

# THE EAGLE

St. John's Weekly Newsletter April 24, 2022

Alleluia! It's Wednesday of Easter week as I write this note, and Kathy and I are in Minnesota, visiting grandsons Henry, Clark, and Dean (and their parents). "I have really important work to do first," I wrote to Deania as she asked me this morning if I would be sending an Eagle article. We were doing crafts at the kitchen table. I wasn't kidding. Writing this Eagle note came second to spending more time with the boys, not because the boys are more important than God, but because God has placed us each in families. We dare not *worship* our families, theoretically or practically. That would be unholy.

We, individually and together, worship the God who raised Jesus from the dead.

God will not "understand" if we choose our job, family, or leisure over worship of Him. He will, however, hear our confession as we come to our senses and repent. He is faithful and just. He forgives, for Jesus' sake. Believe this, and you will live. You will live for Him. You'll keep people and tasks in their proper places.

The next task here is to build a swing set.

A blessed Easter season, dear friends in Christ!



Tuesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, will be the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. The Synod exists so individual churches in Holy Spirit-created fellowship with one another can encourage, and even correct each other, as together we hold fast to the Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions and hold out their Gospel-centered message before others. A blessed anniversary

## Confirmation Day

Next Sunday, May 1, will be Confirmation Day for Reese Wendling, Alex Gordon, Hank Sipe, Coen Pennington, Chase Smith, and Hayden Wendling. They will confirm, by the work and courage of the Holy Spirit, that the faith given them in Baptism is their personal faith. Pray for them. The Rite of Confirmation will be the 10:30 a.m. Service. This Sunday we pray for their parents, for they are the most influential teachers in their lives! *God bless you, Justin & Britt, Matt & Stephanie, Travis & Angie, Kyle & Rachael, Jason & Megan, Jake & Erin!*

## Voter's Meeting

Tuesday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

## Director for Eagle's Nest Preschool

The board of Early Childhood is seeking a new Director for Eagle's Nest Preschool. The Director plans and implements the mission, purpose, philosophy, program, and curriculum of the preschool with board approval. The Director maintains the Early Childhood Ministry in compliance with the State of Illinois, and teaches preschool classes. Salary is based on qualifications and experience. DCFS Childcare Director Qualified individuals should apply in the church office by April 29.

For a complete list of job responsibilities and qualifications, see the church office or visit: <https://stjohnslcms.net/employment>

## CID Scholarship Sunday Offering

Will be held Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>. Envelopes will be provided. Please make your checks out to CID and memo Scholarship Sunday

## Christ Is Risen!

Pick up Funeral Planning Worksheets for you household in the Atrium.

## Your Response to the Gospel

### Our Attendance Last Week

Easter Sunday, April 17.....	536
Sunday School .....	44
Adult Sunday School .....	-0-
Maundy Thursday Services.....	224
Good Friday Services.....	242

### Our Offerings April 17, 2022

General Fund .....	\$25,062.10
Online General Fund .....	\$2,172.28
<b>Total Gen. Fund Offering .....</b>	<b>\$27,234.38</b>

### Prayer List

Roger Ohnesorge, Doris Hammer, Shirley Wittenberg, Marcella Wolf, John Romero, Shawn Bourland, Owen Phelps, Dan Chambers, Susie Austin, Chad Nelson, Geraldine Grieves, and the family of Cody Blair.

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

### Stewardship Thought

John 20:19 – “On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’” Fear is the opposite of faith. That is, the kind of cringing fear we have in the face of something that is hostile to us and more powerful than we are. Jesus spends a lot of His time telling the disciples to not be afraid. Our fears constantly hem us in and prevent us from following the Lord’s will. But there is no need to fear. Jesus has conquered. No fear can keep us locked up. We have been set free by Jesus for lives that declare His marvelous deeds.

### Next Food Pantry Distribution

Tues., April 26<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

### May Food Pantry Donations

Canned chicken, Hamburger Helper, spaghetti sauce, small laundry detergent

## LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life

“Just as He did on the embryonic leg of your journey, the Lord is guiding you still. Just as He did when you cascaded down the fallopian tube, the Lord carries you still. You were created to listen to the words of the Lord. Listen to the One who knows you, who knows your entire journey.”

Rev. Gary Blobaum, St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, Oregon, Illinois – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)

## Youth Corner

### Sr. Youth Meeting

Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.  
At Pastor Burdicks’ home

### Larry Brandt Scholarship

Monday, April 25<sup>th</sup> is the last day to apply  
for the scholarship

### 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.

### Decorating Meeting

Sun., April 24<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.  
“By God’s Monumental Grace”  
June 13-16 from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

## This Week’s Sunday School Lesson

Acts 12

This week, we study “A Jail Bail.” King Herod launches attacks on the Church, killing James, the brother of John. When Herod sees how much this pleases the Jews, he has Peter imprisoned. Peter is guarded by four squads of soldiers as the Church prays for him. That night, an angel appears and leads Peter past the guards and out of the prison. Peter knocks at the gate of the house where the others are gathered in prayer. A servant girl, Rhoda, answers. She is so excited that she runs to tell the others, leaving Peter to continue knocking. An angel of the Lord strikes Herod down for his pride.

### LWML CID Convention

“Reunited as Women in Mission” is our theme this year. It will be on Sat., April 30<sup>th</sup> 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.***

### 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

### Altar Guild

The Altar Guild will meet Tues., Apr. 26<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00 p.m.

### Annual Open House

St. Peter’s Lutheran School and Little Saints Preschool will be holding their Annual Open House on Mon., May 2, from 6:00 -7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome!

### Thank You!

Thanks to everyone that made the Easter Breakfast such a big success!

### VBS Needs Your Help

#### 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).

#### Thrivent Cards & VBS

If anyone would be interested in using your Thrivent cards for VBS this year, please contact: Carolyn (217-821-6541) or Domer (217-821-3300)

#### Volunteers

We need volunteers to help in all areas of VBS this year. Please check the insert inside the newsletter. This years’ program is “By God’s Monumental Grace”, and will be held June 13-16 from 6-8 p.m.

### Trinity HOPE Online Auction

We want to invite you to participate in the second annual Share the HOPE Auction. This is a national auction and 97% of every dollar raised goes directly to the Haitian feeding program.

Bidding is now open and will remain open until 8:00 PM, (CST) on April 27th. Items that are to be shipped will be mailed within the first week of May.

You can visit the auction site by clicking the button below, or by following this link: [www.trinityhope.schoolauction.net/sth2022](http://www.trinityhope.schoolauction.net/sth2022)

You can also check the flyer on the bulletin board.

### Auction Items Include

- Luxurious Vacations
- Weekend Get Aways
- Golf Adventures
- Hand Crafted Quilts
- NHL Predators Suite Tickets
- Haitian Artisan Goods
- And SO MUCH MORE

You can also purchase tickets to the “Trail Boss Chuckwagon Dinner, which will be held in Fairview, TN on July 9<sup>th</sup>.

**CALENDAR-----April 24, 2022 – May 1, 2022**

Sunday	24	8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Worship Service w/HC Baylor Devall Baptism at 10:30 a.m.
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
		10:00 a.m.	Worship Service/Mediacom Channel 81
		1:00 p.m.	VBS Decorating Meeting
		4:00 p.m.	Sr. Youth at Pastor Burdicks'
<i>Preschool Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.</i>			
Monday	25		Larry Brandt Scholarship Applications Due
		5:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
		6:30 p.m.	Board of Early Childhood
		7:00 p.m.	Lutheran Care Board
Tuesday	26	3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Food Pantry Distribution
		5:00 p.m.	Altar Guild
		7:00 p.m.	Voters Meeting
Wednesday	27	12:30 p.m.	Quilt Tying
		1:00 p.m.	Office Staff Devotions/Meeting
		5:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class
		5:30 p.m.	Bell Practice
Thursday	28	Noon	Golden Eagles
		6:00 p.m.	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Conf. Rehearsal & Remember your Baptism
Friday	29		Pastor's Sabbath
Saturday	30	8:45 a.m.	LWML CID Convention, Springfield
		5:30 p.m.	Worship
Sunday	1	8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Worship Service w/HC & Confirmation during the 10:30 a.m. service only
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
		10:00 a.m.	Worship Service/Mediacom Channel 81

**Birthdays This Week**

04/24 Emma Budde & Erin McDevitt  
 04/25 Adia Jennings, Audrey Garbe,  
 Claire Niebrugge, Corbyn Boone, &  
 Julie Vahling  
 04/27 Baileigh Longwell, Judy Wendling, &  
 Oliver Boone  
 04/28 Jerry Lindsey & Leigha Weber  
 04/29 Shirley Wittenberg  
 04/30 Breannah Westjohn & Karla Flach

**Anniversaries This Week**

04/25/81 Neal & Sarah Mellendorf  
 04/28/01 Todd & Marisa Szeluga  
 04/29/72 Dick & Pauline Kinkelaar  
 04/29/95 Eric & Penny Hanks  
 04/29/06 Lance & Jacque Dixon

**Golden Eagles**

Will meet Thurs., April 28<sup>th</sup> at noon in the  
 Fellowship Hall. The meal is \$5.00.