

THE EAGLE

St. John's Weekly Newsletter January 29, 2023

In 2010 our congregation crafted a Mission Statement for St. John's. At our Voters Assembly this week, an updated one was proposed, and we'll be prayerfully thinking about it until our April Voters Assembly. Pick up the sheet from the bulletin board and ask, *Does this briefly state what our mission is?* The core of it is "**Proclaim the Christ -- Grow the family -- Love the neighbor.**"



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.

"Take Me To Church"

As part of "Lutheran Schools Week" 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.

LHM Sunday

The LWML blesses our congregation, community, and neighbors in many ways. So do "**Lutheran Hour Ministries.**" Next Sunday will be LHM Sunday, in which we will learn more about LHM's many resources for outreach and evangelism. Learn more right away at www.LHM.org

Stewardship Moment

1 Corinthians 1:18 – "Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?" God's ways are certainly not the world's ways, including the way God tells us to manage the resources He's given to us. The world says, "hold on, hold back and gather up." Jesus says to store up treasure in heaven where moth and rust do not destroy and where no thief breaks in to steal. Whose way do you think is best? What is wiser: the wisdom of the financial gurus or the foolishness of God?



A Dollar for
Missions

Beginning in Lent, we encourage you to give a little more for the funding of our CID Missions. We'll tell more in coming weeks.

Offering

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

Lutheran Care Center.

Contribution Statements

Last Friday, we emailed the statements for those who have email. Be sure to check your spam/junk if you did not receive it. It should say "**automail@360members.com**". If you have any questions or problems, please contact the church office.

Prayer List

Roberta Jenkins, Dave Ragan, Mick Wessel, Sara Bernhard, Becky Janis, Earline Jutkins, Fred Richter, Carol Althoff, Heather Harbour, Janice Mellendorf, Justin Traub, Chad Nelson, Vera Huey, Marlene Haake, Heather Davis, Tatum Garcia, Shirley Cheadle, Doris Hammer & Dan Chambers.

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.

Fun Events for the WHOLE Congregation

FAMILY Puzzle Night & Mexican Dinner

Sun., Jan. 29th from 2:30 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Tickets are on sale now.

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

Rhodes Fish Fry

Friday, March 3

Tickets are now on sale!

Adults \$14 and Children (4-12) \$10.

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)

LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life

"Pre-born babies are patients who deserve the rights and protections applicable to children and adults."

Dr. William Lile, Pensacola, Florida – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

Men's Breakfast/Bible Study

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

Questions: Contact

Gayland Bourland (217-343-4366).

Your Response to the Gospel

Our Attendance Last Week

Sunday, January 22	339
Sunday School	35
Adult Sunday School.....	35
LifeLight.....	9

Our Offerings January 22, 2023

General Fund	\$7,478.02
Online Offering	\$3,206.11
Total Gen. Fund Offering.....	\$10,684.13
Building Fund Offering	\$50.00

This Week's Sunday School Lesson

Ezra 1:1-2; 7:11-28;

Nehemiah 2:1-8; 12:27-43

"Homecoming Hopes" is the theme for our lesson this week. King Artaxerxes sends Ezra as a priest and scribe to teach and lead the people at the newly repaired temple in Jerusalem. Nehemiah convinces the king to send him to Jerusalem to repair the city wall. Despite opposition from Israel's neighbors, repairs are completed in record time. Nehemiah, Ezra, and the priests lead the people in a joyous rededication of the wall. Discuss together, "What homecoming can we look forward to as God's children?"

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).

This week's Catechism Readings:

- 1/29/23 What is Confession?
1/30/23 What sins should we confess?
Which are these?
1/31/23 What is the Office of the Keys?
Where is this written?
What do you believe according to these words?
2/01/23 What is the Sacrament of the Altar?
Where is this written?
2/02/23 What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?
How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things?
2/03/23 Who receives this sacrament worthily?
2/04/23 Morning Prayer

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.

Communication & Alzheimer's

FREE Community Event Thurs., Feb. 16th at 6:00 p.m. It will be held at Visiting Angels Education & Development Center. See the flyer on bulletin board for details.

Volunteer Needed

The church is needing a volunteer to scan the newspapers for positive articles to put on the bulletin board that pertain to our members. If you are interested in this ministry opportunity, please contact the church office.

St. Paul (Blue Point) Men's Club Annual Sausage & Pancake Supper

Sun., Feb. 5 at 4 p.m. Dine-in or Carry-out. Packaged rope, cooked rope, & bulk ground sausage is available. Blue Point is located 4 miles north & 2 miles east of Altamont.

Wednesday's Pancakes with Pastor Rescheduled

We had to cancel Wednesday's "Pancakes with Pastor" due to the snow. It will be made up this Wednesday, February 1 at 8:00am. Thursday's breakfast was a great time, celebrating Lutheran Schools Week with students and parents! Thanks to all the volunteers!

Women's Breakfast/Bible Study

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

Questions: Contact

Renee Kremer (217-821-3142).

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

CALENDAR-----January 29 – February 5, 2023

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
Preschool Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.			
Monday	30	5:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
Tuesday	31	4:00 p.m.	Adult Catechism
Wednesday	1	8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	Preschoolers Pancakes with Pastor Snow makeup date
		10 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Quilting
		1:00 p.m.	Office Devotions/Staff Meeting
		4:45 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.	Confirmation
		5:15 p.m.	Bell Practice
Thursday	2		
Friday	3		Pastor's Sabbath
Saturday	4	8:00 a.m.	Praise Band Practice
		8:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
		8:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
		9:30 a.m.	E. A. S. T. E. R.
		5:30 p.m.	Worship Service/Bells will be playing
Sunday	5	8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Worship Service/Bells will be playing "Take Me To Church" Sunday
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School

Birthday's This Week

- 01/29 Taylor Rieman
- 01/30 Darcie Buening
- 01/31 Kathy Stremming & Susan Larson
- 02/01 Emily Lotz & Larissa Jones
- 02/02 Brody Brown, Howard Janis,
Jimmy Hippchen, & Wade Bloemer
- 02/03 Rachael Pennington & Todd Martin
- 02/04 Alyson Followell & Mikayla
McWhorter

Anniversary's This Week

- 02/02/02 Brad & Brenda Osborne
- 02/03/92 Jim & Vicky Keith

Food Pantry Donations for February

- Canned fruit, sugar, fruit bars, &
4 pk pudding cups

February Monthly Calendar Correction

PLEASE add to your pink calendar insert that you are receiving today in your newsletter:

Quilting will be also be held on

Wednesday, February 8

Wednesday, February 15

ALSO, please add to your pink calendar

Preschoolers Pancakes with Pastor

Snow makeup date,

Wednesday, February 1st

8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.