

THE EAGLE

St. John's Weekly Newsletter March 1, 2026

St. John's Family,

This week, we find ourselves in the second week of Lent. For the second week now, we ponder Jesus, our Savior. We ponder what He has done for us and what He has said for our benefit. This past week, in our Wednesday Bible Study of the weekend texts (every Wednesday from 9–10 am), it was brought up that Jesus' birth isn't the first time we see Jesus in Scripture. In fact, John chapter 1 reminds us that Jesus has been around since before the beginning of time. Here's how the apostle John wrote it:

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it..."

He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God." (John 1:1–5, 10–13)

My prayer is that these words remind you today that the same Jesus who walks with you and welcomes you into His house is the same Jesus who has been around since the creation of all things. He is the same Jesus who, by His death on the cross, gave all who believe the right to be God's children. In the same way, because of what He has done, you are a never-forsaken child of the Heavenly Father.

Pastor Dille

Office Assistant!

We're still praying for the next Office Assistant in the church office. Are you? We hope so! The job description and application are posted on our website under "Employment." Help us fulfill the mission God has given to St. John's. www.stjohnLCMS.net **"Make me to know Your ways, O Lord; teach me Your paths." Psalm 25:4**

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

Easter Lilies

Time to order your Easter Lilies. This year they are 6in. for \$19. Please contact the church office to place your order by **March 9**

LENTEN MIDWEEK SERVICES

12:15pm & 6:30pm Wednesdays

March 1 – March 25

"Exodus"

Thrivent Choice Dollars

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

Response to the Gospel
Our Attendance Last Week

Sunday February 22nd 428
Sunday School..... 53
Adult Sunday School..... 39

Our Offering

February 22nd \$7,423.00
Ash Wednesday \$1,161.00
Online Offering..... \$3,469.28
Total Gen. Fund Offering..... \$12,053.28

Prayer List

Betty Carter, Bob Flach, Carol Hulskotter, Marilyn Schaefer, Scott Comrie, Geraldine Graves, Mary Dasenbrock, Terry Long, & Steve Rubin. Eagle's Nest Preschoolers Isla (parents Hannah & Tyler) & Jace (parents Carissa & Andrew)

"This Week's Sunday School Lesson"

Lesson 9

"The Wine Sign" is the lesson for this week. While Jesus and His mother are guests at a wedding in Cana, Mary asks Him to assist the wedding hosts, who have run out of wine. In Jesus' first recorded miracle, He changes a large volume of plain water into wine that is superior to what has already been served. Those who witnessed this miracle marvel at what He has done. Discuss, "What wonders does God still work through His people?"

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 15:27 – "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." These are the words of faith, for faith means receiving what God gives. And God has given us so much more than just the crumbs that fall from the table — He has given us life, salvation, body and soul, eyes and ears, possessions and income. That's where our stewardship starts: with faith in the God who is the greatest Giver.

Youth Corner Upcoming Events

Easter Breakfast

Sunday, April 5th

VBS

June 8 – 11 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life

"This is love—the God who became a human baby for us, who suffered for us, who rose from the dead to give us everlasting life. This is love, shining into our own darkness to give us joy and salvation." *Lutheran Hour Ministries Daily Devotions – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife*

Immanuel's 25th 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)

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.

LCMS
YOUNG ADULTS BIBLE STUDY

FRIDAY MAR 6

717 S FIRST ST. EFFINGHAM, IL

6:30

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

Prayer Shawls

We have prayer shawls. Please help us give them out to friends and family. Contact the office or Donna Wetherell 217-343-6901

2026 Martin + Katie Conference

Join us 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.

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, March 10th
The Pantry no longer needs plastic bags.

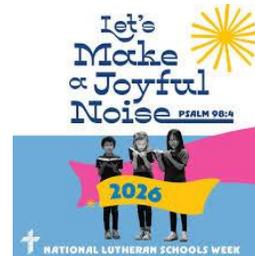
March for Life

Again this year, I will attend the The Illinois ProLife March held Thursday, March 19, 2026 in Springfield. Other families from St. John's have attended in the past, and have loved the experience! Join us. - Pastor Burdick

The Effingham County Right to Life group has secured two buses for transport and has invited us to ride these buses free of charge. Busses will pick up at 6:40am at Effingham Event Center and at 7:20am at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Altamont and return around 5:00 pm. Matins begins at 11:00am at Trinity Lutheran Church, Springfield. A simple lunch will be offered at the Statehouse Inn for a freewill donation. The rally begins at 1:00 pm in front of the Capitol with the March to follow. Altamont Area Lutherans for Life encourages participation. If you'd like to attend, please contact Rose Kopplin (217-821-2109) or Anita Ziegler (217-821-9101). Thank you. -Anita Ziegler

Lutheran School Week

As part of our Lutheran Schools Week activities, we'll have "Pancakes with Pastors" this Tuesday and Wednesday from 8:00-8:30am. Eagle's Nest students and their parents will enjoy breakfast in the fellowship hall. Can you help prep and clean up? Sign up on the hall bulletin board, thanks!



Birthdays This Week

- 3/01 Baylor Devall, Don Latch, Lee Turner
3/03 Jackson Hagerstrom, Sarah Womack, Ursula Polzin
3/04 Ethel Stuckemeyer, Jaxxon Green, Karen Stevenson, Kennedy Bailey, Terry Long
3/05 Gage Wernsing, Kade Pennington, Pam Higgs, Paul Whitehair
3/07 Curt Meseke, Gayland Bourland, Laura Braun

CALENDAR-----March 1 – 7, 2026

Sunday	1	8:00 a.m.	Worship w/HC
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
		10:30 a.m.	Worship w/HC
		7:00 p.m.	The Flock (HS)
Preschool – Monday – Friday 8:25 a.m. – 11:25 a.m. (Unless Otherwise Noted)			
Monday	2		Pastor Dille's Sabbath
			No Preschool
		5:15 p.m.	Choir
Tuesday	3	7:15 a.m.	High School Breakfast
		8:00 a.m.-8:30 a.m.	Pancakes with Pastors
		9:00 a.m.	Circuit Pastor's Conference, Robinson
		9:00 a.m.	Trinity Students Tour Braille
		5:30 p.m.	Board of Trustees
		5:30 p.m.	Board of Education
		7:00 p.m.	Lydia Guild
Wednesday	4	8:00 a.m.-8:30 a.m.	Pancakes with Pastors
		8:45 a.m.	Preschool Chapel
		9:00 a.m.	Bible Study
		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	5	8:45 a.m.	Preschool Chapel
Friday	6		Pastor Burdick Sabbath
			Office Closes at Noon
		6:30 p.m.	Young Adult Bible Study
Saturday	7	8:00 a.m.	Band Practice
		8:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
		8:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
		9:00 a.m.	Stephen Ministry
		5:30 p.m.	Worship w/HC



Saturday March 7th

Anniversaries This Week

- 03/01/1960 Robert & Anita Backhus
- 03/02/1996 Michael & Joyce Curry
- 03/02/2002 Sean & Cherilla Junge