministry." Here are the final three points...

8. I wish people would make a decision about a church home and stick with it. These days, many people are content to float in and out of churches like spiritual butterflies, never setting down roots or establishing deep relationships. Churches should not be treated like Aldi and Walmart, where you can hop in and out according to which one has the best deal going this week. If you want to stay, then stay and be a fully functioning member based upon what the congregation teaches and what you believe. If you want to leave, I hope you find a church home that's a good fit. Don't be a butterfly. Be an oak, rooted in the Scriptures.

9. I wish you knew how much your encouragement means. I usually do a pretty good job of hiding discouragement. When you send me an encouraging email or note, when you pray for me, when you show love to my family, when you offer to help... that's huge. Many of you are so very good at this. Thank you. Your encouragement for every member of the congregation is appreciated and powerful.

10. I wish you knew how much I appreciate you. St. John's has been so supportive over the past two years I have been your pastor. You seem to know how busy I am in a church this size -- teaching, visiting the sick

and elderly (what would we do without Pastor Fortkamp?!), studying for sermons and classes I teach, preparing and leading worship services, and having meetings. You have supported the church so that we have excellent health insurance. Best of all, you come to God's house weekly to receive His Word. You count Christ as your most precious treasure. That thrills me. I know I make mistakes, and need to keep learning. We all do. I appreciate you and our partnership in the Gospel. I truly hope you know that.

Thinking back on all ten wishes, some have been hard to hear and others have been full of joy. The same could be said if you now composed a list of "ten things I wish my pastor knew about our ministry." I welcome that list.

The new church directory will be available soon. It will give us a snapshot of one moment in the life of St. John's, a glimpse of the people and the program that God is using here to keep us rooted in Christ. I hope we all rejoice daily that, in this imperfect congregation, the perfect God brought us into His story of salvation. Alleluia!



Pastor Furdick



Your Response to the Gospel

Our Attendance Last Week

Sunday, February 6.....	328
Sunday School.....	37
Adult Sunday School.....	32
LifeLight Sunday School.....	12

Our Offerings January 30

General Fund.....	\$8,657.00
Online General Fund.....	\$2,612.28
Total Gen. Fund Offering	\$11,269.28
Building Fund.....	\$50.00

Our Offerings for February 6

General Fund,.....	\$5198.00
Online General Fund.....	\$3,948.78
Total Gen. Fund Offering	\$9,146.78
Building Fund.....	\$135.00

January 2022 General Fund Summary

Deposits.....	\$49,613.49
Expenditures.....	\$52,320.00
Ending Balance	\$165,195.89

Prayer List

Rhea Hartman, Don & Judy Ealy, Susie Austin, Tim Mueller, Irene Esch, Geraldine Grieves, John Holland, Ruth Holland, Katie Buzek, Linda Nolan, Beverly Koester, Zach Fritcher, Chad Nelson, Doris Hammer, David Tieffel, Irvin Wendte, Ken Burdick, and the family of Dan Mueller.

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

This Week's Sunday School Lesson

Mark 12:41-44

This week's Bible lesson is "A Trusting Widow." Jesus sits in the temple, observing people depositing money into the offering box. But one offering stands out: a widow brings two small copper coins. Jesus commends this offering to His disciples because He knows her offering is everything she has to live on.

Stewardship Thought

Luke 6:20-21 – "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied." The Beatitudes are largely about emptiness. If you're poor, your pockets are empty. If you are hungry, your stomach is empty. If you are mourning, there's an emptiness in your heart that used to be filled with the presence of a loved one. Jesus assures us in each case that the Lord will fill our emptiness. That assurance gives us not only peace, but also courage to follow the Lord faithfully.

Thank You!

We at the Lutheran Heritage Foundation wish to "Thank You" so very much for your generous support and for so graciously receiving our Rev. Schnare! Your door offering was \$686! The Lord bless you all and guide you in 2022!! Rev. Heise and Rev Rahn, Founder.

Lutheran Care Activity Department

The snow provided a fun activity for the residents of LCC. They enjoyed watching it snow, and enjoyed snow ice cream. Many had not had snow ice cream since they were children!

Every Tuesday, our residents enjoy BINGO at 2:00 p.m. with popcorn! We are running low on bingo prizes. Would you consider donating some bingo prizes? Here is a list of items our residents enjoy choosing from:

- Lotions, tissues,
- Candy bars, chips,
- Puzzle books, etc.

Items can be dropped off at the church or L.C.C.

Lutheran Care Center Breakfast

The Board of Social Ministry will be providing breakfast on Sunday, Feb. 13 from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall to benefit the Lutheran Care Center as they were not able to have their fundraising banquet in Nov. 2021.

Youth Corner

Sr. Youth

Will meet at the Burdicks' on
Sunday, February 27th at 4:00 p.m.

Rhodes Fish Fry

March 11th in our Fellowship Hall.

We need **your** help!

We need to sell a minimum of 300 tickets.

Tickets can be purchased in advance.

EVERYONE is invited!!

Watch the Eagle next week for time and
menu!



LCMS National Youth Gathering
July 2022

St. Peter Lutheran

Annual Sausage Supper

This event will not be held this year due to Covid. However, we will be selling sausage and ribs. To order, please call one of the following:

John Lotz--618-553-5585

Tim Brauer—618-267-6228

David Schaal—618-292-3732

St. Peter Lutheran Church—618-349-8321
(After 12 p.m.)

Nathan Murphree—636-544-4274

Please text only

Orders will be taken until February 15th.

Order pick-up date & exact price has not been set yet. You will be notified when sausage is ready later.

Social Ministry Reminder

\$5 Vouchers to Save a Lot are available in the office. These can easily be given to someone in need. Thanks to Save-A- Lot!

Rural King Church Week

Thank you to everyone who participated in December for Church Week. Because of your purchases, they sent us a check for \$176.01 for our food pantry!

February Food Pantry Donation

Crackers, Hamburger Helper,
Individual fruit cups.

Visitation Teams

Some of our wonderful older members are finding it more difficult to get out of their homes or may have moved to assisted living or nursing homes. St. John's visiting team takes turns meeting with them once a month-wherever they live-to share Jesus & Have some Christian fellowship with those unable to regularly be in church. Would you or someone you care about enjoy a monthly visit from a St. John's visiting member? Please call or text Dana Keller at (217)-246-5373 to be included...we'd be happy to add you to our list!!

LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life

"The Church can become a place of belonging for everyone. As much as a person feels invisible in their loneliness, the church has a place for them. Your Church can be a place where each person finds they are indispensable to the body of Christ."

Mona Fuerstenau – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life •
lutheransforlife.org

Portals of Prayer & Lutheran Witness

It is time to sign up for your
Portals of Prayer & Lutheran Witness
subscriptions.

Here are the prices for this year.

Portals of Prayer

Regular Size "Direct Mail" \$12.10

Digest Size "Direct Mail" \$15.50

Large Print "Direct Mail" \$20.50

Lutheran Witness

\$15.96/year

Money for the subscriptions can be put in the designated offering envelopes, or if you do not use the envelopes, please indicate it in the memo line of your check. You can also drop your check by the office. Feb. 28 is the deadline.

CALENDAR-----February 13 2022 – February 20, 2022

Sunday	13	7:30 -9:00 a.m.	Lutheran Care Benefit Breakfast
		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
<i>Preschool Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.</i>			
Monday	14		Preschool Valentine’s Day Party
		5:00 p.m.	Board of Stewardship
		5:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
		6:15 p.m.	Board of Education
Tuesday	15		Preschool Valentine’s Day Party
		7:00 p.m.	Adult Catechism
Wednesday	16	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
		5:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class
		6:00 p.m.	Board of Youth
Thursday	17		
Friday	18		Pastor’s Sabbath
Saturday	19	8:00 a.m.	Praise Band
		5:30 p.m.	Worship Service Pastor Glenn Storchsein will be preaching The Choir will be singing
Sunday	20	8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Worship Service Pastor Glenn Storchsein will be preaching The Choir sings at the 8 a.m. Service
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
		9:15 a.m.	Financial Peace University Class
		10:00 a.m.	Worship Service/Mediacom Channel 81
		3:00 p.m. until Mon. 8:30 a.m.	Lock In

Birthdays This Week

02/14 Faith Donaldson, Gary Hewing,
John Huelskoetter, & Luke Sipe
02/16 Dakota Fread
02/17 Niki Bishop & Steve Miller
02/18 Bob Shepard & Ruby Stuckemeyer
02/18 Christina Niebrugge & Megan King

Anniversaries This Week

02/14/96 Wesley & Carol Osborn
02/14/02 Gary & Gloria Fortkamp
02/19/21 John & Tamara Root