

THE EAGLE
St. John's Newsletter
June 20, 2021



From Our Pastor...

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!
(Romans 11:33)

We are smart if we teach our children to swim, and we start in the shallow end of the pool. We teach the delight of being in a little bit of water, and then gradually teach skills that make the deeper end a safe and delightful place, too.

This past week has been a joyful and raucous time for kids and families in the shallow end. Approximately 125 kids were involved in our VBS, as participants and helpers. Numerous adults gave their blood, sweat, and tears in order to make it possible. You made it a delightful week of songs, lessons, snacks, games, crafts, and learning. We thank you all.

And we want to go deeper.

In the deeper end of the pool of Christian life, we are immersed in the Scriptures in every-week worship. We study the Bible at home and church. We learn and review the Catechism in order to know

“what we believe, and why we believe it.” We come to the Lord’s table. We pray for one another. We do these things, because the forces of this fallen world – including our fallen minds and hearts – will throw us into the deep end of life without sufficient training. It’s a dangerous world, without Christ.

Here at St. John’s, we baptize babies in a small font and equip parents to teach them to swim in the large waters of life. VBS was a small part of that training. Those who go to Camp CILCA this summer experience another part (I hope you have a wonderful time). The next Catechism Bible Study series, beginning Thursday August 26, will be one more. Swim confidently through life, with Christ!

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In Christ,

LCMS Stewardship Thought

Mark 4:40 – “He said to them, ‘Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?’” Faith means trust. If we trust the Lord, what do we have to be afraid of? Isn’t it fear that holds us back in our stewardship? Isn’t it fear that stops us from following the Lord’s Word to give generously toward His work in the Church? Well then, “Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?” The Lord has proved His trustworthiness by His cross. You can trust Him.

Ramsey+

You'll hear from our Stewardship Board the next two Sundays, as they tell you a little about how "Ramsey+" is being offered to every household here at St. John's, so that we can grow in joyful stewardship according to God's design.

LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life

June 20 "The dad who keeps his eyes focused on Christ, prays for his children, and expresses his unconditional love for his kids, will, in the end, have been a good father and be blessed with adult children who will always be grateful for the dad God gave them."

Abbot Tryphon – A Life Quote from Lutherans for Life •
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This Week's Sunday School Lesson

Ezra 3; Nehemiah 8:1–12; 12:44–47

In today's lesson, "Return to Rebuild," after returning from exile, the children of Israel gather to begin rebuilding the temple. They start making sacrifices as soon as the altar is rebuilt, even though the temple foundations await repair. Ezra reads from the Book of the Law as the people humble themselves before the Lord. When the labors of rebuilding are complete, the Levites assign men to regular service in the temple.

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

Linda Nolan, Janet Brinkopf, Gloria Fortkamp, Doug Wendte, Brian Wenthe, Deb Meyers, Doris Hammer, Craig Wolff, Bob Miller, Cassie Power, Brett Kull, Rose Boggs, Mike McWhortor, Evelyn Shumaker, Pastor Ted Gall.

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 13.....	388
Online Worship Views.....	59
Sunday School Pre-K-HS	19
Adult Sunday School Class.....	28

Our Offerings Last Week

General Fund, June 13.....	\$8,305.50
Online General Fund.....	\$1,645.00
Total General Fund Offering	
.....	\$9,950.50
Building Fund.....	\$70.00

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.

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

Help Needed

We will be tearing down VBS decorations in the Atrium today after the 10:30 a.m. church service. Any & all help will be **GREATLY** appreciated!!!

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".

90th Birthday Card Shower

The family of Rhea Hartman will be celebrating her 90th Birthday Sat., July 3rd with a card shower in honor of her special day! Cards may be sent to:

Rhea Hartman
C/O Heartland Senior Living
101 Trowbridge Rd.
Neoga, IL 62447

Eagle Newsletter Reminder

If you have items to put into the Eagle, please submit them by 11:00 a.m. on Thursday's. Thank you!

Transfer the Blessings

This is a process that will help you discover your Lifetime Plan for Giving and make it a reality. We invite you to attend a presentation on July 25th, at 9:15 a.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church in Effingham. Scott Radden from the Synod's Foundation and Rev. Charles Olander, CID District Gift Planning Counselor, will be giving a presentation to our congregation members. It will help you think about how you want to transfer the gifts the Lord has given to you to those who will follow after you. Nothing will be for sale; it is a brief seminar encouraging you to think about your Will, estate or trust and how to serve the Lord with the gifts he has entrusted to you. We hope to see you there. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact Pastor Burdick.

A Big Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who made VBS a success from the donations, to the volunteers, the parents for bringing the children, for those behind the scenes, the special visitors, and all the prayers. As our response said all week, "Jesus leads the way."

Golden Eagles

The Golden Eagles Lunch will be Thursday, June 24th, at noon!

CALENDAR-----June 20, 2021 – June 27, 2021

Sunday	20		Happy 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
Monday	21	12 Noon	Board of Evangelism
		5:30 p.m.	Choir
Tuesday	22	3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Food Pantry Distribution
		7:15 p.m.	Lydia Guild Movie Night
Wednesday	23	10:00 a.m.	Story Time
		1:00 p.m.	Office Staff Devotion/Meeting
		7:00 p.m.	Adult Catechism
Thursday	24	12:00 Noon	Golden Eagles
Friday	25		Pastor's Sabbath
Saturday	26	8:00 a.m.	Praise Band Practice
		5:30 p.m.	Worship Service w/HC
Sunday	27	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

- 06/20 Gabe Walker & Gus Koester
- 06/21 Doug Wendling, Mike Wendte
Gayle Robbins, Max Stewart
& Mason Stewart
- 06/22 Kolton Westjohn &
Larry Quicksall
- 06/23 Jacque Frey, Jeff Weis, &
Voris Osborn
- 06/24 Bob Marxman, Donald Grupe,
Jackie Genaust, Larry White, &
Mary Brauer
- 06/26 Emmalin Smith

Anniversaries This Week

- 6/20/65 Ron & Carol Lading
- 6/20/81 Gary & Cathy Norris
- 6/20/81 John & Paulena Romero
- 6/20/98 Randy & Erica Hansen
- 6/21/08 Don & Haley Brown
- 6/21/14 Derek & Andrea Storm
- 6/23/18 Dustin & Marissa Brown
- 6/25/77 Rev. Ted & Ruth Gall
- 6/25/16 Phil & Heidi Kinkelaar

Next Food Distribution

Tues. June 22, from 3:00. – 4:00 p.m.

June Pantry Donation

Hamburger Helper & Applesauce

Baby Bottles

Remember to return the baby bottles (full or empty) **TODAY**, in support of the Family Life Center. Thank you.