

**THE EAGLE**  
**St. John's Newsletter**  
**June 21, 2020**

**Our Attendance Last Week**

In Person Attendance .....	282
Online Worship Views .....	24

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

**Our Offerings Last Week**

General Fund.....	\$9,127
Online Vanco Giving .....	\$900.00
Building Fund.....	\$120.00

**From Our Pastor**

Gentlemen,

**Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love.**

1 Corinthians 16:13-14

*“Act like men.”* What does that mean?

There are lots of jokes about the typical behavior of men. Some are funny. Too many are true. Yet, I don't think those are the things that Paul meant. “Act like men” here is organically connected to



- Keeping watch,
- Standing firm in the faith,
- Being strong mentally, morally, and physically,
- Doing all things in love.

This Father's Day, each man among us ought to repent that he hasn't always acted like a man, and can believe that Jesus Christ is his righteousness. You are a new creation in Christ. Each man who is a father ought to dedicate himself daily to acting like a man for the sake of his wife and children.

Happy Father's Day! Our community and country need fathers like you, who are in Church every Lord's Day. I pray that here at St. John's we'll strengthen homes and families in order to bless our community and country – that as daughters and sons we'll give thanks for earthly fathers, and will praise *The Most Wonderful Father*, the Lord God Almighty!

***Read Romans!***

**NEW E-MAIL ADDRESSES!**

The church has new e-mail addresses!

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Please make these changes in your e-mail address book.

## LCMS Stewardship Thought

June 21 – Proper 7

**Rom. 6:13 – “Present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness.”** Everything we have – even our own existence, our very selves – is a gift from God to be used for His purposes. God has called you to be His own and has given you tasks to perform in home, church, and society. How will you serve Him today?

## LIFE QUOTE from Lutherans for Life

June 21

“So how do we handle Father’s Day? First, thank God for your father and for any lessons he taught you, either through positive or negative actions. (If Dad is still around, thank him too.) Second, thank your Father God that He fills in all the gaps where earthly fathers don’t always measure up.”

*Linda Kerr, Time of Grace – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

## Summer Sunday School

### **3 in 1: Discovering Our Triune God**

Week 1

Summer Sunday School begins this week with “God Made Us: God Creates the World.” Students will learn how God the Father is the maker of heaven and earth. He made them and all creatures. Parents might ask, “*How are we different from the rest of God’s creation?*”

## 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.

## Food Pantry

Items to donate for the month of June

### **Applesauce & Snack Crackers**

This Tuesday, June 23, from 3-4 pm. is our food distribution.

## Prayer List

Florence Genaust, Dorothy Stirrett, Roselle McClure, Lois Kyle, Lee Volk, Mike Sidenstricker, Mike McWhortor, Bob Miller, Mary Wolfmeyer, Kathy Coats, John Huelskoetter, Jim Schroeder, Zach Fritcher, Lorri Mayberry, Evelyn Shumaker, Janet Brinkopf, Julie Scott, Jan Pike, Ted Gall, Ellen Tinges, Carolyn Lamb, Journey Campton, Archer James Blazina (Jeff & Kathy Stremming’s grandson).

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.

## The Good Gift of Sex

Let us pray, and not despair. I was profoundly disappointed by the decision by the Supreme Court this week, attempting to redefine sex. Its impact may prove very damaging to people and churches. Thinking about that was a heavy weight upon me for a while. Yet, let us not despair. Let us pray and love. Pray for courage to love and confess the truth. Pray for readiness to give an answer for God’s design and for the hope within us. Pray for strength to lead our families and neighbors according to God’s design. He is faithful. – Pastor Burdick



## **CONFIRMATION**

The Rite of Confirmation will be held Wednesday evening, July 15. The exact time has not been established yet. We did all we could to find a date when all ten confirmands could gather with family. Attendance at the Service will be limited to confirmation families and sponsors, elders, and the Service leaders. We will record the Service for Youtube, and might livestream it on Facebook. Watch for more information, and keep these young Christians in prayer:  
 Elena Niebrugge, Kylie Lamb, Andrew Lotz, Evan Pryor, Makenna Duckwitz, Sophia Jansen, Camille Zeigler, Kateleigh Zeigler, Aiden Hanks, AJ Radloff. Thank you!

## **COUNCIL & VOTERS**

Church Council will meet Tuesday, July 21. Our Voters Meeting will be Tuesday, July 28.

## **Garage Sale**

The Youth Board has announced that the Garage Sale is on! It will be held on August 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. You may drop off your valuables **ONLY** on

**August 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>.**

Times will determined later.

**NO TELEVISIONS ACCEPTED!**

Holiday World here we come!

More information to follow.

## **LYDIA GUILD**

We will be collecting Mites through the summer months. Please drop them off at the church Welcome Center Box or the Lydia Guild Mail Box. Please remember to be putting your coins in your red stocking.

## **THIS WEEK'S SMALL CATECHISM**

This week our section of the Small Catechism is the 6<sup>th</sup> Petition of the Lord's Prayer. As a supplement, here's a wonderful prayer from Martin Franzmann:

### **For Help in Temptation**

"The woman whom Thou gavest to be with me," Adam said, "she gave me fruit of the tree, and I did eat."

We are born Adam's sons  
 and go his way  
 of easy accusation  
 of the Lord, our God.  
 O God,  
 You sent Your Son  
 to turn us back  
 from Adam's sins  
 and Adam's death.  
 You sent Him  
 into Adam's dying  
 for our sake  
 that we might live,  
 no longer Adam's sons but Yours.  
 Give us the Spirit Your Son has  
 promised us,  
 to make us honest men again,  
 to know and face the truth,  
 to see ourselves and cease  
 from laying our defections  
 at Your door;  
 to see Your only goodness in Your Word  
 and in our desperate need of You.



## CALENDAR-----June 21 – June 28, 2020

Sunday	21	8:00 & 10:30 AM	Worship
		10:00 AM	Worship Service on Channel 81 on Mediacom
Monday	22	12:00 PM	Pastor's Daily Devotion on St. John's Facebook Page
Tuesday	23	3:00-4:00 pm	Food Pantry Distribution
Wednesday	24	12:00 PM	Pastor's Daily Devotion on St. John's Facebook Page
Thursday	25	6:30 PM	Board of Elders Meeting by Phone
Friday	26		Pastor's Sabbath
		12:00 PM	Pastor's Daily Devotion on St. John's Facebook Page
Saturday	27	8:00 AM	Praise Band
		4:00 & 5:30 PM	Worship Services w/HC
Sunday	28	8:00 & 10:30 AM	Worship Services w /HC
		10:00 AM	Worship Service on Channel 81 on Mediacom

### **BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

- 6/21 Gayle Robbins, Mason Stewart, Max Stewart, Doug Wendling, & Mike Wendte  
 6/22 Larry Quickstall  
 6/23 Jacque Frey, Voris Osborn, & Jeff Weis  
 6/24 Mary Brauer, Jackie Genoust, Donald Grupe, Bob Marxman, & Larry White  
 6/25 Nicholas Moeller  
 6/26 Emmalin Smith  
 6/27 Nicholas Devall, Lucas Stortzum, & Sharon Vonderheide

### **ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK**

- 6/21/14 Derek & Andrea Storm  
 6/21/08 Don & Haley Brown  
 6/23/18 Dustin & Marissa Brown  
 6/25/77 Rev. Ted & Ruth Gall  
 6/25/16 Phil & Heidi Kinkelaar

**The Food Pantry**  
 is in need of an additional **full size refrigerator**. Does anyone have a used one for sale? Please contact Sarah Riordan 815-931-2488.

### **THANK YOU**

Marlin Alwardt would like to thank everyone who donated to Rochel Alwardt's Memorial. The money was split between the Food Pantry and the Praise Band. It was truly appreciated!

### **THANK YOU**

God gives each of us different talents. We would like to extend a huge thank you to Dan Jansen and Jerry Lindsey for using their woodworking skills to craft the beautiful new offering boxes located at the entrances to the sanctuary. Thanks Dan & Jerry!

### **TRUSTEES HAVE BEEN BUSY**

The trustees have been very busy and there is a letter on the bulletin board that outlines the projects they have been doing during 2020. Be sure to check it out!