

THE EAGLE

St. John's Weekly Newsletter April 5, 2026



No matter the place, the reality of the RESURRECTION is glorious. One year ago we observed Maundy Thursday and Good Friday in the Fellowship Hall, but worshipped for the first time in the newly renovated Sanctuary on Easter morning. It was glorious. But in a broken-down hut in a third-world country or a tired and largely vacant church in an urban center, the Good News that Jesus rose from the dead is overflowing with power and praise. Christ is risen. Thank God we worship in a beautiful place. Thank Him much more that Jesus died and rose for our salvation. A blessed Easter!

CID Conference worship welcome.

When we host the CID Church Workers' Conference April 20-22, the members of St. John's are most welcome to join the church workers for the worship Services listed below. You'll be blessed by the readings, preaching, singing, and Lord's Supper. Help is needed with ushering, if you're so inclined.

- Monday: 12:30pm Opening Communion Service & 4:30pm Evening Prayer
- Tuesday: 9:00am Communion Service & 5:00pm Evening Prayer
- Wednesday: 9:00am Communion Service



At today's Easter Breakfast you'll find **Family Devotion Helps** on your table. These are designed to help your family of one or more people to pray, praise,

give thanks, and talk at your meals! Take a set. Use it everyday in the way that suits you best. Your household worship practices are the building blocks of family strength. Be in church every week. Pray at your table. Everyone will be better for it. **"As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."** (Joshua 24:15)

We're hiring in our church office!

See www.stjohnsLCMS.net for the job description and application.

Gentlemen

Are you interested in a replay of the book **Man Up!** we read two years ago? *How* we would do it isn't known yet, but we have heard that some guys are interested. Add your name to the **Man Up!** Replay List on the bulletin board. And if this would be the *first* time to read this excellent book for Christian men, you're welcome!

Lydia Guild meets at a new time: **5:30pm**
Tuesday, April 7.

Thank You

To all who gifted St. John's Large Print Center last weekend. We are very much appreciative of support from the congregation. As we continue in the ministry of Lutheran Braille Workers, know that by your gifts and prayers, you are very much a part of it. The total raised was \$887.00

Join us for an Open House on April 18 and 19. See for yourself what it takes to print, bind and ship Bibles and Devotions around the world!

Attention All Boards

Board reports are due in the church office for the Council Meeting by **Mon., April 6.**

Upcoming Meetings

Council Meeting Tues., April 14 at 7:00pm
(due to CID Conference here on April 21)
Voter's Assembly
Tues., April 28 at 7:00pm

The Rite of Confirmation

Will be held at 10:30am Service on May 3. "Remember Your Baptism" will be Wed., April 29 at 6:00pm for the seven Confirmands and their parents.

No 6th-8th Grade Confirmation Classes

on April 15. The final class will be April 22.

Response to the Gospel
Our Attendance Last Week

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| Sunday March 29th..... | 410 |
| Wednesday March 25 | 155 |
| Sunday School..... | 39 |
| Adult Sunday School..... | 47 |

Our Offering

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| March 29th | \$3,823.00 |
| Lenten Offering | \$716.00 |
| Online Offering..... | <u>\$2,852.00</u> |
| Total Gen. Fund Offering..... | \$7,391.00 |

Immanuel Cemetery on Dutch Lane

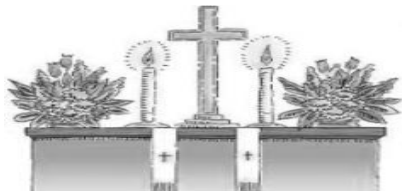
We now have a tall granite cross declaring "Christ is Risen!" We welcome more donations toward its purchase! If you would like to give a memorial or special donation for it, please make the check payable to St. John's with a clear memo saying "Cemetery Cross" and give it to the church office. Like at our St. John's Cemetery, it will be a last declaration of Easter hope!

Prayer List

James Seggelke, Roger Fritch, Mary Dasenbrock, Terry Long, & Steve Rubin, Corbin Matney, the Holland, Wendling, and Breer families, and Eagle's Nest Preschoolers Reid (parents Seth & Traci) Lowen (parents Travis & Jennifer) and Austyn (parents Austin & Jesika)

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



Flowers on the Altar may be placed in remembrance of or in thanksgiving. There is a calendar at the top of the stairs in the atrium. Altar flowers are \$60.

Flowers are still needed for these dates:

- April 19
- May 17
- May 31

If questions, contact the church office
217-342-4334.

Pastor's Conference
Help is Needed

The conference will be held here on Mon., April 20, Tues., April 21, & Wed., April 22.

1. Volunteers are needed to make cookies for Mon. & Tues. and desserts for Mon. evening. pastries for Tues. & Wed.
2. Volunteers to help set up snacks on Mon. afternoon, Tues. a.m. & p.m. & Wed. a.m.
3. Volunteers to help serve Dinner Monday evening & Tuesday lunch.

Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board.

If you have any questions, contact
Ruth Bray (217-821-8024).

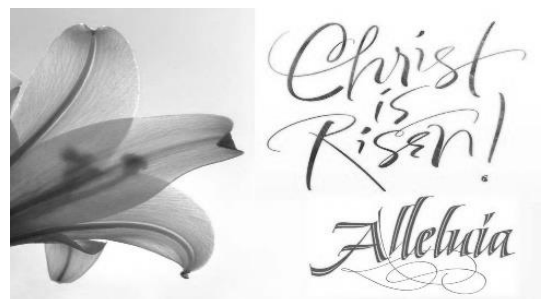
Stewardship Moment

John 20:16 – "Jesus said to her, 'Mary.'" Jesus is risen from the dead, is the Victor over sin, and even calls us by name. He still calls us His friends and brothers and means to bring us through death to join Him in His resurrection. Christ is risen, He is risen indeed!

LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life

"As Christians, we rejoice in the Savior who shines light on our lives when we only expected inky blackness. May God's strong Word remind us that the fullness of life is meant to be lived in the light. In our weakness, may the Lord bring alongside us faithful brothers and sisters to proclaim that God is light and life to us, and let us walk in the light as He is in the light (1 John 1:7). In Jesus we have light, and to have light is to have life. May we rejoice in proclaiming the message of Jesus as the Apostle John did. Thanks be to God that He is light, and He shines in the darkness."

Rev. Dennis Norby, Grace Free Lutheran Church, Valley City, North Dakota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org



Youth Corner Upcoming Events

Larry Brandt Scholarship

Applications for the Larry Brandt Scholarship can be found online or copies are on the bulletin board. Due date is April 13.

Vacation Bible School

June 8 – 11 from 6:00pm – 8:00pm

We could use your help! A few people can work many days or a lot of people can work few days, so please consider helping. Meeting days & times vary so contact Carolyn Wendte (217) 821-6541 or Donetta Ohnesorge (217) 821-3300 and you will be included on a group meeting text.

Wish List – Cardboard, Large cylinder cardboard tubes, and yellow balloons.

Thrivent Cards are always greatly appreciated.

Food Pantry Needs for April

Elbow Macaroni, Crackers (NOT Saltines), Cold Cereal, and Boxed Instant Mashed Potatoes.



Catechism Bible Study

To join our congregation by adult Confirmation, or to review the faith, come to our Catechism Bible Study. Five two-hour sessions, plus Catechism reading at home, will deepen your knowledge and your faith! **Tuesdays, May 5, 12, 19, 26 & June 2! 6:30-8:30pm.** Prior to the first session you'll receive Luther's Small Catechism and an assignment to read through the section on the Ten Commandments. Each class begins with a video snippet to launch our class instruction and discussion. No one is compelled to read or answer aloud. All are welcome. Sign up on the hall bulletin board and Pastor Burdick will prepare a Catechism for you. Questions? Pastor Burdick is glad to field them! Come, study with us.

Office Hours Have Changed

Office hours on Fridays have changed to
8:00am-11:30am

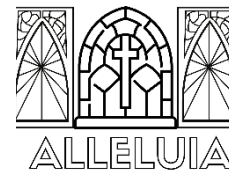
Sing!



I have an admonition for **all men** in the Church. Please **sing**. Others in the Church need you to sing, especially the children – your children or the children sitting near you. I know: you might say “*I can't.*” or “*I don't like to.*” I'm going to be blunt because I love you and the children in the Church. **Sing anyway.** When you simply stare ahead while the rest of the church is participating, you lead in a poor way. Lead in a strong and godly way, please. I'm glad you're here, and while here I urge you to lead well. And if you refuse to sing out loud, at the very least I ask you to *speak* the words of the hymns and the liturgy songs quietly. This is going to be one of my ongoing admonitions, because I believe it is important. If you're already singing, thank you. If you're just starting – thank you! **Make a joyful noise to the Lord all the earth** (Psalm 100:1)! -- *Pastor Burdick*

Eagles Nest Preschoolers

The children of our Eagles's Nest Preschool will sing songs in the 10:30am service on April 12!



Thank you to all of the children who prepared “Alleluias” now displayed in the Atrium Hallway for our Easter celebration.

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!

LWML Joy Shop

Effingham/Shelby Zone
Thursday, April 16 at 6:00pm
St. Paul's – Sigel
See bulletin board for details

CALENDAR-----April 5 - 11, 2026

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| Sunday | 5 | 6:00 a.m. | Easter Service w/HC |
| | | 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. | LYF Breakfast |
| | | 8:00 a.m. | Easter Service w/HC; Bells will be playing |
| | | 9:15 a.m. | Sunday School – Kids Only – No Adult |
| | | 10:30 a.m. | Easter Service w/HC; Choir will be singing |
| Preschool – Monday – Friday 8:25 a.m. – 11:25 a.m. (Unless Otherwise Noted) | | | |
| Monday | 6 | | Pastor Dille’s Sabbath |
| | | | No Preschool |
| Tuesday | 7 | 7:15 a.m. | High School Breakfast |
| | | 5:30 p.m. | Bd of Education |
| | | 5:30 p.m. | Bd of Trustee |
| | | 5:30 p.m. | Lydia Guild |
| Wednesday | 8 | 8:45 a.m. | Preschool Chapel |
| | | 10:00 a.m. | Bible Study |
| | | 1:00 p.m. | Staff Devotions/Meeting |
| | | 5:00 p.m. | Confirmation |
| | | 5:15 p.m. | Bells |
| | | 6:00 p.m. | Youth Fellowship |
| Thursday | 9 | 8:45 a.m. | Preschool Chapel |
| | | 5:30 p.m. | Bd of Elders |
| Friday | 10 | 9:00 a.m. | Holy Trinity Lutheran HS Steering Committee |
| | | 11:30 a.m. | Office Closed |
| Saturday | 11 | 8:00 a.m. | Band Practice |
| | | 9:00 a.m. | Stephen Ministry |
| | | 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. | E.A.S.T.E.R. Class |
| | | 5:30 p.m. | Worship w/HC |

Birthdays This Week

- 4/5 Graham Ziegler, Marsha Klussman
- 4/6 Jeff Stremming
- 4/7 Blakelee Willenborg, Brooke Mueller,
Earline Jutkins, Elijah Wendling
- 4/8 Cheryl Pruemmer, Meghan Wahl
- 4/9 Eileen Hartman, Nancy Johnson
Steve Rubin
- 4/10 Decker Snow, Gene Jackson,
Helen Miller
- 4/11 Carol Osborn, Leo Jansen

Anniversaries This Week

- 4/5/1964 Roger & Nancy Ohnesorge
- 4/5/1994 Gary & Sandra White
- 4/6/1974 Larry & Ann Gehle
- 4/7/1989 Don & Ruth Rhodes
- 4/11/2015 Tim & Melody Schuette

Wednesday Bible Study

Our Wednesday Bible Study of the worship readings will be at **10:00am beginning April 8**. The class will not meet on April 22, due to SJLC hosting the District Pastors’ Conference.