

THE EAGLE

St. John's Weekly Newsletter January 22, 2023



Lutherans
For Life

"Heavenly Father, grant us all humility to recognize the sanctity of every human life You have created, redeemed, and called as Your own precious treasure and to receive each neighbor as gift and privilege, through Jesus Christ, our Lord of Life. Amen."

Voters' Assembly

Our Voters' Assembly this Tuesday at 7:00pm will receive updates and reports, have the opportunity to nominate candidates for LCMS President and Vice-Presidents (see yellow poster on bulletin board), and begin to consider a new Mission Statement for St. John's. Pick up the packet on the Welcome Center.

It's Lutheran Schools Week!

We thank God for the ministry of our Eagle's Nest Preschool, Trinity Lutheran School in Stewardson, Altamont Lutheran Interparish School, and St. Peter's Lutheran School in St. Peter. May the Lord bless the ministry and the families of these schools.

St. Peter's Lutheran School, St. Peter, Illinois is seeking a 1st and 2nd Grade teacher beginning in the 2023-2024 school year. St. Peter's Lutheran is a Christ centered LCMS school, Biblically based, and state recognized. For more information, please contact Principal Dr. Larry Wooster (lwooster.spls@gmail.com) by either e-mail or in the school office (618-349-8888; 701 E 3rd St, Saint Peter, IL 62280)

"Take Me To Church"

As part of "Lutheran Schools Week" January 22-28, we're encouraging our preschool parents to worship! We've dubbed February 5th as "Take Me To Church Sunday." Families are urged to be in church together that Sunday, whether it's here at St. John's or in the congregation of which they are already members. If you see new families on any given Sunday, welcome them warmly.

Catechism Bible Study

"I hadn't realized the connection between creation week and holy week."

"I highly recommend the Adult Confirmation class to any member or non-member of St. John's. The class is both enlightening and valuable for our walk in the Faith. I looked forward to every session and wish there was a part two to continue the journey. I was most richly blessed by the experience!" -- recent class members.

Study the Bible and Luther's Small Catechism on **Tuesdays from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.**, January 31 to April 4. Topics: resurrection, marriage, creation, Bible manuscripts, commandments, forgiveness, bitterness, prayer, baptism, communion, science, Luther, pastors, Moralistic-Therapeutic-Deism, grace, etc.,
SIGN UP TODAY ON THE MAIN BULLETIN BOARD. **Childcare available.**

Stewardship Moment

Matthew 4:20 – "Immediately they left their nets and followed him." Discipleship cost Peter and Andrew everything they had. They left their trade, their hometown, their families, and they followed Jesus. God has called us to the same discipleship, the same devotion, though the exact details of how that is lived out will vary. The important thing is this: we know that all we have is the Lord's, to be used for His purpose. We are His disciples and are ready to follow where He leads.



Confirmation Lock-In

The congregations of our Circuit are inviting Confirmation-age youth to come together for a fun and Biblical Lock-In on Sunday Night, February 19, hosted at St. John's Lutheran of Effingham. Pastor Burdick & Pastor Herberts will lead, and adults are needed for chaperoning. *Fun games. Devotions and Bible Study. Party (and some nutritious) food. Some sleep. Gaga Ball. Good friends. And more!* \$10 per youth. 4 p.m. Sunday to 8 a.m. Monday. Sign-up on the bulletin board.

Prayer List

Dave Ragan, Mick Wessel, Tracy Kistler, Sara Bernhard, Becky Janis, Earline Jutkins, Jerry Pruemer, Fred Richter, Rich Brillhart, Carol Althoff, Heather Harbour, Janice Mellendorf, Justin Traub, Chad Nelson, 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.

Thank You From the Food Pantry

In the calendar year of 2022, St. John’s Food Pantry served 1,955 individuals (1,563 adults & 392 children). Without the continued support of our congregation of food, monetary gifts, and additional support from other congregations and our great community, our mission of the food pantry would not be possible.

We at the pantry want to thank each & every donor for your help. No donation is too small! God has blessed us richly! The pantry received cash donations of \$29,013.42, plus the many tangible food items that we have no dollar figure for and it was all distributed to those in need. Our expenses for food we had to purchase was \$29,866.23, showing a deficit of \$852.81.

Anyone wanting a tour to personally witness our mission and goals, we are always happy to show you around. Just let us know.

Patsy Latch, Pantry Coordinator
and our 16 volunteers

Greeting Cards

There is a new greeting card catalog in the “card” cabinet. You may leave an order until February 12th. We only have the one catalog.

Altar Guild

The next Altar Guild meeting will be held Tues., Jan. 24th at 5 p.m.

Women’s Breakfast/Bible Study

Sat., Feb. 4th at 8 a.m. at Niemerg’s.

Questions: Contact:

Renee Kremer (217-821-3142).

Fun Events for the WHOLE Congregation

Pickleball for ALL

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

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

Insurance Waivers must be signed.

12 & under must be accompanied by an adult

Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board

FAMILY Puzzle Night & Mexican Dinner

Sunday, January 29th from 2:30 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Tickets are on sale now!^h

Adults \$8.00 & Kids \$4.00 (5-12)

Rhodes Fish Fry

Friday, March 3

Tickets will go on sale Sat., Feb. 4th

Watch for ticket prices, coming soon.

Trivia Night for ALL

Sunday, March 19th

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

Carolyn Wendte (217-821-6541)

Domer Ohnesorge (217-821-3300)

Next Food Distribution

Tuesday, January 24th from 3 – 4 p.m.

Food Pantry Donations for February

Canned fruit, sugar, fruit bars, &

4 pk pudding cups

Your Response to the Gospel

Our Attendance Last Week

Sunday, January 15..... 391

Sunday School..... 39

Adult Sunday School..... 45

LifeLight 9

Our Offerings January 15, 2023

General Fund \$8,302.01

Online Offering..... \$2,269.08

Total Gen. Fund Offering..... \$10,571.09

December 2022 General Fund Summary

Deposits \$95,676.94

Expenditures \$53,757.08

Ending Balance \$140,122.68

VFW Food Pantries Fund Raisers

They will be doing meals on Feb. 3 & 17. Check out the flyer on the bulletin board for details.

Looking for a way to Serve?

Are you looking for a fun & special way to serve the Lord that works with your own schedule? I have just the one for you!

Become a member of St. John's visiting team!! Each month we get to spend time with 3-4 older members who are staying in assisted living or nursing homes...and a few are shut-ins at home. The time is well spent discussing past & current events, talking about our families & friends, and sharing a devotion and prayer. (We also try to bring a little snack because who doesn't enjoy a treat??) They appreciate having someone new listen to their stories, and we have the opportunity to meet other believers. It's definitely a win-win situation!!

We currently have 8 members who see over 20 folks, but there are more than a dozen others that would like to have a visit. Before we can add them to our list, more volunteers are needed.

PLEASE consider helping us meet the needs of our older members. In Matthew 25:40 Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of Mine, you did for Me."

Simply contact Dana Keller (217-246-5373) to answer any questions or for more information.

LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life

"When someone struggles with the overwhelming guilt of a past sin, like abortion, repentance and reconciliation are the only source of relief. There is hope! 'If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness' (1 John 1:9). Through all our days, the Lord never leaves us nor forsakes us. He is a patient God, waiting and wanting all to come to repentance and be saved."

Deaconess Pamela Buhler and Deaconess Chrissie Gillet, Word of Hope – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

Door Offering

The Board of Social Ministry will be sponsoring a door offering on Jan., 28/29 to benefit the Lutheran Care Center.

This Week's Sunday School Lesson

Daniel 6

In our Christian education time this week, we study the account of Daniel in "A Trap and a Release." Daniel's promotion to a high leadership role in Babylon causes political jealousy among other leaders. King Darius decrees that everyone must worship only him, but Daniel remains faithful to the one true God, praying three times daily. The king condemns Daniel to the lions' den, but God's angel shuts the lions' mouths so Daniel remains unharmed. Discuss how God protects His people from danger today.

Preschool Registration for 2023/2024

Preschool Registration for members of St. John's is now open. You may pick up a registration form on the bulletin board or stop by the office. If you have any questions, please contact Carrie in the office.

Quilters

The quilting mission project will begin again on Wed., Feb. 1. If you can help, please join us anytime from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.

We will be sewing quilt tops, pinning binding, & tying the tops. Sewing machines will be provided. No experience necessary. A light lunch will be provided for anyone helping.

For more information, please call Jane Tolch (217-690-5171).

Golden Eagles

The Golden Eagles will meet at noon on Thursday, January 26th. Please sign up on the bulletin board. Hope to see you there.

Men's Breakfast/Bible Study

Sat., Feb. 4th at 8 a.m. at Niemerg's. Questions: Contact Gayland Bourland (217-343-43660)

This week's Catechism Readings:

1/22/23 6th Petition
1/23/23 7th Petition
1/24/23 Conclusion
1/25/23 1st Sacrament of Holy Baptism
1/26/23 2nd Sacrament of Holy Baptism
1/27/23 3rd Sacrament of Holy Baptism
1/28/23 4th Sacrament of Holy Baptism

CALENDAR-----January 22 – January 29, 2023

Sunday	22	8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Worship Service w/HC
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
		1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Pickleball
Lutheran School Week Preschool Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.			
Monday	23	5:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
		6:30 p.m.	Board of Early Childhood
		7:00 p.m.	Lutheran Care Board Meeting
Tuesday	24	9:00 a.m.	CID Board of Directors in Springfield
		10:00 a.m.	Living with Grief Class (Immanuel)
		3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Food Pantry Distribution
		5:00 p.m.	Altar Guild
		7:00 pm.	Voters Meeting
Wednesday	25	8: 00 a.m. – 8:30 am.	Preschoolers Pancakes with Pastor
		1:00 p.m.	Office Devotions/Staff Meeting
		5:00 p.m.	Confirmation
		5:15 p.m.	Bell Practice
Thursday	26	8: 00 a.m. – 8:30 am.	Preschoolers Pancakes with Pastor
		Noon	Golden Eagles
		4:00 p.m.	Stephen Ministry
		6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Pickleball
Friday	27		Pastor's Sabbath
Saturday	28	8:00 a.m.	Praise Band Practice
		5:30 p.m.	Worship Service w/HC Lutheran Care Center Door Offering
Sunday	29	8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Worship Service w/HC Lutheran Care Center Door Offering
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
		2:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Puzzle Night/Mexican Dinner

Birthday's This Week

01/23 Kenzia Watson & Steven Moeller
 01/24 Charles Braasch, Katie Lotz, & Mike Mietzner
 01/25 Cole Marxman & Perrie Richards
 01/26 AJ Radloff, Kristin Jackson, & Leslie Boggs
 01/27 Rebecca Ragan
 01/28 Alec Niebrugge

Anniversary's This Week

01/22/77 Steve & Nancy Moeller
 01/22/22 Devin & Hali Frailey
 01/25/99 Randy & Tammie Miller
 01/25/20 Clayton & Emily Gregory
 01/26/69 Paul & Carolyn Webb
 01/27/63 Richard & Betty Albin