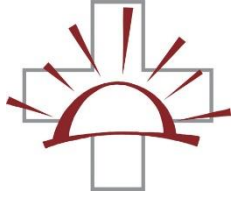


THE EAGLE

St. John's Weekly Newsletter April 10, 2022

From our Pastor:

If you worship in the 6:00am Service next Sunday, you'll be starting out in the dark. Outside and inside. And that's appropriate. Holy Week includes a lot of the darkness-and-light theme...



- Maundy Thursday -- Jesus gives the disciples the light of Himself in the Lord's Supper, and hours later they abandon Him in the darkness of Gethsemane. That's why our Thursday night Service will end in silence and darkness.
- Good Friday -- the light of our salvation will be lifted high upon the cross, and snuffed out with our sin upon Himself.
- The Resurrection of Our Lord -- begins with the disciples going to the tomb before dawn, discovering that the promises of the Lord have been fulfilled -- Jesus has bodily been raised, and this is the dawn of the new creation.

Sisters and brothers of St. John's, I urge and appeal that you worship in all three of our Holy Week Services -- Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Day. Bring your children. Bring a friend. **Share the Light of Jesus!** All three Services on Easter Sunday are identical, except that the 10:30am Service will be with the band leading the songs.

We're not using this hymn today on Palm/Passion Sunday, but it captures the theme of the week...

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Hark! All the tribes hosanna cry.
O Savior meek, pursue Thy road,
With palms and scattered garments
strowed.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die.
O Christ, Thy triumphs now begin
O'er captive death and conquered sin.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh.
The Father on His sapphire throne
Awaits His own anointed Son.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die.
Bow Thy meek head to mortal pain,
Then take, O God, Thy pow'r and reign.
(LSB 441)

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In the Light of Christ,

Holy Week

Maundy Thursday: April 14th w/HC
12:15 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.
Judas Iscariot, John 13:21–30

Good Friday: April 15th
12:15 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.
John, the Gospel Writer, John 19:25–37

The Resurrection of Our Lord: April 17th w/HC
Mary Magdalene, John 20:1–18
Services will be held Sunday only
6:00 a.m., 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Board of Early Childhood Announcement

Our Eagle's Nest Director, Sandy Esker, has announced her retirement after faithfully serving our preschool for 16 years. We thank God for the blessing she has been to children and families. A celebration is being planned soon.

VBS Meeting

Tues., Apr. 12th at 6 p.m. for anyone interested in helping with VBS. If you cannot be there, please contact Domer or myself.

Carolyn (217-821-6541)
Domer (217-821-3300)

Your Response to the Gospel

Our Attendance Last Week

Sunday, April 3	405
Sunday School.....	36
Adult Sunday School	46
LifeLight Sunday School	10
Lenten Services	136

Our Offerings April 3, 2022

General Fund.....	\$11,497.00
Online General Fund	\$5,057.78
Total Gen. Fund Offering.....	\$16,554.78
Building Fund.....	\$50.00

March 2022 General Fund Summary

Deposits.....	\$73,161.38
Expenditures.....	\$67,904.77
Ending Balance.....	\$194,577.83

LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life

“The temptation among Christians is to take the temperature of the chaotic and dysfunctional culture and to imbue ourselves with a sense of despair and discouragement. But despair and discouragement, we know from Scripture, is a sin because it negates the hope of Jesus Christ. We are not seeking an earthly victory; as Christians, we know that the most important victory of all of history has already been won by our Lord and Savior.” *Timothy S. Goeglein, vice president of government and external relations at Focus on the Family in Washington, D.C. – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Prayer List

Dana Keller, Marcella Wolf, Derek Sanders, Vicki Manford, John Romero, Shawn Bourland, Owen Phelps, Dan Chambers, Susie Austin, Tim Mueller, Chad Nelson, Doris Hammer, & Geraldine Grieves.

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

Our Next Food Pantry Distribution

Tues., April 12 from 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Food Pantry April Donations

Crackers, Canned Fruit, & Soup

VBS Wish List

Cardboard boxes, any shape or size, green pool noodles, big chunks of Styrofoam, stuffed animals (such as coyotes, lizards, rabbits. If you donate these, please put your name on it).

LYF Easter Breakfast

Sunday, April 17th, 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

This Week's Sunday School Lesson

Acts 9:26-31; 11:19-30

This week, students will study “Called Christian.” Following his conversion, Saul (also called Paul) is introduced by Barnabas to the apostles in Jerusalem. The Church had spread to Antioch, so the leaders in Jerusalem send Barnabas there. He exhorts the people to remain faithful, and he brings Saul from Tarsus to help him minister among the people in Antioch for a whole year. The name Christian is first used for the believers in Antioch. The Church in Antioch sends relief to the believers in Judea.

Rural King Church Week

Rural King Church Week will be **April 7-20, 2022**. When you make a qualifying purchase, 10% of you total will be donated to our food pantry. You can submit your receipt on their website: www.ruralking.com/churchweek, or bring them by the office & we will be happy to do it for you. May 6th is the deadline to submit your receipts.

Larry Brandt Memorial Scholarship

Applications are being accepted Wed., Mar. 23rd to April 25th. 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.**

Quilts for Lutheran World Relief Update

Beginning April 20th, we will be meeting on Wednesday afternoons in the multi-purpose room at 12:30 p.m. Please join us.

Anniversaries this Week

04/11/15	Tim & Melody Schuette
04/12/58	Bob & Bernetta Marxman
04/12/03	Dan & Ashley Jansen
04/13/96	Todd & Sonja Martin
04/13/13	Bryan & Lisa Wilson
04/15/78	Dennis & Jackie Genaust
04/16/82	Greg & Mary Brown
04/16/94	David & Angie Brown

Stewardship Thought

Luke 22:11 – “Tell the master of the house, ‘The Teacher says to you, where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’” Did Jesus really *need* this man’s Upper Room? If the man had refused to let Jesus use it, would the work of salvation have been derailed? Of course not. But what an honor for the man who owned this room! It is the same with us. The Lord needs none of us, but what an honor it is for God to choose to use our generosity in the work of His Church.

Youth Corner

Larry Brandt Scholarship

Applications will be taken
March 23rd to April 25th.

LYF Easter Breakfast

Sunday, April 17th

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

Senior Graduation Service

May 15th at the 10:30 a.m. service.

Farewell Dinner

This will be May 15th 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.

Birthdays this Week

- 04/10 Decker Snow, Gene Jackson, &
Helen Miller
04/11 Carol Osborn & Cohen Hoedebecke
04/12 Allen Radloff, Eldon Joergens, Liz Brown
& Nancy Lykins
04/13 Beth Bahrns, Cathy Norris, Hunter Keith,
& Lee White
04/14 Anna Mae Gibson, Deana Wetherell,
Betty Albin, Kevin Wenthe, Kristen Pryor,
& Megan Smith
04/15 Allyson Kremer, Bonnie Siebert,
Ella Brown, Jennifer Wilson, &
Roscoe Davies
04/16 Amanda Genaust, Jenna Norris, &
Vincent Wendt

Concordia Seminary Food Drive for

Today is the last day to drop off your donations

JOY Shop

Will be held Thurs., Apr. 21st, 6:00 p.m. at Trinity
Stewardson. This year’s theme is “JOY in the
Journey” with Pastor Rutherford leading the Bible
study, singing, & games. A light lunch will be
served with a free will donation. Items for Health
kits for the Orphan Grain Train will be collected &
taken to the CID LWML Convention in Springfield,
April 29th & 30th.

We will also collect Portals of Prayer & stamps at
the Joy Shop. You can drop those off at the
church.

LWML/Orphan Train Hygiene Kits

- 1 bath towel
- 1 wash cloth
- 1 bath size bar of soap
- 1 plastic soap box holder
- 1 toothbrush
- 1 sturdy comb
- 6 band-aids (1/2” or 3/4”)
- 1 small package facial tissues
- 1 nail clipper
- 1 piece of strong ribbon or cord

Assembly

1. Lay out the towel on a flat surface
2. Fold over about 5) on each long side
3. Place the rest of the items in the center under
the folds
4. Roll up the towel
5. Use ribbon or cord to tie the towel together in
the middle

LWML CID Convention

“Reunited as Women in Mission” is our theme this
year. It will be on Sat., April 30th at Our Savior’s
Lutheran Church, 2645 Old Jacksonville Rd.,
Springfield beginning at 8:45 a.m. The keynote
speaker is Jan Struck, with registration & morning
refreshments beginning at 8:00 a.m., and a
catered meal for lunch. The Orphan Grain Train
will receive our “Gifts from the Heart” at this year’s
convention.

Servant Events are scheduled for Friday
afternoon and evening at St. John’s Lutheran
Church in Chatham.

***Be sure to check the flyers on the bulletin
board for details.***

Lost & Found Basket

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

Board Reports are DUE

In the office by Thursday, April 14th by NOON

CALENDAR

April 10, 2022 – April 17, 2022

Sunday	10		Palm Sunday
		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
<i>Preschool Monday – Wednesday 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.</i>			
Monday	11	5:00 p.m.	Board of Stewardship
		5:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
		6:15 p.m.	Board of Christian Education
		6:30 p.m.	Call Committee
Tuesday	12		Preschool trip to the Cross & Easter Party
		3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Food Pantry Distribution
		5:15 p. m.	Board of Social Ministry
		6:00 p.m.	VBS Worknight
Wednesday	13		Preschool trip to the Cross & Easter Party
		1:00 p.m.	Office Staff Devotions/Meeting
		5:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class
		5:30 p.m.	Bell Practice
Thursday	14		No Preschool
		Noon	Board Reports Due
		12:15 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Services w/HC Choir will be singing at the 6:30 p.m. service
Friday	15		No Preschool
		Noon	Office Closes for Good Friday
		12:15 p.m.& 6:30 p.m.	Good Friday Services
Saturday	16	8:00 a.m.	Praise Band Practice
			No Worship Services
Sunday	17		Easter Sunday
		6:00 a.m.	Worship Service w/HC
		7:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	LYF Breakfast
		8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Worship Service w/HC Bells will play during the 8 a.m. service Choir will sing during the 10:30 a.m. service
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
		10:00 a.m.	Worship Service/Mediacom Channel 81