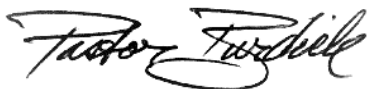


# THE EAGLE

St. John's Weekly Newsletter November 19, 2023

"Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker! For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand." *Psalm 95:6-7*. As the church year winds down and we focus upon the inevitable return of Jesus as our Judge and Justifier, this is the Psalm. It calls us to do a logical thing: worship. Bow down in honor.

Everyone will bow before Him when it is Judgment Day. *Today*, though, you do. You carve out time to come to Church. You worship Him with offerings that are sacrificial, not leftovers. You don't take your blessings for granted, but as undeserved gifts, and so you worship Him at Thanksgiving. You're not better than the rest of the world's population. You're different, though. You worship the one true God. Alleluia.



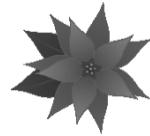
## Weddings



Our church family rejoices in two weddings this week: 1) Pastor Burdick will officiate the wedding of Dr. Luke Daniels and Jill Conder at St. Paul's, Strasburg on Thanksgiving Day. Luke is a former student-leader at WIU. 2) Casey Earleywine and Johnny Trupiano will be married here at St. John's on Saturday. God delights in marriage, and we rejoice with these couples uniting in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Congratulations!

## Man Up

Guys: there are more copies of Man Up! available in the church office now. We'll discuss chapters 1 & 2 on December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m.



## Poinsettias

It is that time of year again! This year the 8" poinsettia is \$20. Please place your orders in the office by Monday, Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>.



## Advent

Advent begins December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Make, buy, or dust off your Advent Wreath! Our daily devotions will be titled "What Child Is This?" Our midweek Services will be under the theme "We Three Kings." Wait to celebrate Christmas ... let Advent prepare you well.

## Romans 12:1-2

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

## Thanksgiving Eve & Day Services

Thanksgiving Eve Worship at 6:30 p.m.  
Wednesday, November 22

Thanksgiving Day Worship 9:00 a.m.  
Thursday, November 23

***O give thanks unto the LORD!***

### Offerings

It is that time of year again. If you are giving your *offerings online* & no longer wish to use your envelopes, please let us know in the church office by Wed., Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> so we may release your envelope number. If you are currently not using offering envelopes but would like to, please contact the office by Wed., Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>.

### The Grieving Together Group

Will meet at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Altamont, on Tues., Nov 28 at 10:00 a.m. We will start a new book, "Hope When Your Heart Breaks." All are welcome.

### Response to the Gospel Our Attendance Last Week

Sunday, November 12.....	391
Sunday School .....	41
Adult Sunday School .....	N/A
LifeLight.....	N/A

### Our Offerings Sunday, Nov. 12, 2023

General Fund .....	\$6,821.00
Online Offering .....	\$2,997.25
<b>Total Gen. Fund Offering .....</b>	<b>\$9,818.25</b>

### October 2023 General Fund Summary

Deposits.....	\$56,453.97
Expenditures .....	\$65,495.66
<b>Ending Balance .....</b>	<b>\$117,478.85</b>

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

Exodus 16

In today's lesson, we learn about how God provides "Food from Heaven." The Israelites arrive in the wilderness with no food, grumbling against Moses and Aaron. God keeps His promise to provide for His people as He daily sends manna (bread) and quail (meat) from heaven for them to gather. The Lord teaches His people to trust as they gather only what they need for one day.

### Angel Tree

It's time to once again collect toys for FISH. Bring new, unwrapped toys to the Atrium by Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup>.

### To the Glory of God And In Loving Memory of

Doris Hammer

(June 17, 1934-Jan. 28, 2023)

Who sang in the St. John's Choir for over 60 years, a memorial perpetuated in the East Transept Piano.

Presented by her family to keep the congregation singing the praises of God.

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### LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life

"For it can be easy on Thanksgiving to be thankful for the things, thankful for what we are and have, but thankfulness in faith cries out to God, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on me!' and falls on its face at Jesus' feet, giving thanks to Christ."

Rev. Cody Cooper, Guest Speaker on "The Lutheran Hour" – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)

### St. Louis Seminary Food Pantry

There will be an ingathering of nonperishable items Thanksgiving Eve, Thanksgiving Day, & the weekend of Nov. 25 & 26 for the St. Louis Seminary Food Pantry. Items may be placed at the altar rail on Thanksgiving Eve & Thanksgiving Day before or after services & in the atrium on the weekend of Nov. 25 & 26.

### Prayer List

Rick Thompson, Kay Boerngen, Jon Becker, Michael Sole, Becca Lading, Dennis Bushur, Avery Braunecker, Richard Ohnesorge, Sara Bernhard, & Heather Davis.

Men and women of the Armed Forces, including Austin Traub & John Perry.

### Christmas Program Dress Rehearsal

Full dress rehearsal for the Christmas program will be December 10<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.



### LOTS of Christmas Cards

In the Greeting card cabinet in the hallway, we have a lot of Christmas cards for sale.

### Evangelism Meeting Date Change

The Nov. meeting has been moved from Mon., Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> to Mon., Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> at noon

### Carolers for the Live Nativity

The Live Nativity will be Saturday, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. If you would be willing to sing for this, please sign up on the bulletin board by Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

If you have any questions, please contact:

Carolyn Wendte (217-821-6541) or  
Donetta Ohnesorge (217-821-3300)

Thanks!

### All Church Trip to Ark Encounter & Creation Museum

June 27, 28, & 29, 2024

First 50 to sign up.

This is for the entire church.

Transportation by Bales Bus is \$85/person  
2 nights stay is \$360/room & up to 4/room.

Tickets: Adults \$169.90 (18 & up)

Youth \$89.90 (11-17) & Under 10 FREE

If interested call Carolyn Wendte at 217-821-6541 Or Donetta Ohnesorge at 217-821-3300 or the church office at 217-342-4334.

**WE MUST KNOW BY NOV. 20<sup>TH</sup>, 2023!**

### Stewardship Moment

All Saints' Day

Matthew 25:30 – “And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness.” Why did the worthless servant act the way he did? Because of what he believed about the Master. He didn't trust or love the Master; so, his actions did not demonstrate love and trust, but rather hate and mistrust. It's the same with us, but in reverse: since we know our Lord God to be faithful and kind, we desire to serve Him and render faithful service with what He has given us.

### Food Pantry Updates

#### Food Items Needed for November

Saltine crackers, peanut butter, ravioli spaghetti o's, & granola bars

### Pecan Time

Sign up on the bulletin board for: Halves, small pieces, & medium pieces. All bags are \$10 each.

### Youth Corner Upcoming Events

#### NYG 2025 Parent Meeting

We will have an informational meeting on *Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>* at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This meeting will be for this year's 7<sup>th</sup> grade - Juniors.

#### Advent Soup Meals

##### Save the Date

*Wed., Dec 6* Lunch & Dinner

#### Cookie Walk

This year the Cookie Walk will be held on *Saturday, Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> & Sunday, Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>*

#### High School Caroling

Will be *Sunday, Dec. 17*. Meet at the church at 3:00 p.m. We will have dinner at Pizza Man afterwards.

#### Pickleball

We will be starting in January.

#### Ash Wednesday Soup Meals

Wednesday, February 14

We will be serving for Lunch & Dinner

#### Rhodes Fish Fry

Friday, February 23

#### Easter Breakfast

Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>.

#### VBS

Will be June 10 – 13 next year.

Questions, please contact  
Carolyn Wendte (217-821-6541)  
Domer Ohnesorge (217-821-3300)

**CALENDAR-----November 19 – November 26, 2023**

Sunday	19	8:00 a.m.	Piano Dedication
		8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Worship Service w/HC The Choir will be singing
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
		11:30 a.m.	NYG 2025 Information Meeting
<i>Preschool Monday &amp; Tuesday 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.</i>			
Monday	20	10:30 a.m.	Preschool Thanksgiving Program & Feast
			No Choir
			Deadline for Ark Encounter
Tuesday	21	10:30 a.m.	Preschool Thanksgiving Program & Feast
Wednesday	22		No Preschool
		1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Office Staff Devotions/Meeting
			No Confirmation
			No Bell Practice
		6:30 p.m.	Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service
Thursday	23		Office Closed/No Preschool
		9:00 a.m.	Thanksgiving Day Worship Service
Friday	24		Office Closed/No Preschool
		5:30 p.m.	Wedding Rehearsal
Saturday	25	8:00 a.m.	Praise Band Practice
		2:00 p.m.	Casey Earleywine & Johnny Trupiano Wedding
		5:30 p.m.	Worship Service w/HC
Sunday	26	8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Worship Service w/HC
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School

**Birthdays This Week**

- 11/19 Ivy Utz, Katie Hinton, Kris Lipe, & Sandra Weber
- 11/20 Donna Budde & Matt Wohltman
- 11/21 George Young, Makenna Duckwitz, & Tilford Hord
- 11/22 Haley Brown & John Richards
- 11/23 David Brinkopf, Greg Perry, Jeff Vail, Liam Boone, & Madi Boerngen
- 11/25 Bryce Beccue, Emmerson Hanson, Holly Adams, Jerry Bloemer, & Randy Kohnert

**Anniversaries This Week**

- 11/19/83 Rick & Deb Gregory
- 11/23/89 Mike & Patricia Logan

**Prayer Campaign for Life**

As we look back on the 40 days of this campaign, we reflect on our many blessings: 40 churches & organizations in our region participated to fill the days with pro-life prayer. Thank you!

Our local effort was conducted in solidarity with the international “40 Days for Life” campaign. They documented 277 babies saved from abortion (that they know of) during this 40-day period, & over 23,664 since campaigns started in 2007! Be inspired by the true stories of abortion-minded women that had a change of heart. Go to [www.40daysforlife.com](http://www.40daysforlife.com) to read their blog posts.