

THE EAGLE
St. John's Newsletter
May 17, 2020

From Our Pastor

Our Eagle's Nest Preschool is a microcosm of what our Church does: our staff members share the love of Jesus, support the family, and prepare for school. This week there was some wonderful events to close out the school year. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings our students came with their families to drive-by in a parade and to be promoted to next year's class or on to Kindergarten. I delighted to hear the warm gratitude from parents and the heart-felt commitment of the staff. Even from social distances they were close and loving sendoffs. We have a great ministry going on here. Thanks be to God.

St. John's is all about 1) sharing the truth and grace of Jesus Christ, 2) supporting the natural family as God's design for coming generations, and 3) preparing Christians for learning and witnessing in God's world. For over 150 years we've been given these tasks and more. By His grace, we still are.

Some of you have already told me; I hope to hear from more. *How are you doing?* Send me an email (mhburdick@gmail.com), or call the church office. *How can we pray for you?*



OUR ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK
Online Worship Views..... 271

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

Our offering received last week:
General Fund:..... \$3,065.00
Building Fund..... \$65.00

April General Fund Summary
Total Deposits.....\$91,071.73
Total Expenditures.....\$42,289.25
Ending Balance.....\$209,149.79

ASCENSION DAY WORSHIP SERVICE

Thursday, May 21, 2020

5:00pm or 6:30pm

**St. John's Lutheran Church
PARKING LOT**

(see page 3 for details)



PRAYER LIST

Jim Schroeder, Dana Cox, 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 Pruemmer, 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, Nathan Vail, Aaron Smith, Baileigh Longwell, Jason Mette, Gabriel Walker, Johnathon Schuette, and all members of the Effingham National Guard.

Sunday School Moments **Lesson 11**

This week, we will study “A Deacon Delivers” in class. Directed by an angel, Philip encounters an Ethiopian official reading from the Book of Isaiah while riding in his chariot. Realizing the Ethiopian needs help to understand the Scriptures, Philip steps in. After instructing the Ethiopian, Philip baptizes the man and then is carried away by the Spirit to Azotus. Consider discussing, “Who helps us understand Scripture today?”

LIFE QUOTE from Lutherans for Life **May 17**

“Ascension Day, a holy day falling inconspicuously on a Thursday in May, is the conspicuous declaration that we are not left as orphans. In the same post-resurrection body that He invited Thomas to touch, Jesus invites us to full humanity even today. He ascended with a body, He shares in our humanity, extending His own body even now, promising to return for our own bodies. Christ is preparing a room for us, and we can know it is real because He himself is real.”

Jill Carattini, Ravi Zacharias International Ministries – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

LCMS STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT **May 17 – Easter 6**

John 14:15 – “If you love me, you will keep my commandments.” Jesus is clear: our obedience to His Word comes from our love for Him. But where does that love come from? Jesus tells us that as well, “She was forgiven much, so she loved much” (Luke 7:47). Christ shows us His love and gives us the forgiveness of our sins – and this causes love to well up in us, which in turn causes us to keep the commandments of Jesus. For after all, the summary of the Law is “Love.”

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 and click on “Online Giving” to make a one-time or recurring offering.

ELDERS' UPDATE

"I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when He was taken up, after He had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom He had chosen. He presented Himself alive to them after His suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God... And when [Jesus] had said these things, as they were looking on, He was lifted up, and a cloud took Him out of their sight."

(Acts 1:1-3,9)



The Ascension of Our Lord always falls on a Thursday – 40 days after His resurrection. It's rarely celebrated on that day. But this year is different.

We're having a worship Service on Thursday, May 21, on the grounds of St. John's Lutheran Church! Since space is limited on the lot, there will be two Services offered: 5:00PM and 6:30PM. We'll announce more details by email, on our website (www.stjohnsLCMS.net), and on our Facebook page.

- Ascension Worship will be on the Church parking lot, from inside your car.
- A pulpit and piano will be under the West doors canopy.

- An FM transmitter will broadcast the Service for your car radio, to the parking lot area only.
- Enter from Jefferson Street.
- Ushers will direct traffic and give Service folder.
- Stay in your car, safely distanced.
- Follow the link on our website or Facebook page to signup for one of the Service times –As an alternative, phone the church office to notify us (217-342-4334). This is not required, but will help us know that we can fit the expected number of cars on the lot.
- Service will be 30 minutes in length.

The same Jesus who ascended to the right hand of the Father is ruling over us graciously now. We've been worshipping Him united from our homes. Lord willing, it's going to be joyful to worship Him together on Thursday, May 21!

Board of Elders and Pastor Burdick

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.

LET'S STAY CONNECTED

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

CALENDAR**MAY 17 – MAY 24, 2020**

SUNDAY	17	10:00 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE ON CHANNEL 81 ON MEDIACOM
MONDAY	18	12:00 PM	PASTOR'S DAILY DEVOTION ON ST. JOHN'S FACEBOOK PAGE
TUESDAY	19	12:00 PM	PASTOR'S DAILY DEVOTION ON ST. JOHN'S FACEBOOK PAGE
WEDNESDAY	20	12:00 PM	PASTOR'S DAILY DEVOTION ON ST. JOHN'S FACEBOOK PAGE
THURSDAY	21	12:00 PM	PASTOR'S DAILY DEVOTION ON ST. JOHN'S FACEBOOK PAGE
		5:00 & 6:30 PM	ASCENSION DAY WORSHIP SERVICE
FRIDAY	22		PASTOR'S SABBATH
		12:00 PM	PASTOR'S DAILY DEVOTION ON ST. JOHN'S FACEBOOK PAGE
SATURDAY	23	12:00 PM	PASTOR'S DAILY DEVOTION ON ST. JOHN'S FACEBOOK PAGE
SUNDAY	24	10:00 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE ON CHANNEL 81 ON MEDIACOM

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

- 5/17 Audrey Jansen, Janet Shepard, & Vicki Manford
 5/18 Aaron Fritcher, Anne Young, Dennis Johnson, Katy Miller, Travis Sipe, & Zachary Haake
 5/19 Cailin Ohnesorge & Seth Wilson
 5/20 Colin Wendling
 5/21 Ashley Flach & Kelly Keitel
 5/22 Coralin Ohnesorge, Doris Mueller, & Jane Tolch

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

- 5/18/2019 Isaac & Laura Galvan
 5/19/2001 Travis & Angie Sipe
 5/19/1990 Brad & Vicki Wenthe
 5/21/1988 Rick & Nancy Kohnert

APOLOGIES

Last week, Birthday's & Anniversaries had a couple of errors. So sorry you were left off & hope you had a wonderful day!

- 5/9 Happy Belated Birthday David Wells
 5/11/1985 Happy Belated Anniversary Gayland & Shawn Bourland

THANK YOU

Thank you Linda Marxmann for making and donating the face masks! We truly appreciate your talents and service.

FOOD PANTRY ANNOUNCEMENT

Items to donate for the month of May are:

Canned Chicken & Wide Noodles

You may drop your items off at the church in the kitchen on the cart that is designated for the food pantry.

Thank you!