

THE EAGLE

St. John's Weekly Newsletter March 13, 2022

From our Pastor:

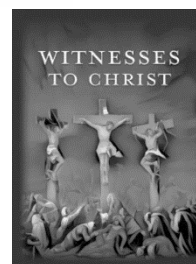
A few months ago, a person asked me, “**what is St. John’s doing to help parents of young children?**” I was speechless. I stumbled for a bit, and then spoke a little about our Ramsey+ membership. Looking back, I wish I would have listed these two items in a more eloquent way:

- We give them **truth and grace from Jesus**. These are the gifts kids and adults need most. Nothing is more helpful. They come through worship, educational classes, and fellowship events.
- We have the **Ramsey+** membership available to all who worship with us until early summer 2022. With the FREE tools in this membership, you can manage God’s money in ways that free you up from slavery to debt and worry. Actively using these tools might save a marriage and bless your children and grandchildren.

Our membership in Ramsey+ has been provided through our Church Extension Fund of the CID, and a payment from St. John’s. It’s free to you. And it’s going to end on July 1. So, I’m appealing to you again to take advantage of it. Kathy and I have been blessed by taking the online “Financial Peace University” class, using EveryDollar each month, and thinking about the legacy of faith and finances we want to pass on to the coming generations.

With a little over three months remaining in the membership, there’s plenty of time for you to make full use of the free tools in Ramsey+. To get logged in, scan the QR code on page 2 of the Eagle, and follow the directions. If you need help, contact me or a member of our Stewardship Board.

What’s St. John’s doing to help families and individuals? Not everything. But we’re doing a lot of good stuff. And those two items above are chief among them.



Lenten Midweek Services
on Wednesdays, 12:15 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.

“Witnesses to Christ”

Midweek of Lent 2: March 16th
Malchus, John 18:1–11

Midweek of Lent 3: March 23rd
Peter, John 18:12–27

Midweek of Lent 4: March 30th
Barabbas, John 18:33–40

Midweek of Lent 5: April 6th
Pontius Pilate, John 19:1–18

Maundy Thursday: April 14th
Judas Iscariot, John 13:21–30

Good Friday: April 15th
John, the Gospel Writer, John 19:25–37

The Resurrection of Our Lord: April 17th
Mary Magdalene, John 20:1–18

Door Locks Update

We have recently updated our security system. For those with key cards, you no longer need to enter a security code. Doors will now unlock 15 minutes before a meeting begins and will lock 5 minutes after the meeting starts. Doors will still unlock 1 hour before Worship Services. If you need to make other arrangements, you **must** contact the office.

Signup for your free Ramsey+ membership by scanning this code with your smart phone:



Prayer List

Anna Mae Gibson, Doris Wollin, Carol Lading, Shirley Cheadle, John Romero, Shawn Bourland, Owen Phelps, Dan Chambers, Don & Judy Ealy, Susie Austin, Tim Mueller, Irene Esch, Geraldine Grieves, Chad Nelson, Doris Hammer, and the family of Rhea Hartman.

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

Your Response to the Gospel
Our Attendance Last Week

Sunday, March 6.....	452
Sunday School.....	42
Adult Sunday School.....	32
LifeLight Sunday School.....	10
Ash Wednesday.....	202

Our Offerings March 6th

General Fund.....	\$14,646.28
Online General Fund.....	\$3,444.28
Total Gen. Fund Offering	\$18,090.56
Building Fund.....	\$244.00

LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life

“Paul kept his eyes on Christ who came and faced all the same heartaches, burdens, and sadness we do, and came through victorious. He shouldered our guilt and punishment on the cross and died that we might have life to the full.”

Daily Devotion, Redeemer Lutheran Church, Sister Lakes, Michigan – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

March Food Pantry Donation

Shampoo, Body Wash, Wet Wipes, Kleenex, & Laundry Soap (small bottles).

Food Drive for Concordia Seminary Food Bank

The Social Ministry Board is currently taking food items for the Seminary Food Bank from now until Sunday, April 10th. You can drop your donations off in the Atrium.

This Week’s Sunday School Lesson

John 20:19-31

This week, we will study “The Proof Room.” With the words “Peace be with you” (John 20:19), the risen Lord appears among His disciples gathered in hiding from the Jews. Thomas, who is not among the disciples that evening, doubts their report of Jesus’ resurrection. Eight days later, while Thomas and the disciples gather in the locked room, Jesus appears among them once again. Thomas witnesses the physical truth of the resurrection as he touches Christ’s wounds. Jesus concludes by telling Thomas and us, “Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed” (v. 29).

Youth Corner

Save the Date



V.B.S. is coming
June 13-16

From 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Watch the Newsletter for upcoming details!

Thank You

I would like to thank everyone for your prayers and concern for me after my foot surgery. It means so very much, and I truly appreciate each and every one of you! God bless you all, Kathy Stumpf

Camp CILCA News

The Annual Banquet for the camp will be held Sun. evening, Mar. 20th from 5–8 p.m. in the newly renovated Dining Hall. Rev. Dr. Jordan Cooper will be speaking on “Beauty”, Nelson’s Catering will be serving dinner, Larry Wachtel will provide homemade fudge for dessert, and Joyful Sound will be performing bluegrass hymns and tunes. Tickets are \$40 and must be reserved by March 17. Call 217-487-7497 or email camp@cilca.org to reserve your tickets today!

Lutheran World Relief Quilts

Willing hands & hearts are needed to continue this ministry of tying quilts for LWR! Check the March calendar for dates & times. We meet in the multi-purpose room. Hope to see you there.

Pecan SALE

Pieces are now \$9 & halves are \$10.
Call Marilyn Schaefer (217-821-0508) or
Brenda Wendling (217-536-5065)

Stewardship Thought

Philippians 3:19 – “Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things.” St. Paul does not want us to set our minds on earthly things, for they are passing away. This is similar, to what Jesus says about storing up treasures on earth rather than storing them in heaven. Our heart tends to go where we put our treasure. This is why God commands us to live generously. It is not to spoil our fun but to help train us in keeping our priorities straight and our minds off earthly things.

Our Deepest Sympathy

Please keep the family of Rhea Hartman in your prayers. Rhea passed away on Monday, March 7th. Visitation will be Sunday, March 13th from noon to 2 p.m. with services beginning at 2 p.m. all at Johnson’s Funeral Home. Burial will be in St. Paul’s Lutheran at Strasburg. Please keep Lee & Karen Hartman and Ray & Eileen Hartman and the rest of the family in your prayers. Memorials may be made in loving memory of Rhea to St. John’s Library, St. John’s Food Pantry, St. John’s Altar Guild, or the donor’s choice.

Breakfast for Ghana Mission Project

The Sunday School kids are raising money for the children in Ghana, so they can purchase Bibles and other Christian Educational materials. To help the efforts of our kids, the Elders will be hosting a breakfast to raise funds for this mission on Sunday, March 27th from 7:00 a.m. – 9: a.m. There will be a free will door offering. The food will be cooked by the Board of Elders (and their family members), and served by our Sunday School kids (6th, 7th, and 8th graders). We will be serving eggs, bacon, sausage, pastries, breakfast casseroles, and beverages.



The Lutheran Hour Radio Broadcasts
can be found on:

WCRA 1090 AM Sunday at 9:30 a.m.
WCRA 96.3 FM Sunday at 9:30 a.m.
WPMB 104.7 FM Sunday at 12:03 p.m.

CALENDAR-----March 13, 2022 – March 20, 2022

Sunday	13	8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Worship Service w/HC
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
		10:00 a.m.	Worship Service/Mediacom Channel 81
		4:00 p.m.	Rhea Hartman Funeral Meal
		6:30 p.m.	National Youth Gathering Meeting
<i>Preschool Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.</i>			
Monday	14	5:00 p.m.	Board of Stewardship
		5:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
		6:15 p.m.	Board of Christian Education
Tuesday	15	7:00 p.m.	Adult Catechism
Wednesday	16	8:50 a.m.	Preschool Chapel Services
		12:15 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.	Lenten Services
		1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Stephen Ministry Class
		1:00 p.m.	Office Staff Devotions/Meeting
		1:15 p.m.	Quilt Tying
		4:00 p.m.	Board of Youth
		5:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class
		5:30 p.m.	Bell Practice
Thursday	17	8:50 a.m.	Preschool Chapel Services
		12:30 p.m.	Quilt Tying
Friday	18		Pastor’s Sabbath
Saturday	19	8:00 a.m.	Praise Band Practice
		5:30 p.m.	Worship Service
Sunday	20	8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
		10:00 a.m.	Worship Service/Mediacom Channel 81

Birthdays This Week

- 03/13 Donna Parker & Sean Sandifer
- 03/14 Aleece Lotz, Holy Wall,
Kyle Kohnert, Mike Kremer, &
Tyler Marxman
- 03/15 Andrew Perry, Brad Wenthe,
Jordan Grupe, Kelsey Rubin, &
Mike Womack
- 03/16 Mark Marxman
- 03/17 Norma Wendling
- 03/18 Derek Storm & Vera Pfenninger
- 03/19 Wesley Radloff

Anniversaries This Week

- 03/18/00 John & Donna Parker

Spring Begins Sunday, March 20th

