

THE EAGLE

St. John's Weekly Newsletter February 19, 2023

A blessed Transfiguration Day, dear friends in Christ! We rejoice in the knowledge that Jesus is God's beloved Son – the One worth listening to – and He has come to make us sons and daughters. Now we begin the days of Lent. Do I, as your pastor, want you to remember or forget your sin? Uh .. yes. Remember and repent. And when your sins of the past have been brought to God in repentance, do what God has done: forget. The Lamb of God takes away the sin of the world. That's the journey of Lent. That's the journey we'll experience as we walk through Exodus and the Passion of our Lord in midweek Services. And that's what Martin Franzmann wrote into his poem-prayer:

To Forget Past Sins

O God,

You have trodden
our iniquities underfoot
and have cast all our sins
into the depths of the sea.

You have forgotten
as you have forgiven.

The rising sun is not darkened
by my dark yesterday;
my hot rebellion of yesteryear
has not dried

this year's compassionate rain
or parched the teeming earth
on which I walk.

Oh, still this guilty memory of mine,
this dark and unadmitted doubt of You,
this questioning of Your forgiveness
and Your forgetting.

Oh, do not let them rise again to torment me,
those harsh defacements of my fellowman,
those words that flew,
arrows fiery with my anger,
those proud and brittle clashes
of me against my neighbor,
those ragged neglects of simple duty.

Your Son's cross stands empty against the sky.

Your Son's grave is opened wide.

Your angels have spoken.

And Your Son sits at Your right hand
for me, for me.

Let me remember this;
let me forget.



Home Devotions in Lent: From the Atrium table, take home a devotional guide and carve out extra time to be in God's Word this Lent. For families with children we have two calendar options: "Return to the Lord" or "Witnesses To Christ." Our Lutheran Hour Ministries devotional is "Man of Sorrow, People of Joy." Light a candle. Slow down. Read God's Word. Pray. Lent is a time for renewal in Christ!

Exodus

LET MY PEOPLE GO

*Midweek Lenten Services on Wednesdays at
12:15 and 6:30pm.*



Did you read through Luther's Small Catechism in the past 50 days? Don't throw away the booklet you received in December; use it again! Consider re-numbering the schedule in the back so that it begins on Ash Wednesday OR on Easter Day.

Zoom With Hayden Rensner

Sunday, February 19th at 9:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

7-12th Grade Youth

Gather at the Burdicks' Sun., Feb. 26th,
4 p.m.- 6 p.m. Bible Study, fellowship, & food!

This Week's Catechism Readings:

2/19/23 To Widows

2/20/23 To Everyone

Prayer List

Dennis Marxmann, Thad Genaust, Jim Feldhake, Rich Brillhart, Richard Ohnesorge, Roberta Jenkins, Dave Ragan, Sara Bernhard, Becky Janis, Fred Richter, Carol Althoff, Heather Harbour, Justin Traub, Marlene Haake, Heather Davis, Tatum Garcia, Shirley Cheadle, Dan Chambers, the family of Chad Nelson, and the family of Linda (Haack) Kissel, the sister-in-law of Bob Brinkopf.

Fun Events for the WHOLE Congregation

Ash Wednesday Meals

Wednesday, February 22nd

Chili or Vegetable Soup, hot dogs, crackers, peanut butter sandwiches, & drinks.

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.

Pickleball

Thurs., Feb. 23rd, 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Rhodes Fish Fry

Friday, March 3

Tickets are on sale now!

Adults \$14/Children (4-12) \$10/Under 4 free.

Trivia Night for ALL

Sunday, March 19th

Potato Bar Served from 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Trivia begins at 1:30 p.m.

Cost: Adults \$10

Children under 12 \$5

Sign-up by March 5th on the bulletin board.

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

Carolyn Wendte (217-821-6541)

Domer Ohnesorge (217-821-3300)

Trinity Lutheran School in Stewardson

Open House

Sun., Mar. 5th from 12 p.m. – 2 p.m. See the flyer on the bulletin board for details.

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.

LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life

“You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit’ (John 15:16). Those words are meant for every one of us. We should never cease to be amazed at God’s gifts and timing to bear the fruit of God’s love.”

Lynette Auch, former President of Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

Your Response to the Gospel

Our Attendance Last Week

Sunday, February 12	433
Sunday School	47
Adult Sunday School	50
LifeLight	12

Our Offerings February 12, 2023

General Fund	\$14,571.24
Online Offering	\$3,105.33
Total Gen. Fund Offering	\$17,676.57
Building Fund Offering	\$50.00

Stewardship Moment

Matthew 17:8 – “And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.” Jesus is enough. Moses and Elijah point to Jesus and are happy to fade into the background. With our eyes focused on Him and Him alone, the rest of our lives come into focus. He is primary, all else secondary. When that order is right in our lives, things truly fall into place.

Deepest Sympathy

To the family of Chad Nelson. Chad passed away Sun., Feb. 12. His funeral was held at St. John's on Fri., Feb. 17, with burial in St. John's Cemetery. Please keep his wife, Angie, and children, Alex & Sydney, in your prayers.

Food Pantry Donations for February

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

This Week's Sunday School Lesson

John 2:1-11

"The Wine Sign" is the lesson for this week. While Jesus and His mother are guests at a wedding in Cana, Mary asks Him to assist the wedding hosts, who have run out of wine. In Jesus' first recorded miracle, He changes a large volume of plain water into wine that is superior to what has already been served. Those who witnessed this miracle marvel at what He has done. Discuss, "What wonders does God still work through His people?"



Lenten Midweek Services

Wednesdays, Feb 22-March 29;

12:15pm & 6:30pm

Exodus: Let My People Go!

Imposition of Ashes will be available on Ash Wednesday during services.

Needed:

- Two volunteers to set up and take down the balcony tables used by our Bell Choir, usually for the first weekend of the month. Speak with Linda Marxmann, if interested.
- One volunteer to inventory the large-print hymnals our Circuit has placed at Evergreen & Lakeland Nursing Homes. Dispose of worn-out hymnals. Replace with new ones, purchased by the Circuit. Speak with Pastor Burdick if interested.
- Youth and adults who play musical instruments (violin, trumpet, flute, etc.,) to help with special music in worship. Write upon your worship attendance card which instrument you play. Thank you!



Easter Lilies



Time to order your Easter Lilies. This year they are 6" for \$12 each. Please contact the church office by **Wednesday, March 1** to place your order.

Online Giving

Just a reminder that you can give your Ash Wednesday & Lent Offering online. "Special Services" is an online option.

If you haven't signed up yet to give online, it is quick & easy. Simply go to <https://stjohnslcms.net/> Click on the "Online Giving" tab. Then click on "Contribute" and follow the directions.

Portals of Prayer

It is time to sign up for your Portals of Prayer subscriptions. Here are the prices for this year.

Regular Size "Direct Mail" \$12.00

Digest Size "Direct Mail" \$17.50

Large Print "Direct Mail" \$20.50

Money for the subscriptions can be put in the designated offering envelopes. If you do not use envelopes, please indicate it on the memo line of your check, and place in the offering plate. You can also drop your check by the office. The deadline to order is March 13th.

Lutheran Witness

Renewal & New subscriptions will be in a couple of months.

Important Youth Updates

Ash Wednesday

6th & 7th Graders

Bring Desserts

8th Graders

Are needed to work

Dam Run

This will be held Sat., April 1.

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

You must sign up by March 19th.

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Deepest Sympathy

Please keep Bob Brinkopf and his family in your prayers with the loss of his sister-in-law, Linda (Haack) Kissel.

CALENDAR----- February 19 - February 26, 2023

Sunday	19	8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Worship Service Choir will be singing for both services
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School Zoom with Hayden Rensner
		4 p.m. Sunday to 8 a.m. Monday	Circuit Conference Youth Lock-In
Preschool Tuesday – Friday 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.			
Monday	20		No Preschool
		Noon	Board of Evangelism
Tuesday	21	4:00 p.m.	Adult Catechism
Wednesday	22	11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	LYF Soup Luncheon
		12:15 a.m.	Ash Wednesday Service H/C
		12:45 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.	LYF Soup Luncheon
		4:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.	LYF Soup Supper
		5:15 p.m.	Bell Practice
		6:30 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Service HC
		7:15 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.	LYF Soup Supper
Thursday	23	Noon	Golden Eagles
		4:00 p.m.	Stephen Ministry
		6:00 p.m.	Trinity Stewardson School Informational Meeting
		6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Pickleball
Friday	24		Pastor's Sabbath
Saturday	25	8:00 a.m.	Praise Band Practice
		5:30 p.m.	Worship Service HC
Sunday	26	8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Worship Service HC
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
		4:00 p.m.	Youth at Pastor Burdicks'

Birthday's This Week

02/19 Christina Niebrugge & Megan King
 02/20 Alex Wall, Angie Yocum,
 Florence Leppin, & Nancy Kohnert
 02/21 Dan Norton, Linda White,
 Mike Carter, & Meghann Day
 02/22 Coen Pennington & Marty Vail
 02/23 Karla Johnson
 02/24 Greg Habbe, Lydia Wendling,
 Pauline Kinkelaar, & Tatum Genaust
 02/25 Alice Knight & Becky Fielitz

Anniversary's This Week

02/19/21 John & Tamara Root
 02/19/22 Tyler & Katey Devall
 02/20/16 David & Elesha Brinkopf
 02/22/20 Daniel & Dana Haarmann

Golden Eagles

Will meet at Noon on Thursday, February 23.
 Hope to see you!