

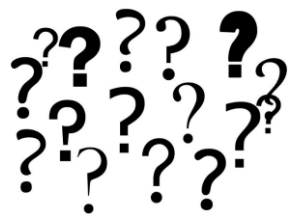
THE EAGLE
St. John's Newsletter
May 31, 2020

OUR ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK	
Ascension Services.....	210
Online Worship Views.....	241

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

Our offering received last week:	
General Fund.....	\$6,402.00
Building Fund.....	\$20.00

From Our Pastor



Questions.

Our confirmands received and answered lots of them! Like: *"What are the two great*

doctrines of the Bible? What are the Commandments? Do people still bear the image of God? Why should we remain committed to this doctrine of justification by grace? For whom should we pray? For whom should we not pray? Whose sins are to be forgiven? Does everybody who receives communion also receive the body and blood of Christ? Does everybody who receives communion receive the benefits of forgiveness, life, and salvation?" ...and many more!

Over the past month I have been meeting with our confirmation students by video each week, and this past week they completed their questioning. They have not completed their life in Christ, however. Sometime this summer they will go through the Rite of Confirmation.

That will be just one more milestone. For the rest of their lives they will be asked and answering questions about what the Christian faith is and what they personally believe. That's the way it is for all of us, isn't it?

In a world full of questions, it is vital to know where the right answers are found: In God's Holy Word. This day of Pentecost was supposed to be Confirmation Day. It will come. It still is a day of celebration, for God has revealed his truth and grace ... the answers for life

The Elders and I meet each Thursday evening, and we're working on a plan for in-person Services. We prayerfully consider the needs of our members, the plans of other LCMS congregations in our Circuit/District, and the statistics in our County. Thanks for your understanding and your prayers. We're all getting closer.

CONDOLENCES

We extend our Christian condolences to Marlin and all of the family of Rochel Alwardt, who died Monday, May 25 at home. Marlin's address is: 2406 S. Third, Effingham, IL 62401.

While Rochel's funeral was held with family only on Thursday, May 28, we will possibly have a Memorial Service at the church when we are able to gather as a church family in Christian hope. Christ is risen, and Rochel shall rise to in Him!

PRAYER LIST

Lee Volk, Pastor Mike Sidenstricker, Mike McWhortor, Bob Miller, Mary Wolfmeyer, Kathy Coats, John Huelskoetter, 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, 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, Pastor Ted Gall, Gerald Pruemer, Colin Kinkelaar, the family of Rochel Alwardt, the family of Lowell Miller, 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.

OUR PRAYER LIST

We are glad and privileged to pray for those in need! In June, I would like to rebuild our prayer list, continuing to pray for all who request it. If you desire to keep a name on our list or to add one, please notify the office by phone or email. Thank you, Pastor Burdick

FOOD PANTRY ANNOUNCEMENT

Items to donate for the month of June

APPLESAUCE & SNACK CRACKERS

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

LIFE QUOTE from Lutherans for Life

May 31

“There are no clues we can assemble, no plot we can reason out, to understand how our great God is the thrice holy Three in One. We can only confess as we do in the creeds: ‘I believe.’ The Triune God who exists apart from time acted in time and history in Christ to save us. For that mystery we will give thanks and praise to our Triune God for all eternity, joining the saints and angels in endless praise: ‘Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!’

(Revelation 4:8b).”

Dr. Carol Geisler – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

Sunday School Moments

Lesson 13

“A Soldier Believes” is the focus of today’s Bible lesson. In Philippi, Paul and Silas cast the spirit of divination from a slave girl, but her angered owner has the two thrown into prison. Around midnight, Paul and Silas are praying and singing to God when suddenly an earthquake shakes the prison. The jailer, thinking his prisoners have escaped, prepares to take his own life. Paul and Silas interrupt his plan as they share the Gospel with him and his whole family, whom Paul then baptizes. Discuss how God uses events in our lives to give us opportunities to share His Word.

PASTOR BURDICK’S NEW EMAIL

Pastor Burdick has a new email address

mike.burdick@stjohnsLCMS.net

You can still use his former email address. All of our staff members will soon have email addresses using our “stjohnslcms.net” domain name.

LCMS STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

May 31 – Pentecost

Acts 2:1 – “When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place.” Pentecost is the Old Testament harvest festival – it happens around the time when the wheat and oats are ready to be brought in. Of course, this was a picture and foreshadowing of the great harvest of humankind that God means to bring in through the preaching of His Word. God gives the seed, and God brings about the harvest. From first to last, in things temporal and things eternal, we stand only by His grace.

LET’S STAY CONNECTED

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

UPGRADES COMING

We are grateful that we have had the capability for many years to video record our worship services, and to make them available on our church website. It’s clear that it’s time for an upgrade of the audio-visual system, and our elders have established a committee to investigate an update. We will keep you informed as we learn more.

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.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our Summer Sunday School curriculum will be available digitally to our families, until such time as we can hold in-person classes. The Lessons are all Bible-based and vibrant. The theme is “3 in 1: Discovering Our Triune God!”

Students will learn about God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit as they study these thirteen Old and New Testament stories:

- God Made Us: God Creates the World
- God Made the Angels: An Angel Rescues Peter
- God Cares for Us: Elijah and the Widow of Zarephath
- God Protects Us: God Rescues Israel
- Jesus Is True Man: Jesus Is Born
- Jesus Is True God: Jesus Rebukes the Storm
- Jesus Is Our Savior: Jesus Suffers and Dies
- Jesus Is Our Lord: Jesus Ascends to Heaven
- Jesus Will Return: The Parable of the Ten Virgins
- The Spirit Creates Faith: Jesus Teaches Nicodemus
- The Spirit Renews Us: A Sinful Woman Shows Love
- The Spirit Produces Good Works: A Widow’s Offering
- The Spirit Makes the Church Grow: Philip and the Ethiopian

CALENDAR**MAY 31 – JUNE 7, 2020**

SUNDAY	31	10:00 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE ON CHANNEL 81 ON MEDIACOM
MONDAY	1	12:00 PM	PASTOR'S DAILY DEVOTION ON ST. JOHN'S FACEBOOK PAGE
TUESDAY	2		
WEDNESDAY	3	12:00 PM	PASTOR'S DAILY DEVOTION ON ST. JOHN'S FACEBOOK PAGE
THURSDAY	4		
FRIDAY	5		PASTOR'S SABBATH
		12:00 PM	PASTOR'S DAILY DEVOTION ON ST. JOHN'S FACEBOOK PAGE
SATURDAY	6		
SUNDAY	7	10:00 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE ON CHANNEL 81 ON MEDIACOM

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

- 6/1 Samuel Hewing, Valena Soltwedel, & Jackson Wendling
6/2 Florence Genaust, Rick Kohnert, Christopher Niebrugge, & Jake Niebrugge
6/3 Ryan Budde & Kara Hoedebecke
6/4 Richard Newlin
6/5 Todd Anderson, Kelsi Haller, & David Wall
6/6 Ainsley Jeffries, Cherilla Junge, & Timothy Keltel

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

- 5/31/1975 Bob & Janet Brinkopf
6/2/1973 David & Linda Wells
6/3/2016 Blake & Laura Bahrns
6/3/2006 Jeremy & Kenzia Watson
6/5/1955 Voris & Arneita Osborn
6/6/1981 Jeff & Pam Baker
6/6/1959 Dick & Carol Hulskotter
6/6/1992 Greg & Kara Koester
6/6/1987 Scott & Joyce Marxman

VBS

We have regrettably had to cancel Vacation Bible School for this summer. We are very eager for VBS 2021!

Note: Camp CILCA has also cancelled overnight camps for this summer.

DAILY DEVOTION UPDATES

Pastor's noon devotions on our Facebook page will now be on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday beginning June 1.

GOD BLESS OUR HIGH SCHOOL**SENIORS**

Emma Budde
Adia Jennings
Olivia Martin
Tate Niebrugge
Andrew Womack