

THE EAGLE

St. John's Weekly Newsletter March 16, 2025

On Wednesday night, when he was making the announcements for our advent service, Pastor Burdick said that he showed old directories and historical documents from St. John's to the confirmation students. What a neat idea. That night, Katie and I wound up looking through some old pictures. It's something that many of us enjoy doing. Not just to remember the good old days... as people like to call them, but also to remember people we've been in contact with in the past. The point that Pastor Burdick made for the confirmands was that when we confess that we 'believe in one Holy Christian church' we are recognizing that we are united by Christ with our Christian brothers and sisters who have gone before and even who have not yet been born.

Do you enjoy looking at old pictures? They certainly jog our memory, don't they? Pictures remind us of great times and of tough times. Along with looking at old pictures often comes a variety of emotions. And that's okay, in fact it's often a good thing to work through those emotions. When we take a step back and look at the people we've known and places we've been. One thing is clear for all of us. God has been with us along the way. This is a reminder of Jesus words in John 10:27-30, where He says,

"My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. I and the Father are one."

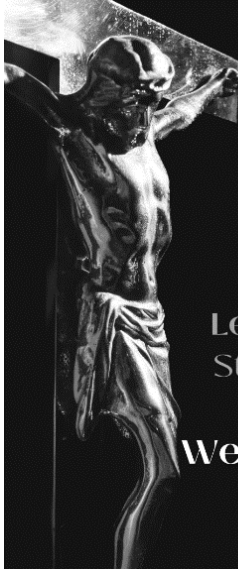
This week, I encourage you to look through some old pictures, and as you do, I challenge you to think about how Jesus has worked in your life.

May God continue to bless you,

Pastor Dille

CID Survey

You received an email this past week about The CID Ministry Readiness Survey. The Central Illinois District welcomes your suggestions and feedback. The district is inviting members to take part in a Ministry Readiness Survey. This is a way for you to provide your input and feedback for the sake of our district. We support the CID and its ministries in different ways. As members of the district, it is part of our duty to complete this survey. If you are unable to find the link in your email, here it is: <https://survey.zohopublic.com/zs/G3Ci9x>



**His
Wounded
Body**

Lenten Midweek Services
St. John's Lutheran (LCMS)
Effingham

Wednesdays 12:15 & 6:30pm
March 5 - April 9

www.stjohnslcms.net

LCC Congregational Scripture and Song Service

Praise God for the Lutheran Care Center and the "Care Campaign" donations this year! We will have a celebration Service for all owner congregations on Sunday, **April 6 at 2:30pm at Faith Lutheran Church, Shumway**. After the Service, the reception will include the "Pastors' Bake-Off." Come, celebrate. Sign up on the main bulletin board, please, so our hosts know how many will attend.

Response to the Gospel
Our Attendance Last Week

Sunday March 9	418
Sunday School	39
Adult Bible Classes	35
LifeLight	14
Lenten Services	145

Our Offering

General Fund	\$5,559.00
Ash Wednesday	\$1,197.00
Online Offering	<u>\$5,088.29</u>
Total Gen. Fund Offering	\$11,844.29

Stewardship Moment

Philippians 3:19 – “Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things.” St. Paul does not want us to set our minds on earthly things, for they are passing away. This is similar to what Jesus says about storing up treasures on earth rather than storing them in heaven. Our heart tends to go where we put our treasure. This is why God commands us to live generously: not to spoil our fun, but to help train us in keeping our priorities straight and our minds off earthly things.

Easter Lilies

Time to order your Easter Lilies. This year they are 6” for \$10. Please contact the church office to place your order.

GOLDEN EAGLE'S DINNER

The Golden Eagles dinner will be on Thursday, March 27, at 12 noon. The menu will be casseroles, salads, & desserts. Beth Lindvahl from Catholic Charities advisory board will be our guest & will inform the group of all the services they provide to our community. 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 by Sunday, March 23, 2025.

Youth Corner Upcoming Events

Thank You

For supporting the Fish Fry and Bake Sale. The Youth and Youth Board of St. John's.



Logo Apparel

The Youth have opened a store to sell items with the St. John's Church Logo. If you are interested please visit this site: https://stores.inksoft.com/st_johns_lutheran_church/shop/home

Dam Run

Youth/parents that are interested in helping at the Dam Run (April 5th) need to contact Carolyn or Donetta. Or you can sign up on the bulletin board. We need to know by Sunday, March 22, 2025.

Larry Brandt Scholarship

Application for the Larry Brandt Scholarship can be found online or copies are on the bulletin board. Due date is April 14, 2025.

Lydia Guild Bake Sale

Maundy Thurs – Good Friday after services until all items are gone. All proceeds will go to Lutheran Care Center.

Lutheran Witness

It's time to sign up for Lutheran Witness. Cost this year is \$20.65 for the year, & are due by Monday, April 21.

Our Sympathy

Our sympathy goes out to family and friends of Gregory D. Habbe. His funeral is Monday, March 17th at Johnson's Funeral Home. Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

“This Week’s Sunday School Lesson”

Lesson 11

Today, students will study “Betrayed and Arrested.” Knowing His final hours are drawing close, Jesus goes with His disciples to Gethsemane. Taking Peter, James, and John deeper into the garden, Jesus goes off alone three times to pray. His prayer reflects His willingness to fulfill the Father’s plan despite the suffering that lies ahead. The armed mob arrives to arrest Jesus, whom Judas betrays with a kiss. Peter brashly tries to defend Jesus with a sword but only manages to injure the high priest’s servant. Jesus allows Himself to be taken by the armed mob to fulfill the Scripture.

LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life

On St. Joseph: “Though Mary’s husband did not beget Jesus from his own body, he did father him in the fashion of a foster, adoptive, or step-parent. For this reason, he has received the title of Guardian of Our Lord. His service to God and family not only figures prominently in the Gospel of Jesus Christ but also exemplifies the holy vocation of fatherhood and testifies to the sanctity of marriage, parenting, adoption, and every human life.” Pastor Michael Salemink

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*With excitement and praise
we are inviting you
to the installation of
Reverend Jordan Peiser.*

*Sunday, March 16th at 3pm
Faith Lutheran Church
Shumway, IL 62461*

Prayer List

Allen Birch, Eileen Wall, Kay Boerngen, Barbara Shelton, Niki Bishop, Carolyn Campton, Doris Stremming, Gordon Davis, David Habbe, and Heather Davis.

5th Sunday - Door Offering

Will take place on March 29 & 30 and will benefit the Lutheran Care Center.

New Message Board Appeal

One way in which we reach out to our neighbors is through advertising our ministry and sharing Scripture passages on the church electronic message board along Jefferson Avenue. Our LED sign is now over 15 years old, and the computer software is nearing its end of life. Our Evangelism Board is proposing that a new full-color sign with much higher resolution replace the old electronic portion of the sign. The brick and the blue acrylic portion of the sign will not change. The cost is approximately \$23,000. Our Trustees and Stewardship Boards are in accord in making this appeal to the congregation. If you would like to make a special donation to this project above your regular offering for Word and Sacrament ministry at St. John’s, it will be appreciated. Special gifts can be mailed or brought to the church offices, or can be given in a specially marked envelope in the offering boxes noted with SIGN PROJECT DONATION. Our Evangelism Board is also applying to the Church Extension Fund for a Ministry Outreach Grant to cover some of the expenses. As donations are received, we will give updates in the Eagle. Thank you.

Volunteers Needed



Can you volunteer to be a driver of our church mini-van for the purpose of bringing people to our worship services who cannot drive? Valid driver's license and other steps will be required. If you can help, there are folks who would greatly appreciate it. Our goal is to create a regular schedule of drivers and require folks who need a ride to notify the church office by 11:30am Friday. We are in the process of gathering names of potential drivers. Thank you for prayerfully considering this. If interested, please email the church office and we will be in touch with you by March 30. Thank you. Email to office@stjohnsLCMS.net

CALENDAR-----March 16, 2025 – March 22, 2025

Sunday	16	8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Worship Service w/HC - Choir
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
		9:15 a.m.	Pack Cancer Gift Bags
		10:30 a.m.	Oliver Bahrn's Baptism
		3:00 p.m.	Pastor Peiser Installation Shumway
		7:00 p.m.	NYG Meeting
<i>Preschool -- Monday – Friday 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. (Unless otherwise noted)</i>			
Monday	17		Pastor Dille's Sabbath
		10:00 a.m.	Habbe Visitation at Johnson's Funeral Home
		11:00 a.m.	Habbe Funeral at Johnson's Funeral Home
		4:00 p.m.	Board of Evangelism
Tuesday	18	9:00 a.m.	CID – BOD – Springfield
		5:45 p.m.	Adult Catechism Bible Study
Wednesday	19	8:45 a.m.	Preschool Chapel
		9:00 a.m.	Bible Study
		12:15 p.m.	Lenten Service
		1:00 p.m.	Office Staff Devotions/Meeting
		4:45 p.m.	Bell Choir Practice
		5:00 p.m.	Confirmation
		6:30 p.m.	Lenten Service
Thursday	20	8:45 a.m.	Preschool Chapel
		5:00 p.m.	Board of Youth
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

- 3/16 Jonathan Becker, Mark Marxman, Morgan Engel
- 3/17 Norma Wendling
- 3/18 Derek Storm, Vera Pfenninger
- 3/19 Wesley Radloff
- 3/20 Gwendolyn Kuhns, Jill Marxman
Rick Dasenbrock, Wyatt Keith
- 3/21 David Winter, Sophia Bahns
- 3/22 Bradley Miller, Elsie Kinkelaar,
Mike Johnson, Nicholas Miller

Anniversaries This Week

- 3/16/2023 David & Sandra Habbe
- 3/17/1972 Joe & Mary Roedl



This will be on Tuesday, March 25th. Please Sign up on the bulletin board.

Preschool Reviews

We are asking past & present families that have attended Eagle's Nest to please leave a review on our Facebook page to help promote our school.