

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church & School

Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

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Weekly Announcements and News from St. John's for

March 17, 2019 — SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

Sunday Bible Study: Pastor Waldschmidt is the Adult Bible Class leader, teaching a class on Luther's Catechisms. Sunday School for children and adults continues as it has all year. Sunday School children meet in the gym; adults meet in the sanctuary. FYSH classes (for high school students), Nursery Care (for infants and toddlers), and membership classes take place between the services, as well—Sundays, 9:15-10:15 am. Schedules are posted around the church.

Lenten Service: Join us Wednesday, March 20, for our Lenten service at 3:30 and 6:30 pm. A light supper (spaghetti) will be served from 4:30 – 5:45 pm by Camp Oakridge. Freewill donations would be appreciated at each meal to help cover the costs of the dinners. Usher teams are B & C.

Call Returned:

Dear members of St. John's,

Thank you for all your prayers, kind words, and patience throughout the past few weeks. I have spent much time praying about where God wants me to serve in his kingdom. God has led me to the decision to return the call to Christ Lutheran School in Eagle River and remain here at St. John's.

Your prayers are still needed. Please pray for God to provide Christ Lutheran in Eagle River with a teacher. Please also pray for God to strengthen our own ministry here at St. John's so that we may continue to spread his light from age to age.

God bless your Lenten walk to Calvary.

In Christ, Sarah Seelow

Easter for Kids: This spring St. John's is offering an Easter for Kids program, not only for our member children but also and especially for children of our community. Easter for Kids is a one-day VBS program that teaches children the central message of Jesus' death and resurrection. Music, crafts, games, and snacks will go hand-in-hand with the resurrection Bible lesson. The event will be Saturday, April 13, from 9-11:30am, and we are looking for volunteers helpers. We need lots of adults and students in high school or middle school. So if you are willing to help out with Easter for Kids, please speak with Pastor Lahmann.

Coming Soon: In early April we will host a presentation to provide more details about our plans for homeroom groups and multi grade instruction. As the School Board and faculty continue to develop deeper level plans, we are using a structure that will keep our youngest grades in single grade homerooms. This will keep our 3k- 2nd grade structure mostly unchanged. The combined homerooms will be for grades 3 & 4, 5 & 6, 7 & 8. Most of the curriculum that is in place is already designed to accommodate these groups and will further allow us to use individual teachers to provide instruction in areas of expertise.

Grandparents' Day at St. John's: We are eager to help our students share a little bit of their school life with grandparents. These special relationships can also be shared with other classmates and extend the wonderful family of St. John's. On April 5 this day will include our weekly chapel worship at 8:05 am, snack time just for our guests and classroom time together until 10:45 am. Please RSVP using the sign-up sheet by the school office or send an email to school@stjohnsburlington.org.

Women's Ministries Thank You: Thank you for your gifts at the door offering on February 17 & 18 for the Hispanic Training support and Scholarships. St. John's gifts were \$500.00. These were added to our seven other circuit congregation's gifts to bring the total receipts to \$2,533.36. Your gifts will be used in Gospel ministry to Hispanic people.

FYSH Event: The FYSH group would like to invite all High Schoolers to the March Madness Event at the Velardo's house! Please join us on Friday, March 22 at 5:00 pm. There will be a few TV's set up to watch the NCAA Tournament and lots of great food! Please RSVP on the Group Me App by March 18. Any questions, please contact Paul Velardo (262-748-4552).

Easter Egg Hunt: This year's Easter egg hunt, for children age two through 2nd grade, will be held on Saturday, April 20 at 10 am here at St. John's. We are requesting donations of individually wrapped candy, fruit snacks, small toys, and small stuffed animals (for the youngest children) or monetary donations. Donations can be dropped off in the collection box in the church meeting room or church office no later than Thursday, April 18.

Nominations Requested: Nomination forms have been placed into each household's church mailbox for congregational and Church Council offices. Please consider whom you wish to represent you in these various leadership positions, and submit names of individuals you would suggest by Monday, March 25. The actual election will be held at a Special Voters' Assembly meeting in May. Please prayerfully consider who can help lead and serve our congregation in the future.

Preschool Power Hour: The next session of Preschool Power Hour is Wednesday, March 20 at 9:30 am in the church's meeting room. This is a fun-packed program designed for parents and children ages 18 months—4 years old. You'll enjoy a Bible lesson, music time and gym fun with other parents and tots. It meets the first & third Wednesdays of each month and cost is \$15 per family for the semester. Register in person or online at www.stjohnsburlington.org.

Lenten Meal Host Needed: We are still looking for a host to volunteer to organize the remaining open Lenten meal spot on Wednesday, March 27. Contact the church office if you are willing to host.

Strengthening Our Foundation Update: The Capital Projects Planning Committee is pleased to report that through March 5, \$67,436 has been contributed towards the replacement of the church air conditioning system and efficiency improvement of the church heating system. To God be the Glory! As we continue to move closer to the project goal of \$75,000 the CPPC will be making final vendor selection and schedule the project. We hope to have all work completed between Easter and Confirmation, depending on vendor availability. We ask for your continued support and prayers as we work to complete the list of capital improvement projects.

Seasonal Church Decorating Decor: In the past we have requested real/live arrangements to add to our seasonal decorations. Due to allergies, care of plants and other factors, we are looking to switch to allergy friendly and reusable decorations. This includes poinsettias for Christmas, lilies/tulips for Easter and fall decorations such as pumpkins & gourds. This change will allow those with allergies to attend church and for all of us to enjoy the decorations longer. Please consider donating either seasonal décor or funds to help offset the cost of initially purchasing these items. Now is the perfect time with holiday deals and seasonal markdowns to acquire decorations for long term use. The decorating committee has posted a suggested list of items to donate in the narthex. You may contact Megan Hahlbeck at 262-492-8833 or sorensen174@msn.com with any questions.

Events this Week

- Monday:** Choice/Rewald Help 3:15-4:30 pm
Worship Service 6:30 pm
- Tuesday:** Choice/Rewald Help 8:00-9:00 am
Public School Confirmation class 3:30 pm
Church Council 6:30 pm
St. John's Women's Ministries 6:30 pm
- Wednesday:** Bible Study 8:45 am
Preschool Power Hour 9:30 am
Lenten Worship 3:30 & 6:30 pm
Lenten Supper 4:30 pm
Senior Choir 7:15 pm
- Thursday:** Handbell Choir 7:00 pm
- Friday:** School Chapel 8:10 am
FYSH Event 5:00 pm

Upcoming Events

March 25-29: School Spring Break

Counting Team for March 18: #1

Amy R., Robin N., Laurie J., Emily S.

Usher Teams for March 24: C & F; March 27: D & E

March Altar Guild: Marsha Dauffenbach (763-2545) & Regena Bilitz (262-492-6230)

Please call one of the women listed if you would like to have flowers placed in the church in memory of a loved one or to honor an event. Please contact the church office if you would like the flowers listed in the bulletin.

Budget Update For Week 37: March 12, 2019

Please note: The current budget is actually a \$39K deficit budget.

	Weekly Actual	Weekly Budget	Surplus (Shortfall)	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Surplus (Shortfall)	Annual Budget
General Offerings	11,270	10,212	1,058	368,694	377,844	(9,150)	531,000
Debt Reduction	22			4,473			
Capital Projects	1,167			68,603			
WELS	427	622	(196)	24,582	23,029	1,553	32,365
Shoreland	689	645	44	24,268	23,869	399	33,545

St. John's Sunday School & Bible Studies

	Sunday School for Kids	Adult Sunday School	Adult Bible Class	FYSH (High School) Bible Class
Today (3/17)	Jesus Teaches Nicodemus John 3:1-21	Led by Tim Sonntag	Luther's Large & Small Catechisms	Quick to Listen
Next Week (3/24)	Jesus and the Samaritan Woman John 4	Led by James Plitzuweit	Luther's Large & Small Catechisms	Quick to Listen

How to Contact Your Staff

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OUR MISSION:

St. John's Lutheran Church exists to BUILD UP THE BODY OF CHRIST so that we might know Christ and make Him known.