

THE EAGLE

St. John's Newsletter

October 18, 2020

Read the entire Bible

Soon we will introduce you to a resource that many households of our congregation can use in order to read the entire Bible in 2021-2022. "Today's Light," from Concordia Publishing House, will help us read and understand God's Word. We're urging you to begin with us in January. We'll tell you more in the coming month. — Pastor Burdick and the Board of Education.

From Our Pastor

Baptism makes disciples! But we don't merely baptize people. We go on to teach them to cherish all that Jesus has done and all that He has commanded. We know this from the second Great Commission:

Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:18-20)

That crucial element of *teaching* (or from the disciple's standpoint, the *learning*) includes devotions at home, public worship, Sunday School, Confirmation, and group Bible Study. Next Sunday we'll celebrate Reformation, while also welcoming a new member through the Rite of Confirmation. Rylee participated in our



Catechism Bible Study this Summer and Fall, and now she wants to be a communicant member of the church. She'd also like to encourage you to take part in the same series of classes she completed. She even composed a poem...

Confirmation Class by Rylee Rothrock

First day of class. What to expect?
Had a smile on my face
Just out of respect.
Pastor tells us what we are going to learn.
I sit there quietly
But quite concerned.
How am I supposed to understand all this
In the time we have?
Just like that, class is over and wasn't so bad.
Next week comes,
This time I'm glad.
I get to learn more about my faith.
How could it get any better than that?
The last week arrives.
I've learned so much.
Sign up for this class,
Just get in touch.
I hope this helps you want to go --
Just give it a try, and you never know...

Come study with us, disciples. We begin again this Thursday at 6:30pm in the Trinity Room.

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.

Special Event

Sponsored by the Bds of Ed & Evangelism. Join us in the gym during the Sunday School hour **today** 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 this. All offerings will go directly to Kassie's educational initiative. See you there!

Our Response to the Gospel

Our Attendance Last Week

In Person Attendance	257
Online Worship Views.....	78
Sunday School Pre-K-HS	30
Adult Sunday School	7
LifeLight	11

Our Offerings Last Week

General Fund.....	\$6,841
Online General Fund	<u>\$1,710</u>
Total General Fund Offering	\$8,541
Building Fund.....	\$120.00

LCMS Stewardship Thought

Matt. 22:21 – "... Then he said to them, 'Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's.' " So what is Jesus saying? Doesn't everything belong to God? Yes, and God has a place for everything. Some of what He gives us goes to Caesar. Some must come back to the work of His Church. And some goes to support the families He has given us. All belongs to God, and He has work for us to do with what He has given us

October Donation

Chunky Beef Soup & Chicken Soup

LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life

"The Church has confessed from the beginning that each life is created by God, that human life is the supreme gift of the Creator. Human life is not given unconditionally but is given under the condition that we will be responsible for preserving it. The testimony that God respects life above all else is contained in the words of the Gospel: 'For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life' (John 3:16)."

Abbot Tryphon, Vashon Island, Washington – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

This Week's Sunday School Lesson

Lesson 8 is from Gen 39:20-23 & 41:9-49

In today's lesson, "A Dreamer Rises," students will learn about how God works good for Joseph. Falsely accused, Joseph finds himself in prison interpreting dreams for Pharaoh's baker and cupbearer. When the Egyptian pharaoh has troubling dreams, God empowers Joseph to explain the visions. Pharaoh appoints him to the second highest position in the land, and Joseph manages the harvest to endure the coming famine.

Prayer List

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 Pastor Stevens, who had been called to Faith, Sullivan, but who was called to Heaven last Sunday.

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-Jane Tolch
Board of Stewardship-Troy Probst
Board of Trustees- Al Siebert
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. October 25th,

"No Boasting, Just Belonging" Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler "The kingdom of God is not a game. The law teaches us how to love others as God first loved us. Our performance matters, but in God's kingdom belonging comes before performance." Dr. Michael Zeigler (Romans 3: 19-31)

New Communion Assistants Training

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

St. Paul Blue Point Lutheran Church

Ladies Aid Annual Soup Supper
Sunday, Nov. 1, 2020 Drive-Thru Style
Opens at 3:30 pm

Menu

Chil
Chicken Salad Sandwiches
Hotdogs
Chips
Chocolate Chip Cookie Bars
FREE WILL OFFERING
The church is located 4 miles north of Altamont, then 2 miles east.

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, Jackson Fritch & Reese Wendling

Card orders are due Sunday, October 25

Operation Christmas Child

Our annual Samaritan's Purse Christmas Child boxes are now available.. 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.

Pick up a preprinted "shoebox" by the Welcome Center & start praying & shopping for the child who will receive your gift.

Filled boxes will be due Nov. 22!

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 will go to LYG & Helping Hands for the Dieterich Schools)

CALENDAR-----Oct. 18 – Oct. 25, 2020

Sunday	18	8:00 & 10:30 AM	Worship Services
		9:15 AM	Sunday School & Kassie Stanfield's Presentation
		10:00 AM	Worship Service/Mediacom Channel 81
		11:30 AM	Communion Assistant. Training
<i>Preschool Classes - Monday - Friday, 8:30 – 11:30 AM</i>			
Monday	19	12:00 PM	Pastor's Devotion on Facebook
		12:00	Board of Evangelism
Tuesday	20	7:00 PM	Church Council Meeting
Wednesday	21	12:00 PM	Pastor's Devotion on Facebook
		1:00 PM	Office Staff Devotion/Meeting
		5:00 PM	Confirmation
Thursday	22	6:30 PM	Catechism Bible Study
Friday	23		Pastor's Sabbath
		12:00 PM	Pastor's Devotion on Facebook
Saturday	24	8:00 AM	Praise Band Practice
			Reformation Celebration
		4:00 PM & 5:30 PM	Worship Service w/HC
Sunday	25		Reformation Celebration
		8:00 & 10:30 AM	Worship Services w/HC
		9:15 AM	Sunday School & LifeLight
		10:00 AM	Worship Service/Mediacom Channel 81
		4-7 PM	Family Weiner Roast & Hayride @ Schroeders

Birthdays This Week

10/18 Brenda Osborne, David Althoff, & Evan Pryor
 10/19 Blair Smith, Craig Bailey, & Renee Keitel
 10/20 Chuck Mayberry, Eric Schoonover, Gloria Fortkamp, & Mike Field
 10/21 John Parker & Ryan Sandifer
 10/22 Dorothy Belcher, Jessica Johnson, Kaden Junge, & Waneta March
 10/23 Alan Bahrns & Wesley Osborn
 10/24 Arabella Flach, Bob Brinkopf, Collin Hecht, Lois Schlechte, Reagan Keck, & Rosie Gibbons

Anniversaries This Week

10/19/69 Don & Patsy Latch
 10/19/13 Jason & Megan Smith
 10/19/14 Kris & Molly Lipe
 10/19/68 Stan & Alyene Bahrns
 10/20/63 Dwight & Kay Klepzig
 10/21/19 Tony & Karine Castillo
 10/22/05 Larry & Dawn Quicksall
 10/23/76 Lee & Karen Hartman

Upcoming Meetings

CHURCH COUNCIL

Tuesday, Oct 20 at 7:00 pm

VOTERS ASSEMBLY

Tuesday, Oct 28 at 7:00 pm

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

To join or to refresh...

What are people saying about our congregation's Catechism Bible Study?

"I wanted to participate in the catechism class in order to "refresh" my memory of the teachings of the Lutheran Church.... not only did that happen, but the way Pastor teaches the class leaves room for a lot of good discussions. This class was a safe and comfortable way for me to spend time becoming closer to God. I also met and got to know fellow Christians – which is always wonderful!" (a 40-ish Christian)

"... I was confirmed 57 years ago and decided it was time to review the Catechism and all the information I learned when I was in confirmation classes. I have really enjoyed the discussions and the questions and fellowship. Pastor gave us some really good insight into things that I had forgotten, or took for granted...." (a 70-ish Christian)

"...If you were in a Confirmation class when you were 13 or 14 years old maybe you were less than enthused about paying attention. Maybe you were confirmed 70 years ago, like me, and could use a review.... It was good to review the teachings of the LCMS which have not changed. I encourage existing Communicant members and anyone wanting to know more about our beliefs before becoming a member to attend." (an 80-ish Christian)

"...It's a wonderful refresher class for those who've gone thru confirmation and ... for those who want to learn more about the Lutheran church and become members. (a 60-ish Christian)

"Coming into this class I didn't know what to expect but I am so glad I took it. I have learned so much ... So I 100% recommend taking this class!" (a high school Christian)

The new series begins Thursday, October 22,
and continues for ten weeks.

6:30-7:30pm each Thursday, upstairs in the Trinity
Room.

Our text is the 2017 edition of Luther's Small Catechism (if you don't have it, you can purchase one at the first class for \$15.00).

