

# THE EAGLE

## St. John's Weekly Newsletter March 17, 2024

Here are a few of my recent thoughts about our life together...

- We will welcome new members this Spring. Adult Confirmation for some will be on Easter Day. Then on April 21 we will have a New member Welcome reception for all who have recently joined us by transfer, affirmation of faith, baptism, and adult confirmation.
- Carol Lading is preparing "welcome profiles" of the households that joined us in the past six months. You'll see those soon. Then she's volunteered to interview and profile the households coming in this Spring. Welcome!
- Our County Right to Life meeting last Thursday highlighted the Illinois legislation to legalize Physician Assisted Suicide. The presentations by doctors and parents were loving, reasoned, and eloquent. See the flyers on the counter across from the hall bulletin boards. Take action to affirm life. Hospice care remains a godly option for us. Assisted suicide is against God's will.
- The Illinois March for Life is April 17 in Springfield. Will you go with me and hundreds or thousands of others? See the flyer on the bulletin board. Sign up to go together!
- Our organists, choir directors, and contemporary service band work hard to prepare music for the Lord's Service. I appreciate their talent and their attention to the music and the lyrics – they help us give worshipers God's grace and truth!
- I've been thinking about our summer Bible Study series called "EveryOne His Witness," a course for training all of us to have spiritual conversations more effectively with non-believers. We want those precious people to know Christ. It takes training and practice. That's what you'll get this summer.

**But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for His own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light. (1Peter 2:9)**



### Lenten Midweek Services

Wed., Mar 20 - 12:15pm & 6:30pm Wednesday  
"Honest Repentance"

### Palm Sunday w/Holy Communion

March 23 at 5:30pm  
March 24 at 8am and 10:30am

### Maundy Thursday w/Holy Communion

March 28 at 12:15pm  
6:30pm (Stripping of Altar)

### Good Friday

March 29 at 12:15pm and 6:30pm

### Easter Sunday w/Holy Communion

March 31 at 6:00am, 8:00am, and 10:30am



Parents and Kids: Grow by going to Camp CILCA this summer! Check out the program at [www.CILCA.org](http://www.CILCA.org) or see the flyer on the hallway bulletin board (take one!). The St. John's Youth

Board is able to reimburse every member who participates in camp, due to a generous donation from a member. Go to camp! Register by March 31 for the early bird discount. Submit to your receipt for your payment to Camp CILCA, and the Youth Board will process your reimbursement in the summer. This summer's theme is "To Die For!"

*And ... Camp CILCA's Annual Banquet is Sunday, April 14. Come enjoy a catered dinner and dessert while listening to updates on Camp CILCA, a speaker, and live music. This year's speaker is Illinois Right to Life's director, Mary Kate Zander. Live music by Aly Hauser. The event will be held in the Dining Hall. Make sure to RSVP before April 10th by emailing [camp@cilca.org](mailto:camp@cilca.org). 4124 Camp CILCA Rd. Cantrall, IL 62625*

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

Sunday March 10.....	467
Sunday School .....	41
Lenten Services .....	130
Adult Bible Study .....	39
Life Light .....	17

**Our Offerings**

General Fund.....	\$6,993.00
Online Offering.....	\$4,670.97
<b>Total Gen. Fund Offering</b>	<b>\$11,663.97</b>

**Young Adults**

Young Adult Dinner at Joe's Pizza in Altamont on Sunday, April 14th, at 5:00 PM. Get together with other young LCMS adults in Christian fellowship to discuss the formation of a young adults Lutheran Bible Study, ages 18-30 years of age. For more information, contact Violet Wendling at 618-704-6144.

FYI: Donations to our Communionware refurbishment project have totaled \$8,200 thus far. Thanks be to God!



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.

**Golden Eagles**

Golden Eagles will be here on Thursday Mar., 21st @ noon. The menu is pulled pork, beef brisket, coleslaw, baked beans, & dessert. Please sign-up on the bulletin board by Sun., Mar17th if you are planning to attend. The Mission Moment will be Leann's Light presented by Jim & Kathy Schroeder.

**Candy Pecans**

Lydia Guild Members we will be gathering to candy pecans on Mon., March 18th at 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. Any questions please call Kathy at (309)255-8343.

**Don't want to bake for Easter?**

Lydia Guild Easter Bake Sale Maundy Thursday & Good Friday before and after worship services. All proceeds will go to Lutheran Care Center. We will sell until items are gone. Come Early!

**Food Pantry**

Our next distribution will be Tues., Mar. 26th from 3-4. Donations needed for March are pop tarts, 4 pk pudding cups, pancake mix, & pasta.

**Stewardship Moment**

**Mark 10:45 – “For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”** Jesus gives everything He has: He gives Himself. That self-giving is the model for our giving in all aspects of our lives. In our family, in our church, and in the world at large, Jesus calls us to follow His example of self-giving. We can only do this if we are connected to His self-giving in faith

**Illinois March for Life**

April 17, 2024 @ 12:00 pm  
Springfield, Illinois at the Capitol Building

**“This Weeks Sunday School Lesson”**

**Lesson 13**

In today's lesson, “The Wise King,” when God invites Solomon to ask for what he desires most, Solomon prays for wisdom to carefully lead the people. Pleased with this selfless request, God grants Solomon great wealth and honor in addition to his desired wisdom. Solomon wrote and collected many of the wisdom writings that make up the Book of Proverbs.

**Thank You!**

A huge Thank You to all who donate to our Food Pantry at St. John's thru collection plate donation, electronic deposits, or food contributions. Every item and every dollar is so greatly appreciated and also the support we receive thru prayers makes it possible for us to continue our ministry. Kirby IGA also offers "Bagged Pantry Items" to purchase for \$13.99. They are then donated and delivered to our church. We have received 510 food bags over the last 13 months. Many in our community are very supportive and we are very grateful. Since Jan 1<sup>st</sup> we have provided food for 353 adults, 109 children, representing 204 households. Each distribution the food pantry sends approximately 1500+ items out the door. Tours of the pantry are available. Call the office to schedule an appointment. Patsy Latch - Chairman

### **Park District Church Softball League**

Effingham Park District is looking for 4 teams.  
Tuesday Evenings 6:00 – 7:30 pm  
See Bulletin Board for more information.

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

"God loves everybody. God loves people that are big and small. God loves people that are every age. God loves people no matter where we live. All people are special to God. The Bible says, 'For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand' (Ephesians 2:10). God has good things for each of us." *Timothy, a sixth grader from southern Minnesota, who has Down syndrome – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

### **Arborcrest Cemetery Cleanup**

Arborcrest Cemetery cleanup for Memorial Day. Sat., May 18<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am until finished.  
All are welcome to help, the more we have the quicker it will go! Also, anyone that has weed eaters, blowers, brooms, please bring to help with the cleanup. We will also place flags on the graves of all veterans.

### **Prayer List**

Judy Latta, Cobert Mueller, Richard Ohnesorge, Rick Thompson, Sara Bernhard, Heather Davis, Marilyn Schaefer, Catherine Zumwalt, Nancy Ohnesorge, Gloria Fortkamp, John Romero, Hadleigh Lin, Janet Ohnesorge, Jerry Preumer and Family at the death of Louise Preumer.

### **Youth Corner Upcoming Events**

### **Larry Brandt Scholarship**

Application for the Larry Brandt Scholarship can be found online or copies are on the bulletin board. Due date is April 15, 2024.

### **Band App**

Youth parents (6<sup>th</sup> – high school). We are trying to get everyone set up with the Band App so that communication would be easier. If you have not received a text from Carolyn on how to do this, please contact her. If there are questions, how to set up the App contact Coralin Ohnesorge at 217-821-5783.

### **Pickleball Dates**

Thurs., Mar 21<sup>st</sup> – 6:00 – 7:30 pm

Insurance Waivers must be signed.

Those 12 & under must be accompanied by an adult.

### **Trivia**

Sun., Mar 17<sup>th</sup> 1:30 pm

Form your team of 1 to 8 players.

Cost: \$10 per Adult & \$5 per child 12 or under  
Snacks available for free will donation.

### **Easter Breakfast**

Sun., Mar. 31<sup>st</sup> serving 7 -10 am

Questions, please contact

Carolyn Wendte (217) 821—6541

Donetta Ohnesorge (217) 821-3300

### **Vacation Bible School**

Wish list for VBS: Cardboard, pool noodles (any color), primary colors of balloons, red plastic table cloths, white plastic table cloths, & thrivent cards.

### **Save the Dates**

VBS Jun. 10<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> from 6 – 8 pm

Rummage Sale Aug. 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>

Golf Outing Sat., Sept. 14<sup>th</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.

CALENDAR-----March 17 – March 23, 2024

Sunday	17	8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Worship Services w/HC
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
		1:30 p.m.	Family Trivia
<i>Preschool -- Monday – Friday 8:30 – 11:30 a.m.</i>			
Monday	18	9:00 a.m.	Candy Pecans
		12:00 p.m.	Board of Evangelism
		1:00 p.m.	Cemetery Committee
		4:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Refurbish Committee Meeting
Tuesday	19	2:00 p.m.	Living with Grief Group
		7:00 p.m.	Catechism Bible Study
Wednesday	20	10:00 a.m.	Quilting
		12:15 & 6:30 p.m.	Lenten Service
		1:00 p.m.	Office Staff Meeting
		5:00 p.m.	Board of Youth
		5:00 p.m.	Confirmation
		5:15 p.m.	Bell Practice
Thursday	21	12:00 p.m.	Golden Eagles
		6:00 – 7:30 p.m.	Pickleball
Friday	22		Pastor's Sabbath
Saturday	23	8:00 a.m.	Praise Band Practice
		9:30 – 11:00 a.m.	E.A.S.T.E.R.
		5:30 p.m.	Worship Service w/HC

**Birthdays This Week**

3/17 Norma Wendling  
 3/18 Derek Storm, & Vera Pfenninger  
 3/19 Wesley Radloff  
 3/20 Gwendolyn Kuhns, Jill Marxman,  
 Kathy Stumpf, Rick Dasenbrock,  
 Wyatt Keith

3/21 David Winter, Sophia Bahrns  
 3/22 Bradley Miller, Elsie Kinkelaar,  
 Mike Johnson, Nicholas Miller

**Anniversaries This Week**

3/17/1972 Mary & Joe Roedl

**Stamps for Missions**

Stamps for Missions are **NO LONGER** being accepted.

**Braille**

Braille Center will take a break during Holy Week & Easter Monday.

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