

THE EAGLE

St. John's Weekly Newsletter November 20, 2022

Special Services



"Behold! Jesus is..." will be our theme for Advent. Studying Matthew chapter 1 in our midweek Services (12:15 p.m. & 6:30 p.m. on Nov. 30, Dec 7, and Dec 14), we'll behold what we

already know: Jesus is the Son of David, Son of Abraham, and Son of Mary.

But wait. Do your neighbors know and believe that? These simple Advent Services are an excellent opportunity to be holding (see what I did there?) the Good News about Jesus in front of our friends and family who aren't yet Christians. Invite them to come with you. Pick them up. Worship beside them. You'll be helping them to know the truth of the Gospel, a gift that all need to receive.

As we announced last month, we've made an adjustment to our Christmas Eve schedule. Our three Services on Saturday, Dec. 24, will be at 4:00 p.m., 6:30 p.m., and 9:00 p.m. On Christmas Day we'll worship our Lord and Savior at 9:00 a.m.

I'm hoping to see you in worship for one of our Thanksgiving Services: Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. and Thanksgiving Day at 9:00 a.m. Great hymns and Lessons of the Giver of All Good Things – the Holy Trinity – will be proclaimed.

A Blessed Thanksgiving!

Updating Website

If you see Atticus Jennings snapping photos around the church, including during Service, he's gathering images for an update of our website. If we want to use a close-up photo of someone in your family, we will check with you before publishing.

Have You Heard?

Witness is the work we have been given to do as the church scattered. We have opportunities to speak of Jesus with the people in our everyday lives who are our friends, co-workers, neighbors, family members, etc.

Outreach is the work we do as the church gathered. It is our *collective* effort through ministries, services, events and other activities as the church through which we invite and include others into Word and Sacrament ministry.

Witness & Outreach are distinct, but they work together so people will know of Jesus and be gathered into His Church through us. Are you mostly gathered or mostly scattered? Not in your thoughts, organization, or housekeeping, but in your approach to carrying out the work of the Great Commission. We are both gathered and scattered. We are the Church Gathered when we assemble for worship, study God's Word together, and carry out various ministries and activities as a congregation. We are the Church Scattered when we go our separate ways into the mission fields of our everyday lives. Witness and outreach are works of the Church Scattered and the Church Gathered. Knowing which is which can make a significant difference in how we plan and conduct witness and outreach in our context.

EXAMPLE: When you personally take one of our Advent Devotionals to a neighbor and say, "These daily readings show us what Advent and Christmas are truly about – the gift of Jesus!", you're witnessing.

Thanksgiving Services

6:30 p.m. Wednesday, November 23

9:00 a.m. Thursday, November 24

"Now Thank We all Our God!"

Living With Grief

Will meet at Immanuel in Altamont to discuss Ch. 6 on Tues., Nov. 22nd, at 10 a.m.



Our Advent Devotions are available for you to pick up today, and to begin using in one week. Make time to use your Advent Wreath beginning November 27 and daily ponder how “A Son Is Given” for the salvation of the world. Your busy Advent will be more blessed.

Operation Christmas Child

Gift Shoeboxes will be accepted in the Atrium through today, Sun., Nov. 20



In December you'll receive the pamphlet version of Luther's Small Catechism. Beginning January 1, 2023 our households will be reading through the Catechism in short snippets for roughly 50 days straight. The schedule will be printed in the Catechism, and will take us to the season of Lent. Biblical illiteracy is a real problem among Christians, but this small effort will help turn that tide!

Prayer List

Janice Mellendorf, Justin Traub, Marcella Wolf, Irene Esch, Chad Nelson, Nacho Castillo, John Lin, Richard Ohnesorge, Vera Huey, Marlene Haake, Heather Davis, Becky Fielitz, Tatum Garcia, Shirley Cheadle, Dan Chambers, the marriage of Michael Wetherell & Lacie Butler on Nov. 19th (Dean & Donna Wetherell's grandson), and the family of Bev Koester.

All Members of the Armed Forces: Ben Sams, Ryan Budde, Bryce Ikemire, and all first responders of our community and nation.

Your Response to the Gospel
Our Attendance Last Week

Sunday November 13	370
Sunday School	53
Adult Sunday School	48
LifeLight.....	7

Our Offerings November 13, 2022

General Fund	\$7,645.31
Online General Fund	\$2,250.61
Total Gen. Fund Offering	\$9,895.92

The Shirts from the Online Store are IN.

You can pick yours up in the office.

LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life

“In the Christian calendar, secular time is swallowed up in Sacred Time, which is a foreshadowing of the eternal Day of the Lord, when all that we have foolishly sought after and worried about will vanish as will the night vanish on the dawning of the Lord's Day. Rejoice, the Lord is near.”

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

St. Louis Seminary Food Drive

It's that time of year. We will be collecting your non-perishable items for the Seminary students and their families at our Thanksgiving services. Your donations are greatly appreciated during the upcoming holiday and winter months.

As you arrive for Thanksgiving Services, please take your donations up to the Altar. If you are unable to attend Thanksgiving Services, we will still be accepting your donations. Please place them in the basket in the Atrium. Thank you so much!

Lydia Guild Pecan Sales

Be sure to sign up on the bulletin board by December 1st. We will call you when they are ready for pick-up. Small pieces, medium pieces, and halves will ALL be \$10 this year.

This Week's Sunday School Lesson

2 Samuel 4:4; 9:1-13

“The King's Table” is the title of today's lesson. Mephibosheth, Jonathan's son, suffered crippling injuries at age 5 while escaping Saul's enemies with his nurse. Once David established his kingdom, his thoughts turned to whether there were any survivors from Saul and Jonathan's line. Discovering Mephibosheth, David bestows on him Saul's land and fortune. Mephibosheth's family moves to Jerusalem, where he always eats at the king's table. Discuss how God provides for our daily needs today.

Christmas Program Practices

Mark your calendars! There will be 2 practices this year. Sun., Dec. 4th during the Sunday School hour & Sunday, Dec. 11th at 2 p.m. in the afternoon.

Stewardship Moment

Colossians 1:18a – “And he is the head of the body, the church.” We are part of the Body of Christ; He is our Head. Where He goes, we follow. His thoughts direct our actions. This is how the people of God learn how to give and why they give. Because Jesus gives, indeed He gives all He has.

Offering Envelopes

If you are giving your offerings online & no longer wish to use your envelopes, please let us know in the church office by **Mon., Nov. 28th**. Also, if you are currently not using offering envelopes but would like to, please contact the office by **Mon., Nov. 28th**.

Next Food Distribution

Tues., November 22nd from 3 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Food Pantry Donations for November

Sloppy Joe's, saltine crackers, variety pasta, and spaghetti sauce

Deepest Sympathy

Please keep the family of Beverly J. Koester in your prayers. Bev passed away Sun., Nov. 13 in her home. Funeral services were held at St. John's Wednesday with burial in Arborcrest Memorial Park.

Poinsettias

It is time to purchase your poinsettias for Christmas. This year, they are \$20 for an 8" plant. Please place your order by calling the church office. The deadline to order is Sunday, December 4th.

80th Birthday Celebration

For Jan Martins on Sunday, Nov. 27th, after the 10:30 a.m. service until 1:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Sandwiches, chips, cake & punch will be served. Everyone is invited to attend.

Angel Tree

New, unwrapped toys for FISH Christmas Store will be accepted until Sun., Dec. 4th in the Atrim.

Decorating the Church

We will be decorating the church on Sat., Nov. 26th at 9 a.m. until we are done. All help would be greatly appreciated!

Youth Corner Upcoming Events

Nov. 30 Advent Soup

Chili or Vegetable Soup, hot dogs, crackers, peanut butter sandwiches, water & pop
Lunch is *dine-in or Carry Out*
11:15 a.m.–12:15 p.m. & 12:45 p.m.–1:15 pm.
Dinner is *drive through, dine-in, or carry out*
4:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. & 7:15 p.m. – 7:45 p.m.
6th -8th grades please bring a dessert.
High School is asked to work the event.

Live Nativity

Saturday, Dec. 10th from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Sign up on the bulletin board.
Set up will be at 9 a.m. on Saturday.
Participants need to be at the church by 5:30 p.m. on Sat., Dec. 10th.

Free Babysitting Sun., Dec. 4th

1 p.m.-3 p.m. for families to Christmas shop.
7th - High School students will babysit in the gym. In the Trinity Room we will gift wrap your presents. Please bring your own paper, bows, & ribbons.

Cookie drop off

Fri., Dec. 16th during office hours & Sat., Dec. 17, 9 - 10 a.m.
Students' 6th to High School are asked to bring at least 6 dozen cookies.
Sign up sheet on the bulletin board for your shift.

Cookie Walk

Sat. Dec. 17, 4:30–5:15 p.m. & 6:30–7 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 18, 7:15 a.m. – Noon

Bingo/Game Night

Jan. 15th at 3:00 p.m.

Puzzle Night

Sometime in February

Trivia Night

TBA

Pickleball

Will start in Jan. Watch the Eagle for dates.

Rhodes Fish Fry

Fri., Mar. 3, 2023 (bake sale)

CALENDAR-----November 20, 2022 – November 27, 2022

Sunday	20	8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Worship Services The Choir will be singing for both services
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
		5:00 p.m.	Youth at the Burdicks'
Preschool Monday, & Tuesday 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.			
Monday	21	10:30 a.m.	Preschool Chapel Program & Thanksgiving Feast
		Noon	Board of Evangelism
Tuesday	22	10:00 a.m.	Living with Grief #6 at Immanuel, Altamont
		10:30 a.m.	Preschool Chapel Program & Thanksgiving Feast
		3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Food Pantry Distribution
		7:00 p.m.	Adult Catechism
Wednesday	23		No Preschool
		1:00 p.m.	Staff Devotions/Meeting
		5:30 p.m.	Bell Practice
		6:30 p.m.	Thanksgiving Worship Service
Thursday	24		Thanksgiving/Office Closed
		9:00 a.m.	Thanksgiving Worship Service
Friday	25		Office Closed
Saturday	26	8:00 a.m.	Praise Band Practice
		9:00 a.m.	Decorate Church
		5:30 p.m.	Worship Service w/HC
Sunday	27	8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Worship Services w/HC
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
		11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.	80 th Birthday Celebration for Jan Martins

Birthdays This Week

- 11/20 Donna Budde & Matt Wohltman
- 11/21 George Young, Makenna Duckwitz,
& Tilford Hord
- 11/22 Haley Brown & John Richards
- 11/23 David Brinkopf, Greg Perry, Jeff Vail,
Liam Boone, & Madi Boerngen
- 11/25 Emmerson Hansen, Holly Adams,
Jerry Bloemer, & Randy Kohnert
- 11/26 Corey Lotz, David Barr, &
Mike Schlechte

Anniversaries This Week

- 11/23/89 Mike & Patricia Logan
- 11/26/71 Jim & Becky Bailey

Need Your Help

If you are a member of St. John's & you are a veteran, please let us know by signing the sheet on the bulletin board and tell us what branch you served in. If you know of other members who are also veterans, please let us know. Thank you so much for your help!