

# THE EAGLE

## St. John's Newsletter

### October 4, 2020

#### Our Response to the Gospel

##### Our Attendance Last Week

In Person Attendance .....	293
Online Worship Views.....	52
Sunday School K-HS .....	40
Adult Sunday School.....	18
LifeLight.....	7

##### Our Offerings Last Week

General Fund.....	\$8,424.07
Online General Fund.....	\$2,235
Building Fund.....	\$100
Online Building Fund.....	\$50

#### From Our Pastor

When I compose this brief note for our Eagle newsletter each week, I often focus on one theme. Today it's all over the place, but I don't apologize, because these are varied good things to call to your attention...

- I'm very grateful for how well our Jr. Confirmation ministry is going on Wednesdays at 5:00pm. Attendance has been excellent and the students have been growing in knowledge and faith. Parents: thank you.
- A great number of people in our community and church are willing to stand together for LIFE, all lives, and the Life Chain this Sunday afternoon from 2-3 pm along Keller is testimony to it. I hope you'll come and stand with Kathy, Abby, and me.

- Pastoral vacancies are getting filled, and we rejoice that St. John's-Dieterich and St. Paul's-Wheeler will receive Pastor Herberts this Sunday afternoon. Pastor Stevens will come to Faith Lutheran in Sullivan soon.
- The Lutheran Women's Missionary League brings the Good News About Jesus to people near and far. Today we're rejoicing in worship over the good fruit God produces through their work, including through our Lydia Guild.
- The installation of our new audio-visual system will take place this month. We need more people to volunteer as operators, so I ask you -- men and women, young and old -- to speak with Dick Hulskotter or Jeff Stremming to serve.
- Today we are glad to place Bibles into the hands of parents who, in turn, will place them in the hands of their third graders. May they be well-worn and bring eternal blessings to these young Christians.

I suppose there is a theme here: *the Good Shepherd cares for His lambs, and the lambs are grateful!*

Under His mercy,



#### Family Wiener Roast & Hayride

This event will be held on Sun., Oct 25 from 4-7 pm. Jim & Kathy Schroeder will be hosting this event that is for families of youth ages 3-HS. Sign up on the main bulletin board. **Bring lawn chairs!**

## LCMS Stewardship Thought

Matt. 21:43 – “Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits.” The Pharisees were not bearing fruit. They were faithful to the letter of the Law in keeping the Sabbath, tithing, and all the rest, but they neglected the heart of God’s will. The grace of God belongs at the center. Our giving and all our other good works flow forth from receiving God’s grace and living in that grace on a daily basis.

## LWML – Who Are We – Our Mission



The LWML is an official auxiliary of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod.

For over 77 years the LWML has focused on mission ministry.

The Lutheran Women’s Missionary League is equipped to assist woman of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod in acknowledging their relationship with the Triune God; that we use the gifts God has given us to encourage people of the world as we support missions. Whether it is on a local level, district or State level, or mission work is carried out globally.

The Lydia Guild meets the first Tuesdays of the month. We have short bible studies; discuss mission projects that we schedule to do for our church and community. We continually support the mite collections and send to the zone and district LWML for missions.

We welcome and invite all ladies to attend. Come see what we do!

## LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life

“Whenever I read Scripture that talks about how much God loves each of us, that He has created us, and that He wants us to share His love, I am always struck by the lack of qualifiers. I do not see where God makes distinctions about who He loves and calls into His family. He loves and calls all—each and every one of us.”

Mona Fuerstenau, Bethesda Lutheran Communities – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)

## Prayer List

Sharon Vonderheide, Ellen Tinges, 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, and the family of Jerry Niccum.

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.

## Deepest Sympathy

Our thoughts & prayers go to the family of Jerry Niccum. He passed away Saturday, Sept. 26, surrounded by his loving family. Services were held this past Friday at St. John’s. Memorials may be made to St. John’s Food Pantry and the Effingham Retired Volunteer Firefighters Association.



You can listen to the Lutheran Hour on the radio:

- WCRA 1090 AM Sun 9:30 AM
- WCRA 96.3 FM Sun 9:30 AM
- WPMB 104.7 FM Sun 12:03 AM

This radio broadcast is also always available by going to: [www.LHM.org](http://www.LHM.org). Scroll down to this week on TLH & click on it. Then, click on Sermon Schedule. October 11, "Unscaled Heights of Empathy" Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler A king's dream, a mysterious statue with feet of clay, an unearthly rock that grows to fill all the earth, and God's empathy for a weeping world, embodied in Christ-it's all part of Dr. Michael Zeigler's message, this week.

(Daniel 2)

### Special Event

Sponsored by the Bds of Ed & 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!

### 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!*

### October Food Pantry Donation

Chunky Beef Soup & Chicken Soup

### 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 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 pro-life 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!

### Operation Christmas Child

Our annual Samaritan's Purse Christmas Child boxes will be available Oct. 10/11. Their mission is to provide God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world & together with churches worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Each year, They collect shoebox gifts filled with toys, school supplies & hygiene items for children.

Visit [samaritanspurse.org](http://samaritanspurse.org) for information & then plan to pick up a preprinted "shoebox" next week & start praying & shopping for the child who will receive your gift.

Filled boxes will be due Nov. 22!

**CALENDAR-----Oct. 4 – Oct. 11, 2020**

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
		2-3 PM	“Life Chain” along Keller Drive
<i>Preschool Classes - Monday - Thursday, 8:30 – 11:30 AM</i>			
Monday	5	12:00 PM	Pastor’s Devotion on Facebook
		5:00 PM	Board of Trustees
Tuesday	6	9:00 AM	Circuit Pastor’s Meeting
		6:30 PM	Building Committee
Wednesday	7	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	8	6:30 PM	Board of Elders
Friday	9		Pastor’s Sabbath
			No Preschool
		12:00 PM	Pastor’s Devotion on Facebook
Saturday	10	8:00 AM	Praise Band Practice
		4:00 PM & 5:30 PM	Worship Service w/HC
Sunday	11	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**

- 10/4 Andrew Womack & Rick Manford
- 10/5 Debbie Womack, J. P. Simmons, LeeAnn Perry, & Terry Braun
- 10/6 Abby Burdick, Dennis Marxmann, Eldor Klitzing, Judy Ziegler, Kendra Donaldson, & Tammy Phillips
- 10/7 Delanie Hinton, Neal Mellendorf, Richard Newlin, Sandy Bernhard, & Zachary Keitel
- 10/8 Brianne Boggs, Dana Keller, Jacob Miller, Owen Phelps, Quinn Ziegler, & Sonja Martin
- 10/10 Alex Baughman, Joanna Davies, Meredith Richards, & Michael Kennedy

**Anniversaries This Week**

- 10/4/80 Mike & Gwendolyn Kuhns
- 10/5/91 Mitchell & Cinda Hulskotter
- 10/8/11 Tyler & Brittney Royse
- 10/9/04 Nick & Lindsey Stewart
- 10/10/08 Ben & Stephanie Sams
- 10/10/15 Jacob & Breannah Westjohn
- 10/10/81 Jerry & Cathy Bloemer
- 10/10/81 Kal & Renee Keitel
- 10/10/92 Kevin & Becky Wenthe

**G.R.I.T RUN**

Saturday, October 24, 2020  
 Register for this one-of-a-kind 5K Trail Run at:  
[cilca.org/homecoming](http://cilca.org/homecoming)

