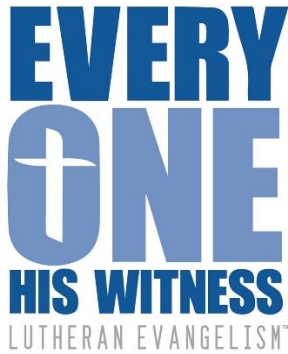


THE EAGLE

St. John's Weekly Newsletter April 07, 2024



Witnessing is telling the truth – whether we're talking about being on the stand in court or standing up and telling someone else what you, as a Lutheran Christian, believe about Jesus. Witnessing is telling the truth.

One of the Eagle's Nest students spoke up and witnessed to the truth as she left the church this week. She exclaimed (I mean *exclaimed*) to me: "When I get home I'm going to have mac and cheese!" Pure joy over a simple fact.

What a blessing it is to have almost fifty preschoolers in the church during the week! Many of them are singing in the 10:30am Service this weekend. To all of them: **welcome!** Each day that kids are here for Preschool or for Sunday School we're striving to witness to the truth that Jesus is the only Savior from sin, death, and devil. He's the only reason we're able to go home to heaven and enjoy something far better than mac and cheese. We will enjoy His presence and our resurrection.

Witnessing is telling the truth. In less than two months, our Sunday morning Bible class in the gym will be centered on honing our witnessing skills – listening to others, and then sharing the Good News about Jesus with them. So they go home with us. To heaven. For a feast that's better than mac and cheese. Way better.

His, and yours,

Thank you to our Eagle's Nest Teachers, Parents, Board, and Students.

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



Mmmmm-mmmm Good! Our Lydia Guild Bake-Sale on behalf of Lutheran Care Center raised \$1,000 on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. To God be the glory! Thanks to the bakers and the buyers.

If you received a calendar in the Eagle without birthdays we apologize. We will get back to normal next month.

MinistrySafe

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*

Evangelism Training

Summer Evangelism training begins June 2nd.

Attention All Boards

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

Response to the Gospel
Our Attendance Last Week

Easter March 31	613
Maundy Thursday.....	222
Good Friday.....	236
Sunday School	31
Life Light	12

Our Offerings

General Fund	\$6,925.25
Online Offering	<u>\$3,477.32</u>
Total Gen. Fund Offering	\$10,402.57

Save the Dates

VBS Jun. 10th - 13th from 6 pm – 8 pm
Rummage Sale Aug. 1st – 3rd
Golf Outing Sat., Sept. 14th

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 The contributions from congregations have been decreasing in recent years, and will need to turn around in order to continue our mission endeavors.

Save-A-Lot Food Pantry Bags

Save-A-Lot is reimplementing the Food Pantry bags through their store for customers to purchase at \$12.99 per bag. Ask at the checkout.

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 618-704-6114.

Office Closed

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

Parents and Kids



Grow by going to Camp CILCA this summer! Check out the program at 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!"

Food Pantry

Our next distribution will be Tues., Apr. 9th from 3-4.

Donations needed for April are peanut butter, ravioli, fruit/cereal bars, & crackers.

Prayer List

Judy Latta, Cobert Mueller, Richard Ohnesorge, Rick Thompson, John Romero, Christa Teiffel, Jim Gibbons, Alan Bahrns & Linda Miller.

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.

Stewardship Moment

John 20:19 – "Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.'" The peace we have in Jesus is what makes a life of good works possible. Since we know that it is Jesus who saved us, and not our works, we are now free to do good works not out of self-interest, but for the right reasons: out of thanksgiving toward God and love for our neighbors.

Sunday School

Sunday, Apr. 14th bring a friend to Sunday School.

LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life

“In the resurrection we find solace in our mourning, in our uncertainty, and in our troubles. Our longing for escape finds its hope in the resurrection of Christ. It is God’s approval upon the redemptive work of His Son. It is the assurance that as He was raised from the dead, so shall we, and all who have ‘fallen asleep in Him’ shall be raised to life eternal.”

Pastor Robert Fleischmann,
Christian Life Resources – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

Lutheran Witness Subscriptions

It’s time to sign up for Lutheran Witness. Cost this year is \$20.65 for the year, & are due by *Monday, April 22.*



Preschool Registration for 2024/2025

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.

Arborcrest Cemetery Cleanup

for Memorial Day.

Sat., May 18th 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.

Anniversary Celebration

Roger & Nancy Ohnesorge are celebrating their 60th Wedding Anniversary on April 5th. Please join them in this celebration. There will be an **Open House Sun., April 7th 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 (6th – 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



Trinity Lutheran School

Formal Dinner & Live Auction

Friday, May 10th

Stewardson Community Building

7pm – Formal Dinner

8pm – Live Auction

Cost: \$50/Individual

Tickets can be purchased through the school office.

Breakfast Fundraiser

If your group or board would like to host a breakfast to raise funds for your missions & projects, please contact Ruth Bray or any of the Board of Social Ministry members.

Scholes Family Benefit

St. Paul Blue Point Lutheran Church

Friday, April 12th

5 pm -8 pm

Live Pie Auction at 6:30 pm

See Bulletin Board for more information.

CALENDAR-----April 7 – April 13, 2024

Sunday	7	8:00 a.m.	Worship Services w/HC
		10:30 a.m.	Worship Services; Walter Koester baptism; Preschool singing
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
		2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Roger & Nancy Ohnesorge Open House
		7:00 p.m.	Confirmation Banners & Stoles
		7:00 p.m.	Man Up
<i>Preschool -- Tuesday – Friday 8:30 – 11:30 a.m.</i>			
Monday	8		Office closes at 11:00 a.m.
		5:30 p.m.	Choir
Tuesday	9	8:50 a.m.	Preschool Chapel
		1:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl
		3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Food Pantry
		5:15 p.m.	Board of Social Ministry
Wednesday	10	8:50 a.m.	Preschool Chapel
		10:00 a.m.	Quilt
		1:00 p.m.	Office Staff Meeting
		1:00 p.m.	Stephen Ministry
		5:00 p.m.	7 th & 8 th Grade Confirmation
		5:15 p.m.	Bell Practice
Thursday	11	6:30 p.m.	Board of Elders
Friday	12		Pastor's Sabbath
Saturday	13	8:00 a.m.	Praise Band Practice
		5:30 p.m.	Worship Service w/HC

Birthdays This Week

- 4/7 Blakelee Willenborg, Earline Jenkins, & Elijah Wendling
- 4/8 Cheryl Pruemer, Meghan Wahl, & Taylor Hall
- 4/9 Eileen Hartman, Molly Wallin, Nancy Johnson, & Steve Rubin
- 4/10 Decker Snow, Gene Jackson, & Helen Miller
- 4/11 Carol Osborn, & Cohen Hoedebecke
- 4/12 Allen Radloff, Liz Brown, & Nancy Lykins
- 4/13 Beth Barhns, Cathy Norris, Gwen Muhlbachler, Hunter Keith, & Lee White

Anniversaries This Week

- 4/7/1989 Don & Ruth Rhodes
- 4/8/1967 Mike & Sharon Field
- 4/11/2015 Tim & Melody Schuette
- 4/12/1958 Bob & Bernetta Marxman
- 4/12/2003 Dan & Ashley Jansen
- 4/13/2013 Bryan & Lisa Wilson
- 4/13/1996 Todd & Sonja Martin