

# THE EAGLE

*St. John's Weekly Newsletter February 22, 2026*

Last Sunday night we hosted the Circuit Confirmation Lock-in. Thirty-six youth, plus pastors and lay-leaders, had an exhausting and excellent night of study upon Confession & Absolution, typical lock-in food, and balls (ping-pong, basketball, gaga-ball, dodgeball, volleyball). It was great. Greatest of all was that these youth came together as the Church to learn more about the gift of Confession and Absolution in the Church.

Justification by grace, through faith in Jesus, is the chief article of the Church. Everything else flows after that. We don't join a church because of the programs, the pastors, or the people. We come for the teaching of God's truth and grace. If you happen to enjoy dodgeball along the way, well, that's gravy!

*"If we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin."  
1 John 1:7*



## **9:00am Wednesday Study**

Any of you ever need to eat a 'snack' between lunch & supper? Just having that little something to help tide you over from one meal to the next can make SUCH a difference in how your afternoon goes!! In a similar way, going to our pastors' Wednesday Bible classes at 9:00am is my 'snack'. I enjoy my daily devotions, but these midweek classes give me that little something to help tide me over in-between St. John's weekend services. It's an opportunity to be with other believers who also want to learn more about the God who loves us with His WHOLE heart. We listen to the next weekend's readings, ask questions, hear others' thoughts, and our faith is *always* fed. Please join us-it'll definitely make a difference in how the rest of *your* week goes!! -DK

## **Audit Church Records**

The following treasurer records for 2025 are needed in the church office **Monday**

Lydia Guild  
Altar Guild  
Braille

Social Ministry  
Golden Eagles  
Bells

## **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.



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](http://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 25 – March 25

**"Exodus"**

## **Thrivent Choice Dollars**

Do you have Thrivent Choice Dollars?  
Don't forget to direct them by March 31<sup>st</sup>

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

Sunday February 15<sup>th</sup> .....442  
Sunday School..... 33  
Adult Sunday School..... NA

**Our Offering**

February 15<sup>th</sup>.....\$10,678.18  
Online Offering.....\$2,582.00  
**Total Gen. Fund Offering.....\$13,260.18**

**Prayer List**

Lora Wilson, Mary Dasenbrock, Bob & Ruth Kohnert, Terry Long, & Steve Rubin. Eagle's Nest Preschoolers Hattie (parents Kaitlin & Tyler) & Hank (parents Amanda & Ryan)

**"This Week's Sunday School Lesson"**

**Lesson 7**

This week in our Christian education time, we discuss "Claimed and Tested." At Jesus' Baptism in the Jordan River, the heavens open, the Spirit descends, and the Father speaks: "You are My beloved Son" (Luke 3:22). Jesus goes from the waters of Baptism to the wilderness, where He faces a series of temptations from the devil. Jesus resists each one as He speaks the truth of God's Word against the lies of Satan. Ask one another, "How can we use God's Word as we defend our faith?"

**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 4:7 – "Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written.'" Jesus defeats Satan in our place, not by using His power as God, but by His perfect obedience in His perfect humanity. Jesus defeats Satan not by miracles, but by quoting the Scriptures and living according to them. This should cause us great joy for two reasons. First, we see Jesus win the victory for us. Second, here Jesus shows us how to stand in that victory: on the Word of God alone.

**Youth Corner Upcoming Events**

**Rhodes Fish Fry**

Friday, February 27<sup>th</sup> 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)

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**

6<sup>th</sup> – 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 5<sup>th</sup>

**VBS**

June 8 – 11 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

**LCMS**  
**YOUNG ADULTS BIBLE STUDY**

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6:30

Gather with other young adults to learn the difference between Christian denominations

**Immanuel's 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Pork Loin Dinner**

Sunday, March 1

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Altamont

11:00am - 1:00pm

Pork Loin Dinner: \$15

Porkburger Meal: \$10

Hotdog & Chips \$7

(See Bulletin Board for Details)

## LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life

“God created us anew in Baptism. We are the work of His hands, and He will not forsake us. Guided by the Spirit through the wisdom of His Word, we learn to walk in His ways, even when we must ‘walk in the midst of trouble.’” *Dr. Carol Geisler, Lutheran Hour Ministries – 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.

## Parent Gathering Invitation

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

## We Buried “Alleluia”

Children can take home an “Alleluia” coloring page, found by The Family Resources in the Atrium. The plan is simple: color the page at home as you wish, and then bring it back to church. We will display them on Easter Day.



Join us for the 2026 Martin + Katie Conference at University Lutheran Church in Champaign, IL on Saturday, March 28, 2026. At this free conference, grow as Christmas men and women, meet new friends, get to know each other, and have fun. The Rev. Dr. Geoffrey Boyle and his wife, Nicole, will be our presenters. Rev. Dr. Boyle will teach about cultivating the pious Christian life as men and women. The conference is open to ages 18–30. Married or single are welcome. Registration is required, as capacity is limited. Please register no later than Friday, March 20th. Info and registration are available at: <http://martinpluskatie.org>.

## 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.

## Lutheran Care Center Needs

Lutheran Care Center is asking for donations of items for LCC Kids Enrichment Center and for residents participating in activities at Lutheran Care Center. A container will be placed in the atrium for donations and the list will be posted on the main hall bulletin board.

### Daycare

- baby wipes
- disinfecting wipes
- Mr. Clean erasers
- construction paper
- play/learning toys
- snacks
- magnetic tiles
- glue, crayons, markers

### Activities

- colored dry erase chisel tip markers
- variety packs of cookies
- emery boards
- polish remover
- fast drying clear coat nail polish
- gift cards
- snacks for bingo prizes
- Crystal Light packets

## Food Pantry

Our next distribution will be Tuesday, Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> from 3-4

<b>CALENDAR</b> -----	<b>Feb. 22 - 28, 2026</b>
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Sunday	22	8:00 a.m.	Worship w/HC
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
		10:30 a.m.	Worship w/HC
Preschool – Monday – Friday 8:25 a.m. – 11:25 a.m. (Unless Otherwise Noted)			
Monday	23		Pastor Dille's Sabbath
		5:15 p.m.	Board of Early Childhood
		5:15 a.m.	Choir
		7:00 p.m.	Lutheran Care Board
Tuesday	24	7:15 a.m.	High School Breakfast
		2:30 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.	Food Pantry Prayer Service
		3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Food Pantry
		5:30 p.m.– 7:00 p.m.	Preschool Open House
Wednesday	25	8:45 a.m.	Preschool Chapel
		9:00 a.m.	Bible Study
		10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Quilting
		12:15 p.m.	Lenten Service
		1:00 p.m.	Staff Devotions and Staff Meeting
		5:00 p.m.	Confirmation
		5:15 p.m.	Bells
		6:30 p.m.	Lenten Service
Thursday	26	8:45 a.m.	Preschool Chapel
		12:00 p.m.	Golden Eagles
		6:30 p.m.	Parent Gathering
Friday	27		Pastor Burdick Sabbath
			Office Closes at Noon
		4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	LYF Rhodes Fish Fry
Saturday	28	8:00 a.m.	Band Practice
		9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	E.A.S.T.E.R.
		5:30 p.m.	Worship w/HC

**Birthdays This Week**

- 02/22 Coen Pennington, Marty Vail
- 02/23 Karla Johnson
- 02/24 Georgia Haarmann, Lydia Wendling,  
Oliver Bahrns, Pauline Kinkelaar
- 02/25 Alice Knight, Becky Fielitz
- 02/26 Cory Wahl, Jerry Starner
- 02/28 Ashlyn Hanks, Karen Tarrant,  
Lora Giesler, Wade Wenthe

**Anniversaries This Week**

2/22/2020 Daniel & Dana Haarmann

