

THE EAGLE

St. John's Newsletter

September 13, 2020

Our Attendance Last Week

In Person Attendance	220
Online Worship Views	133
Sunday School K-HS	34
Sunday School Teachers	9
Adult Sunday School.....	17

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

Our Offerings Last Week

General Fund.....	\$7,664
Online Vanco Giving	\$3,340
Building Fund.....	\$140
Online Building Fund Offering	\$205
Special Food Pantry Offering	\$1,052

From Our Pastor

Today we wrap up our walk through (most of) the Epistle to the Romans. We've called this series "God's Greater Story," with an emphasis on how God has worked in His world through the death and resurrection of Jesus and the Word of God preached and believed in cities like Rome and Effingham.

God's story is bigger than our small vision of the world – it's as big as all time and all places. It's also more than a "story" as many would use that word. It's true – historically and theologically accurate.

The implications of this true story reach near and far. This weekend we rejoice that little Finn VanBlaricum is being baptized into God's greater story. It's our prayer and intention that Finn's descendants will also be baptized

believers in Jesus. *That's God's greater story.* It's our prayer and intention that more men and women will stand before God's altar to pledge fidelity in marriage according to His design, as Jennifer and Tyler will next weekend. *That's God's greater story.* It's our prayer and intention that the Confirmation students studying the Bible this week with their parents and classmates will have descendants committed to Baptism, Confirmation, and marriage. See? *That's God's greater story.*

St. Paul knew that true story. Because you see and believe it, you join Paul in a song of praise:


"Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and how inscrutable His ways!

"For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been His counselor?"

"Or who has given a gift to Him that he might be repaid?"

For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be glory forever. Amen." (Romans 11:33-36)

Glad to be in God's Greater Story with you,



As a 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!

Lifelight New Study

This weekend is the last chance to sign up for the LifeLight Class. We will be doing a study on Galatians, Philippians, & Colossians. We will meet on Sunday, Sept. 20 at 9:15 am to distribute the material.

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

Romans 14:7 – “For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself.” We just don’t belong to ourselves. We belong first of all to God, and, through Him, we belong to our neighbors. We are here to serve God in our service to one another. God has called you to this service through your vocation. As a Christian, you serve others in the church; as a neighbor, you serve others in society; and as a son or daughter, husband or wife, father or mother, you serve your family.

September Food Pantry Donation
Canned Chicken & Granola Bars

LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life

“On earth, there will be no shortage of burdens to bear as we care for those in need. But one day, these burdens will be lifted from our shoulders in Heaven, where the Lord will see us through the lens of Christ’s perfect sacrifice and will say, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! ... Enter into the joy of your master’ (Matthew 25:21). Rest in His unfailing love.”

Marie K. MacPherson, author – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

Sunday School

All Sunday School Students will be in session this week! We are excited to welcome our Preschool students back as well!!!!

Eagle’s Nest Announcement

Preschoolers are back in class at St. John's! This year, we will be having several outdoor learning areas for the children so that they may have Jesus Time, along with group lessons and additional activities outside. For the safety of the children, please enter the church parking area from Jefferson Street. The parking lot access from Cherry Street will be closed on school days. Thank you



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Prayer List

Gerald Pruemer, Lois Kyle, Jan Pike, Vic Oakley, Rose Boggs, Dana Keller, John Romero, Shawn Bourland, Tim Mueller, Craig Wolff, Mike McWhortor, Bob Miller, Mary Wolfmeyer, Bertie Powell, Zach Fritcher, Lorri Mayberry, Evelyn Shumaker, Janet Brinkopf, Julie Scott. The family of Mr. & Mrs. Brock Mellendorf on the birth of their 3rd son, Derrek Eugene. Grandparents are Neal & Sarah Mellendorf, and Helen Miller is the Great Grandmother. Congratulations to Meghann (Pruemer) & Nathan Day on their marriage. Parents are Jerry & Cheryl Pruemer, Baptism of Finley Kevin VanBlaricum, son of Troy & Lindsay VanBlaricum.

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.



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

Effingham/Shelby Zone Rally

Working Together is this year's theme for the Zone Rally. The Ladies of Grace, Dieterich & St. John's Dieterich will be hosting the Zone Rally at St. Johns Dieterich Church on Wed., September 23, beginning at 8:30 AM with registration & fellowship. Rally opening will begin at 9:30 AM Guest speaker will be Rev. Jason Rensner. Questions, please contact Brenda Wendling, 217-240-6963 OR Marilyn Schaefer, 217-821-0508

AV UPDATE

The committee has unanimously chosen Calahan AudioVisual of Lerna, IL to be the contractor for our new audio/video equipment. Jason Calahan has received the down payment and our new equipment has been ordered. There is a long lead time on some of the items, but it should arrive by mid to late October. We hope to have the new system installed before Thanksgiving.

Larry Brandt Golf Outing

Will be held on Sat., Sept.19, beginning at 1 pm. More players are needed! Sign-up sheets are inserted in the bulletin!



CALENDAR-----Sept. 13 – Sept. 20, 2020

Sunday	13	8:00 & 10:30 AM	Worship Services w/HC
		9:15 AM	Sunday School
		10:00 AM	Worship Service/Mediacom Channel 81
Monday	14	12:00 PM	Pastor's Devotion on Facebook
		5:00 PM	Board of Stewardship
		5:00 PM	Board of Trustees
		6:15 PM	Board of Education
<i>Preschool Classes - Monday - Friday, 8:30 – 11:30 AM</i>			
Tuesday	15		
Wednesday	16	12:00 PM	Pastor's Devotion on Facebook
		1:00 PM	Office Staff Devotion/Meeting
		5:00 PM	Confirmation
		6:00 PM	Board of Youth
		6:30 PM	Catechism Bible Study
Thursday	17		
Friday	18		Pastor's Sabbath
		12:00 PM	Pastor's Devotion on Facebook
		6:00 PM	Wedding Rehearsal
Saturday	19	8:00 AM	Praise Band Practice
		1:00 PM	Golf Outing
		2:30 PM	Tyler Marxman & Jennifer Soltwedel Wedding
		4:00 PM & 5:30 PM	Worship Service
Sunday	20	8:00 & 10:30 AM	Worship Services
		9:15 AM	Sunday School & LifeLight
		10:00 AM	Worship Service/Mediacom Channel 81

Birthdays This Week

9/13 Ann Newton, Coen Westjohn, &
Debbie Sanders

9/14 Brent Budde, Dwight Klepzig,
Mackenzie Stuemke, &
Madison Stuemke

9/15 Clayton Hinton & Irvin Wendte

9/16 Eileen Wall, Phil Kinkelaar, &
Sean March

9/17 Lee Hartman, Lois Kyle, &
Truman Brown

9/18 Frederick Richter

9/19 Marcy Jones & Mike Conrad

Anniversaries This Week

9/15/90 Jeff & Melissa Vail

9/16/78 Donald & Karen Grupe

9/17/94 Gerard & Carla Bierman

9/18/66 Lyle & Jane Tolch

