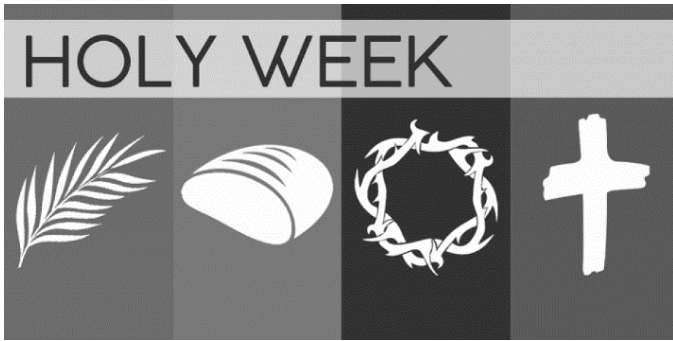


THE EAGLE

St. John's Weekly Newsletter April 13, 2025



One picture. Four scenes. Same as our Services this week. One holy week with four integrated days of worship. Assuming you're here for Palm Sunday reading this now, I appeal to and expect you to be here for Maundy Thursday – Good Friday – Easter. I guarantee that you will better appreciate the resurrection when you've been here in all four scenes. Miss one? You're still welcome. But let's hope you're in every part of that picture* above. It's all about Jesus for you.

*Only problem with that picture: we know our Lord used unleavened bread in the Passover (Exodus 12). Still, it's a good image!

Rite of Confirmation

At 10:30am Sunday, May 4, these young Christians will stand and publicly confess the Christian faith as their own: Kennedy Bailey, Audrey Jansen, Allyson Kremer, Aleece Lotz, Tenley Sams, Luke Sipe, Mason Stewart, Max Stewart, Elijah Wendling & Ava Wernsing. Pray for them. Pray for their parents, who are the most influential teachers in their lives. Pray that they will treasure what they have learned from the Catechism, and will keep their vow of fidelity to God. You will see their Confirmation banners and verses in the atrium on April 27.

Eagles Nest Preschoolers

The children of our Eagle's Nest Preschool will sing songs in the 10:30am Service on April 27!

Upcoming Meetings

Council Meeting
Tues., April 15 at 7:00pm

Voters Assembly Meeting
Tues., April 22 at 7:00pm

Maundy Thursday w/ Holy Communion

April 17 at 12:15pm and 6:30pm
(Stripping of Altar)

Good Friday

April 18 at 12:15pm and 6:30pm

Easter Sunday w/ Holy Communion

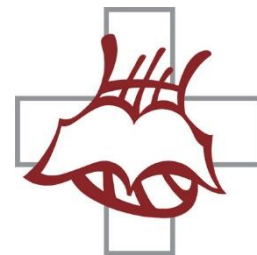
April 20 at 6:00am, 8:00am, and 10:30am

Lord willing, we'll be in the Sanctuary Easter Sunday, praising God more for the Resurrection than the renovation.

Sunday, April 27 at 6:30pm
Join us for the

DEDICATION SERVICE OF THE RENOVATED SANCTUARY

of St. John's Lutheran Church (LCMS),
Effingham



Lydia Guild Bake Sale

Let Lydia Guild and friends make your Easter treats! Come purchase goodies at our Bake Sale on Maundy Thurs – Good Friday before and after the services. Purchase early because we'll sell until all items are gone. All proceeds will go to Lutheran Care Center.

Response to the Gospel
Our Attendance Last Week

Sunday April 13.....	460
Sunday School.....	42
Adult Bible Classes	35
LifeLight	15
Lenten Services	146

Our Offering

General Fund.....	\$16,524.10
Lenten Service.....	\$535.00
Online Offering.....	\$4,610.54
Total Gen. Fund Offering	\$21,669.64

Stewardship Moment

Luke 22:11 – “Tell the master of the house, ‘The Teacher says to you, Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’ ” Did Jesus really need this man’s Upper Room? If the man had refused to let Jesus use it, would the work of salvation have been derailed? Of course not. But what an honor for the man who owned this room! It is the same with us. The Lord needs none of us, but what an honor it is for God to choose to use our generosity in the work of His church.

Lutheran Witness

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

LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life

“Commit to seeking opportunities to be a light to those living in darkness. Do not place that responsibility on the full-time leaders of the Church. This is your mission in life. God has uniquely placed you in the exact situations, locations, and relationships to make the Light of the world visible and concrete. You are the look of Christ’s face. You are the tone of His voice. You are the touch of His hands. You are the physical representation of His light in a dark world (Ephesians 5:8). How bright will you shine this year?”

Paul David Tripp, author and speaker – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

Food Pantry Distribution

The next distribution is Tues., April 22 from 3 p.m. - 4 p.m. The Food Pantry is needing Pork & Beans, Diced Tomatoes, Tomato Juice, and Dry Macaroni.

Youth Corner Upcoming Events



NYG Meeting

Mark your calendars! Our next NYG meeting will be at Pagel Silver Dollar Lanes. We will be bowling with our brothers and sisters from Dieterich. The event will be from 4-6 p.m. on April 27th.

Larry Brandt Scholarship

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

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!! Wish List Items! We need huge pieces of cardboard, red, yellow, and orange tablecloths.

MinistrySafe

All who work with youth in our congregation (as staff or volunteers) will complete our excellent MinistrySafe online Sexual Abuse Prevention Training. It’s imperative that you let our VBS leaders know soon that you’ll be volunteering so an email link can be sent to you with the required training. Thank you for your service, and for being well-trained!

Prayer List

Heather Davis, Niki Bishop, Dick Hulskotter, Dan Overbeck, Jerry Lankford, Janet Martins, Beulah Ziegler. Madison Gartner Hagen, Vi Kirchoff and family of Becky Janis.

We extend our condolences to Howard and Laura Janis following the death of his mom, Becky Janis. Her funeral was Tuesday, April 8th at Johnson’s Funeral Home. Memorials may be made to the Arborcrest Memorial Park.

"This Week's Sunday School Lesson"

Lesson 14

This week, we will study "The Proof Room." With the words "Peace be with you" (John 20:19), the risen Lord appears among His disciples gathered in hiding from the Jews. Thomas, who is not among the disciples that evening, doubts their report of Jesus' resurrection. Eight days later, while Thomas and the disciples gather in the locked room, Jesus appears among them once again. Thomas witnesses the physical truth of the resurrection as he touches Christ's wounds. Jesus concludes by telling Thomas and us, "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed" (v. 29).

Braille

Braille Center will take a break on from April 17th – 21st - Maundy Thursday, Good Friday & Easter Monday.

Golden Eagle's Dinner

The Golden Eagles dinner will be on Thursday, April 24, at 12 noon. The menu will be pulled pork, mac & cheese, cole slaw, chips & 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 up by Sunday, April 20.

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 April 20. Thank you. Email to office@stjohnsLCMS.net

Sanctuary Update

The progress on renovation of the sanctuary has suddenly picked up the pace, and we are optimistic that we will be able to use it for the first time on Easter Day. The flooring will be completed this week, we believe. Pews will be delivered on April 14 and will take three days to install (all by the company). Once the flooring is complete, there are many tasks that can be completed by volunteers. Holy Week is always a busy time, but you can see that we will need many volunteers then. If you can build some time helping here into your schedule, please do ... in addition to worship in all of our Services of Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday. If you can help with some of these tasks, please speak with Lyle Tolch:

- Clean the Communion rail with proper cleaner.
- Attach the Communion rail to the Chancel floor.
- Dust/vacuum the walls, woodwork, etc., throughout the sanctuary, atrium, balcony, vestry, and sacristy.
- Clean/oil the Chancel woodwork and fixtures.
- Move the hymnals, cards, etc., into the pews after the Good Friday Services.
- Move the Altar, Font, etc., on Holy Saturday.
- Move chairs into the balcony.
- And more! Thank you.

Sanctuary Renovation Committee: Lyle Tolch, Kara Koester, Jill Wendling, Jim Bailey, Laura Janis, Pastor Burdick.

Administrative Assistants may not make the world go 'round, but they are the key to a great church office. This week we thank Sarah Mellendorf and Charlotte Ruse for their skilled and caring service in our church office. Thank you, dear sisters in Christ!

CALENDAR----- April 13, 2025 – April 19, 2025

Sunday	13	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	14		Pastor Dille's Sabbath
		8:45 a.m.	Preschool Chapel
		10:30 a.m.	Preschool Easter Party
		5:00 p.m.	Board of Stewardship
		5:15 p.m.	Choir Practice
Tuesday	15	8:45 a.m.	Preschool Chapel
		10:30 a.m.	Preschool Easter Party
		7:00 p.m.	Council Meeting
Wednesday	16		No Preschool
		9:00 a.m.	Bible Study
		1:00 p.m.	Office Staff Devotions/Meeting
		5:00 p.m.	Bell Choir Practice
		5:00 p.m.	Confirmation
Thursday	17		No Preschool
		12:15 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Service - HC
		6:30 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Service - HC
Friday	18		No Preschool
			Office Closes at Noon
		12:15 p.m.	Good Friday Service
		6:30 p.m.	Good Friday Service
Saturday	19	8:00 a.m.	Band Practice
			No Worship Service

Birthdays This Week

4/13 Beth Bahrns, Cathy Norris,
 Gwen Mhlbachler, Hunter Keith
 4/14 Anna Mae Gibson, Betty Albin,
 Chris Debolt, Deana Wetherell,
 Kevin Wenthe, Megan Smith
 4/15 Allyson Kremer, Bonnie Siebert,
 Ella Brown, Jennifer Wilson,
 Nick Jones, Roscoe Davies
 4/16 Amanda Genaust, Jenna Norris,
 Vincent Wendt
 4/17 Andrew Lotz, Avery Bohnhoff,
 Evan Lotz, Ray Hartman, Zachary Scott
 4/18 Eva Wendling, Molly Lipe

Anniversaries This Week

4/13/1996 Todd & Sonja Martin
 4/16/1994 David & Angie Moeller
 4/16/1977 Jim & Maleah Whitehair