

THE EAGLE

St. John's Newsletter
June 13, 2021

From Our Pastor ...



It's going to be a great week! On the first day of VBS we'll study the true story of God's rescue of Noah and his natural family – husband, wife, and children. At the end of it we'll raise the rainbow, the sign that God keeps His promises! When you see the rainbow this month, even if it's being used for unholy purposes, rejoice that God does, indeed, keep His promises. Don't fret the evil of the world. Trust God. He keeps His promises, and Jesus leads the way.

I want to thank all of the volunteers who are helping with VBS this week (including that you filled out the background checks ahead of time). Your sacrifice in direct and indirect work for the children will bring them the Good News about Jesus, so they can be eternally blessed. Many of you are on our VBS team in the powerful contribution of daily prayer support. Pray for the clarity of the Biblical message, the safety of the participants, and the faith of the kids and their parents. Thank you.

It's been great to hear the commercial for our Eagle's Nest Preschool on the radio this week. Pray and encourage, so that it reaches the moms and dads looking for a Christ-centered school for their little ones! Storytime will commence after VBS week, another way to engage preschoolers in good books and an invitation to our school and church.

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In Christ,



P.S. Here's a poem-prayer that blessed me this week:

To Find Joy in Life's Trials

You put me on the stretch, O God.
You do me the honor of putting me to the test
as You once tested our father Abraham.
You bid me do the impossible:
not only to endure the tempering heat of trial
but to rejoice in it--impossible!

But Your Son did not find it impossible
when You tried Him with failure.
He rejoiced in the Holy Spirit
and gave thanks to You
when You took from Him
the wise and understanding
and revealed Him only to babes,
to the inconsequential little ones
in whom Your love delights.

Your servant Paul found it possible
Your servant James found it possible.
And You are my Father just as You are theirs.
I thank You for all proofs of Fatherhood.
I thank You for the trials I meet.
Give me the heart to meet them unafraid,
to joy in them as I rejoice in You.

--by Martin Franzmann. Pray For Joy.
CPH, 1970

RAMSEY+
Is coming to St. John's!

LCMS Stewardship Thought

Mark 4:34 – “He did not speak to them without a parable, but privately to his own disciples he explained everything.” How blessed we are to be His disciples! The Lord has indeed explained everything to us. He has told us all things plainly. Why then are we ever so foolish as to disobey His clear Word? Our fight against sin in the power of the Holy Spirit is truly a struggle. Therefore, let us receive the Lord’s help in His Word & Sacraments, & let us fight the good fight of faith & grow up into His image.

LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life

“It’s a terrible thing to see any life that is used & abused instead of being protected & cared for. The value of life should not be based on the benefits it can offer. So, we pray to the Lord to move all people to value & appreciate all life as God’s gift.”

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

This Week’s Sunday School Lesson

Esther 2:15–23; 3:12–13; 4:12–17; 7

“The Rescuing Queen” is the title for this week’s lesson. Displeased with Queen Vashti’s behavior, King Ahasuerus banishes her & seeks a new queen. Esther pleases the king, who chooses her out of all the eligible women of the kingdom. Esther’s guardian, Mordecai, uncovers a plot against the Jews spearheaded by Haman, one of the king’s officials. Risking her life, Esther reveals the plot to the king; this saves the Jewish people & brings Haman to justice.

50th Anniversary Celebration

Marvin & Janice (Heimgartner) Tappendorf will be celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary with an open House Reception on Sun, June 27th, from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. at The Carriage House Event Center, 8 West Carriage Lane, Altamont, IL.

Prayer List

Janet Brinkopf, Gloria Fortkamp, Ruth Holland, Doug Wendte, Brian Wenthe, Shirley Cheadle, Deb Meyers, Doris Hammer, Craig Wolff, Bob Miller, Cassie Power, Brett Kull, Rose Boggs, Mike McWhortor, Evelyn Shumaker, Pastor Ted Gall, and Cathern Stremming

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, June 6	316
Online Worship Views	131
Sunday School Pre-K-HS	26
Adult Sunday School Class	19

Our Offerings Last Week

General Fund, June 6	\$8,692.98
Online General Fund	\$4,745.00
Total General Fund Offering .	\$13,437.98
Building Fund	\$115.00

May General Fund Summary

Deposits	\$43,303.83
Expenditures	\$45,794.30
Ending Balance	\$107,053.74

Youth Activities

Coming Soon

Cookie Dough & Pizza Kit Fundraiser

It will be July 1 – 16. Watch your mail for a letter with all the important details!

Save the Date

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

Deepest Sympathy & Prayers

To Carrie Brown and her family at the death of her father, Gary.

Summer Story Time

We are starting a Summer Story Time for children 5 & under with an adult. Come have fun reading, crafting, & learning in the St. John's Children's Library. We hope this is a great outreach for our church & preschool. Invite friends & spread the word.

The Summer Story Time will be held on
Wednesdays at 10 00 a.m.
June 23, July 7, and July 21
Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.
June 30, July 14, and July 28

Baby Bottles

Remember to return the money-filled baby bottles on Father's Day, in support of the Family Life Center. Thank you.

ST. JOHN'S BRAILLE WORKERS

A group picture for the directory will be taken on Fri, June 18 at 11:00 a.m. All who are able & interested in representing the Center's work here at St. John's should plan to attend! Thank you!

Swim Party

There will be a swim Party on Saturday June 19 from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. for VBS children & families at the Workman Sports Complex.

Movie Night

The Lydia Guild is sponsoring a Movie Night on Tues., June 22nd at 7:15 p.m. Anyone is welcome to attend. We will be watching "Escape from Hell". Please sign up on the bulletin board by Sun, June 20th if you plan to attend.

Deepest Sympathy & Prayers

To the family of Nolan Mason. Nolan passed away last weekend. He is the brother of Sharon Giesler.



Dairy Queen of Effingham knows that our future is with the youth of our community & they recognize Truman Brown of Eagles Nest preschool as the May Shining Star award winner. Even during this Covid 19 medical concern our kids need to be encouraged for their good efforts. Truman was selected by school staff based on preset standards. He is pictured with Cally Holste of Effingham DQ & presenting Truman his monthly plaque in appreciation of a job well done & certificate for a free meal from DQ. Thanks to Eagles Nest & his parents for their strong support.

Stephen's Ministry

Our Stephen Ministry is progressing very well & is being well received. We have several referrals for Stephen Ministry. We do have a problem: We only have 2 female caregivers. We need both women & men to start our next class, scheduled for this fall. Please consider joining our ministry to answer the needs of our congregation & community.

Included in the Eagle this week is a flyer "7 REASONS TO CONSIDER BECOMING A STEPHEN MINISTER." So, if this is for you or someone you know, please contact me, Janet Martins (217-868-9576 or text at 773-463-0617) & pray for the success of our Stephen Ministry.

Thank You

A very special thank you to Don & Patsy Latch for hosting the Family Fishing Day. We truly appreciate it!

Help Needed

The Youth Board is needing help to set up VBS scenes in church on Sunday, June 13 starting at 1 p.m. Please come, help and have fun.

CALENDAR-----June 13, 2021 – June 20, 2021

Sunday	13	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
		12:30 p.m.	All VBS Workers Meeting
		1:00 p.m.	Set up VBS scenes
		6:00 p.m.	LLL Rally at Shumway
Monday	14	5:00 p.m.	Board of Stewardship
		6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	VBS
Tuesday	15	6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	VBS
Wednesday	16	1:00 p.m.	Office Staff Devotion/Meeting
		6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	VBS
Thursday	17	6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	VBS
Friday	18		Pastor's Sabbath
Saturday	19	8:00 a.m.	Praise Band Practice
		5:30 p.m.	Worship Service
Sunday	20		Father's Day
		8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Worship Services
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
		10:00 a.m.	Worship Service/Mediacom Channel 81

Birthdays This Week

- 06/13 Isaac Watson & Scott Marxman
- 06/14 Ammon Probst, Faye Tomkins, & Marlene Walker
- 06/15 Bailey Willenborg, Jacque Dixon, Danny Stevenson, Joyce Curry, Derek Ohnesorge, Jim Gibbons, Leandra Meyers, Jamie Lotz, & Paige Rhodes
- 06/16 Jo Budde, Dr. Kelly Stanfield, Clinton Weber, Hope Brinkopf, & Kelsey Rentfro
- 06/17 Donald Wendte & Doris Hammer
- 06/18 Carol Hulskotter, Karine Castillo, Sara Jennings
- 06/19 Lorri Mayberry, Thad Genoust, & Mary Dasenbrock

Anniversaries

- 6/13/70 Levi & Rose Boggs
- 6/13/87 Marcy & Julie Scott
- 6/13/87 Kevin & Dena Willis
- 6/13/92 Greg & LeeAnn Perry
- 6/13/98 Gregory & Rosemary Seggelke
- 6/14/86 Michael & Kathy Burdick
- 6/14/86 Dennis & Linda Marxmann
- 6/16/84 Terry & Laura Braun
- 6/16/12 Luis & Danielle Espina
- 6/16/12 Thomas & Alyson Followell
- 6/17/11 Tyler & Stacey Hagerstrom
- 6/18/05 Jake & Erin Wendling
- 6/18/16 Zachary & Monica Scott

June Pantry Donation

Hamburger Helper & Applesauce

VBS Workers Meeting

We will be having a meeting for ALL workers this Sun., June 13 at 12:30 p.m. in the multipurpose room to see what you will be doing & pick up your T-shirt.