

THE EAGLE

St. John's Newsletter

September 6, 2020

Our Attendance Last Week

Online Worship Views 155

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

Our Offerings Last Week

General Fund.....\$1,870.00

Online Vanco Giving\$1,510.00

Building Fund.....\$88.28

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.

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!

"Continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work."

2 Timothy 3:14-17

From Our Pastor

Our Christian Education ministry resumes this month, with Sunday School, Adult Bible classes, and Confirmation. There might be stops and restarts along the way at church, but at home it can and should go on daily. What's the goal, at church and at home? In two words:

Biblical Literacy.

Lots of us have known the word "illiteracy" to mean something like "not being able to read." Almost of all the members of St. John's *can* read the Bible, and so one might think we don't have a Biblical illiteracy problem.



But we do. Every church does. The problem is largely twofold: 1) Most of us don't read the Bible. 2) Most of us don't grasp the whole narrative of the Bible -- that is, the overarching true story and how it all fits together.

Our adult Bible classes, Sunday School, and Confirmation curriculum will help grow greater Biblical literacy. We're starting in Genesis this month, walking into Eden to see how we are handmade by God, bearing His image, and redeemed by His intimate love and sacrifice.

None of us, myself included, will be stellar Bible scholars at the end of this year. We will grow in Biblical literacy. More on that in future editions of The Eagle. A blessed Labor Day weekend!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pastor Furbelle".

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

Matthew 18:4 – “(Jesus said), ‘Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.’ ” What does it mean to have childlike faith? Certainly, Jesus does not want us to have a faith that is *childish*. We are not called to ignorance or silliness. Rather, we are called to trust the way a child trusts – with complete confidence in the Father. We show that confidence in our lives when we follow His directives for our life. Father knows best, so we’ll take His advice!

Eagle’s Nest Announcement

Preschoolers will soon be 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!

LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life

“When discipline and correction are called for in the Christian family, it is always administered in love, given for the express purpose of benefitting the family as a whole—the household as a whole. By this the family is strengthened to better witness to the life they share by faith in Jesus. For by the grace of God and in the power of His Holy Spirit, the Christian family at work, worship, prayer, or play bears witness to the faith that is in them through their Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.”

Ron Schlegel, *The Lutheran Laymen – 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!

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.

The Confirmation Meeting with parents and students will be Wednesday, September 9th, at 5:00 pm.

Food Pantry Distribution

Tuesday, September 8th from 3-4 PM will be our next distribution.

September Food Pantry Donation

Canned Chicken & Granola Bars

Prayer List

Lois Kyle, 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, 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.



*In Our
Thoughts
and Prayers*

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

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.

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

CALENDAR-----Sept. 6 – Sept. 13, 2020

| | | | |
|-----------|----|-------------------|---|
| Sunday | 6 | 8:00 & 10:30 AM | Worship Services w/Special Food Pantry Offering |
| | | 9:15 AM | Sunday School |
| | | 10:00 AM | Worship Service/Mediacom Channel 81 |
| Monday | 7 | | Office Closed |
| | | 12:00 PM | Pastor's Devotion on Facebook |
| Tuesday | 8 | 3:00 – 4:00 PM | Food Pantry Distribution |
| | | 5:00 PM | Board of Social Ministry |
| Wednesday | 9 | 8:30 – 11:30 AM | Preschool Orientation |
| | | 12:00 PM | Pastor's Devotion on Facebook |
| | | 1:00 PM | Office Staff Devotion/Meeting |
| | | 5:00 PM | Junior Confirmation Parent Meeting |
| | | 6:30 PM | Catechism Bible Study |
| Thursday | 10 | 8:30 – 11:30 AM | Preschool Orientation |
| | | 6:30 PM | Board of Elders |
| Friday | 11 | | First Full Day of Preschool (M.W.F.) |
| | | | Pastor's Sabbath |
| | | 12:00 PM | Pastor's Devotion on Facebook |
| Saturday | 12 | 8:00 AM | Praise Band Practice |
| | | 9:30 AM | Spiritual Conversations Workshop |
| | | 4:00 PM & 5:30 PM | Worship Service w/HC |
| Sunday | 13 | 8:00 & 10:30 AM | Worship Services w/HC |
| | | 9:15 AM | Sunday School |
| | | 10:00 AM | Worship Service/Mediacom Channel 81 |

Birthdays This Week

9/6 Beulah Ziegler & Jon Perry,
 9/7 Brian Koester, Haley Ebbert, & Hank Sipe
 9/8 Sarah Riordan
 9/9 Mike Pilcher
 9/10 Alyene Bahrns, John Wieder, & Jon Wilhelms
 9/11 Allen Tomkins, Eric Bernhard, Joyce Wenthe, & Sean Junge
 9/12 Blake Bahrns, Jenna Bohnhoff, Phillip Wendling, & Ryan Wyckoff

Anniversaries This Week

9/6/75 David & Debby Storm
 9/6/80 Dennis & Lana Rubin
 9/6/03 Ryan & Sarah Wyckoff
 9/6/81 Randy & Cindy Esch
 9/7/91 David & Kathy Wall
 9/7/63 Leroy & Carolyn Campton
 9/9/53 Billy & Florence Genaust
 9/9/11 Troy & Ammon Probst
 9/10/11 Bradley & Laura Jeffries
 9/11/10 Craig & Ashley Bailey
 9/12/19 Adam & Chelsea Devall