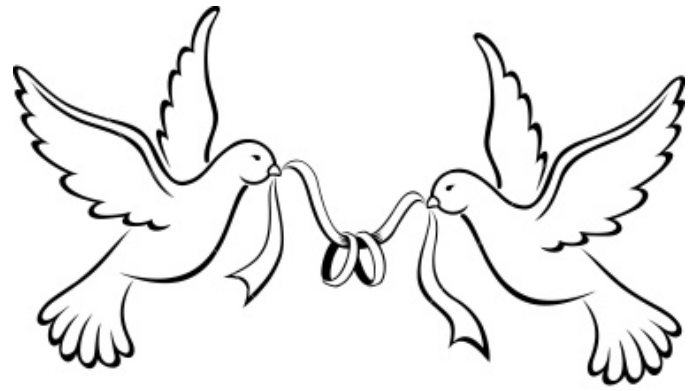


**THE EAGLE**  
St. John's Newsletter  
May 10, 2020



Congratulations to Tanner and Ashley (Wendt) Veach, united in marriage on May 2 at St. John's. The sanctuary wasn't as full as first-anticipated, but they are fully united in the name of the Triune God! God bless you!

Rev. Franzmann penned this prayer over 50 years ago and it still reflects the mystery and beauty of Christian marriage:

*O God of Eden, O Christ of Cana,  
O Creator Spirit, Spirit of love,  
Remember in mercy this Thy servant  
and this Thy handmaid.  
Give them, O Father,  
under the heaven of Thy forgiveness,  
the primeval blessing of our garden  
home.  
Give them, O Christ,  
Redeemer of us all, the bounty  
of Thy plenteous wine of joy.  
Give them, O Spirit,  
the glory of the Christ  
whom Thou dost glorify.  
Give them Thy gift of oneness in their  
Lord.  
So shall they praise and bless Thee,  
Holy Trinity,  
praise and bless Thee all the days of  
their life, and join with us  
to sing Thine everlasting praise there,  
where our praise is perfect:  
at the high feast and wedding of the  
Lamb.*

**OUR ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK**  
Online Worship Views..... 272

Thank you for supporting God's work  
through St. John's.

Our offering received last week:  
General Fund:..... \$9,472.00

**FROM OUR PASTOR**

*Alma Mater.* I don't know Latin. From my teenage years I at least knew those words referred to my school. I didn't know until I was serving college students that the words translate to



“nourishing mother.” A good school is like a nourishing mom – feeding, guiding, teaching, preparing, and releasing. Those are the things our schools are supposed to do.

Even more, those are the things the Church does for us – the invisible, universal Church, and our beloved St. John's Lutheran Church. Our congregation nourishes people of all ages with God's grace and truth. Through us, God's children are fed, guided, taught, prepared, and released in resurrection hope. St. John's is our *Alma Mater*. Nourishing Mother. On this Mother's Day it's good to remember that.

It's also important to say “Happy Mother's Day, ladies!” Yours is a difficult and wonderful calling. No one does it perfectly. You do it well. Thank you. By God's grace, you're an *Alma Mater*. You are loved! In Christ

*Pastor Mike Furdick*

### **FOOD PANTRY ANNOUNCEMENT**

Items to donate for the month of May

#### **Canned Chicken & Wide Egg Noodles**

You may drop your items off at the church in the kitchen on the cart designated for the food pantry. Thank you!

### **FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION**

This Tuesday, May 12, will be our food distribution from 3-4 P. M.

During our “Shelter-In-Place” due to Covid-19, we are currently doing drive thru for our distribution on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays.

### **LCMS STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT**

#### **May 10 – Easter 5**

1 Peter 2:9 – “But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.” God has called us to be His own. He has chosen us out of love, out of mercy, out of sheer, divine joy. The Apostle says that God has done this that we may share in His glory and joy, that we may “proclaim the excellencies of Him” who has made us His own. And truly, this is our delight! His joy brings joy in our hearts as well.

### **GET THE NEWS**

Automatically get news from St. John’s! Go to our website ([www.stjohnsLCMS.net](http://www.stjohnsLCMS.net)) and click “EMAIL UPDATES.” Fill out the simple form and you’ll start receiving the Eagle and all other news in your email inbox.

### **PRAYER LIST**

Bill Draper, John Romero, Dick Hulskotter, Evelyn Shepard, Connie Phelps, Jan Martins, Gayland & Shawn Bourland, Steven French, Deborah Wallin, Tim Mueller, Joye Bushue, Austin Miller, Esta Johnson, Roselle McClure, Greg Lankford, Zach Fritcher, Gerald Pontious, Voris Osborn, Lois Kyle, Joyce Schaefer, Craig Wolff, Nick Miller, John Holland, Lorri Mayberry, Evelyn Shumaker, Janet Brinkopf, Julie Scott, Lori Spears, Jan Pike, Joni Herron, Rochel Alwardt, Pastor Ted Gall, Gerald Pruemer, Colin Kinkelaar, All those who are in Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Situations, and All Health Care Workers.

These members of the Armed Forces: Paul Smith, Sam Kehoe, Nathan Vail, Aaron Smith, Baileigh Longwell, Jason Mette, Gabriel Walker, Johnathon Schuette, and all members of the Effingham National Guard.

### **LIFE QUOTE from Lutherans for Life**

#### **May 10**

“Moms embody grace. God gives each of us an immediate friend and automatic defender even before birth. This He does—and so does she—without our earning or deserving it. As much as daughters and sons bring His blessings to their parents, so much also do mothers mediate His mercies to their little ones.” *Rev. Michael W. Salemink, Executive Director of Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)*

### **COMMUNION**

Pastor Burdick and Pastor Fortkamp are available to give you the Lord’s Supper in individual services. Please contact the Church office (217-342-4334) and we will make arrangements.

## **EAGLES NEST PRESCHOOL**

Eagle's Nest Preschoolers in the 3 year old classrooms are ending their year with the message that God's Promises are Sweet! They are having a "Drive-Through Promotion" Tuesday, May 12th beginning at 4:45 P. M. Families will drive under the west awning to pick up their child's End-of-the-Year Memory Books and a yummy prepackaged cupcake!

Eagle's Nest Preschoolers in the 4 year old classes are ending their preschool year with a unique graduation event. Parents and their children are driving by the church to view the mini-me paper cutouts that the children decorated to look like themselves in September. Their paper cutouts will be adorned with paper graduation hats along with paper graduation hats along with large nametags. The families will drive past the paper "graduates" twice, then pull under the church awning to pick up their End-of-the-Year Memory Books. This celebration will take place on Wednesday, May 13th and Thursday, May 14th beginning at 5:15 each evening.

Please pray for beautiful weather!

Thank you, Sandy

### **Sunday School Moments**

#### **Lesson 10**

This week, students will study "A Servant Speaks." The Twelve select Stephen as one of the first seven deacons in the Early Church. Synagogue leaders twist Stephen's words, falsely accusing him of blasphemy. Stephen's testimony before the high priest recalls Israel's rejection of God's promise and their rejection of Jesus, the promised Savior. When Stephen says he sees a vision of Jesus standing at the right hand of God, the enraged officials cast Stephen out of the city and stone him. As a family, consider discussing, "How does the death of Stephen affect the other believers?"



Remember this photo from January?

"I LOVE SUNDAY SCHOOL!" Lots of dads showed up to church in this shirt, blessing their children in words and example. These days, Sunday School is being taught at home. We know that's not easy. That's why we have sent home the Sunday School curriculum, and we hope – with prayer – that dads and moms are carving out time to learn through the Lessons together, but they need more help. Can you help our families by recording a video that will help teach a week's Lesson? Some of our teachers and families have already done it, and more will. Now we need some of you who aren't signed up as SS teachers to prepare a brief video to help our families. Emily Lotz, our Superintendent, can help explain how to record and upload the video to our YouTube Channel. The Lesson materials will give you plenty of guidance for content. Kids and families need the encouragement and energy of the whole church in order to learn their Sunday School lessons. Help, please! You may email Emily at [emilylotz@gmail.com](mailto:emilylotz@gmail.com) today and get more info. Thank you.

### **VBS**

Regrettably, we have decided to cancel our Vacation Bible School at this time. We'll be back next summer, and we'll be reaching kids in our church and community. Begin to pray for that adventure now. Thank you.

**CALENDAR****MAY 10 – MAY 17, 2020**

SUNDAY	10	10:00 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE ON CHANNEL 81 ON MEDIACOM
MONDAY	11	12:00 PM	PASTOR'S DAILY DEVOTION ON ST. JOHN'S FACEBOOK PAGE
TUESDAY	12	12:00 PM	PASTOR'S DAILY DEVOTION ON ST. JOHN'S FACEBOOK PAGE
		4:45 PM	3 YR. OLD "DRIVE-THROUGH PROMOTION
		3:00-4:00 PM	FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION
WEDNESDAY	13	12:00 PM	PASTOR'S DAILY DEVOTION ON ST. JOHN'S FACEBOOK PAGE
		5:15 PM	4 YR. OLD CLASSES GRADUATION
THURSDAY	14	12:00 PM	PASTOR'S DAILY DEVOTION ON ST. JOHN'S FACEBOOK PAGE
		5:15 PM	4 YR. OLD CLASSES GRADUATION
		6:30 PM	ELDER'S PHONE MEETING
FRIDAY	15		PASTOR'S SABBATH
		12:00 PM	PASTOR'S DAILY DEVOTION ON ST. JOHN'S FACEBOOK PAGE
SATURDAY	16	12:00 PM	PASTOR'S DAILY DEVOTION ON ST. JOHN'S FACEBOOK PAGE
SUNDAY	17	10:00 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE ON CHANNEL 81 ON MEDIACOM

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

- 5/11 Gregory Seggelke, Henrietta Poe, & Jacob Flach  
 5/12 Avery Westjohn, Matt Gordon, & Nancy Ohnesorge  
 5/14 Chase Smith  
 5/15 Adam Devall & Valerie Wright  
 5/16 David Storm, Dennis Rubin, Douglas Storm, & Kelsey Baker

**THANK YOU**

Thank you to all who have used our "Online Giving" portal through our website! It's working securely and easily. Go to [www.stjohnsLCMS.net](http://www.stjohnsLCMS.net) and click on "Online Giving" to make a one-time or recurring offering.

**ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK**

- 5/10/2001 Don & Christa Tieffel  
 5/10/1975 Mike & Sandra Mietzner  
 5/11/2019 Brandon & Candra Kronewitter  
 5/12/1966 John & Marla Jackson  
 5/13/1995 Steve & Jill Wendling  
 5/15/2010 Clayton & Katie Hinton  
 5/15/1999 Mike & Amanda Brummer

**LET'S STAY CONNECTED**

Stay connected through our website ([www.stjohnsLCMS.net](http://www.stjohnsLCMS.net)) and our Facebook page, St.JohnsEffingham. On Sunday, at 10:00 am, worship with us on Mediacom channel 81.