

THE EAGLE

St. John's Weekly Newsletter December 24, 2023

Christmas at St. John's

Christmas Day Service 9:00am

First Sunday of Christmas (Dec 30-31)
5:30pm Saturday & 9:00am Sunday

New Year's Eve Service (Pastor Koschmann
preaching) 5:30pm Sunday, December 31

Come, Let Us Adore Him!

Prayer List

Frieda Simmons Louise Schaefer, Meredith Roderick, Marie Castillo, Dennis Genaust, Thad Genaust, Billy Genaust, Janet Ohnesorge, Rick Thompson, Becca Lading, Sara Bernhard, Heather Davis, & Fred Brillhart.

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

LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life

"This time of the year always fills us with cheer. But the reason we celebrate is not always clear. The cookies, the lights, the presents, the tree. The carols, the decorations, the family parties. But all of the delight and all of the fun. Does not mean a thing if we don't know God's Son. The tiny baby that was born to die. Can sometimes cause us to stop and ask why. Do we really deserve the sacrifice He made? Are we worth the offering and the price that was paid? In His eyes, we are, because He made us His own. And on the cross, the ultimate love was shown. So take joy in the season and spread His true love. But always remember the gift from above!"

Jerrod Nelson A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

Man Up!

32 men are studying the book Man Up! On January 7 at 7:00pm, we gather in the fellowship hall to discuss chapters 3 & 4. We have more books, and it's not too late to join. Contact Pastor Burdick, Greg Perry, Adam Bohnhoff, Jon Becker, or Isaac Galvan if you want to purchase the \$13 book. It's challenging and Christ-centered.

2024 Offering Envelopes

Stop in the gym to pick up your envelopes.
Your # has most likely changed!

What do we believe and why?

The next series of Catechism Bible Study will begin Tuesday, January 30 at 7:00pm. Come review the faith. Come with a friend and introduce them to Jesus and the LCMS. Ten weeks. ***Come learn more of God's grace and truth!***

Cemetery Improvements

The St. John's Cemetery Committee is glad to announce that our congregation has been making many improvements at our Cemetery. The Gateway has been repaired, a flagpole has been installed, and the flag and cemetery are illuminated.

Now we will add the best enhancement: a six-foot granite cross proclaiming "Christ is Risen." Through the interest earned in our congregational endowment fund, we already have \$4,000 of the estimated \$7,000 total cost of the granite cross. We would like you to know about this opportunity to give a special donation to the memorial fund for the cemetery cross. These gifts will be recorded in the Memorial Book located in the church atrium. Anonymous gifts are welcome, too. It is preferable that donations earmarked for the "Cemetery Cross" be received by the end of December.

Our desire is to glorify God and beautify the St. John's Cemetery, where the bodies of our Christian loved ones await the promised day of resurrection. Alleluia!

In Christ,

The Cemetery Committee

Pastor Burdick, Judy Ziegler, Dave Budde, Alvin Siebert, Joe Budde, Dale Schagemann, Dave Althoff

CALENDAR-----December 25 – January 1

No Preschool

Monday	25	9:00 a.m.	Christmas Day Worship Service w/HC
			Office Closed
Tuesday	26		
Thursday	28	Noon	Golden Eagles
Friday	29		Pastor's Sabbath
Saturday	30	5:30 p.m.	Worship Service
Sunday	31	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		5:30 p.m.	New Year's Eve Worship Service w/HC
Monday	1		NO New Year's Day Worship Service
			Office Closed

Birthdays This Week

- 12/26 Clifford Traub, Gene Koebele, Mitchell Haller, & Shannon Stuemke
 12/27 Douglas Jackson & Dylan Kuhns
 12/28 Dannie Braun
 12/29 Andrew Knight, Angie Heuerman, Clayton Gregory, Phillip Knight, Tyler Devall & Zachary Pruemmer

Anniversaries This Week

- 12/27/75 Rev. Earl & Liz Brown
 12/27/61 Topper & Sarah Woelfer
 12/28/19 Jonathan & Sherrie Stremming
 12/30/66 Chuck & Lorri Mayberry

Merry Christmas, my dear church family. The beauty of this holy festival is not temporary like the ways we decorate things. The beauty is eternal, for God became flesh to undo decay and give us His eternal righteousness. Jesus is born to clothe us with the goodness mankind enjoyed at the beginning. This is the great gift of the Nativity of our Lord. Nothing is better!

Looking back on this year, there were at least two vital decisions our congregation made: adopting a simple new Mission Statement, and celebrating the Lord's Supper more often. I thank every one of you who have volunteered to help prepare and serve Holy Communion. Your work is salutary, a real blessing. Thank you. If you're considering joining the ranks of those volunteers, please notify us in the church office in January. Again, thank you!

Our mission is simply stated, but profoundly important:

- Proclaim the Christ
- Grow the Family
- Love the Neighbor

It's a blessing to be in mission with you. Merry Christmas!

