

# THE EAGLE

## St. John's Newsletter

### September 20, 2020

#### Our Response to the Gospel

##### Our Attendance Last Week

In Person Attendance .....	278
Online Worship Views .....	91
Sunday School K-HS .....	38
Adult Sunday School.....	24

##### Our Offerings Last Week

General Fund.....	\$9,665
Online Vanco Giving .....	\$1,685

#### From Our Pastor

Two weeks ago I wrote my Eagle note on the topic of our Sunday School ministry launching again. I'm so grateful for the parents who have prioritized this vital part of their children's lives by word and example ... and for the teachers who are making it work. I used the phrase "Biblical literacy" in that Eagle note. By that I mean: reading the Bible and being able to identify many of the facts in it, while also grasping the large salvation narrative of it.

Here's an example of Biblical literacy related to next Sunday's Lesson from Genesis 22 (for all ages, including adults!):

- Identifying the facts: God had blessed Abraham with the son he had waited for his entire life; yet now God asks the seemingly impossible—sacrifice your son to Me. By faith, Abraham takes Isaac to the mountain, trusting God, who was able to raise his son from the

dead. Abraham completes the test, and God provides the sacrifice.

- The large salvation narrative of it: God has spared me and provided His own Son, Jesus, as the Lamb who shed His blood for my sins.

My dear family in Christ: I ask and expect you all to grow in Biblical literacy. I promise that I won't humiliate you for what you do not know (and I hope for the same from you!). For the survival of your faith, and the good of the Church, I want you to grow in Biblical literacy. My appeal is therefore that you join a Bible study (Lifelight, or my class up in the Trinity Room) and thereby lead the next generation into holiness and strength.



If this is a new thing for you, be assured that you won't be called upon to read aloud or to prove what you know. You will be fed. If you have questions, I want you to reach out to me or another leader. And if you're already studying God's Word with us, keep going! As you know, every one of us has a lot to learn at the feet of Jesus.

In Him,

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!

### **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 20:9 – “And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius.” Behold the generosity of God! He gives out of His grace, not what we deserve to receive. Living a godly life means living in imitation of God, and His generosity is surely one of the foundations of God’s being.

### **Food Pantry Distribution**

Tuesday, September 22 from 3-4 PM  
will be the next distribution.

### **September Food Pantry Donation**

Canned Chicken & Granola Bars

### **LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life**

“The Adoption Creed: ‘Not flesh of my flesh, nor bone of my bone, but still miraculously my own; never forget for a single minute, you didn’t grow under my heart, but in it.’”

–A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)

### **Budget Reports**

2021 reports need to be turned in to the office by Sunday, Sept. 27.

### **Card Sales**

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

### **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.

### **Praise & Worship Choir**

We will continue to hold off meeting until further notice due to the COVID numbers in our area. We need to continue to observe caution, especially with singing in groups where droplets can be easily projected into the immediate area. Pastor Burdick & the elders are in continuous discussions about this topic & will give us direction when they believe it is safe to resume. We look forward to singing together again as soon as we can.

Directors~~Holly & Dennis

### **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

### **Ladies**

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

### Prayer List

Jerry Niccum, Gerald Pruemer, 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.

### 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

### Congratulations & Best Wishes

To Tyler and Jennifer Marxman, who were married on Saturday, Sept. 19 at 2:30 PM. May God bless this union.

### 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. 20 – Sept. 27, 2020

Sunday	20	8:00 & 10:30 AM	Worship Services
		9:15 AM	Sunday School & LifeLight
		10:00 AM	Worship Service/Mediacom Channel 81
Monday	21	12:00 PM	Pastor's Devotion on Facebook
		12:00 PM	Board of Evangelism
<i>Preschool Classes - Monday - Friday, 8:30 – 11:30 AM</i>			
Tuesday	22	3:00-4:00 PM	Food Pantry Distribution
Wednesday	23	9:30 AM	Zone Rally (St. John's Dieterich)
		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	24		
Friday	25		Pastor's Sabbath
		12:00 PM	Pastor's Devotion on Facebook
Saturday	26	8:00 AM	Praise Band Practice
		4:00 PM & 5:30 PM	Worship Service w/HC
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

## Birthdays This Week

- 9/21 Katie French
- 9/23 Abigail Keitel & Maddux Wyckoff
- 9/24 Melody Schuette,  
Roselle McClure, & Vicki Darling
- 9/25 Andrew Weber, Angie Sipe,  
Dick Hulskotter,  
Jeanette Worman, &  
Tanner Veach
- 9/26 Allie Wendling, Eric Budde, &  
Jason Smith



## Anniversaries This Week

- 9/20/86 Dennis & Nancy Johnson
- 9/20/08 Mike & Linda Nolan
- 9/23/95 Keith & Alice Knight
- 9/23/06 Kyle & Rachael Pennington
- 9/24/16 Cory & Meghan Wahl
- 9/24/77 Danny & Karen Stevenson
- 9/25/10 Jonas & Kara Hoedebecke
- 9/25/09 Samuel & Kylee Hewing