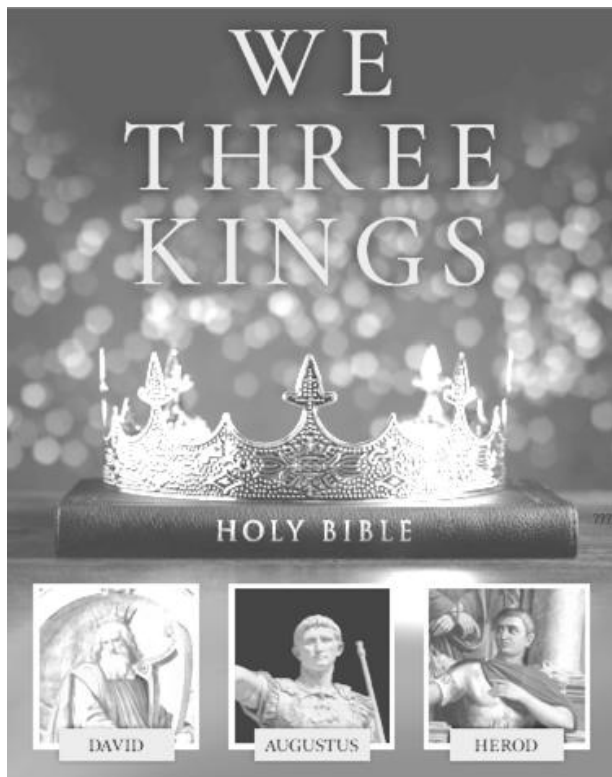


THE EAGLE

St. John's Weekly Newsletter November 26, 2023

Advent Midweek Services:
December 6, 13, and 20
at 12:15pm or 6:30pm.



We invite you to our Advent worship series, "We Three Kings," which takes a look at three ancient monarchs whose reigns impacted directly on the coming of Christ. In the December 6 Service, we ponder the life of King David, who served as a forerunner of the Messiah—a child born in the little town of Bethlehem, a ruler strong in battle and a shepherd who sang over his sheep. We are reminded in the life of David that Jesus is our King come to earth, our Defeater of all opponents and our Protector who watches over us.

Pastor Furdelle

Angel Tree

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

Cemetery Clean-Up

The St. John's Lutheran Church Cemetery will be cleaned up December 8th. Flowers or decorations should be removed before the 8th if you want to save them.

Man Up

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

Christmas Program Dress Rehearsal

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

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.

Church Decorating

We will be decorating the Church Halls and Sanctuary for advent and celebrating the birth of Christ on Saturday December 2nd starting at 9:00am. Please come and join in on the fun and fellowship.



Response to the Gospel
Our Attendance Last Week

Sunday, November 19	409
Sunday School.....	48
Adult Sunday School.....	42
LifeLight.....	14

Our Offerings Sunday, Nov. 19, 2023

General Fund	\$6,164.80
Online Offering.....	\$2,647.82
Total Gen. Fund Offering....	\$8,812.62

“This Week’s Sunday School Lesson”

Exodus 17:1-7

In today’s “Waterworks” lesson, we learn about how God provided water from the rock. Having moved their camp from the wilderness of Sin to Rephidim, the Israelites face a new challenge—no water. Despite His daily food supply, the people doubt God’s ability to provide water for them and their livestock. Moses cries out the Lord, who instructs him to strike the rock with his staff. Moses does so and water pours out, providing all that the people need.

Prayer List

Doris Probst, Rick Thompson, Kay Boerngen, Jon Becker, Michael Sole, Becca Lading, Dennis Bushur, Avery Braunecker, Richard Ohnesorge, Sara Bernhard, Heather Davis, Luke and Jill Daniels, married on Thanksgiving Day, and Johnny and Casey Trupiano, married on Saturday.

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

St. Louis Seminary Food Pantry

There will be an ingathering of nonperishable items for the St. Louis Seminary Food Pantry this weekend. Items may be placed in the atrium.

Stewardship Moment

Matthew 25:44 – “Then they also will answer, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?’” With this parable Jesus once again emphasizes that our good works come from who we are, not the other way around. Sheep do sheep works, and goats do goat works. So first things first: if we want to live more faithfully, let us come to Jesus, receive His gifts and ask Him to increase our faith!

LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life

“Being For Life is right in line with God’s plan of creation! YOU are the missing element that is needed! Don’t be satisfied to sit back and wait because now is the time! Don’t stop praying as you ponder your next step. Ask God for His guidance and be ready for more than you asked for, as we have a loving and merciful God who loves life. Please consider being a part of a life-affirming ministry in your congregation. Help protect lives and serve God in this special calling.” *Virginia Flo, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

LOTS of Christmas Cards

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



Pecan Time

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

Youth Corner
Upcoming Events

Advent Soup Meals

Wed., Dec 6

Lunch 11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

12:45 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.

Dinner 4:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

7:15 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.

Cookie Walk

The Cookie Walk will be held on
Saturday, Dec. 16th & Sunday, Dec. 17th

Drop off cookies on Friday Dec. 15
during office hours and
Saturday Dec. 16 from 9 a.m. - 10 a.m.

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 31st.

VBS

Will be June 10 – 13 next year.

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



Carolers for the Live Nativity

The Live Nativity will be Saturday, Dec. 9th,
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 3rd.

If you have any questions, please contact:
Carolyn Wendte (217-821-6541) or
Donetta Ohnesorge (217-821-3300)
Thanks!

Advent begins December 3rd

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.



CALENDAR-----November 26 – December 3, 2023

Sunday	26	8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Worship Service w/HC
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
<i>Preschool Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.</i>			
Monday	27	12:00 p.m.	Board of Evangelism
		5:30 p.m.	Choir
		6:30 p.m.	Board of Early Childhood
		7:00 p.m.	Lutheran Care BOD
Tuesday	28	9:00 a.m.	CID BOD (Spfld)
		10:00 a.m.	Living with Grief (Immanuel, Altamont)
		3 - 4 p.m.	Food Pantry
Wednesday	29	1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Office Staff Devotions/Meeting
		5:00 p.m.	Confirmation
		5:15 p.m.	Bell Practice
Thursday	30	12:00 p.m.	Golden Eagles
Friday	1		Pastor's Sabbath
Saturday	2	8:00 a.m.	Praise Band Practice
		8:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
		8:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
		9:00 a.m.	Church Decorating
		9:30 - 11:00 a.m.	E.A.S.T.E.R.
		5:30 p.m.	Worship Service w/HC The bells will be ringing
Sunday	3	8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Worship Service w/HC The bells will be ringing
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
		7:00 p.m.	Man Up

Birthdays This Week

- 11/26 Corey Lotz, David Barr, & Mike Schlechte
- 11/27 Dr. Kelly Haller & Janet Martins
- 11/29 Dean Wetherell & Stephanie Sams
- 11/30 Austin Miller, Ava Wernsing, Bob Kohnert, David Worman, Emersyn Jeffries & Nancy Wendt
- 12/2 Alvin Siebert, Britt Wendling, Elliot Miller, & Jeff Flach

Anniversaries This Week

- 11/26/71 Jim & Becky Bailey
- 11/27/21 Garrett & Taylor Hall
- 11/29/80 George & Valena Soltwedel