

THE EAGLE
St. John's Newsletter
June 28, 2020

Our Attendance Last Week

In Person Attendance 264
Online Worship Views 134

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

Our Offerings Last Week

General Fund..... \$6,422
Online Vanco Giving \$1,510

May General Fund Summary

Total Deposits..... \$41,088.17
Total Expenditures \$34,351.53
Ending Balance..... \$202,413.15

NEW E-MAIL ADDRESSES!

The church has new e-mail addresses!

For the church:

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

THE FOOD PANTRY

We are in need of an additional **full size refrigerator**. Does anyone have a used one for sale? Please contact

Sarah Riordan 815-931-2488.

From Our Pastor


Some of us are better at it than others. That's the way it is with all things, I know. What I hope more of us will be better at, is bold-bridge-building. Here, in the Church. As the Church.

Like you, it's my desire and prayer that people will stay with St. John's because they learn what we believe, teach, and practice as Missouri Synod Lutherans. Biblical theology. Biblical living. The reality, though, is that most of them probably won't come here the first few times for our theology. They are more likely to come a few times because you either brought them, or you met them in the atrium and built a bridge.

We're not going to shake their hand these days, but we can build bridges. Be bold and welcoming. *"Hi! If we've met, I have to confess: I've forgotten your name."* Or, *"I know we've met, and I'm sorry: I've forgotten your name."*

We will probably have to walk away temporarily from some of the fellow members we see each week. It will be worth it. Those guests (who might be longtime members who feel like a guest, because it's been a long time since being here) may come back next week because you built a bridge.

Later they will hopefully learn what we believe, teach, and practice. Biblical theology. Biblical living. Truth that's unchanging. Grace from the crucified and risen Jesus for all. The ultimate bridge!



Read Romans!

LCMS STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

June 28 – Proper 8

Matt. 10:42 – “And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward.” The tithes and offerings you give to the Lord’s work in His church go to supporting all manner of discipleship. They provide for a minister of the Gospel to preach, teach, and conduct the Sacraments; they provide for our missionaries and ministries of mercy here and abroad; and they make sure that the folks in your area have a place to go to worship the Lord. The Lord is pleased with this work, and He wants to bless you through supporting it.

LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans For Life

June 28

“[T]he family is universal. Individuals meeting from different cultures do not have to explain to each other what a family is. The family lies at the quantum level of human society. Family life is deeply rooted in an area of mystery we do not fully understand. Like a tree, it is living, rooted, and nourished by the soil of the past and reaching up into the future. It is not manufactured. Although socially reinforced, it is not ‘socially constructed.’ It is a precious Gift.”

James M. Kushiner, The Fellowship of St. James – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

3 in 1: Discovering Our Triune God

Week 3

The dramatic account, “God Cares for Us: Elijah and the Widow of Zarephath,” serves as this week’s Sunday School lesson. Students will learn how God cared for Elijah through the widow and for the widow through Elijah. Parents could ask, “*Who does God use to care for you?*”

Food Pantry

Items to donate for the month of July
Fruit Cocktail & Shampoo

PRAYER LIST

Florence Genaust, Roselle McClure, Lois Kyle, Jeff Campton, 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.

CONFIRMATION



The Rite of Confirmation will be held Wednesday, July 15, at 7:00 PM. 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

ACOLYTES!

Parents and youth of the 6th-8th grade (2020-21): please sign-up to acolyte this summer. We sent an email last week with a link to our online signup sheet. You can also find the link on our website under “News.” Thank you for your service as an acolyte.

REFLECTION ON OUR REOPENING

We're committed to staying open for Services, and that's going to require continued guidelines for our interaction at the Lord's Table, and in the pews and halls. It's been going very well thus far. Thank you! Unless circumstances change suddenly this week, we plan to allow up to 50% of our seating capacity in worship starting next weekend, July 4-5. Masks are recommended. We will not use the online sign-up system next weekend. We're not holding Sunday School yet. Stay tuned to our Eagle and website for more information.

PHOTO REMINDER

The rescheduled photo dates for St. John's Directory will be
October 15-17
AND
October 22-24.

Our original dates were cancelled due to the Corona Virus pandemic. Please look at these new dates and plan for your family to be available. We want YOU to be pictured in our newest photo directory!

FOOD GIVEAWAY

Who do you know that could use a little help with groceries?

Prairie Farms is Giving Away a box of Milk and Cheese Products

WHEN: Saturday, July 11th

WHERE: St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Highway 40, just west of Altamont.

Tell your friends & Family

Call: 618-483-5249

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.

HOLIDAY WORLD HERE WE COME!

We will still be going to Holiday World. The date is July 29th. It is for kids who are going into 6th grade through High School.

However, due to COVID-19, we will not be able to bus the kids there. Parents will have to find transportation for their child/children. If we have 15 or more go we will get a church discount. Please sign up on the church's website link by July 7th if interested and tell us how many will be attending. Once we finalize the numbers, we will contact you about the cost. Those kids going into 6th grade through high school, can pay for his/her ticket with the money in his/her account and remove \$30 for spending money. These kids can also ask a friend as long as he/she finds transportation.

Money will be due July 9th payable to the church. There will be no refunds.

GARAGE SALE

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

ONLY on August 3rd – 5th

Times will be determined later.

NO TELEVISIONS ACCEPTED!

GODCONNECTS
A COURSE IN CHRISTIANITY

Adult Catechism Study begins July 29! Are you or someone you love interested in learning what we believe and practice? Join me and others as we study Luther's Small Catechism on Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm in the Trinity Room. We begin July 29. This is designed for those who might want to join our church, and for those who want to review their Lutheran beliefs. All are welcome. We'll learn how God connects us by His grace, through His Son.
– Pastor Burdick

CALENDAR-----June 28 – July 5, 2020

Sunday	28	8:00 & 10:30 AM	Worship w/HC
		10:00 AM	Worship Service/Mediacom Channel 81
Monday	29	7 - 10 AM	Youth Board Work/Party
		12:00 PM	Pastor's Devotion on Facebook
Tuesday	30		
Wednesday	1	12:00 PM	Pastor's Devotion on Facebook
		1:00 PM	Office Staff Devotion/Meeting
Thursday	2		
Friday	3		Office Closed for the 4th
			Pastor's Sabbath
		12:00 PM	Pastor's Devotion on Facebook
Saturday	4		Happy 4 th of July
		8:00 AM	Praise Band Practice
		5:30 PM	Worship Services
Sunday	5	8:00 & 10:30 AM	Worship Services
		10:00 AM	Worship Service/Mediacom Channel 81

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

6/28 Paul Leppin & Rev Earl Brown
 6/29 Kaylee Stuckey & Justin Wendling
 6/30 Tori Budde, John Romero,
 Nikki Sanders
 7/1 Kassie Stanfield
 7/2 Ashley Bailey, Bradley Jeffries,
 Noah Flach
 7/3 Christa Tieffel, Elijah Lipe,
 Jill Keitel & Rhea Hartman
 7/4 Angie Nelson & Dale Wendte

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

6/28/08 Chad & Mandy Westjohn
 6/29/63 Earl & Doris Mueller
 6/30/17 Andrew & Carissa Snow
 7/3/10 Michael & Renee Kremer

COUNCIL & VOTERS

Church Council Meeting
 Thursday, July 21 @ 7pm
 Voters Meeting Tuesday, July 28 @ 7 pm

The 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!

Youth Board

The Youth Board is holding a work/party day on Monday, June 29 from 7-10 am. If you can assist, please call Donetta Ohnesorge (217-821-3300) or Carolyn Wendte (217-821-6541). Thanks.

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.