

THE EAGLE

St. John's Newsletter

September 27, 2020

Our Response to the Gospel

Our Attendance Last Week

In Person Attendance	247
Online Worship Views	91
Sunday School K-HS	44
Adult Sunday School.....	8
LifeLight.....	7

Our Offerings Last Week

General Fund.....	\$6,685
Online General Fund.....	\$2,422
Building Fund.....	\$110
Online Building Fund.....	\$25

August General Fund Summary

General Fund Deposits	\$46436.52
General Fund Expenses	\$95,297.97
General Fund Balance	\$166,161.13

From Our Pastor

The first two weeks of Confirmation classes for our youth in 6th and 7th grade have gone very well, I believe. It's not just that the students have been here in-person and careful to follow the guidelines for physical health. No, the chief reason I say it has gone well is that the Word of God has been front and center for these children. In my class last week, we examined my great-grandfather's 120-year-old Bible. It's falling apart, and the kids came to the right conclusion: Grandpa Krause didn't keep it on a shelf. He read it, over and over again. For the spiritual health of our family, he read it at home and he took his children – my grandma included – to church every Sunday. If he hadn't, I probably wouldn't have been raised to

know Jesus. That's a sobering thought for me in 2020.

Here's the takeaway: we adults are very influential, and God uses our influence to bring His holy Word to our children and our children's children. Just remember – the devil would use our influence, too. Be in the Word and in the House of the Lord regularly. In the year 2120, your great-grandchildren could be writing a note like this.



We're coming up on the one-year anniversary of the partnership of you and me together in ministry. I am profoundly grateful for being here with you. What does God want us to do? Who does He want us to be, and to be reaching? What will come next in our life together? I'm not sure of the detailed answers, but this much I know: He wants to keep His Word front and center in our life. Here, and at home. Let's let Him. Be in Church. Be in the Word.

In His Love,

September Food Pantry Donation

Canned Chicken & Granola Bars

October Food Pantry Donation

Chunky Beef Soup & Chicken Soup

Lutheran Care Center

The LCC is requesting mail for their residents. Because of Covid, their facility has been shut since early March. Their residents have not had visitors since then. They are reaching out to the community asking you to please mail cards, letters, or art work. The received mail will be given to a resident who did not receive mail that day. Cards can be sent to:

Lutheran Care Center
c/o Resident Mail
702 W. Cumberland Rd.
Altamont, IL 62411
Thank you for

LCMS Stewardship Thought

Matthew 21:26 – “But if we say, ‘From man,’ we are afraid of the crowd ...” Foolish Pharisees! They fear men more than they fear God, and so they miss out on the great blessing of knowing Jesus and His love. All our sins are like this: we fear something more than we fear God. And how foolish that is! Just think of the blessings we miss out on whenever we place our fear or trust in something other than God.

Hymnals

We are placing another order for hymnals. If you would like to order one, please sign up on the bulletin board by October 1. They are \$29 each

Card Sales

Cards are in the glass cabinets in the hallway. You are helping to support our youth when you buy cards.

Ladies

Fall Quarterlies are in & can be picked up in the hallway. Thank you, Brenda

LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life

“As Christians, we understand better than most that life is weighted with profound suffering and buoyed by eternal hope. As such, it’s time to raise our children to appreciate what a big, beautiful struggle parenthood is and that it simply cannot happen without offering compassion, love, and grace to children still in the womb and to the mothers and fathers who view the scales more filled with suffering than hope.”

Tawnia Hoehne, Frazee, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

Ushers Needed

With the increased Worship Services, we are asking for volunteers who may be able to help us with ushering responsibilities at the 4 pm service. Please contact the church office or Al Siebert or Jeff Weis.

Prayer List

Sharon Vonderheide, Brad Dial, Ellen Tinges, Jerry Niccum, Gerald Pruemmer, Lois Kyle, Jan Pike, Vic Oakley, Rose Boggs, John Romero, Shawn Bourland, Tim Mueller, Craig Wolff, Mike McWhortor, Mary Wolfmeyer, Bertie Powell, Zach Fritcher, Lorri Mayberry, Evelyn Shumaker, Janet Brinkopf, Julie Scott.

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

Youth Board

We would like to thank everyone who generously donated to this year’s Larry Brandt Memorial Golf Outing! Thank you also to the golfers! We were blessed with beautiful weather & 16 teams participated.~~THANK YOU!!

Special Event by the Boards of Education & Evangelism

Join us in the Trinity Rooms during the Sunday School hour on **October 18** to learn about fellow St. John's member, Kassie Stanfield's, upcoming long-term mission in Tanzania. Kassie will be working at Neema Orphanage and organizing a course for local women to help prevent deaths during childbirth. Many orphans end up at the orphanage because their mother died of a preventable complication during childbirth. We will collect a door offering the weekend of **Oct. 17/18**. All offerings will go directly to Kassie's educational initiative. See you there!

Reminder

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!

New Adult Bible Study Coming



This is Martin. He wrote a lot of good stuff! Our current Adult Catechism Bible Study is starting to wrap up. Get ready for the next series! If you or someone you love wants to find out what we believe and teach as LCMS Christians, plan to take part in the next series of classes pastor will be teaching for new members and those who want to review Luther's Small Catechism. It's probably going to be held on Thursday evenings at 6:30 pm, beginning October 22. Interested? Let Pastor Burdick know!

Life Chain 2020

Sunday, October 4

Respect Life Sunday

1:30 pm – Prayer Service

Effingham Event Center

(Formerly Effingham KC Hall)

2-3 pm Life Chain

A Christian Witness against the killing of pre-born children

- Help line Henrietta St., Keller Drive & W. Fayette Ave—prayerfully, peacefully and legally—with crowds of prolife Christians
- Bring your family & friends to help make this a successful pro-life event.
- Signs will be furnished.
- Refreshments will NOT be served following the event due to Covid-19.
- For further information, please call Karla Slifer, Coordinator at 217-690-5282

The Life Chain is a church & family event, not a rally or political extravaganza. Participants are to respect all other pedestrians, including those who oppose the chain & show only respect to motorists who indicate other sentiments.

If standing is a problem, lawn chairs are welcome.

All denominations are invited & urged to attend!

CALENDAR-----Sept. 27 – Oct. 4, 2020

Sunday	27	8:00 & 10:30 AM	Worship Services w/HC
		9:15 AM	Sunday School & LifeLight
		10:00 AM	Worship Service/Mediacom Channel 81
<i>Preschool Classes - Monday - Friday, 8:30 – 11:30 AM</i>			
Monday	28	12:00 PM	Pastor's Devotion on Facebook
		12:00 PM	Board of Evangelism
		6:30 PM	Board of Early Childhood
Tuesday	29		
Wednesday	30	12:00 PM	Pastor's Devotion on Facebook
		1:00 PM	Office Staff Devotion/Meeting
		5:00 PM	Confirmation
		6:30 PM	Catechism Bible Study
Thursday	1		
Friday	2		Pastor's Sabbath
		12:00 PM	Pastor's Devotion on Facebook
Saturday	3	8:00 AM	Praise Band Practice
		4:00 PM & 5:30 PM	Worship Service
Sunday	4		LWML Sunday
		8:00 & 10:30 AM	Worship Services
		9:15 AM	Sunday School & LifeLight
		10:00 AM	Worship Service/Mediacom Channel 81

Birthdays This Week

- 9/27 Erica Davis & Rachel Ault
- 9/28 Ashley Jansen & Sylvie Bohnhoff
- 9/29 Aurora March, Linda Cushman,
Linda Marxmann, & Linda Nolan
- 10/1 Avery Miller, Lance Dixon,
Madilyn Garrison, &
Rosemary Seggelke
- 10/2 Joyce Schaefer &
Mary Ann Hoeffliger
- 10/3 Beth Miller, Carol Wallace, &
Carrie Brown



Anniversaries This Week

- 9/27/75 Jeff & Kathy Stremming
- 9/29/07 Jason & Andrea Wendling
- 9/29/00 Sam & Ann Wagner
- 9/29/90 Jim & Kathy Schroeder
- 10/3/09 Seth & Jennifer Wilson