

THE EAGLE

St. John's Weekly Newsletter January 21, 2024



"We love them both." That's the motto of Birthright, a prolife organization with which we worked in Macomb. Here, we tap into the great resources and work of Lutherans For Life, Family Life Center, and our Effingham County Right to Life group. All of these "love them both" – the babies and the moms – plus the dads. Our congregational Mission Statement puts it this way: "Love the Neighbor." Because He first loved us, we love others. Today is the County ProLife Breakfast at the T-town Banquet Center. I hope to see you there, if you're going after the 10:30 Service!

Please connect to the great resources available through our Central Illinois District. Our missions on college campuses, our Bible Study support, our Christian citizenship resources, and much more are available for you at our District website. I ask you to click this link: www.cidLCMS.org. After you browse, please signup to receive our District newsletter called "The Gatepost." You sign up on the right side of the homepage in the blue box titled "Newsletter Signup." It's free, and it's great. You won't love it as much as you love your neighbor, but you'll benefit!

In His Love,

Bible Study and Training

This summer we will offer a Bible Study and Training Class called:

**EVERY
ONE
HIS WITNESS**
LUTHERAN EVANGELISM

Sign up if Interested ...

...in the Adult Catechism Bible Study. Tuesdays at 7:00pm, beginning January 30. For 10 weeks we will dive into God's Word on questions such as...

- What is the Sabbath?
- Did God create all things in six real days?
- Why did Jesus descend to hell?
- What does my neighbor need me to do for them?
- Does Baptism save, or dedicate?
- To whom should we not pray?
- Is Communion a representative or a real presence?
- What's the joy in life?



The 2017 edition of Luther's Small Catechism is our text (\$16). Participants might be reviewing their longtime faith in the Lutheran Church, or may be taking the class before deciding to join our congregation. All are welcome. Sign up on the main hall bulletin board and bring a friend! Questions? Speak with Pastor Burdick.

LUTHERAN CARE CENTER

Congregational Meeting on Mon. Jan 22 at 7:00pm in the LCC Family Gathering Center. All are welcome. Jeff Stremming and Fred Bray are our reps on the Board, but ALL are welcome at this Annual Meeting.

Sunday, March 3 at 2:30pm, here at St. John's we will host a Celebration Service to cap off the LCC Care Campaign. After the Service, we will hold the Pastors' Bake-Off Auction – fun and fundraising for the Lutheran Care Center. It's been five years since we held the Bake-Off and gathered the supporters of LCC. Let's celebrate the great work going on there!



**LUTHERANS
FOR LIFE**

LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life

As Christians, each one of us should be deeply steeped in God's Word. That is where the truth lies. We don't want to be 'right' for our own sake so we can boast in our 'rightness.' We should want to be 'right' because God is revealing His truth to us, and we have been aligned with His truth. As we labor together in the life arena, let each one of us be so grounded in God's Word that we recognize God's truth and speak it in love."

Barbara Lane Geistfeld, DVM, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

Stewardship Moment

Mark 1:14-15 – “Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, and saying, ‘The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.’” To repent means to turn away from sins and our former way of thinking and turn toward belief in God and His Gospel of grace and mercy. The whole Christian life is one of repentance and faith. Where is God calling you to repent today? How is He calling you to deeper faith?

“This Weeks Sunday School Lesson”

Lesson 5

“The Downfall Wall” is the title of this week's lesson. Confident in their wall, the people of Jericho shut themselves up inside the city. Following God's unusual battle plan, Joshua gathers the priests, trumpets, ark of the covenant, and people. Six days they march once around the city, then seven times on the seventh day, giving a shout at the conclusion of the last circuit. The city walls come tumbling down, and the Israelites wipe out the citizens and livestock while plundering precious metals for the tabernacle. Yet Rahab and her family are spared.

Right to Life

The Effingham County Right-to-Life Breakfast will be Today, January 21, 7:am-Noon at the Teutopolis Banquet Center! Our freewill donations all support LIFE.

Upcoming Meetings

Voters Assembly Meeting
Tues., Jan. 23 at 7:00pm

Communion

Thank you to all who have signed up and prepared communion. There are several upcoming open weekends. Please check the bulletin board located in the Atrium hallway.

Cemetery Cross Donations

Thank you! The Cemetery Committee is glad to announce that we have received ample donations to move forward with the placement of the granite cross at our St. John's Cemetery on Luther Street (north of Culver's). Thanks be to God! If you ever wish to walk the cemetery, the person-sized gate behind the right side of the main gate is always unlocked. We hope to have a dedication of the cross sometime in the summer. Christ is risen. Alleluia!

Greeter Sign Up Sheet

There is a new sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for greeters. If You are a part of this important ministry, please sign up. If you would like to know more about this ministry, please talk to a member of the Board of Evangelism or a greeter and they will be happy to give information. A list of the Board Members is located on the bulletin board.

Contribution Statements

Email contribution statements have been sent. Please be look for an email from “Auto Mail” in your inbox. Contribution statements were just mailed to those without email.

Response to the Gospel
Our Attendance Last Week

Sunday January 14 281
Sunday School24

Our Offerings

General Fund \$4,399.75
Online Offering \$3,552.30
Total Gen. Fund Offering \$7,952.05

Food Pantry

Our next distribution will be
Tues., Jan 23rd from 3-4 p.m.
Donations needed for January are Canned
fruit, Canned Sloppy Joe's, Fruit & Cereal
Bars, Soup, & Pasta

Lent

Lent begins Ash Wednesday, February 14.
Our midweek Service theme will be "*Honest
Repentance.*"

Prayer List

Marty Vail, Richard Ohnesorge, Judy Latta,
Katie Buzek, Colbert Mueller, Cindy Myers,
Rick Thompson, Fred Brillhart, Sara
Bernhard, Heather Davis, Linda Hubbart,
Carroll Wilson, Klepzig family members,
Family of Louise Schaefer, & Dennis Lading
whose mom passed away.

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

Preschoolers

National Lutheran Schools Week

January 22nd-26th
January 22 & 23 – Neon Party Day
January 24 & 25, 8-8:30am–
Pancakes with Pastor
Wear your favorite P.J.'s
January 26 – Sports Theme Day
Wear your favorite team's shirt, hat, or fun
socks

Deepest Sympathy

To the family of Louise Schaefer who passed
away Sun., Jan. 14. Her services will be held
at St. John's Lutheran Church Mon., Jan 22
& burial at Oak Ridge Cemetery in
Effingham. Memorials may be made to: Silk
Purse, St. John's Lutheran Braille Center, or
St. John's Lutheran Church Food Pantry.

Youth Corner Upcoming Events

Pickleball Dates

Thurs., Jan. 25th, 6:00pm – 7:30pm

Insurance Waivers must be signed.
Those 12 & under must be accompanied by
an adult

Puzzle Night/Mexican Dinner

Sun., January 28, 2:30pm Puzzle;
5:30pm Dinner
Cost: \$8/adult...\$4/child (ages 5-12)
See Bulletin Board for Details

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)

Flower Chart

The 2024 chart has been posted. Please
sign up if you would like to donate flowers
for the altar

CALENDAR-----January 14 – January 21, 2024

Sunday	21	8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Worship Services w/HC
		9:15 p.m.	Sunday School
		9:15 a.m..	Christian Education
<i>Preschool -- Monday – Friday 8:00 – 11:30 a.m.</i>			
Monday	22	5:30 p.m.	Choir
		7:00 p.m.	Lutheran Care BOD
Tuesday	23	9:00 a.m.	CID BOD (Springfield)
		10:00 a.m.	Living with Grief
		3-4 p.m.	Food Pantry
		5:00 p.m.	Altar Guild
		7:00 p.m.	Church Voters Assembly
Wednesday	24	1:00 p.m.	Staff Devotions and Staff Meeting
		5:00 p.m.	Confirmation
		5:00 p.m.	Board Youth
		5:15 p.m.	Bell Practice
Thursday	25	6-7:30 p.m..	Pickleball
		Noon	Golden Eagles
Friday	26		Pastor’s Sabbath
Saturday	27	8:00 a.m.	Praise Band Practice
		9:30 – 11 am	E.A.S.T.E.R.
		5:30 p.m.	Worship Service w/HC

Birthdays This Week

- 1/21 Nancy Moeller & Rachel Miller
- 1/23 Kenzia Watson & Steven Moeller
- 1/24 Charles Braasch, Katie Lotz & Mike Mietzner
- 1/25 Cole Marxman & Perrie Richards
- 1/26 AJ Radloff, Kristin Jackson, Leslie Boggs, Sawyer Whitaker
- 1/27 Becky Ragan

Anniversaries This Week

- 1/22 Devin & Hali Frailey, Steven & Nancy Moeller
- 1/25 Clayton & Emily Gregory, Randy & Tammie Miller
- 1/26 Paul & Carolyn Webb
- 1/27 Richard & Betty Albin

Lutheran Schools Week

Will be celebrated January 22-26! On Wednesday and Thursday of that week (Jan. 24 & 25), we will welcome each child in our Preschool to start the school day with “Pancakes With Pastor.” From 8:00-8:30am, Pastor Burdick and volunteers will serve Pancakes to the students and their parents. This is an effort to get to know those parents and to invite the families who don’t yet have a church to come worship with us at St. John’s. Volunteers are needed to set up, serve, and clean up. Sign up on the main hall bulletin board, please. Thanks for volunteering