

THE EAGLE

St. John's Newsletter

December 8, 2019

OUR ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Worship	413
Sunday school	34
Guest	1
Adult Bible class	25
Confirmation Classes	14
Thanksgiving Worship	187
Advent Worship	133

FROM THE BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP

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

General Fund: \$9741.03
 Building Fund: \$112.00
 Simply Giving General Fund: \$1190.00

NOVEMBER GENERAL FUND SUMMARY

Deposits.....\$43,323.12
 Expenditures.....\$66,513.43
 Ending Balance.....\$140,118.21

TOPIC FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY Children & Adults

"Homecoming Hopes" is the theme for our lesson this week. King Artaxerxes sends Ezra as a priest and scribe to teach and lead the people at the newly repaired temple in Jerusalem. Nehemiah convinces the king to send him to Jerusalem to repair the city wall. Despite opposition from Israel's neighbors, repairs are completed in record time. Nehemiah, Ezra, and the priests lead the people in a joyous rededication of the wall. Discuss together, "What homecoming can we look forward to as God's children?"

From Our Pastor

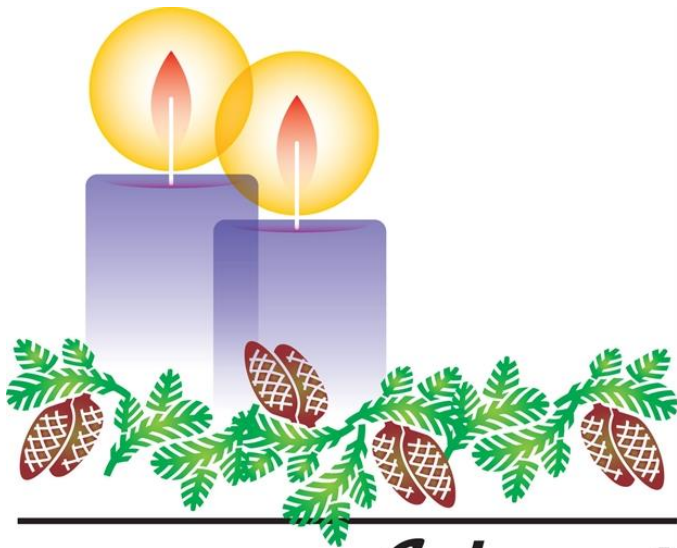
Response-able. That's the awkward and helpful word that Dr. Ken Schurb in our District office uses when he discusses Christian stewardship. God gives gifts. We get to respond. And we're able to do it. "Response-able" is a nice way to put it.

Today I urge you to think about next year, which is only three weeks away. Think about the gifts God is placing in your lives – gifts of forgiveness and certain hope. Gifts of people and places. Gifts of time, and skills, and finances. Acknowledge that they are all gifts. Respond in faith and joy. You are able, because He is generous and present. St. Paul wrote, **"Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. As it is written, "He has distributed freely, He has given to the poor; His righteousness endures forever."** (2 Cor. 9:7-9)

I witnessed some mighty responses last Sunday afternoon as I sat in on the youth Christmas Service rehearsal! We have wonderful children and families, and the message they are preparing for next Saturday night is focused on Jesus. What a joyful response!

Pray this week about what your response will include in 2020. Will you volunteer in a new way in our congregation through our prayer ministry or food bank? As a Sunday School teacher or Welcome Center greeter? I'm so new here I don't know all the opportunities there are for you. Volunteer, and we'll find out together. In Christ, we're...response-able!

Pastor Burdick



SECOND SUNDAY OF *Advent*

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM
Saturday December 14 at 5:30

PRACTICE - SUN., DEC. 8, 1-3 P.M.
CAROLING & PIZZA PARTY

Will be after program practice on Dec. 8. from 3-6 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.

"DAY OF GIVING FOR CRISIS NURSERY"
Thank you so much to all who came out and support our Crisis Nursery on the Day of Giving. Your overwhelming generosity of monetary donations and baby supplies will help these little ones more than you know. God Bless You!

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.

LIVE NATIVITY!

On Saturday Dec. 21 from 6-8pm, we'll be having a live nativity! We need characters, carolers, a sheep and bales of straw. We're hoping to have enough people to work shorter shifts in case of bad weather. If you would like to help or have props, please sign up on the main hall bulletin board or call (or text) Donetta Ohnesorge (821-3300), Carolyn Wendte (821-6541), or Cathy Norris (821-3656).

LIFELIGHT

The first class will begin January 19 discussing the "Life of David". Orientation is Jan 12. Sign-up sheet is on the main hall bulletin board.

COOKIE WALK

December 14 & 15
before and after each service.
Look forward to seeing you.

SHOP SCRIP!

Gift cards are always the right size and color! Shop EARLY for Christmas giving. ***Kindly place an order if you want more than 5 of the same card to prevent us from running out of inventory for other shoppers.***

THE CHILDREN'S LIBRARY
Is still closed due to remodeling!

DECEMBER FOOD PANTRY
Is in need of Applesauce and
Chunky Beef Soup.

The Eagle's Nest Preschool
can recycle used/clean aluminum pie pans for projects in the classrooms! Drop your donations by the church office. Thanks in advance!

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, Nick Miller, Rochel Alwardt, John Holland, Lorri Mayberry, Marion Tolch, Ronnie Ziegler, Dave Wall, Vivian Kinkelaar, Jerry Niccum, Dianne Doty, Carolyn Reynolds, Ruth Buening, Julie Scott, Bob Miller, Cindy Myers, Janet Brinkopf, Shirley Wittenberg, Patsy Latch, the families of Onda Wendte, Erna Niccum and Ray Manford.

In Loving Memory of Onda Wendte

Onda passed away Saturday, November 30, 2019 at the age of 85 years, 10 months and 13 days. Funeral services were held on Saturday, December 7 with burial in Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery.

“Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.” (Ps 116:15)

BACK TO BETHLEHEM EXPERIENCE

Eagle's Nest Families will have the opportunity to walk through Bethlehem on Wednesday, December 18th and Thursday, the 19th. The gym will be transformed into a Bible-times village.

The preschool is asking for volunteers to help from 8:45 to 11:30 one or both days. You can work in the cheese shop, fish market, carpenter's shop, at the inn, the bakery or the grape and juice market. A volunteer photographer is also needed, as well as a tax collector and census taker. Costumes will be available. Please sign up on the church bulletin board!



Christmas Eve Worship
With Holy Communion
4:00, 6:30 and 11:00 pm

Christmas Day Worship
With Holy Communion, 9:00 am

New Year's Eve
With Holy Communion, 6:00 pm

New Year's Day
With Holy Communion, 9:00 am

POINSETTIAS FOR THE ALTAR

Please order in the church office by December 16. This year's cost is \$20.

In Loving Memory of Erna Niccum

Erna entered her heavenly home on Sunday, December 1, 2019 at the age of 92 years, 1 month and 7 days. Services in her memory were held at Johnson's Funeral Home on Thursday, December 5, with burial at a later date at Oakridge Cemetery, Effingham.

May our resurrected Lord grant the family and friends of this saint the comfort of His resurrection.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Would you be willing to assemble our Cradle Roll Packs to be mailed from the office? Call us at 342-4334.

LYDIA GUILD PROJECT

The ladies made Christmas stockings and collected items to fill them. 87 stockings were then donated to our FOOD PANTRY for distribution on December 10. THANK YOU to all!

CALENDAR

December 8-15, 2019

SUNDAY	8	8 & 10:30 AM	WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION
		9:15 AM	CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
		1-3 PM	CHILDRENS PROGRAM PRACTICE
		3-6 PM	CAROLING AND PIZZA PARTY
<i>PRESCHOOL CLASSES - MONDAY THRU FRIDAY 8:30 – 11:30 AM</i>			
MONDAY	9	5:00 PM	BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP
		5:30 PM	CHOIR
		6:15 PM	BOARD OF EDUCATION
TUESDAY	10	3:00 – 4:00 PM	FOOD PANTRY
		5:15 PM	BOARD OF SOCIAL MINISTRY
		6:30 PM	BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY	11	12:15 & 6:30 PM	ADVENT SERVICES
		1:00 PM	STAFF DEVOTION
		5:00 PM	BOARD OF EVANGELISM
		7:30 PM	BELL CHOIR
THURSDAY	12	12:30 PM	PRAYER SHAWL
		6:30 PM	ELDERS MEETING
FRIDAY	13		<i>PASTOR'S SABBATH</i>
SATURDAY	14	8:00 AM	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY AT NIEMERGS
		5:30 PM	CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM
COOKIE WALK – BROUGHT TO YOU BY LYF - SATURDAY & SUNDAY			
SUNDAY DEC.	15	8 & 10:30AM	WORSHIP
		9:15 AM	CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
		1:00 PM	BOARD OF YOUTH MINISTRY

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

- 12/8 Stan Bahrns, Debbie Barr, Judy Meislahn, Todd Nelson
- 12/10 Abby Barr, Chloe Martin, Justin Marxman
- 12/11 Kiersten Baker, Jill Hecht, Joel Wolfe
- 12/12 Marlin Alwardt, Mallory Dixon, Kaleb Hartman, Adam Wendling, Brandon Willis
- 12/13 Kim Niebrugge, Kellie Siebert, Julie Sudkamp
- 12/14 Bob Flach, Randy Miller

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

- 12/8/90 Ron & Kathleen Stumpf
- 12/9/88 Bob & Janet Hecht
- 12/11/71 Paul & Colleen Leppin
- 12/11/71 Les & Norma Miller

THANK YOU to everyone who came to our open houses. Thank you also for the cards and gifts. We appreciate you coming to our homes and we value your kindness and friendship.
Pastor Gary & Gloria
Pastor Mike & Kathy

THINK SUMMER for Christmas Giving!
 Camp CILCA registration is open! Give the gift of summer camp by calling 217-487-7497. Do it before December 25 and receive a 10% discount!

GERMAN CHRISTMAS SERVICE
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15 AT 4PM
 IMMANUEL, TERRE HAUTE
 645 POPLAR ST (812/232-4972)