

**THE EAGLE**  
**St. John's Newsletter**  
**July 5, 2020**

**Our Attendance Last Week**

In Person Attendance ..... 287  
 Online Worship Views ..... 98

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

**Our Offerings Last Week**

General Fund..... \$9,701  
 Online Vanco Giving ..... \$1,235

**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.



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

*Simul  
 Justus et  
 Peccator*

(Simultaneously  
 Saint and Sinner)  
 Romans 7

**From Our Pastor**

“Take a knee.” Coach Patterson of the WIU football Leathernecks would sometimes say that to his team when he introduced me after a practice. They were not kneeling to me, or to their coach. They were getting ready to listen to an invitation to come to the team devotions after the locker room. Not all would accept that invitation, but many did. In chapel they would hear God's Word and we would pray – not for victory, but for faithfulness. They would take a knee before the only Lord worthy of their submission.

“Take a knee” is now a sometimes-twisted gesture in our world. Let us reclaim and use it well. “We stand for the flag, and we kneel for the cross” (and empty tomb),



goes the saying stitched on a gift one of you gave Kathy and me last week. When we stand for the flag it is in honor of our nation, even while we recognize that no republic comprised of sinful people is perfect. When we kneel at the Lord's Table we submit to the Triune God, repenting of our many sins and believing that His cross and empty tomb are our only sure source of hope.

This Independence Day weekend, we kneel before God in confession and thanksgiving. Our national freedoms are good. The freedom from sin, death, and devil won by the Jesus of the cross is greater. Take a knee. In the Lord,

*Pastor Burdick*

**Read Romans!**

## **LCMS STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT**

**July 5 – Proper 9**

**Matt. 11:28 – “Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.”** Jesus has come to do the work so that we might have rest from burdens and labors we are not capable of bearing. He frees us from sin, death, and the demands of the Law. In that peace and rest of Jesus we find a new purpose. His light yoke, which is no burden to bear, is a joy.

## **LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans For Life** **July 5**

“Today we thank God that He believed so strongly in freedom from pain, sadness, mourning, and death that He was willing to sacrifice his Son for us. So even as we celebrate with our ‘close’ eye, our ‘far away’ eye is ‘longing for a better country—a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them’ (Hebrews 11:16).”

Linda Buxa, *Time of Grace – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life* • [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)

## **SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL**

### ***3 in 1: Discovering Our Triune God*** Week 4

Today’s Sunday School lesson, “God Protects Us: God Rescues Israel,” will guide students as they learn how God protected His people from danger and rescued them from their enemies. Help your children apply this lesson by discussing, “*How does God protect you from danger and rescue you from your enemies: sin, death, and the devil?*”

## **CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES**

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

## **ACOLYTES!**

Parents and youth of the 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **PRAYER LIST**

The family of Frieda Redicks, Vi Kirchhoff, Roselle McClure, Lois Kyle, Jeff Campton, Mike Sidenstricker, Mike McWhortor, Bob Miller, Mary Wolfmeyer, John Huelskoetter, Zach Fritcher, Lorri Mayberry, Evelyn Shumaker, Janet Brinkopf, Julie Scott, Ted Gall, Carolyn Lamb, Archer James Blazina.

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 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. You may drop off your valuables **ONLY on Aug. 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>**

Times will be determined later.  
**NO TELEVISIONS ACCEPTED!**

### **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 11<sup>th</sup>, 7-8 AM

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

**Tell your friends & Family.**

### **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.

### **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

### **Confirmation Rite**

This month we will rejoice to hear ten young Christians confess the Christian faith as their own. We won't all hear it in person, since we're only able to invite their family members and sponsors to the Service on Wednesday, July 15. But we can all be praying for and encouraging them. Do them a favor, won't you? See their banners hung in the Atrium, and then meet them there to ask, "which one is yours?" Then gently ask, "why did you choose that verse?" You will be helping them speak up about the faith. They will need you to do that for many years to come. In short, they need you, and you need them.

"Remember Your Baptism" for the Confirmands and their families will be Sunday, July 12 at 7:00pm. The July 15 7:00 pm Service will be video-recorded and then available on our website.



# CALENDAR-----July 5 – July 12, 2020

Sunday	5	8:00 & 10:30 AM	Worship Services
		10:00 AM	Worship Service/Mediacom Channel 81
Monday	6	5:00 PM	Board of Trustees
		12:00 PM	Pastor's Devotion on Facebook
Tuesday	7	6:30 PM	Building Committee
Wednesday	8	12:00 PM	Pastor's Devotion on Facebook
		1:00 PM	Office Staff Devotion/Meeting
Thursday	9	6:30 PM	Board of Elders
Friday	10		Pastor's Sabbath
		12:00 PM	Pastor's Devotion on Facebook
Saturday	11	8:00 AM	Praise Band Practice
		8:00 AM	Men's Bible Study
		5:30 PM	Worship Services w/HC
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

## **BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

- 7/5 Carol Klein, Heidi Kinkelaar, & Jennifer Weber
- 7/6 Bradley Osborne
- 7/7 Debra Reynolds, JD Snow, Jessie Gorrell, Larry Kuhns, Olivia Martin, & Raylen Stuckey
- 7/8 Ron Stumpf
- 7/9 Jonathan Stremming & Phyllis Dueker
- 7/10 Carissa Snow, Cindy Barr, & Jason Miller
- 7/11 Cindy Myers

## **ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK**

- 7/5/02 Jeff & Ashley Flach
- 7/7/01 Derek & Donetta Ohnesorge
- 7/8/09 Darell & Debbie Reynolds
- 7/8/78 Fred & Judith Meislahn
- 7/8/89 Rick & Vicki Cook
- 7/8/00 Kenny & Mary Dasenbrock
- 7/10/82 Dan & Lisa Norton

## **THANK YOU**

Pastor Brown would like to thank everyone for the birthday wishes

## **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.

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Volunteers are needed to make/sew child sized masks for Eagle's Nest Preschoolers. Eagle's Nest is providing the child friendly fabric for the masks. The fabric is available on the bench outside the office.  
Thank you for sharing your talent!

## **Food Pantry**

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