

THE EAGLE

St. John's Newsletter

August 30, 2020

Our Attendance Last Week

In Person Attendance	281
Online Worship Views	152

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

Our Offerings Last Week

General Fund.....	\$8,239
Online Vanco Giving	\$2,627
Building Fund.....	\$565
Online Vanco Building Fund	\$25

5th Sunday Food Pantry: Offering

Moved to next week: There will be two special receptacles to receive your offerings for the Food Pantry at our weekend services on September 5 & 6th. 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.

It's been a while since we reminded one another: if you don't feel well, please refrain from coming to church that day. Worship from home and come back when you're feeling well. Thanks!

From Our Pastor

ALTERNATE

This weekend we are experiencing an alternate route toward our destination. Your GPS could be saying "recalculating." We worship from home through our video of the Service of the Word, since my household's exposure to the virus

necessitates our quarantine, and since Pastor Fortkamp was already committed to filling in for another pastor. That's ok. It's just an alternate route; there have been quite a few of those these days. The day is coming when we'll be back in the Lord's House every weekend. That's the normal, and best, route. Prepare now to choose it then!

Next weekend we'll have our guest preacher, Pastor Olander, and the "Transfer The Blessings" seminar at 9:15am Sunday. I hope you'll be with us.



We're also planning to launch Sunday School next Sunday! I'm asking all adults to "BYOB" for Bible classes this Fall. It would be a great practice for our children, too! Sound strange? It means *bring your own Bible*.

In all these things, we're clinging to what is good (Romans 12:9). God, and His Word, is good ... even when we're taking an alternate route!

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Pastor Fortkamp".

"O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in the Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen."

Lifetouch Church Photography

Due to Covid-19, Lifetouch is postponing all sessions until further notice. We will let you know when they start scheduling again. There is no need to try to reschedule at this time.

Lifelight New Study

**Growing
Together
in Faith**

The LifeLight Class will be starting a new study on Galatians, Philippians, &

Colossians. The study will begin in mid-September. Please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board.

LCMS Stewardship Thought

Matt. 16:26 – “For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his life?” He who dies with the most toys ... is dead. But the one who trusts in the Lord, even though he dies, yet shall he live. We live out our trust in the Lord by faithfully fulfilling the roles God has given us to play in the home, church, and society as loving, generous people. Those who don't know the Lord are afraid to be generous because they think that what they give away is lost to them. But we who know the Lord know that the things of this world become true blessings when they are used for God's Kingdom.

LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life

“The One who created the heavens and the earth, the Author of the sun and the stars in the sky, is also the One who came Himself as the promise of light. Into the darkness of this world, the Word at the very beginning became flesh to dwell among us. Of this remarkably authored story, one witness writes: In Him was life and that life was the light of all people. The Light shines in the darkness and the darkness did not overcome it. (John 1:4-5)”

*Tejedor Tiewsoh, Ravi Zacharias International Ministries, Shillong, India
– A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

Youth Announcements

Larry Brandt Golf Outing

This event will be held on Sat., Sept. 19 Beginning at 1 pm. Sign-up sheets are inserted in this bulletin!

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

Sunday School Registration

Register your kids for Sunday School!



On our website (www.stjohnslcms.net)

**SUNDAY
SCHOOL**

click on the News item that takes you to our SS Registration form. We're excited to kick off the Sunday School classes next Sunday, September 6.

Central Illinois District Scholarship

Scholarship Sunday is Sep 13!

College and Seminary students preparing for fulltime church work (DCE, teacher, pastor, etc.,) almost always incur large debts in order to be trained for their calling. You can help ease their burden with your gift to the Central Illinois District Scholarship Sunday appeal. A special envelope, “Will They Always Be There?“, is available on our Welcome Center, or you may send your gift directly to the Central Illinois District Education Fund, 1850 N. Grand Avenue West, Springfield, IL 62702-1626. 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. Thank you.

September Food Pantry Donation

Canned Chicken & Granola Bars

Prayer List

Deb Gregory, Jan Pike, Vic Oakley, Rose Boggs, Dana Keller, John Romero, 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, 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.



Prayer March

Submitted by one of our members: "Franklin Graham feels our nation needs prayers, so he is planning a PRAYER MARCH in our capital. It will be held on Saturday, Sept. 26 from 12:00 pm to 2:00 PM EDT. To participate, go to: www.prayermarch2020.com

Transfer the Blessings

This seminar will be Sunday, September 6th at 9:15 A.M. in the Trinity Rooms. Rev. Charles Olander, CID Planned Gift Counselor and Scott Radden, LCMS Foundation will be here and speaking at the 4:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. services on Saturday, Sept. 5, and also both services on Sunday, Sept. 6th.

Backpack Tags

If your child didn't receive a Backpack tag last weekend, please pick up one at the Welcome Center, or see a member of the St. John's Board of Education, and we will get one to them.

CID Lutheran Laymen's League

What is the *Spiritual Conversation Curve*? What is my EAGER Profile? You are invited



to join us for the Virtual Spiritual Conversation Workshops hosted by Central Illinois LLL District at their Fall Retreat at Camp CILCA, on Saturday, **September 12,**

2020 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Due to COVID-19 Guidelines, Rev. Peter Kirby, LHM Regional Director, Eastern Europe and Jamaica will lead the virtual workshop. You can attend the retreat either in person at Camp CILCA or via Zoom on your computer. **Pastor Burdick will host a virtual participation here at St. John's during the presentation. Your participation has been paid by a member of our church!** Rev. Kirby will also provide a review of the newest LHM Resources through the Households of Faith Kit that is now available for churches, groups, schools, and families to use in personal ministry and outreach efforts. Please register by sending Pastor Burdick a message in the church office this week. For more information contact Deloris via phone: (309)361-1461; or email: delorisblessman@yahoo.com. Join us for a lively workshop that presents timely, practical tools that can equip you to become an effective witness for Jesus.

The Confirmation Meeting with parents and students is postponed until 5:00pm September 9.

CALENDAR-----Aug. 30 – Sept. 6, 2020

Sunday	30	10:00 AM	Worship Service/Mediacom Channel 81
			Worship Service on our website
Monday	31	12:00 PM	Pastor's Devotion on Facebook
Tuesday	1	8:30 AM - 12:15 PM	Pastor Conference Here
Wednesday	2	12:00 PM	Pastor's Devotion on Facebook
Thursday	3		
Friday	4		Pastor's Sabbath
		12:00 PM	Pastor's Devotion on Facebook
Saturday	5	8:00 AM	Praise Band Practice
		4:00 & 5:30 PM	Worship Service w/Special Food Pantry Offering
Sunday	6	8:00 & 10:30 AM	Worship Services w/Special Food Pantry Offering
		9:15 AM	Sunday School
		9:15 AM	Transfer the Blessings Seminar, Trinity Rooms
		10:00 AM	Worship Service/Mediacom Channel 81



Birthdays This Week

- 8/30 Annika Koester, Brandon Wallin, Camille Zeigler, Danny Klepzig, Mark Holland, Norma Miller, Rebecca Belcher, & Rick Gregory
- 8/31 Greg Brown & Tristan Devall
- 9/1 Deb Gregory & Lyle Tolch
- 9/2 Atticus Jennings, Brayden Kuhns, Nicholas Lechman, & Sherry Stremming
- 9/3 Mallory Weber
- 9/4 Justin Norris
- 9/5 Alan Phelps, Gale Budde, Jayla Stuckey, Joe Gibbons, Kirby Tolch, Tim Casteel

Anniversaries This Week

- 8/31/85 Mike & Debbie Womack
- 9/1/84 John & Perrie Richards
- 9/2/01 Justin & Britt Wendling
- 9/3/16 Lucas & Melissa Goldstein
- 9/4/04 Jonathan & Erica Marxmann
- 9/5/92 Brian & Jill Haake
- 9/5/92 Joe & Carol Budde
- 9/5/09 Tony & Larissa Jones

News from the Synod

I received word this week that our Synod has had to make some regrettable decisions in order to balance the budget in St. Louis, including the elimination of the position of Director of Campus Ministry. As a former campus pastor, I found this position very helpful to us "in the field." Join me in praying that no further cutbacks will be necessary, and that our churches near campuses will be bold and faithful in serving students. ~ Pastor Burdick