

THE EAGLE

St. John's Newsletter
November 8, 2020



From Our Pastor

In Sunday School this week we are studying Exodus 7, revealing the plagues upon Egypt. Catastrophic events have two spiritual outcomes: they either harden people's hearts and minds against God, or they strip away humanistic hope, prompting a man to repent and trust God. Pharaoh chose the former. He grew more bitter toward the God who loved both him and the Israelites.

What is, or seems, catastrophic in your life this weekend? Will it harden your heart? Will it soften you, stripping away your reliance on self or circumstances so that you trust only God?

"There were some present at that very time who told [Jesus] about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. And he answered them, "Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered in this way? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them: do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who lived in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish." (Luke 13:1-5)

Today is another day for repentance. Softness of heart acknowledges that God is God. He alone is our hope. Let us think, talk, walk, and worship that way.



Jesse Tree

Our Advent theme will be "The Jesse Tree." May it help us prepare for Christmas with the mind of Christ. Begins Nov. 29!

The Lutheran Care Center dinner and auction would normally be held this month. Please consider sending a gift to LCC this month, sharing the donation you would have given if this were a normal year. And, look forward to next year!

Special Services

Coming up...

- **Thanksgiving Services:**
6:30 pm Wed, Nov 25
9:00 am Thanksgiving Day, Nov 26.
- **Advent Midweek Services:**
12:15 pm & 6:30 pm Wednesdays, December 2, 9, and 16.

Nativity Scene Fundraiser Update



Grace upon Grace!

You can grace our Food Pantry by making a donation for this Nativity Scene. All proceeds will go to our Food Pantry. The Nativity Scene will be "graced" to a child in December, sharing the central focus of Christmas – Jesus – with them. That's grace upon grace! See Janet Brinkopf to make your donation for the Nativity Scene. Thank you. – Pastor Burdick

Our Response to the Gospel

Our Attendance Last Week

In Person Attendance.....	256
Online Worship Views	140
Sunday School Pre-K-HS.....	31
LifeLight Class.....	11
Adult Sunday School Class.....	15

Our Offerings Last Week

General Fund	\$7,072
Online General Fund.....	<u>\$1,250</u>
Total General Fund Offering.....	\$8,322
Building Fund	\$5

LCMS Stewardship Thought

Matthew 25:4 – “... but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps.” Why did they take flasks of oil with them? Because they listened to the bridegroom’s words and believed what He told them. Our actions always start with and flow from our beliefs. What do your actions in the realm of financial stewardship say about what you believe?

LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life

“Maybe you enjoy showing hospitality to others, whether at home or as part of a joint effort at church. Perhaps you invite people who are lonely or people who are hungry or homeless or far away from home. Perhaps you are reaching out to refugees or to international students. Perhaps you take a casserole to a family with a new baby or buy toothpaste and toilet paper for the local homeless shelter. If so, you are showing hospitality to Jesus. What an honor to be able to do so!”

Dr. Kari Vo, Lutheran Hour Ministries – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

Concordia Seminary Food Bank

The Board of Social Ministry will be collecting non-perishable grocery items during the Thanksgiving Worship Services. Please bring your grocery items to either service (Wed., Nov. 25 at 6:30 PM or Thurs., Nov. 26 at 9:00 AM).

Scrip Sales

We will be resuming Scrip sales after church services beginning **THIS** week. Look for a member of the Social Ministry team who will have a table set up in the gym.

This Week’s Sunday School Lesson

Lesson 11 Exodus 7

Today, we will study “Signs of the True God,” as students learn more about Moses and the plagues. God guides Moses to release His people from their slavery in Egypt, but Pharaoh proves less than cooperative. A series of plagues—foretold by Moses and sent by God—brings destruction and pain upon the Egyptians but only serves to harden Pharaoh’s heart against Moses and the Israelites.

Pecans

Pecans have been ordered, and will be \$10.25 for halves and \$10.00 for med. & small pieces. You can sign up on the bulletin board by Sunday, Nov. 8.

Prayer List

Velma Wagner, Delores Miller, John Huelskotter, Rev. Dr. Wayne Hoffman, Marlene Walker, Dwight Kelpzig, Gerald Pruemer, Rose Boggs, John Romero, Tim Mueller, Craig Wolff, Mike McWhortor, Mary Wolfmeyer, Bertie Powell, Zach Fritcher, Evelyn Shumaker, Janet Brinkopf and the family of Larry Marxman.

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

Decorating

We will be decorating the church on Saturday, Nov. 28 from 9 AM - ?. All help would be appreciated! Thank you!
Howard & Laura Janis & The Decorating Committee

The Lutheran Hour



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 Nov. 15, "BIGGER" Guest Speaker: Pastor Gerard Bolling, Big problems call for faith in an even bigger God. Pastor Gerard Bolling tells how the God Who is bigger than our problems works through us to bring bigger blessings to the people around us. (Daniel 6)

Haiti Hunger Fight Event

This event is still on, and will be held on Sunday, Nov. 15 from 11:30-1:30. The meals will be take-out only. Please drive through & support this cause. Haiti, like the rest of the world, is suffering due to COVID and their economy is under great stress. Our support is more important than ever.

Angel Tree Toy Drive

The deadline to turn in your donations of unwrapped toys for all ages of boys and girls for the Angel Tree for the FISH Christmas Store will be **Dec. 9th**. You can put your gifts around the Christmas tree in the Atrium. Thank you!

Deepest Sympathy

Our prayers go to Brian Marxman, and his entire family for the death of his father, Larry Marxman, who passed away Thurs., Nov. 5. Services will be held here on Mon., Nov. 9. Larry was Bob Marxman's brother.

Operation Christmas Child

Don't forget, your filled boxes will be due on November 22.

"Today's Light"

Two options for enrolling in our "Today's Light" Bible reading program for 2021-2022

Option 1: Go to:

- www.CPH.org
- Then click "Devotions"
- Then click "Today's Light"
- Then click the line that says "**Learn more and subscribe at cph.org/todayslight.**"
- Then click "I'm ready to order"
- Now you're ready to order your one or two year subscription (if you order one year, you'll have to order the second year next Fall).
- Before leaving that page, see the box at the bottom for "Order Notes." Add this: "**Begin my subscription with the Jan-Mar 2021 First Quarter.**"

2. OR, **accept a gift** from one of our members! "A member wants to motivate others to get into God's Word on a daily basis for the year 2021. For this to happen, our congregation has been gifted with a 'Pay It Forward' program. 10 people can sign up to receive "Today's Light" as an early Christmas gift. Once these 10 spots are filled with people wanting the Holy Spirit to strengthen their faith, another 10 slots will appear. And another. And ANOTHER. It'll be like Elijah and the Widow at Zarephath. Just as her oil didn't run out until the Lord sent rain on the land, may He send people that can't wait to hear more of what He's done for them EACH day!" To accept this gift, please write this on the top of the attendance card you place in our offering box at worship: "I'd like to accept the Today's Light GIFT." Our office will sign you up, and your subscription will be paid. Be sure to include your full mailing address. If finances would keep you from ordering "Today's Light," please rejoice and accept this gift.

For either option, sign up by Dec. 1. You will be blessed.

CALENDAR-----Nov 8 – Nov 15, 2020

Sunday	8	8:00 & 10:30 AM	Worship Services w/HC
		9:15 AM	Sunday School
		10:00 AM	Worship Service/Mediacom Channel 81
<i>Preschool Classes – Monday, Tues., & Thurs. 8:30 – 11:30 AM</i>			
Monday	9	12:00 PM	Pastor's Devotion on Facebook
		12:00 PM	Board of Evangelism
		5:00 PM	Board of Stewardship
		6:15 PM	Board of Education
Tuesday	10		Circuit Pastor Conference, Bluepoint
		1:00 PM	Prayer Shawl
		3-4 PM	Food Pantry Distribution
Wednesday	11		Veteran's Day/Office Closed/ No Preschool
		12:00 PM	Pastor's Devotion on Facebook
		5:00 PM	Confirmation
Thursday	12	6:30 PM	Catechism Bible Study
		7:30 PM	Board of Elders
Friday	13		No Preschool
			Pastor's Sabbath
		12:00 PM	Pastor's Devotion on Facebook
Saturday	14	8:00 AM	Praise Band Practice
		4:00 PM & 5:30 PM	Worship Service
Sunday	15	8:00 & 10:30 AM	Worship Services
		9:15 AM	Sunday School & LifeLight
		10:00 AM	Worship Service/Mediacom Channel 81
		11:30 AM – 1:30 PM	Haiti Hunger Fight Food Drive UP

Birthdays This Week

- 11/08 Marilyn Antrim & Zoey Hagerstrom
- 11/09 Dennis Genaust & Rev. Ted Gall
- 11/10 Eli Gordon, Jacob Devall, & Jill Boone
- 11/11 Amanda Brummer & Bernetta Marxman
- 11/12 Billy Genaust & Dennis Siebert
- 11/13 Lanette Stuckey & Richard Devall
- 11/14 Craig Logan, John Bejma, Lindsay Van Blaricum & Logan Weis

Anniversaries This Week

- 11/08/91 Doug & Brenda Wendling
- 11/09/19 Tracy & Sharon Vonderheide
- 11/11/51 George & Ann Young
- 11/11/16 Jared & Kristen Probst
- 11/11/95 Larry & Jane Probst
- 11/12/11 Nathan & Erica Davis
- 11/14/64 Mike & Linda Cushman

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. Please call the church office for ride requests.

Food Pantry Distribution

Tuesday, Nov. 10, 3-4 pm
November Food Pantry Donation
 Small Applesauce & Peanut Butter

Christmas Cards Sales

Christmas cards are available in the cabinet. More will be added after the card orders arrive. If you have any questions, please contact Donna Wetherell.