

THE EAGLE

St. John's Weekly Newsletter January 1, 2023

I heard a "man on the street" radio interview years ago in which a guy was asked if he could recite the Ten Commandments. He exclaimed, "No! But I sure do keep them!" No kidding; he really said that.

How would you respond? Maybe you can still recite the Commandments in order, and maybe your catechism memory is rusty. Today we embark on an easy journey to help us all, as we start reading small portions (and their meanings) of Luther's Small Catechism. Here's your schedule for this week:

- 1/1/23 1st Commandment
- 1/2/23 2nd Commandment
- 1/3/23 3rd Commandment
- 1/4/23 4th Commandment
- 1/5/23 5th Commandment
- 1/6/23 6th Commandment
- 1/7/23 7th Commandment

You might read the day's snippet alone, or with kids. Perhaps you'll read it once, or multiple times. Maybe you will memorize it. I just hope you'll read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest it. The devil doesn't want you to. God does, because He wants you to know His Word, His promise, and His love.

This little daily exercise is a great way to kick off 2023. And should someone surprise you with a "Christian on the street" interview this year, you could say "I know I can't be a savior, but I sure do have one!" No kidding.

A blessed New Year!



P.S. There are a few copies of the Catechism and daily schedule at the Welcome Center. It's free!

Adult Confirmation Class

Are you interested in joining our congregation through adult confirmation? Are you a longtime Lutheran who would like to review Luther's Small Catechism? Our next series of 10 sessions in the Adult Catechism Class runs from January 31 to April 4, 2023, and classes will be held at a new time: 4:00-5:00 p.m. on Tuesdays.

Last month one of the class participants said "I want to encourage people to take this class, because ***the Word acts as the only influencer that we need and is an antidote to our times. Instead of being divided and separated, we come together to learn the Word and its Truth. Instead of anger, we learn love; instead of bitterness, forgiveness.***" If interested in the class, sign-up on the main bulletin board in the Atrium Hallway, or email pastor at mike.burdick@stjohnsLCMS.net.

New Year's Resolution

Are you about to make a new year's resolution? The best one you can make for your spiritual health is to be here at St. John's for Service every single week (except when you're ill)! "O, Come, Let Us Adore Him...daily!"

Many in our congregation have just finished the two-year "Today's Light" journey through the entire Bible. What a trip! Our final review session will be this Tuesday, Jan. 3, at 4:00 p.m.

Light on Redemption Window

If you were with us on Christmas Eve, you saw that our Redemption Window above the Altar was beautifully lighted. Jeff Stremming and Ben Burdick worked hard to make it temporarily possible, and the next step is to make it a permanent feature. Thank you!

Office Closing

Monday, Jan. 2, 2023 in observance of
New Year's Day.

Prayer List

Fred Richter, Rich Brillhart, Kathy Wall, Don Clark, Elizabeth Ziegler Cole, Heather Harbour, Janice Mellendorf, Justin Traub, Marcella Wolf, Chad Nelson, John Lin, Vera Huey, Marlene Haake, Heather Davis, Tatum Garcia, Shirley Cheadle, Doris Hammer & Dan Chambers.

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

Christmas Eve 532
Christmas Day 84

Our Offerings Dec 25, 2022

General Fund \$20,269.00
Online Offering \$2,772.36
Total Gen. Fund Offering \$23,041.36
Building Fund \$90.00

LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life

"[Jesus] will care for you until you stand before His throne. Trust Him. Seek Him. Serve Him. Love Him. He's your King. He suffered and died for you. He rose for you. He only has words of love and promise to speak to you. So, when all is equal for you on your deathbed, you can rejoice and say, 'Come quickly, my King,' because He has given you the promise, 'You will be with me in paradise.'"

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

Undecorating the Church

We will be taking down the Christmas decorations on Saturday, Jan. 7th at 9 a.m. All help would be greatly appreciated.

Food Pantry Donations for January

Canned fruit, Canned Sloppy Joe's,
Soup, & Pasta

Contribution Statements

We will be emailing contribution statements to everyone that we have an email for. Please be watching for an email from "Auto Mail" in your inbox towards the end of January. If we do not have an email, we will send you one in the mail. If you do not wish to receive yours by email, you will need to let the office know by: Monday, January, 9th.

Stewardship Moment

Luke 2:21 – "And at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb." There it is: the shortest Gospel lesson of the whole Church Year. It is for the festival of the Circumcision and Name of Jesus. What more do you need to know than the name of Jesus — "the Lord saves." That's who Jesus is: the Lord who saves us sinners. That simple Gospel message is the foundation of our faith and the strength to live out our faith.

LifeLight Study-Exodus Part 2

We will begin class on Sunday, Jan. 15 since the Concordia Website is down for upgrades and we won't be able to order the books until Jan. 3. Thank you for understanding.

Poinsettias

You may take your poinsettias home after the New Year's Day Service

Men's Breakfast & Bible Study

Will meet at 8:00 a.m. at Niemerg's Restaurant. If you have any questions, please contact
Gayland Bourland (217-343-4366)

Youth Corner

Pickleball Dates

Sun., Jan. 8th, 1:00 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Thurs., Jan. 12th, 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Tues., Jan. 17th, 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Sun., Jan. 22nd, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Thurs., Jan. 26th, 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Sun., Jan. 29th, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Insurance Waivers must be signed.

Those 12 & under must be accompanied by
an adult

Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board

Fun Bingo/Game Night

Jan. 15th at 3:00pm

Bring your favorite appetizer!

Drinks & tableware will be provided.

Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board.

Puzzle Night & Mexican Dinner

Sunday, February 12 from 3 – 7 p.m.

Rhodes Fish Fry

Friday, March 3

If you have any questions about any of
these events, please contact:

Carolyn Wendte (217-821-6541)

Domer Ohnesorge (217-821-3300)

Attention All Boards

Your reports are due in the church office for
the Council meeting by Wed., Jan. 11

Thank you

I wish to thank everyone for all the cards,
calls, & visits while I was in the hospital & at
Lakeland Rehab. I appreciated everyone! I
am thankful & blessed to be home for a while
as I wait for the next step to a new hip. God
bless you all! Marlene Haake

Offering Envelopes & Catechisms

We still have several offering envelopes on
the table in the Atrium. Please pick them up
as soon as possible.

LCMS Foundation

TODAY | TOMORROW | FOREVER

Happy New Year! A new year gives fresh
opportunity to respond to all of God's gifts,
applying them to every circumstance and
relationship in the hope of sharing Jesus. All
of life is about using God's gifts for doing
God's things. That is true for our estate
plans as well. Our estates are full of God's
gifts. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning
Counselor can help you consider this
perspective. Contact Scott Radden at
Scott.Radden@LFND.org or call his cell
phone at 618-977-4049.

Call Committee

The next Call Committee meeting will be held
on Monday, January 9th at 7:00 p.m. in the
Trinity Room. Members are:

Fred Bray, Chair

Jerry Lindsey

Linda Marxman

Holly Bray

Ray Hartman

Dan Jansen

Sandy Bernhard

Pastor Burdick

Upcoming Meetings

Council Meeting

Tues., Jan 17 at 7 p.m.

Voters Meeting

Tues., Jan 24 at 7 p.m.

CALENDAR-----January 1 – January 8, 2023

Sunday	1	9:00 a.m.	Worship w/HC
			No Sunday School
Preschool—Wednesday – Friday 8:00 – 11:30 a.m.			
Monday	2		The Office will be closed in observance of New Year's Day
Tuesday	3	9:00 a.m.	Pastor's Circuit Meeting, Louisville
		4:00 p.m.	Today's Light Review
		5:30 p.m.	Board of Trustees
Wednesday	4		Preschool Resumes
		1:00 p.m.	Office Devotions and Staff Meeting
		5:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class
		5:15 p.m.	Bell Practice
Thursday	5		
Friday	6		Pastor's Sabbath
Saturday	7	8:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
		8:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
		8:00 a.m.	Praise Band Practice
		9:00 a.m.	Undecorate the church
		5:30 p.m.	Worship Service w/HC Installation of Officers
Sunday	8	8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Worship Services w/HC Installation of Officers
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
		1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Pickleball in the gym

Birthday's This Week

- 01/01 Carla Fox
- 01/02 Faith Kinkelaar, Vicki Cook,
Jacqueline Wiseman, & Zoey Boone
- 01/03 Sandra Devall
- 01/04 Kay Boerngen & Luke Mottashed
- 01/05 Cathy Bloemer & Christopher Bahrns
- 01/06 Jeremy Fritch & Windy Westfall
- 01/07 Dale Walls, Dawson Wyckoff,
Robert Williams, & Teri Schaefer

Women's Breakfast & Bible Study

We will meet at 8:00 a.m. at Niemerg's Restaurant. If you have any questions, please contact:
Renee Kremer (217-821-3142)

Support our Missionaries and Missions

Please continue to pray for Hayden Rensner, serving in Czech Republic, and for our feeding programs through [Trinity Hope](#) in Haiti. The needs are great. We're blessed to support the way that God is meeting the needs of people through these missions.

