

# THE EAGLE

## St. John's Newsletter

### July 11, 2021

#### From our Pastor

Old prayers. I pray them in the morning, when I get to my study here at church. I use a 1957 CPH edition of "My Prayer Book," which somehow came into my possession. The prayers are old enough to use "Thee" and "Thou" and "didst" quite often, but they are very timely. This week's Wednesday morning prayer included these lines:

*"Make me strong to resist any temptation to take what does not rightfully belong to me. Give me the courage to suffer losses rather than to inflict them on others. Help me to realize that life consists not in the abundance of things which I possess, but rather in what I do with what I possess, whether much or little."*

That's a timely prayer. So is this:

*"Forgive me, for the sake of Thy dear Son, for breaking the 7th commandment in heart and in action. I offer no excuse; I only depend upon Thy mercy. Create in me a clean heart, O Lord, and renew a right spirit within me."*

Old prayers are still relevant because people don't change much, & God doesn't change at all.

In two weeks, we'll welcome Pastor Olander as our guest preacher, and Scott Radden to assist him in a special presentation during 9:15 a.m. Bible Class called "Lifetime Plan For Giving." I encourage you all to come. Nothing is sold, but great opportunities abound for us to bless our loved ones and the Christian ministries we love. July 25 will be a great day to learn anew that life consists in Christ alone, then in what we do with what we possess, whether much or little.

On a related note, when you receive an email from me concerning "Ramsey+", I hope you'll act on it. I believe the resources there can bless you and many who will follow you.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all!



We're rolling out free access to "Ramsey+" this week for our congregation, but some of us have been using portions of it for a long time! Here's part of what Chris and Kami Bahrns shared with Pastor Burdick recently: *"We have been making progress following Dave Ramsey's advice. We read through his "Total Money Makeover" book, which has helped us be on the same page from a financial perspective. We also took advantage of his free "Everydollar" app to help you create an "every dollar" budget for your family. This has been invaluable as it helps us log each purchase we make, to hold us more accountable on how we spend our money, and help our money work for us. It is very eye opening when you log all your transactions and see how much you are actually spending on each category of your budget. Once you actually see this, it helps you prioritize."*



### **LCMS Stewardship Thought**

Amos 7:8 – “And the LORD said to me, ‘Amos, what do you see?’ And I said, ‘A plumb line.’ Then the Lord said, ‘Behold, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass by them.’ ” In the book of Amos, the Lord condemns the people for their lack of kindness, charity, and generosity toward the weak and lowly. God takes great offense at this because his activity toward us is built on kindness, charity, and generosity. He wants us to respond in kind.

### **Prayer List**

Steve Moeller, 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, Shawn Bourland, Pastor Ted Gall, Ann Newton, and the people of Haiti.

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

### **VBS Donations**

Please pick up any items that you donated for VBS. They are in a box in the gym. Thank you!

### **Summer Story Time**

The Summer Story Time will be held on Wednesday, July 14 & July 28 at 6:30 p.m.  
Wednesday, July 21 at 10:00 a.m.

### **Upcoming Meetings**

#### **Council Meeting**

Will be held on Tues, July 20 at 7:00 p.m.

#### **Voter's Meeting**

Will be held on Tues, July 27 at 7:00 p.m.

### **Your Response to the Gospel**

#### **Our Attendance Last Week**

##### **In Person Attendance**

Sunday, July 4 .....284  
Online Worship Views .....82  
Sunday School Pre-K-HS..... 0  
Adult Sunday School Class .....27

#### **Our Offerings Last Week**

General Fund, July 4 .....\$18,376.02  
Online General Fund .....\$3,835.00  
**Total Gen. Fund Offering .....\$22,211.02**  
**Building Fund..... \$70.00**

#### **June General Fund Summary**

Deposits.....\$63,532.74  
Expenditures.....\$56,592.15  
**Ending Balance .....\$113,994.33**

### **LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life**

“In this current darkness of confusion, fear, isolation, sickness, and death, the Gospel shines even more brightly ... Eternity tells you that you aren't cursed with less but guaranteed gloriously more than you could imagine. No matter what the next day brings, your future is bright because a victory has been won for you.”

*Paul David Tripp, pastor, author, and conference speaker – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)*

### **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.

### **Sunday School Fall Registration**

Be sure to look for Kiley Bohnhoff at a table in the Atrium this Sunday to register your children for Sunday School this fall.

### **Next Food Distribution**

Will be Tues, July 13 from 3:00-4:00 p.m.

#### **July Pantry Donation**

Chef Boyardee Pasta in a can  
&  
Snack Pack Pudding

### **Transfer the Blessings**

Remember me when I am gone. I encourage you to attend Bible Class July 25, 2021 as Rev. Charles Olander and Scott Radden (Gift Planning Counselors) discusses ways for us to be faithful stewards of the gifts that Christ has given us, even after we have gone to heaven. Please join us as we continue the Holy Spirit's mission here at St. John's.

### **Youth Activities**

#### **Sr. Youth**

Will meet at the Burdicks' on Thursday, July 15 at 6:00 p.m.

#### **Cookie Dough & Pizza Kit Fundraiser**

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

#### **National Youth Gathering**

National Youth Gathering Interest Meeting Sun., July 11, at 5:30 p.m.

#### **Holiday World**

6<sup>th</sup> 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. Bring A Friend**

### **Deepest Sympathy**

And prayers to Terry Long and family at the death of his mother, Norma Long.

### **Attention All Board Chairs**

Please email all quarterly reports to the office by Wednesday, July 14

### **Thank You**

Thank you so much to everyone who has called, sent cards, etc. while I am in the nursing home. It is so appreciated.

Doris Hammer

### **Golden Eagles**

Join us for Golden Eagles on Thurs, July 29 at noon. Please sign up on the main hall bulletin board. There will be a \$3 donation for the meal, and cards & games will follow lunch.

### **Jonah Fish Fry**

The St. Paul Ladies Aid of Wheeler will be sponsoring a **Drive-Thru Only** Fish Fry on Friday, July 16 from 4:30 – 7:30 p.m.

The menu will be:

Gluten Free Fish

Baked Beans

Slaw

Cookies

Bottled Water

The cost is:

Adults \$10.00

Children (3-12) \$5.00

St. Paul's is located 3.5 miles South of Montrose. If you have questions, please call the church: 217-924-4498.

### **Stephen Ministry Notes**

Aloneness is never so sharp as when someone is suffering. While God's presence can be a powerful antidote to loneliness, suffering people may have a difficult time believing God is with them. One gift you can offer them is to be present and listen. The physical presence of another human being can bring significant comfort to those who are suffering. Taken from Don't Sing Songs to A Heavy Heart. Please consider becoming a Stephen Minister.

### **Condolences**

Our deepest sympathy and prayers go to Dave Storm and family at the death of his brother, Larry Storm.

# CALENDAR-----July 11, 2021 – July 18, 2021

Sunday	11	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
		5:30 p.m.	National Youth Gathering Interest Meeting
Monday	12	5:00 p.m.	Board of Stewardship
		6:15 p.m.	Board of Education
Tuesday	13	1:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl
		3:00 – 4:00 p.m.	Food Pantry
		5:15 p.m.	Board of Social Ministry
Wednesday	14	1:00 p.m.	Office Staff Devotion/Meeting
		5:30 p.m.	Board of Youth
		6:30 p.m.	Children's Story Time
Thursday	15	6:00 p.m.	Senior Youth at the Burdicks'
Friday	16		Pastor's Sabbath
Saturday	17	8:00 a.m.	Praise Band Practice
		5:30 p.m.	Worship Service
Sunday	18	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**

07/11 Cindy Myers  
 07/12 Brad Dial & Mitchell Hulskotter  
 07/13 Kristen Probst, Meredith Wendling  
 Leroy Campton, Cheryl Duckwitz,  
 & Christopher Sandifer  
 07/14 John Lechman, Julie Scott, &  
 Sophia Jansen  
 07/16 Warren Schlechte  
 07/17 Patsy Bahrns, Richard Ohnesorge,  
 & Samantha Willis

## **Anniversaries This Week**

07/12/75 Gale & Jo Budde  
 07/12/86 Alan & Julie Bahrns  
 07/14/11 Nicholas & Dana Devall  
 07/16/04 Phillip & Tammy Wendling  
 07/17/76 Rick & Vicki Manford

## **90th Birthday Card Shower**

The family of Warren Schlechte will be having a card shower for him in honor of his 90th birthday on July 16th. Cards may be sent to:  
 Warren Schlechte  
 1008 W. Franklin Ave.  
 Effingham, IL 62401

## **Thank You**

Thank you to my church family for all the prayers, cards, flowers, & visits during my knee surgery & recovery. A special thank you for the wonderful prayer shawl that kept me warm & assured that God was healing me. I know with your prayers & God's healing hand who gave me the strength I needed to get through this trial in my life. I could not have done it without His healing hand upon me.

I can do everything through Him who gives me strength. *Philippians 4:13*  
 Shirley Cheadle