

**THE EAGLE**  
**St. John's Newsletter**  
**October 11, 2020**

**Our Response to the Gospel**

**Our Attendance Last Week**

In Person Attendance .....	251
Online Worship Views .....	127
Sunday School K-HS .....	41
Adult Sunday School.....	16
LifeLight .....	10

**Our Offerings Last Week**

General Fund.....	\$8,849.25
Online General Fund.....	\$3,360
Online Building Fund.....	\$65

**From Our Pastor**



As I write this, men are painting the new stripes on the parking lot here at church. Thank God!

Thank God for the lines and boundaries in this broken world which move us toward order and away from chaos. Just think about it: without the lines on the lot we'd be inefficient, and without arrows we'd be dangerous. Without laws in our community, we'd be threatened all the time. When we choose to rebel against those laws, we rebel against the authority that God has established (Romans 13). So, thank God for lines.

Thank Him for the boundaries of marriage and municipalities, building codes and boards of education. While thanking Him for the order He established, stay inside the lines. They keep us safer. For example, honor marriage and reserve the good gift of sex for within its boundaries. And, thank Him for building codes that make our children safer. The Law of God is like

stripes on our church parking lot, fostering order and wellness. Thank God.

Repent for going outside the boundaries, sinning against God and others. And rejoice, because "By [Jesus'] stripes, we are healed." (Isaiah 53:5)

*Pastor Furdick*

P. S. We now have 2 additional handicap parking spots near the south doors.

**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 age's 3-HS. Sign up on the main bulletin board. **Bring lawn chairs!**

**New Adult Catechism Class**

I hope you will join me for the upcoming Adult Catechism Bible Class, beginning at 6:30pm Thursday, October 22. All are welcome. Whether for review or for new membership in our church, this is open to all high schoolers and above. If you don't own the 2017 edition of Luther's Small Catechism, you can purchase it in class for \$15. Ten weeks. Come grow in knowledge and faith! Consider yourself invited by Martin!



**No Contemporary Style Service**

This weekend we won't be having a contemporary style service, as our band members are quarantined due to a positive test for C-19. Thankfully, everyone is doing well and we plan to be back to normal next Sunday.

**Food Pantry**

Distribution will be  
 Tuesday, Oct. 13 from 3-4 pm  
**October Donation**  
 Chunky Beef Soup & Chicken Soup

## LCMS Stewardship Thought

Matt. 22:5 – “But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business.” The invitation to join God in His feast and in His work is easily ignored. The rest of life seems so much more pressing, and we always think there will be another time when we can catch back up with God. But what joys are we missing when we set aside God’s invitation to join Him in His plans and purposes? What inheritance are we trading for the world’s bowl of pottage?

### LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life

“Laws of the State clearly matter, and the message they send affects the mindset of society. But, if our battle cry for life begins on the abortion table, then we’ve waited too long to speak. If our efforts to model life end in the courtroom, then we’ve already lost our children. God help us; it’s time to ask ourselves if we speak life or whisper death.”

Tawnia Hoehne, Frazee, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)

## This Weeks Sunday School Lesson

### **LESSON 7 is from Gen. 29:1-30**

Today, we will study Jacob’s family in “A Family Grows.” Jacob experiences love at first sight when he meets Rachel at the well. Welcomed into his uncle Laban’s household, Jacob agrees to work seven years in order to marry Rachel. When the wedding celebration finally arrives, Laban tricks Jacob into marrying Rachel’s older sister, Leah. Realizing the deception, Jacob confronts his uncle, who gives him Rachel’s hand for another seven years of service.

### Thank you

Many thanks to everyone at St. John’s who prayed, called, sent cards, provided desserts, and gave memorials to the Food Pantry during the hospitalization & funeral of Jerry. I am overwhelmed at the support shown to me. May God bless my church family.~~Mattie Niccum

## Prayer List

Dwight Kelpzig, Ursula Polzin, Velma Wagner, 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, and the family of Emmit Poynter, Becky Baily’s father

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.



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 18, “What I’m Looking For” Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler “We’ve all been asked to testify, to give a witness to what it is that we’re looking for. We’re always sending messages to the people watching us: this is what I value, this is what I’m looking for.” Dr. Michael Zeigler (Daniel 3)

### New Communion Assistants Training

There will be a training session for new communion assistants on Sunday, Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> after the 10:30 AM service. We will meet in the sanctuary, and the meeting should last 15-20 minutes

### 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 **October. 17/18**. All offerings will go directly to Kassie's educational initiative. See you there!

### Thank You

It was great to have so many adults and youth participating in the community Life Chain last Sunday. Thanks to all who stood for LIFE!

### Card Sales

Cards are in the glass cabinets in the hallway. A catalog will be available near the card cabinet. You are helping to support our youth when you buy cards. Those selling cards this year are: Emmerson Hansen, Cailin Ohnesorge, Charlie Jansen, Alexander Gordon, Hayden Wendling, Melia Wendling, Leo Wyckoff, Hank Sipe, & Reese Wendling

### Our Deepest Sympathies

Our condolences to Becky Bailey at the death of her father, Emmitt Poynter this past week. Emmitt was also grandfather of Kylie Bohnhoff. Blessed are the dead, in Christ, alleluia!



### 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)

### Pastor Appreciation

October is Pastor Appreciation Month. We are so blessed to have 2 of the best:  
Pastor Michael Burdick  
&  
Pastor Gary Fortkamp  
Thank you for all you do here at St. John's. May God continue to bless you, your families, and your ministry!  
Be sure to tell them how much you appreciate all they do!

### 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 & pick up a preprinted "shoebox" this week & start praying & shopping for the child who will receive your gift.

Filled boxes will be due Nov. 22!

### Upcoming Meetings

#### **NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

5:00pm Tues., Oct 13

#### **CHURCH COUNCIL**

7:00pm Tuesday Oct 20 7:00pm

#### **VOTERS ASSEMBLY**

Tuesday Oct 28

In these ways, we work together for the mission God has given us!

### Ladies

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

# CALENDAR-----Oct. 11 – Oct. 18, 2020

Sunday	11		Operation Christmas Child Begins
		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 - Tuesday - Friday, 8:30 – 11:30 AM</i>			
Monday	12		No Preschool
		12:00 PM	Pastor's Devotion on Facebook
		5:00 PM	Board of Stewardship
		6:15 PM	Board of Education
Tuesday	13	1:00 PM	Prayer Shawl
		3-4 PM	Food Pantry Distribution
		5:00 PM	Board of Social Ministry
		5:00 PM	Nomination Meeting
Wednesday	14	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	15		
Friday	16		Pastor's Sabbath
		12:00 PM	Pastor's Devotion on Facebook
Saturday	17	8:00 AM	Praise Band Practice
		4:00 PM & 5:30 PM	Worship Service
Sunday	18	8:00 & 10:30 AM	Worship Services
		9:15 AM	Sunday School & LifeLight
		10:00 AM	Worship Service/Mediacom Channel 81

### Birthdays This Week

- 10/11 Evan Smith, Jerry Lankford,  
Kayla Darling, Sandra Mietzner, &  
Sheryl Radloff
- 10/12 Linda Wells
- 10/13 Darren Tabbert, Mark Giesler,  
Timothy Bailey, & Velma Wagner
- 10/14 Donna Wetherell & Lucas Fread
- 10/15 Grant Goldstein & Jim Bailey
- 10/16 Stanley Moeller
- 10/17 Erica Palmer, Janet Brinkopf,  
Kami Bahrns, Katy Higgs,  
Laura Janis, & Lonni Weis

### Anniversaries This Week

- 10/11/08 Brent & Jessica Budde
- 10/11/97 Tim & Tabitha Bailey
- 10/12/13 Jordan & Arielle Grupe
- 10/15/83 Mike & Joanna Schlechte
- 10/17/70 David & Carol Althoff
- 10/17/15 Ryan & Amanda Rieman

### Lutheran Care Center

The bulletin insert last Sunday from Lutheran Care Center urged us to support the LCC with the donations we would have given if the annual Auction event were to be held next month. Prayerfully consider how you can share your bounty for such a great ministry in our area. For 2021 Pastor Burdick hopes to dethrone Pastor Mohr in the Bake-off! Help ensure that LCC stays strong for another year!