

# THE EAGLE

St. John's Weekly Newsletter March 19 2023

Today we complete our public unpacking of a proposed Mission Statement for St. John's ministry. I hope you have pondered and prayed this way of re-stating why God has placed us here: **"Proclaim the Christ – Grow the Family – Love the Neighbor."** Having heard the three sermons which take these sentences out of the box, would you like to talk with leaders of the congregation about our Mission? If so, please talk with a Council member, an Elder, or me. In our April Voters Assembly we'll accept or modify it. Over it all, we pray "Thy will be done."



**"All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by His grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus." (Romans 6:23-24)**

## HOLY WEEK

**Maundy Thursday:** 12:15pm & 6:30pm

**Good Friday:** 12:15 & 6:30pm

*Saturday, April 8: no Service*

**Easter Sunday:** 6:00am, 8:00am, 10:30am  
Communion Services (Youth Breakfast  
between Services)

**"LET MY PEOPLE GO!"**



Dave and Sandi Habbe were united in Christian marriage on March 16 here at St. John's. May the Lord bless them -- and all husbands and wives living in faith and love -- in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Congratulations!

## "Beyond The Classroom"

How do we integrate the families of our Eagle's Nest Preschool into our church family? If they do not have a church, we want them to walk with us here at St. John's, because we want them to have a sincere and abiding faith in Christ! "Beyond the Classroom" (BTC) will be our pathway toward that goal. If you have a desire to walk that path, please attend the BTC informational session here at St. John's on Saturday, April 1 from 9am to Noon (in the Trinity Room). Pastor Burdick and Preschool Director Carrie Collier will attend, and we need you! Let Pastor B know if you are interested.

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<sup>th</sup> at 4 p.m.

## "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.



Pastor and Kathy will travel to Minnesota March 23-28. In case of need for pastoral care, please contact the church office or Pastor Fortkamp. Thank you.

### Prayer List

Sharon Hiser, Sheryl Radloff, Tina Turner, Caryl & Shirley Doehring, Carolyn Croft, Kelsey Baker, Zach Fritcher, Debbie Barr, Thad Genoust, Jim Feldhake, Rich Brillhart, Richard Ohnesorge, Sara Bernhard, Justin Traub, Marlene Haake, Heather Davis, Tatum Garcia, Shirley Cheadle, Dan Chambers, & the family of Dave Ragan.

### Fun Events for the WHOLE Congregation

#### Potato Bar and/or Trivia Night for ALL

This Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup>

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

Free Will Donation

Trivia begins at 1:30 p.m.

Cost: Adults \$10

Children under 12 \$5

Questions 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.

### Seminary Food Drive

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

### Door Offering

This weekend we will have a Door Offering for the Gideons. Please make your checks out to: The Gideons

### 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.

### Thank You

I would like to thank everyone for the beautiful cards & gifts and especially the use of the Fellowship Hall, which worked out perfectly for a wonderful party for my 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. Thank you, Jim Gartner

### LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life

"When we ignore the baby in the womb and focus instead on what is now being labeled as the rights of the mother and women's health care, we are turning our backs on God. Never has God authorized killing and called it a right. Never has God condoned promoting abortion and called it health care. His love for life is written throughout Scripture. What are we doing when we ignore His sacred Word?"

Virginia Flo, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

### Your Response to the Gospel

#### Our Attendance Last Week

Sunday, March 12 .....	361
Sunday School .....	39
Adult Sunday School .....	37
LifeLight .....	7
Lent Services .....	163

#### Our Offerings March 12, 2023

General Fund .....	\$9,303.00
Online Offering .....	\$2,435.83
<b>Total Gen. Fund Offering .....</b>	<b>\$11,738.83</b>

### The Next LifeLight Study

Beginning on Sun., April 16, 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.

### Rescue Us!!

VBS items needed!

See the pallet in the Atrium

### VBS Meeting

Tuesday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.

### **Stewardship Moment**

Psalm 142:5 – “I cry to you, O LORD; I say, ‘You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living.’” The Lord is our portion, our refuge, our everything. His mercy preserves us through all our days in the land of the living. This confidence frees us from the fear that so often leads to sins of greed and coveting. We have the Lord, we have a Father, He is in control, so we can follow His Word in confidence.

### **Food Pantry Updates** **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.

### **This Week’s Sunday School Lesson**

#### **John 6:1-15**

“The Fish-and-Bread Sign” is the topic for the lesson this week. A crowd of at least five thousand men, plus women and children, gather to hear Jesus preach. When challenged to find a way to feed the hungry crowd, the disciples question how this is possible. Using just five barley loaves and two fish, Jesus feeds them all, with abundant leftovers. Discuss, “How does God provide food for His people today?”

### **Library**

Have you gone up to our Library on the 5<sup>th</sup> Floor? There are some excellent resources there – from CPH Bible Commentaries to Arch Books, from the Little House on the Prairie series to A Year with the Church Fathers. Not every book is from a faithful author or Concordia Publishing House. Let the reader evaluate materials in light of Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions. You will be blessed in reading! Check it out.

### **Deepest Sympathy**

Please keep the family of Dave Ragan in your prayers. He passed away on Tues., Mar. 14. Visitation will be Mon., Mar., 20, at St. John’s from 4 p.m.-7 p.m. and the funeral will be Tues., Mar. 21<sup>st</sup> at 11:00 a.m. Please keep his wife, Becky, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

### **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 Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup>.

If you have any questions, please contact:  
Carolyn Wendte (217-821-6541) OR  
Domer Ohnesorge (217-821-3300)

### **Easter Breakfast**

The youth will be having their annual Easter breakfast on Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. On the menu this year will be ham, sausage, scrambled eggs, biscuits & gravy, fruit, pastries, and drinks. Please come out and enjoy breakfast and support our youth.

# Exodus

LET MY PEOPLE GO

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

### **Missing Black Coat**

Two weeks ago, 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.

Go to [www.LCMS.org](http://www.LCMS.org) for news from our Synod, and [www.cidLCMS.org](http://www.cidLCMS.org) for news from our District!

**CALENDAR-----March 19 – March 26, 2023**

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
<b>Preschool Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.</b>			
Monday	20	Noon	Board of Evangelism
		4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Visitation for Dave Ragan
		5:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
Tuesday	21	11:00 a.m.	Funeral for Dave Ragan
		4:00 p.m.	Adult Catechism
		5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	VBS Meeting
Wednesday	22	10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Quilting
		12:15 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.	Lent Services Bells will be playing at the 6:30 p.m. Service
		1:00 p.m.	Office Devotions & Staff Meeting
		5:00 p.m.	Catechism
		5:15 p.m.	Bell Practice
Thursday	23	4:00 p.m.	Stephen Ministry
		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

**Birthdays This Week**

- 03/19 Wesley Radloff
- 03/20 Gwendolyn Kuhns, Jill Marxman,  
Kathy Stumpf, & Wyatt Keith
- 03/21 David Winter & Sophia Bahrns
- 03/22 Bradley Miller, Elsie Kinkelaar,  
Mike Johnson, & Nicholas Miller
- 03/24 Carter Frailey & Stacey Hagerstrom
- 03/25 Audrey Fritcher, Glenda Bunton,  
Jim Starner, & Keith Bahrns

**Anniversaries This Week**

- 03/24/07 Jeremy & Jessica Fritch

**Garage Door Opener**

Are you missing one?  
The office has one that was found in the parking lot after the 12:15 p.m. Lent Service a few weeks ago.

**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.