

THE EAGLE

St. John's Weekly Newsletter January 12, 2025

Poinsettias

You may take your poinsettias home today.
They are in the Fellowship Hall.

Trustees and Refurbish Committee

Meetings have been rescheduled.
Refurbish committee is meeting on Monday, Jan. 13th at 4 p.m. and the Trustees are meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 14th at 5:30 p.m.

Communion

There is a new sign up list for Communion Fill, Prep & Clean-Up. Please check the bulletin board located in the Atrium hallway.

Welcome, New Members!

Since our most recent New Member Welcome in the Spring, we have received these dear Christians into the fellowship of St. John's Lutheran Church:

By Baptism:

- Jack Roderick
- Braidee Bushue
- Leo Jansen
- Abby Gordon
- Mason Gordon
- Shane Gordon
- Dalton Koelm
- Vincent Veach

By Transfer

- Debbie Koester
- Regan Koester
- Trey Koester
- Ann Gehle
- Larry Gehle
- Katie Dille
- Trey Dille
- Duckie Johnson
- Ronnie Johnson
- Brooke Mueller
- Ervin Mueller
- Kierra Mueller
- Tanner Price
- Brian Overbeck
- Synda Overbeck

- Nikki Daniels
- Carrah Daniels
- Taunya Ohnesorge
- Chris Debolt
- Beth Debolt
- Caiden Debolt
- Camdon Debolt
- Cohen Debolt
- Copelan Debolt

By Adult Confirmation

- Lynn Kuhn
- Lacy Bushue

Many of them will be present during the Coffee Hour today, our **New Member Welcome**. Come to Coffee Hour! Reach out and get to know them! Walk together in the faith, and help one another fulfill our mission: *Proclaim the Christ, Grow the Family, Love the Neighbor!*

New Envelope Numbers

Are now in effect! PLEASE throw the old ones out! Also, if you could put your name on the envelope that would help to make sure everything is correct.

Contribution Statements

We will be emailing contribution statements to everyone that we have an email address for. Please be watching for an email from "Auto Mail" in your inbox towards the end of January. If we do not have your email address, we will send your contribution statement in the mail. If you do not wish to receive yours by email, you will need to let the office know by: Monday, January 13th.

Upcoming Meetings

Council Meeting
Tues., Jan 21 at 7:00pm

Voters Assembly Meeting
Tues., Jan. 28 at 7:00pm

My new devotional routine in '25 is a one-year reading through the Bible. Like others, the plan I'm using daily assigns an Old Testament, New Testament, and Psalm or Proverb reading. The unexpected blessing of this routine has been seeing connections I had not remembered before. Two examples:

- The day I read the sad narrative of Cain killing Abel, I also read of the birth of Jesus. One reading showed that the first pregnancies in history brought forth death, and the next reading showed that Child Mary carried brought the remedy for all sin and death. It was beautiful to notice the connection.
- On the day I read of the sin in Sodom and Gomorrah, it was followed by reading Jesus' teaching at the end of the Sermon on the Mount: **"Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like the wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded upon the rock."** (Matthew 7:24-25). It's not enough merely to follow a one-year Bible reading plan – I am called to put the Word of God into practice. You, too.

Connections. It's not too late to study God's Word and see His marvelous plan to connect heaven and earth, God and man, through the mystery of the cross. His grace is amazing.



In 7th and 8th Grade Confirmation we just finished studying the Ten Commandments. Now we begin The Creed. Join our Jr. High students by reciting the Apostles' Creed more often in your home. Consider adding The Creed to your table prayer at least once a week—or daily.

Upcoming Installations

We rejoice that two area congregations will soon welcome new pastors! Pastor Emmett Bartens will be installed at St. John's, Louisville, on January 26. Pastor Scott Niermann will be installed at Immanuel, Altamont, near the end of the school year. We thank God that our sister congregations are receiving pastors. Continue to pray for other congregations, such as Faith in Shumway, as they trust the Lord of the Church and faithfully carry out the ministry God has given them.

Join Us for Adult Bible Study

Sundays at 9:15 a.m.

LifeLight – 6th Grade Confirmation Room

Sunday School Lesson Overview - Fellowship Hall

Colossians – Trinity Room

Stewardship Moment

Luke 3:21 – "Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying ..." We know why the people were baptized, but why was Jesus baptized? He didn't need repentance or forgiveness. The answer is that He did it for us. The reason God sent His Son into the world is to fulfill all righteousness for us, to do what we could not do. The whole of Jesus' life, everything He did and said, was one great offering to the Father in our stead to fulfill all righteousness for us. With our righteousness fulfilled in Jesus and given to us in Baptism, our hearts now overflow with thanksgiving and praise.

Prayer List

Hunter Stewart, Sara Bernhard, Carol Budde, Bryce Backhus, Allen Birch, Roger Miller, and Kay Boerngen

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

Saturday January 4..... 179

Our Offerings

2024

General Fund..... \$3,104.00
New Year's Eve \$1,142.86
Online Offering..... \$1,485.30

2025

General Fund..... \$3,376.00
Online Offering..... \$3,625.24
Total Gen. Fund Offering \$12,733.40

Adult Catechism Bible Study

This series of classes digs into God's Word and The Small Catechism to explore the foundations of the Christian faith. Over the course of ten weeks, we use Scripture, video, and study-at-home to answer questions such as, "Why do people die? What is meant by 'resurrection?' How do God's *Law* and *Gospel* work together? Is atonement possible? Is Baptism necessary ... and does it save a person?" And about 100 more questions are considered. This is the class for you if you want to review the Lutheran faith, or if you are interested in joining our church family in the Missouri Synod Lutheran Church. We meet **Tuesdays 5:45-6:45pm from January 21 to March 25**. Sign up on the hall bulletin board if interested. All are welcome.

"This Week's Sunday School Lesson"

Lesson 2

This week's lesson is "Lost-and-Found Wonders." Jesus shares three parables demonstrating our heavenly Father's concern for the lost. The shepherd leaves the ninety-nine sheep to seek one that was lost. A woman sweeps the house to find one of ten silver coins. In the parable of the lost son, a young man squanders his inheritance, ending up in squalor. Determined to plead for his father's mercy and beg to return as a servant, the son instead receives a celebration. Angered at his father's welcome for the prodigal, the older son confronts his father. The father's gentle response reassures the young man of the father's everlasting love and care.

Youth Corner Upcoming Events

LYF Fellowship

We have started a new year of LYF. We invite and encourage all 6th-8th graders to attend on Wednesday's from 6-7:15 pm.

High Schoolers

Calling all High Schoolers! We will start meeting monthly in the New Year. Keep an eye out for the date and time of our first meeting.

Next NYG Info. Meeting – Jan. 19th 7p.m.

Please be sure to attend!

Puzzle Night/Mexican Dinner – Jan. 26th



Time - 2:30 puzzle

Dine at approximately 5:00

Cost: \$12/adult and \$8/child (ages 6-12)
(Anyone may come and eat)

Puzzle Teams will consist of 4 people
We will have 18 - 500 piece puzzles

Sign up: on the church bulletin board or
Call Donetta Ohnesorge (217-821-3300)

Or Carolyn Wendte (217-821-6541)

Tickets are available in the office or
Will be sold before and after church services.

Deadline to Sign up is Jan. 23rd

Coming Soon!

Soup Cook Off and Dessert Bake Off.



Details to come soon!!

LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life

"From the moment you were being knitted together in your mother's womb (Psalm 139:13), God's began His careful construction of His chosen jewel of redemption." Rev. Adam Osier, Dean, Free Lutheran Bible College

Plymouth, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

CALENDAR----- January 12, 2025 – January 18, 2025

Sunday	12	8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Worship Service w/HC
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
			New Members Welcome – All Services
		3:00 p.m.	Circuit Forum
<i>Preschool -- Monday – Friday 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. (Unless otherwise noted)</i>			
Monday	13		Pastor Dille’s Sabbath
		4:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Refurbish Committee
		5:00 p.m.	Board of Stewardship
		5:15 p.m.	Choir Practice
Tuesday	14	9:00 a.m.	CID Pastor Conference – Trinity Stewardson
		1:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl
		3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Food Pantry
		5:15 p.m.	Board of Social Ministry
		5:30 p.m.	Board of Trustees
Wednesday	15	8:45 a.m.	Preschool Chapel
		9:00 a.m.	Bible Study
		10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Quilting
		1:00 p.m.	Office Staff Devotions/Meeting
		4:45 p.m.	Bell Choir Practice
		5:00 p.m.	Confirmation
		6:00 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.	LYF Fellowship
Thursday	16	8:45 a.m.	Preschool Chapel
		5:00 p.m.	Board of Youth
Friday	17		Pastor Burdick’s Sabbath
Saturday	18	8:00 a.m.	Praise Band
		9:30 a.m. – 11 a.m.	E.A.S.T.E.R.
		5:30 p.m.	Worship Service w/HC - Choir

Birthdays This Week

- 1/12 Brent Bahns, Carolyn Wendte,
Kylie Pryor, Mandy Westjohn
- 1/13 Madisson Marcum
- 1/14 Grayson Buening
- 1/15 Marjorie Cline, Paula Holland
- 1/16 Dennis A Wendling, Kylee Hewing
- 1/17 Dale Schagemann, Devin Frailey,
Todd Zeigler
- 1/18 Hudson Wilson, Libby Dasenbrock,
Lindsey Stewart

Anniversaries This Week

- 1/14/2006 Adam & Kiley Bohnhoff
- 1/15/2022 Howard & Marlene Haake
- 1/17/2010 John & Cathy Mellendorf

Flower Chart

The 2025 chart has been posted. Please sign up if you would like to donate flowers for the altar.