

# THE EAGLE

St. John's Weekly Newsletter April 30, 2023

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH



**Proclaim the Christ.**

**Grow the Family.**

**Love the Neighbor.**

We sing great words in our hymns and songs in Service. Law and Gospel. Sin and salvation. Such was the case last Sunday when, in the 10:30 Service, we sang *"Your grace that I cannot explain / Not by my earthly wisdom / The Prince of Life without a stain / Was traded for this sinner. / By grace I am redeemed..."* That redeeming grace has been our church family's hope and foundation as we walk through the valley of Kristen's death. Together, we're walking with all of the Pryors and Bahrns, and with each person burdened by all the consequences of sin. We're walking with Christ, the Redeemer.

I am glad that many of you have already asked for help and God's truth this week. Please continue to ask. Pastor Fortkamp and I, and other professionals, stand ready to help. Remember that the resource I Will Grieve For The Suicide is available for free download via our website.

You're welcome to join the pastors of the CID as we gather here at St. John's early this week. On Monday, the 1:00 p.m. Communion Service will be an observance of the Apostles St. Philip and St. James, and we'll sing *"O grant us grace to know You /*

*The Way, the Truth, the Life / To wrestle with temptation / To triumph in the strife!" (LSB 518:16).*

God grant it!



Issues, Etc.

[www.issuesetc.org](http://www.issuesetc.org)

**Register for Camp CILCA!**

**The Rite of Confirmation  
10:30 Service May 7  
Pray for our candidates  
and their parents...**

Jackson Fritch, Lilli Wernsing, Leo Wyckoff, Cailin Ohnesorge, Charlie Jansen, Melia Wendling, Jake Niebrugge, Emmerson Hansen, and Kylie Pryor.



### Prayer List

Dennis Johnson, Terry Simmons, Shirley Wittenberg, Cindy Myers, John Jackson, Debbie Barr, 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, prayers for Alyene Bahrns, Jeff, Evan, & Kylie Pryor and the rest of the family with the passing of Kristen Pryor, to Dave Althoff and his family at the death of his brother-in-law, Anthony Jansen, & to Vernabelle Lankford & her family at the passing of her brother in-law, Clete Siefker.

### LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life

“God’s Word is full of stories of people who gave up, got discouraged, and quit. His response to them was words of encouragement and support, a call to courage and perseverance, a call to strengthen trembling knees and put on the armor of God.”

Barbara Lane Geistfeld, D.V.M., Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

### Response to the Gospel

#### Our Attendance Last Week

Sunday, April 23, .....	414
Sunday School .....	47
Adult Sunday School .....	65
LifeLight .....	N/A

#### Our Offerings Sunday, April 23, 2023

General Fund .....	\$7,886.11
Online Offering .....	\$3,958.83
<b>Total Gen. Fund Offering .....</b>	<b>\$11,844.94</b>
<b>Building Fund .....</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>

### Thank You

The Board of Trustees would like to thank everyone who came out to help last Saturday with the church work day. It was very much appreciated!

### Stewardship Moment

1 Peter 2:21 – “For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps.” Our heavenly Father wants us to grow into the image of His Son and to follow in His steps. Jesus suffered for us not only to redeem us, but also to show us what love looks like and to leave us an example of self-giving, sacrificial generosity. “Let us ever walk with Jesus, follow His example pure.”

### This Week’s Sunday School Lesson

#### John 10:1-18; Psalm 23

This week’s Bible lesson is “A Shepherd Loves.” Jesus calls Himself the Good Shepherd as He promises to lead and guide His sheep. Jesus willingly laid down His life for His sheep, even those who often ignore the voice of the Shepherd. His flock includes “other sheep” (John 10:16), Gentiles not descended from Abraham. David’s familiar Twenty-third Psalm describes the work of our Good Shepherd. Discuss, “When do we often hear Psalm 23 spoken?”

### 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!

### Hayden Rensner Offering

Last week we collected \$1,177 for Hayden!

### Deepest Sympathy

Please keep the Bahrns & Pryor families in your prayers with the passing of Kristen (Bahrns) Pryor. She passed away Fri., April 21. Her funeral was held here at St. John’s on Thurs., April 27, and burial was in Oakridge Cemetery. Memorials may be given to St. John’s Lutheran Church.

## Food Pantry Updates

### Special Items Needed

We need 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 May

ANY food will be greatly appreciated! Our numbers are increasing with each distribution. March/April numbers:

Families Served 203

Adults Served—349

Children Served—82

*Total number of people served in 2 months*  
**431!**

### A HUGE Thank You

For the monetary gifts we receive, as well as ANY FOOD donated. St. John's Ministry is blessed by your generosity.

### Drop-Offs

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

## LCMS Foundation

TODAY | TOMORROW | FOREVER

Can a gift from a future estate plan be converted into a gift for ministry today? At post-college time for your children, pre-retirement time for you, you did some estate planning and included a gift for ministry. Now years later, because God has blessed your finances, you realize that you have freedom to give some of that gift today, when you get to see it in action, celebrating God's grace. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help you plan this. Contact Scott Radden at [scott.radden@LFND.org](mailto:scott.radden@LFND.org) or call 618-977-4049.

### Lydia Guild

We will meet Tues., May 2 at 7:00 p.m.

## Welcome Center Volunteers

The Welcome Center needs volunteers! If you would like to help, or have questions about what is involved, please call Dena Willis (217-821-2903), or contact the church office (217-342-4334).

## Summer Sunday School Schedule

Summer is just around the corner, and as in the past, we plan to have Sunday School as a group. We will need volunteers to teach the following dates:

June 4, June 11, June 18, June 25

July 9, July 16

### **No Classes**

July 2, July 30, August 6, August 13

### Rally Day

August 20

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**

(There is a registration form in the bulletin)

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 have enough

## Board of Trustees

Will meet on Tuesday, May 2 at 5:30 p.m.

**CALENDAR-----April 30 – May 7, 2023**

Sunday	30	8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Worship Service/HC Door Offering for Braille
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
<b>Preschool Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.</b>			
Monday	1	11:30 a.m.	Registration for Pastor's Conference begins
		1:00 p.m.	CID Pastor's Conference Begins at St. John's
		6:00 p.m.	Pastor's Conference attendees Dinner
Tuesday	2	9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	CID Pastor Conference at St. John's
		5:30 p.m.	Board of Trustees
		7:00 p.m.	Lydia Guild
Wednesday	3	8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Preschool Mother's Day Breakfast
		9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	CID Pastor's Conference Final Day
		5:15 p.m.	Bell Practice
		5:30 p.m.	VBS Decorating Meeting
		6:00 p.m.	Remember Your Baptism
Thursday	4	8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Preschool Mother's Day Breakfast
Friday	5		Pastor's Sabbath
Saturday	6	8:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
		8:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
		5:30 p.m.	Worship Service/HC Bells will be ringing
Sunday	7	8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Worship Service/HC Bells will ring during the 8:00 a.m. Service Confirmation during the 10:30 a.m. Service
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School

**Birthdays This Week**

04/30 Breannah Westjohn & Karla Flach  
 05/01 Brandon Wendling & Marla Jackson  
 05/02 Brian Haake  
 05/03 Kevin Shingler  
 05/04 Alex Junge, Beckett Sams,  
 Carolyn Webb, Lisa Norton, &  
 Robert J. Backhus  
 05/05 Mary Brown  
 05/06 Fred Meislahn & Troy Probst

05/03/97 Mike & Marla Pilcher  
 05/06/78 Don & Faith Donaldson

**Anniversaries This Week**

05/02/65 Richard & Nancy Ohnesorge  
 05/02/20 Tanner & Ashley Veach  
 05/03/69 J. P. & Terry Simmons  
 05/03/86 John & Suzanne Lechman

**Arborcrest Clean-Up**

Will be Sat., May 13<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. Anyone who can help please bring blowers, weed eaters, & rakes if you have them. American flags will be placed on ALL the Veterans graves in 2 or 3 sections of the cemetery. It is located on Route 40, between Effingham & Altamont. Memorial Day is May 29<sup>th</sup>.

This cemetery is privately owned by Howard & Laura Janis. Please contact Howard or Laura if you have any questions.