

THE EAGLE

St. John's Newsletter

October 25, 2020

Read The Entire Bible

"Today's Light" is the resource we hope you'll use starting in January 2021 if you're seeking to read through the Bible in two years. You can see samples of the guide on the bulletin boards in the main hall. Each household wanting to use it will subscribe directly with Concordia Publishing House (www.CPH.org), then search for "Today's Light". The cost is \$28/year, or \$50/2



years. If cost is the factor that would limit you from participating,

please contact Pastor Burdick; we can help! See the samples and consider reading at the same time as others in our church family. You might choose to suspend your use of "Portals of Prayer," or use them both.

From Our Pastor

Jaron and Vincent. Two young men who have answered God's call to study for the pastoral ministry. We're supporting them with our prayers and financial gifts. Both are students at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. Vincent and his wife are on campus for his first year of study. Jaron and his wife are in Kansas for his vicarage. They both recently sent us "thank you" letters, which you can see on the hall bulletin board (with pictures).

Is there a man, young or not-so-young, in our congregation for whom you're praying that he will be open to God's call? I have a couple of them in my prayers. I don't know if that's what God desires to do, but I know that if I'm not praying for them and then encouraging them to consider studying for the ministry, they almost certainly won't. So, do what you can and see what God does with it.

Biblical literacy is quite low in congregations throughout America. Pastors are part of the problem -- and the solution. You, too, but we can do something about it. We can be in worship each week, and in a Bible study, and

in the Word in our homes. The Covid-19 restrictions have curtailed only a bit of that, but they will all be lifted eventually. Already now we're praying that the Word would not be bound but have free course in our lives:

"Blessed Lord, You have caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning; grant us that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them; that by patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace, and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which You have given us in our savior Jesus Christ. Amen!"



Reformation Rally!

The four LCMS churches of Altamont will have a Reformation Rally at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Altamont on October 25, 2020 at 5:00 PM. The preacher will be the Rev. Dr. Dean O. Wenthe, former president of Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana, and current president of the Concordia University System, LCMS. Dr. Wenthe is originally from St. John Lutheran Church, Effingham. A choir organized by Dean Manuel will be featured.

Church Van Pick-Ups

We will be starting our van service again for anyone within the city limits of Effingham, who would like a ride to the 8 am or 10:30 am Worship Services beginning Sunday, November 1. Please call the church office for ride requests.

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed for reshelving the books in our church library on the 5th floor. If you would like to help, contact the church office and we'll connect.

Thank you!

Your Pastors Appreciate You! We thank you for the many expressions of gratitude and encouragement this month, both anonymous and known. We are glad to serve as your pastors. Thanks for all your support for our families. Pastor Fortkamp & Gloria, Pastor Burdick & Kathy.

Our Response to the Gospel

Our Attendance Last Week

In Person Attendance.....	252
Online Worship Views	101
Sunday School Pre-K-HS.....	40
Combined Adult Sunday School.....	45

Our Offerings Last Week

General Fund	\$5,421
Online General Fund	<u>\$2,282</u>
Total General Fund Offering.....	\$7,703
Building Fund	\$125

September General Fund Summary

Deposits	\$47,888.21
Expenditures	\$51,315.89
Closing Balance	\$162,733.45

LCMS Stewardship Thought

Reformation Day

John 8:36 – “So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.” Today we celebrate Reformation Day! Luther is rightly remembered as a champion of the Gospel, but he also called himself “the apostle of good works.” For only in being set free by the Gospel can we do good works. Jesus has set us free, and His blood covers over our sins. We stand before God as His beloved children, and we are invited to live our lives to His glory for the good of His kingdom.

LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life

“I pray that the love of Christ emboldens you to rejoice in the Word and to speak it without fear of consequence ... may future generations speak of us like we do of David, Josiah, Luther, and our forefathers. May our children say of you and me, ‘Our forefathers stood their ground on Christ alone, on His Word of truth alone.’ The truth has set you free. Enjoy your own personal reformation. Then let your freedom in Christ be contagious! Let your life continue to shout: Thank Jesus Christ my Savior! I’m free at last ... and so are you! Amen.”

Rev. Peter Sulzle, St. John Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

This Week’s Sunday School Lesson

Lesson 9 is from Gen 42:1-28;

43: 11-30 & 45: 1-15

As we gather today, we will study “A Family Reunites,” as God helps Joseph forgive. Joseph’s siblings journey to Egypt hoping to find food for their family. Failing to recognize Joseph, the brothers head home with sustenance and supplies. Heeding Joseph’s early warning, the brothers bring Benjamin when returning to Egypt for food. After testing and trying his brothers, Joseph finally reveals himself to his astonished siblings. Joseph relocates all of Jacob’s family to Egypt, promising to care for them.

Food Pantry Distribution

Tuesday, October 27, from 3-4 pm

November Donation

Small Applesauce & Peanut Butter

Prayer List

Rev. Dr. Wayne Hoffman, Marlene Walker, Dwight Kelpzig, Ursula Polzin, Ellen Tinges, Gerald Pruemer, Lois Kyle, Vic Oakley, Rose Boggs, John Romero, Tim Mueller, Craig Wolff, Mike McWhortor, Mary Wolfmeyer, Bertie Powell, Zach Fritcher, Lorri Mayberry, Evelyn Shumaker, Janet Brinkopf, and the family of Diana Miller.

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

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!**

2021 Officers/Board Nominees

President-Todd Martin
Vice President-Jerry Lindsey
Treasurer-Ray Hartman
Secretary-Sandy Wieneke

Board of Early Childhood-Ammon Probst
Board of Christian Ed-Renee Kremer
Board of Elders-Dave Worman-Keith Knight
Board of Evangelism-Holly Bray
Board of Social Ministry-Janet Brinkopf
Board of Stewardship-Troy Probst
Board of Trustees- Lyle Tolch
Board of Youth Ministry-Cathy Norris



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 PM

This radio broadcast is also always available by going to: www.LHM.org. Scroll down to this week on TLH & click on it. Then, click on Sermon Schedule November 1, "**Some People Never change?**" Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Some people never change. Most people do. With God, all people can.(Daniel 4)

St. Paul Blue Point Lutheran Church **Ladies Aid Annual Soup Supper**

Sunday, Nov. 1, Drive-Thru Style
Opens at 3:30 pm

Menu

Chili, Chicken Salad Sandwiches, Hotdogs, Chips, & Chocolate Chip Cookie Bars
FREE WILL DONATION

The church is located 4 miles north of Altamont, then 2 miles east.

Card Sales

TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO ORDER!
There are 2 extra catalogs for the Youth Greeting Card Fundraiser near the card display, which are in the glass cabinets in the hallway. You are helping to support our youth when you buy cards.

Sympathy & Prayers

Our deepest sympathy and prayers go to the family of Diana Kaye Miller. Diana passed away Sunday, October 18, 2020. Her visitation will be held at 10:30 am with funeral following at 11:00 am at Johnson's Funeral Home, Effingham. Burial will be at Woodlawn Cemetery.

St. John, Dieterich Pulled Pork Lunch

Sunday, Nov. 8th

Drive thru serving from 10:30 am-1 pm

Menu

Pulled Pork, Potato Salad, Chips, Applesauce, & A Baked Good
FREE WILL DONATION

(Donations go to LYF & Helping Hands for the Dieterich Schools)

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

LWML/Ladies Aid

"Drive Thru" Annual Chili & Soup Supper

Sunday, Nov. 8, from 3-5:30 pm

Chili, Chicken Noodle Soup, or Sauerkraut Soup

16 oz. (1 Bowl) or 32 oz. (2 Bowls)

Chicken Salad Sandwiches & Hot Dogs

Pies: Coconut Cream, Raisin Cream, Apple, Pecan, & Pumpkin

Desserts: Chocolate Layered & Cherry Delight

FREE WILL DONATION

Proceeds will go towards replacing the church windows.

Angel Tree Toy Drive

The Board of Social Ministry is again sponsoring the Angel Tree toy drive for the FISH Christmas Store. New, unwrapped toys for all ages of boys & girls can be put around the Christmas tree in the Atrium. The local FISH organization invites qualified parents to shop for their children's gifts in early December. We will keep you posted as the deadline to shop draws near.

CALENDAR-----Oct. 25 – Nov.1, 2020

Sunday	25		Reformation Celebration
		8:00 & 10:30 AM	Worship Services w/HC
		9:15 AM	Sunday School
		10:00 AM	Worship Service/Mediacom Channel 81
		4-7 PM	Family Weiner Roast & Hayride @ Schroeders
<i>Preschool Classes - Monday - Friday, 8:30 – 11:30 AM</i>			
Monday	26	12:00 PM	Pastor's Devotion on Facebook
		6:30 PM	Board of Early Childhood
Tuesday	27	3-4 PM	Food Pantry Distribution
		7:00 PM	Voter's Meting
Wednesday	28	12:00 PM	Pastor's Devotion on Facebook
		1:00 PM	Office Staff Devotion/Meeting
		5:00 PM	Confirmation
Thursday	29	6:30 PM	Catechism Bible Study
Friday	30		Pastor's Sabbath
		12:00 PM	Pastor's Devotion on Facebook
Saturday	31		All Saints Celebration
		8:00 AM	Praise Band Practice
		4:00 PM & 5:30 PM	Worship Service w/HC
Sunday	1		All Saints Celebration
		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

- 10/25 Becky Bailey & Erica Marxmann
- 10/26 Derek Sanders, Kohen Baker, & Pat Wendte
- 10/27 Carolyn Campton, Kathy Giesler, & Lois Budde
- 10/28 Brooke Haller, Margie Sidwell, & Nathan Bahrns
- 10/29 Carol Althoff, Lucas Keitel, & Zac Bloemer
- 10/31 Brian Marxman, Melissa Goldstein, Ruth Holland, & Sam Wagner

Anniversaries This Week

- 10/29/16 Brennan & Darcie Buening
- 10/30/10 James & Rebecca Belcher

Upcoming Meeting

VOTERS ASSEMBLY

In Sanctuary
 Tuesday, Oct 27 at 7:00 pm
 In these ways, we work together for the mission God has given us!

New AV System

The installation of the new Sanctuary audio system will begin this week. The video system will come later, and until then we'll only have the center camera for our recordings. New screens for the Atrium and the Library/Cry Room will be installed. Remember: we're in need of more volunteers for both the audio and video systems during worship services. Training will be given, of course.