

THE EAGLE

St. John's Weekly Newsletter March 26, 2023

On Wednesday in Confirmation class, we explored some of the submissions in the "Ask the Pastor" box...

Q: "What happens to people who believe in things other than Christianity (Buddhism, atheism, etc.)?" A: "We take Jesus at His Word in John 14:6 and admit that apart from faith in Christ, there is no salvation. And since He has made it clear that hell is real, we acknowledge that the bodies and souls of unbelievers will suffer there eternally."

Q: "What do you think could be the best response to getting called 'wrong' or 'stupid' for sharing your faith?" A: "Love. And don't be surprised, because Jesus told us in Matthew 5 that we can expect to be insulted on account of Him."

Q: "What are some things that inspired you to be a pastor? Bonus question: what's your shoe size?" A: "I think it was first that I believed the truths of Christianity are really true. It was also that I respected and loved my pastors and saw my congregation love them. After that, a few people just kept quietly encouraging me to consider going to the seminary. It wasn't a big, miraculous revelation experience. Then the seminary process confirmed that I was qualified. Bonus answer: 11."

We are wrapping up the 3rd Article of the Creed, on the Holy Spirit and the Church. It's wonderful to be teaching these young Christians. You, Church, are leading them, too. Lead them with truth, encouragement, and action, in Christ!



HOLY WEEK

Maundy Thursday: 12:15 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.
With HC and stripping of Altar

Good Friday: 12:15 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 8: NO Service

Easter Sunday: 6:00 a.m., 8:00 a.m.,
10:30 a.m. Communion Services (Youth
Breakfast between Services)

"LET MY PEOPLE GO!"

"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.

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.

Cemetery Meeting

We will meet Mon., March 27th at 1:00 p.m.

Prayer List

Thomas Reeves, Nadine (Beccue) Clem, Jerry Starner, Betty Buenker, Florence Leppin, Sharon Hiser, Sheryl Radloff, Tina Turner, Caryl & Shirley Doehring, Carolyn Croft, Kelsey Baker, Zach Fritcher, Debbie Barr, Thad Genaust, Jim Feldhake, Rich Brillhart, Richard Ohnesorge, Sara Bernhard, Justin Traub, Marlene Haake, Heather Davis, Tatum Garcia, Shirley Cheadle, & Dan Chambers.

Lydia Guild Fundraiser for Lutheran Care Center

Come buy your Easter treats in the Fellowship Hall after either worship service on Maundy Thursday or Good Friday. We will sell until all treats are gone. Pies, cookies, candies, & cakes.

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.

Go to www.LCMS.org for news from our Synod, and www.cidLCMS.org for news from our District!

LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life

"The God who chose to give us life at the moment of fertilization is the same God who chose to rescue us and redeem us and give us salvation. And He did it by sending His Son, Jesus, to experience every stage of human life so we could be forgiven and given life everlasting with Him!"

Rev. Craig Michaelson, Faith Community Lutheran Church, Las Vegas, Nevada – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

Thank You

The Youth Board would like to Everyone who participated in the Potato Bar & Trivia. A *Special Thanks* to Todd & Sonja who donated the jumbo potatoes!

Your Response to the Gospel Our Attendance Last Week

Sunday, March 19	422
Sunday School	52
Adult Sunday School	40
LifeLight	9
Lent Services	156

Our Offerings March 19, 2023

General Fund	\$11,353.61
Online Offering	\$2,490.61
Total Gen. Fund Offering	\$13,844.22

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

Monday, March 27th at 5:30 p.m.

Stewardship Moment

Romans 8:1 – "There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus." This is the joy of the Gospel! There is no condemnation for us before the throne of God because in His love He has provided salvation for us in Christ. We have been set free. We are His children once again, and coheirs with Christ of all the blessings of heaven. If this does not make us thankful, nothing will!

Exodus

LET MY PEOPLE GO

Midweek Lenten Services on Wed., Mar. 29 at
12:15 and 6:30pm.

This Week's Sunday School Lesson

Mark 7:31-37

"Ephphatha . . . be opened" (Mark 7:34), Jesus says to a deaf man as He places His fingers in the man's ears and touches his tongue in this week's lesson, "A Hearing Aide." The man's ears open and his tongue releases, but Jesus warns the crowd not to tell anyone. The good news cannot be contained, however, and those who witness the miracle share the story. Discuss, "How can we share the Good News with our friends and family?"

Easter Breakfast

The youth will be having their annual Easter breakfast on Sunday, April 9th from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 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.

Dollars for Missions

Where are Dollars for Missions going? Right now, they are providing the first half-year of support for a Vicar to help develop the latest new church start in CID, Immanuel Lutheran Chapel in Springfield. The mother church, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Springfield, will be the recipient of the first \$30,000 of DFM funds for this purpose. For more information, see: <http://www.cidlcms.org/ministry-dfm-current-project.html>

Trinity Hope

Trinity Hope is hosting an online auction fundraiser and is requesting donations of auction items. Do you have anything to donate? Examples of items on the auction are artwork, tickets to professional sports events, experience or vacation packages. If you have something to donate, please contact Candi Cook at trinityhope.cc@gmail.com 910-797-8357.

Golden Eagles

We will meet on Thurs., March 30 at Noon.
Hope to see you there!

Cancer Center Care Packages

The Board of Evangelism is pleased to announce that we can officially resume our Cancer Center Care Package outreach program. The program was on pause during COVID, but can now resume. We are looking for donations of coloring pages, crossword, wordsearch, sudoku games, ChapStick, hard candy, and gel pens. Please place your donations in the basket in the Atrium. Our first packing date is April 16.

Women's Breakfast & Bible Study

Sat., April 1, at 8 a.m. at Niemerg's.
All women are welcome! Questions, contact:
Renee Kremer—217-821-3142

Save the Date

Culver's Fundraiser for the youth will be
April 23rd from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Men's Breakfast & Bible Study at Niemerg's

Sat., April 1, at 8 a.m. All men are welcome!
Questions? Contact:
Gayland Bourland—217-343-4366

Food Pantry Updates

Next Food Distribution

Tues., Mar. 28th from 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 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.

Thank You

Thank you everyone for the calls, concerns, and prayers while I was in the hospital and during my move to Brookstone. It's very much appreciated.

God bless, Roberta Jenkins

CALENDAR-----March 26 – April 2, 2023

Sunday	26	8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Worship Service/HC
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
<i>Preschool Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.</i>			
Monday	27	1:00 p.m.	Cemetery Meeting
		5:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
		5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	VBS Meeting
		6:30 p.m.	Board of Early Childhood
Tuesday	28	10:00 a.m.	Living With Grief #2
		3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Food Pantry Distribution
Wednesday	29	10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Quilting
		12:15 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.	Lent Services Choir will be singing 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	30	Noon	Golden Eagles
		6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Pickleball
Friday	31		Pastor's Sabbath
Saturday	1	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. – 11 a.m.	E.A.S.T.E.R.
		10 a.m. – 2 p.m.	"Beyond the Classroom"
		5:30 p.m.	Worship Service
Sunday	2	8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
		7:00 p.m.	Work on Confirmation Banners & Stoles

Birthdays This Week

03/26 Adam Storm, Avery Watson,
Pam Baker, Pauline Wollin,
& Sharon Giesler

03/27 Emma Newlin, Hayes Hinton, &
Sandy Wieneke

03/28 Amanda Rieman, Judy Joergens,
Mike Burdick, & Topper Woelfer

03/29 Cindy Esch, Glenna Schagemann, &
Maleah Whitehair

03/30 Hayden Wendling, Kraig Rubin,
Louise Schaefer, & Sadie Norman

03/31 Judy Siebert

04/01 Audrey Niemerg & Raymond Jutkins

Anniversaries This Week

03/26/22 Hunter & Madison Keith

03/29/70 Dean & Donna Wetherell

03/30/84 Allen & Faye Tomkins