

# THE EAGLE

St. John's Weekly Newsletter February 23, 2025



Great group. Tiny picture!

**Thank you to every volunteer who made our Circuit Confirmation Lock-In a great success last Sunday night! "I Am Baptized Into Christ" was a great event.**

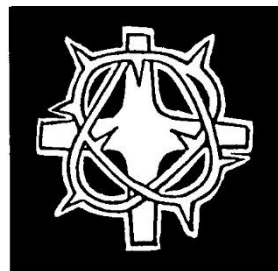
Pastor Dille & Pastor Burdick

Sanctuary refurbishment project update

- Pews have arrived in Wisconsin and the company reports that they are well into stripping and sanding the pews.
- The balcony has been reconfigured for safety and to provide a more permanent place for our Bell Choir tables.
- Plasterers have repaired numerous small spots and are working on the former water issue above the organ.
- The walls of the sanctuary and chancel have been painted.
- The ceiling has been painted.
- Track lights have new LED bulbs with brighter, warmer integrated fixtures.
- Pendant lights have new bulbs.
- Hidden strip lights upon the beams, along with lights in the top of the pendants, provide lighting upon the ceiling.
- Lighting in the narthex has been upgraded.
- Beams are being cleaned as work goes on.
- We're praying for the craftsmen who are helping keep the sanctuary beautiful, and we're keeping our highest priority the ministry of God's Word and Sacrament for our members and outreach to our community.

## 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 – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Room

This week in Sunday School – Trinity Room

## "This Week's Sunday School Lesson"

Lesson 8

"The King Arrives" serves as the theme for this week's lesson. Following Jesus' unusual directions, two disciples bring a donkey and her young colt to transport Jesus into Jerusalem. Throwing their cloaks upon the colt, they proceed into the city. There, the crowds spread their cloaks on the road and cut palm branches to line the way as they shout, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" (Matthew 21:9).

## Prayer List

Allen Birch, Eileen Wall, Kay Boerngen, Barbara Shelton, Niki Bishop, and the family of Jim Boerngen.

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

Sunday February 23 .....	340
Sunday School.....	32
Adult Bible Classes .....	35
LifeLight .....	16

**Our Offering**

General Fund.....	\$15,377.08
Online Offering.....	\$2,827.55
<b>Total Gen. Fund Offering</b>	<b>\$18,204.63</b>

**Stewardship Moment**

**Luke 6:30–31 – “Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.”** Is it really possible to live like this? Would it really work to be so open-handed and generous? Our conscience often reminds us of our failures, and the Lord knows our frailty, that’s for sure! But a life of faith is a life lived in imitation of Jesus — and every follower of Jesus knows that yes, indeed, it is better to give than to receive.

**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. 25<sup>th</sup> 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. Parents of all ages are welcome. Childcare will be provided.

**Youth Corner Upcoming Events**

**LYF Fellowship**

We invite and encourage all 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> 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 through March 9th.

Youth 6th – High School pick up tickets from Carolyn

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 14<sup>th</sup>

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.

**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.

### **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**

"Handmade by the one true God and designed in His image, we are inherently valuable, not only for this life but for all of eternity."

Michelle Bauman, Y4Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)

### **Our Sympathy**

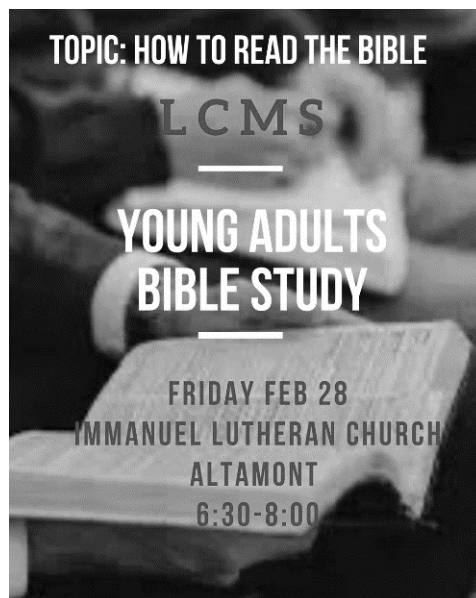
Our prayers go out to the family of Jim Boerngen. The funeral services were held on February 19 at Johnson Funeral Home. Memorials may be made to Celebrate Recovery.

### **Thrivent Choice Dollars**

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

### **Share the HOPE is Coming Soon**

Our fourth annual Trinity Hope "Share the HOPE" online auction will begin on April 24th. We have donations of vacations, Haitian items, events, experiences, and more! With this nationwide auction, our goal is to raise enough money to provide 100,000 meals! Be on the lookout, the link will be live in early April. Be ready to share the auction with those you know.



### **Portals of Prayer**

It is time to sign up for your Portals of Prayer subscriptions. Here are the prices for this year.

Regular Size "Direct Mail" \$14.00

Digest Size "Direct Mail" \$20.00

Large Print "Direct Mail" \$24.00

Money for the subscriptions can be put in the designated offering envelopes. If you do not use envelopes, please indicate it on the memo line of your check, and place in the offering plate. You can also drop your check by the office. Monday, March 10<sup>th</sup> is the deadline.

### **Lutheran Witness**

Renewal & New subscriptions will be in a couple of months.

**CALENDAR-----February 23, 2025 – March 1, 2025**

Sunday	23	8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Worship Service w/HC
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
		6:00 p.m.	Lutheran High Steering Committee
<i>Preschool -- Monday – Friday 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. (Unless otherwise noted)</i>			
Monday	24		Pastor Dille’s Sabbath
		4:00 p.m.	Board of Evangelism
		5:15 p.m.	Choir Practice
		6:30 p.m.	Board of Early Childhood
		7:00 p.m.	Lutheran Care Board
Tuesday	25	3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Food Pantry
		5:45 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.	Adult Catechism Bible Study
Wednesday	26	8:45 a.m.	Preschool Chapel
		9:00 a.m.	Bible Study
		10:00 a.m.	Stephen Ministry
		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	27	8:45 a.m.	Preschool Chapel
		12:00 p.m.	Golden Eagles
		6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Parent Gathering
Friday	28		Pastor Burdick’s Sabbath
Saturday	1	8:00 a.m.	Praise Band
		8:00 a.m.	Men’s Bible Study
		8:00 a.m.	Women’s Bible Study
		5:30 p.m.	Worship Service w/HC – Bells

**Birthdays This Week**

- 2/23 Karla Johnson
- 2/24 Georgia Haarmann, Greg Habbe,  
Lydia Wendling, Pauline Kinkelaar,  
Tatum Genaust
- 2/25 Alice Knight, Becky Fielitz
- 2/26 Cory Wahl, Jerry Starnier
- 2/27 Blake Marxmann
- 2/28 Ashlyn Hanks, Heather St. John,  
Karen Tarrant, Lora Giesler,  
Wade Wenthe
- 3/01 Baylor Devall, Blaine Flach,  
Don Latch, Lee Turner

**Anniversaries This Week**

- 2/26/1965 Jerry & Vernabelle Lankford
- 3/01/1960 Robert & Anita Backhus

**Card Shower**

Ursula Polzin will be turning 95 on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. If you would like to send her birthday wishes, her address is 803 Oceola St., Effingham, IL 62401.

**Alles Gute Zum Geburtst,  
Ursula!**

