

THE EAGLE
St. John's Newsletter
July 19, 2020

Our Attendance Last Week

In Person Attendance 277
Online Worship Views 85

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

Our Offerings Last Week

General Fund..... \$10,219
Online Vanco Giving \$810
Building Fund..... \$170.00

From Our Pastor

"I'll pray for you." I thank God that we have a solid core of members who say ...and do ... that. Coordinated by Julie Scott, many of your brothers and sisters in Christ receive a call, email, or text from Julie about a person's praises or petitions. They don't just want information. They want opportunities to pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Share your needs and thanksgivings with the Prayer Partner Ministry by calling/messaging Julie (217-343-3047). Let us PRAY!

"Call on Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you will honor me," says the Lord.
(Psalm 50:15)

While you're praying for one another's specific needs, please keep these general issues in prayer, too: the goodness of marriage by God's design, our various schools doing hard work to prepare for the academic year, the blessing of backpacks and kids on August 16, and scientists working toward the public good in their respective fields. Lord, hear our prayer.

Read Romans!

The Rite of Confirmation



Wednesday, July 15, was a marvelous milestone for these ten Christians. In examples and in words, let them know that they aren't finished learning the Christian faith!



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.

FYI

Pastor Burdick's mobile (and home) phone: 309-255-5580

Pastor and family will be on vacation this week. Pastor Fortkamp is able to assist with all pastoral care emergencies. Thank you. ***There won't be any Facebook Noon Devotions this week.***

Dear Parents of our Sixth and Seventh Grade Youth of St. John's,

Think of the wonderful day that your child was baptized. Like for Kathy and me, I bet it was a day of joy and prayer. And you're still praying for your child! It won't be long and we'll be gathered as the Church, praying for them on their confirmation day this way:

Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank and praise You for Your great goodness in bringing these Your sons and daughters to the knowledge of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, and enabling them both with the heart to believe and with the mouth to confess His saving name. Grant that, bringing forth the fruits of faith, they may continue steadfast and victorious to the day when all who have fought the good fight of faith shall receive the crown of righteousness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen!

Before that milestone, they have a lot to learn from the Scriptures, from you, and from me and other teachers here at Church. We want them to grow strong in God's grace and truth. I'm looking forward to working with you all.

In order to plan for this year's Confirmation Ministry, I will meet with all of you on Sunday, July 26 at 9:15am. During this meeting we will pray for you and your kids, discuss the curriculum for the 6th grade and 7th grade classes, and discuss when we will hold our classes. I'm proposing that we hold class on Wednesdays. I'm sure no day is perfect for all of us. I'll both explain

why I think Wednesday would be best, and I'll listen to your suggestions.

I look forward to seeing you in Church! God bless you and your whole family. In His love, - Pastor Burdick

A-V Volunteers

We are in need of more volunteers willing to take training for running our audio and visual systems during worship. This is an important aspect of our witness to others and our life together in worship. Those skilled in use of technology are especially needed. However, we are willing to train anyone who is interested. Please volunteer. Speak with Jeff Stremming if you would like to know more. Thank you.

Audio-Visual Upgrade Proposal

As you have heard, we've been seeking bids on an upgrade to our worship Service audio and visual systems. Due to a failure of the audio system during Wednesday night's Confirmation Service due to lightening, that may be even more urgent than we first thought. A proposal will come before the Voters on Tuesday, July 28 at 7:00pm.

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!

Help Needed

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

LCMS Stewardship Thought

July 19 – Proper 11

Rom. 8:18 – “For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.” It is very easy to get caught up in the present and lose track of our ultimate destiny in the Kingdom of God. St. Paul encourages us to keep eternity in mind. This certainly has an application to our support for the Gospel. If we keep our focus on “the glory to be revealed,” we will see our tithes and offerings in a new light.

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 6**

In today’s Sunday School lesson, “Jesus Is True God: Jesus Rebukes the Storm,” children will learn how Jesus is the true God who stilled the storm. Families could discuss, “How does Jesus continue to do the works of God in our lives?”

Prayer List

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, the family of Mike Konrad, who was the cousin Richard Devall.

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.

Youth Announcements

Senior Dinner

The deadline is August 2nd. Please contact the church office with your plans.

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, please 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.

Transfer The Blessings

Transfer the Blessings is a process that will help you discover your Lifetime Plan for Giving and make it a reality. We invite you to attend a presentation on September 6th. Scott Radden from the Synod's Foundation and Rev. Charles Olander, CID District Gift Planning Counselor, will be giving a presentation to our congregation members. It will help you think about how you want to transfer the gifts the Lord has given to you to those who will follow after you. Nothing will be for sale; it is a brief seminar encouraging you to think about your Will, estate or trust and how to serve the Lord with the gifts he has entrusted to you. We hope to see you there. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact Pastor Burdick.

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

Food Pantry

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

GODCONNECTS

A COURSE IN CHRISTIANITY

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for the Adult Catechism Study, which begins Wednesday, July 29, at 6:30 p.m. in the Trinity Room!

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. 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

Help Needed

We are in need of help for the Sound System & Video System. Help is needed 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

Attention All Boards

Please have your reports turned into the church office by:

Tuesday, July 21 at 8:00 AM

Voters

Those of you that wish to be excused from the July 28th voters meeting, please contact the church office

or

Sandy Wienek, Congregational Secretary by

Tuesday, July 28 at 9:00 AM
(You may leave a message)

CALENDAR-----July 19 – July 26, 2020

Sunday	19	8:00 & 10:30 AM	Worship Services
		10:00 AM	Worship Service/Mediacom Channel 81
Monday	20	6:30 PM	Board of Early Childhood
Tuesday	21	7:00 PM	Council
Wednesday	22		
Thursday	23		
Friday	24		
Saturday	25	8:00 AM	Praise Band Practice
		5:30 PM	Worship Services w/HC
Sunday	26	8:00 & 10:30 AM	Worship Services w/HC
		9:15	Parent Meeting of 6 th & 7 th Graders
		10:00 AM	Worship Service/Mediacom Channel 81

Pastor Burdick Will Be On Vacation Monday, July 20- Friday, July 24

Birthdays This Week

- 7/20 Paulena Romero, Rudy Koester, & Vi Kirchhoff
- 7/21 Kaitlin Budde & Ray Habbe
- 7/22 Alicia Wittenberg, Dana Cox, Julie Zeigler, Sarah Mellendorf
- 7/23 Connie Phelps & Jill Wohltman
- 7/24 Bayleigh Lobmier, Karen Hartman, Tammy Wendling, & Tony Castillo
- 7/25 Brady Scott, Elena Niebrugge, Jason Wendling, & Norma Larson

Anniversaries This Week

- 7/19/03 Jamie & Emily Lotz
- 7/20/52 Warren & Lois Schlechte
- 7/21/99 Clinton & Jennifer Weber
- 7/21/18 James & Megan King
- 7/22/11 Wade & Brittany Bloemer
- 7/23/88 A. J. & Linda Lockett
- 7/24/10 Andrew & Amy Wetzel

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.

Thank You

Thank you so much to the member who donated the refrigerator to the Food Pantry. We truly appreciate it!

Freezer Needed!

The church is in need of a freezer. Our current freezer has quit and cannot be repaired. If you have one you could donate, that would be greatly appreciated. Please let Dave Budde know if you have one you would like to donate.

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-ups are **NOT** available yet.