

THE EAGLE
St. John's Newsletter
July 12, 2020

Our Attendance Last Week

In Person Attendance 260
Online Worship Views 123

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

Our Offerings Last Week

General Fund \$6,884
Online Vanco Giving \$2,570

From Our Pastor

Kathy and I are away from worship with St. John's this weekend as we attend a retirement party for our brother-in-law who has served with the Bloomington Police for many years. I can hardly imagine how difficult the task has become for the men and women of law enforcement. Many of you know exactly how it is. So, I pray. You do, too, I know. One of the prayers I pray is this one from fifty years ago...

For the Police

(a prayer by Rev. Martin Franzmann, 1970)

O Lord, I thank You for the mighty and intricate machine of justice
Your Law has fashioned
for my good,
the elaborate and vigilant network of men and instruments that think and
prowl
and click and calculate
that I may move,
secure and peaceable, on pleasant paths of ordered decency.

Remember in mercy, O Lord,
the men who stand between me and the chaos of bestial lawlessness.
Give them, O Lord,

awareness of the high majesty of the law which clothes their work and them
with awesome dignity;
patience to bear the conspicuous loneliness of men in uniform and to endure the slick disdain that falls on all embodiments of rectitude;
strength to resist the corrosive wash of the temptations that are peculiarly theirs:

to grow harsh in the face of brutality, vindictive in the face of endless malice;
to make the easy, cynical, venal compromise with small-scale wrong that does not seem to matter much;
to settle into dark contempt of the mankind whose unlovely features are continually before their eyes.

O Lord, let all good men hear ever and again
the thundering voice of unendurable Sinai,
and let them look with new, respectful eyes,
ever and again,
on the men, the plain, frail men, whose daily work articulates for us the far-off voice of Sinai.

Amen.



Read Romans!

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES

On August 2 we invite our 2020 High School Graduates to wear their caps and gowns to the 8:00 a.m. Service as we recognize and pray for them. Congratulations!

LCMS STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

July 12 – Proper 10

Romans 8:12 – “So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh.” We owe the flesh, the world, and the devil nothing at all. We are not debtors to these enemies; we are freed by the blood of Christ. We are joyful servants in Christ’s kingdom – servants that He calls friends. We share our Lord’s plans and purposes, and this gives direction and purpose to our lives

LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans For Life

July 12

“What does it say to our neighbor when in our own families we care for our elderly, become foster parents, adopt children, care for the handicapped, or carry through with an unplanned pregnancy? What does it say to our community when in our churches we care and pray for each other, offer families respite care, visit nursing homes, or provide for the needs of pregnant women? It says that we are truly For Life because we are living it.”

Diane E. Schroeder, former president of Lutherans For Life – A Life
Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

**3 in 1: Discovering Our Triune God
Week 5**

Today in Sunday School, students explore “Jesus Is True Man: Jesus Is Born.” Children will learn how God sent His Son, Jesus, to be born on earth so He could keep the Law for them and also be able to suffer and die in their place. Consider discussing, “*How was the birth of Jesus a fulfillment of God’s promises?*”

HYMNALS

During the Covid Shut Down, several of you picked up a hymnal. It has been mentioned that several would like their own hymnal. We have a signup sheet on the bulletin board if you would like to purchase one. Please hold onto the one you have borrowed until the new ones arrive.

PRAYER LIST

Craig Wolff, Mike Konrad, Ellen Tinges, Roselle McClure, Lois Kyle, Jeff Campton, Rev. Mike Sidenstricker, Mike McWhortor, Bob Miller, Mary Wolfmeyer, John Huelskoetter, Zach Fritcher, Lorri Mayberry, Evelyn Shumaker, Janet Brinkopf, Julie Scott, Rev. Ted Gall, Carolyn Lamb, Our newest blessing Knox Warren Kinkelaar born to Heidi & Phil Kinkelaar and Alec Royce Brown born to Dusty & Marissa Brown.

These members Ministry to 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.

SAVE THE DATE

Photos with Lifetouch for St. John’s Directory will be **October 15-17 & October 22-24.** We want YOU to be pictured in our newest photo directory! Sign up’s are **NOT** available yet

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 Aug. 3rd – 5th** Times will be determined later.
NO TELEVISIONS ACCEPTED!



Sunday night is “Remember Your Baptism” for our confirmands and their parents. The Rite of Confirmation is this Wednesday evening, July 15. Attendance at the Service will be limited to confirmation families and sponsors, elders, and the Service leaders. We will record the Service for Youtube. 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

Don't congratulate them as though this milestone were spelled
g-r-a-d-u-a-t-i-o-n.

Welcome them into communicant membership in our church family, and mentor them with your example. They need us, and we need them.

JONAH FISH FRY

July 17, 2020, 4:30 – 7:30 PM

ON THE MENU

Fish, Baked Beans, Slaw, & Cookies.
Adults: \$9.00 Children (3-12): \$4.00
We will also be serving gluten free fish.

DRIVE-THRU ONLY

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, which is located on the blacktop between Montrose & Dieterich, IL

The Fish Fry is sponsored by the St. Paul Ladies Aid, Wheeler

FELLOW MEMBERS

How great is it to be able to see and greet each other in person again? As we continue to adapt to changing circumstances, the Board of Evangelism in cooperation with Pastor Burdick, is planning a brief informational and training session for those interested in serving as Greeter & Welcome Center volunteers. We already have great volunteers, but we could use a few more people or families to help out. Please watch the Eagle for more information but plan to attend an August Info session. It's super easy and a great way to serve the congregation. See you soon!—The Board of Evangelism

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

Food Pantry

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

CALENDAR-----July 12 – July 19, 2020

Sunday	12	8:00 & 10:30 AM	Worship Services W/HC
		10:00 AM	Worship Service/Mediacom Channel 81
		7:00 PM	Remember Your Baptism
Monday	13	5:00 PM	Board of Stewardship
		12:00 PM	Pastor's Devotion on Facebook
		6:15 PM	Board of Education
Tuesday	14	3-4 PM	Food Pantry Distribution
		5:15 PM	Board of Social Ministry
Wednesday	15	12:00 PM	Pastor's Devotion on Facebook
		1:00 PM	Office Staff Devotion/Meeting
		7:00 PM	Right of Confirmation/Cake Reception Following Service in the Gym
Thursday	16	1:00 PM	Prayer Shawl
Friday	17		Pastor's Sabbath
		12:00 PM	Pastor's Devotion on Facebook
Saturday	18	8:00 AM	Praise Band Practice
		5:30 PM	Worship Services
Sunday	19	8:00 & 10:30 AM	Worship Services
		10:00 AM	Worship Service/Mediacom Channel 81

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

- 7/12 Brad Dial & Mitchell Hulskotter
 7/13 Cheryl Duckwitz,
 Christopher Sandifer,
 Kristen Probst, Leroy Campton, &
 Meredith Wendling
 7/14 John Lechman, Julie Scott, &
 Sophia Jansen
 7/16 Warren Schlechte
 7/17 Patsy Bahrns,
 Richard Ohnesorge, &
 Samantha Willis
 7/18 Pat Milleville

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

- 7/12/86 Alan & Julie Bahrns
 7/12/75 Gale & Jo Budde
 7/14/11 Nicholas & Dana Devall
 7/16/04 Phillip & Tammy Wendling
 7/17/76 Rick & Vicki Manford
 7/18/81 Bob & Karla Flach

COUNCIL & VOTERS

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

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.