

Messenger

March 2015

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Emergency Voters Meeting

Sunday, March 15
Following each
service in the
sanctuary.

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information.



“Gooooood Morning” St. Johns Lutheran Congregation!

Those words are expressed about 80 times each day, from Monday through Thursday by me. That simple expression of greeting goes out to 80 children between 7:30 am and 8:00 am.

The parents begin their day here at St. Johns leaving off their children to school as they go off to work, some other appointment or back home.

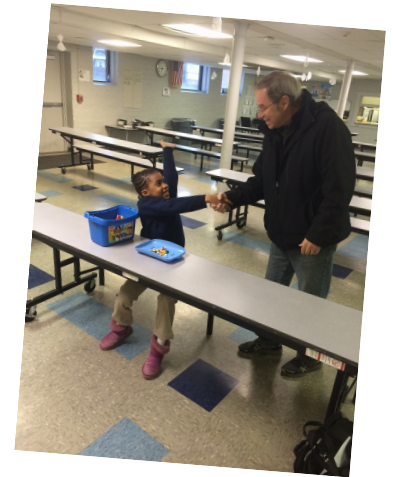
At least someone offers them a bit of encouragement with those words, “good morning,” with an inviting smile as car doors open. It is a quick exchange of words, I know, but I make sure they know I hope for them a good day. “Have a great day” they hear pastor say, for the parents, and the children headed to the doors at Eagle College Prep. But I also know some have already started the day, tired, sleepy, arguing, complaining, yelling, crying, hungry, pre-occupied etc. So the words of encouragement land on deaf ears sometimes.

I think our Father in Heaven wants to meet us with a “Good Morning” before we are off on our busy schedules. Smiling, with a big grin on his face “have a great day” knowing he has an adventure waiting for you, hoping you won’t forget him on the way.

I read it in my devotions that having a good day, begins with some conversation with the Lord. It may be the only encouragement that I’ll get the whole day. To know that God has created this day for

Christianity has died many times and risen again, for it has a God who knows the way out of the grave. G.K Chesterton

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Divine Eating

In March and the first part of April we wait with baited breath for the first signs of spring and more incredibly, the signs of God's rescue in the Feast of the Resurrection. This month the topic is on **Divine Eating**, a topic close to all of our hearts. Our good and gracious God indeed provides in abundance for all of our needs.

Enjoy Divine Eating Every Day...by

- Praying for insight into your relationship with food. Are we eating to live, living to eat or living to minimize eating?
- Studying the Word and walking with the Bread of Life!
- Stopping dieting, and focusing on eating for

life..not just your next appointment with the scale.

- Eating less and avoiding animal fat.
- Being active every day.
- Eating more fruit and veggies and whole grains (Garden of Eden diet).
- Enjoy **Divine Eating** with thankfulness to the Lord for the ways He provides

for all of our needs of body, mind and spirit!

March and April are great times to reflect on the role of food in our lives and enjoy the gift of food in ways that God intended. As Christians, we are encouraged and empowered to enjoy food within the context of our faith and relationships. (Romans 14:23)

Parish Health

For any medical problems or questions call the church office or Maureen Rehmer at 352-6266.

Blood pressures are taken on the third Sunday of the month at 8:45 A.M. and 10:15 A.M. in the church fellowship hall.



THE PARABLES OF LENT

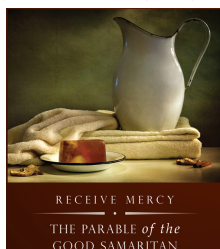
A SERIES OF SERVICES *for the* SEASON OF LENT

Join us for The Parables of Lent, a special series of services for the season of Lent. Each service in this series focuses on a biblical parable that connects to Lenten themes.

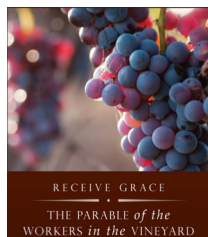


Wednesdays during Lent
10:30am Worship in Fellowship Hall
6:00pm Soup Supper
7:00pm Worship

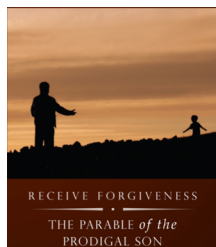
Week Two in the series is based on the parable of the hidden treasure and the priceless pearl. In this parable, two men give all that they have to buy objects of great worth.



Week Three in the series is based on the parable of the Good Samaritan. In this parable, a man beaten on the road gets help from an unlikely traveler.



Week Four in the series is based on the parable of the workers in the vineyard. In this parable, all workers in a vineyard are given the same pay from the master, no matter how long they have labored.



Week Five in the series is based on the parable of the Prodigal Son. In this parable, a wayward son returns to the forgiving embrace of his father, who welcomes him home.

Friendship Sunday

March 29

*10:30am Service followed by a
light luncheon in the
fellowship hall.*



We have had some snow and a lot of cold weather. I am looking forward to spring! How about you?

St. Johns has started Lent and we are hearing about some of Jesus' parables and how they related to the passion history of Christ.

It is good, come and hear what the parables tell us. Don't forget Friendship Sunday, March 29.

I look for the coming of Easter and the risen Savior.

Karl - Board of Evangelism



Social Ministry

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Thanks to everyone who contributed to the "Souper Bowl" of caring. We are very grateful for all the support you have given us to start the year in the positive. Thrivent Insurance, CCLS, Word Of life, and St. Paul DesPeres Lutheran Schools also donated food to continue our ministry.

The number of people who continue to work every Saturday to keep this ministry moving forward is gratifying. The Lord continues to bless us with faithful servants. Karl Frerichs works diligently at keeping food for us supplied from the Orphan Grain, meeting people at any time of the day who want to deliver food or clothes. THANKS KARL!! Jonathan and Debbie Schmidt continue to shop every Saturday, Karen Vineyard sort's food on Tuesdays and also shops, Irene Hurst comes every Tuesday to sort food and works endlessly with the clothes. The following people also work on Saturdays: Terry Hartz, Ruth Trauth, Eileen Wehrheim, Carol Cool, Jeanette Creamer, Ethelmae Leuther, Sandra Gerber, Sharon Sieber, and Melba Fanger. Pastor Tanney comes to pray with us, when available, Seminary students have joined us, as have Cheryl Darlington and Al Bohannon.

YOU ARE ALL SUCH A BLESSING!!!

"And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him." Colossians 3:17

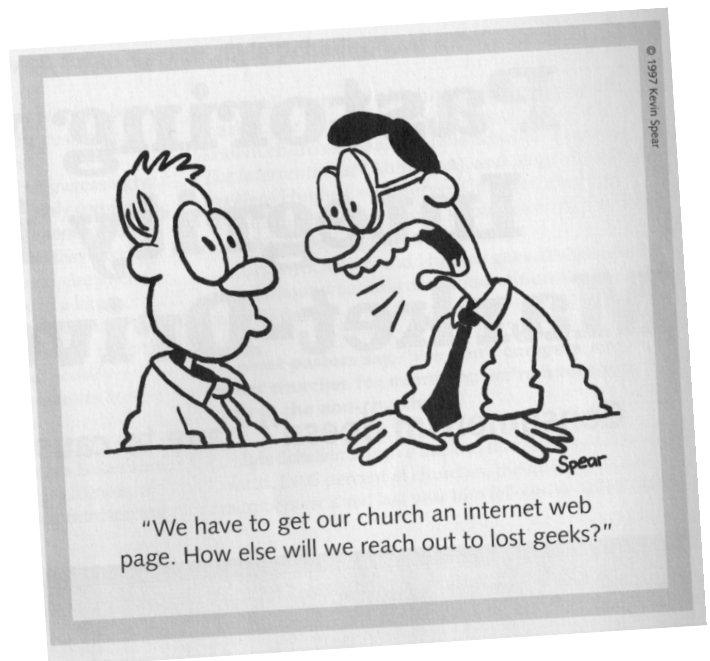
me, with a snowflake on my nose, or a warm sunrise shining in my eyes, or a cool breeze across my face is His way to say, "have a great day."

But it's more than that for Christians, each day we can begin with a clean slate, forgiven by Jesus. Lent reminds us that as we draw near the cross, his punishment, take our sins away. A good morning and a great day to begin from lost then found, from dead now alive.

So, what do you think, should I try it on any given Sunday? Meet you in the parking lot, open your door and say, "good morning" wishing you a great Lord's Day?

Pastor Tanney

P.S. I am excited that we finally have a WEB Site for our church which is up to date, fresh, informative and hopefully a place you can receive news, information of events and even spiritual guidance.



Have you checked out our
new website?

stjohnslutheranstlouis.org

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Thrivent is cosponsoring with us \$150 to make and purchase items, and postage to send to a missionary in China, Carol Halter, for her outreach use. We have made hundreds of crosses out of card stock and old greeting cards, Salvation bracelets, cross necklaces, Salvation bears, etc.

Thanks to Thrivent for helping us spread God's Word.

New! Thrivent Member Network

Thrivent Financial proudly presents the Thrivent Member Network. As a fraternal benefit society, we have local member groups all over the country. As a member, you're part of one. Today that member group is called a chapter system and in the future we are transitioning members to the Thrivent Member Network.

It was created based on member input, in order to appeal to and engage more people in a way that is meaningful to them as member-owners of Thrivent. And in a way that supports the mission of Thrivent to help more people be wise with money and live generously so that more families and communities thrive.

We listened to our members who said the chapter system is too overwhelmingly and complex and we are responding by reducing the administrative burden placed on so many members. This means chapters in your region will close on June 30, 2015. Beginning on July 1, members will be part of the Thrivent Member Network where a regional board of three to ten members will provide governance, accountability and strategic insight and monitoring of operations and initiatives to help Thrivent leaders achieve its mission

in the region. We've transitioned members in other regions from the chapter system to the Thrivent Member Network and the response from members is positive.

We've also made it easier for you to make a difference in your community through a new volunteer program called Thrivent Action Teams. All members can volunteer to lead a one-time project team to support a cause they care about through a fundraiser, service activity or educational event. As a member of Thrivent, you will continue to have the opportunity to participate in Thrivent Builds with Habitat for Humanity, direct Thrivent Choice dollars and attend financial workshops and other events within the region. To learn more about these programs and all the benefits of membership, visit Thrivent.com.



Notes & Quotes

The First Portion of Income

Those who give the first portion of their income, practice intentional giving.

Giving is not left to chance as in the case of giving left over change. The fact that it is intentional, means that the individual is expressing in terms of his/her earnings, his relationship with God. The person is returning to Him gratitude for personal possessions and blessings.

What is on the first line of your budget list?

Emergency Voters' Meeting

March 15 after each service in the sanctuary. The agenda items will be the additional LCEF loan to cover the second phase of construction in St Johns' schools and the ensuing change to EEI's lease payments. Please see the included document detailing the amount of the second loan as well as the new lease amounts.

The new loan is smaller than anticipated two years ago because Eagle has chosen not to add new classrooms to St Johns' building. Instead of that large school model, they will continue with a small school with 270 students and are expanding into the school buildings at Emmaus and Messiah Lutheran where they will also operate small schools.

The projected lease rate of about \$1000/pupil per month will be reached in the 2015/16 school year even though Eagle will only have about 180 students while they reallocate students to their additional schools and continue to expand their overall program. As with the first loan, the payments EEI makes to the lease completely cover the monthly repayments of the two LCEF loans taken out in St Johns' name for the construction. EEI also funds an account with \$170,000/year for ongoing maintenance that includes anticipated long-term expenses like roof and elevator replacement so future construction costs will not impact St Johns' budget. After paying the loan, \$100,000 is left over in St Johns' budget each year.

Thank you,
The Charter School Committee

EEI/ St Johns Phase 2 Proposed Financial Agreement

Phase 2 expansion of EAGLE Tower Grove South will include a \$1,000,000 renovation of the current school facility to accommodate 270 scholars K-8. Phase 2 construction will take place this spring and summer and will include renovations of the bowling alley (for computer lab, multipurpose and office space), stage, classrooms in Building B, AC installation in Building B, new parking lot, new windows in Building B, landscaping on Chippewa, et al. There will be no new expansion building as originally planned as we are no longer planning to serve 450 students. This will give us tighter community and maintain more parking spots on the property. This year EAGLE began with 210 scholars on campus; at full capacity we will serve only 60 more scholars when we are a full K-8 school. The lower enrollment has a direct impact on the funding for the facility, and for that reason the new payment schedule is proposed. Base Rent is paid by EEI to St Johns and includes loan payments and the surplus expressed below. EEI also pays for all the expenses to maintain the property per the lease agreement.

Enrollment Comparison

School Model	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
Current Small School	210	180	210	240	270	270	270	270
Original Large School	176	226	276	326	381	406	438	456

Proposed Payment Schedule

	Loan Amount	Interest rate	Years	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
Enrollment				210	180	210	240	270	270	270	270
Base Rent				243,926.51	261886.58	261886.58	261886.58	261886.58	261886.58	261886.58	261886.58
Loan 1	\$1,500,000.00	2.6%	20	97,131.95	97,131.95	97,131.95	97,131.95	97,131.95	97,131.95	97,131.95	97,131.95
Loan2	\$1,000,000.00	2.6%	20	0.00	64,754.63	64,754.63	64,754.63	64,754.63	64,754.63	64,754.63	64,754.63
Surplus to St Johns				146,794.56	100,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00
Additional expenses for EEI to maintain the facility				170,000	170,000	170,000	170,000	170,000	170,000	170,000	170,000
Total Value to Property				413,926.51	431886.58	431886.58	431886.58	431886.58	431886.58	431886.58	431886.58

Finally, based on our NWEA data from January EAGLE is performing higher in Math and Reading than the other schools in the Charter School Growth Fund did at this time last year. Moreover, EAGLE held its first lottery Feb 19th, with 80+ new enrollees. EAGLE Tower Grove South is fully enrolled for next year with an extensive waiting list, as we open up the next two schools in Fox Park. The move to the smaller school is to strengthen the community and utilize the facility in the best possible manner for the sake of our scholars. Thanks you for your support of EAGLE and Compass!



2015 Meetings

Voters

March 15 (Emergency Meeting)

April 19

June 14

September 13

November 1

December 13

Executive Council

March 15

May 17

July 19

October 4

December 13



WOW

Women of the Word want your favorite recipes to put together a cookbook for the 150th anniversary celebration of St. Johns. Please email them to Joan Potvin at jbpotvin@sbcglobal.net or Ruth Evers at baitgirl26@yahoo.com. You can also pick up a form in the narthex or fellowship hall.

March 2 Lydia Hampel
Don Osiek
March 5 Quentin Bohannon
March 6 Louis Meyer
March 13 Carol Cool
Brianna Dees
Jim Swann
March 27 Joe Strickert

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 7:45am Sunday Worship 9:15 Bible Class 10:30 am Sunday Worship	2 3:30pm Compass 7:00pm Elders	3 8:15am Nepalese Bible Study 1:30pm Home Bible Study 3:30pm Compass	4 8:00am Eagle Coffee 10:30am Lenten Worship 2:00pm Compass 5:00pm Confirmation w/parents 6:00pm Soup Supper 7:00pm Lent Worship	5 2:00pm Home Bible Study 3:30pm Compass 6:30pm ESOL	6 8:00am Bible Study 3:30pm Compass	7 8:00am Social Ministry 8:30 Food Pantry
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29 Palm Sunday 9:15 Bible Class 10:30am Friendship Sunday 11:30am Light Luncheon	30 3:30pm Compass	31 8:15am Nepalese Bible Study 1:30pm Home Bible Study 3:30pm Compass	Notes: You can also see the calendar of events on our website: stjohnslutheranstlouis.org Join us for Coffee and Donuts on Sundays before Bible Class!!!			