

OUR ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Worship.....	383
Adult Bible Class.....	27
Sunday School.....	43
Guests.....	1
Teachers/Helpers.....	8
Wednesday Bible Class.....	11

FROM THE BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP:

Thank you for supporting God's work through St. John's. Our offering received last weekend:

General Fund: \$ 8,557.00

Building Fund: \$40.00

Simply Giving General Fund: \$620.00

Simply Giving Building Fund: \$25.00

LIFT Group November Event!

Hometown Christmas
Downtown, Effingham

Saturday, November 25

Meet at Noah's Ark Pet Shop at 4 pm.

Everyone can choose from the activities offered in the downtown area....

- 4 p.m. - Santa arrives at his house on the court house square!
- Horse drawn carriage rides
- Christmas cookie decorating
- Christmas ornament make and take at Stang Arts
- Free souvenir photos
- Live Nativity Scene
- Coffee and Hot chocolate
- Effingham County Courthouse Museum open from 4-7 p.m.
- Face Orchestra performing in the museum
- 5 p.m. - The official City of Effingham Community Christmas Tree Lighting!

Meet back at the pet shop at 5:30 to decide on a dinner option:

- a. Venues at the celebration
- b. Walk to Joe Sippers or Joe's Pizza!

Sign up on the main hall board!

THE EAGLE

St. John's Newsletter

NOVEMBER 19, 2017

Church Office Hours

Monday–Friday 8:00–11:30/12:30–4:00

Email: saintjohnslcms@gmail.com

THANKSGIVING SERVICES

Wednesday, November 22 at 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 23 at 9:00 a.m.

*OFFERING OF CANNED GOODS BEING
TAKEN FOR THE FOOD PANTRY*

ADVENT DEVOTIONS

For children and teens are available at the display in the main hallway.

Midweek Advent Services begin

Wednesday, November 29

12:15 and 6:30 p.m.

FISH Christmas Angel Tree Project

Nov 4 through Dec 3

*Donate Christmas gifts to local families who shop for their children at the FISH Christmas Store. Place your new, unwrapped gift under the tree in the Atrium. **Thanks in advance!***

It is that time of year again! We will be

decorating the church for Christmas on **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25 AT 9 A.M.**

The new nativity set, purchased earlier this year will require additional helping hands in order to safely move and display the beautiful nativity. As grandma always said, "*Many hands make light work*". Please mark your calendars and plan on helping this year! Oh yeah, did we mention...donuts, coffee and juice will be there!...How about YOU?

Jerry Pruemmer

Elder of Decorating Committee

P.S. We are looking for a "loan" of 12 bales of straw for our Nativity display. If you can help, please contact the church office. 342-4334.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SUNDAY – 9:15 A.M.

“He Shall Come Again”

WEDNESDAY 10:00 A.M.

“Discipleship Series”

WEDNESDAY

NO CONFIRMATION CLASSES THIS WEEK



LifeLight has been rescheduled for January

SIGN UP BY DECEMBER 10!

A sign up sheet is posted for the study of the Gospel of John, Part 1 in January.

As you progress through this study, you will deepen your understanding of who Jesus is, and what He has done for you. We need to order materials, so please sign the roster by Dec. 10.



Got the midweek blahs?
Catch the Sunday sermon
on Facebook! Posted on
Wednesdays!

facebook.com/St.JohnsEffingham/

POINSETTIAS FOR THE ALTAR

Now until December 14, we are taking orders for poinsettias. You may order in honor of or in memory of loved ones or in thanksgiving for God's blessings.

Call the church office. Cost is \$13.00

New Topic on Wednesday Mornings!

Join Pastor Gall

in Trinity A/B at 10 a.m.

Discussion includes:

- ✓ Who are the Elect?
- ✓ Why Some but Not Others?
- ✓ Hasn't God Already Called the Shots?
- ✓ Pressing On to What is Ours

CALL COMMITTEE

The Call Committee met with Circuit Visitor, Pastor Gillet, Tuesday, November 14, as the next stage of calling a Pastor. Results of the Congregation and Board surveys were discussed and will be shared with District President Rev. Mark Miller.

We are presently at the stage of soliciting names of preferred Pastoral candidates to fill our needs from you, our church family. Names will be accepted from November 15th to December 3rd. You can find a form for submitting your suggestion on the Welcome Center.

Please pray for the committee and its work. The next Call Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 11th.

RECYCLING

PRESCRIPTION MEDICINE BOTTLES!

Due to the overwhelming response, we will only collect them until the end of November. Thanks for participating!!!

Lydia Guild, along with Matthew 25 Ministries collects PRESCRIPTION pill bottles. (No over the counter bottles, please). It provides a way to distribute meds to the poor in other countries, in CAPPED, unlabeled containers. It also helps keep thousands of bottles out of landfills each year. Remove the label, thoroughly clean and rinse. **Look for the container in the gym.**

**STEPHEN MINISTRY
AT ST. JOHN'S**

Going through a tough time emotionally or spiritually? A Stephen Minister is a member of our congregation who is trained to listen, to care and to encourage. Ask the Pastor if one is available to meet with you. It is confidential and free.

**FISH THANKSGIVING DINNER
TO BE HELD AT ST. JOHN'S
RESERVATIONS TO BE MADE WITH FISH**

Free Thanksgiving Day Dinner on Thursday,
November 23, 2017, at 11:30 a.m.

All Effingham County residents and their families are welcome. Home delivered meals will be available. Transportation is provided for those who need a ride.

If you want to attend, OR if you want to volunteer, call Susan Elke at 868-5913, Harold Heath at 868-2854 or the Senior Center, 347-5569.

FOOD PANTRY NEWS!

Our next distribution is Tuesday, November 28 from 3-4 p.m. Donations of these specific items would be appreciated:

Tomato Juice
Chili Beans
Canned Chicken
Dry Noodles.

In an effort to help the families who come to the food pantry plan healthy, simple meals, we do ask for items not regularly stocked. In the future, we are planning to include

In October, We served 85 families which consisted of 158 adults and 77 children. Thank you for your steadfast support directly and through the Scrip gift card program.

NEW IN THE NEW YEAR...

**St. John's Church Family Potluck
Sunday, January 21 at noon**

Let's get together for the joy of fellowship and good food.

Save this date on your calendar!

YOUTH NEWS!

LYF CARD SALES FUNDRAISER

Check out the boxes of all occasion and holiday cards for sale!

Make your selections, fill out an envelope and drop it in the office mail slot.

YOUTH QUAKE 2018

Our students are preparing for the event that is scheduled for January 19-21 at the Sheraton Westport Lakeside Chalet in St. Louis.

November Acolyte Schedule

5:30 p.m.	Tori Budde
8:00 a.m.	Kaiden Kohnert
10:30 a.m.	Jon Perry Evan Pryor

NEWS FROM EAGLE'S NEST

Thanksgiving Feasts at 10:45 a.m.
Tues. and Wed. November 21 & 22

Thanksgiving Break - Thurs. and Fri.
November 23 and 24

THANKSGIVING is a time to reflect on the provision God has made for us in all ways at all times. As we list our blessings, we find we have all we need and more besides. That "besides" is what the Apostle Paul addressed in 2 Corinthians 9:11: *You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS			November 19-26, 2017
SUNDAY	19	8:00 & 10:30 A.M.	WORSHIP SERVICES
		9:15 A.M.	CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
		NOON	EVANGELISM HAITI MEAL
		1:00 P.M.	CHRISTMAS COMMITTEE MTG
MONDAY	20	5:30 P.M.	CROSSTONES
		6:00 P.M.	YOUTH BOARD MEETING
		6:30 P.M.	EARLY CHILDHOOD
PRESCHOOL CLASSES M-W 8:30 – 11:30			
THANKSGIVING BREAK TH & FRI			
WEDNESDAY	22	10:00 A.M.	BIBLE CLASS
		6:30 P.M.	THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE
THURSDAY	23	9:00 A.M.	THANKSGIVING SERVICE
OFFICE CLOSED THURSDAY & FRIDAY			
SATURDAY	25	9:00 A.M.	DECORATE CHURCH
		5:30 P.M.	WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION
SUNDAY	26	8:00 & 10:30 A.M.	WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION
		9:15 A.M.	CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

11/25/62 Paul & Judy Wendling

- 11/19 Katie Hinton, Janice Pike,
Ivy Utz, Sandra Weber
- 11/20 Donna Budde, Matt Wohltman
- 11/21 Makenna Duckwitz
- 11/22 Haley Brown, John Richards
- 11/23 Madi Boerngen, David
Brinkopf, Greg Perry, Jeff Vail
- 11/25 Holly Hulskotter, Randy
Kohnert



ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

- 11/19/83 Rick & Deb Gregory
- 11/23/89 Michael & Patricia Logan

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WELL?...
ARE YOU COMING?
WE DON'T HAVE
ALL DAY, YOU KNOW!

WE'LL THINK
ABOUT IT.
DO WE GET
A SPECIALIZED
MENU?

WHY WE ALMOST DIDN'T HAVE CATS

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