

# The Eagle

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## THE PASTOR'S NOTE...

The strangest thing just happened. My kids got home from Trick or Treating and they dumped their buckets on the kitchen floor and began to systematically and politely (*politely!*) trade the pieces of their own candy that they dislike for the pieces of candy they prefer from their siblings.

What made this strange, was not the transaction (they make deals all the time). What shocked me was how they ended each deal. They ended cheerfully - with a smile, sometimes a handshake, and always a "thank you" uttered from both individuals involved.

I had to hide so I could witness all of this. I put my nose in my phone in the next room over, pretending to be preoccupied, and listened. Three specific things stand out in my mind.

1. Knowing the girls have nut allergies, they all immediately put all of the peanut/tree nut candy into a pile to be taken out of the house.
2. When Molly traded John skittles for a tootsie roll, he adjusted his trading strategy to find a way to get her all of the other tootsie rolls in his candy bag (because he knew she like them).
3. By the end, they were just giving candy away. Without expectation. Without a trade. Without a return in exchange.

My kids are far from perfect. (In fact, I think they only said "thank you" to each other because Kate and I told them all day long: *anytime you get a treat you say thank you. you get that, right? every. every. time. even if it's good&plenty. say thank you. even if it's candy corn. say thank you. even if it's black licorice. say thank you. even if its Necco Wafers... you have to find a way to say thank you.*)

The prophet Isaiah says, "A little child shall lead them," and every now and then my kids remind me of that. Here's what I learned this Halloween...

1. Let us put aside that which hurts anyone. (I'm no longer talking about candy. I'm talking about the big picture stuff. If it "tastes great" but hurts your neighbor, let it go.)
2. If we have what others need, let us share.
3. Let us give without expectation.

We are now entering a stewardship month. This is true not just for the church but for the wider world. This is a season of Thanks Giving... of Giving Thanks. Like kids taking an inventory of their Halloween candy stash, we are invited to take an inventory of what we have (which includes not just our treasure, but also our time and talents). We are called not just to give thanks, but also to respond.

And so, let us put aside anything that might hurt others. Let us share what we have with those in need. Moreover, if it is possible, let us give without expectation. Let us give as freely as our God has given to us. *con't page 2.*

# Life Passages

On Saturday, October 1st  
Nicole Favale and Eric Curley  
were married.



On Monday, October 10th  
Rebecca Ott & Paul Mueller were  
married.



On Sunday, October 23rd Savanah  
Joyce Leach was baptized.

On Sunday, October 30th Lilly  
Scorsone, Connor Merlihan, and  
Grace Bosch-Krug were  
Confirmed.



Like trick or treaters on Halloween, everything we have received is pure gift. Reminded of just how blessed we are, let us then become a blessing to one another.

Thank you for what you share.  
In the Way, PDSH

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# BREAKS GROUND



On Sunday, November 6th at 9:30AM we will gather as a congregation on the "back 40" to break ground on the Outdoor Ministry Center.

All of our members and friends are encouraged to attend this historic event.

Refreshments will be provided.



# Confirmation Class

Confirmation Class resumed in October.

Future classes will be held on Sundays:

11/6, 12/4, 1/8, 2/5, 3/5, 4/16, & 5/7 from 11:30 - 12:30

All youth grades 7-9 are encouraged to participate.

## Youth Night

Youth Night will be held on

Tuesday, November 22 from 6:30 - 8:00PM.

(Youth in Grades 9+ will have additional opportunities to serve in leadership capacities.)



# Nursery & Streaming



When the service is streamed (typically at the 8:30AM service) it will broadcast in the nursery for parents of small children who find that space more accommodating for worship.

Many thanks to Larry King, Rick Bosch, and Peter Schmude for making live-streaming possible.

## Streaming Help Needed.

We hope to continue to livestream our worship, however we need your help. We are seeking a group of volunteers who can rotate in and out covering weeks throughout the year. No experience necessary. On the job training will be provided. If you are interested, please contact the church at [office@sjlcamherst.com](mailto:office@sjlcamherst.com).

## Assisting Ministers Welcome.



Might you be interested in becoming an Assisting Minister for either the 8:30 or 10:30 service? Assisting Ministers read the lessons and assist with communion distribution. (Lessons for new assisting ministers will be provided!) Each one reads at most once per month and has control of his/her schedule.

If you would be interested in serving St. John in this way, please contact Ginny Hohl or the church office.

Thank you!



## Women's Lunch Bunch @ the Cracker Barrel

November 16, 2022 @ 11:30AM

located on Transit Rd. near I-90

All women are welcome to participate in the women's lunch bunch that will be held at the Cracker Barrel on November 16th. After all... WHY KNOT?

# World Hunger Update

*For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me.*

Matthew 25:35

God richly provides for daily bread — the earth can produce enough food for everyone. Yet, many of our sisters and brothers still go hungry. 820 million, or 11%, in the world go hungry; in the US there are 40 million hungry.

By providing immediate relief to those who are hungry, we meet basic needs and recognize the universal human right to food. But ending hunger is about more than food. By connecting people with the resources they need to produce food and gain access to clean water, education, health care and sources of income, long-term, sustainable change can be accomplished.

We start with relationships marked by conversation and listening.

We believe people know their own communities best. It is our congregations and our global companion churches that first identify the local needs and related solutions to help make a difference. Then, we partner with communities to help make those solutions a reality.

Working through ELCA congregations, global companion churches, The Lutheran World Federation and other partners like Bread for the World, Church World Service, Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service and Lutheran World Relief, the ELCA reaches more places more effectively than we could ever do alone. In addition to funding relief and development projects that assist our sisters and brothers in need, we engage members of the ELCA in education and advocacy to help change the systems that perpetuate poverty.

ELCA World Hunger is active in 34 states and territories of the US, in 63 countries around the world. As you sit down to a Thanksgiving table laden with food, think how your gift to synod mission support, or directly to ELCA World Hunger, feeds others. Thank you! For more info, go to [ELCA.org](http://ELCA.org), click on “Our Work,” then World Hunger.

We are church together for the sake of the world.

God’s Work. Our Hands.

from Marcia Brown, Synod Mission Interpreter

# Thank you!

I just want to thank St. John Lutheran Church for the beautiful, handmade get well card. It sure brightened my days. It was so appreciated to be remembered since I have really missed going to the Sunday Services and a few of the committees. God Bless All. Love, Iris Reese

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Dear Creative Ministry Group,

Thank you so much for Cherish's new blanket! It is absolutely beautiful and her new favorite blanket that she sleeps with each night. Thank you for welcoming her to our church (and us back!) with such a warm and love filled gesture!

With our sincerest gratitude,  
Klansee, William, and Cherish

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Dear St. John,

At last count, \$1,170 has come in for World Hunger. Well done good, faithful and generous servants.

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*fellowship* **ABOUNDS.**



# COUNCIL UPDATE - OCTOBER

The October Council Meeting was held on the 18th at 7:00PM. The meeting began with devotions, scripture and prayer centered on Psalm 86. The agenda was approved and the minutes were amended slightly and approved as well.

Pastor Scott reported two weddings, a busy month, and the resumption of some youth activities. Pastor noted a busy month. The OMC is progressing and a capital appeal will take place in December. Pastor noted some staffing updates and encouraged the council to be hospitable, welcoming, and friendly on Sunday morning as we continue to have guests each week at most services.

The committees offered the following reports...

**Social Ministry:** We will collect money for World Hunger on 10/16, socks for Friends of Night People on 10/23, & bags of cheer on 10/30.

**Worship & Music:** The offertory plate is being passed by ushers or worship assistants at each service. A meeting will be held in the near future to discuss the upcoming holiday season.

**Personnel:** Klaus Schonrank has been hired as sexton. He is off to a great start. Sara, our office administrative assistant, was terminated from her position. Volunteers are staffing the office while we navigate this transitional chapter.

**Christian Education:** John Reich has written a Christmas Play that will be put on by the SS youth on December 18th. Classes continue on Sunday morning from 9:30 – 10AM.

**Youth:** The first Youth Night took place. A monthly Youth Night will happen throughout the school year.

**Building and Grounds:** Many, many thanks to Norm H. for his ongoing work on the church grounds and with the heating system. Thanks to the volunteers who installed the floor in the conference room hallway.

**Finance:** We have acquired Builder's Risk Insurance as we anticipate construction in the near future.

**Stewardship:** A campaign will happen in November including a letter, pledge drive, and Temple Talks during worship.

**Financial Secretary:** Ginny H. reported on our income and expenses through the year. Overall, last month (and so far this month) was good. Currently, our income exceeds our expenses (though not by much).

In the business portion of the meeting, Pastor announced that we should break ground on the OMC in the next couple of weeks. New Council members will be elected at a congregational meeting on December 11th at 9:30AM. Committees are encouraged to get budget figures to the finance committee in November. Christmas and Advent planning will be discussed by the W&M committee. All members and groups are encouraged to clean up after themselves and leave the church (especially the kitchens & sinks) free from soiled dishes and debris. Finally, a budget of 7-10K has been allotted from memorial funds to furnish the Gathering Space. Pastor will purchase furniture in conversation with the groups that utilize that space the most.

The meeting adjourned and concluded with the Lord's Prayer and additional prayers from Rev. Irmer.

## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

### 12.11.22 @ 9:30 AM



# ST. JOHN PRAYER LIST

Hospitalized and Homebound  
**Colleen Gunning, Ann Henry**

Loss and Bereavement  
Family and Friends of Terry Starck, uncle of Terry Slaper  
Family and Friends of Edward Long, friend of Marsha Irmer

Healing, Comfort & Special Concerns  
**Rick Bosch, Bob Tiffany, Wayne Yendall, Gayle Bosch, Ellen Manthey, Jerry Szykowny,  
Ed Utz, Jennifer Ekberg, Judy Yendall, John Sivak, Ethel Semrau**

Paula Artieri, friend of Iris Reese  
John Bacon, uncle of Walter & Sue Hadala  
Rick George, nephew of Deni Kranz  
Mattie Hanna & Family, friends of Marsha Irmer  
Rev. Gene Ferguson, father of Lori Schonrank  
Dave Francis, son of Deb Francis  
Eleanor Scott, mother of Laura Kachelmeyer  
Mary Mussel, family of Susan Hadala  
Michelle Newman, friend of Susan Hadala  
Susan Henckel, cousin of Deb Francis  
Peggy Warfield, friend of Marsha Irmer  
John Senn, uncle of Rich Bosch  
Jen Diakun, daughter of Kate and Jim Olson  
Miriam Benson, friend of Kate and Jim Olson  
Rick & Jan Vincent, sister of Deb Francis  
Elaine and Syd Small, friends of Marsha Irmer

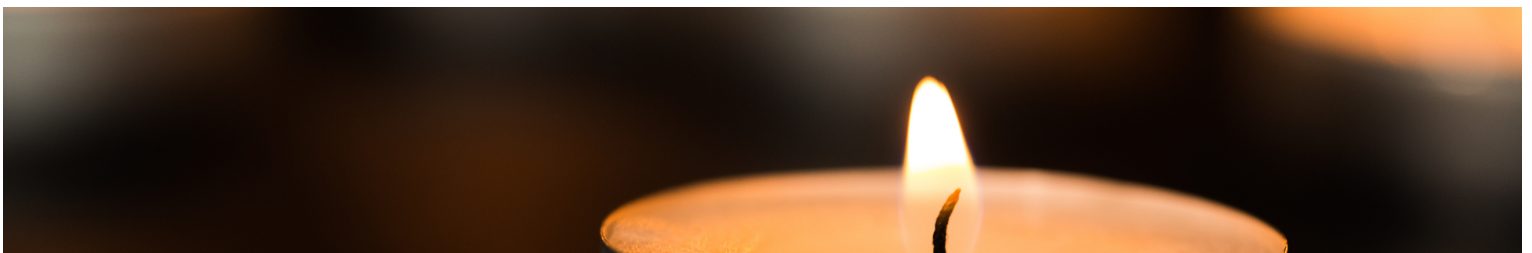
For wise governing dealing with world tension, suffering, and war in Ukraine.

Healing, comfort and strength for those seeking refuge from climate change and  
natural disasters.

For all suffering after mass shootings.

Those victimized by any form of violence, racism, abuse, coercion, and addiction.

Prayers of Celebration for the baptism of Savannah Joyce Leach  
& the confirmation of Grace Bosch-Krug, Connor Merlihan, & Lilly Scorsone.



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Gia Rainero 11.03  
Logan Besch 11.03  
CJ Ullrich 11.08  
Wendy Barth 11.08  
Matt Martin 11.10  
Jeff Otterstein 11.11  
Sandy Parker 11.12  
Mike Goehle 11.15  
Bob Kohout 11.16  
Sarah Merlihan 11.18  
Peter Schmude 11.18

Asa Pawlowski 11.18  
Lamar Todd 11.19  
Aris Ohanessian 11.19  
Lee Dryden 11.20  
Brian Smith 11.22  
David McMullen 11.22  
Leah Martin 11.22  
Victoria Allen 11.25  
David Burow 11.26  
Alex Ullrich 11.28  
Marsha Lewis 11.30  
Emily Reid 11.30

## STAFF

Rev. Dr. Scott D. Hannon, *Pastor* | Rev. Charlie Greene, *Visitation Pastor*  
Cindy Lin, *Traditional Music Leader* | Elena Erokhina, *Contemporary Music Leader*  
Klaus Schonrank, *Sexton*



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