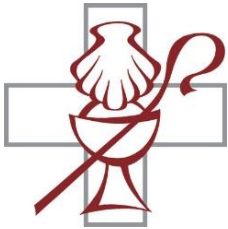


THE EAGLE

St. John's Weekly Newsletter March 12, 2023

You know by now that we are in the midst of unpacking a proposed new Mission Statement for St. John's. The fact is, the mission hasn't changed since 1866; we're seeking to say it in a somewhat new way: "Proclaim the Christ – Grow the Family – Love the Neighbor." Next month in our Voters Assembly we will decide together if it is helpful for us to say it this way. Discuss and pray, please.



You may also have heard that our Board of Elders has approved having the congregation study The Lord's Supper a little more in depth. We will distribute "A Simple Explanation of Holy Communion" to congregational households this Spring (a pamphlet similar to our little Catechism studied at home prior to Lent). We know it will be good for us all to have a growing appreciation for the gift of Communion. We also want to consider increasing the frequency of offering Communion, because the Sacrament is so good and important. No decision has been made about this. We'll study first. If we did increase the frequency of celebrating the Lord's Supper, it would mean we have an opportunity and a need to involve more people in the preparation and care of the vessels. I would not expect the relatively small group of dedicated ladies in Altar Guild and Lydia Guild to double their commitment. If we decide to increase frequency, we would train and schedule more volunteers. First things first: we will study this in April during Sunday Bible Study in the fellowship hall. I hope you'll be with us.

Our 8th Grade Confirmation students are preparing for Communion and Confirmation. Pray for Jackson, Emmerson, Charlie, Jake, Cailin, Kylie, Melia, Lilli, and Leo. Along with

their parents they are studying various Bible verses and choosing one to be their Confirmation verse. We have some great kids in our church family!



We rejoice with the members of Trinity in Casey and Redeemer in Robinson, as Rev. Adrian Piazza will be installed as their pastor on April 16!

"Blue4Crewe 5K"

Saturday, April 15 at 8:00 a.m. in Stewardson. This race is a way to remember Crew Jones, who was a student at Trinity Lutheran School in Stewardson, who never got the chance to run on the cross country team, but had hoped to. Crewe was a young boy full of energy and this race is a way to remember that spirit that we all came to know and love. All funds will go to updating the playground at Trinity. Follow the QR to register.



Pray for our neighbors in Haiti, and for the ministry of
"Trinity Hope."



TRINITY HOPE
HAITIAN FEEDING PROGRAM

Prayer List

Tina Turner, Caryl & Shirley Doehring, Carolyn Croft, Kelsey Baker, Zach Fritcher, Debbie Barr, Thad Genaust, Jim Feldhake, Rich Brillhart, Richard Ohnesorge, Dave Ragan, Sara Bernhard, Justin Traub, Marlene Haake, Heather Davis, Tatum Garcia, Shirley Cheadle, Dan Chambers, & the family of Audrey Garbe who passed away Wednesday evening.

Fun Events for the WHOLE Congregation

Potato Bar and/or Trivia Night for ALL

Sunday, March 19th

Potato Bar Served from

11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Free Will Donation

Then, if you want, stick around...

Trivia begins at 1:30 p.m.

Cost: Adults \$10

Children under 12 \$5

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

Carolyn Wendte (217-821-6541)

Domer Ohnesorge (217-821-3300)

Lydia Guild Fundraiser for Lutheran Care Center

The Lydia Guild will be having an Easter Bake Sale after Maundy Thurs. & Good Friday Services. Watch for upcoming details.

V.B.S. & Thrivent Cards

If you would like to donate Thrivent Action Team cards to VBS this year, **please** contact Cathy Norris (217-821-3656) for instructions.

LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life

“Despite the hardships we experience and the sin we face, God’s work submerges us in a pool of joy; through our Baptism, He daily refreshes us, strengthening our bonds to Him and to each other. Yes, we Christians are connected more deeply than participation in any march or gathering can offer. By God’s grace, we have become family. We share a home and a future.”

Michelle Bauman, Y4Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

The Next LifeLight Study

Beginning on Sun., April 15, we will begin our next study, which will be 1 Corinthians. If you wish to participate in this class, the sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.

Your Response to the Gospel

Our Attendance Last Week

Sunday, March 5	399
Sunday School	56
Adult Sunday School	40
LifeLight	11
Lent Services	138

Our Offerings March 5, 2023

General Fund	\$18,894.93
Online Offering	\$4,578.97
Total Gen. Fund Offering	\$23,473.90
Building Fund	\$120.00

February 2023 General Fund Summary

Deposits	\$60,685.28
Expenditures	\$39,576.31
Ending Balance	\$182,467.50

Stewardship Moment

Exodus 17:3 – “But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, ‘Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?’” Even the Israelites, who saw miracles with their own eyes, fell into unbelief and fear. From this distance we can see how foolish their worry is. How foolish will our worries appear from the distance of eternity? The Lord cared for them, and He will care for us.

Food Pantry Updates

The Next Food Distribution

Tues., March 14th from 3 p.m.- 4 p.m.

Items Needed for March:

Peanut Butter, Oatmeal, Pasta Sauce,
Tuna and/or Hamburger Helper.

Drop-Offs

You may place your donations in the brown box by the elevator.

VBS Meeting

Thursday, March 16th at 5:30 p.m.

Seminary Food Drive

The Social Ministry Board is having a food drive for Concordia Seminary Students. From now until Mon., Mar. 27th, we will be collecting nonperishable items, detergents, soap, shampoo, etc. Please drop them off in the Atrium in the designated area.

This Week's Sunday School Lesson

Mark 5:21-24, 35-43

In our Christian education time this week, we study "A Life Restored." Jairus, a synagogue ruler, comes to Jesus, begging Him to heal his critically ill daughter. Along the way, servants come with news of his daughter's death. Taking along Peter, James, and John, Jesus ignores the mourners, takes the young girl by the hand, and tells her, "Arise." And rise she does, demonstrating Jesus' power over death itself.

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. Monday, March 13th is the deadline.

Missing Black Coat

Last weekend, someone inadvertently took a black Calvin Klein coat, without a hood, & left a black coat WITH a hood, please contact the church office (217-342-4334). Thank you.

Anniversary's This Week

03/17/72 Joe & Mary Roedl

Prayer Shawl

We will meet on Tues., Mar. 14th at 1 p.m.

Door Offering

Next weekend we will have a Door Offering for the Gideon's. Please make your checks out to: The Gideons

Thank You

The Youth Board would like to thank everyone who helped in any way to make our Country Rhodes Fish Fry such a great success. Without everyone working together, we would not be able to do this. Thank you and God Bless!

Visit the Holy Land

With Pastor James Wright,
Immanuel Lutheran, Altamont
October 29-November 7, 2024

For details about this trip, check out the information on the bulletin board.

Important Youth Updates

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.

If you have any questions, please contact:
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Birthdays This Week

- 3/12 Steve Wendling
- 3/13 Sean Sandifer
- 3/14 Aleece Lotz, Holy Burger,
Mike Kremer, Jr, & Tyler Marxman
- 3/15 Andrew Perry, Brad Wenthe,
Jordan Grupe, Kelsey Keller, &
Mike Womack
- 3/16 Jonathan Becker & Mark Marxman
- 3/17 Norma Wendling
- 3/18 Derek Storm, Kyle Kohnert, &
Vera Pfenninger

Exodus

LET MY PEOPLE GO

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

CALENDAR-----March 12 – March 19, 2023

Sunday	12		Daylight Saving Time Begins
		8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Worship Service H/C
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
<i>Preschool Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.</i>			
Monday	13	4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Audrey Garbe Visitation at Johnson's
		5:00 p.m.	Board of Stewardship
		5:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
		6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Preschool VIP Night
		6:15 p.m.	Board of Education
Tuesday	14	11:00 a.m.	Audrey Garbe Funeral at St. John's
		1:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl
		3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Food Pantry Distribution
		4:00 p.m.	Adult Catechism
		5:15 p.m.	Board of Social Ministry
		6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Pickleball
Wednesday	15	8:50 a.m.	Preschool Chapel
		10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Quilting
		12:15 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.	Lent Services
		1:00 p.m.	Office Devotions & Staff Meeting
		4:00 p.m.	Board of Youth
		5:00 p.m.	Catechism
		5:15 p.m.	Bell Practice
Thursday	16	8:50 a.m.	Preschool Chapel
		5:30 p.m.	VBS Meeting
		6:30 p.m.	Board of Elders
Friday	17		Pastor's Sabbath
Saturday	18	8:00 a.m.	Praise Band Practice
		9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	E.A.S.T.E.R.
		5:30 p.m.	Worship Service Gideons Speaker Bill Wagoner Door Offering for the Gideons
Sunday	19	8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Worship Service Gideons Speaker Bill Wagoner Door Offering for the Gideons
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
		11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Potato Bar
		1:30 p.m.	Trivia Contest