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St. John's Weekly Newsletter February 16, 2025

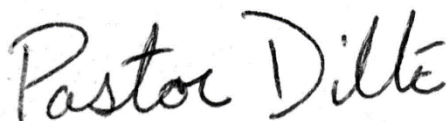
This past Wednesday, the weather reminded us of something. As we braced ourselves for a wintry mix—maybe even .10" of ice on Tuesday night, we prepared ourselves to face cancellations on Wednesday. But, as you know, we did not receive any freezing rain or sleet. So what could this possibly remind us of? It reminds us that no matter how prepared we are, we won't truly know what our weather will look like until it comes.

The same can be said about other things we worry about. Until they happen, it's impossible to tell how things are going to happen. I don't know about you, but I spend more time than I should worrying about things that will happen in the future. A fellow Pastor and mentor of mine had a saying he said often, 'God's got it!' Here at St. John's, I've heard something similar from Pastor Burdick who likes to say, 'Jesus is not pacing the halls of heaven'. That's the truth and it's the same Jesus who promises that He is with you. Praise the Lord.

St. Paul touches on this in the Epistle lesson for today. In it, Paul expresses the important fact that Christ is raised from the dead. It's because of the resurrection that we don't have to worry about what's going to happen at the end of our lives. Yes, like the weather we will still think about it. But, like the weather, there's a forecast—perfection. Because Christ rose from the tomb, we, too will rise perfect from ours. Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Rest assured—the resurrection is for you.

God's Peace,



Prayer List

Allen Birch, Eileen Wall, Kay Boerngen, Jack Miller, Anita Backhus Rich Brillhart, Marilyn Foster, and Barbara Shelton.

Transfiguration Day

Children can take home an "Alleluia" coloring page this week. The plan is simple: color the page at home as you wish, and then bring it back to church on Transfiguration (March 2). During the Transfiguration Service we will bury "Alleluia," not using that glorious word of exclamation until Easter Sunday.



LENTEN MIDWEEK SERVICES

12:15pm & 6:30pm Wednesdays

March 5 – April 9

"His Wounded Body"

Join Us for Adult Bible Study

Sundays at 9:15 a.m.

LifeLight – 6th Grade Confirmation Room

This week in Sunday School – Trinity Room

Church Directory Address & Corrections

We have had several additional families added to our directory and some corrections. Praise the Lord! Please contact the church office if you would like a copy of the list.

"This Week's Sunday School Lesson"

Lesson 7

This week, we study "The Passion Prediction." In the week before His crucifixion, Jesus goes to dinner in Bethany, the hometown of Lazarus, whom He had just raised from the dead. Martha serves as Jesus and Lazarus recline at table. Meanwhile, Mary anoints Jesus' feet with expensive ointment while wiping them with her hair, preparing Him for burial. When Judas voices his objections, Jesus tells him to leave her alone and points to His upcoming death.

Response to the Gospel
Our Attendance Last Week

Sunday February 9	383
Sunday School.....	40
Adult Bible Classes	35
LifeLight	12

Our Offering

General Fund.....	\$26,290.00
Online Offering.....	\$4,173.29
Total Gen. Fund Offering	\$30,463.29

Stewardship Moment

Luke 6:20-21 – “Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied.” The Beatitudes are largely about emptiness: if you’re poor, your pockets are empty. If you are hungry, your stomach is empty. If you are mourning, there’s an emptiness in your heart that used to be filled with the presence of a loved one. Jesus assures us in each case that the Lord will fill our emptiness. That assurance gives us not only peace, but also courage to follow the Lord faithfully.

Lutheran High School

The Steering Committee for Holy Trinity Lutheran High School continues to explore the possibility of opening a classical Lutheran high school in our county. To share more about what Classical Education is, we’re having a guest speaker come to share what’s beautiful and good about classical education. Pastor Heath Curtis will speak here at St. John’s on Sunday, March 2, at 6:00pm in the Trinity Room. After his presentation, there will be time for questions and discussion. All are welcome. If you have questions now, contact Laura Galvan or Pastor Burdick. See the yellow handout beneath the hallway TV.

Food Pantry

Our next distribution will be
Tuesday, Feb. 25th from 3-4.

Parent Gathering Invitation

Our next gathering will be here at St. John’s for a Parent Gathering on Thursday, February 27th from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Parent’s of all ages are welcome. Childcare will be provided.

Youth Corner Upcoming Events

LYF Fellowship

We invite and encourage all 6th-8th graders to attend on Wednesday’s from 6-7:15 pm.

Rhodes Fish Fry

Friday, March 14th 4:00 – 7:00p.m.
Drive Thru, Dine in or Carry out.
Early Ticket Sales by March 9th
\$15/ticket ages 10 on up.
9 and under eat free.
Tickets at the Door \$17/ticket ages 10 on up.
9 and under eat free.

(Tickets will be on sale from the youth immediately or at the church on Saturday and Sunday services starting Feb 22nd – March 9th).

Youth 6th – High School pick up tickets from Carolyn this weekend from 8:45 – 10:30 a.m.

All unsold tickets must be returned to Carolyn by March 9th. We are hoping each one of the youth will sell 20 tickets.

Bake Sale

March 14th

6th – High School

Youth may bring 2 desserts for the bake sale. Will have a sign-up sheet. Mark your name, the cost, and what it is on the dessert.

Easter Breakfast

Sunday, April 20th

VBS

June 9 – 12 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

The theme this year will be Epic Australian Adventure. Watch Bulletin for a meeting date if you would like to help.

Annual Ash Wednesday Luncheon/Supper

Due to the construction we will not be able to have our annual Ash Wednesday Meals.

LLC Items to be donated

The Board of Social Ministry, along with St. Johns LLC representatives, are asking for items to be donated to the Involvement Store. The store is available to residents who earn points by participation in activities. Then, at the end of the month the store is open for cashing in points to shop. In addition, items are needed for the LLC Kids Childcare center. You'll find a container to place your gifts in the church hallway. There is also a list on the main hall bulletin board.

Lutheran Care Center Altamont items:

Colored dry erase chisel tip markers, Fun size candy bars, Variety packs of cookies, Emery boards, Polish remover, Fast drying clear coat nail polish, Dollar Tree gift cards.

LLC KIDS Enrichment Center items:

Baby Wipes, Disinfecting Wipes, Pine-Sol, Mr. Clean Erasers, Cereal, Sunchips, Bugles, Large Stamp Pads, Glue Dots, Sturdy Storage Bins, Puzzle Storage Rack, Owls Activity Set, Construction Paper, Kids Tool Set, Magnetic Tiles, Doctor Kit Medical Station, Play Kitchen Toys, Baby Doll Clothes, Play Food, Dress Up Clothes, Pegs & Boards, Activity Mat, Cardboard Blocks, Folding Playmat.

Golden Eagles

Come join us at the Golden Eagles dinner on Thursday, February 27, at 12 noon. This month the menu includes pork loin roast, mashed potatoes & gravy, corn casserole, broccoli casserole, dinner rolls, relish tray and desserts. The cost for the meal is \$10.00 per person. Everyone is welcome to attend. We ask that you please sign the name of each person who'll be attending on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the atrium. If you're planning to attend you MUST sign up by Sunday, February 23.

LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life

"I love reminding them that the first diagnosis is, 'It's a baby,' and no other diagnosis ever negates diagnosis number one. The baby is inherently valuable and worthy of our love."

Dr. Robin Pierucci – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

Thrivent Choice Dollars

Do you have Thrivent Choice Dollars? Don't forget to direct them by March 31st.

LLL Convention

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace... 1 Peter 4:10"

Imagine the impact of millions of Christians around the world loving their neighbors! CONNECT with the Central Illinois LLL District at the convention on Saturday, March 1 at Camp CILCA in Cantrall, Illinois. Rev. Dr. Dale Meyer, President Emeritus, Concordia Seminary St. Louis.

The schedule for the March 1:

- Doors open at 9:00 a.m.
Convention begins at 9:30 a.m. and includes hands-on activity to support Central Illinois State Fair Booth ministry.
- Concludes at 3:00 p.m.

The registration fee is \$25.00 includes Saturday's lunch. Complete the registration form and mail with registration fee to Deloris Blessman CID LLL Treasurer, 24204 C 1850N, Topeka, IL 61567 by February 23.

Strengthen and encourage your faith walk as you encourage others in their faith journey as partners in His mission. If you have any questions or need more information you can contact Deloris Blessman by phone at 309.361.1461 or by email delorisblessman@yahoo.com.

Preschool Registration for 2025/2026

Preschool Registration for members of St. John's is now open. Visit the website for a registration form, or pick up a registration form on the bulletin board or stop by the office. If you have any questions, please contact Carrie in the church office.

Preschool Open House

St. John's Eagle's Nest Preschool is hosting an Open House for all new Students! Please come on Thursday, February 20, 2025 between 5:30p.m. – 7:30p.m. We are welcoming anyone who is interested in our preschool program to stop by and look around at our classrooms and meet our teachers.

CALENDAR-----February 16, 2025 – February 22, 2025

Sunday	16	8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Worship Service w/HC - Choir
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
		2:30 p.m.	NYG Meeting – Trampoline Park
		4:00 p.m. – 8:00 a.m.	Circuit-Wide Confirmation Youth Lock-in
<i>Preschool -- Monday – Friday 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. (Unless otherwise noted)</i>			
Monday	17		Pastor Dille’s Sabbath
		5:00 p.m.	Board of Evangelism
			No Choir Practice
Tuesday	18	5:45 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.	Adult Catechism Bible Study
Wednesday	19	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	20	8:45 a.m.	Preschool Chapel
		5:00 p.m.	Board of Youth
		5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Preschool Open House
Friday	21		Pastor Burdick’s Sabbath
Saturday	22	8:00 a.m.	Praise Band
		5:30 p.m.	Worship Service w/HC

Birthdays This Week

- 2/16 Jack Roderick
- 2/17 Niki Bishop, Steve Miller
- 2/18 Bob Shepard, Ruby Stuckemeyer
- 2/19 Christina Niebrugge, Megan King
- 2/20 Alex Wall, Florence Leppin,
Nancy Kohnert
- 2/21 Dan Norton, Meghann Day,
Mike Carter
- 2/22 Coen Pennington, Marty Vail

Anniversaries This Week

- 2/19/2021 John & Tamara Root
- 2/19/2022 Tyler & Katey Devall
- 2/22/2020 Dana & Daniel Haarmann

Confirmation Lock-in

Our Circuit-wide Lock-in will be here February 16 under the theme “I Am Baptized Into Christ.” Students in Confirmation are receiving the flyer and permission slip this week. This has become a great tradition for our Circuit Youth! Parents of Confirmation students! Register your students for our Lock-in taking place next Sunday night, February 16. We’d love to know TODAY that they are coming. Contact Pastor Dille or Pastor Burdick.