

THE EAGLE
St. John's Newsletter
June 14, 2020

Our Attendance Last Week

In Person Attendance	262
Online Worship Views	70

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

Our Offerings Last Week

General Fund.....	\$16,423.25
Online Vanco Giving	\$2,340.00
Building Fund.....	\$85.00

From Our Pastor

Oh, it's wonderful to have many of you back inside the Church! For those who are waiting, we understand, and we can wait.

Today we begin hearing Epistle Readings from the letter to the Romans. Not the whole letter, but lots of meat -- Law and Gospel -- from Romans 6-14. My classmate, Professor Dave Schmitt, shared his insightful work into these chapters, and it's been woven into a sermon series taking us all the way into September.

For the next two weeks, I'm asking you to carve out time to read the entire letter to the Romans. Perhaps even twice. If reading is not possible, trying listening to it. You will be blessed by the scope of all sixteen chapters.

In this sermon series, we hear God's Greater Story. The story dates from around 55 – 58 AD and comes from the apostle Paul. Paul was in Corinth, about to journey to Jerusalem to bring

an offering from the churches to the poor. As he anticipated that journey, however, he lifted up his eyes and saw something much larger: a missionary trip to Spain. Along the way, he planned to stop by Rome, a place he had never visited. So he sent a letter ahead. To introduce himself as an apostle and to give the Roman church a vision of what he believed.

As you listen to Paul's belief, however, you hear a greater story. Paul is not speaking of a belief that is only for himself, a personal theology or a record of his personal spiritual journey. Paul is speaking of God and God's work among his people, a saving work that includes all nations and that extends throughout all time. Paul's words of faith are not for himself alone but for all peoples. Paul tells the Romans and us God's greater story.

Join us now as we enter into the sermon series, "God's Greater Story." Listen in as Paul offers his theological vision: a vision of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit at work to raise a people for his purpose in the world. Experience God's claim upon your life as he joins you to a people who have a purpose in his plan to renew creation and reclaim all nations for him.

This is God's Greater Story!



There will be at least one small break in the Romans Series this summer. Next Sunday Pastor Fortkamp will preach a Father's Day sermon based upon Galatians 4:4-7.

Keep praying for, and giving to, our mission and mercy work in Haiti through Trinity Hope!

LCMS Stewardship Thought

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Rom. 5:8 – “But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” God did not wait for mankind to make the first move. He did not wait for Adam and Eve to come looking for Him, but He went and found them. And while we were still sinners, still enemies of God, and still set against Him, He sent His Son Jesus to suffer, die, and rise for us. God was moved by His own love and generosity and kindness. We now seek to grow up into His image as loving, generous, and kind sons and daughters of the Heavenly Father.

Disinfectant Treatments

We have contracted with a company to have the church treated with a spray called "Vital Oxide." You can read all the ingredients on the MSDS posted on the main bulletin board and in the narthex.

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.

Food Pantry

Items to donate for the month of June
Applesauce & Snack Crackers

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

Prayer List

Florence Genaust, 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, Helen Miller, Carolyn Lamb, Journey Campton Archer James Blazina, Jeff and 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.

Seeking A Teacher

St. Peter Lutheran School, St. Peter, IL is seeking a teacher for the 2020-2021 school year. St. Peter Lutheran School provides children a Christian atmosphere where they become highly successful life-long learners. Interested candidates must hold a bachelor's degree with a current state teaching certificate, be able to integrate technology into the daily curriculum, have a passion for working with children, and reflect the school's mission and Christian values. Concordia University system trained candidates or willing to commit to completing the Lutheran Teacher Colloquy are preferred, but not required. If you have a desire to be a part of a ministry that works beautifully with the church, has supportive pastor, congregational members, and school families, please contact Mr. Mann at bmann.spls@gmail.com or call 618-349-8888 for more information.

LIFE QUOTE from Lutherans for Life

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"If you're married and afraid your vows of faithfulness are fading like the mist, lean on Jesus. His words, 'Do not be afraid,' can allow you to forgive, rebuild, and rediscover hope and love. If you're an unmarried mother worried about your child growing up without a father, come to Jesus with your little one. Hear Him say, 'Do not be afraid. I will give you guidance.' Today is the day the Holy Spirit is calling you to introduce you to the Savior. His Name is Jesus. If you don't know Him, call on Him. If you do know Him, draw closer. Jesus offers you a new life—courageous, inspired, and given by God Himself."

Rev. Ken Klaus, former Speaker of "The Lutheran Hour" – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

Communion

We will continue with communion on the 2nd and 4th weekend of the month. 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.

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

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.

HAPPY 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Today in our 10:30am Service we welcome Steve and Carol Davis, from Colorado. They have travelled back to St. John's this weekend, because they were married here 50 years ago, June 13, 1970. Theirs was the final wedding by Pastor H.E. Zimmerman. Carol's Campus Pastor from EIU also assisted in the Wedding Service. Thanks be to God for marriage! Welcome, Davis family. Congratulations!



Pictured: Pastor H.E. Zimmerman, Carol & Steve Davis, and Pastor Walter Rose

CALENDAR-----June 14 – June 21, 2020

Sunday	14	8:00 & 10:30 AM	Worship w/HC
		10:00 AM	Worship Service on Channel 81 on Mediacom
Monday	15	12:00 PM	Pastor's Daily Devotion on St. John's Facebook Page
		5:00 PM	Board Of Stewardship
		6:30 PM	Board Of Early Childhood
Tuesday	16		
Wednesday	17	12:00 PM	Pastor's Daily Devotion on St. John's Facebook Page
		6:00 PM	Board of Youth
Thursday	18	6:30 PM	Board of Elders
Friday	19		Pastor's Sabbath
		12:00 PM	Pastor's Daily Devotion on St. John's Facebook Page
Saturday	20	8:00 AM	Praise Band
		4:00 & 5:30 PM	Worship Services
Sunday	21	8:00 & 10:30 AM	Worship Services
		10:00 AM	Worship Service on Channel 81 on Mediacom

Birthdays This Week

6/14 Ammon Probst, Faye Tomkins, & Marlene Walker
 6/15 Joyce Curry, Jacque Dixon, Jim Gibbons, Jamie Lotz, Leandra Meyers, Derek Ohnesorge, Paige Rhodes, Danny Stevenson, & Bailey Willenborg
 6/16 Hope Brinkopf, Jo Budde, Kelsey Donaldson, Dr. Kelly Stanfield & Clinton Weber
 6/17 Doris Hammer & Donald Wendte
 6/18 Karine Castillo, Carol Hulskotter, & Sara Jennings
 6/19 Mary Dasenbrock, Thad Genaust & Lorri Mayberry
 6/20 Gus Koester & Gayle Walker

Anniversaries This Week

6/14/86 Michael & Kathy Burdick
 6/14/86 Dennis & Linda Marxmann
 6/16/84 Terry & Laura Braun
 6/16/12 Luis & Danielle Espina
 6/16/12 Tom & Alyson Followell
 6/17/11 Tyler & Stacey Hagerstrom
 6/18/16 Zachary & Monica Scott
 6/20/81 John & Paulena Romero
 6/20/98 Randy & Erica Hansen
 6/20/65 Ron & Carol Lading
 6/20/81 Gary & Cathy Norris

Necessary Hurdles

Thank you for your cooperation and patience as we reopen the church services. The sign-up system for worship is necessary so we stay within safe limits of attendance. We are meeting every week to discuss the needs of the congregation, and we will keep you posted about what our worship schedule will be next week. It might be the same as this week. We will continue the online sign-up system, as well as the ability to call into the office to add your