

THE EAGLE
St. John's Newsletter
July 26, 2020

Our Attendance Last Week

In Person Attendance 223
Online Worship Views 115

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

Our Offerings Last Week

General Fund \$6,179.55
Online Vanco Giving \$1,840.00
Online Building Fund \$25.00

June General Fund Summary

General Fund Deposits \$65,681.13
General Fund Expenses \$54,998.45
General Fund Balance \$213,095.83

ATTENTION VOTERS

The Voters Meeting will be Tuesday, July 28 at 7:00 pm. We have several important items to vote on that need a quorum. Your attendance is important! For the health and safety of all those attending, we will be moving the meeting to the Church instead of the Trinity Rooms so we can observe Social Distancing.

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.

Food Pantry Monthly Donation

July--Fruit Cocktail & Shampoo
August-- Canned Corn & Peaches

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, 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

July 26 – Proper 12

Matthew 13:45-46 – “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.” Indeed, Jesus redeemed us and purchased us back from sin and death with all that He had. We belong to Him now. And this is the foundation for our own generosity: imitating the out-sized generosity of Jesus.

LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans For Life

July 26

“Our lives may be full of stress, but Jesus is with us as He has always been—walking with us, holding us in His hands, keeping us in His care. Nothing can take God's love away from us. Nothing, not even death—not even death on a cross!—can keep Jesus from the people He came to save.”

Dr. Kari Vo, Lutheran Hour Ministries – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

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,

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.

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.

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.

Sympathy & Condolences

Word has been received that Dottie Wendler, 98, passed away on July 15. She was the wife of Rev. H. C. Wendler, who served St. John's from 1970-1987. Her obituary can be found at:
www.bischfuneralhomewest.com

Transfer The Blessings

We welcome Rev. Charles Olander and Mr. Scott Radden of the LCMS Foundation. We invite you to attend a presentation on September 6th when they will present ideas aimed at assisting us to prepare a will, a durable power of attorney and a charitable gift, giving our Christian witness through a Christian preamble, and more. There is no obligation. Please join us. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact Pastor Burdick.

Prayer List

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, the families of Dolores Schoenhoff and Steve French.

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.

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

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.

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

Braille

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

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 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)

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.

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.

Deepest Sympathy

Condolences to the family of Steve Leroy French, who passed away July 21. Steve's visitation will be held at Johnson Funeral Home Sunday, July 26 from 3-5 pm. The Funeral will be held Monday, July 27 at 10 am at St. John's Lutheran Church. Burial will be at Woodlawn Cemetery.

CALENDAR-----July 26 – Aug. 2, 2020

Sunday	26	8:00 & 10:30 AM	Worship Services w/HC
		9:15 AM	Parent Meeting of 6 th & 7 th Graders
		10:00 AM	Worship Service/Mediacom Channel 81
Monday	27	12:00 PM	Board of Evangelism
		1:00 PM	Office Staff Devotion/Meeting
		6:30	Board of Early Childhood
Tuesday	28	3:00 – 4:00 PM	Food Pantry Distribution
		7: 00 PM	Voters Meeting
Wednesday	29		6 Grade-High School @ Holiday World
		6:30 PM	Catechism/Bible Study
Thursday	30		
Friday	31		
Saturday	1	8:00 AM	Praise Band Practice
		5:30 PM	Worship Service
Sunday	2	8:00 AM	Graduate Recognition
		8:00 & 10:30 AM	Worship Services
		10:00 AM	Worship Service/Mediacom Channel 81

Birthdays This Week

- 7/26 Ella Niebrugge, Patsy Latch, & Tyler Pilcher
 7/27 Laura Jeffries & Rebecca Hewing
 7/28 Joanna Goldstein
 7/29 Chad Nelson, Jared Probst, Jill Wendling, & Michelle Holland
 7/30 Amy Miller, John Schoenhoff, & Melia Wendling
 7/31 Kyle March, Ruth Kohnert, & Ruth Rhodes
 8/1 Layla Nelson & Donetta Ohnesorge

Anniversaries This Week

- 7/27/96 Jason & Kim Niebrugge
 7/27/74 Jim & Rosie Gibbons
 7/28/99 Nic & Madelyn Koester
 7/30/04 Randy & Amy Kohner
 7/30/05 Todd & Julie Zeigler
 7/31/76 Dennis & Bonnie Siebert

Deepest Sympathy

Condolences to the family of Dolores Evelyn Schoenhoff (88 years, 9 mo., & 3 days) of Watson. She passed away Friday, July 17 at Lavender Ridge Memory Care in Effingham. Visitation was Monday, July 20 and the funeral was Tuesday, July 21 at St. John's Lutheran Church. Memorials may be given to: Guardian Angel Adult Daycare or Effingham Area Alzheimer's Awareness. Interment was at Arborcrest Memorial Park in Funkhouse.

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!