

# THE EAGLE

*St. John's Weekly Newsletter April 2, 2023*

Visiting other congregations while on vacation always proves beneficial. First, because the Word and Sacrament are great. Second, because I see "church" from a different perspective.

Last Sunday we worshiped at Glory of Christ Lutheran in Plymouth, MN., a vibrant, young, and quite liturgical congregation. We are thrilled that our son and his family are active members there. One thing I realized is that churches probably put too much information in their bulletin. Like here at St. John's, they seek to convey "welcome" and "how to," including where changing station are, the policy on Holy Communion, and the schedule for the week. There's no way we could read it all and be engaged in the worship Service. I don't have a better alternative, yet.

On the very positive side, I can tell that both Glory of Christ and St. John's desire the worshiper in the pew to be focused upon the Triune God and His Word. That's the aim of the Service and of the congregation. We'll keep it that way.

Men, I have an appeal and encouragement for you: always actively participate in the Service. Ladies, too, can seem disengaged from worship, but I see it among us men more often. So, please – for your sake and for the young and the old around you – actively read, sing, and pray. If you believe you can't sing, at least open the hymnal and read all the lyrics. We'll all be better for it.

Glory of Christ isn't a perfect congregation. None is! I hear that in Bible study last Sunday there was a discussion about the ongoing effort to increase our "welcome-ness" at St. John's. Great. Let's each and all reach out to the known and the unknown worshipers with warm greetings. That sort of

engagement will encourage members and guests to be in the Lord's House every weekend, receiving Him Who is perfect in truth and grace.

A blessed Holy Week, my dear church family.



## HOLY WEEK

**Maundy Thursday** w/HC at 12:15 p.m. & 6:30 p.m. (stripping of Altar)

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

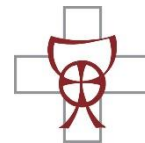
*Saturday, April 8: NO Service*

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

**"LET MY PEOPLE GO!"**

Pastor Burdick's Adult Bible Class  
April 2, 16, & 30, 9:15-10:10am,  
in the Fellowship Hall:

"A SIMPLE EXPLANATION OF HOLY  
COMMUNION"



*(every household should pick up the free  
booklet in the Atrium today)*

Your door offering support for the Gideons'  
Bible distribution totaled \$1,240.00.  
Thank you.

**Lutheran Witness Subscriptions**

It's time to sign up for Lutheran Witness. Cost this year is \$19.20 for the year, & are due by *Monday, April 24.*

**Prayer List**

Dominik Parker, Thomas Reeves, Nadine (Beccue) Clem, Florence Leppin, Sharon Hiser, Tina Turner, Carolyn Croft, Kelsey Baker, Zach Fritcher, Jim Feldhake, Richard Ohnesorge, Sara Bernhard, Justin Traub, Marlene Haake, Heather Davis, Tatum Garcia, Shirley Cheadle, Dan Chambers & Kathy Stremming and her family at the death of her mother, Betty Buenker.

**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.

**LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life**

“As you travel with Jesus through Holy Week, don't lose heart. He is your Palm Sunday King. He will always come to you and give you the best of what He has to offer because of His humble attitude and His devotion to His mission. When you see this Savior who personally cares for you, you can't help but join the believers of old to give to the Lord your best and most precious treasures of your heart and life, and then to join with all believers saying, 'Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!'”

Rev. Peter Sulzle, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)

**Lutheran Women in Mission Missionary JOY Shop**

This will be held on Tues., Apr. 18<sup>th</sup>, at Grace Lutheran Church in Strasburg, & hosted by the Lutheran Ladies Aid of Strasburg. Plan now to attend & enjoy an evening of fellowship, fun, & worship with your fellow Lutheran sisters.

**Your Response to the Gospel Our Attendance Last Week**

Sunday, March 26 .....	372
Sunday School .....	46
Adult Sunday School.....	40
LifeLight.....	9
Lent Services .....	188

**Our Offerings March 26, 2023**

General Fund .....	\$8,180.00
Online Offering .....	\$3,531.83
<b>Total Gen. Fund Offering.....</b>	<b>\$11,711.83</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**

Monday, April 3rd at 5:30 p.m.

**Stewardship Moment**

Matthew 21:3 – “If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.” Did Jesus really need the donkey? If the man had refused to give the donkey, would the work of salvation have been derailed? Of course not. But what an honor for the man who owned this donkey and foal! Likewise, with us — the Lord needs none of us, but what an honor for God to choose to use our generosity in the work of His church.

**Missionary Hayden Rensner**

Will be here live & in person on April 23! Come join us in the fellowship hall during the Sunday School hour to share in fellowship & get an in person update from Hayden on her life & work in the Czech Republic.

**Attention ALL Boards**

Your reports need to be in the office by Wed., April 12 by noon.

### **Upcoming Meetings**

#### **Council Meeting**

Tues., April 18 at 7:00 p.m.

#### **Voters Meeting**

Tues., April 25 at 7:00 p.m.

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

#### **Matthew 27:11-66**

This week's lesson is "A Crushing Truth." The events of Christ's crucifixion unfold in a series of brutal and bloody vignettes: questioned before Pilate, mocked and abused by the Roman guard, nailed to the cross. Jesus hangs between life and death—abandoned by His Father—yielding up His life at the moment He chooses. Multiple witnesses see where Christ is laid in a borrowed tomb. Discuss how you can remember the crucifixion of Christ.

### **Dollars for Missions**

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 in Springfield, will be the recipient of the first \$30,000 of DFM funds for this purpose. For more information, go to: <http://www.cidlcms.org/ministry-dfm-current-project.html>

### **Save the Date**

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

### **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](mailto:trinityhope.cc@gmail.com) or 910-797-8357.

### **Easter Breakfast**

The youth will be having their annual Easter breakfast on Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **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.

### **Food Pantry Updates**

#### **March News**

During the month of March, the food pantry has served 82 households for a total of 145 adults & 40 children. Also, the office handed out 7 bags to serve 9 adults & 2 children

#### **Items Needed for April**

Canned fruit, Sloppy Joe Mix, Granola bars, & Instant potato packets.

#### **Drop-Offs**

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

#### **Monetary Donations**

Thank you everyone who contributes monetary donations thru online giving and regular giving thru the church to the pantry. We are blessed to have such a wonderful mission that has been in existence here at St. John's for over 20 years.

*When you donate by check*

Please make checks out to:

*St. John's Food Pantry*

### **Lydia Guild**

**We will meet on Tues., Apr. 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.**

### **Larry Brandt Scholarship Application**

2023-2024 applications are online & on the bulletin board. Due date is Mon., April 24<sup>th</sup>.

**CALENDAR-----April 2 – April 9, 2023**

Sunday	2	8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Palm Sunday Worship Service
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
		7:00 p.m.	Work on Confirmation Banners & Stoles
<b>Preschool Monday – Wednesday 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.</b>			
Monday	3	5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	VBS Meeting
		5:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
		6:15 p.m.	Board of Christian Education
Tuesday	4	8:50 a.m.	Preschool Chapel
		4:00 p.m.	Adult Catechism
		5:30 p.m.	Board of Trustees
		7:00 p.m.	Lydia Guild
Wednesday	5		Pastor 's Sabbath
		8:50 a.m.	Preschool Chapel
		5:00 p.m.	Catechism
		5:15 p.m.	Bell Practice
Thursday	6		No Preschool
		12:15 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Services/HC
Friday	7		No Preschool
		Noon	Office Closed
		12:15 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.	Good Friday Services Choir will sing at the 6:30 p.m. Service
Saturday	8	8:00 a.m.	Praise Band Practice
Sunday	9	7:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	LYF Easter Breakfast
		6:00 a.m., 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Easter Sunday Worship Services HC 8 a.m. Service Bells will ring 10:30 a.m. Service Choir will sing
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School

**Birthdays This Week**

04/02 Elizabeth Soltwedel  
 04/03 Hunter Stewart & Ruth Bray  
 04/04 Amy Wetzal, Karen Grupe, & Tina Richter  
 04/05 Graham Ziegler & Marsha Klussman  
 04/06 Jeff Stremming & Joey Walls  
 04/07 Blakelee Willenborg, Earline Jutkins, & Elijah Wendling  
 04/08 Cheryl Pruemmer, Meghan Wahl, & Taylor Hall

**Anniversaries This Week**

04/04/09 Jacob & Stacy Nelson  
 04/05/64 Roger & Nancy Ohnesorge  
 04/05/94 Gary & Sandra White  
 04/07/89 Don & Ruth Rhodes  
 04/08/67 Mike & Sharon Field

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