

THE EAGLE
St. John's Newsletter
August 16, 2020

Our Attendance Last Week

In Person Attendance.....263
Online Worship Views 108

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

Our Offerings Last Week

General Fund \$9,575
Online Vanco Giving..... \$3,640
Online Building Fund \$65

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.

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

Braille

No Braille Center volunteering until further notice.

From Our Pastor

I'm glad we have added the fourth Service to our weekend of worship. Last Sunday I was a bit uneasy when I looked out upon the first and third Services and saw that the church was relatively full (many things are relative to the virus, aren't they?). But there was something inspiring about it, too. After



the Absolution you broke into song with the host of heaven, and you sang "This is the feast of victory for our God, Alleluia!" Oh, my, did you sing! It was tremendous.

There are folks around us who don't know the thrill of hearing Christians sing with heart and unity, hearing people who know that they have no ultimate power against virus or vitriol, dying or discouragement, but that the Lamb upon the throne holds all the "power, riches, wisdom, and strength" in and above creation. When you are confident in that truth, you sing.

Keep singing, my friends. Sing with joy and certainty -- when there are one, two or three gathered, and when there are hundreds.

Sing so others can know ... why!

In Christ,

5th Sunday Food Pantry: Offering

There will be two special receptacles to receive special offerings for the Food Pantry on August 30. At the West transept there will be an offering plate in a stand. At the North doors there will be the little white church model. **PLEASE** make checks payable to **St. John's FOOD PANTRY**, OR you can sign up online and have it go directly to the Food Pantry. Thank you.

Monthly Donation

August-- Canned Corn & Peaches

A BIG Thank You!

We want to thank everyone who helped to make the Rummage Sale a success. We are so grateful for all the help, prayers, buyers & givers. Our church has truly been blessed with such great people in our congregation!

~The Youth Board.

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.

LCMS Stewardship Thought

Matt. 14:30 – “But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, ‘Lord, save me.’ ” The world really is a scary place – natural disasters, disease, terrorism, and a hundred other things. But where do we place our hope, our trust, and our vision? Where do we look for aid and comfort? When Peter’s eyes were on the Lord, he had confidence. When he turned to look at his problems and took his eyes off the Lord, he fell apart. Sometimes God’s call to support the work of His Church with our offerings makes us nervous. But put your eyes back on your Lord, trust Him, follow His Word, and all will be well.

LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans For Life

“Christianity proclaims a God who valued humanity so much that in Jesus God took on flesh, becoming human. He took on His own jar of clay and in so doing gifted all of humanity with immeasurable treasure.”

Margaret Manning Shull, Ravi Zacharias International Ministries – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

Sunday School Teachers Needed

We need a few good men or women to lead our students in Sunday School. We are specifically looking for 2nd/3rd Grade teachers at this time. Contact Emily Lotz, 618-322-664 or email her at emilylotz@gmail.com. Thank you!

Confirmands

You may pick up your banners in the closet across from the office

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.

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

Ellen Tinges, Vic Oakley, Rose Boggs, Sarah Mellendorf, Gerald Pontious, Dana Keller, John Romero, Melissa Wirth, Shawn Bourland, Tim Mueller, Craig Wolff, Jeff Campton, Mike McWhortor, Bob Miller, Mary Wolfmeyer, Bertie Powell, Zach Fritcher, Lorri Mayberry, Evelyn Shumaker, Janet Brinkopf, Julie Scott, Rev. Ted Gall, and the family of Phyllis Miller.

Members of the Armed Forces, including Paul Smith, Nathan Vail, Aaron Smith, Baileigh Longwell, Jason Mette, Gabriel Walker, Johnathon Schuette, Henry Bielenberg; and all first responders of our community and nation.

Deepest Sympathy

Our prayers and condolences go to the family of Phyllis Miller. She passed away Sunday, August 9th. The funeral was Saturday, August 15. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, Alzheimer’s Association, or St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital.

Central Illinois District Scholarship

Sunday: September 13, 2020

Twenty-three students (9 seminarians and 14 undergraduate students) were given grants by our CID Scholarship Committee this year. Thanks to substantial gifts given by the Seider Scholarship Endowment, the CID LWML, the CID Church Extension Fund, and our CID Education Foundation, as well as many generous gifts given by faithful Lutherans like you, \$114,000 was awarded to help offset \$339,666 worth of unmet financial needs. Unmet needs are the responsibility of the student after scholarships, grants, parental assistance, expected congregational gifts, and the like are subtracted from the total cost of education. You can help ease their burden with your gift to the Central Illinois District Scholarship Sunday appeal. By indicating on your check or envelope you can choose to give all or part of your gift to go directly toward helping our 2020-2021 students by designating "CID Scholarship Fund" or you may choose to make a gift directly to the CID Endowment Fund. The income from the CID Endowment Fund will be used to make need-based grants to our students for years to come. A special envelope, "Will They Always Be There?", is available at your church, should you like to use one, to make a gift through your local congregation or you may send your gift directly to the Central Illinois District Education Fund, 1850 N. Grand Avenue West, Springfield, IL 62702-1626. Once again I want to stress the importance of providing these need-based grants to our CID students attending our seminaries and Concordia Universities as they prepare for careers in full-time church work. The ever-increasing cost of education is creating enormous education debt for many of these servants of God. Together, our generosity may be the difference that allows them to continue their studies and helps relieve the burden of their educational debt. If you are considering a major gift, a gift of

appreciated assets, or a gift through your estate, you may contact CID Planned Gift Counselor, Rev. Charles Olander, at (217) 416-8842 or by email at c-olander@msn.com for assistance. Thank you.

Youth Announcements

Larry Brandt 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.

CID Lutheran Laymen's League

Join us for a lively workshop that presents timely, practical tools that can equip you to become an effective witness for Jesus. You can either attend the retreat in person at Camp CILCA or you can join us via Zoom on your computer. We encourage congregations session at their church for those who have no zoom capability. Register today by calling Deloris Blessman, 309-361-1461 or email, delorisblessman@yahoo.com.

A registration fee of \$15 in person or \$5 via zoom to cover lunch and materials (all students are free). Zoom connection instructions and lesson materials will be provided via email to all who register. In case group attendance is cancelled by the authorities, the meeting will proceed by zoom only.

Birthdays This Week

- 8/16 Paige Longwell & Palmer Brown
- 8/17 Casey Earleywine, Karly Earleywine, Sharon Field
- 8/18 Eileen Quicksall & Howard Haake
- 8/19 Jeff Pryor & Mitchell Wohltman
- 8/20 Alexis Miller & Jill Haake
- 8/21 Hank Probst, Knox Probst, & Marissa Brown
- 8/22 Larry Milleville & Sandra Hanks

CALENDAR-----Aug. 16 – Aug. 23, 2020

Sunday	16	8:00 & 10:30 AM	Worship Services /Blessing of the Backpacks
		10:00 AM	Worship Service/Mediacom Channel 81
Monday	17	12:00 PM	Pastor's Devotion on Facebook
		12:00 PM	Board of Evangelism
Tuesday	18		
Wednesday	19	12:00 PM	Pastor's Devotion on Facebook
		1:00 PM	Office Staff Devotion/Meeting
		6:00 PM	Youth Board Meeting
		6:30 PM	Catechism Bible Study
Thursday	20		
Friday	21		Pastor's Sabbath
		12:00 PM	Pastor's Devotion on Facebook
Saturday	22	8:00 AM	Praise Band Practice
		4:00 & 5:30 PM	Worship Service w/HC
Sunday	23	8:00 & 10:30 AM	Worship Services w/HC

Anniversaries This Week

- 8/16/75 Donald & Pat Wendte
- 8/17/57 Ray & Sue Habbe
- 8/19/72 Dale & Glenna Schagemann
- 8/19/05 Matt & Stephanie Gordon
- 8/20/16 Haven & Jill Boone
- 8/21/10 Bradley & Tricia Miller
- 8/22/71 Alan & Connie Phelps
- 8/22/81 Ray & Eileen Hartman

Time to schedule your appointment for our directory photo!

Here are 3 options:

1. Our website and Facebook pages will be set up and ready to schedule your appointments on **Thursday, August 20**. When you follow the link to the Lifetouch site, you will be asked how many people in your party to be photographed and then choose your date and time. (Extra time is allowed for 5 or more.) You will be asked to create a user name and password so that you can go back and edit your appointment, should your plans change.

- 2. You may call Lifetouch directly to reserve your photography time slot. Their number is 866-756-0281.
- 3. After our **August 29/30** services, someone will be available to help with in-person scheduling, if needed.

Here are the dates and times Lifetouch will be at St. John's:

- *Thursday and Friday, October 15-16 from 2-8pm
- *Saturday, October 17 from 10am-4pm
- *Thursday and Friday, October 22-23 from 2-8pm
- *Saturday, October 24 from 10am-4pm

Please allow one hour for check-in, photography and selection of directory pose as well as any purchases you may want to make.

Face masks will be required while outside the photography room. Thanks for your consideration.