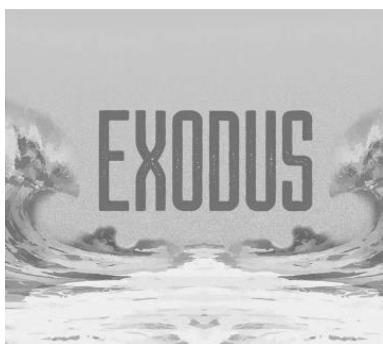


THE EAGLE

St. John's Weekly Newsletter February 8, 2026

How long is "a long time"? Waiting until dinner instead of quickly answering a hunger pain can seem long. But it's not. Waiting for proof of innocence on behalf of a wrongfully-imprisoned man is impossible to imagine. "A long time" is relative. But the truth of God is not relative. It's absolute and certain.

Israel waited 430 years to be released from slavery in Egypt. God made their rescue a reality. This is most certainly true.



In ten days, we begin the Lenten season, and will listen to the true story of Israel's rescue in the book of Exodus. God, of course, will be at the heart of it, for only He can bring true freedom – not only for Israel, but for you. Your slavery has been answered by His sacrifice.

If you think you're not a slave to sin, read Romans 7. You'll find yourself nodding your head in agreement with St. Paul, then rejoicing as he exclaims, "who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God; He gives us the victory through Jesus Christ our Lord." This will be our Lenten midweek theme.

The rescue He accomplishes isn't temporary. More than "a long time," it's for all time.

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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"

Hopefully you received my email Tuesday with an attached letter from CID Acting District President Mark Eddy. In it he announced that I stepped down from the Board. Pastor Eddy is already doing an excellent job leading our District, and we all ought to be praying for him daily. Lord, have mercy.

This weekend we are attending a family wedding. We will miss being with you in Service, but will rejoice in at least two truths: one, when we go to the Lord's Supper Sunday morning in another LCMS congregation far away, we're still united with you while you're coming to Communion here at St. John's. Two, marriage is God's good gift, the union of one man and one woman until death parts them. Two beautiful realities. Give thanks!

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

Sunday February 1 st	439
Sunday School.....	47
Adult Sunday School.....	NA

Our Offering

February 1 st	\$10,492.30
Online Offering.....	\$3,337.28
Total Gen. Fund Offering.....	\$13,829.58

Prayer List

Dick Hulskotter, Mary Dasenbrock, Bob & Ruth Kohnert, Vi Kirchhoff, Carol Klein, Terry Long, & Steve Rubin. Eagle's Nest Preschoolers Eden Willman (parents Ashley & Ross) & Carlee Adams (parents Holly & Colby)

"This Week's Sunday School Lesson"

Lesson 5

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 5:17 – "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them." We cannot keep the Law of God perfectly. We are sinners. For us to be saved, Jesus had to fulfill the Law in our place so that the threat of the Law is abolished and the Law itself is upheld. Now, in Christ, we do desire to fulfill the Law, to live out a godly Christian life, precisely because we are so full of thanksgiving toward God for His salvation in Christ.

Youth Corner Upcoming Events

Confirmation Lock-In

Sunday, Feb 15
4:00p.m.

Our Circuit-wide Lock-in will be hosted here at St. John's under the theme of "Confession and Absolution." Students in Confirmation have received a flyer and permission slip. This has become a great tradition for our Circuit Youth! We hope that all our confirmation students register for the Lock-in! We'd love to know TODAY if you are coming and have not turned in a permission slip. Please contact either Pastor Dille or Pastor Burdick, and they will be sure to give you the permission slip."

Ash Wednesday Soup Meals

Wed. Feb 18
We will be serving for Lunch & Dinner

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.

Annual Sausage Supper

St. Peter's Lutheran Men's Club "all you can eat" will be held on Sunday, February 15, in the St. Peter's Lutheran Church School Gym. Serving will begin at 5:00 p.m., and carry outs will be available.

LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life

"God loves you in your vulnerability so much that He subjected Himself to conform to a vulnerable human body. So today ... remember that Jesus, in whom all things hold together, loves you, individually. He is fully present with you just as He was in His mother's arms. God's peace be with you this day, this night." *Andrea Delwiche – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Anniversaries This Week

2/9/1980	Dave & Donna Budde
2/9/1974	Mike & Karla Johnson
2/14/1996	Wesley & Carol Osborn
2/14/2002	Gary & Gloria Fortkamp

Birthdays This Week

02/08	Adam Bohnhoff, Calli Fritcher, Carli Fritcher
02/09	Ashley Veach, Bobby Niemerg, Kimberly Tarrant, Nitelle Lading
02/10	Katie Dille
02/11	Anna Sigg, Jonathan McDevitt, Kathy Schroeder, Rick Keller
02/12	Fred Bray
02/14	Faith Donaldson, Luke Sipe, Nikki Daniels

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.

Containers

Please check the coat closet across from the office for your containers from items you have donated to funeral lunches, youth events, and/or other events.

Food Pantry

Our next distribution will be Tuesday, Feb. 10th from 3-4

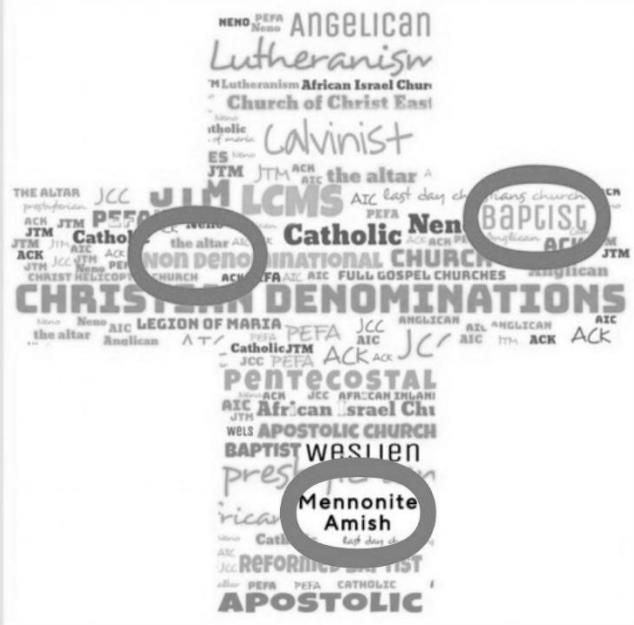
LCMS YOUNG ADULTS BIBLE STUDY

FRIDAY FEB 20

13 N EDWARDS ST ALTAMONT, IL

6:30

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



contact Violet: 6187046114

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



CALENDAR-----			Feb. 8 - 14, 2026
Sunday	8	8:00 a.m.	Worship w/HC
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
		10:30 a.m.	Worship w/HC
		1:00 p.m.	Trinity Room Rental
			Pastor Burdick Vacation
Preschool – Monday – Friday 8:25 a.m. – 11:25 a.m. (Unless Otherwise Noted)			
Monday	9		Pastor Dille's Sabbath
		5:00 p.m.	Board of Stewardship
		5:15 p.m.	Choir
Tuesday	10	7:15 a.m.	HS Breakfast
		1:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl Ministry
		2:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.	Food Pantry Prayer Service
		3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Food Pantry
		5:00 p.m.	Board of Social Ministry
Wednesday	11	8:45 a.m.	Preschool Chapel
		9:00 a.m.	Bible Study
		10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Quilting
		1:00 p.m.	Staff Devotions and Staff Meeting
		5:00 p.m.	Confirmation
		5:15 p.m.	Bells
		6:00 p.m.	Youth Fellowship
			Pastor Burdick Conference
Thursday	12	8:00 – 9:00 a.m.	Family Life Breakfast
		8:45 a.m.	Preschool Chapel
			Pastor Burdick Conference
Friday	13		Office Closes at Noon
			Pastor Burdick Conference
Saturday	14	8:00 a.m.	Band Practice
		9:30 – 11:00 a.m.	E.A.S.T.E.R. Class
		5:30 p.m.	Worship w/HC Choir
			Pastor Burdick Conference