

# THE EAGLE

St. John's Weekly Newsletter March 24, 2024



"Hosanna!" the crowd cried. "Save us!" The crowds in our days are looking for a savior, too. Many look in the wrong places: technology, emotions, financial accounts, hookups, self-help ... and the pseudo-saviors goes on.

We're part of the crowd, too. We have a propensity to seek a false savior, but we have come to know and believe that Christ alone can save. This Holy Week is the historic account of the events which saved us – the death and resurrection of Jesus. Waving our palm branches, we acknowledge Jesus as Lord of our lives.

But think about others in the crowd.

Think about your neighbors here in Effingham who are searching for a pseudo-savior – technology, emotions, financial accounts, hookups, self-help, etc., Love them. Listen to them. Witness to them. Tell them that this Holy Week isn't a merely traditional holiday, it's the historic account of their salvation, their forgiveness, their hope. Share the hope that is in you (1 Peter 3:15), share the Good News about Jesus. Maybe the neighbor with whom you'll share it is in your own family. Hosanna!

On April 7, our 10:30am Service will have a special focus of ministry to children – including a Baptism, and a presentation of songs by our Eagle's Nest Preschoolers. Pastor and the Elders have decided that the 10:30am Service that day will be without Communion, but the 5:30pm and 8:00am Services will be regular Services, with the Lord's Supper.

## New Members!

In the past six months we have received new members whose pictures had been displayed on the main hallway bulletin board. Carol Lading recently prepared profiles of each of those households, and now information from those families is displayed. Many new members will be coming into St. John's next Sunday by adult Confirmation – and later next month you'll find profiles of those incoming families, too!



Wednesday, May 8, our Jr. Confirmation students (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade) will be asked to volunteer in a St. John's Cemetery cleanup project. Light clean up in the Cemetery (on Luther Street, near Culver's) will be from 4:30-6:00pm, followed by pizza at the church. I hope all 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students will help us take care of our cemetery, beautifying it for Memorial Day. Parents: I'm asking you to transport your children to and from the cemetery (and stay to help with clean up, if possible). It will be fun and important! - *Pastor Burdick*

## Illinois March for Life

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! - *Pastor Burdick*

### **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

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

Sunday March 17 .....	400
Sunday School .....	39
Lenten Services .....	157
Adult Bible Study .....	41
Life Light .....	13

**Our Offerings**

General Fund .....	\$5,512.93
Online Offering .....	<u>\$2,969.82</u>
<b>Total Gen. Fund Offering</b>	<b>\$8,482.75</b>

**Sunday School**

Sunday, Apr. 14<sup>th</sup>

bring a friend to Sunday School.

**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!"

**Young Adults**

Young Adult Dinner at Joe's Pizza in Altamont on Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**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. 26<sup>th</sup> from 3-4.

Donations needed for March are pop tarts,  
4 pk pudding cups, pancake mix, & pasta.

**Illinois March for Life**

April 17, 2024 @ 12:00 pm

Springfield, Illinois at the Capitol Building

**Stewardship Moment**

***Zechariah 9:9 – "Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey."***

No king ever rode to war like this. But no king had ever come to wage battle by dying. In His Passion, our Lord Jesus gives everything He has and is; He does this to bring us from death to life, to make us His own people, and show us an example of self-giving love that we should follow.

**"This Week's Sunday School Lesson"**

**Palm Sunday**

Ask your children "What did you Learn in Sunday School?"

**Park District Church Softball League**

Effingham Park District  
is looking for 4 teams.

Tuesday Evenings 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm  
See Bulletin Board for more information.

**LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life**

*"So let us be sober, putting on faith and love as our breastplate and the hope of salvation as our helmet, encouraging one another and building each other up as together we faithfully wait, expectantly wait, joyfully wait—for Jesus." Rev. Dr. Anthony (Tony) Cook, guest speaker on "The Lutheran Hour" – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)*

### **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 & Nancy Ohnesorge, Rick Thompson, Marilyn Schaefer, Catherine Zumwalt, Gloria Fortkamp, John Romero, Hadleigh Lin, Janet Ohnesorge, and the family of Gary Bartels.

### **Stamps for Missions**

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

### **Braille**

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

Please take the time to read our District's newsletter, The Gatepost. Go to [www.cidLCMS.org](http://www.cidLCMS.org) to subscribe, or click [here](#) for our current issue.

*Dear Father in heaven, Your Son,*

*Jesus,*

*rode in lowliness on a borrowed donkey*

*into Jerusalem,*

*humbling Himself*

*and emptying Himself*

*for our sakes.*

*In Your mercy,*

*help us to humbly*

*and patiently*

*walk the way to Calvary with Jesus,*

*that we may also share*

*in His bodily resurrection*

*on the Last Day,*

*who lives and reigns with You*

*and the Holy Spirit,*

*one God, now and forever. Amen.*

### **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.

#### **Easter Breakfast**

Sun., Mar. 31<sup>st</sup> serving 7 am - 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 pm – 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 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 24 – March 30, 2024**

Sunday	24	8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Worship Services w/HC
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
<i>Preschool -- Monday – Tuesday 8:30 – 11:30 a.m.</i>			
Monday	25	8:50 a.m.	Preschool Chapel
		9:00 a.m.	Preschool Field Trip & Easter Party
		5:30 p.m.	Choir
		6:30 p.m.	Board Of Early Childhood
		7:00 p.m.	Lutheran Care Board
Tuesday	26	9:00 a.m.	Preschool Field Trip & Easter Party
		9:00 a.m.	CID BOD - Springfield
		3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Food Pantry
		7:00 p.m.	Catechism Bible Study
Wednesday	27	10:00 a.m.	Quilting
		1:00 p.m.	Office Staff Meeting
		5:00 p.m.	Confirmation
		5:15 p.m.	Bell Practice
Thursday	28	12:15 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.	Maundy Thursday w/HC
Friday	29	Noon	Office is at Noon
		12:15 p.m.	Good Friday Service
		6:30 p.m.	Good Friday Service w/choir
Saturday	30	8:00 a.m.	Praise Band Practice
			NO Worship Service

**Birthdays This Week**

- 3/24 Carter Norris, & Stacey Hagerstrom
- 3/25 Audrey Fritcher, Glenda Bunton,  
Jim Starner, & Keith Bahns
- 3/26 Adam Storm, Avery Watson,  
Pam Baker, Pauline Wollin, &  
Sharon Giesler
- 3/27 Emma Newlin, Hayes Hinton, &  
Sandy Wieneke
- 3/28 Amanda Rieman, Mike Burdick, &  
Topper Woelfer
- 3/29 Cindy Esch, Glenna Schagemann, &  
Maleah Whitehair
- 3/30 Hayden Wendling, Hayes Frailey,  
Kraig Rubin, & Sadie Norman

**Anniversaries This Week**

- 3/24/2007 Jeremy & Jessica Fritch
- 3/26/2022 Hunter & Maddy Keith
- 3/29/1970 Dean & Donna Wetherall
- 3/30/1984 Allen & Faye Tomkins

