

# THE EAGLE

## St. John's Newsletter

### July 4, 2021

Bits and Pieces from our Pastor ...

This weekend I'm sharing a mish-mash of congregational news and views. I'll begin with "**Independence Day**" as a great blessing from the Lord of lords, King of kings, and Potentate of presidents. Our liberties are marvelous blessings from God, to be exercised gratefully and responsibly. We are mindful, though: we're not at all independent. We have no good, no security, and no hope apart the Triune God. In Him alone, we have all we need. We are essentially *dependent*.

**Today's Light** – Our Review sessions looking back upon the June readings in Matthew and Mark will be this Tues, July 6. You can come to the 4:00-5:00pm session, or 5:30-6:30 pm. God bless you as you walk through Luke this week!

**Confirmation Family Visits** – this month I'll be visiting the homes of our 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students. Each family ought to have received an email with a link to the schedule of available slots. Choose a spot now ... and if you didn't receive the email last Wednesday, notify the church office real soon.

**Sr. High Youth at the Burdicks'** – our next gathering for fun, food, and Bible Study will be Thursday, July 15 at 6:00pm. A different Bible Study than last time, but maybe the same food (homemade pizza) and games (Kubb and Molkky)! Where? 717 S. First St, Effingham

**Ramsey+** -- Kathy and I have found the resources there to be tremendous. When you get access via the email we're sending this week, I hope you'll create a profile and dive deeply into the things that are offered. Watch for the email. Turn in the green slip from the bulletin today.

**We messed up** – a closer look at our household finances this week revealed that Kathy and I hadn't given an offering to our beloved congregation in 2021. Why? When I updated our giving through the online portal at [www.stjohnsLCMS.net](http://www.stjohnsLCMS.net) at the end of 2020, I checked "one time" instead of "weekly." Oh, brother. I mention it in order to encourage you to take a closer look at your giving, your bank statements, and your joyful first fruit offering. Be more observant than me (I blame Covid, ha).

**Catechism Bible Study** – Join Pastor Burdick and others for the next Catechism Bible Study series! This is for anyone desiring to review Luther's Small Catechism, or to learn it for the first time in order to join our church family. Begins Thursday, August 26 at 7:00pm, and runs for ten weeks. All are welcome.

**Stephen Ministry** – We've made progress this year by restarting this vital ministry of Christian compassion. We hope and pray for more candidates for care GIVING. Will you, please, pray about talking our Stephen Minister Training? Contact Jan Martins with questions.

**Finally**, do you have my mobile number in your contacts? It is 309-255-5580. It helps if you have it recorded ... so you don't think I'm calling about your car warranty.

Dependent Upon Him Who Set Us Free.



### LCMS Stewardship Thought

2 Corinthians 12:10 – “For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, & calamities.” Paul found contentment in Christ. To be content means to accept what the Lord gives us at any given time as somehow being from the hand of the Father who wants to bless us. Sometimes it’s hard to see how things like hardships, calamities, & insults will turn out for a blessing, but that is why Paul found this contentment in Christ & not in his own wisdom.

### 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, Shawn Bourland, & Wayne Holmquist.

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  
Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m.  
July 7 and July 21  
Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.  
July 14, and July 28

### Church Office Closure

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

### Baby Bottles

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

### Your Response to the Gospel

#### Our Attendance Last Week

In Person Attendance

Sunday, June 27 .....	333
Online Worship Views .....	82
Sunday School Pre-K-HS .....	23
Adult Sunday School Class.....	22

#### Our Offerings Last Week

General Fund, June 27 .....	\$7,873.32
Online General Fund.....	\$2,040.00
<b>Total Gen. Fund Offering.....</b>	<b>\$9,913.32</b>
<b>Building Fund .....</b>	<b>\$690.00</b>

### LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life

“The creation of the world & its government is the work of the Lord, & it is not in His declared plan that man will destroy it. The fright peddlers are giving too much power to man. It is God’s power they need to recognize, not man’s. If man is the basic power, then the answers must come from man, but if God is the sovereign power, then the answers must come from God, & none other. God has provided the answers, & they are in His Word. Our problem is that men pay no attention to them.”

R. J. Rushdoony, author and theologian – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life  
• 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.

### 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.

### 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

## 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

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

### "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



### Attention

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

## 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.

### 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

### Deb Meyers Benefit

There will be a benefit for Deb Meyers on July 10, 2021 from 2-10 p.m. It will be held at the VFW Post 1769 Effingham. She has been fighting the effects of COVID since December 7, 2020 & is still in rehab in Lincoln, IL. She is from Effingham & an employee of Wal-Mart in Effingham. There will be food, a bake sale, a live/silent auction items, raffles, and music. Deb is a close friend of Shirley Cheadle & Donna LeCrone.

### 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").

## CALENDAR-----July 4, 2021 – July 11, 2021

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
Monday	5		Office closed in observance of Independence Day
Tuesday	6	4:00 p.m.	Board of Trustees
		4:00 & 5:30 p.m.	Today's Light Review
Wednesday	7	10:00 a.m.	Children's Story Time
		1:00 p.m.	Office Staff Devotion/Meeting
		7:00 p.m.	Adult Catechism
Thursday	8	6:30 p.m.	Board of Elders
Friday	9		Pastor's Sabbath
Saturday	10	8:00 a.m.	Praise Band Practice
		5:30 p.m.	Worship Service w/HC
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

### **Birthdays This Week**

- 07/04 Angie Nelson & Dale Wendte  
 07/05 Carol Klein, Heidie Kinkelaar,  
 Jennifer Weber, & Knox Kinkelaar  
 07/06 Bradley Osborne  
 07/07 Alec Brown, Raylen Stuckey,  
 JD Snow, Larry Kuhns, &  
 Olivia Martin  
 07/08 Ron Stumpf  
 07/09 Jonathan Stremming &  
 Phyllis Dueker  
 07/10 Carissa Snow, Cindy Shingleton,  
 & Jason Miller

### **Anniversaries This Week**

- 07/05/02 Jeff & Ashley Flach  
 07/07/01 Derek & Donetta Ohnesorge  
 07/08/78 Fred & Judith Meislahn  
 07/08/89 Rick & Vicki Cook  
 07/08/00 Kenny & Mary Dasenbrock  
 07/10/82 Dan & Lisa Norton

### **Transfer the Blessings**

Would you like some help with your estate planning? The Lifetime Plan for Giving is a program designed to help Christians with their estate planning to ensure that they can pass on their blessings to their children & to Christian ministries & to avoid unnecessary taxes. You can also bequeath to your children the spiritual blessing of your commitment to God's kingdom. This program is part of the LCMS Foundation. No one will try & sell you any kind of investment, & no one receives a commission. The presentation will be on July 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 a.m. during the Bible Class hour. Watch the newsletter & bulletins for more information.