

THE EAGLE

St. John's Weekly Newsletter May 1, 2022

God bless our Confirmands!

Scholarships. When I was studying at the Seminary, I was shocked and blessed to receive approximately \$1,000 per quarter from the Central Illinois District Scholarship Fund to help pay my tuition. That didn't cover all of it, but it helped so much! Looking back, this helps me understand why today's "Scholarship Sunday" Offering is so very important to the men and women of our District who are studying for fulltime ministry at our Concordia Universities and Seminaries. You can give in two ways: pick up an envelope from the Welcome Center above the sign, "Will They Always Be There?" and mail it to the CID. Or, place your special check payable to "CID Scholarship Fund" in the offering plate this weekend (we'll mail it to CID for you). 100% will be used as scholarships for future pastors, DCEs, teachers, and other church workers. Thanks.

Snapshots. We are asking everyone to go online and fill out a simple survey about our church, giving us a snapshot of how we're doing. We want input from every one of you. It makes no difference if you have been a churchgoer all your life, or whether you just started coming this week; whether you are a member, guest, or regular attendee – We want to hear from each one of you. It comes through our Synod, and will be available until May 29.

Scan this QR code and take the survey via your phone. You can also go to:



<http://lcms.cadds.alchemer.com/s3/&cong=C276777> . If taking the survey online is impossible for you, you can fill out a paper version of it, and a member of the Call Committee will manually input your responses into the Synod's database. The

paper copy is available in the Church Office, and should be returned to the Office when complete (you can place it in my office mailbox outside of normal office hours). We believe it will take about 20 minutes to complete the survey. Thank you for investing that time!

Your responses to the survey will be completely anonymous. No one will know your name, and no one here at St. John's will be seeing any of the individual responses. It is important that you are honest so that we can have an accurate assessment of where our church is and answer the question, "Where are we...really?" Thanks!



Pastor Burdick, on behalf of the Elders & The Call Committee

Note: We're not holding Sunday Bible with Pastor this Sunday, May 1, due to the Rite of Confirmation

Palm Sunday Palm Branch

You can display your Palm Sunday PALM BRANCH at home until after Ascension Day, May 26. Then, return them to the church office or Atrium Welcome Center and we will use them to create the ashes that launch Lent next year.

May 15 Church Tours

In 2 weeks, you can receive (or give!) a tour of our facilities and ministries, immediately after the 8:00 a.m. Service. Learn more and engage in the ministry of St. John's!

CID Scholarship Sunday Offering

Is today, May 1st. Envelopes are on the Welcome Center. Please make your checks out to CID Scholarship Fund.

Your Response to the Gospel

Our Attendance Last Week

Easter Sunday, April 24..... 365
Sunday School 41
Adult Sunday School 44
LifeLight..... 14

Our Offerings April 24, 2022

General Fund \$6,271.00
Online General Fund \$3,062.06
Total Gen. Fund Offering \$9,333.06
Building Fund \$90.00

Prayer List

Shirley Cheadle, Doris Hammer, Shirley Wittenberg, Marcella Wolf, John Romero, Shawn Bourland, Owen Phelps, Dan Chambers, Susie Austin, Chad Nelson, Geraldine Grieves, and the family Ken Longwell.

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

May Food Pantry Donations

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

Stewardship Thought

John 21:6 – “He said to them, ‘Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some.’ So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish.” Won't the disciples ever learn? Jesus did this once before – when the odds seemed completely against it, the Lord gave them a command to let down the nets, a command that seemed crazy. But they complied and He blessed their obedience. When will we learn this lesson, too?

LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life

“Let’s also recruit, instruct, and support more couples and families toward opening their homes to serve children in need. Multitudes—majorities, even—of foster families and adoptive parents confess Christ and consider themselves for-life. More foster parents—not fewer children—seems the most praiseworthy solution to foster care failures. And those who can recognize those failures may just be the most excellent candidates for the vocation!”

Pastor Michael Salemink, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

Youth Corner

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.

Decorating Meeting

Tues., May 3rd, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

“By God’s Monumental Grace”

June 13-16 from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Our Deepest Sympathy

Please keep the family of Ken Longwell in your prayers. He passed away on Thurs., Apr. 21 at Lakeland Rehabilitation & Health Care Center. Graveside services were held on Mon., Apr. 25 at Arborcrest here in Effingham. Memorials may be made to St. John’s. Please keep his son, John, & the rest of the family in your prayers.

Food Pantry Open House

Please come & tour the Food Pantry & learn more about our mission of serving those in need through the financial & food contributions of our congregation & community. It will be held on:

Sunday, May 22

8:15 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Hope to see you there!

This Week's Sunday School Lesson

Acts 13:1-3; 14:8-18

"On Your Feet" is this week's lesson. The Holy Spirit leads the Church at Antioch to send Paul and Barnabas on a momentous missionary journey. In Lystra, they heal a man who had never been able to walk. The people who see this think Paul and Barnabas are gods come down to earth, and they attempt to offer sacrifices to them. In grief, Paul and Barnabas tear their clothes and rush into the crowd, barely preventing them from making the offerings.

VBS Needs Your Help

We DO NOT need any more boxes! Thank you so much to all who donated them.

VBS Wish List

Brown paper sacks, 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. This year's program is "By God's Monumental Grace", and will be held June 13-16 from 6-8 p.m.

Christ Is Risen!

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

Men's Bible Study

All men are invited to attend the Men's Breakfast & Bible Study, on Sat., May 7th, at 8:00 a.m. Contact Gayland Bourland (217-343-4366) if you have any questions.

Quilt Update

To date, 60 large & 9 baby quilts have been completed, and we are happy to report that they are on the way to the people of Ukraine. These quilts, along with other bedding supplies, were taken to MMS & Friends in Charleston, IL. MMS, along with Trinity in Casey, are sponsoring shipping containers of needed supplies to Ukraine.

The bedding was packed into a container on Sat. and is destined for the City of Nikolaev, which is near the Donbas region in southern Ukraine. Volunteers there are running a shelter for orphans and injured military and will distribute the supplies as needed.

There is a dire need for men's shoes as well as other items. You can check out more on the Facebook page for MMS & Friends. If you have men's shoes you would like to donate, please contact Jane Tolch (217-690-5171). She will be happy to get them to MMS for you.

Arborcrest Memorial Park Clean-Up Day & Flag Day

Will be Sat., May 14th, at 9 a.m. until ?. We are asking anyone who can help to bring blowers, weed eaters, & rakes. We have extra tools if needed. We will place American flags on ALL the Veterans Grave in 2 or 3 sections of the cemetery. Memorial Day will be on May 30th.

Sunday, May 22nd is the day that our Sunday School classes will be putting American Flags on all the Veterans graves in the last section of the cemetery in our Lutheran Section during Sunday School hour. Many thanks to the Sunday School kids & teachers.

Arborcrest is located on Route 40, between Effingham & Altamont. The cemetery is owned by Howard & Laura Janis. As a privately owned cemetery, the only funding to maintain it is a small trust fund that barely pays for mowing. Any help would be appreciated! If you have any questions, please contact Howard Janis.

CALENDAR-----May 1, 2022 – May 8, 2022

Sunday	1	8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Worship Service w/HC & Confirmation 10:30 a.m. service only CID Scholarship Fund Offering
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School Pastor Burdicks' Class will NOT meet today
		10:00 a.m.	Worship Service/Mediacom Channel 81
<i>Preschool Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.</i>			
Monday	2	4:30 p.m.	Today's Light Review
		5:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
Tuesday	3	5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	VBS Decorating Meeting
		5:30 p.m.	Board of Trustees
		7:00 p.m.	Lydia Guild
Wednesday	4	9:00 a.m.	Preschool Trip to Ballard Nature Center
		12:30 p.m.	Quilt Tying
		1:00 p.m.	Office Staff Devotions/Meeting
		5:30 p.m.	Bell Practice
		7:00 p.m.	Pure Germany Trip Zoom meeting in the Conference Room
Thursday	5	9:00 a.m.	Preschool Trip to Ballard Nature Center
Friday	6		Pastor's Sabbath
Saturday	7	8:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study at Niemerg's
		8:00 a.m.	Praise Band Practice
		9:30 a.m.	E.A.S.T.E.R. Class
		5:30 p.m.	Worship w/HC Bells will be playing
Sunday	8	8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Worship Service w/HC Bells will be playing
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
		10:00 a.m.	Worship Service/Mediacom Channel 81

Birthdays This Week

05/01 Brandon Wendling & Marla Jackson
 05/02 Brian Haake
 05/03 Kevin Shingler
 05/04 Alex Junge, Beckett Sams,
 Carolyn Webb, George Soltwedel,
 Lisa Norton, & Robert Backhus
 05/05 Mary Brown
 05/06 Fred Meislahn & Troy Probst
 05/07 Bev Kopplin, Jim Klein, Kal Keitel
 Richard Wendling, &
 Stephanie Gordon

Anniversaries This Week

05/02/65 Richard & Nancy Ohnesorge
 05/02/20 Tanner & Ashley Veach
 05/03/69 J. P. & Terry Simmons
 05/03/86 John & Suzanne Lechman
 05/03/97 Mike & Marla Pilcher
 05/06/78 Don & Faith Donaldson
 05/07/21 Lucas & Lauren Stortzum

Lydia Guild

Will meet Tuesday, May 3 at 7:00 p.m.