

**THE EAGLE**  
St. John's Newsletter  
May 24, 2020

**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:..... \$6,315.90

**From Our Pastor**



This weekend our nation observes Memorial Day. Set aside to remember and give thanks for those who died in defense of our nation's freedoms, it's a day on which some of us will visit a cemetery. Properly distanced, will you? It can be a very good thing to do – remembering those who have gone before us, remembering that we will follow them. Honor the dead. Keep in mind that we will die (unless our Lord returns first). I hope you'll do both.

It's quite comforting that before we observe Memorial Day we're celebrating Ascension Day with worship on the parking lot. Jesus rose and ascended. We will, too! To use a metaphor from three weeks ago, sheep follow the Shepherd! Alleluia!

We're inching closer to the time when we'll be having in-person Services inside the sanctuary. Thank you for your patience. The elders and I are carefully and prayerfully seeking to balance the essential of public worship against the need to honor authorities and care for neighbors. When we do return to public worship, it will likely be with more Services than usual. Therefore, we'll need more ushers, more audio and visual techs, more communion assistants. Consider how you can help out, please. Thanks.

Following The Good Shepherd with you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Pastor Furdelle". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**NEXT SUNDAY**  
Next Sunday will be Pentecost. When you dress up for participation with our recorded Service from home, it would be a great day to wear red as a small (and non-essential) part of the celebration!

**FOOD PANTRY ANNOUNCEMENT**  
Items to donate for the month of May

**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.

Food Distribution will be Tuesday,  
May 26, 2020 from 3:00-4:00 PM.  
Thank you!

## **PRAYER LIST**

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

## **LCMS STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT**

**May 24 – Easter 7**

1 Peter 5:7 – “...casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.” We have a Father in heaven – and He really cares for us and loves us. That is the basis of generosity, because such knowledge spells the end of anxiety and worry, which is where tight-fisted greed comes from.

## **Sunday School Moments**

### **Lesson 12**

In today’s Bible lesson, students study the amazing account of “An Enemy Converts.” On the road to Damascus, Saul encounters the risen Lord, who converts him from a persecutor of the Church to its greatest missionary—Paul. God sends Ananias to lay hands upon the temporarily blinded Saul, baptizing him in the name of the living God. Despite the disciples’ distrust of Saul’s motives, Barnabas speaks boldly on Saul’s behalf. Discuss, “How does the conversion of Saul change the history of the world?”

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

**May 24**

“It was many long years before Elizabeth had the joy of seeing, in her own body, that God had not forgotten her. ‘He looked on me,’ she said. The proof was the baby growing inside her, though she was an old woman by that time. But you and I don’t need to wait so long. God has looked on us, too. The proof is the baby growing inside of Mary—God’s own dear Son Jesus, Who came to be your Savior. In Jesus, you can see that God has remembered you. He has looked on you with love—He has even made you His own child. You are not forgotten. You are beloved.”

*Dr. Kari Vo, Lutheran Hour Ministries – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)*

Thank you, Lord...

...for the compassionate lay-visitors who were going to see many of our shut-ins before the shelter-in-place order. Dana Keller has a wonderful group of these visitors. They continue to keep in touch even now, and they are eager to visit people when they are able.

...for the trustees and others who have been taking care of the Church grounds. The north entrance to the church is getting spruced up, including powerwashing. Looks great!

...for our Prayer Partners, with leadership by Julie Scott. We have lots of folks who are glad to pray with and for you.

...for Pastor Fortkamp, keeping in touch with so many of our members by phone.

...for our Sunday School teachers, continuing to support families in their home Lessons!

### **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.

### **PASTOR BURDICK'S NEW EMAIL**

Pastor Burdick has a new email address:

[mike.burdick@stjohnsLCMS.net](mailto: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.

### **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.

### **LET'S STAY CONNECTED**

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

### **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.



**CALENDAR****MAY 24 – MAY 31, 2020**

SUNDAY	24	10:00 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE ON CHANNEL 81 ON MEDIACOM
MONDAY	25	OFFICE CLOSED	MEMORIAL DAY
		12:00 PM	PASTOR'S DAILY DEVOTION ON ST. JOHN'S FACEBOOK PAGE
TUESDAY	26	12:00 PM	PASTOR'S DAILY DEVOTION ON ST. JOHN'S FACEBOOK PAGE
		3:00-4:00 PM	FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION
WEDNESDAY	27	12:00 PM	PASTOR'S DAILY DEVOTION ON ST. JOHN'S FACEBOOK PAGE
THURSDAY	28	12:00 PM	PASTOR'S DAILY DEVOTION ON ST. JOHN'S FACEBOOK PAGE
	29		PASTOR'S SABBATH
		12:00 PM	PASTOR'S DAILY DEVOTION ON ST. JOHN'S FACEBOOK PAGE
SATURDAY	30	12:00 PM	PASTOR'S DAILY DEVOTION ON ST. JOHN'S FACEBOOK PAGE
SUNDAY	31	10:00 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE ON CHANNEL 81 ON MEDIACOM

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

- 5/24 Janet Koebele, Julie Bahrns, & Laura Galvan  
 5/25 Christopher Lidy  
 5/26 Dolores Huelskoetter, Jared Weis, Jenni Newlin, Lucas McDevitt, Marla Pilcher, Sarah Kirby, & Will McDevitt  
 5/27 Dick Kinkelaar, Gregory Lankford, & Kori Wenthe  
 5/30 Aiden Hanks, Carolyn Lamb & Tabitha Bailey

**ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK**

- 5/25/1985 Alvin & Judy Siebert  
 5/25/1974 Dennis & Nitelle Lading  
 5/25/2013 Richard & Jenni Newlin  
 5/28/2016 Christopher & Kami Bahrns  
 5/28/2005 Kris & Amanda Wernsing  
 5/28/2005 Leonard & Rachel Miller  
 5/28/1982 Rick & Dana Keller  
 5/30/1998 Eugene & Janet Koebele  
 5/30/1992 Jerry & Cheryl Pruemmer

