

# THE EAGLE

*St. John's Weekly Newsletter January 28, 2024*

We celebrated Lutheran School Week this week. Pancakes on Wednesday and Thursday were not the highlight ... Jesus and His Word were! Our Preschool is growing again. At Eagle's Nest Preschool, we share the love of Jesus, prepare kids for school, and support the family. It's a ministry in itself, but it can lead to much more. And it should! It should be a "front porch" to St. John's Lutheran Church ... an inviting entry to a life-long relationship with the congregation. Many of the families in our school are already members of St. John's or another local church, but not all. God will help us invite them into the house.

Speaking of inviting ... 16 people so far have taken the invitation to join the Catechism Bible Class which begins this Tuesday night. There's room for more. Will you invite a neighbor to come with you and study the Christian faith? Many of them would accept your invitation to sit beside you!

Beside you, following Jesus,



Our Lenten journey to the cross and empty tomb begins in just two weeks. On Ash Wednesday and each following Wednesday we will consider the theme of "**Honest Repentance**," examining Scripture on what repentance is. 12:15pm and 6:30pm Services from February 14 to March 20 will slow you down and drive you more deeply into God's Word on the true meaning of repentance. Come, let us follow Christ our Lord...together.

## **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.

## **Our Circuit Confirmation Lock-In is back!**

Last year we had a blast, with 30 youth from area LCMS churches having fun, Bible study, and limited sleep. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Confirmation Lock-In for 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation students will be Feb 18-19 (4pm Sun – 8am Mon) here at St. John's. Theme: LET US PRAY. Confirmation students have received the flyer and the Permission Form.

Deadline to sign up is Feb 4.

## **CID ILL District Convention**

Sat., March 9, Registration at 8:00am,  
Convention at 9:00 am

Cost: \$25 per person (lunch included)

See bulletin for more information



**LUTHERANS  
FOR LIFE**

**LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life**

“The Holy Spirit teaches us and enables us to be more effective with our body language, to hold the hands of those who are afraid of walking alone, to hug the ones who are falling apart for whatever reason, to lift those who sinned against God and against their brothers. We do all this by sharing the forgiveness that is found in Christ.” *Rev. Dr. Hector Hoppe, guest speaker on “The Lutheran Hour” – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

**Stewardship Moment**

**Mark 1:22 – “And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes.”** Authority is a word we are sometimes afraid of and don’t like to hear. But that’s just our sinful flesh talking. Jesus’ authority is something we need. We need Him to show us what to believe and how to live, for Jesus’ authority is always connected to his love.

**“This Weeks Sunday School Lesson”**  
**Lesson 6**

The account of Deborah serves as today’s lesson, “The Palm-Tree Judge.” Judge Deborah urges Barak to gather 10,000 troops to go up against Sisera’s army of 900 iron chariots. When the battle turns against Sisera, he flees on foot, seeking refuge in Jael’s tent. Snoozing beneath a rug, Sisera meets his end at the hand of Jael as she pegs him through his temple to the ground.

**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.



We need more video techs to serve in the balcony, so that we can continue to stream two Services each weekend (one traditional Service and one contemporary Service). Please volunteer to take the training and to go on the schedule. Frankly, we would love to see more young adults (including high schoolers) serving. The video streaming and the DVDs we send shut-ins are vital for people who truly *cannot* come to church anymore. Without more video techs, we will reduce to streaming one Service each weekend. Contact John Jackson, or the church office if interested in helping. Thank you.

**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!



Remember: We give our offerings before, during, or after Service in the Offering Box at the Sanctuary doors (or online on our website). It’s ok if your offering goes in at the conclusion of worship ... it will still be recorded that week. God gives everything. We are nothing more than grateful, Christian managers.

**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.

**Response to the Gospel**  
**Our Attendance Last Week**

Sunday January 21 ..... 369  
Sunday School .....54  
Adult Bible Study.....33  
Life Light .....11

**Our Offerings**

General Fund ..... \$9,088.00  
Online Offering ..... \$3,196.82  
**Total Gen. Fund Offering ..... \$12,284.82**

**St. Peter's Lutheran Men's Club**

**Sausage Supper**

Sun., February 18 at 5:00 pm  
St. Peter's Lutheran School Gym  
Carryout's will be available.

**Dollars for Mission Project**

Help hold up a prophet's hand, as it were, with contributions to the current Dollar for Missions project. It will provide funding for mileage reimbursements to facilities Pastor David Dunlop's weekly trips from Clinton to Lincoln for prison ministry. The goal for this project is \$1,800. For more information, see <https://youtu.be/q5TVKAhLZko>.



Children can take home an "Alleluia" coloring page this week from the children's sermon. The plan is simple: color the page at

home as you wish, and then bring it back to church on Transfiguration (Feb 10-11). During the Transfiguration Service we will bury "Alleluia," not using that glorious word of exclamation until Easter Sunday, March 31. On Resurrection Sunday we'll see the children's "Alleluia" posters displayed as we come into Service! Christ is risen!

**St. Paul (Blue Point) Men's Club**  
**Annual Sausage & Pancake Supper**

Sun., February 4, 4:00 pm  
Dine in event with carry out meals available

**Youth Corner Upcoming Events**

**Pickleball Dates**

Every Thursday in February  
6:00 pm - 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

**Ash Wednesday Soup Meals**

Wednesday, February 14  
We will be serving for Lunch & Dinner

**Rhodes Fish Fry**

Friday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 4:00pm – 7:00 pm  
Dine in or Carry out

Cost \$14 adult ticket (ages 13 & up)  
\$10 child ticket (ages 4-12)

Under age 4 eat free

**ALL CARRY OUT TICKETS \$14**

Tickets are on sale, see one of our youth.

**Easter Breakfast**

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

**VBS**

Will be June 10 – 13

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

**Prayer List**

Marty Vail, Richard Ohnesorge, Judy Latta, Katie Buzek, Cobert Mueller, Cindy Myers, Rick Thompson, Fred Brillhart, Sara Bernhard, Heather Davis, Marilyn Schaefer, Dolores Huelskoetter, Carroll Wilson, Klepzig family members, Marilyn Schaefer, & Dolores Huelskoetter.

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

**CALENDAR-----January 28 – February 3, 2024**

Sunday	28	8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Worship Services w/HC
		9:15 p.m.	Sunday School
		9:15 a.m.	Christian Education
		2:30 p.m.	Puzzle Night
		5:30 p.m.	Mexican Dinner
<i>Preschool -- Monday – Friday 8:00 – 11:30 a.m.</i>			
Monday	29	5:30 p.m.	Choir
Tuesday	30	7:00 p.m.	Catechism Bible Study
Wednesday	31	1:00 p.m.	Staff Devotions and Staff Meeting
		5:00 p.m.	Confirmation
		5:15 p.m.	Bell Practice
Thursday	1	6-7:30 p.m..	Pickleball
Friday	2		Pastor's Sabbath
Saturday	3	8:00 a.m.	Praise Band Practice
		8:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
		8:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
		5:30 p.m.	Worship Service w/HC, bells will be playing.

**Birthdays This Week**

- 1/28 Alec Niebrugge
- 1/29 Taylor Rieman
- 1/30 Darcie Buening
- 1/31 Kathy Stremming, & Susan Larson
- 2/1 Emily Lotz, & Larissa Jones
- 2/2 Brody Brown, Howard Janis, Jimmy Hippchen, & Wade Bloemer
- 2/3 Rachael Pennington, & Todd Martin

**Anniversaries This Week**

- 2/1 Brad & Brenda Osborne
- 2/3 Jim & Vicky Keith

