

THE EAGLE

St. John's Weekly Newsletter February 5, 2023

A special welcome to all guests with us in Services this weekend! We've specially invited our Eagle's Nest Preschool families to worship with us if they don't already have a church family. We're privileged to have your children in our school. Welcome!

LENT 2023
"LET MY
PEOPLE GO!"

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday and so does our emphasis on Moses's book called Exodus. In it, Moses asks Pharaoh to let God's people go seven times (Ex 5:1; 7:16; 8:1, 20; 9:1, 13; 10:3) and Pharaoh finally does it! When he does, God's salvation is so amazing that the event becomes the Gospel of the Old Testament. Israel's Scriptures mention the exodus 125 times! Throughout the book of Exodus God reveals who he is through his absence and his presence, through his silence and his speech, through his wrath and his mercy, and through his judgment and his amazing grace. In doing so, the book paints a beautiful portrait of Jesus. This Lent, we will walk through Exodus in our midweek Services, and I urge you to read the entire book at least once at home. It all starts on Ash Wednesday, February 22.



A Dollar for
Missions

mission work – through campus ministry, deaf ministry, prison ministry, new churches, and new schools. It's all about reaching people with the Gospel. That's the aim of

Also beginning that day, you will have the opportunity to increase your offerings for missions. Our Central Illinois District does great

"**Dollar For Missions** (DFM)," too. Each of our members is encouraged to give 1 (more) dollar per week for DFM. The box will be in the Atrium, ready to receive your extra offerings for missions. God will work mightily through them!

We had a great time giving hot pancakes to our Preschool students and their parents. Special thanks to the volunteers! These events were all about welcoming families into our church family. Let's remember that we don't need an event to do such a thing – simply keep your heart, mind, and mouth open to say to a neighbor, "can I bring you to church with me this week? We have a great Savior!"

In His Love,



TRINITY HOPE

HAITIAN FEEDING PROGRAM

Prayer List

Richard Ohnesorge, Roberta Jenkins, Dave Ragan, Sara Bernhard, Becky Janis, Fred Richter, Carol Althoff, Heather Harbour, Justin Traub, Chad Nelson, Vera Huey, Marlene Haake, Heather Davis, Tatum Garcia, Shirley Cheadle, Dan Chambers, the family of Doris Hammer, who passed Sat., Jan 28th, Nikki & Rich Vahling at the birth of their daughter Aubrey Vahling & she is the granddaughter of Derek Sanders.

Audit Team

The Audit Team will be here Mon., Feb 13 & Wed., Feb. 15. All organizations need to have their information in to the church office by **Wed., Feb. 8th**.

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.

Fun Events for the WHOLE Congregation

Pickleball

Thurs., Feb. 9th 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Thurs., Feb. 16th, 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
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

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

Tues, Feb 14 from 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 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 29372
Sunday School48
Adult Sunday School.....44
LifeLight.....8

Our Offerings January 29, 2023

General Fund \$7,299.00
Online Offering \$3,566.83
Total Gen. Fund Offering..... \$10,865.83
Building Fund Offering\$50.00

LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life

“How sad as we hear of the overturning of *Roe vs. Wade* by the Supreme Court that so many are acting like this is the worst thing that could happen in our world. Stop and think of what they are arguing about. They want the right to kill a baby in their womb. They want the right to do what they want with their body. It is such a selfish, sinful, and demented way of thinking. Yet, as you hear the arguments and as your kids go off to college, you often feel like you as a Christian are such an uncaring person. My friends, we are all sinners. Imagine what Jesus must think of this. He loves every soul!”

Pastor Darren Green, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota (6-26-22) – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

This Week's Sunday School Lesson

Luke 3:15-22; 4:1-13

This week in our Christian education time, we discuss “Claimed and Tested.” At Jesus’ Baptism in the Jordan River, the heavens open, the Spirit descends, and the Father speaks: “You are My beloved Son” (Luke 3:22). Jesus goes from the waters of Baptism to the wilderness, where He faces a series of temptations from the devil. Jesus resists each one as He speaks the truth of God’s Word against the lies of Satan. Ask one another, “How can we use God’s Word as we defend our faith?”

Deepest Sympathy

Please keep the family of Doris Hammer in your prayers. Doris passed away Sat., Jan. 28th at the Altamont Lutheran Care Center. Services were held Wed., Feb. 1st here at St. John's with burial in the St. John's Cemetery. Memorials may be made to St. John's Church.

Quilters

The quilting mission project has started again. If you can help, please join us anytime from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.

We are sewing quilt tops, pinning binding, & tying the tops. Sewing machines are 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:

2/05/23	Evening Prayer
2/06/23	Asking a Blessing before a Meal
2/07/23	Returning Thanks after a Meal
2/08/23	Table of Duties—Bishops, Pastors, and Preachers
2/09/23	What the Hearers Owe Their Pastors
2/10/23	Of Civil Government
2/11/23	Of Citizens
2/12/23	To Husbands

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.

Volunteer Needed

The church is needing someone to 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.

Stewardship Moment

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them." We cannot keep the Law of God perfectly. We are sinners. For us to be saved, Jesus had to fulfill the Law in our place so that the threat of the Law is abolished and the Law itself is upheld. Now, in Christ, we do desire to fulfill the Law, to live out a godly Christian life, precisely because we are so full of thanksgiving toward God for His salvation in Christ.

Thank You!

The Board of Social Ministry would like to thank everyone for their generous support last week for the Door Offering. \$1,916.00 was collected for the Lutheran Care Center.

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.

LCMS Foundation

TODAY | TOMORROW | FOREVER

It is important to involve family in your gifting plan from your estate. It is true that most often, the biggest gifts from an estate are aimed at the family, blessing with inheritance. However, families often grant inheritance without any conversation about how to use it well. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help you articulate your family plan. Contact Scott Radden at (618) 977-4049 or Scott.Radden@lfnd.org.

Lydia Guild

We will meet Tues., Feb. 7th at 7:00 p.m.

CALENDAR----- February 5 - February 12, 2023

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
<i>Preschool Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.</i>			
Monday	6	5:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
		6:30 p.m.	Worship Committee
Tuesday	7	9:00 a.m.	Pastors Circuit Meeting at Grace, Strasburg
		4:00 p.m.	Adult Catechism
		5:30 p.m.	Board of Trustees
		7:00 p.m.	Lydia Guild
Wednesday	8	10 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Quilting
		1:00 p.m.	Office Devotions/Staff Meeting
		5:00 p.m.	Confirmation
		5:15 p.m.	Bell Practice
Thursday	9	4:00 p.m.	Stephen Ministry
		6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Pickleball
		6:30 p.m.	Board of Elders
Friday	10		Pastor's Sabbath
Saturday	11	8:00 a.m.	Praise Band Practice
		5:30 p.m.	Worship Service/HC
Sunday	12	8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Worship Service/HC
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School

Birthday's This Week

- 02/06 Christopher Holland, Jane Probst,
Jennifer Marxman, & Jessica Miller
- 02/07 Randy Esch & Richard Albin
- 02/08 Adam Bohnhoff, Calli Fritcher, &
Carli Fritcher
- 02/09 Ashley Veach, Bobby Niemerg,
Kimberly Tarrant, & Nitelle Lading
- 02/11 Anna Sigg, Jonathan McDevitt,
Kathy Schroeder, & Rick Keller

Anniversary's This Week

- 02/06/10 Greg & Jill Keitel
- 02/09/74 Mike & Karla Johnson
- 02/09/80 David & Donna Budde
- 02/10/78 Gary & Rebecca Hewing

90th Birthday Party

Irma Mellendorf celebrated her 90th birthday on Wednesday., February. 1st. The family is hosting her with an Open House on Saturday, February 11th at St. John's Church, Louisville, IL (County Line) from 2-4 p.m. Cards may be sent to her home at:

Irma Mellendorf
4682 N. 1900th St.
Dieterich, IL 62424