

# THE EAGLE

*St. John's Weekly Newsletter February 11, 2024*



A tip of my cap to the graphic designer who created this image received last week. There is no known copyright, but they

were right to weave together a nostalgic joke and a Christian truth: remembering that we are dust is answered by the love of God in Christ.

This Wednesday we'll hold two Services: 12:15 & 6:30pm. Holy Communion will be celebrated. For those who desire them, ashes will be available. More importantly, your repentance will be met by the mercy of Almighty God ... not just this Wednesday, but throughout the days of Lent.

In our Lenten midweek Services we will follow the order of Vespers, beginning on page 229 in the hymnal. While we will omit the Canticle, almost all of the other portions with music will be chanted, with sung responses by the congregation. I believe you'll find it easy and worshipful to sing it. It will all help us explore the theme "Honest Repentance."

On another note, our Tuesday night Catechism Bible Study has enjoyed having twenty participants, some for review, some for membership in our congregation. Thanks be to God!

Finally, February 18 will be the First Sunday in Lent and we'll again begin reviewing the

Catechism in our Services. Each Lord's Day we'll take one small portion on page 321ff of the hymnal for our meditation.

May all of this help you to observe a rich and Christ-centered Lenten season, culminating in the joy of the resurrection, and the children's bright "Alleluias" greeting us March 31. For now, let us remember that we are dust, and to dust we shall return. In Christ,

## LENTEN MIDWEEK SERVICES

12:15pm & 6:30pm Wednesdays

Feb 14-Mar 20

**"Honest Repentance"**



Two ways to use Lutheran Hour Lenten devotions:

- Take and share a paper devotional from the Atrium.
- Sign up for digital daily devotions at [www.lhm.org/subscribe/](http://www.lhm.org/subscribe/)

**"Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return."** In that vein, remember that we make a funeral planning form available so you can express wishes and can keep the focus on Christ at your funeral. It's coming for all of us. It's good to plan with faith and confidence in Jesus. Available on the shelf across from the main bulletin board in the atrium hallway.

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

Sunday February 4.....	419
Sunday School .....	53
Adult Bible Study.....	46
Life Light .....	14

**Our Offerings**

General Fund .....	\$11,404.01
Online Offering .....	\$1,768.05
<b>Total Gen. Fund Offering .....</b>	<b>\$13,172.06</b>



**Easter Lilies**

Time to order your Easter Lilies. This year they are 6" for \$10. Please contact the church office by **Monday, February 12<sup>th</sup>** to place your order.

Sign up for our District Newsletter, "The Gatepost." Go to [www.cidLCMS.org](http://www.cidLCMS.org) to add your email address. Great stuff is there.

**Preschool Registration for 2023/2024**

Preschool Registration for members of St. John's is now open. You may pick up a registration form on the bulletin board or stop by the office. If you have any questions, please contact Carrie in the office.

**Fish Fry**

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for both LYF youth and adults to help work the fish fry. Please help and sign up for a shift.

**Stewardship Moment**

**Luke 18:34 – "This saying was hidden from them, and they did not grasp what was said."** Even our understanding of the Word of God is a gift — the disciples can't understand Jesus because it is not given to them to understand Him. By nature, they are deaf to the Word. So, everything we have is a gift of God. To realize this is the beginning of thankfulness, generosity and kindness.

**Lutheran Care Center News**

The Lutheran Care Center Celebration will be held at St. John's March 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Board of Social Ministry, along with St. John's LCC representatives, are asking for items to be donated to the Involvement Store in connection with the event.

The store is available to residents who earn points by participation in activities. Then, at the end of the month the store is open for cashing in points to shop.

In addition, items are needed for the LCC Kids Childcare center.

You'll find a table set up to receive your gifts in the fellowship hall. Shopping lists are available for suggestions. We will be collecting until the event in March.

**Lutheran Care Celebration**

A worship service of scripture and song thanking God for the blessings he has given to Lutheran Care Center during the recent Care Campaign will be held Sunday, March 3, 2024 at 2:30 p.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church, Effingham. This event will allow all members of LCC Churches to come together for an afternoon of worship and fellowship. Refreshments will be served after the service along with a pastoral bake off with auctioneer, Trent Schmidt.

Please sign up on the sign-up sheet on the main bulletin board if you will be attending by February 26, 2024.

**Food Pantry**

Our next distribution will be Tues., Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> from 3-4. Donations needed for February are Peanut Butter, Jelly, Beefaroni, & Scallop/Augratin Potatoes.



**LUTHERANS  
FOR LIFE**

**LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life**

We live dripping with the promise of Baptism. We live fueled by the fire of God’s Word. We live created on the sixth day and recreated by God’s grace to be followers of Jesus seven days of the week until that great eighth day, called eternity, when we will sing praise in His presence forever. We live and we love and we are loved in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, sin forgiven, shame erased, status: all very good.” *Rev. Dr. John Nunes, guest speaker on “The Lutheran Hour” – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

**Volunteers Needed**

Willowbrook of Effingham is in need of volunteers to come in and spend time with residents during the mid-afternoon and/or early evening. Please see bulletin board for more information.

**“This Weeks Sunday School Lesson”**

**Lesson 8**

Today’s lesson, “The Faith-Full Family,” tells of Ruth’s loyalty to her widowed mother-in-law, Naomi. Returning to Naomi’s ancestral home in Bethlehem, Ruth gleanes Boaz’s fields to provide food for herself and Naomi. Ruth finds favor with Boaz, who purchases Naomi’s land and redeems Ruth from her widowhood. Having married Boaz, Ruth bears a son, Obed, the grandfather of King David.

**Prayer List**

Judy Latta, Gary Wachtel, Katie Buzek, Cobert Mueller, Cindy Myers, Richard Ohnesorge, Rick Thompson, Sara Bernhard, Heather Davis, Carroll Wilson, Marilyn Schaefer, Dennis Genaust, Meredith Roderick & Cameron Scott.

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

**Youth Corner Upcoming Events**

**Pickleball Dates**

Thurs., Feb 15<sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

Thurs., Feb 29<sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

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  
Dine-in or Carry Out

Menu: Chili, Chicken Noodle,  
Loaded Potato Soup & Hot Dogs.

**HS Youth Bring a Pie**

We are asking HS youth to bring a pie to the church either Tuesday (during office hours) or Weds. by 9 am. We will be serving these at the Ash Wednesday soup luncheon and supper. Please sign the sheet in the kitchen when you bring your pie so that you get credit.

**Rhodes Fish Fry**

Friday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 4:00pm – 7:00 pm

Drive-Thru, 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.

**Bake Sale**

6<sup>th</sup> – HS Youth can bring 2 desserts for the bake sale. Make sure marked they are with name, what it is, and the cost.

**Return Unsold Fish Fry Tickets**

You need to return your unsold fish fry tickets and/or money to the Youth Board by Weds., Feb. 10– 11 (at any church services). We have to report to them how many tickets have been sold.

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

**CALENDAR-----February 11 – February 17, 2024**

Sunday	11	8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Worship Services w/HC
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
<i>Preschool -- Monday – Friday 8:30 – 11:30 a.m.</i>			
Monday	12	5:00 p.m.	Board of Stewardship
		5:30 p.m.	Choir
Tuesday	13	8:50 a.m.	Preschool Chapel
		10:45 a.m.	Preschool Valentines Party
		1:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl
		3:00 - 4:00 p.m.	Food Pantry
		5:15 p.m.	Board of Social Ministry
		7:00 p.m.	Catechism Bible Study
Wednesday	14	8:50 a.m.	Preschool Chapel
		10:00 a.m.	Quilting
		10:45 a.m.	Preschool Valentines Party
		11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. 4:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. 7:15 p.m. – 7:45 p.m.	LYF Soup
		12:15 & 6:30 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Services w/HC
		1:00 p.m.	Stephen Ministry
		5:15 p.m.	Bell Practice
Thursday	15	6 - 7:30 p.m.	Pickleball
		6:30 p.m.	Board of Elders
Friday	16		Pastor's Sabbath
Saturday	17	8:00 a.m.	Praise Band Practice
		5:30 p.m.	Worship Service w/HC.

**Birthdays This Week**

- 2/11 Anna Sigg, Jonathan McDevitt,  
Kathy Schroeder, Rick Keller
- 2/12 Braylee Marxmann, Fred Bray
- 2/14 Faith Donaldson, Gary Hewing,  
Luke Sipe
- 2/15 Gabriel Dahnke
- 2/17 Niki Bishop, Steve Miller

**Anniversaries This Week**

- 2/14/2002 Gary & Gloria Fortkamp,
- 2/14/1996 Wesly & Carol Osborn

**CID ILL District Convention**

Sat., March 9, Registration at 8:00am,  
Convention at 9:00 am  
Cost: \$25 per person (lunch included)  
See bulletin board for more information

**E.A.S.T.E.R. Program**

The staff and students of E.A.S.T.E.R. are eager to share updates of what we have been doing. Please see the bulletin board.