

THE EAGLE

St. John's Newsletter

June 27, 2021

From Our Pastor...



Here are Irene Esch and Esther Stine, who recently got together and marked their 81st Confirmation Anniversary. They look a little different from their class picture, but still believe the same things. Think about that! In 1940 they completed their Catechism instruction under Pastor Pott and confirmed their baptismal faith at Bethlehem Lutheran of Altamont. Now in 2021 they are still in that one true Christian faith. How does that happen?

I am convinced that it happens because of:

- 1) The power of the Word of God.
- 2) Parents who worship with their children every Sunday.
- 3) Church friendships forged and nurtured by Walther League.



Is that still possible for the recent confirmands of St. John's? Of course! It will take hard work, probably even harder than in Irene and Esther's lives. Toward that goal, the Word of God accomplishes its purpose (Isaiah 55). Parents must lead the way through weekly worship and home instruction for many years following Confirmation. And here's the last piece of the puzzle: something like Walther League still exists!

Our Lutheran Youth Fellowship helps youth members connect with one another, and next summer we're going to Houston, TX together for the LCMS National Youth Gathering (July 9-13, 2022)! Youth ages 14-19 can participate, and I hope they will. That's why we're having an "NYG Interest Party" on July 11 at 5:30pm for all youth (who will be ages 14-19 next summer) and their parents. We'll learn all about the NYG and the godly growth involved in getting there, and being there. We have over twenty youth who are eligible to go, and I urge all of them to come to the July 11 Interest Party. See the Youth Board announcement about it later in the Eagle.

Our goal is much larger than a photo, but think about the possibility – 80 years from now two or more of our youth might meet to remember their catechism instruction and their trip to Houston, still believing the Good News about Jesus. *Lord, help us!*

In Christ,

LCMS Stewardship Thought

2 Corinthians 8:3 – “For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own free will.” St. Paul lifts up an example of faithful Christian generosity in the Epistle lesson today. Read those words again this week and ponder them. How is the Lord calling you to increase your generosity toward His work?

Prayer List

Linda Miller, Carl Becker, Linda Nolan, Janet Brinkopf, Gloria Fortkamp, Doug Wendte, Brian Wenhe, 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

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!

Summer Story Time

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

Church Office Closure

The church office will be closed Monday, July 5th in observance of the 4th.

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

Your Response to the Gospel

Our Attendance Last Week

In Person Attendance

Sunday, June 20	344
Online Worship Views	117
Sunday School Pre-K-HS	25
Adult Sunday School Class.....	28

Our Offerings Last Week

General Fund, June 20	\$7,472.06
Online General Fund.....	\$2,387.00
Total Gen. Fund Offering.....	\$9,859.06
Building Fund.....	\$30.00

LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life

“Such commands to ‘practice hospitality,’ ‘to entertain strangers,’ ‘to care for the poor, the widows, the suffering,’ and to ‘remember the least of these’—all of these are invitations to step further into all that the resurrection said and did and says and does now through us.”

Jill Carattini, Ravi Zacharias International Ministries – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

A Big Thank You!

Thank you so much to the Trustees & Youth Board for all who stayed and gave up their time on Father's Day to help clean up VBS & also cleaning up the Atrium to help prepare for the new carpeting!

Baby Bottles

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

July Pantry Donation

Chef Boyardee Pasta in a can
&
Snack Pack Pudding

Youth Activities

Cookie Dough & Pizza Kit Fundraiser

It will be July 1 – 16. Orders must be in by July 16.

National Youth Gathering

We will have a National Youth Gathering Interest Meeting on Sun., July 11, at 5:30 p.m. Please be sure to sign up on the bulletin board by Mon., July 5, as we will be serving a meal.

Holiday World

6th graders – High School, we will be going to Holiday World on Thursday, July 29. Please sign up on the bulletin board if you wish to go. Deadline to sign up will be Sunday, July 11.

Rummage Sale

Save your treasure for the Rummage Sale, which will be August 5 - 7. Keep an eye on the Eagle for drop off times.

Save the Date

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

Choir Members: THANK YOU!

This Week's Sunday School Lesson

Haggai 2:1–9; Malachi 3:1–7; 4
“Promised Messengers” is the title of today's lesson. God sends His messengers to go before and prepare the way for the Messiah. Haggai tells Zerubbabel and Joshua that the glory of God will return to the Lord's house one day. Malachi warns that the Lord will refine His people as He prepares them for the coming judgment. The Lord will send His promised Savior, who will bring healing to His people.

Sunday Adult Bible Class

Topic in July

- July 4, 11, 18: “How We Got The Bible.” This video-based study will demonstrate why we can have high confidence in the authority of the Bible.
- July 25: “Lifetime Plan for Giving” (also known as “Transfer The Blessings”).

Ramsey+

In today's bulletin you're receiving a green slip that asks for your email address, in order that we can make the “Ramsey+” suite of free financial tools available to you. Thanks for completing and returning it! In case you are reading the Eagle online right now, we want you to give us an accurate email address, too! Please send an email to office@stjohnsLCMS.net so we can be in touch. We only use your email address for church matters. Thank you.

Attention

There will not be any Children's Sunday School Classes on Sunday, July 4th.
There WILL be Adult S.S. Class.

CALENDAR-----June 27, 2021 – July 4, 2021

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
Monday	28	6:30 p.m.	Board of Early Childhood
Tuesday	29		
Wednesday	30	1:00 p.m.	Office Staff Devotion/Meeting
		6:30 p.m.	Children's Story Time
		7:00 p.m.	Adult Catechism
Thursday	1		
Friday	2		Pastor's Sabbath
Saturday	3	8:00 a.m.	Praise Band Practice
		5:30 p.m.	Worship Service
Sunday	4		Independence Day
		8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Worship Services
		9:15 a.m.	Adult Bible Class ONLY
		10:00 a.m.	Worship Service/Mediacom Channel 81

Birthdays This Week

- 06/27 Lucas Stortzum,
Nicholas Devall, &
Sharon Vonderheide
- 06/28 Paul Leppi & Rev. Earl Brown
- 06/29 Justin Wendling &
Kaylee Stuckey
- 06/30 John Romero, Nikki Vahling, &
Tori Budde
- 07/01 Kassie Stanfield
- 07/02 Ashley Bailey, Bradley Jeffries,
& Noah Flach
- 07/03 Christa Tieffel, Elijah Lipe,
Jill Keitel, & Rhea Hartman

Anniversaries This Week

- 6/28/08 Chad & Mandy Westjohn
- 6/29/63 Earl & Doris Mueller
- 6/30/17 Andrew & Carissa Snow
- 7/03/10 Michael & Renee Kremer

"Shepherding the Strays"

Is our congregational effort to reach out and minister to those members of St. John's who haven't been attending Services. The Elders and I were very pleased with the turnout for the introductory Bible Study in May. The next steps are two workshops in which we learn and plan. We need the help of many members in this effort. Please participate in these two workshops (both will begin with supper provided) Wednesday, July 28 from 6:00-8:30pm & Wednesday, August 25 from 6:00-8:00pm. The whole Body of Christ will benefit from this! - Pastor Burdick

