

THE EAGLE

St. John's Newsletter

August 2, 2020

Our Attendance Last Week

In Person Attendance 253
Online Worship Views 81

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

Our Offerings Last Week

General Fund..... \$8,071
Online Vanco Giving \$1,130
Building Fund..... \$55.00

Masks?



Yes, please. -- We do not require masks to be worn here at Church, but we do **encourage** their use. Many people wear them when coming in and out of worship. We also encourage you to wear a mask as you walk to and from the Lord's Supper, since we're in closer proximity to one another in those transitions. Thank you for caring for one another. It helps.

It's Time!



Save the Date

Be Included in the new St. John's Lutheran Church directory.

Photography dates:
October 15-17
October 22-24

Lifetouch

It's time for us to update our photo directory. We know you are all busy. For now, **SAVE THE DATE.** We will be photographing all

families October 15-17 & October 22-24 right here at St. John's.

Our directory won't be complete without you. Watch our newsletter, website and Facebook page for more information in the coming weeks.

In person sign-up will begin August 20th.

Braille

There will **NOT** be Braille until further notice

From Our Pastor



Vacations are, by their nature, out of our routine. Often away from home, and always away from the usual, vacations give

new opportunities. But they also take away some good habits. So it was last week when we were on vacation. Something good was missing. I didn't conduct daily devotions with Kathy.

You see, each morning at home we have our morning coffee and chat. Then after our egg and toast, we conduct a devotion together. Scripture. Reflection. Prayer. Short and sweet. It's a good menu every morning. But I didn't lead us in that good diet last week, and I regret it.

It's good to be back. Vacation was great, but it's great to be in our daily routine. Extra devotions this week won't make up for last week's omissions. Only Jesus can forgive our failures. And has.

I recently had a fine conversation with a young couple in our church family, discussing how it's a conscious choice to be in church routinely. Or not to be. They are choosing wisely. That's the way to build a strong and healthy household.

What holy routines do you have? Personal or family devotions? Worship together every single weekend? Daily repentance for regrets? Good stuff. Vacations can't rejuvenate us as much as those!

"My soul will rejoice in the Lord and delight in his salvation!" (Psalm 35:9)

Church Week at Rural King

We are participating with Rural King in their **CHURCH WEEK**. If you shop at Rural King between August 2nd & August 15th, they will donate 10% of your total purchase to St. John's Lutheran Church Food Pantry. To participate, just go to: Ruralking.com/churchweek search for St. John's Lutheran Church/Food Pantry in the Organization Search section & then enter your receipt info. You have until Sept. 1 to upload your receipt info...or if you'd rather, you can turn in your receipt to the office & we will get your information turned in! **THANK YOU** for helping the Food Pantry through this project!

LCMS Stewardship Thought

August 2 – Proper 13

Matt. 14:17-18 – “They said to him, ‘We have only five loaves here and two fish.’ And he said, ‘Bring them here to me.’ ” When the disciples held on to the five loaves and two fish, that's exactly what they had. But when they handed them over to the Lord, the multitudes were fed. Apart from Jesus all we do and all we have is nothing. But, in Jesus, all we do and have is blessed to be used by the Lord for His gracious work.

LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans For Life

August 2

If God does not remember your forgiven sin, then why should you? Paul knew that when a penitent person confesses [his or her] guilt to God and seeks pardon through the merit of Christ the Savior, God forgives the sinner completely, absolutely, and without reservation.” *Rev. Dr. Armin Oldsen, former speaker of “The Lutheran Hour”* – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

Help Needed

The food pantry needs volunteers for distribution days, which are the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of every month from 3-4 pm. Call Sarah Riordan at 815-931-2488 if you can help.

Transfer the Blessings

Would you like some help with your estate planning? The Lifetime Plan for Giving is a program designed to help Christians with their estate planning to ensure that they can pass on their blessings to their children and to Christian ministries and to avoid unnecessary taxes. You can also bequeath to your children the spiritual blessing of your commitment to God's kingdom. This program is part of the LCMS Foundation. No one will try and sell you any kind of investment, and no one receives a commission. The presentation will be on September 6th. Watch the newsletter and bulletins for more information.

Summer Sunday School

3 in 1: Discovering Our Triune God

Lesson 7

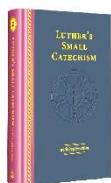
“A Revealing Truth” is the Bible lesson for this week. On Easter afternoon, Jesus joins two disciples discussing the events of the past week in Jerusalem while on their way to Emmaus. Along the way, Jesus interprets the Old Testament prophecies concerning Himself. Arriving at Emmaus, the disciples suddenly recognize Jesus, who then disappears from sight. The disciples quickly return to Jerusalem to share their amazing account. Discuss how you, too, can share this amazing story.

GODCONNECTS

A COURSE IN CHRISTIANITY

It's not too late! 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 started 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

Need a 2017 Catechism?



While “Luther’s Small Catechism” has not changed, our Synod updated the “Explanation” of the Catechism in 2017. If your household would like to purchase this newest edition, notify us in the church office. Each one is \$17, including shipping. Our Confirmation students will need one, and adults can benefit, too!

Confirmation Ministry

Our 6th and 7th grade Confirmation classes will be held on Wednesdays, beginning September 9 at 5:00pm. A meeting will be held for all students and their parents on the Wednesday before that – September 2, 5:00-6:00pm. Our goal is that we strengthen our youth and families in the Christian faith, helping them stand up joyfully in the world to say “I believe and follow the Triune God!”

Prayer List

Carol Althoff, Melissa Wirth, Shawn Bourland, Tim Mueller, Craig Wolff, Ellen Tinges, Roselle McClure, Lois Kyle, Jeff Campton, Rev. Mike Sidenstricker, Mike McWhortor, Bob Miller, Mary Wolfmeyer, Zach Fritcher, Lorri Mayberry, Evelyn Shumaker, Janet Brinkopf, Julie Scott, Rev. Ted Gall, Carolyn Lamb. Thanksgiving with John & Ruth Holland as they celebrated their 60th Anniversary on July 31! 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.

Help Needed

We are in need of help for the Sound System & Video System for all services:

Saturday @ 5:30 P.M.

Sunday @ 8 A.M.

Sunday @ 10:30 A.M.

Anyone who would like to help may contact

Dick Hulskotter at

217-342-6125 OR 217-259-7056

OR

John Jackson, 217-343-2999

Youth Announcements

Senior Dinner

This year’s dinner will be held on Sunday, August 9 at 5:30 PM.

Garage Sale

Drop Off Dates & Time

Aug. 3rd—8:30 AM – 1:30 PM

Aug. 4th---2:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Aug. 5th---3:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Garage Sale Dates & Times

Aug. 7th---8:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Aug. 8th---7:00 AM – Noon

Youth, ages 5th-12th, if you are available to work during any of these times, contact Donetta Ohnesorge @ 217-821-3300 Carolyn Wendte @ 217-821-6541 THIS IS A SERVANT EVENT.

Senior Golf Outing

This event will be held on Sat., Sept. 19. Sign-up sheets will be coming soon!

Youth Quake

This event will be held Jan. 21-23 in St. Louis, MO. Early-bird registration is just starting. This event is for 6th-8th graders. **More information to come.**

Greeters/Welcome Greeters

Join us in the Trinity Rooms on Sunday, August 16 at 9:15 AM to discuss Greeter and Welcome Center Host duties. This meeting will make sure all volunteers are equipped with the information they need. Experienced Greeters/Welcome Center Hosts and brand new volunteers are welcomed and encouraged to attend.

- Where to stand when you are a greeter or welcome center host.
- What to do when you see someone you don’t recognize or whose name you don’t know.
- Where to direct inquiries about Holy Communion or questions for the elders or Pastor

We look forward to seeing you and talking about this fun and easy way to serve the congregation!—Board of Evangelism

CALENDAR-----Aug. 2 – Aug. 9, 2020

Sunday	2	8:00 AM	Graduate Recognition
		8:00 & 10:30 AM	Worship Services
		10:00 AM	Worship Service/Mediacom Channel 81
Monday	3	8:30 AM – 1:30 PM	Garage Sale Drop Off
		12:00 PM	Pastor's Devotion on Facebook
		5:00 PM	Board of Trustees
		6:30 PM	Board of Early Childhood
Tuesday	4	2:00 - 6:00 PM	Garage Sale Drop Off
		6:30 PM	Building Committee
Wednesday	5	12:00 PM	Pastor's Devotion on Facebook
		3:00 – 7:00 PM	Garage Sale Drop Off
		6:30 PM	Catechism/Bible Study
Thursday	6		
Friday	7	8:00 AM - 6:00 PM	Garage Sale
		12:00 PM	Pastor's Devotion on Facebook
Saturday	8	7:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Garage Sale
		8:00 AM	Praise Band Practice
		8:00 AM	Men's Bible Study
		5:30 PM	Worship Service w/HC
Sunday	9	8:00 & 10:30 AM	Worship Services w/HC
		5:30 PM	Senior Dinner

Birthdays This Week

- 8/2 Andrea Wendling, Brittney Royse, Erica Hansen, & Reese Wendling
- 8/3 Dawn Quicksall, Dena Willis, & Suzanne Lechman
- 8/4 Alex Nelson, Clay Weber, Holly Bray, Nancy Ohnesorge, & Sydney Nelson
- 8/5 Cinda Hulskotter, Debby Storm, Quinn Flach, Ryan Kohnert, & Terry Budde
- 8/6 Justin Brummer, Marcy Scott, Phyllis Rohling, & Rachel Utz
- 8/7 Becky Janis & David Ragan

Anniversaries This Week

- 8/2/80 David & Bea Wendte
- 8/3/68 Larry & Pat Milleville
- 8/3/74 Michael & Marcella Kennedy
- 8/3/13 Robert & Kristin Niemerg
- 8/5/78 David & Jeanette Worman
- 8/6/77 Eric & Sandra Bernhard
- 8/7/04 Chad & Angie Nelson

Prayer of Thanksgiving

For John & Ruth Holland on their 60th Anniversary, July 31, 1960

Audio-Visual Upgrade Coming Soon!

On Tuesday our Voters approved a resolution to install a new audio-visual system for our worship Services. The Committee will finalize the process soon. Thank you

Scrip Program

We are not selling cards for a few more weeks at our services. However, the cards are available in the church office during regular office hours.

Pantry Monthly Donation

August-- Canned Corn & Peaches