

THE EAGLE
St. John's Newsletter
August 9, 2020

Our Attendance Last Week

In Person Attendance 225
Online Worship Views 115

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

Our Offerings Last Week

General Fund..... \$6,373
Online Vanco Giving \$1,295
Building Fund..... \$40

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

From Our Pastor



Next Saturday and Sunday, August 15-16, kids of all ages ought to bring their school backpacks to worship.

Preschoolers to High schoolers: I hope to see the backpack you'll be taking to school! Students will receive a blessing, and a little gift, as we pray for the kids, parents, teachers, and staff of all our area schools. We will probably have them stand at their pew with parents, instead of crowding together at the front, but the blessing will be the same. And, Lord knows, they need the blessing! The beginning of a school year is hard for almost everyone, but all the more this year. That's why we'll pray for protection, truthful learning, and strength at home. Moms and dads: your church is praying for you, too.

Those of you who have been worshipping with us in person know that we're using every third pew and asking people to keep their distance as much as reasonably possible, especially at dismissal. Thanks for working together. I'm increasingly concerned that many people are not going to return to a regular (that is, weekly) worship habit through this crisis. For a small segment of our population, they truly need to stay away until there is a vaccine. For some others, it's possible that not worshipping in person every week is a new habit that will weaken them and the Body of Christ. Do what you can right now to prevent that. Keeping up the careful measures while here at St. John's makes it much more possible that many will come every weekend to receive God's gifts. In short, it's worth it!

LCMS Stewardship Thought

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Matt. 15:27 – “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” These are the words of faith, for faith means receiving what God gives. And God has given us so much more than just the crumbs that fall from the table. He has given us life and salvation, body and soul, eyes and ears, possessions and income. Our stewardship starts with faith in the God who is the greatest Giver.

LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans For Life

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“[W]hen a child is adopted into a family, there is a real family formed there. Our entire Gospel is at stake in that recognition because there is no such thing as an ‘adopted child,’ only children who were adopted. Adopted in the New Testament is a past-tense verb, not an adjective.” *Dr. Russell D. Moore, author of “Adopted for Life: The Priority of Adoption for Christian Families” and chair of the Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention.*

– A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

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.

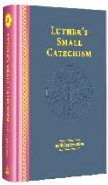
Transfer the Blessings

Wills and Estate Planning—Transfer the Blessings: Sunday, September 6th. How can you touch lives through your lifetime plan for giving? As called and chosen children of God, we know He has a plan for our life. God has called us to be managers of His creation while we are living and when our time on earth is past. We are to Transfer the Blessings entrusted to us to be a blessing to others. That is our calling. Pass it on! God has placed a Lifetime Plan for Giving in each Christian’s heart. The goal of the LCMS Foundation is to help Christians bring that plan to the surface and make it a reality. To accomplish this, members of St. John’s are encouraged to support the Lifetime Plan for Giving program. The Lifetime Plan for Giving is a gift planning process that strengthens every Christian’s walk in life. Through this relationship, Lutherans develop a Lifetime Plan for Giving that transfers what God has entrusted to them on to family and to the Lord’s work. Scott Radden, Gift Planning Counselor and Rev. Charles Olander, CID Gift Counselor will assist members in understanding tax benefits and establish gifts to family and ministry consistent with their personal goals.

Sunday School Teachers Needed

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

Need a New Luther Small Catechism?



While “Luther’s Small Catechism” has not changed, our Synod updated the “Explanation” of the Catechism in 2017. If your household would like to purchase this newest edition, notify us in the church office. Each one is \$17, including shipping. Our Confirmation students will need one, and adults can benefit, too

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

Gerald Pontious, Dana Keller, John Romero, Carol Althoff, 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. 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.

Pantry Monthly Donation

August-- Canned Corn & Peaches

Youth Announcements

Senior Dinner

This year’s dinner will be held on Sunday, August 9 at 5:30 PM.

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.

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.

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.

Braille

No Braille until further notice

CALENDAR-----Aug. 9 – Aug. 16, 2020

Sunday	9	8:00 & 10:30 AM	Worship Services w/HC
		10:00 AM	Worship Service/Mediacom Channel 81
		5:30 PM	Senior Dinner
Monday	10	12:00 PM	Pastor's Devotion on Facebook
		5:00 PM	Board of Stewardship
		6:15 PM	Board of Christian Education
Tuesday	11	3:00 PM – 4:00 PM	Food Pantry Distribution
		5:00 PM	Board of Social Ministry
Wednesday	12	12:00 PM	Pastor's Devotion on Facebook
		1:00 PM	Office Staff Devotion/Meeting
		6:30 PM	Catechism Bible Study
Thursday	13	1:00 PM	Prayer Shawl
		6:30 PM	Board of Elders
Friday	14		Pastor's Sabbath
		12:00 PM	Pastor's Devotion on Facebook
Saturday	15	8:00 AM	Praise Band Practice
		5:30 PM	Worship Service w/Backpack Blessing
Sunday	16	8:00 & 10:30 AM	Worship Services w/Backpack Blessing

Birthdays This Week

- 8/9 Dawn Koester, Jim Wallin, & Kohen Willenborg
- 8/10 Claire Niemerg, John Jackson, Josie Fritch, Logan Bloemer, & Neil Rohlfing
- 8/11 Brittany Bloemer & Dillon Wallin
- 8/12 Brody Nelson, Courtney Cook, Roger Ohnesorge, & Sue Habbe
- 8/13 Kristin Niemerg & Philip Stuemke
- 8/14 Michael Logan & Rhett Bailey
- 8/15 Brian Wenthe, Chad Hartman, John Longwell

Anniversaries This Week

- 8/9/08 Matt & Carrie Brown
- 8/9/80 Vincent & Nancy Wendt
- 8/10/58 Lloyd & Shirley Wittenberg
- 8/10/13 Chuck & Nancy Lykins
- 8/11/90 Greg & Carolyn Lamb
- 8/12/06 Chad & Kristen Hartman
- 8/14/10 Dr. Ryan & Sara Jennings
- 8/15/09 Neil & Lanette Stuckey
- 8/15/87 Steve & Amy Miller

Help Needed

We are in need of help for the Sound System & Video System 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

It's Time!



It's time for us to update our photo directory. We know you are all busy. For now, **SAVE THE DATE.** We will be photographing all families Oct. 15-17 & Oct. 22-24 right here at St. John's.

Our directory won't be complete without you. Watch our newsletter, website and Facebook page for more information in the coming weeks.

Online sign-up begin Thursday, Oct. 20. In person sign-ups will begin August 29/30 after services.