

OUR ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

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| Worship | 321 |
| Adult Bible Class | 18 |
| Sunday School..... | 36 |
| Teachers/Helpers..... | 9 |
| Wednesday Bible Class..... | 9 |

FROM THE BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP:

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

General Fund: \$ 8,469.25

Building Fund: \$ 75.00

THE EAGLE

St. John's Newsletter

October 29, 2017

Church Office Hours

Monday–Friday 8:00–11:30/12:30–4:00

Send news to: saintjohnslcms@gmail.com

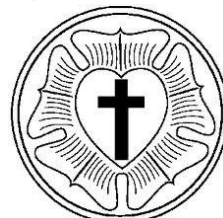
WE REMEMBER! WE CELEBRATE! THE 500TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE REFORMATION OCTOBER 28/29

All services will feature a skit, "Martin Luther Visits St. John's" with our confirmation students asking questions of our special guest.

A special presentation by Dean Manuel, "Luther and the Reformation 500 Years Later", will be shown in Trinity A/B during Sunday school hour at 9:15.

- Why did Luther start a new church? Did he?
- What prompted Luther to question the Church of his day?
- What did he hope would happen when he posted the 95 thesis?

A power point lesson with historic pictures of present day Germany, including a discussion of all of these questions and more will be presented during the Adult Bible Class. Come and learn about how his actions, through God's direction, affect us even today.



LUTHER, SERVANT OF GOD,
THE GREAT REFORMER 1517-2017

FRIENDSHIP WEEKEND OCTOBER 28/29!

Welcome Guests!



SHARE YOUR GOOD HEALTH! RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29 8 A.M. TO NOON IN OUR FELLOWSHIP HALL

You may answer pre-donation questions online the day of the drive at redcrossblood.org. Click on the picture "Start Your RapidPass" and print out the page at the end.

THE FIRST SUNDAY BREAKFAST
NEXT WEEK WILL BENEFIT THE JR.
HIGH YOUTH. PLAN TO ATTEND!
7:30 – 9:30 A.M.

Sunday A.M. Bible Class

Pastor Gall is teaching at 9:15 in Trinity A/B. The current course is called "He Shall Come Again." From the Concordia Publishing House Discipleship Series. The purpose of these lessons are to help Christians dig into Scripture to explore some of the primary teachings of Jesus. That's how disciples are made---by the power of His Word.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SUNDAY – 9:15 A.M.

“Luther and the Reformation 500 Years Later” *presented by Dean Manuel*

WEDNESDAY 10:00 A.M.

“Ask, Seek, Knock”

WEDNESDAY 3:30 P.M.

Confirmation Classes for grades 6-8



**Operation
Christmas Child**

A PROJECT of SAMARITAN'S PURSE

- Pick up a Christmas Child “shoebox” and label from the display
- Fill with gifts: toys, hygiene items, school supplies and affix the label on the box
- Pray for the child who will receive your gift
- Include a \$9 donation for shipping (Using up leftover labels from last year wasn't as efficient as previously thought!) Discover the destination of your gift! Go to samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/pack-a-shoe-box/ “Follow Your Box”
- We deliver the boxes to local drop off point the week of November 13.

HELP NEEDED...

PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER THIS!

We are looking for a coordinator for our Prayer Chain. Arnetia Osborn, who has been filling that position, is stepping aside.

Please contact the church office if you would be willing to start the chain when needs arise. Call 342-4334 M-F from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.



Stephen Ministry...

A Christian friend is a good listener. When life is weighing you down, a Stephen Minister can be of help. Talk with Pastor Gall to see if this program would be your answer to prayer.

RECYCLING MEDICINE BOTTLES

Lydia Guild has taken on a new project along with **Matthew 25 Ministries** to recycle your pill bottles. 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.

Eagle's Nest News

October 30 & 31

Fall Pumpkin Parties

10:45 a.m.

Check out their Facebook page for recent activities!



Save the Date!

Children's Christmas Program

December 17 at the 10:30 service

YOUR CALL COMMITTEE met on Monday, October 23. They are finishing up on the details of the survey results. A call has been made to the Circuit Counselor, Rev. Stephen Gillet for a meeting on November 14.

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.



LifeLight has been rescheduled for January.

Look for the sign up sheet in November.

Participants will study John Part 1 in a 9-week session that will be finished before Holy Week.

FISH Christmas Tree Project Nov 4 through Dec 3

Donate Christmas gifts to families with children who shop at the FISH Christmas Store. Place your new, unwrapped gift under the tree in the Atrium.

LUTHERAN CARE CENTER

Annual Dinner Auction

November 4, 2017

At the Effingham Event Center

Silent Auction 5:00 p.m.

Dinner served 6:30

Live Auction 8:00

\$25 per person/\$200 per table

Dinner and raffle tickets are on sale in the Atrium today.

YOUTH QUAKE 2018

SIGN UP IS POSTED! The event is scheduled for January 19-21 at the Sheraton Westport Lakeside Chalet in St. Louis. Students in grades 6-8 are invited to attend. Sign up on the main hall bulletin board, call the church office, or coordinate with any member of the Board of Youth Ministry if you would like to attend. This is a great weekend filled with music, faith, fun and fellowship.

\$95 early bird registration is due NOVEMBER 7!!!! Youth may earn \$\$ by working at the First Sunday Breakfast on November 4.

THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN ED

is hosting a Movie Night on November 18th. The feature is "The Case for Christ". Pizza will be served and a movie for children will be shown downstairs. Sign up on the main hall bulletin board TODAY!

GOLDEN EAGLES

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16

(We will meet one week early this month)

Invite a friend!

We share a meal at noon and those who care to, stay for an afternoon of cards and games.



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

CALENDAR OF EVENTS**October 29-November 5, 2017**

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| SUNDAY | 29 | 8:00 & 10:30 A.M. | REFORMATION WORSHIP SERVICES |
| | | 9:15 A.M. | CHRISTIAN EDUCATION |
| AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE 8:00 A.M. TO NOON | | | |
| MONDAY | 30 | 5:30 P.M. | CROSSTONES |
| PRESCHOOL CLASSES MONDAY-FRIDAY, 8:30 – 11:30 | | | |
| WEDNESDAY | 1 | 10:00 A.M. | BIBLE CLASS |
| | | 3:30 – 4:45 P.M. | CONFIRMATION CLASSES |
| | | 6:00 P.M. | HANDBELL CHOIR |
| THURSDAY | 2 | 1:00 P.M. | STAFF MEETING |
| FRIDAY | 3 | 1:00 P.M. | LADIES AID |
| SATURDAY | 4 | 9:30 A.M. | E.A.S.T.E.R. |
| | | 5:30 P.M. | WORSHIP |
| SUNDAY | 5 | 8:00 & 10:30 A.M. | WORSHIP |
| | | 9:15 A.M. | CHRISTIAN EDUCATION |
| JR. LYF HOSTS FIRST SUNDAY BREAKFAST 7:30 – 9:30 | | | |

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

10/29 Carol Althoff, Zac Bloemer, Lucas Keitel
 10/31 Melissa Goldstein, Brian Marxman, Sam Wagner
 11/1 Danielle Espina, Jackson Fritch, Greg Keitel, Anna Rieman
 11/2 Brendan Keller, Kyle Pennington
 11/3 Terry Fielitz, Linda Lockett, Donna Walls
 11/4 Kiley Bohnhoff, Daniel Jansen, Roberta Jenkins, Randall Steben, Lloyd Wittenberg

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

10/29/16 Brennan & Darcie Buening
 10/30/10 James & Rebecca Belcher
 11/2/01 Jeff & Kristen Pryor

- Forget-Me-Not Café.
Tuesday, October 31 at Tuscan Hills Winery from noon until 2 p.m.
- St. John's Men's Club, Mattoon 64th Annual Pancake and Sausage Supper
Sunday, November 12 from 4-7 p.m.
- St. Paul Blue Point Soup Supper,
Sunday, November 12, begins at 4 p.m.

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

The Effingham county FISH Organization is sponsoring the 13th Annual 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.

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