

# THE EAGLE

St. John's Weekly Newsletter February 04, 2024



The men and women of "Lutheran Hour Ministries" bless us here at St. John's in many ways. These include:

- Advent and Lent devotions we personalize for members and friends.
- Bible study materials
- Outreach brochures
- "Project Connect" brochures in our Atrium carousel
- "The Lutheran Hour" broadcast on WCRA (107.7FM & 1090AM) at 9:30am Sundays
- Digital daily devotions

I urge you to join me for the LHM District Convention nearby! Saturday, March 9, the Convention will be held at Immanuel, Altamont, beginning at 9:00am. The speaker will be Lutheran Hour Speaker Dr. Michael Zeigler. Breakout sessions will be very helpful, too. Check out [www.LHM.org](http://www.LHM.org) for this Convention and for many more resources.

Today you can pick up a printed version of our LHM Lenten Devotional in the Atrium, and begin using it Ash Wednesday, February 14. Or, sign up to receive the digital devotions at [www.lhm.org/subscribe/](http://www.lhm.org/subscribe/)

Your congregation and Lutheran Hour Ministries share a common hope: To **Proclaim the Christ, Grow the Family, and Love the Neighbor.**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor Fredrick".

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.

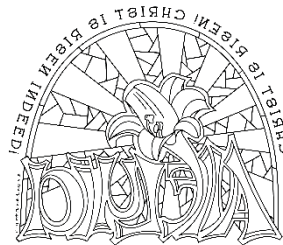


## LENTEN MIDWEEK SERVICES

12:15pm & 6:30pm Wednesdays

Feb 14-Mar 20

**"Honest Repentance"**



Children can take home an "Alleluia" coloring page this week. 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!



## 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.

## Fish Fry

There is a sign-up sheet for the fish fry on the Bulletin Board.

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

Sunday January 28 .....	414
Sunday School .....	43
Adult Bible Study.....	49
Life Light .....	14

**Our Offerings**

General Fund .....	\$10,107.95
Online Offering .....	\$2,840.45
<b>Total Gen. Fund Offering .....</b>	<b>\$12,948.40</b>



**LUTHERANS  
FOR LIFE**

**LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life**

“Please rejoice in knowing prayer works and keep praying for the states who still haven’t banned abortions and for those states trying to ward off those who want to bring it back. We are not done praying and never will be. God is on our side, and He has a plan. We need to stand firm and with faith never give up praying. God controls the power of prayer, and He is amazing.” *Virginia Flo, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

**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.

**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.

**Stewardship Moment**

**Luke 8:5 – “And as he sowed, some fell along the path and was trampled underfoot ...”** Know any farmers like this? Who just throws their crop seed wherever? That’s crazy! But God’s ways are not our ways — He is generous beyond compare! He delights in giving. As we are more and more conformed to His image, may we also learn the joy of generosity and giving!

**“This Weeks Sunday School Lesson”**

**Lesson 7**

Today, we will study “The Weakened Judge.” God grants Samson great strength to defeat the enemies of God’s people. Seeking to overcome Samson, the Philistines bribe Delilah to find the source of Samson’s strength. Samson deceives Delilah each time she tries to uncover the secret, but he finally reveals the key to his power. Shorn and blinded by the Philistines, Samson is brought to entertain thousands of revelers at the feast to Dagon. Identifying the house’s supporting pillars, Samson prays, and God grants him power to bring down the temple, killing everyone.



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.

## **Lutheran Care Center Celebration**

The Lutheran Care Center Celebration will be held at St. John's March 3<sup>rd</sup>. (Worship at 2:30 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 resident 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.

Shopping lists are available on the table in the gym.

### **Food Panty**

Our next distribution will be Tues.,  
Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> from 3-4.

Donations needed for February are Peanut Butter, Jelly, Beefaroni, & Scallop/Au gratin Potatoes.

Thank you for all those who donate by electronic banking, food, or cash donations. The Panty is so grateful for all contributions & continued support. This mission would not be possible without the giving people from the church. If at anytime members would like a tour of the Panty, Please contact Patsy Latch.

### **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

## **Youth Corner Upcoming Events**

### **Pickleball Dates**

Thurs., Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm  
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  
Drive Thru, Dine-in or Carry Out  
Menu: Chili, Chicken Noodle,  
Loaded Potato Soup & Hot Dogs.

### **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.  
There will also be a bake sale.

### **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**

Allen Birch, Judy Latta, Gary Wachtel, Katie Buzek, Cobert Mueller, Cindy Myers, Richard Ohnesorge, Rick Thompson, Sara Bernhard, Heather Davis, Marilyn Schaefer, Dolores Huelskoetter, Carroll Wilson, Marilyn Schaefer, & Dolores Huelskoetter.

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

**CALENDAR-----February 4 – February 10, 2024**

Sunday	4	8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Worship Services w/HC, bells will be playing.
		9:15 p.m.	Sunday School
		9:15 a.m.	Christian Education
		7:00 p.m.	Man Up
<i>Preschool -- Monday – Friday 8:00 – 11:30 a.m.</i>			
Monday	5	5:30 p.m.	Choir
		6:30 p.m.	Worship w/Communion
Tuesday	6	9:00 a.m.	Circuit Pastor Conference St. John's Dieterich
		5:30 p.m.	Board of Trustees
		7:00 p.m.	Catechism Bible Study
		7:00 p.m.	Lydia Guild
Wednesday	7	10:00 a.m.	Quilting
		1:00 p.m.	Staff Devotions and Staff Meeting
		5:00 p.m.	Confirmation
		5:15 p.m.	Bell Practice
Thursday	8	6-7:30 p.m..	Pickleball
Friday	9		Pastor's Sabbath
Saturday	10	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, with Choir.

**Birthdays This Week**

- 2/4 Alyson Followell, Mikayla McWhorter, Witt Heuerman
- 2/6 Christopher Holland, Jane Probst, Jennifer Marxman, Jessica Miller
- 2/7 Randy Esch, Richard Albin
- 2/8 Adam Bohnoff, Calli Fritcher, Carli Fritcher
- 2/9 Ashley Veach, Bobby Niemerg, Kimberly Tarrant, Nitelle Lading

**Anniversaries This Week**

- 2/6/10 Greg & Jill Keitel
- 2/9/80 David & Donna Budde,
- 2/9/74 Mike & Karla Johnson
- 2/10/78 Gary & Rebecca Hewing

**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>.