

THE EAGLE

St. John's Weekly Newsletter February 15, 2026

Brothers and sisters in Christ,

Today, we celebrate the Transfiguration of Jesus. In the Gospel lesson, we hear about the time when Jesus' inner circle of disciples saw Him in His fully glorified state. Peter, James, and John went with Jesus up on the mountain, and upon seeing Jesus in all His glory with Moses and Elijah, only Peter found words to speak. His offer to put up tents so that everyone present could stay awhile reveals both his excitement and perhaps his nervousness at what he was witnessing. This reminds us that sometimes the best thing we can do is simply listen and observe what God is doing.

Thankfully, Peter was not afraid to continue sharing what he had seen. That's where today's Epistle lesson picks up. In it, Peter reflects on the Transfiguration, writing:

"We were eyewitnesses of his majesty. For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, 'This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased,' we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain."

(2 Peter 1:17-18)

This is a message Peter would continue to proclaim as God used him and his platform to help the early church grow. But it was a costly message. It would ultimately cost Peter his life at the hands of the Roman emperor Nero around 65 A.D. History tells us that Peter was crucified upside down for his belief in Jesus. Even today, it might look different but Satan still attacks us because of our faith. At the end of the day, our hope is secure and it's a hope that looks to life everlasting. I pray that in your peaks and valleys, the hope of life everlasting brings you the peace that only Jesus can give.

In Christ's peace,

Pastor Dille

Audit Church Records

The following boards need to present their treasurer records for 2025 to the church office by next Sun. Feb. 22

- Lydia Guild
- Altar Guild
- Golden Eagles
- Social Ministry
- Food Pantry
- Youth
- Braille
- Bells
- Eagles Nest Preschool

Two new aspects of the midweek Lenten Services: a) on Ash Wednesday, the imposition of ashes will be available to all who desire them *before* and *after* the Services (arrive 15 minutes before Service), and b) we will use the "Service of Prayer and Preaching" (p. 260) direct from the hymnal.



Printed Lenten Devotions in the Atrium are best used for your neighbor. You can get the same devotions every day via email from Lutheran Hour Ministries at www.LHM.org. The printed booklet could be a gift from you to someone who does not have a church home. They will thank you for sharing the love of Christ our King.

LENTEN MIDWEEK SERVICES

12:15pm & 6:30pm Wednesdays

February 18 – March 25

"Exodus"

Response to the Gospel
Our Attendance Last Week

Sunday February 8st 395
Sunday School..... 42
Adult Sunday School..... NA

Our Offering

February 8st \$9,604.00
Online Offering..... \$5,482.53
Total Gen. Fund Offering..... \$15,086.53

Prayer List

Lora Wilson, Mary Dasenbrock, Bob & Ruth Kohnert, Terry Long, & Steve Rubin. Eagle's Nest Preschoolers Emery Wendling (parents Holley & Brandon) & Grace Roderick (parents Meredith & Kolin)

"This Week's Sunday School Lesson"

Lesson 6

In the lesson for this week, "Wise Men Worship," God leads Gentile scholars to worship the Christ. Following their visit, Joseph immediately flees with his young family to the safety of Egypt. When Herod's insane jealousy dies with him, the Holy Family returns home to Nazareth. Discuss, "How does God keep you and I safe today?"

Preschool Registration for 2026/2027

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.

Stewardship Moment

Matthew 17:8 – "And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only." Jesus is enough. Moses and Elijah point to Jesus and are happy to fade into the background. With our eyes focused on Him and Him alone, the rest of our lives come into focus. He is primary, all else secondary. When that order is right in our lives, things truly fall into place.

Food Pantry

Our next distribution will be
Tuesday, Feb. 24th from 3-4

Youth Corner Upcoming Events

Confirmation Lock-In

Sunday, Feb 15
4:00p.m.

Ash Wednesday Soup Meals

Wed. Feb 18

Lunch: 11:15 a.m. - 12:15 a.m.
12:45 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.

Supper: 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
7:15 p.m. – 7:45 p.m.

Menu: Chili & Vegetable, relish tray, hotdogs, desserts, and drinks.

JH Students are encouraged to bring a pie.
HS Students are encouraged to help with clean up after the supper.

Rhodes Fish Fry

Friday, February 27th 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Drive Thru, Dine In or Carry Out

Early Ticket Sales by February 22

\$15/ticket ages 11 on up

10 and under eat free

Tickets at the Door

\$17/ticket ages 11 on up

10 and under eat free

(Tickets will be on sale from the youth at all church services from Feb 7 – Feb 22)

Youth 6th – High School pick up tickets from Carolyn this weekend at church

All unsold tickets must be returned to Carolyn by Feb 22. We are hoping each one of the youth will sell 20 tickets.

Bake Sale @ Fish Fry

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 5th

VBS

June 8 – 11 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life

“The message of Jesus’ transfiguration—the fact that Jesus is God and Savior—has the power to transfigure you, to give you metamorphosis, to transform you from a bug to a butterfly! That’s what metamorphosis means. So, this week—and forever!—live a new life, one worthy of Christ, in whose sunshine and light, in whose transfiguration, you now bask.” *Rev. Paul Marggraf – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Looking for a New Mission?

The visiting team is seeking new compassionate volunteers to go see some church members who have a challenge getting out of their home. If you have a good listening ear, and love visiting with others. Please prayerfully consider joining the visiting team. To volunteer or ask questions, call Kathy Shingler at 630-805-3838.

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 next week (February 22nd). At today’s service we will bury “Alleluia,” not using that glorious word of exclamation until Easter Sunday

St. John's Eagles's Nest Preschool Open House

Tuesday, February 24
5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

We are welcoming anyone who is interested in our preschool program to stop by and look around at our classrooms and meet our teachers.



Portals of Prayer and Lutheran Witness

We will **NOT** be ordering your subscriptions through the church this year or in the future. If you wish to subscribe you will need to do it personally by going their websites.

<https://www.cph.org/c-2857-portals-of-prayer>
<https://www.cph.org/lutheran-witness-individual-issues>

Please disregard the offering envelopes.

Thank You

To those that donate to our various organizations, such as: VBS, Eagle's Nest Preschool, Braille, Food Pantry, Youth, Golden Eagles, etc. We may not always send or personally thank you, but your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Golden Eagles

Will be serving Lunch on Thursday, February 26, at noon. The meal will be catered by "Lickin' My Chicken". The menu will be Bar-B-Que chicken, beef brisket, spare ribs, potato salad, cole slaw, and desserts. Everyone is welcome to attend. We ask that you please sign the name of each person who will be attending on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the atrium. If you are planning to attend you **MUST** be signed up.

Parent Gathering Invitation

Our next gathering will be here at St. John's for a Parent Gathering on Thursday, February 26th from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Parents of all ages are welcome. Childcare will be provided

CALENDAR-----Feb. 15 - 21, 2026

Sunday	15	8:00 a.m.	Worship w/HC Choir
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
		10:30 a.m.	Worship w/HC Choir
		4:00 p.m.	6 th Grade – 8 th Grade Lock-In
Preschool – Monday – Friday 8:25 a.m. – 11:25 a.m. (Unless Otherwise Noted)			
Monday	16		No Preschool
			Pastor Dille's Sabbath
		8:00 a.m.	Lock-In Pick Up
		4:00 p.m.	Board of Evangelism
Tuesday	17	7:15 a.m.	HS Breakfast
Wednesday	18	8:45 a.m.	Preschool Chapel
		9:00 a.m.	Bible Study
		10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Quilting
		11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	LYF Soup Lunch
		12:15 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Service w/HC
		12:45 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.	LYF Soup Lunch
		1:00 p.m.	Staff Devotions and Staff Meeting
		5:00 p.m.	Confirmation
		5:15 p.m.	Bells
		5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.	LYF Soup Dinner
		6:30 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Service w/HC
		7:15 p.m. – 7:45 p.m.	LYF Soup Dinner
Thursday	19	8:45 a.m.	Preschool Chapel
		5:00 p.m.	Board of Youth
Friday	20		Office Closes at Noon
			Pastor Burdick Sabbath
Saturday	21	8:00 a.m.	Band Practice
		5:30 p.m.	Worship w/HC

Birthdays This Week

02/15 Gabriel Dahnke
 02/16 Jack Roderick
 02/17 Niki Bishop, Steve Miller
 02/18 Bob Shepard, Ruby Stuckemeyer
 02/19 Christina Niebrugge, Megan King
 02/20 Alex Wall, Florence Leppin,
 Nancy Kohnert
 02/21 Dan Norton, Meghann Day, Mike Carter

Anniversaries This Week

2/19/2022 Tyler & Katey Devall
 2/19/2021 John & Tamara Root

