

THE EAGLE

St. John's Newsletter

May 23, 2021

From Our Pastor ...

Freedom. You know the slogans about it, such as "...is never free." That's true for our eternal freedom in Christ and our temporal freedom in this wonderful nation. The members of our Armed Forces are helping defend and secure freedoms on our behalf, and this Sunday we're especially mindful of the need to minister to them with the Gospel. That's why Rev. Muehler is our guest preacher this weekend. I'm certain he will proclaim the eternal freedom of the Gospel in the sermon, a freedom our soldiers truly need.



You've heard me express my grave concerns about the freedoms that would be lost if the

Equality Act were to be enacted in its proposed form. I wonder how our military chaplains would be affected, and I expect Pastor Muehler will spend a little time addressing that during our Sunday Bible Class. Please join us. Best of all, rejoice that our Christian freedom has been secured through the sacrifice of Jesus our Lord. Join me in praying that more and more of our Armed Forces members will hear and believe that truth.

Do you know a member of the Armed Forces? We have a free devotional book you can give them! Pick up one from the Welcome Center. It's replete with Scripture, prayers, hymns, and teaching. Send a sailor, soldier, airman, or marine our "Armed Forces Devotional Book" this week. And pray for them and their chaplain.

Finally, I'm very grateful that many people came to the Sunday Bible Class last week to learn more about our initiative of actively loving the inactive members of our flock. I'll share more information in the coming weeks about the next steps. In preparation, pray that we'll all work together in this effort.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pastor Muehler".

SEA Lutheran Layman's League

Summer Rally of SEA will be held on Sunday, June 13, 2021 at Faith Lutheran Church in Shumway. Reservations must be made by June 9th. Check the bulletin board for details.

Cemetery Committee Announcement

With Memorial Day coming up, our Cemetery Committee is pleased to announce that the road gates to our St. John's Cemetery on Luther Street will open this Thursday and close on Tuesday, June 1. The cemetery is always accessible through the walk-through gate. Recent improvements have beautified the grounds, where the bodies of those who have departed in the faith await the certain day of resurrection. Alleluia!

Sr. High Youth Gathering

The next Sr. High Youth gathering at the Burdicks' will be Sunday, June 6 at 6:00 p.m. Perhaps you'll bring your best fish story from the congregational family fishing event!

VBS Meetings

Monday, May 24
6:00 p.m. Craft meeting
6:30 p.m. Decorating Meeting

LCMS Stewardship Thought

Acts 2:1 – “When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place.” Pentecost was the Old Testament harvest festival – a time of thanksgiving, bounty, and the giving of gifts. How appropriate that the New Testament takes on the meaning of a new harvest – the ripe fields of the nations. This includes bringing in the elect of every tribe and tongue to sing the Lord’s praise. Every farmer knows that it is God who gives the increase and that the harvest calls for thanksgiving.

LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life

“[W]e demand an end to the injustice of abortion. We demand an end to the injustice of human trafficking, pornography, slavery, and the separation of children from their parents. But we do so as confessors. We confess that we are sinners, great sinners, with the culture of death flowing in our veins and pulsing through our corrupted brains. And we confess that only in Jesus is the life we need.”

Rev. Christopher Esget, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Alexandria, Virginia – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

This Week’s Sunday School Lesson

2 Kings 22

As we gather today, we will study “The Restoring King.” Josiah becomes king of Judah at only eight years old. During the eighteenth year of his reign, Josiah begins the restoration of the temple. When they clean the temple, Hilkiah, high priest and Josiah’s faithful teacher, discovers the Book of the Law. Hearing the words of the Law, Josiah tears his clothes in repentance and directs Hilkiah to inquire of the Lord concerning the people. The Lord responds, telling Josiah that because of his penitent heart He will hold back the disaster from Josiah’s kingdom.

***Pray for our Vacation Bible School
June 14-17!***

Next Food Distribution

Tuesday, May 25 from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

May Pantry Donation

Ritz Crackers & Peanut Butter

Prayer List

Derrek Mellendorf, Dennis Siebert, Janet Brinkopf, Gloria Fortkamp, Ruth Holland, Doug Wendte, Debbie Barr, Brian Wenthe, Shirley Cheadle, Deb Meyers, Doris Hammer, Craig Wolff, Bob Miller, Cassie Power, Brett Kull, Rose Boggs, Mike McWhortor, Evelyn Shumaker, Florence Genaust.

Members of the Armed Forces, including Dylan Koester, Ryan Budde, Paul Smith, Nathan Vail, Jason Mette, Gabriel Walker, Johnathon Schuette, Henry Bielenberg; and all first responders of our community and nation

Your Response to the Gospel

Our Attendance Last Week

In Person Attendance

Sunday, May 16	314
Online Worship Views	90
Sunday School Pre-K-HS	34
Adult Sunday School Class.....	30

Our Offerings Last Week

General Fund, May 16	\$5,939.56
Online General Fund.....	\$1,845.00
Total General Fund Offering ...	\$7,784.56

April General Fund Summary

Deposits	\$74,355.74
Expenditures	\$54,059.06
Ending Balance	\$109,544.21

Congratulations

Congratulations to Luke & Melissa (Mellendorf) Goldstein on the birth of their daughter, Alayna Lydia. She is welcomed home by brother, Grant & sister, Joanna, Proud Grandparents are Neal & Sarah Mellendorf & Great Grandmother, Helen Miller. God’s blessings.

5th Sunday Food Drive

Concordia Seminary Food Bank Drive

Sunday, May 30 will be the 5th Sunday. We will be collecting food for Concordia Seminary Food Bank. Items needed are:

Brown Rice
Cereal
Baked Beans
Olive Oil
Regular Oats
Coffee
Body Wash
Laundry Detergent
Jelly

Any pasta except Spaghetti or Egg noodles.

There will be a cart in the Atrium for you to place your items. If you wish to make a monetary donation, please make your checks out to: Concordia Seminary Food Bank, & place them in the offering boxes provided.

Today's Light



“Sanctify them in the truth. Your Word is truth,” Jesus said. Maybe you started reading the truth of our “Today’s Light” lessons back in January, but have fallen off. On June 1 we will begin reading the New Testament, and that may be the perfect time for you to get back into the routine of daily readings. Let us read the Word and be “sanctified in the truth!”

CILCA & Sunday School Photo

Sunday, May 23 at 9:05 a.m., we’ll be taking two important pictures:

- 1) all of the youth and parents who are going to Camp CILCA this summer,
- 2) all of our Sunday School students and teachers.

Meet in the Sanctuary immediately after the 8:00am Service. THANK YOU.

Youth Activities

Family Fishing Day

Sunday, June 6 from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.
at Don & Patsy Latch’s
16399 N. 1000th St., Effingham

Bring your lawn chairs & fishing poles.

Paddle boats, food & drinks will be provided!

ALL are invited!

**Please sign up on the bulletin board
By Sunday, May 30.**

Sponsored by the Youth Board

VBS

Will be held June 14-17
From 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Coming Soon

Cookie Dough & Pizza Kit Fundraiser will be in July. Watch the Eagle Newsletter for details.

Save the Date

It’s back...Our Spaghetti Supper! It will be Sunday, November 7.

Lydia Guild

We will be taking a group photo prior to the meeting on June 1st for the new church directory. Brenda would like to encourage all members to attend the meeting before we break for the summer months and so you will also be in the photo.

Wanted

Kids for a Rainforest Adventure! Sign your kids, grandkids, neighbor kids up now for VBS, which will be June 14 – 17, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. A great adventure awaits them.!

After we host Vacation Bible School June 14-17, we’ll be hosting “Summer Story Time” for children 5 and under, accompanied by an adult on Wednesdays. Our children’s library has lots of new and classic books. Adults will be reading to the kids. More soon!

CALENDAR-----May 23, 2021 – May 30, 2021

Sunday	23	8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Worship Service w/HC Guest Speaker is Pastor Craig Muehler
		9:00 a.m.	CILCA Smiles Group Photo
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School & Photo
		10:00 a.m.	Worship Service/Mediacom Channel 81
		3:00 – 6:00 p.m.	Convocation Ministerial Recruitment
Monday	24	5:30 p.m.	Choir
		6:00 p.m.	VBS Craft Meeting
		6:30 p.m.	VBS Decorating Meeting
		6:30 p.m.	Board of Early Childhood
Tuesday	25	9:00 a.m.	CID Board, Springfield
		3:00 – 4:00 p.m.	Food Pantry Distribution
Wednesday	26	1:00 p.m.	Office Staff Devotion/Meeting
		7:00 p.m.	Adult Catechism
Thursday	27	12:00 Noon	Golden Eagles
Friday	28		Pastor Sabbath
Saturday	29	8:00 a.m.	Praise Band Practice
			Concordia Seminary Food Bank Collection
Sunday	30		Concordia Seminary Food Bank Collection
		8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Worship Services w/HC
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
		10:00 a.m.	Worship Service/Mediacom Channel 81

Birthdays This Week

5/24 Janet Koebele, Julie Bahrns, &
Laura Galvan

5/25 Christopher Lidy

5/26 Dolores Huelskoetter, Jared Weis,
Jenni Newlin, Lucas McDevitt,
Marla Pilcher, Sarah Kirby, &
Will McDevitt

5/27 Dick Kinkelaar & Kori Wenthe

Anniversaries

5/25/85 Alvin & Judy Siebert

5/25/74 Dennis & Nitelle Lading

5/25/13 Richard & Jenni Newlin

5/26/12 Adam & Chrystal Wendt

5/27/17 Brendan & Brittney Keller

5/28/16 Christopher & Kami Bahrns

5/28/05 Kris & Amanda Wernsing

5/28/05 Leonard & Rachel Miller

5/28/82 Rick & Dana Keller