

**OUR ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK**

Worship .....	424
Sunday school .....	31
Adult Bible class .....	27
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: \$7667.75
- October General Fund Summary
  - Deposits - \$50,586.27
  - Expenditures - \$45,142.73
  - Closing Balance - \$163,308.52

**TOPIC FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY  
Children & Adults**

“The King’s Table” is the title of today’s lesson. Mephibosheth, Jonathan’s son, suffered crippling injuries at age 5 while escaping Saul’s enemies with his nurse. Once David established his kingdom, his thoughts turned to whether there were any survivors from Saul and Jonathan’s line. Discovering Mephibosheth, David bestows on him Saul’s land and fortune. Mephibosheth’s family moves to Jerusalem, where he always eats at the king’s table. Discuss how God provides for our daily needs today.

**THANKSGIVING SERVICES**

- Wed., November 27, 6:30 pm
- Thurs., November 28, 9:00 am

Collection for the FOOD PANTRY  
Pastor will invite the congregation to bring non-perishable food items to the altar. This month, Sarah Riordan is focusing on canned fruit, soup, and canned chicken in the pantry. Thank You.

**THE EAGLE**  
St. John’s Newsletter  
November 24, 2019

**From Our Pastor**

Roller coasters. Usually I have liked them, though I must admit that some have terrified me and I never went back. There’s a thrill to the undulation mixed with speed.

My morning devotional readings have been in Isaiah lately. In the prophet’s days, God’s people were on a roller coaster of their own making. They would pass through periods of repentance mixed with thanksgiving. Then they’d go low into idolatry and selfishness. The best times were always those of repentance and thanksgiving.

So it for us. Our Thanksgiving this week will be best when it begins with repentance for the selfish ways we use our time, skills, and possessions. *Lord, have mercy.* Out of joy for our forgiveness – our complete and certain forgiveness for Jesus’ sake – we break forth in gratitude. *Thank you, Lord, for our temporal and eternal riches!*

Our number of worship services is about to multiply greatly. In our Thanksgiving Services (6:30pm Wednesday and 9:00am Thursday), we’ll explore what it means that we give thanks from, not to. Then next weekend we will launch into Advent’s roller coaster of speed and reflection. Get your Advent wreath ready. Pairing that wreath with our “Behold The Child” devotions, you’ll enjoy the quietness of more Scripture and prayer in your life. There’s a thrill to it. And peace!

In Christ, *Pastor Mike Fordick*

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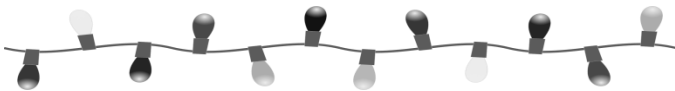
There are some extras for sale, while supplies last. They are \$10.25 for halves and \$10.00 for small and medium pieces.

## **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.

## **FREE THANKSGIVING DAY DINNER**

Effingham County FISH Organization  
Thursday, November 28  
St Anthony Parish Center  
Dinner will start at 11:30am,



## **CHRISTMAS DECORATING**

Reserve the date for November 30, at 9am 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

## **FISH ANGEL TREE**

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



## **CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**

Saturday December 14 at 5:30

Practice - Sun., Dec. 1 & Dec. 8  
1-3 p.m.

## **YOUTH CHRISTMAS 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.

## **BURDICK & FORTKAMP OPEN HOUSES**

They would like to invite you to each of their new homes in Effingham  
December 1 from 1-4 PM  
Burdicks: 717 S First Street  
Fortkamps: 1009 W Evergreen Ave.

## **LYDIA GUILD CHRISTMAS PARTY/MEETING**

Tuesday, December 3  
Bring your favorite finger food to share for the Party!

**“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.

## **HOMEFIRES**

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

# Cookie Walk

December 14 & 15  
before and after each service

## NEED A RIDE TO CHURCH?

If you know of anyone that needs a ride to church, contact the church office, and we can furnish you one!

## NEW AT THE SCRIPT TABLE

\$10 Joe Sippers!

## THE CHILDREN'S LIBRARY

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

## EATING PIE THIS WEEK?

The Eagle's Nest Preschool could use your used/clean aluminum pie pans!



## OUR NOVEMBER FIRST SUNDAY BREAKFAST FOR FOOD PANTRY WAS A HUGE SUCCESS!

\$1330 was donated PLUS the anonymous match of \$1000

## 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, Dianne Doty, Carolyn Reynolds, Ruth Buening, Julie Scott & Linda Button.

**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!

I'm eager to walk with you through our first Advent and Christmas together. Our theme will be "**Behold The Child**" for our Advent Midweek Services (12:15 & 6:30pm Wednesdays), Children's Christmas Program (5:30pm Dec 14), and Christmas Services. Please also take a devotion booklet home and use it from December 1 – January 6. Share a

booklet with an unchurched friend, and invite them to behold Jesus with you! Observe Advent. Wait for Christmas. Behold The Child! --  
Pastor Burdick



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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:

<http://www.cidlcms.org>

**CALENDAR**

November 24-30, 2019

SUNDAY	24	8 & 10:30AM	WORSHIP W/ HC
		9:15 AM	CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
<i>PRESCHOOL CLASSES - MONDAY THRU WEDNESDAY 8:30 – 11:30 AM</i>			
MONDAY	25	5:30 PM	CHOIR
TUESDAY	26	9:00 AM	PASTOR @ CID BOARD (SPFD)
		10:45 AM	PRESCHOOL FEAST
		3-4 PM	FOOD PANTRY
WEDNESDAY	27	10:45 AM	PRESCHOOL CHAPEL & FEAST
		1:00 PM	STAFF DEVOTION
		6:30 PM	THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE
THURSDAY	28	9:00 AM	THANKSGIVING DAY SERVICE
<i>No Preschool and Office Closed</i>			
FRIDAY	29		<i>PASTOR'S SABBATH</i>
<i>No Preschool and Office Closed</i>			
SATURDAY	30	9:00 AM	CHURCH DECORATING
		5:30 PM	WORSHIP
SUNDAY DEC.	1	8 & 10:30AM	WORSHIP
		9:15 AM	CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

- 11/25 Emmerson Hansen, Holly Hulskotter  
Randy Kohnert, & Jerry Bloemer
- 11/26 David Barr, Doris Gartner,  
Corey Lotz, & Mike Schlechte
- 11/27 Dr. Kelly Haller & Janet Martins
- 11/29 Stephanie Sams & Dean Wetherell
- 11/30 Bob Kohnert, Austin Miler,  
Nancy Wendt, Ava Wernsing, &  
David Worman

**ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK**

- 11/25/1962 Paul & Judy Wendling
- 11/26/1971 Jim & Becky Bailey
- 11/28/1954 Dr. James & Doris Gartner
- 11/28/1987 David & Rebecca Ragan
- 11/29/1980 George & Valena Soltwedel

**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).

