

# THE EAGLE

*St. John's Weekly Newsletter April 16, 2023*

*Welcome Eagle's Nest Preschool!*

*We are blessed to have great families and a great staff!*

In a church family like ours, it's not easy to know all the candidates for the Rite of Confirmation. But it's possible.

Today you're starting to see the nine Confirmation banners hanging in the Atrium, made by the students and their parents. The candidates are Jackson Fritch, Lilli Wernsing, Leo Wyckoff, Cailin Ohnesorge, Charlie Jansen, Melia Wendling, Jake Niebrugge, Emmerson Hansen, and Kylie Pryor.

Will you do them a favor? Try to find one or more of the kids and ask them, "which one is yours?" Then, tell them a little about your day of Confirmation, and why you're glad you have stayed active in the church. These youth need you, and they need to know that you're on their side when it comes to being faithful to their vows and active in the church family for years to come. Because they ultimately need Christ, they need you. And that includes getting to know them. Thanks for trying!

By the way, thank you for the pictures and stories of your "Alleluia" posters unfurled and displayed! Display them all the way through the Easter season. And after the season is over (after Ascension Day, May 18), you are welcome to bring your Palm Sunday palm back to church and we'll use them to create the ashes for our next Lenten season. Many of those Confirmation candidates listed above were part of the burning of last year's palms.

In Christ, our risen Lord,



## All Church Work Day

Take pride in your church! Come help the Trustees on **various projects**, including cleaning the soiled chairs in the Fellowship Hall on Sat., Apr. 22 at 12:30 p.m. Please mark your calendars & plan to help. Thanks.

## Upcoming Meetings

### **Council Meeting**

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

### **Voters Meeting**

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

## Adult Bible Class

In pastor's Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall at 9:15am Sunday we are studying the booklet "**A Simple Explanation of Holy Communion.**" The booklet is free and the Lord's Supper is a treasure. Come, grow with us. All are welcome.

In our Voters Assembly on April 25 we will vote upon our proposed Mission Statement. Does this help us remember and represent why our congregation exists?



**Proclaim the Christ**

**Grow the Family**

**Love the Neighbor**



## Congratulations

St. John's Eagle's Nest Preschool

Soaring High  
for  
25 years!

### Prayer List

Warren Schlechte, Anna Mae Gibson, Marilyn Durr, Thomas Reeves, Nadine Clem, Florence Leppin, Sharon Hiser, Kelsey Baker, Zach Fritcher, Jim Feldhake, Richard Ohnesorge, Sara Bernhard, Justin Traub, Marlene Haake, Heather Davis, Tatum Garcia, Shirley Cheadle, & Dan Chambers

### VBS Meeting

Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.

### LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life

“Today, we often find lines, divisions, and hate, but we hope to spread a little love and hope. Life is a valuable gift at all ages and all stages of life, and it should be protected.”

*Kambria Steinhaus, Knights 4 Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life  
• lutheransforlife.org*

### Lutheran Women in Mission

#### Missionary JOY Shop

This will be held on Tues., Apr. 18<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 6:00 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church in Strasburg, & hosted by the Ladies Aid. Plan now to attend & enjoy an evening of fellowship, fun, & worship with your fellow Lutheran sisters.

#### List of Acceptable Materials & Literature

This list is on the bulletin board. Please take one!

#### Gifts from the Heart Ingathering

The list of items needed for the Veterans Home, CFCAC, & Open Hands Food Pantry is on the bulletin board.

### The Next LifeLight Study

We will begin our new class on 1 Corinthians today, Sun., April 16.

### Response to the Gospel Our Attendance Last Week

Easter Sunday, April 9, .....	549
Sunday School .....	37
Adult Sunday School.....	N/A
Maundy Thursday .....	226
Good Friday .....	245

### Our Offerings Easter Sun., April 9, 2023

General Fund .....	\$14,569.03
Online Offering .....	\$4,971.47
<b>Total Gen. Fund Offering.....</b>	<b>\$19,540.50</b>

### Stewardship Moment

1 Peter 1:3-4 – “He has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you.” We have an inheritance waiting for us, a treasure gathered where moth and rust do not destroy. That should change our perspective on the treasures of this earth. They are fleeting. They come and go. But we can use the treasures of this earth for the work of the kingdom that will not fade away.

### Pastor’s Conference Help is Needed

This conference will be held here on Mon., May 1, Tues., May 2, & Wed., May 3.

1. Volunteers are needed on Mon. & Tues. to make cookies & also desserts for dinner on Mon. evening. Also need volunteers on Tues. & Wed. to make pastries

*Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.*

2. Volunteers to help set up snacks on Mon. afternoon, Tues. a.m. & p.m.. & Wed. a.m.

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3. Volunteers to help serve Dinner Monday evening & Tuesday lunch.

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If you have any questions, contact Ruth Bray (217-821-8024).

### VBS items needed!

White Christmas lights, foam board, toilet paper rolls. Thanks for all the cardboard, but right now we believe we have enough.

### This Week's Sunday School Lesson

#### Luke 10:25-37

In this week's lesson, "A Mercy-Full Message," Jesus tells the famous parable of the Good Samaritan, who risks his own life to help a Jewish man whose peril was ignored by his own countrymen. In telling the parable, Jesus answers the question "Who is my neighbor?" for His followers as He challenges us to "go, and do likewise" (Luke 10:37). As a family, you could discuss ideas to help those in need in your community.

### Lutheran Witness Subscriptions

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

### Missionary Hayden Rensner

Will be here 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.

### Food Pantry Updates Special Items Needed

We are in need of larger size **reusable** grocery bags. **NO** plastic! Please place them in the brown box by the elevator. We are also in need of used LARGER backpacks with *working* zippers.

### Food 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.

### Door Offering for Braille

The Board of Social Ministry will be taking a up a door offering for Braille on the weekend of April 29/30. Please make checks payable to: **St. John's Braille**. Thank you!

### Thank You!

Thank you to all who purchased our homemade goodies to help support the Lutheran Care Center. With the matching funds, we gave LCC \$2,836. Thank you all and God bless. The Lydia Guild.



Like ice cream?

Like great food?

Our youth will be working at Culver's  
April 23<sup>rd</sup> from 4 – 7 pm.

Come and support our youth and enjoy  
good food.

Trinity HOPE 3rd Annual  
**SHARE THE HOPE**

Virtual Auction

APRIL 19TH-26TH



[www.trinityhope.schoolauction.net/sth2023](http://www.trinityhope.schoolauction.net/sth2023)

**CALENDAR-----April 16 – April 23, 2023**

Sunday	16	8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Worship Services Preschool Sings at the 10:30 a.m. Service
		8:30 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.	Pack Cancer Packets
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
<b>Preschool Tuesday - Friday 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.</b>			
Monday	17		No Preschool/In-Service
		Noon	Board of Evangelism
		5:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
Tuesday	18	7:00 p.m.	Council Meeting
Wednesday	19	1:00 p.m.	Office Staff & Devotions
		5:00 p.m.	Catechism
		5:15 p.m.	Bell Practice
		5:30 p.m.	VBS Decorating Meeting
Thursday	20		
Friday	21		Pastor's Sabbath
Saturday	22	8:00 a.m.	Praise Band Practice
		9:00 a.m.	Intruder Training
		12:30 p.m.	Work Day Party
		5:30 p.m.	Worship Service/HC
Sunday	23	8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Worship Service/HC
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School Hayden Rensner will be speaking in the Fellowship Hall
		4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Youth Fundraiser at Culver's

**Birthdays This Week**

- 04/16 Amanda Genaust, Jenna Norris, & Vincent Wendt
- 04/17 Andrew Lotz, Avery Bohnhoff, Evan Lotz, Ray Hartman, & Zachary Scott
- 04/18 Eva Wendling & Molly Lipe
- 04/20 Breanne Weaver & Stacy Nelson
- 04/21 Don Tieffel, Dutch Klitzing,
- 04/22 David Wendte, Dennis Lading, Eric Hanks, Erin Wendling, & Sandra White

**Anniversaries This Week**

- 04/16/82 Greg & Mary Brown
- 04/16/94 David & Angie Moeller
- 04/21/74 Keith & Patsy Bahrns

**Larry Brandt Scholarship Application**

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