

## OUR ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Weekend Worship.....	335
Adult Bible Class .....	N/A
Sunday Lighthouse.....	8
Wednesday Lighthouse.....	5
Sunday School Students.....	46
Guest .....	0
Sunday School Teachers/Helpers .....	5

### FROM THE BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP:

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

**General Fund: \$ 9,818.50**

**Building Fund: \$30.00**

# THE EAGLE

St. John's Newsletter

## November 11, 2018

Church Office Hours

Monday–Friday 8:00–11:30/12:30–4:00

✝ **Email:** [saintjohnslcms@gmail.com](mailto:saintjohnslcms@gmail.com)

✝ **Website:** [stjohnslcms.net](http://stjohnslcms.net)

✝ **PASTOR GALL'S EMAIL ADDRESS:**  
[revtedgall@gmail.com](mailto:revtedgall@gmail.com)

**The church office will be closed Monday, November 12 in observance of Veterans Day.**

## TRINITY HOPE EVENT

**November 18**

**St. John's Fellowship Hall**

**Starting with a meal at noon**

**A presentation will follow the meal.**

**Find out more about our Haiti school sponsorship and more ways we can help.**

## **ANGEL TREE TOY DRIVE**

*(for the local FISH Christmas store)*

**November 3 and 4 to**

**December 1 and 2**

Look for the display in the Atrium

## THANKSGIVING SERVICES

*Wednesday, November 21, 6:30 p.m.*

*Thursday, November 22, 9:00 a.m.*

**Collection for the FOOD PANTRY**

*Pastor will invite the congregation to bring non-perishable food items to the altar. This month, Sarah is focusing on stocking canned fruit and chunky beef soup. Thanks in advance for helping!*

## ALTAR FLOWERS



In order to provide beautiful arrangements for the altar, we are raising the cost to provide altar flowers to \$40 per weekend instead of \$30. Remember these flowers are then rearranged in bouquets and delivered to shut-ins and those who could use an uplifting of spirits and encouragement.

**ST. JOHN'S PRAYER CHAIN** ministry exists to send Prayer Warriors to present the praises and petitions of our church and community before the Lord. Our church prayer chain receives prayer requests throughout the week and these requests are distributed to Prayer Chain Partners who intercede and pray for these needs.

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# **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

**SUNDAY, 9:15 A.M.**

A study on Mark 12:38-44-The Widow's Mite by Rev. Dr. James F. Wright of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Altamont in Trinity A/B

Sunday School classes meet in church  
Lifelight in Conference Room

**WEDNESDAY**

10:00 a.m. - Lifelight in Conf. Room  
3:30 p.m. - Confirmation

**During November we all have a wide variety of reasons to give thanks. Here's a list of God's blessings:**

- † a Savior Who loves us,
- † good health,
- † family that lives close,
- † enough money,
- † plenty to eat,
- † a job that helps with bills,
- † friends to share our ups and downs,
- † and a home that is safe and warm.

Now consider BEING a blessing for some of our shut-ins and assisted living members with a few hours of your time each month!! Pray about joining St. John's visiting team...then call or text Dana Keller at (217) 246-5373 for more details about how to become a 'blessing' for our seniors!!!

**HOLD ON!** The Large Print Center has an OVER abundance of plastic bags they use for packing, so please, do not bring in any for them. They will let us know when they have space to store more!



## **PECANS FOR SALE**

**\$10.25 FOR HALVES**

**\$10 FOR MEDIUM PIECES**

*See a Lydia Guild member to place your order or write your order on the sheet on the main hall bulletin board.*

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*Prayer Shawl Meeting, Thursday, November 15 at 1 p.m.*

*If anyone knows of someone who may be comforted by a prayer shawl, please contact the church office.*

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## **BUTTONS BUTTONS**

**The preschool is asking for donations of old buttons, especially large, black ones. You may drop them off in the church office.**

## **CARDS CARDS CARDS**

**More cards for purchase have been added to the table in the Fellowship Hall**



**MOVIE NIGHT  
PIZZA AND POPCORN**



**November 17 beginning at 6:30  
Showing "I Can Only Imagine"**



**Children's Christmas Program  
at the 10:30 service on December 16.  
Place your student's RSVP in the  
collection box in the Atrium.**

**Carolyn Wendte  
Donetta Ohnesorge**



**GOLDEN EAGLES  
Thursday, November 29 at noon  
Thanksgiving Dinner  
Please sign up on the main hall  
bulletin board**

**EACH MONTH, one of the LWML-CID mission grants will be featured here. Our mission goal for 2018-2019 is \$95,000: \$74,250 for district grants, \$23,750 will be sent to LWML for national mission grant projects. Grants are paid in full in the order presented as funds become available.**

**NOVEMBER: Fort Wayne & St. Louis Seminary Food Banks for \$10,000**

A necessary part of sharing the Gospel with others and spreading the Word is having trained church workers, including pastors. Having the ability to draw on food bank resources supports the church's mission of training church workers and pastors to spread the Gospel. This grant will assist the staff at these food banks in buying food, toiletries and other needed items.

*What can I do? Pray! Support our church's LWML society by dropping change in the large mite box on the welcome center, or bring in requested items or cash donations when we sponsor a Seminary Food Drive.*

**NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING  
Two of our high school students,  
Coralin Ohnesorge  
and Wes Radloff  
will be going to the 2019 Youth  
Gathering in Minneapolis next July.**

**In support of their desire to attend,  
our congregation can take stock in  
them by purchasing a SHARE.  
A \$20 donation is a small price to pay  
for playing a part in the experience of  
a lifetime**

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS****November 11-16, 2018**

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>8:00 &amp; 10:30 A.M.</b>	<b>WORSHIP SERVICES</b>
		<b>9:15 A.M.</b>	<b>CHRISTIAN EDUCATION</b>
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	
		<b>5:15PM</b>	<b>BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP</b>
		<b>6:00 P.M.</b>	<b>BOARD OF EVANGELISM</b>
<b>TUESDAY-FRIDAY PRESCHOOL CLASSES 8:30 -11:30 A.M.</b>			
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>5:30 P.M.</b>	<b>BOARD OF SOCIAL MINISTRY</b>
		<b>6:15 P.M.</b>	<b>BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>3:30 P.M.</b>	<b>CONFIRMATION</b>
		<b>6:00 P.M.</b>	<b>PRAISE AND WORSHIP CHOIR</b>
		<b>6:00 P.M.</b>	<b>JUBILATE RINGERS</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>9:00 A.M.</b>	<b>E.A.S.T.E.R. CLASS</b>
		<b>5:30 P.M.</b>	<b>WORSHIP</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>8:00 &amp; 10:30 A.M.</b>	<b>WORSHIP</b>
		<b>9:15 A.M.</b>	<b>CHRISTIAN EDUCATION</b>
		<b>NOON</b>	<b>LUNCH IN FELLOWSHIP HALL</b>
		<b>FOLLOWING MEAL</b>	<b>TRINITY HOPE PRESENTATION</b>

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

- 11/11 Amanda Brummer, Bernetta Marxman  
 11/12 Billy Genaust  
 11/13 Richard Devall, Lanette Stuckey  
 11/14 John Bejma, Craig Logan, Lindsay Van Blaricum, Logan Weis  
 11/15 Paisley Bloemer, Treva Brandt, Betty Carter, Rae Ann Wagner  
 11/16 Cloie Bailey, Anthony Lechman, Kenneth Longwell, Diana Miller, Abel Wilson  
 11/17 Troy Van Blarium

**ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK**

- 11/11/16 Jared & Kristen Probst  
 11/11/95 Larry & Jane Probst  
 11/12/11 Nathan & Erica Davis  
 11/12/11 Aaron & Marcy Jones  
 11/14/64 Mike & Linda Cushman  
 11/16/73 Jim & Carol Klein  
 11/16/02 Christopher & Heather St. John

**IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN.**

We will be decorating for Christmas on Saturday, November 24 at 9 a.m. Please mark your calendars and plan on helping this year! The more help we have, the sooner it will get done. Oh yeah, did I mention donuts, coffee and juice will be there!

**Jerry Pruemer,  
Elder of the decorating committee**

**PANCAKE AND SAUSAGE SUPPER**

Sunday, November 11, 4-7 p.m.  
 at St. John's Church and School, Mattoon





## **Be a Welcome Center Host or Greeter!**

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Welcome Center hosts can provide direction and an invitation to our visitors. First time guests get a gift, provided by our Evangelism Board.

Our 5:30 service is especially in need of people for these positions. Call the church office and say you will help.

### **YOU CAN VIEW ST. JOHN'S SERVICES IN SEVERAL WAYS....**

- Our 8 a.m. service is shown on Mediacom Channel 95.2 or 81 at 10 a.m. on Sundays
- Services can be viewed on our website
- Sermons are posted on our Facebook page. Check on Wednesdays

The LWML Mite Box is located on our Welcome Center!

Your spare change helps with our mission work in the Central Illinois District and nationally.

**If you have dropped your landline phone number, please notify the church office, so we can keep our records up-to-date.  
Thanks for helping us keep in touch**

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### **From your Board of Stewardship...**

Please be aware that you can give on a monthly basis through Simply Giving.

*Think Inside  
the Box*



Contact the church office for more information. You fill out a short form and provide a voided check and they can

set up an automatic withdrawal through the Simply Giving Program.

Office Communion will be reinstated on our calendar in the fall.  
Thanks for your patience.

**VIEW OUR**



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***The Lutheran Hour***  
**SUNDAYS AT 7:30 A.M.**  
*WTIM 870 AM (Central IL)*  
*96.1 FM (Christian County)*  
*107.5 (Shelbyville County)*

**Check out our FACEBOOK page!**  
**You can re-watch the sermon beginning on Wednesdays.**



Got the midweek blahs? Catch the Sunday sermon on Facebook!  
Posted on Wednesdays!  
[facebook.com/St.JohnsEffingham/](https://facebook.com/St.JohnsEffingham/)

If you cannot attend, please call Lisa Norton at 347-7008 or Lois Budde at 342-4665.

We always welcome new members.

***Remember when the Lord asked Isaiah: "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?"***

*Help serve the Lord by visiting a few members each month who are shut ins or in assisted living homes. Simply call, set up the best time and date to visit, and be prepared to enjoy getting to know our valued seasoned members as well as sharing the faith you both have in Jesus. This is an easy and enjoyable way for YOU to say, "Here am I. Send me!!" Please call Dana Keller, (217)246-5373 with questions or for more info!*

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***"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."***

**That is the word of encouragement on the vouchers that The Board of Social Ministry have for sale.**

You may purchase these \$5 vouchers for groceries at Save A Lot at the scrip table after all services. Carry them in

**TRANSPORTATION AVAILABLE**  
**We are willing to provide transportation to those in temporary need (surgery or health condition) who live outside of town and who will be able to resume coming to church themselves at a later time. Contact the church office if you need a ride.**

**Attention all Altar Guild members!**  
**We will have our meeting on Tuesday, July 25 at 5 p.m.**

your purse or pocket so that you are ready with food for the body and Spirit when you see someone in need.

### ST. JOHN'S

#### TRANSPORTATION MINISTRY:

Drivers have volunteered to drive the church van to pick you up for the Sunday services, both 8:00 a.m. and 10:30. Call the church office by 4 p.m. on Fridays to request a ride.

Transportation with personal vehicle is also available as needed:

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**Fred Bray**

**217-536-6140/217-663-3916**

**Dean & Donna Wetherell**

**217-343-1607 / 217-343-6901**

**Don & Patsy Latch**

**217-259-2767 / 217-821-5168**

**Gayland & Shawn Bourland**

**217-343-4366**



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**STARTING MARCH 4**, at 7:30 a.m., the LUTHERAN HOUR will be broadcast on WTIM 870 AM, 96.1 FM, 107.

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#### **Have a Healthy Day!**

The trustees have added hand sanitizing stations throughout the main floors of the church. They are motion activated. No need to touch the dispenser!

**Log in at <http://smile.amazon.com> to choose St. John's Lutheran Church, Effingham. 1/2% of your purchase will be donated to our general fund!**

If anyone knows of someone who may be comforted by a prayer shawl, please contact the church office: 342-4334.

We will meet Thursday, April 12 in the library to work on making prayer shawls.

**The Board of Evangelism has a basket set up in the Atrium for Cancer Center gift bags. Just a reminder of the items they include:**

- Small water bottles
- Pretzels from Dollar Tree (8 pks in a bag for \$1.00)
- Chapstick – Lip Balm
- Hand Sanitizer Packets (Boxes from Dollar Tree for \$1.00)
- Colored Gel Pens
  - Coloring pages or Word Search Puzzles (individual sheets) If you can separate them from the books for us, that would be helpful
- Hard Candies – Mints

**You will find a handy shopping list on the main hall bulletin board.**

## PRAYER SHAWL MEETING

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(342-4334, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.)

## LYF CARD SALES FUNDRAISER

Great selection of Birthday and Anniversary cards! Never be caught without a greeting again!

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

**EAGLE'S NEST REGISTRATION**  
**There are openings in 3 and 4 year old classes in 2018/2019!**



Take an enrollment form from the main hall bulletin board and share with a friend or neighbor.

Printable forms also available at [eaglesnestpreschool.com](http://eaglesnestpreschool.com)



## EAGLE'S NEST PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

**is now open for 2018/2019!**

Pick up a form from the main hall bulletin board or go online at [eaglesnestpreschool.com](http://eaglesnestpreschool.com)

**SHARE THE INFO WITH A FRIEND!**

**From your Board of Stewardship... Please be aware that you can give on a monthly basis through Thrivent's "Simply Giving" program, administered by Vanco Payment Solutions.**

**Contact the church office for more information. You fill out a short form and provide a voided check and they can set up an automatic withdrawal!**

**ORDERING FROM THE AMAZON SITE?**  
***Make your purchases through [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) and check St. John's Lutheran Church to receive ½% of your purchase. It is automatically sent to our general fund.***

### **RIDE IN STYLE AND COMFORT!**

Just a reminder that if you call the church office by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, you can arrange a ride to church at the 8 a.m. or 10:30 service on Sunday! The elders have set up a schedule of people to drive the church van.

**Take it to the Lord in Prayer**  
St. John's has a dedicated group of prayer warriors at the ready if you need support. Julie Scott is our coordinator. Her number is 343-3047.

**ATTENTION!**  
**White Key Card Holders**  
**(Reminder for your wallet or purse!)**

If you enter into our church west outside door after hours, please stop at the keypad located on the South wall. Enter your 4 digit number, code \* \_ \* \_ \*. The red light should be on and will turn to green when you put your code in. Please write your name on the white board next to the keyboard so others know you are in the building.

When you leave, erase your name off the board and punch your code in which will turn the light back to red.

**Do not put your code in when you exit if someone else's name is on the white board.**

**BE A GREETER!  
OR WELCOME CENTER HOST!**

Extend a warm welcome to members and visitors alike. We especially need to cover 5:30 services. Consider sharing your gift of hospitality. Call the church office to volunteer! 342-4334



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*There is no cost and all is kept in strict confidence. Talk with Pastor Gall.*

ACOLYTE SCHEDULE FOR  
SEPTEMBER

5:30 p.m. A.J. Radloff  
8:00 a.m. Andrew Lotz  
10:30 a.m. Aiden Hanks



**If you have a prayer concern or praise, there are people ready to pray for you.**  
**Call Julie Scott, our coordinator, at 217-343-3047**

**Prayer Shawl Ministry meets**  
**Thursday,**  
**September 13**  
**at 1 p.m.**



**in the Library.**

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**NEW MEMBER WELCOME**  
**PLANNED**

**Sunday, September 23**  
**at 10:30 service**

**Reception at 9:00 a.m. at**  
**Coffee Fellowship in the gym.**

Men's Ministry  
First Saturday of the Month  
At Niemerg's  
8 a.m.

"Thrivent Action Teams". Applications must be submitted at least 19 days prior to an event.

**WE ARE LOOKING FOR HOSTS AND  
HOSTESSES FOR COFFEE FELLOWSHIP**  
**Pick a date from the signup sheet on the  
main hall bulletin board.**  
**November 18**  
**November 25**  
**December 9**  
**Coffee and fellowship is a  
WINNING COMBINATION!**

**ATTENTION ALL THRIVENT CLIENTS**

A program called "Thrivent Action Teams" is catching on! Recently our Evangelism board applied for and received \$250 to purchase items for their Cancer Packs they make for the local treatment center. See their photos on the main hall bulletin board!

**YOU CAN DO IT TOO!** It's not a gift or a grant. It's seed money to invest in your project or gain awareness for your cause. Plus, you get free T-shirts for project participants. You will choose a fundraiser, service activity or educational event that can be completed in 90 days. Once your project is approved, you will receive a kit that includes a \$250 community impact card! You can spend this money to get your project started.

If you need inspiration about who to help, just contact someone from the various boards or organizations here at church. There are many needs for non-budgeted items that we can hold a fundraiser for.

St. John's members with insurance policies may apply for 2 projects per calendar year. Members with investments through Thrivent Financial may apply for 1 project per calendar year. Apply online at <https://www.thrivent.com/making-a-difference/living-generously/thrivent-action-teams/> OR call 1-800-847-4836 and say