

THE EAGLE

St. John's Weekly Newsletter April 23, 2023

When we host the Central Illinois District Pastors' Conference next week, **you're welcome.** You might especially wish to be here at St. John's for the worship services: Mon., May 1 1:00 p.m. Communion Service & 5:30 p.m. Prayer Service. Tues. 9:00 a.m. Prayer Service & 4:30 p.m. Prayer Service. Wednesday, May 3 9:00 a.m. Prayer Service. Each of the Prayer Services is about 25 minutes in length and includes readings, hymns, and a sermon. Again, you're welcome.

Knowing that you're welcome begins with being told it, right? But it also includes having someone smile at you, speak with you, and listen to you. Let's continue to foster those actions here when someone walks through the door – whether you've seen them for 30 years or 3 seconds. Our Evangelism Board will hold some training for our Greeter/Welcome Center volunteers on Saturday, May 20, at 8:00 a.m. Will you volunteer for this? And whether or not you're scheduled for that kind of service, you can share that warmth with everyone. Because ...He first loved us!

Ask one of our nine Confirmation Candidates which banner in the Atrium is theirs!

The sooner, the better ... volunteer to help us with Vacation Bible School, and register the children.

Thanks!



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

Missionary Hayden Rensner

Will be giving an update this Sunday in the Fellowship Hall during the Sunday School hour! She will be giving an update from on her life & work in the Czech Republic. We will be collecting a door offering after all services. Please make checks payable to **LCMS Missions.**

The Grief Group meets this Tuesday, April 25, here at St. John's from 10:00-11:00am in the Conference Room. Pastor Burdick will facilitate discussion of two chapters in the book Grieving With Hope: 4) Healthy Ways to Relieve Your Pain & 5) Feeling Alone.

Register for Camp CILCA!



Issues, Etc.

www.issuesetc.org

The Rite of Confirmation will be at the 10:30 a.m.(traditional) Service on May 7.

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

Prayer List

Shirley Wittenberg, Cindy Myers, John Jackson, Debbie Barr, 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, & condolences to Andrea Wendling and family at the death of her grandfather, Dan Chambers

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

Response to the Gospel
Our Attendance Last Week

Sunday, April 16,	429
Sunday School	34
Adult Sunday School	39
LifeLight	9

Our Offerings Sunday, April 16, 2023

General Fund	\$5,600.00
Online Offering	\$2,616.11
Total Gen. Fund Offering	\$8,216.11

Stewardship Moment

1 Peter 1:18-19 – “You were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.” Christ ransomed us and bought us back from the slavery into which we were born. We do not belong to ourselves, to the devil or to the world. We belong to Jesus. Therefore, we live our lives not in accordance with our own wisdom, but in line with God’s Word.

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.

Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.

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

Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.

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

This Week’s Sunday School Lesson

Luke 11:1-13

“A Prayer Lesson” is the title of this week’s Bible lesson. With Jesus’ disciples, we, too, implore, “Lord, teach us to pray” (Luke 11:1). Jesus teaches His disciples—and all humankind—the prayer used throughout the Church to this day. Jesus follows His instruction with a parable illustrating how our heavenly Father unfailingly hears all our prayers. As a family, challenge one another to recite the Lord’s Prayer from memory.



Like ice cream?

Like great food?

Our youth will be working at Culver’s April 23rd from 4 – 7 pm.

Come and support our youth and enjoy good food.

Food Pantry Updates

Next Distribution

Tues., April 25th from 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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.

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*.

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!

Altar Guild

Our next meeting is Tuesday, April 25th, at 5p.m.

Golden Eagles

We will meet on Thursday, April 27th at Noon.
Hope to see you there.

Larry Brandt Scholarship Application

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

VBS Meeting

Wednesday, April 26th at 5:30 p.m.

Summer Sunday School Schedule

It is hard to believe it, but summer is just around the corner. As in the past, we plan to have Sunday School as a group. We will be needing volunteers to teach the following dates:

June 4
June 11
June 18
June 25
July 2—No Class
July 9
July 16
July 30—No Class
August 6—No Class
August 13—No Class
August 20—Rally Day

It is always nice to teach with someone, so grab a friend & let me know when you can help!

Thank you,
Kiley Bohnhoff.

VBS Needs!

Volunteers

(Check bulletin board for registration forms)

Students

(Check bulletin board for registration forms)

White Christmas lights
Insulation foam board
Blue plastic table cloths
Toilet paper rolls
Artificial trees and plants

You can place your items in the box in the Atrium

Thanks for all the cardboard, but right now we believe we have enough

CALENDAR-----April 23 – April 30, 2023

Sunday	23	8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Worship Service/HC Door Offering for Hayden Rensner
		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
Preschool Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.			
Monday	24	5:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
		6:30 p.m.	Board of Early Childhood
		7:00 p.m.	Lutheran Care Board
Tuesday	25	10:00 a.m.	Living with Grief
		3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Food Pantry Distribution
		5:00 p.m.	Altar Guild
		7:00 p.m.	Voters Meeting
Wednesday	26	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	27	Noon	Golden Eagles
		1:00 p.m.	Stephen Ministry
Friday	28		Pastor's Sabbath
			LWML Dist. Convention in Quincy
Saturday	29	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/HC Braille Door Offering
Sunday	30	8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Worship Service/HC Door Offering for Braille
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School

Birthdays This Week

04/23 Ian Keith & Norma Lansing
 04/24 Emma Budde & Erin McDevitt
 04/25 Adia Jennings, Claire Niebrugge
 Corbyn Boone, & Julie Stanfield
 04/27 Baileigh Longwell, Judy Wendling, &
 Oliver Boone
 04/28 Jerry Lindsey & Leigha Weber
 04/29 Shirley Wittenberg

Anniversaries This Week

04/25/81 Neal & Sarah Mellendorf
 04/29/72 Dick & Pauline Kinkelaar
 04/29/95 Eric & Penny Hanks
 04/29/06 Lance & Jacque Dixon