

# THE EAGLE

## St. John's Weekly Newsletter March 31, 2024

Martin Luther penned these words to announce the comfort of Easter. I trust they will comfort and inspire you, also, to sing loud songs of "Alleluia!" every day of your life.

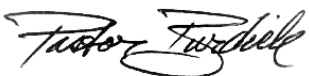
1 *Christ Jesus lay in death's strong bands  
For our offenses given;  
But now at God's right hand He stands  
And brings us life from heaven.  
Therefore let us joyful be  
And sing to God right thankfully  
Loud songs of alleluia!  
Alleluia!*

4 *It was a strange and dreadful strife  
When life and death contended;  
The victory remained with life,  
The reign of death was ended.  
Holy Scripture plainly saith  
That death is swallowed up by death,  
Its sting is lost forever.  
Alleluia!*

7 *Then let us feast this Easter Day  
On Christ, the bread of heaven;  
The Word of grace has purged away  
The old and evil leaven.  
Christ alone our souls will feed;  
He is our meat and drink indeed;  
Faith lives upon no other!  
Alleluia! (LSB 458)*

Text: Martin Luther, 1483-1546; tr. Richard Massie, 1800-87, alt.

A blessed Easter,



### Office Closed

**Monday, April 8**, the church office will close at 11:00am.

### Welcome!

Welcome to our newest members, who this week complete our Adult Catechism Bible Study:

By Adult Confirmation: **Jill Daniels, Kyle Gibson, Dan Haarmann, Kelcie Beccue, Cobert & Kathy Mueller.**

By Affirmation of Faith: **Toni Elderworth, Donna LeCrone.** (Sometimes called "Re-Affirmation of the Faith", this is the process by which one comes into the LCMS and our congregation after previously going through Confirmation in the Lutheran Church, and now confessing the faith with us again).

We will have a New Member Welcome on April 21 for these Christians and others who have come to St. John's by transfer from LCMS churches).

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.



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*

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

Sunday March 24 .....	408
Sunday School .....	50
Adult Bible Study .....	40
Life Light .....	12

**Our Offerings**

General Fund .....	\$8,583.00
Online Offering .....	\$3,097.45
<b>Total Gen. Fund Offering</b>	<b>\$11,680.45</b>



Thank you to all of the children who prepared "Alleluias" to be put away on Transfiguration and now displayed in the Atrium Hallway for our Easter celebration.

Our Mission:  
**Proclaim the Christ.**  
**Grow the Family.**  
**Love the Neighbor.**

All who work with youth in our congregation (as staff or volunteers) will complete our excellent MinistrySafe online Sexual Abuse Prevention Training. It's imperative that you let our VBS leaders know soon that you'll be volunteering so Mandy can send you the email link to your required training. Thank you for your service, and for being well-trained!

**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*

**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>

Through our offerings, we do great work to spread the Gospel locally and through our District and Synod Missions. Read about our Central Illinois District Mission work at [www.cidLCMS.org](http://www.cidLCMS.org) The contributions from congregations have been decreasing in recent years, and will need to turn around in order to continue our mission endeavors.

**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.

**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! 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!"

**Prayer List**

Judy Latta, Cobert Mueller, Richard & Nancy Ohnesorge, Rick Thompson, John Romero, Christa Teiffel & Linda Miller.

### **Stewardship Moment**

**John 20:1 – “Now on the first day of the week ...”** All is made new by the resurrection of Jesus! Even the day of worship has transitioned from the Old Testament’s Sabbath (Saturday) to the Lord’s Day of the New Testament (Sunday). For the Lord has made all things new: In rising from the dead as the new Adam, He has begun a new week for a new creation. We are also made new in Him — a new heart, a new life, new desires, a new outlook toward God. All this comes from our risen Lord’s grace. Especially after the sort of year we’ve had since last Easter, it sure is good news to hear that the Lord makes all things start afresh!

### **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 and 8 to 10 Tidy Cats Plastic Containers.

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

“The disciples and the first century Christians may have felt like they were on the losing side. They had their doubts and fears. Maybe you do, too. They may have lost some earthly things. You may, too. But Jesus takes away the fear and the doubt. You have hope in His resurrection. You have hope even through the trials of life. You have a living hope in your living Lord.”

Rev. Peter Sulzle, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)

### **Anniversary Celebration**

Roger & Nancy Ohnesorge are celebrating their 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on April 5<sup>th</sup>. Please join them in this celebration. There will be an Open House Sun., April 7<sup>th</sup> from 2–4 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

### **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.

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



### **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.

### **Confirmation Banners & Stoles**

Next Sunday, April 7, at 7:00pm the seven Confirmands will meet in the Multi-Purpose Room with their parents to work on their Confirmation banners and stoles.

### **Man-UP!**

The next meeting for Man Up! discussion will be April 7 at 7pm. Chapters 9 & 10, gentlemen!

CALENDAR-----March 31 – April 6, 2024

Sunday	31	6:00 a.m.	Easter Service w/HC
		8:00 a.m.	Easter Service w/HC; Bells will be playing
		10:30 a.m.	Easter Service w/HC; Choir will be singing
		7:00 a.m. – 10 a.m.	LYF Breakfast
		9:15 a.m.	Youth Sunday School
<i>Preschool -- Tuesday – Friday 8:30 – 11:30 a.m.</i>			
Monday		5:30 p.m.	Choir
		6:30 p.m.	Board Of Education
Tuesday	2	5:30 p.m.	Board of Trustees
		7:00 p.m.	Lydia Guild
		7:00 p.m.	Catechism Bible Study
Wednesday	3	1:00 p.m.	Office Staff Meeting
		5:00 p.m.	Confirmation
Thursday	4	.	
Friday	5		Pastor's Sabbath
Saturday	6	8:00 a.m.	Praise Band Practice
		8:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
		8:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
		9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	E.A.S.T.E.R.
		5:30 p.m.	Worship Service w/HC

**Birthdays This Week**

- 3/31 Judy Siebert
- 4/1 Audrey Niemerg & Raymond Jutkins
- 4/2 Elizabeth Soltwedel
- 4/3 Hunter Stewart & Ruth Bray
- 4/4 Amy Wetzal, Karen Grupe,
- 4/5 Graham Ziegler & Marsha Klussman
- 4/6 Jeff Stremming & Joey Walls

**Anniversaries This Week**

- 4/4/2009 Jacob & Stacy Nelson
- 4/5/1994 Gary & Sandra White
- 4/5/1964 Roger & Nancy Ohnesorge

**Attention All Boards**

Your reports are due in the church office for the Council meeting by Mon., Apr. 8

**Evangelism Training**

Summer Evangelism training begins June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Parents of Sunday School students: I'm sure you want to help your sons and daughters grow in the faith. It will be powerfully helpful to them when you too, come to Sunday School! Come next Sunday in the gym, as Pastor teaches the same lesson as our kids!