

# THE EAGLE

St. John's Weekly Newsletter February 28, 2024

*"Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray."* That's often the way we launch into praying the Lord's Prayer, echoing the request the disciples made to Jesus in Luke 11. We are taught to pray by listening to God and to His representatives in our lives ... most often parents.



Last Sunday night 34 confirmation students from our circuit congregations stayed here at church all night, and the theme for the Lock-in was "Let us pray." It was a great time. Lots of games, lots of food, lots of energy, and lots of prayer. We held three Services in the sanctuary and a Bible Study. We got a little bit of sleep. Pastors did the teaching, but the hardest work was done by the lay-leaders who fed and served the kids. Thanks be to God for a great time. You can't tell all the faces and names of the kids pictured below, but God knows each of them, and hears their prayers for the sake of Jesus. Stay mindful that they are learning to pray and live the Christian life by watching you. You'll continue to bless them, and hopefully their children will be participating in a lock-in focused upon prayer here in about 25 years! Let us pray...

*Pastor Fuschick*



## LENTEN MIDWEEK SERVICES

12:15pm & 6:30pm Wednesdays  
Feb 21-Mar 20

**"Honest Repentance"**

## Lutheran Care Center News

The Lutheran Care Center Celebration will be held here at St. John's March 3<sup>rd</sup>. (Worship at 3:30 pm, Bake-off and Reception following.)

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.

## 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.

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

Sunday February 18.....	395
Sunday School .....	48
Lenten Services .....	154
Adult Bible Study .....	45
Life Light .....	14

**Our Offerings**

General Fund .....	\$6,232.00
Online Offering .....	\$2,783.83
<b>Total Gen. Fund Offering .....</b>	<b>\$9,015.83</b>



Join us for the **2024 Martin + Katie Conference at University Lutheran Church in Champaign, IL on Saturday, April 6, 2024.** At this free conference, learn about being men and women in Christ, meet new friends, get to know each other, and have fun. The conference is open to ages 18-35. Married or single are welcome. Registration is required, as capacity is limited. Info and registration are available at <http://martinpluskatie.org> Plus: Extra bonus activities planned for Friday night, April 5, and Saturday night, April 6! All are invited to stay for Sunday Bible Class, Divine Service, and lunch on Sunday, April 7.

**Food Pantry**

Our next distribution will be Tues., Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> from 3-4. Donations needed for February are Peanut Butter, Jelly, Beefaroni, & Scallop/Augratin Potatoes.

**Stewardship Moment**

**Matthew 15:27-28** – *“She said, ‘Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.’ Then Jesus answered her, ‘O woman, great is your faith!’”* Faith says “Yes” to all that the Lord gives us. The Canaanite woman trusted Jesus, and so she knew there was a blessing for her in everything the Lord says — even when His words seemed difficult or harsh. We all need a faith like that!



The Altar Guild recently had our Communion Chalice restored, and the result is beautiful. All of our Communionware is of a great quality, but its age is great, too.

Thus, the Guild wants to begin a project of have all of it restored and replated in gold. The cost will be approximately \$20,000, and some anonymous memorial funds have already been received. If you would like to give a special gift above your regular offering for the Lord’s work among us, you may send it to the church office with a special note that it is for “Communionware Restoration.” Our Memorial Book in the Atrium will record all donors, unless they indicate it is to be anonymous. To God be the glory.

**Deepest Sympathy**

Our condolences are extended to Zach and Monica Scott and their whole family in the wake of the death of their infant son, Cameron John, on February 20. Grandparents are Julie and Marcy Scott. Arrangements for his funeral are pending. Cameron was baptized into Christ immediately after birth and faced multiple challenges. His parents and family met them with Christian faith and love. Christ is risen, and Cam shall rise, too.

**Thrivent Choice Dollars**

Do you have Thrivent Choice Dollars? Don’t forget to direct them by March 31<sup>st</sup>.

## **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.

### **Golden Eagles**

Golden Eagles will be here on Thursday Feb., 29<sup>th</sup> @ noon. The menu is Lasagna, Chicken Alfredo, Salad, Bread sticks from Joe's and dessert. We hope you can join us for lunch & fellowship. Please sign-up on the bulletin board if you are planning to attend.

### **"This Weeks Sunday School Lesson"**

#### **Lesson 10**

"The Fearless Shepherd" is the title for today's lesson. As their armies remain encamped against one another, the Philistines send for their champion, Goliath, to challenge the Israelites. The Israelites fear to challenge the giant. Young David expresses dismay at the soldiers' lack of trust in God. Confident that the Lord will give him victory, David uses his sling and knocks Goliath to the ground before cutting off Goliath's head with the giant's own sword.

### **Spaghetti Dinner**

Trinity Lutheran School Gym, Stewardson  
Sun., Mar. 3<sup>rd</sup> 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  
See Bulletin Board for more information.

### **Quilting for Lutheran World Relief**

#### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:**

- WHO:** Any mission minded volunteer with a desire to help those in need.
- WHAT:** Assembling quilts for people around the world.
- WHEN:** Each Wednesday beginning at 10 a.m.
- WHERE:** Multi-purpose Room (Lower level of the church fellowship hall)
- WHY:** To provide warm quilts for those in need.

You may contact Jane Tolch for more information at (217) 690-5171.

### **LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life**

"Our Heavenly Father remains active and almighty, especially in the difficult circumstances that life issues involve. In joining Himself to us with His incarnation, wisdom, power, atonement, and resurrection, Jesus makes every human life blessed—and a blessing! He lovingly and ably handles decisions about welfare and affliction, life and death, so that we don't have to do it on our own." *Pastor Michael Salemink – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

### **Prayer List**

Judy Latta, Gary Wachtel, Katie Buzek, Cobert Mueller, Richard Ohnesorge, Rick Thompson, Sara Bernhard, Heather Davis, Carroll Wilson, Marilyn Schaefer, Dennis Genaust, & Christa Tieffel.

### **Youth Corner Upcoming Events**

#### **Pickleball Dates**

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.

Questions, please contact

Carolyn Wendte (217) 821—6541  
Donetta Ohnesorge (217) 821-3300

### **Portals of Prayer**

It is time to sign up for your Portals of Prayer subscriptions. Here are the prices for this year.

Regular Size "Direct Mail" \$13.00

Digest Size "Direct Mail" \$19.00

Large Print "Direct Mail" \$23.00

Money for the subscriptions can be put in the designated offering envelopes. If you do not use envelopes, please indicate it on the memo line of your check, and place in the offering plate. You can also drop your check by the office. Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup> is the deadline.

**CALENDAR-----February 25 – March 2, 2024**

Sunday	25	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	26	5:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
		6:30 p.m.	Board of Early Childhood Education
		7:00 p.m.	Lutheran Care Board
Tuesday	27	3:00 – 4:00 p.m.	Food Pantry
		7:00 p.m.	Catechism Bible Study
Wednesday	28	10:00 a.m.	Quilting
		12:15 & 6:30 p.m.	Lenten Service
		1:00 p.m.	Office Staff Meeting
		5:00 p.m.	Confirmation
		5:15 p.m.	Bell Practice
Thursday	29	Noon	Golden Eagles
		6:00 – 7:30 p.m.	Pickleball
Friday	1		Pastor's Sabbath
Saturday	2	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**

- 2/25 Alice Knight, & Becky Fielitz
- 2/26 Cory Wahl, & Jerry Starner
- 2/27 Blake Marxman, & Jeffrey Keitel
- 2/28 Ashlyn Hanks, Heather St. John,  
Karen Tarrant, Lora Giesler, &  
Wade Wenthe
- 3/1 Baylor Devall, Blaine Flach,  
Don Latch, & Lee Turner

**Anniversaries This Week**

- 2/26/1965 Jerry & Vernabelle Lankford
- 3/1/1960 Robert & Anita Backus
- 3/2/1996 Joyce & Michael Curry
- 3/2/2002 Sean & Cherilla Junge

**CID L.L.L. 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

**Lutheran Witness**

Renewal & New subscriptions will be in a  
couple of months.