

THE EASTER EAGLE

St. John's Weekly Newsletter April 17, 2022



A blessed and peaceful Easter to you, dear friends! The truth of the resurrection changes everything, doesn't it? It especially changes the funeral of a Christian. That's why we've made available a stack of Funeral Planning Worksheets in the Atrium and Fellowship Hall this morning. It's not gloomy to think about your funeral, it's realistic. Since Christ is raised from the grave, you are certain that you, a repentant sinner, will follow Him on the day of resurrection. Pick up a Worksheet and begin planning your funeral in the sure and certain hope of eternal life on account of Jesus, the crucified and resurrected Lord!

Take note of the six banners hanging in the Atrium today. Alex, Hayden, Reese, Hank, Coen, and Chase chose their confirmation verses last month, and will soon confirm the Christian faith as their own on May 1. Their banners tell you about their verses, and I hope you'll talk with the students about them. Talk with Jesus, too, about strengthening these youth for the life-long spiritual battle in which they will be engaged to be faithful to Him.

A blessed, joyful, happy Easter!

Upcoming Meetings

Council Meeting

Tues., April 19th at 7:00 p.m.

Voter's Meeting

Tuesday, April 26th 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>

VBS Needs Your Help

VBS Decorating Meeting

Monday, April 18, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.

All help will be greatly appreciated!

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)

LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life

“So how’s life? Are you stuck? Are you burdened? Are you troubled? Are you afraid? Do you think you’ve got nothing to live for? Stop acting like Jesus is dead because He’s not. Look again at His life-giving hands. Jesus is alive! Let’s act like it. Let’s pray like it. Let’s believe like it. Let’s embrace His call, ‘I am sending you’ (John 20:21), and bring the Gospel to everyone, one soul at a time. Live life like there is no death because Easter means there is no death. Easter makes life really worth living.”

Rev. Peter Sulzle, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

Your Response to the Gospel

Our Attendance Last Week

Sunday, April 10	424
Sunday School	55
Adult Sunday School	47
Lenten Services.....	132

Our Offerings April 10, 2022

General Fund	\$10,873.81
Online General Fund	\$2,422.31
Total Gen. Fund Offering	\$13,296.12
Building Fund	\$80.00

Prayer List

Marcella Wolf, Vicki Manford, John Romero, Shawn Bourland, Owen Phelps, Dan Chambers, Susie Austin, Chad Nelson, Doris Hammer, & Geraldine Grieves, and the family of Tim Mueller.

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

Deepest Sympathy

Please keep Doris Mueller and her family in your prayers. Her son, Tim, passed away on Tuesday, April 12th. His services were held Sat., April 16.

This Week’s Sunday School Lesson

Mark 15:16-16:8

“The Living Wonder” is the title of this week’s Bible lesson. After mocking and beating Jesus, the Roman guards take Him to be crucified. As Jesus hangs on the cross, the crowds continue to hurl insults. As Jesus gives up His life, the curtain of the temple splits from top to bottom. Mary Magdalene and Mary, the mother of Jesus, see Joseph of Arimathea lay Jesus’ body in the tomb. When the two Mary’s and Salome come to the tomb on Sunday morning, they find it empty except for a young man in white, who tells them Jesus has risen from the dead.

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.**

Stewardship Thought

Luke 24:6-7 – “He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise.” Jesus is risen. But is that Good News? What if He is mad at us for betraying Him, for running away at Gethsemane, for not believing He would rise? The Good News is not just that Jesus is risen; the Good News is that He is risen to bless us. There is no need to be alarmed. He still calls us His friends and brothers and sisters, and He means to bring us through death to resurrection as well. The Lord is risen – He is risen indeed!

Youth Corner

Sr. Youth Meeting

Sunday, April 24th at 4:00 p.m.
At Pastor Burdicks' home

Larry Brandt Scholarship

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

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.

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"By God's Monumental Grace"
June 13-16 from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

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.

Food Pantry April Donations

Crackers, Canned Fruit, & Soup

Thank You

I would like to say "Thank You" to all who came to help me after my fall at church. I ask God's blessings for each of you.

Thank you so much! Pat Miller

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.

Quilts for Lutheran World Relief Update

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

CALENDAR-----April 17, 2022 – April 24, 2022

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.	Children's Sunday School will meet No Adult Classes
		10:00 a.m.	Worship Service/Mediacom Channel 81
<i>Preschool Tues – Friday 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.</i>			
Monday	18		No Preschool
		Noon	Board of Evangelism
		2:00 p.m.	VBS Decorating Meeting
		5:00 p.m.	Counting Team
Tuesday	19	7:00 p.m.	Council Meeting
Wednesday	20	12:30 p.m.	Quilt Tying
		5:00 p.m.	Board of Youth
		5:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class
		5:30 p.m.	Bell Practice
Thursday	21	6:00 p.m.	Joy Shop at Trinity, Stewardson
Friday	22		Pastor's Sabbath
Saturday	23	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
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
		4:00 p.m.	Sr. Youth at Pastor Burdicks'

Birthdays This Week

04/17 Andrew Lotz, Avery Bohnhoff,
Evan Lotz, Ray Hartman, &
Zachary Scott
04/18 Eva Wendling & Molly Lipe
04/20 Breanne Weaver & Stacy Nelson
04/21 Don Tieffel, Dutch Klitzing, &
Janet Hecht

04/22 David Wendte, Dennis Lading,
Eric Hanks, & Erin Wendling
04/23 Ian Keith & Norma Lansing

Anniversaries This Week

04/21/74 Keith & Patsy Bahrns