

OUR ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Worship	395
Sunday school	31
Adult Bible class	23
Lifelight	10
Confirmation Classes.....	16

FROM THE BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP

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

GENERAL FUND \$8505.51

BUILDING FUND \$15.00

SIMPLY GIVING GENERAL FUND \$730.00

SIMPLY GIVING BUILDING FUND \$25.00

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Bible Study with Pastor Burdick/Trinity A/B
Lifelight Bible Study-Conference Room

TOPIC FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY Children & Adults

"A King Forever," looks forward to our forever King, Jesus. God sends Samuel to anoint the next king of Israel, with the reminder, **"The LORD sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart"** (1 Samuel 16:7). God rejects each of Jesse's sons, so Samuel sends for the youngest, David, whom God has chosen to become the greatest king of Israel. Surviving Saul's insane jealousy, David becomes king and establishes Jerusalem as his stronghold. As a family, talk about how God used David to unite His people and how Jesus will unite all believers.

GREETING CARDS

A nice variety is available on the table in the gym. Check it out.

THE CHILDREN'S LIBRARY

Will be closed through the end of November due to remodeling!

THE EAGLE

St. John's Newsletter

November 17, 2019

From Our Pastor

Your phone rings and the caller's number is unfamiliar. "Probably a robocall," you say to yourself, and you ignore it. Maybe you even block the number. I get it. I do it, too. Yet, here's my problem: it's me that's been calling some of you! I've been calling members on, or near, their birthday and I've been using my mobile phone. I don't blame you. I ignore unfamiliar numbers, too.

Do we ignore unknown calls from God? If our morning devotion begins with a long and unfamiliar passage from Deuteronomy, do we skip it? *I have*. If the Epistle Lesson on Sunday is a protracted section from Hebrews, do we tune it out and tune in to this afternoon's to-do list?

It's my prayer that we – you and I – would be eager hearers of His Word: hundreds of us listening to His call in weekend Services together and then also answering His call daily in our homes. That's what makes for a healthy Church, willing to shine the truth and grace of Jesus in our community. Thus, my first request is that you keep on listening to all of His Word. Be like the Psalmist praying: **"Your testimonies are wonderful; therefore my soul keeps them. The unfolding of Your words gives light; it imparts understanding to the simple."** (119:129-130)

Second request: save my cell number. It's 309-255-5580. If I have your birthday and phone number, I'm going to be calling. Just don't expect my message to be as good as the Lord's! In Him,

Pastor Mike Burdick

PECANS ARE HERE

Contact Treva Brandt (343-3300) or Marilyn Schaefer (821-0508). There are some extras for sale, while supplies last. They are \$10.25 for halves and \$10.00 for small and medium pieces.

OFFICE STAFF DEVOTIONS & MEETING

The office staff has meetings and devotions each Wednesday at 1:00 pm. If there are any prayer requests, please let the church office know so we can add them to the prayer list.

NOVEMBER FOOD PANTY ITEMS

Pancake Mix & Syrup

HAITI HUNGER FIGHT EVENT

This is our major fundraiser for Haiti.

This Sunday – November 17

Immediately following the 10:30 church service. Pork sandwiches, burgers, with picnic sides. Free-will donations!

HAITIAN ART ITEMS WILL BE SOLD

NOVEMBER 21 GOLDEN EAGLES

Menu: Ham, Turkey, Dressing, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Chicken & Noodles, Carrots, Green Beans, Wedding Salad, Rolls & Butter. (yum yum).

PLEASE Sign up **TODAY**

FREE THANKSGIVING DAY DINNER

Effingham County FISH Organization

Thursday, November 28

St Anthony Parish Center

Dinner will start at 11:30am,

FISH ANGEL TREE

Will be in the atrium until – Dec 1
Please bring new, unwrapped gifts.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Practice - Sun., Dec. 1 & 8 from 1-3
Program – Sat., December 14 at 5:30

YOUTH CHRISTMAS CAROLING & PIZZA PARTY

After program practice on Dec. 8. Have your student wear a Christmas shirt or any red or green attire! If your child requires a car seat, we ask that you provide your own transportation.

BURDICK & FORTKAMP OPEN HOUSES

They would like to invite you to each of their new homes in Effingham

December 1 from 1-4 PM

Burdick's: 717 S First Street

Fortkamp's: 1009 W Evergreen Ave.

HOMEFIRES

Will begin in Jan., discussing "Unshakable Hope" by Max Lucado. Sign-up sheet is on the main hall bulletin board. Orientation is December 8th following the Sunday 10:30 service.

YOUTH COOKIE WALK

December 14 & 15

before and after each service

"DAY OF GIVING FOR CRISIS NURSERY"

WCIA-TV is hosting a Day of Giving on Tuesday, Dec. 3 from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. at St. Anthony's Health Center on Temple Ave. here in town to benefit the three crisis nurseries in Illinois including ours in Effingham. There will be a truck for loading donations and volunteers and staff will be on hand to help. They especially need diapers size 3-6; pull-ups; infant formula; individualized snacks; baby wipes; and Clorox wipes. Santa will be there from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. to hand out candy canes for those dropping off donations.

PRAYER LIST

Shawn Bourland, Steven & Kathleen French, Craig Lindvahl, Deborah Wallin, Gerard Bierman, Tim Mueller, Joye Bushue, Austin Miller, Esta Johnson, Alan Phelps, Roselle McClure, Greg Lankford, Zach Fritcher, Lori Spears, Gerald Pontious, Voris Osborn , Lois Kyle, Joyce Schaefer, Craig Wolff, Chuck Mayberry, Nick Miller, Rochel Alwardt, John Holland, Lorri Mayberry, Becky Ragan, Marion Tolch, Ronnie Ziegler, Onda Wendte , Dave Wall, Vivian Kinkelaar, Erna Niccum, Jerry Niccum, Becky Ragan, Dianne Doty, Carolyn Reynolds, Ruth Buening, & Kohen Willenborg & Parents.

Pray for Our Central Illinois District Missions supported by your church's Mission Dollars to the District. "Finally, brothers, pray for us, that the Word of the Lord may spread rapidly and be honored..."

Please pray for CID's efforts to call a Missionary Pastor to work in inner city circumstances in south Peoria. Christ Lutheran Church there will provide a "staging area" for outreach by a new District missionary. Pray the Lord of the harvest to send a laborer!

Stay Connected with the Central Illinois District

CID's Website: <http://www.cidlcms.org>

CID's The GatePost (newsletter):

<http://www.cidlcms.org/gatepost.html>

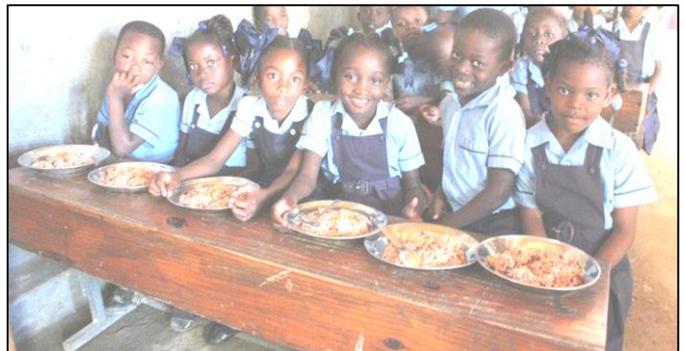
Subscribe to the E-GatePost/Monthly Bulletin Inserts:

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TRINITY HOPE

This is the organization that will help with our Haiti Hunger Fight Fundraiser. Read about the children who will benefit...

My daughter shared with me recently that she and her husband got a babysitter and were going out on a lunch date, like "normal people" do. That term opened a door in my mind. I am intrigued about normal people doing 'ordinary' things for the kingdom those 'special' people who were accomplishing extraordinary work for the kingdom. When looking at the photo a 'normal person' will see six boys and girls with lunch and I see \$1.50 as that is the cost for their lunch on this day; that is looking at these Haitian children through 'ordinary' eyes. The eyes of an 'extraordinary' person will be sitting at lunch with a friend or coworkers and get their bill for the Pasta Buffet and say "hmm, \$7.45, I could almost provide 30 meals for the price of this meal." Trinity HOPE is happy to receive a check for \$1.50 from you to feed these six kids; but will be thrilled to receive that same amount from your family, friends and coworkers. Please don't settle for 'normal', share the news about Trinity HOPE feeding kids in Haiti with others and encourage them to do something 'extraordinary' with you and watch God perform a miracle in them and through their 'special' giving.



CALENDAR		November 17-23, 2019	
SUNDAY	17	8 & 10:30AM	WORSHIP
		9:15 AM	CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
		11:30-2:00 PM	HAITI LUNCH
<i>PRESCHOOL CLASSES - MONDAY THRU FRIDAY 8:30 – 11:30 AM</i>			
MONDAY	18	5:30 PM	CHOIR
		6:30 PM	EARLY CHILDHOOD
TUESDAY	19	5:15 PM	BOARD OF SOCIAL MINISTRY
WEDNESDAY	20	1:00 PM	STAFF DEVOTION
		6:00 PM	BELL CHOIR
		6:00 PM	YOUTH MINISTRY
THURSDAY	21	8:50 AM	PS CHAPEL
		NOON	GOLDEN EAGLES
FRIDAY	22		<i>PASTOR'S SABBATH</i>
		6:00 PM	WEDDING REHEARSAL
SATURDAY	23	9:30 AM	E.A.S.T.E.R CLASS
		2:00 PM	PILCHER/DETERS WEDDING
		5:30 PM	WORSHIP W/HC
SUNDAY	24	8 & 10:30AM	WORSHIP W/HC
		9:15 AM	CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

11/17 Troy Van Blaricum
 11/18 Rochel Alwardt, Ron Lading,
 Cory March, Mattie Niccum,
 & Lilli Wernsing
 11/19 Katie Hinton, Kris Lipe, Janice Pike,
 Ivy Utz, & Sandra Weber
 11/20 Donna Budde & Matt Wohltman
 11/21 Makenna Duckwitz & George Young
 11/22 Haley Brown & John Richards
 11/23 Madi Boerngen, Liam Boone,
 David Brinkopf, Greg Perry,
 & Jeff Vail

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

11/19/1983 Rick & Deb Gregory
 11/23/1989 Michael & Patricia Logan

CHRISTMAS DECORATING

Reserve the date of November 30, at 9 am and come help decorate the church for Christmas. Many volunteers are needed. It's a fun time of fellowship PLUS donuts and coffee will be a special treat for everyone helping.