

THE EAGLE

St. John's Weekly Newsletter March 9, 2025



God is pro-life. Be encouraged in your pro-life witness by attending the Illinois March for Life in Springfield on Tuesday, March 25. I will be participating, and will ride the bus arranged by members of Immanuel, Altamont. I hope you will, too! The bus will pick us up at 6:45am at the Effingham Event Center (park in the far southwest corner of the lot), and then will head to Altamont and Springfield. We will have an 11:00am Matins Service at Trinity Lutheran (across the street from the Capital and the March), and a lunch nearby (\$6). We usually are back to the EEC around 5:30pm. The Rally and March are encouraging, loving experiences. Will you go along? Sign up on the bulletin board this Sunday!

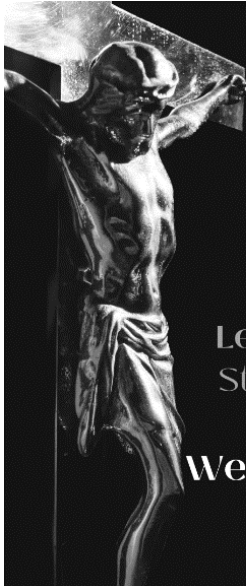
The Lord be with you,

Let us pray...Almighty and everlasting God, through Your Son You have promised us forgiveness of sins and everlasting life. Govern our hearts by Your Holy Spirit that in our daily need, and especially in all time of temptation, we may seek Your help and, by a true and lively faith in Your Word, obtain all that You have promised; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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>

65 people attended the "What's Beautiful About Classical Education?" event last Sunday night, hosted by the steering committee for Holy Trinity Lutheran High School. There was great interest, and there is a huge amount of work still to be done. We will continue to educate interested people on what Classical Education is. Thank you to everyone who participated from throughout our county. – Pastor Burdick



**His
Wounded
Body**

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

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

www.stjohnslcms.net

Response to the Gospel
Our Attendance Last Week

Sunday March 2	389
Sunday School	36
Adult Bible Classes	35
LifeLight	13
Ash Wednesday Services	239

Our Offering

General Fund	\$13,796.31
Online Offering	\$2,933.54
Total Gen. Fund Offering	\$16,729.85

Stewardship Moment

Luke 4:8 – “And Jesus answered him, ‘It is written ...’” Isn’t it interesting that Jesus does not defeat Satan with His power as God, but rather by His perfect obedience in His perfect humanity? Jesus defeats Satan not by miracles, but by quoting the Scriptures and living according to it. This should cause us great joy for two reasons. First, because we see Jesus win the victory for us. Second, because here Jesus shows us how to stand in that victory: on the Word of God alone. Let us build our lives on the sure rock of this Word!

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.

Food Pantry

Our next distribution will be
Tuesday, March 11th from 3-4 p.m.

Easter Lilies

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

A BIG thank you!

To all the Christian friends, for all those pretty cards I received for my birthday!

-Ursula Polzin

Youth Corner Upcoming Events

Rhodes Fish Fry

Friday, March 14th 4:00 – 7:00p.m.
Drive Thru, Dine In or Carry Out.
Buy your tickets **NOW** --- \$15
Tickets at the Door --- \$17
Kids 10 and under --- FREE

Get your Tickets from our youth, at our church services, or at the church office by **March 9th**.

SELL SELL SELL

Money & unsold tickets are due back to Carolyn by **March 9th**.

Bake Sale

March 14th

6th – High School

Youth may bring 2 desserts
for the bake sale.

A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.
Please put your name, the cost, and the name of the dessert on your item.

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.

“This Week’s Sunday School Lesson”

Lesson 10

Students will study “Forever Food” this week. Jesus sends Peter and John to prepare the Passover for Himself and the others. They follow a man carrying water to a home with a furnished upper room, where they prepare the Passover meal. During the meal, Jesus institutes what we now call the Lord’s Supper. Through the bread and wine, Jesus lovingly gives them, and us, His very body and blood.

LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life

“Brothers and sisters, in Christ you are God’s masterpiece. You were created for a purpose. You are the hands and feet of Christ demonstrating His love in a world that desperately needs it. Live out that purpose in the strength that comes from Him and wait joyfully for the day where we get to see His finished product.”

Rev. Adam Osier, Dean, Free Lutheran Bible College, Plymouth, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

Portals of Prayer

The deadline is Monday, March 10th.

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.

Lutheran Witness

Renewal & New subscriptions will be soon.

*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*

A meal will follow.

Please RSVP by March 8th
*to Esther at 217-825-9854
or Bev at 217-821-4033*

Prayer List

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

LCMS Foundation

A person wishes to go on a European vacation. However, they have delayed planning many times. Maybe there will be a better rate? Who knows when the best weather will be? What if my health takes a turn and I am not able to go? The bliss of vacation will never happen if you continue living in paralysis of the unknown.

That same kind of paralysis can keep the Lord’s people from putting estate plans in place and carrying out faithful stewardship of God’s gifts. In the barrage of “what if’s”, we choose to do nothing. If that procrastination lasts long enough, we may choose to do nothing, expecting that our children will take care of things after the Lord calls us home. The trouble is, we may not have communicated our wishes to our children clearly or they may not share the same priorities. God has made us stewards of His things and it is our job to put a plan in writing that faithfully guides how financial assets should be handled through our estate. We don’t let fear of the imperfect keep us from acting.

Certainly, in estate plans, there are many things that can change over time. Family can grow. Financial assets can grow. Ministries can close and new ones can open. An estate plan needs to be nimble to be effective. It is wise to see the need to review an estate plan and update it every 5-7 years. Yet the prospect of those changes should not keep us from setting up a plan that covers the needs of today. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help you consider what you need to have in place today. Contact Scott Radden, Sr. Gift Planning Counselor, at (618) 977-4049 or Scott.Radden@lfnd.org.

CALENDAR-----March 9, 2025 – March 15, 2025

Sunday	9	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	10		Pastor Dille’s Sabbath
		5:00 p.m.	Board of Stewardship
		5:15 p.m.	Choir Practice
Tuesday	11	1:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl
		3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Food Pantry
		5:00 p.m.	Board of Social Ministry
		5:30 p.m.	Board of Education
		5:45 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.	Adult Catechism Bible Study
		6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Preschool Dad’s Night
Wednesday	12	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
		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	13	8:45 a.m.	Preschool Chapel
		6:30 p.m.	Board of Elders
Friday	14		Pastor Burdick’s Sabbath
		4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	LYF Rhodes Fish Fry
Saturday	15	8:00 a.m.	Praise Band
		5:30 p.m.	Worship Service w/HC - Choir

Birthdays This Week

- 3/09 Brody Kuhns
- 3/10 Dr. James Gartner, Kaiden Kohnert, Katherine Jansen
- 3/11 Jim Schroeder, Kelcie Beccue, Patricia Logan, Taunya Ohnesorge
- 3/12 Steve Wendling
- 3/13 Sean Sandifer, Tate Marxman
- 3/14 Aleece Lotz, Holly Burger, Kyle Kohnert, Mike Kremer Jr, Tyler Marxman
- 3/15 Andrew Perry, Brad Wenthe, Jordan Grupe, Mike Womack

Anniversaries This Week

- 3/10/2018 Jason & Michelle Miller



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