

# THE EAGLE

*St. John's Weekly Newsletter November 24, 2024*

“Jesus is coming ... look busy,” may seem funny at first glance, but you know it's not.

One day every human tongue will confess “Christ is Lord” (Philippians 2:11). Either in faith, or in unwilling admission of the truth they did not trust, all people of all time will bow before the Lord Jesus on the day of judgment. Our children and parents, our neighbors and co-workers. All will adore or acknowledge Him.

Jesus is coming. Don't just look busy. *Believe.* Believe that your sin is great and He is greater than your sin. Live daily in your Baptism.

**So Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for Him. (Hebrews 9:28)**

**Because He has fixed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom He has appointed; and of this He has given assurance to all by raising Him from the dead.” (Acts 17:31)**

Christmas is coming, and lots of folks will be more open to hearing about Jesus, for even unbelievers talk and sing about Him in the ramp up to Christmas. So, let's take advantage of that. Let's share the Good News that Christ is Lord with our children and neighbors more intentionally in Advent.

Let's use Advent daily devotions.



Give an unchurched friend one of our Advent devotionals titled “Come, Let Us Adore Him” ...and then talk with them about one or more of the devotions. Invite them to Bible Study or worship with you in the

Advent and Christmas season. You'll be sharing the Word of God with them, the Word that creates faith, the Word that inspires sinners to adore Jesus and not merely to acknowledge Him. The devotionals are in the Atrium. Give one to an unchurched friend.

For you and your household, I recommend that you use these same

devotionals in their digital form, if you can. Click this link: <https://www.lhm.org/advent/> and subscribe to “Come, Let Us Adore Him.” Give away the paper editions of the devotional to unchurched friends, and use them with your children around an Advent wreath.

Come, let us adore HIM!

## **Thanksgiving Eve & Day Services**

Thanksgiving Eve Worship at 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 27

Thanksgiving Day Worship 9:00 a.m.

Thursday, November 28

***O give thanks unto the LORD!***

## **Offering Envelopes**

If you are giving your offerings online & no longer wish to use your envelopes or if you are currently not using offering envelopes but would like to, please contact the office by **Tomorrow!!**, Nov. 25<sup>th</sup>

## **Parent Poll**

Starting in January 2025, St. John's will be organizing a monthly program for parents to gather together and discuss the joys and challenges of being a parent in today's world. Before we set a time and date for this gathering, we would like to gather your input to ensure that the program meets your needs as best as possible.

This survey will close on December 15<sup>th</sup>.



## **Advent Midweek Services**

Wednesdays: Dec 4, 11, 18

12:15pm & 6:30pm

***The Nativity: Songs of God and Men***

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

Sunday November 17 ..... 388  
Haiti Breakfast..... 85

**Our Offerings**

General Fund ..... \$7,559.83  
Online Offering..... \$2,419.55  
**Total Gen. Fund Offering            \$9,979.38**

**LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life**

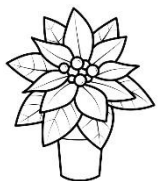
“In spades the Lord has taught me, and prayerfully you also, that Psalm 23 is a thanksgiving psalm. He anoints our heads, which is the Old Testament way of saying He chooses us as kings. He makes us a part of His royal household! Man, are we blessed as His kids!” Pastor Keith Haberstock,

Guest speaker on "The Lutheran Hour" – A Life Quote from Lutherans for Life • lutheransforlife.org

**“This Week’s Sunday School Lesson”**

Lesson 14

In today’s lesson, “Mission Wonders,” Jesus gathers seventy-two followers and sends them out to the surrounding towns and villages. Taking nothing with them, these disciples depend on the willing welcome of local residents. There they remain, healing and spreading God’s Word. Returning from their mission, the seventy-two rejoice in the many miracles they witnessed. Jesus reminds them to rejoice in their salvation.



**Poinsettias**

It is that time of year again!  
The 8” poinsettia is \$20.  
Please place your orders in  
the office by Sunday, Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>

**Haiti Hunger Fight Thank You**

The Board of Evangelism would like to thank all who came to the Breakfast for the Haiti Hunger Fight last Sunday. We also appreciated the help from the Board of Social Ministry, Pastor Burdick, other people who helped, and Deb's Catering for the wonderful breakfast. And a big Thank You to Keith Logan from Trinity/Hope for the update on our mission in Haiti. We praise God for the good news about the schools we sponsor and that God has protected them from the gangs who are terrorizing the country. We ask you all to keep this program in your prayers. We raised a little over \$8,000.00 which will now be doubled.

**Youth Corner Upcoming Events**

**Advent Soup Meals**

Wed., Dec 4

Lunch 11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.  
12:45 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.

Dinner 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.  
7:15 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.

Menu: Chili, Vegetable, & Potato Soups  
Hot Dogs, Veggies & Pie

6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Please Bring a Pie

**High School Caroling**

Will be Sunday, Dec. 15. Meet at the church at 3:00 p.m. We will have dinner at Pizza Man afterwards.

**NYG Info. Meeting – Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>**

All NYG Parents and Youth will gather after the Advent service on Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>. At this meeting we will discuss the schedule of activities which lead up to the event in July. Once again we expect that all NYG Parents and Students attend this meeting.

**Cookie Walk**

The Cookie Walk will be held on  
Saturday, Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> & Sunday, Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>

Drop off cookies on Friday Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>  
during office hours and  
Saturday Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> from 9 a.m. - 10 a.m.

Sign Up Work Sheet on bulletin board  
Each Student 6-12 grade bring  
6 dozen cookies

**Thank You**

The family of Ben Keller would like to thank everyone who sent food, cards, memorials, and most importantly prayers for faith & comfort after his death.

We are trusting in Jesus’ promise when He said in Mark 16:16, “He who believes and is baptized will be saved.”

**Christmas Cards**

Check out the greeting card cabinet in the main hallway. More cards have been added as well as Christmas cards. You may designate a LYF student to receive the profit.

### **Stewardship Moment**

***Isaiah 51:6 – “For the heavens vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment.”***

The things of this earth that hold our attention, that cause us worry, that tempt us away from the Lord, are all passing away. They will vanish like a garment. They are not for us to worry over, but rather to use for the Lord's purposes. The things of this world are not ends in and of themselves, but only means to be used wisely by the children of the kingdom that has no end.

### **St. Paul Blue Point**

#### **Lutheran Church Ladies Aid of Altamont Annual Cookie Walk**

will be on Saturday, December 14, 2024 from 10am to noon. We will have pre-boxed, holiday cookie assortments available for free will donation. Proceeds will go towards the Playground Renovation Project at Blue Point.

### **Quilting for Lutheran World Relief**

Will be taking a break for the Holidays and will resume in January. Call Jane Tolch at (217) 690-5171 if you have any questions.



### **Church Decorating**

We will be decorating the Church Halls and Sanctuary for advent and celebrating the birth of Christ on Saturday November 30<sup>th</sup> starting at 9:00am. Please come and join in on the fun and fellowship.

### **St. Louis Seminary Food Pantry**

There will be an ingathering of non-perishable grocery items, personal care items & monetary donations for the St. Louis Seminary Food Pantry. Items may be placed at the altar rail on Thanksgiving Eve & Thanksgiving Day before or after services & in the atrium on the weekend of Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> & Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>

### **Prayer List**

Sara Bernhard, Bryce Backhus, Kyle Lewis, Dwight Klepzig, Carol Budde, Cobert Mueller, Kay Boerngen, and Anna Mae Gibson.

### **Renovation of Sanctuary Begins**

January 19 will be our last Sunday in the Sanctuary before the refurbishment begins. Pews will be dismantled and shipped on January 20<sup>th</sup>. Worship after that will take place in the Fellowship Hall until the work is complete. Thanks be to God that we have ample space to continue all our ministry activities, including the central gathering: God's Service to us.

### **Cemetery Clean-Up**

The St. John's Lutheran Church Cemetery will be cleaned up December 9<sup>th</sup>. Flowers or decorations should be removed before the 9<sup>th</sup> if you want to save them.

### **Food Pantry Distribution**

The next distribution is Tues., November 26 from 3 p.m. - 4 p.m. The Food Pantry is accepting any type of donations for November.

### **Lydia Guild Christmas Party**

**Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 p.m.**

at the Burdick's home 717 S. First St. All Women of the church are invited. Members please bring your red stocking and an appetizer or dessert to share.

### **Oak Street Open House**

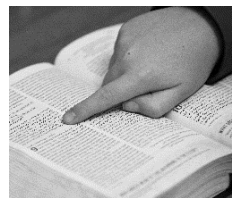
Tues., Nov. 26 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

105 & 109 S. Oak St.

Ben & The Dilles cordially invite you for snacks, beverages, & fellowship.

### **Get Ready For Sunday**

Many people have asked if we could offer a midweek Bible Study, and we believe the new



Church Year is a great time to begin it. Wednesdays, 9:00-10:00am in the Trinity Room, beginning December 4, we will offer a study of the upcoming readings for Sunday worship. Bring your

Bible or use one that's here at Church. All are welcome ... including your unchurched friends. Come, study God's Word. Get ready for Sunday!  
– Pastor Burdick & Pastor Dille.

**CALENDAR-----November 24 – November 30, 2024**

Sunday	24	8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Worship Service w/HC
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
<i>Preschool -- Monday – Friday 8:00 – 11:30 a.m. (Unless otherwise noted)</i>			
Monday	25		Pastor Dille’s Sabbath
		10:30 a.m.	Preschool Program & Feast
		4:00 p.m.	Refurbish Committee
		6:30 p.m.	Board of Early Childhood
		7:00 p.m.	Lutheran Care Board
Tuesday	26	9:00 a.m.	CID BOD – Springfield
		10:30 a.m.	Preschool Program & Feast
		3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Food Pantry
Wednesday	27		No Preschool
		10:00 a.m.	Stephen Ministry
		1:00 p.m.	Office Staff Devotions/Meeting
		4:45 p.m.	Bell Choir Practice
		6:30 p.m.	Worship
Thursday	28		No Preschool
			Office Closed
		9:00 a.m.	Worship
Friday	29		No Preschool
			Office Closed
Saturday	30	8:00 a.m.	Praise Band
		9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Decorate Church
		5:30 p.m.	Worship Service w/HC - Bells

**Birthdays This Week**

- 11/25 Bryce Beccue, Emmerson Hansen, Holly Adams, Jerry Bloemer, Randy Kohnert
- 11/26 David Barr, Mike Schlechte, Toni Elderworth
- 11/27 Dr. Kelly Haller, Janet Martins
- 11/28 Reagan Keith
- 11/29 Dean Wetherell, Stephanie Sams
- 11/30 Austin Miller, Ava Wernsing, Bob Kohnert, David Worman, Emersyn Jeffries, Nancy Wendt

**Anniversaries This Week**

- 11/25/2023 Johnny & Casey Trupiano
- 11/26/1971 Jim & Becky Bailey
- 11/29/1980 George & Valena Soltwedel

**Angel Tree**

It’s time to once again collect toys for FISH. Bring new, unwrapped toys to the Atrium. Collection is ending on December 8<sup>th</sup>!