

# THE EAGLE

*St. John's Weekly Newsletter January 7, 2023*

"Just As I Am." It's more than a hymn. It's the theme that Lutherans For Life is using to encourage and educate us this month on matters of life. Later this month you'll hear the background of the hymn, and its writer.

We are positively pro-life in the LCMS and here at St. John's. From womb to tomb, life is a gift from God to be nurtured, but not worshipped. Babies in the womb are tiny, precious, human, unborn persons. Disabled adults are bearers of the image of God. Single moms are worthy of love and care. Couples struggling with infertility are beloved and can make decisions that are in accord with God's holy will. These are a few of the arenas in which we seek to be positively pro-life. Just as The Great "I AM" is.

God – the Great "I Am" – forgives. He justifies. He has loved you with an everlasting love. Your life is precious to Him. Continue to come to Him. "Just as I am ... O Lamb of God, I come; I come."

In Life,



## **Flower Chart**

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

## **Installation of Officers**

Will be at each service on January 6 & 7<sup>th</sup>

## **New Envelope Numbers**

Are now in effect! PLEASE throw the old one's out! Also, If you could put your name on the envelope that would help to make sure everything is correct.



**LUTHERANS  
FOR LIFE**

## **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.

## **Poinsettias**

You may take your poinsettias home; they are in the gym.

## **Attention All Boards**

Your reports are due in the church office for the Council meeting by Wed., Jan. 10<sup>th</sup>

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

Sunday December 31..... 244  
New Year's Eve..... 97

**Our Offerings**

General Fund ..... \$7,570.82  
Online Offering ..... \$3,922.05  
New Year's Eve Offering ..... \$1,170.00  
**Total Gen. Fund Offering ..... \$12,662.87**

**Prayer List**

Richard Ohnesorge, Judy Latta, Katie Buzek, Colbert Mueller, Linda Kuhn, Kathy Wall, Cindy Myers, Cherilla Junge, Rick Thompson, Fred Brillhart, Sara Bernhard, & Heather Davis.

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

**LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life**

“What is it that is essential for your life this New Year? What gifts do you cherish? Certainly, Jesus is the most precious gift we have! Let Him shine through your whole life this year. Take Him with you everywhere. Remember whose family you belong to! Cling to Jesus, our Father’s Son this New Year! Our Father goes with you and promises His blessings, now and forever!” *Rev. Darren Green, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

**Stewardship Moment**

*Isaiah 60:6 – “They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall bring good news, the praises of the LORD.”* Faith in God moves the heart toward thanksgiving, which moves us toward making offerings to the Lord in His house. It’s simply what Christians do: Our thanksgiving to our Lord for all His benefits to us simply must overflow into sacrificial giving to the Lord. What Isaiah prophesied, the Wise Men did, and we still do today: we give with a thankful heart.

**Food Pantry**

Our next distribution will be Tues., Jan 9<sup>th</sup> from 3-4 p.m.  
Donations needed for January are Canned fruit, Canned Sloppy Joe’s, Fruit & Cereal Bars, Soup, & Pasta

**Contribution Statements**

We will be emailing contribution statements to everyone that we have an email address for. Please be watching for an email from “Auto Mail” in your inbox towards the end of January. If we do not have your email address, we will send your contribution statement in the mail. If you do not wish to receive yours by email, you will need to let the office know by: Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Youth Corner Upcoming Events**

**Pickleball Dates**

Thurs., Jan. 18<sup>th</sup>, 6:00pm – 7:30pm  
Thurs., Jan. 25<sup>th</sup>, 6:00pm – 7:30pm

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

**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)  
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### Upcoming Meetings

Council Meeting  
Tues., Jan 16 at 7:00pm  
Voters Assembly Meeting  
Tues., Jan. 23 at 7:00pm

### “This Weeks Sunday School Lesson”

#### Lesson 3

In today’s lesson, “The Fall-Short Report,” students will learn how Moses chooses one man from each of the twelve tribes and sends them to spy on the land God has promised. The spies report a land of great plenty but occupied by mighty, fearsome people. Despite Caleb and Joshua’s pleas to seize the land promised to them, the people rebel. Moses pleads for mercy, and God promises to care for His people. At the same time, He condemns the Israelites to forty years of wandering in the wilderness. Of all the adults, only Joshua and Caleb will live to enter the Promised Land.

#### **Proclaim the Christ.**

- Within the Church, we proclaim the Christ in our worship Services and educational offerings. Founded upon the Bible and Luther’s Small Catechism, we give our members Christ’s Word of Law and Gospel, so they have comfort in Him.
- As the Church, we reach out to unbelievers with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We share God’s Word, because it alone has the power to bring someone to faith.

#### **Grow the Family.**

- As we have the opportunity, we get married and raise up children in the Christian faith. We teach the next generation the truth and grace of God.
- We believe that fellow members of St. John’s Lutheran Church comprise the household of faith, our church family. We care for one another and we invite people to join the church family.

#### **Love the Neighbor.**

- We begin with our closest neighbors: our families. In concentric circles outward, we put Christian love into word and deed.
- As we have opportunity, we provide some of the necessities of life to those in our community and world -- food, shelter, help, and friendship – with the love of Jesus.

#### **Welcome Mandy**



Have you stopped in the church office lately and met Mandy Einhorn? She is our Office Assistant, and is learning all the ropes of our busy congregation. It will take her a while to learn your names and faces as you ring the video doorbell coming into the building! Welcome, Mandy!

### Chili/Soup Luncheon

Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Vandalia  
Sunday January 21<sup>st</sup>  
See Bulletin Board for Details

**CALENDAR-----January 7 – January 14, 2024**

Sunday	7	8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Worship Services w/HC, Bells will be playing Installation of Officers
		9:15 p.m.	Sunday School
		2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Family Game Night
		7:00 p.m.	Man Up
<i>Preschool -- Monday – Friday 8:00 – 11:30 a.m.</i>			
Monday	8	5:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
		6:15 p.m.	Board of Education
		6:15 p.m.	Sanctuary Refurbish Committee
Tuesday	9	1:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl
		3:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.	Food Pantry
		5:15 p.m.	Board of Social Ministry
		5:30 p.m.	Board of Trustees
Wednesday	10	8:50 a.m.	Preschool Chapel
		1:00 p.m.	Staff Devotions and Staff Meeting
		1:00 p.m.	Stephen Ministries
		5:00 p.m.	Confirmation
		5:15 p.m.	Bell Practice
Thursday	11	8:50 a.m.	Preschool Chapel
		6:30 p.m.	Board of Elders
Friday	12		Pastor's Sabbath
Saturday	13	8:00 a.m.	Praise Band Practice
		9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.	E.A.S.T.E.R.
		5:30 p.m.	Worship Service w/HC

**Birthdays This Week**

- 1/7 Dale Walls, Dawson Wyckoff, Robert Williams, Teri Schaefer
- 1/8 Charity Ozenkoski, Jack Watson, Kateleigh Ziegler, Sarah Wycoff, Tate Niebrugge
- 1/9 Ben Budick, Jessica Fritch, Marilyn Schaefer
- 1/10 Ana Lotz, Dana Haarmann, Darwin Wohltman, Norbert Brauer, Pat Miller, Ruth Gail, Tenley Sams
- 1/11 Joanne Schlechte
- 1/12 Brent Bahrns, Carolyn Wendte, Kylie Pryor, Mandy Westjohn
- 1/13 Madisson Marcum

**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