

# THE EAGLE

St. John's Weekly Newsletter March 27, 2022

## From our Pastor:



That little dark rectangle on the continent of Africa is Ghana. Living there are some precious people, some of whom already know Jesus through the Bible, but who are hungry for

good Christian books that will help them grow in the faith. That's why the kids of our Sunday School are giving their mission offering to Lutheran Heritage Foundation for the Ghana Project.

## Well done, kids!

This Sunday we get to help them in their mission project through a freewill offering at the breakfast prepared by the Elders, from 7:00-9:15 a.m. Eat well, give generously. Families in Ghana will be blessed. I'm grateful for the servant-leadership of our Elders.

Next Sunday we'll have more things to celebrate. In the 8:00 a.m. Service we will receive new members, some of whom have recently completed our Adult Catechism Class. Coming in through adult confirmation will be Isaac Galvan and Bobby Niemerg. By affirmation of faith (previously confirmed in the LCMS, now rejoining) we'll welcome Windy Westfall and Debbie Buenker. Then in the 10:30 a.m. Service we'll rejoice at the adult Baptism (and confirmation) of Gwen Mihlbachler. A new member reception will be held in the gym at 9:00 a.m. Welcome these new members!

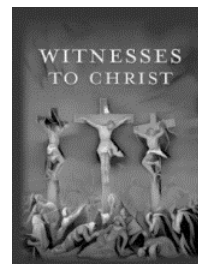
But wait, there's more...Our Stephen Ministry is growing, and four new Stephen Ministers will be commissioned in the

8:00a.m. Service next Sunday. Thanks be to God.

We're celebrating, but it's not human achievement that is credited. 1 Corinthians 3:7 says "only God gives the growth."  
**Thank You, God.**

In His love,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pastor Fredrick".



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

### ***"Witnesses to Christ"***

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

Midweek of Lent 5: April 6th  
***Pontius Pilate, John 19:1-16***

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***  
Services will be held Sunday only  
6:00 a.m., 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

### **The Golden Eagles**

Will meet Thurs., Mar. 31 at Noon!  
Cost is \$5.

### Greeting Cards

The cabinet has been restocked! Check it out. There are a few single cards and they sell for 50¢.

### Pecan SALE

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

### Your Response to the Gospel

#### Our Attendance Last Week

Sunday, March 20.....	375
Sunday School.....	41
Adult Sunday School.....	35
LifeLight Sunday School.....	11
Lenten Services .....	142

#### Our Offerings March 20<sup>th</sup>

General Fund.....	\$8,932.45
Online General Fund.....	\$2,349.28
<b>Total Gen. Fund Offering .....</b>	<b>\$11,281.73</b>

#### February 2022 General Fund Summary

Deposits.....	\$63,112.64
Expenditures .....	\$38,987.31
Ending Balance .....	\$189,321.22

### Prayer List

Fred Meislahn, Shirley Cheadle, Mike Gibson, John Romero, Shawn Bourland, Owen Phelps, Dan Chambers, Don & Judy Ealy, Susie Austin, Tim Mueller, Chad Nelson, and Doris Hammer.

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

### Easter Lilies

Will be 8" or \$16. Contact the church office to place your order. The deadline to place your order is Thurs., March 31<sup>st</sup>.

### LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life

"I cannot ponder every day the full life of Christ in the Gospels. But I can during the year on various days celebrate and ponder His Annunciation, Nativity, Presentation, Baptism, Temptation, Transfiguration, Triumphal Entry, Last Supper, Agony in the Garden, Arrest, Trial, Passion, Carrying of the Cross, Crucifixion, Death, Burial, Resurrection, Great Commission, or Ascension."

James M. Kushiner, executive director, Fellowship of St. James – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

### Breakfast for Ghana Mission Project

The Sunday School kids are raising money for the children in Ghana, so they can purchase Christian Educational materials. To help the efforts of our kids, the Elders will be hosting a breakfast to raise funds for this mission on Sun., March 27<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 a.m. to 9:15 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 (6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> graders). We will be serving eggs, bacon, sausage, pastries, breakfast casseroles, and beverages.

### 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 10<sup>th</sup>. You can drop your donations off in the Atrium.

### LYF Easter Breakfast

Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>

7-10 a.m., Dine-in or carry-out  
Ham, sausage links, biscuits & gravy, scrambled eggs, fruit salad, assorted pastries, milk, orange juice, & coffee.  
Free Will Donation

### The Cross Foundation

The Cross Foundation is raising funds to aid the Ukrainian refugees in the Diocese of Tarnow, Poland. Please see the flyer on the bulletin for details. Your monetary donations will be accepted until April 10, 2022.

### Lost & Found Basket

Are you missing something? Check the lost & found basket on the pew in the Atrium.

## **This Week's Sunday School Lesson**

Acts 3:1-16; 4:5-22

This week's lesson is "A Walking Wonder." A man who had never been able to walk lies by the Beautiful Gate and begs Peter and John for alms. Having no gold or silver to give him, they offer him something better—complete healing. Leaping for joy, the man praises God for His miraculous healing, and Peter uses the opportunity to teach about the true Savior. The Jewish Council asks Peter and John by whose power they performed this miracle, so they witness concerning the power of the risen Christ. Being warned against speaking further concerning Jesus, Peter and John assert that they must continue to speak the Gospel.

### **Larry Brandt Memorial Scholarship**

Applications are being accepted Wed., Mar. 23<sup>rd</sup> to April 25<sup>th</sup>. The Board of Youth established this scholarship to support St. John's students as they pursue a post-secondary education. Applicants must be enrolled in or attending an accredited college or university pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree. Pick up the form & details from the main hall bulletin board or online at our website. **APRIL 25, 2022 IS THE DEADLINE.**

### **Stewardship Thought**

Luke 15:12 – "And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.' And he divided his property between them." This prodigal son only sees the father as a source of wealth. Give me my inheritance now! Which is to say, "You are better off dead in my eyes." This is the sin at the heart of all greed, valuing things over people. This parable calls us to "come to our senses" as well. It calls us to see God as the loving Giver of all good, the true Father to be valued above and beyond all the things of this world.

## **Youth Corner**

### **Sr. Youth at the Burdicks'**

Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.

### **Larry Brandt Scholarship**

Applications will be taken  
March 23<sup>rd</sup> to April 25<sup>th</sup>.

### **Senior Profiles**

The forms are in the mail! These profiles, with a picture will need to be returned to the church by March 31<sup>st</sup>. They will be put on the bulletin board.

### **LYF Easter Breakfast**

Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>

We will also need help cutting up the fruit on Sat., April 16<sup>th</sup> Time TBA.

### **Senior Graduation Service**

May 15<sup>th</sup> at the 10:30 a.m. service.

### **Farewell Dinner**

This will be May 15<sup>th</sup> after the 10:30 a.m. service. This meal is for graduating seniors and their parents.

### **V.B.S.**

"By God's Monumental Grace"

June 13-16

From 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

We will soon be starting to work on this. Watch the Newsletter for upcoming details!

### **Trinity Hope Update**

Be sure to check out the information and pictures on the bulletin board on the Chatelain school in Haiti.

### **Food Pantry April Donations**

Crackers

Canned Fruit

Soup

**CALENDAR-----March 27, 2022 – April 3, 2022**

Sunday	27	7:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.	Ghana Mission Project Breakfast
		8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Worship Service w/HC Bells will be performing
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
		10:00 a.m.	Worship Service/Mediacom Channel 81
		4:00 p.m.	Sr. Youth at Burdicks'
<i>Preschool Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.</i>			
Monday	28	5:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
		6:30 p.m.	Board of Early Childhood
		7:00 p.m.	Lutheran Care Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday	29	12:30 p.m.	Quilt Tying
Wednesday	30	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
		5:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class
		5:30 p.m.	Bell Practice
Thursday	31	Noon	Golden Eagles
Friday	1		Pastor's Sabbath
Saturday	2	8:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
		8:00 a.m.	Praise Band Practice
		5:30 p.m.	Worship Service
Sunday	3	8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Worship Service Commission Stephen Ministry during 8 a.m. Service
		9:00 a.m.	New Member Welcome
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
		10:00 a.m.	Worship Service/Mediacom Channel 81

**Birthdays This Week**

- 03/27 Al Palisch, Emma Newlin,  
Hayes Hinton, & Sandy Wieneke
- 03/28 Amanda Rieman, Judy Joergens  
Mike Burdick, & Topper Woelfer
- 03/29 Cindy Esch, Glenna Schagemann, &  
Maleah Whitehair
- 03/30 Hayden Wendling, Kraig Rubin,  
Kylie Lamb, Louise Schaefer, &  
Sadie Norman
- 03/31 Judy Siebert
- 04/01 Audrey Niemerg & Raymond Jutkins
- 04/02 Elizabeth Sotwedel

**Anniversaries This Week**

- 03/29/70 Dean & Donna Wetherell
- 03/30/84 Allen & Faye Tomkins

**Men's Breakfast & Bible Study**

The next men's breakfast & Bible study will be held on Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 8:00 a.m., at Niemerg's. All men are welcome.