

THE EAGLE

St. John's Weekly Newsletter March 23, 2025

"Ask the Pastor" questions in the box that sits at head of our Confirmation Class each Wednesday cover a wide spectrum.

- "Will you ever get a high and tight haircut?" Easy to answer. Nope.
- "What was your biggest failure EVER?" *My pastor (also known as "father-confessor") has been God's ear and mouth for me to hear my confession and to announce His forgiveness (John 20:21-23, page 292 in our hymnal). It's safe and wise to confess to your pastor (and to your spouse), but we ought not tell our biggest failures to a class of peers or kids ... such news would be very hard for 7th and 8th graders to handle. (I did tell them that I have embarrassed myself a lot in life by being loud and boisterous).*
- "How do we get the bread for Communion? Is it real bread?" *It is real bread-made-without-yeast, and we purchase it through a church supply company. In accord with Exodus 12, it is flat bread without yeast because the Passover was a meal eaten in haste – there wasn't time for the bread to rise.*
- "Can you make a half-court shot?" *Yes, if you allow me 200 attempts.*

Come to Adult Bible Class and ask your questions!

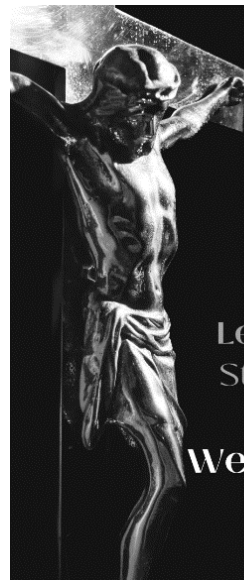


SINGLE SERVICE SUNDAY

9:30AM MARCH 30

(5:30pm Saturday Service as usual. No Sunday School or Bible Class. If weather permits, fellowship time of coffee and donuts will be held outside after Sunday Service!)

Bring a friend to Church!



His Wounded Body

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

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

www.stjohnsLCMS.net



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.

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

Sunday March 9	393
Sunday School	36
Adult Bible Classes	35
LifeLight	9
Lenten Services	167

Our Offering

General Fund	\$6,824.08
Lenten Service	\$696.00
Online Offering	<u>\$3,518.54</u>
Total Gen. Fund Offering	\$11,038.62

Stewardship Moment

Luke 13:3 – “No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.” The season of Lent is all about repentance: turning back to the Lord, away from our sins, in faith. We know that it is only in the Lord that we can find salvation. So, we do well in this season of repentance to examine ourselves, asking questions like, “What is trying to keep me away from Jesus?” “What is a temptation I face?” What is a sin I need to repent of and leave behind?” Then we turn to the Lord for the strength to leave these sins behind, and for the courage to follow Him in faith and faithful living.

Easter Lilies

This will be your last week to order. Prices are 6” for \$10. Please contact the church office.

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

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:



SCAN ME



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.

Vacation Bible School

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. Planning is underway!! If anyone has Thrivent Cards that they would be willing to donate they would be greatly appreciated!!

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.

“This Week’s Sunday School Lesson”

Lesson 12

The Bible lesson for this week is “Standing Trial.” Jesus faces a farce of a trial before the high priest and the Council. Despite a parade of accusers, no two witnesses can manage to make their testimonies agree. Frustrated, the high priest asks, “Are you the Christ?” (Mark 14:61). Jesus’ response, “I am” (v. 62), enrages the high priest, who tears his clothing. Meanwhile, Peter faces his challengers in the courtyard. When bystanders accuse Peter of being a follower of the Nazarene, he denies Jesus three times, just as was foretold.

LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life

“Think of how important we as human beings must be in the eyes of God, if He—as the almighty creator and Lord of the entire universe—was willing to take on human flesh and become one of us. God loves the human race so much He decided to become our brother.” Thomas P. Nass

CELC President A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

Prayer List

Allen Birch, Kay Boerngen, Barbara Shelton, Niki Bishop, Carolyn Campton, Gordon Davis, Heather Davis, Dick Hulskotter, and Terry Simmons.

5th Sunday - Door Offering

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

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.

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 23, 2025 – March 29, 2025

Sunday	23	8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Worship Service w/HC
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
<i>Preschool -- Monday – Friday 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. (Unless otherwise noted)</i>			
Monday	24		Pastor Dille’s Sabbath
		5:15 p.m.	Choir Practice
		5:15 p.m.	Bd of Early Childhood
Tuesday	25		IL March for Life – Springfield
		3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Food Panty Distribution
		7:00 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.	Quilting for Lutheran World Relief
		12:15 p.m.	Lenten Service
		1:00 p.m.	Office Staff Devotions/Meeting
		5:00 p.m.	Bell Choir Practice
		5:00 p.m.	Confirmation
		6:30 p.m.	Lenten Service
Thursday	27	8:45 a.m.	Preschool Chapel
		Noon	Golden Eagles
		6:30 p.m.	Parent Gathering
Friday	28		Pastor Burdick’s Sabbath
		6:30 p.m.	Young Adults Bible Study
Saturday	29	8:00 a.m.	Praise Band
		5:30 p.m.	Worship Service 5 th Sunday Door Offering LCC

Birthdays This Week

- 3/24 Carter Norris & Stacey Hagerstrom
- 3/25 Audrey Fritcher, Glenda Bunton, & Jim Starner
- 3/26 Adam Storm, Pam Baker, Pauline Wollin, & Sharon Giesler
- 3/27 Hayes Hinton, Jameson Engel, & Sandy Wieneke
- 3/28 Amanda Rieman, Mike Burdick, & Topper Woelfer
- 3/29 Cindy Esch, Glenna Schagemann, & Meleah Whitehair

Anniversaries This Week

- 3/24/2007 Jeremy & Jessica Fritch
- 3/26//2022 Hunter & Maddy Keith
- 3/29/1970 Dean & Donna Wetherell