

THE EAGLE

St. John's Newsletter

August 15, 2021

From Our Pastor:



Last week our fellowship hall was filled with treasures. I'm talking about both the *items* that were donated and purchased at the rummage sale, and the *people* that brought and bought them. Treasures. The people were, of

course, of far greater value.

One of my favorite teachings of Jesus is the parable of the hidden treasure in Matthew 13. We studied it last Sunday in adult Bible class. It's a favorite of mine, because it packs a lot of punch. It can rightly be understood to have two meanings. We pretty readily see that it is about priorities, how the kingdom of God is so valuable that everything else should and does come after it in our lives. But why? That is answered by the more hidden meaning in the story: that the man who found the great treasure is ... God. And the treasure is the people of the world, for whom He gave His all. For whom He gave His one and only Son, in order to possess...us.

As we begin a new school year, and Sunday school year, this is a fitting parable for us. Let us learn the meaning and put it into action. God has bought us, giving us the kingdom of God at the price of His Son. Now our lives are re-ordered. Our priorities have been

established by God's priorities. We love God first, because He loved us first (1 John 4).

May the Lord bless this new Sunday school year for students of all ages -- for children age 3 to 93. The Word of God comes first in our lives. Consequently, the rummage sale last week in our fellowship hall was conducted in order that we can help the youth of our church experience the priority of God's Word! First things first.

In His love,

You are Invited

On Sunday, August 15, 2021 the Dual Parish of Grace & St. Paul's, Strasburg would like to invite you to the installation of our new pastor, Rev. Kene Whybrew. The service will be at 3:00 p.m. at Grace Lutheran, Strasburg, followed by a reception in the social hall. Grace is located on the corner of North 1st & Locust.

We are excited to welcome the Whybrews to Strasburg! Thanks for your love & prayers.~~Members of Grace & St. Paul's.

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Senior Youth

Will be meeting Sunday, August 29 at 6:00 p.m. at the Burdicks'

Youth Corner

National Youth Gathering Meeting

This meeting is for parents & youth interested in the NYG to be held in July 2022 in Houston, TX. It will be held Sun., Aug. 15 at 11:30 a.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room. The final commitment date is around the corner.

Cruise Night

Will be held on Saturday, September 11!

Golf Outing

Mark your calendars for Saturday, Sept. 18 for our annual Golf Outing.

Prayer List

Rev. Ted Gall, Donna Wetherell, Lynn Winter, Sonia Hyde, the Phelps family, Owen Phelps, Carl Becker, Gloria Fortkamp, Brian Wenthe, Doris Hammer, Craig Wolff, Cassie Power, Brett Kull, Rose Boggs, Mike McWhortor, Evelyn Shumaker, Shawn Bourland, and the family of Eileen Quicksall.

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

LCMSFoundation

TODAY | TOMORROW | FOREVER

We often think about our "Last Will and Testament" simply as directing dollars. But in effect, it is your last word about anything that is on your heart. Most people don't use it for that, but you can. You can include a "Christian Preamble" by which you testify to your faith. (If your will is already complete, you can write a "family blessing" and put it with your will. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help. Contact Scott A. Radden at (618) 977-4049 or Scott.Radden@lfn.org.

August Pantry Donation

Manwich Sloppy Joe's & Green Beans

LCMS Stewardship Thought

Ephesians 5:6-7 – "Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. Therefore, do not associate with them." The wrath of a God is a real thing, and we do well to reflect on this. We want to stay away from anything that would take us away from the Lord. As Mary replied to the angel Gabriel, "I am the handmaiden of the Lord, may it be to me according to your word." We are the Lord's servants; therefore, we cling to His Word.

Church Pictorial

If you haven't signed up yet, dates are filling up. Be sure to go to our webpage, www.stjohnslcms.net to sign up. If you have a problem, please contact the church office for assistance.

Stephen Ministry Office Hours

Will be Thursdays, 12:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Please feel free to stop by to see Janet, or, you can make an appointment to see her by calling: Home: 217-868-9576 or Cell: 773-463-0617

Deepest Sympathies

To Larry Quicksall and his family at the passing of his mother, Eileen Quicksall. She passed away Monday, Aug. 9. Her services were held Thursday at Johnson's Funeral Home. Memorials may be made to St. John's Lutheran Church.

Jr. Confirmation Classes

Will begin in September, 5:00-6:00pm Wednesdays! 6th Grade Class studies the 30-Lesson Bible Overview. **7th and 8th Grade Class** studies Luther's Small Catechism in the 30-Lesson Workbook

High School "Room Revamp" Workday

Sun., Aug. 15th the High School Youth are invited to a work day in our Sunday School classroom after the 2nd service NYG meeting. Come for pizza & help us revamp our LYF room.

This Week's Sunday School Lesson

Luke 1:26-56

The lesson this week is "An Angel Announces." Mary receives an angelic announcement telling her that, despite her virginity, she will give birth to the long-awaited Savior. The child in Elizabeth's womb leaps within her when the mother of the promised Messiah approaches. Elizabeth rejoices in the reaction and welcomes Mary to stay with her for a time. Mary's song of praise, the Magnificat, resounds in the Church to this day.

Thank You!

THANK YOU from the Youth Ministry Board! Our annual rummage sale was a huge success and we could not have done it without your help and generous donations!!

Church Picnic

Will be Sun., Aug. 22 at Noon at Ballard Nature Center, & Todd Martin will be grilling. Bring a side dish or dessert to share.

We will have a guided tour (hike) led by Mary Ann Hoeffliger for anyone interested & a nature trivia game as well.

LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life

"God shows us what it is to love every single day. Even the grace He gives us to change people's hearts toward Him is an outpouring of His love. Let us love like Christ and sacrifice our time to save His unborn children. Let us show mothers who have had or are thinking of having an abortion the love that has been so beautifully bestowed upon us from our Father."

Christina Hogan, Southampton Students for Life (UK) - A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life
• lutheransforlife.org

Ice Cream Social

The LYF of St. John's Lutheran Church, Louisville, IL will be hosting an Ice Cream Social on Sunday, August 22 from 4:30 – 7:00 p.m. The menu will include pork burgers, pulled pork, hot dogs, pie, homemade ice cream, and drinks. All are invited to attend. Free will donation.

Catechism Bible Study



Review the Faith, or study with us to consider joining our congregation. Thursdays at 7:00 p.m., beginning August 26. All are welcome. Participants can purchase their own copy of the 2017 Luther's Small catechism (\$15), or use one here at church. 10 weeks of classes. Join Pastor and others for a dive into the Scriptures!

Your Response to the Gospel

Our Attendance Last Week

In Person Attendance

Sunday, August 8.....	332
Online Worship Views	82
Sunday School Pre-K-HS	0
Adult Sunday School Class.....	20

Our Offerings Last Week

General Fund, August 8.....	\$7,019.27
Online General Fund	\$4,000.00
Total Gen. Fund Offering	\$11,019.27
Building Fund.....	\$70.00

Hayden Rensner Updates

There are sign-up sheets on the bulletin board for your email or mailing address to receive newsletter updates from Hayden on her mission work in the Czech Republic. Hayden has asked us for our prayer support while she is doing mission work in Central Europe. Get the newsletter to stay informed on her latest projects & find out what specific things we can pray for to support Hayden & LCMS missions.

Ringers Needed

St. John's Handbell Choir needs ringers! We have 4 octaves of handbells, but not enough ringers to play two! If you have ever thought about joining, now is the time. The ability to read music is desired, but not required. Questions or want individual training, call Linda Marxmann 217-821-4851, or just come to the first practice on Wed., Aug. 11 at 6 p.m.

CALENDAR-----Aug 15, 2021 – Aug. 22 2021

Sunday	15	8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Worship Services
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School Rally Day
		10:00 a.m.	Worship Service/Mediacom Channel 81
		11:30	NYG Meeting
		12:15 p.m.	High School "Room Revamp" Workday
Monday	16	4:00 p.m.	Board of Trustees
Tuesday	17		
Wednesday	18	1:00 p.m.	Office Staff Devotion/Meeting
		6:00 p.m.	Board of Youth
Thursday	19	12:30 – 4 p.m..	Stephens Ministry Office Hours
Friday	20		Pastor Sabbath
		6:00 p.m.	Wedding Rehearsal
Saturday	21	8:00 a.m.	Praise Band Practice
		1:00 p.m.	Heurman/Wenthe Wedding
		5:30 p.m.	Worship Service w/HC
Sunday	22	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
		Noon	Church Picnic at Ballard Nature Center

Birthdays This Week

- 08/15 Brian Wenthe, Chad Hartman, & John Longwell
- 08/16 Paige Longwell & Palmer Brown
- 08/17 Casey Earleywine, Karly Earleywine, & Sharon Field
- 08/18 Howard Haake & Julie Stuckemeyer
- 08/19 Jeff Pryor & Mitchell Wohltman
- 08/20 Alexis Miller & Jill Haake
- 08/21 Hank Probst, Knox Probst, & Marissa Brown

Anniversaries This Week

- 08/15/87 Steve & Amy Miller
- 08/15/09 Neil & Lanette Stuckey
- 08/16/75 Donald & Pat Wendte
- 08/16/86 Jeff & Lonni Weis
- 08/17/57 Ray & Sue Habbe
- 08/19/72 Dale & Glenna Schagemann
- 08/19/05 Matt & Stephanie Gordon
- 08/20/16 Haven & Jill Boone
- 08/21/10 Bradley & Tricia Miller

Announcements from Camp CILCA

The Dudes' Target Shooting Retreat is back! It will be held on Sat., Aug. 28 from 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. All men are welcome, & all minors accompanied by an adult are welcome. Bring your own firearm & ammunition for a day of shooting, devotion, & Bible study. A range officer will be on duty to ensure safety. Cost is \$15 per person & lunch is included.

The Camp CILCA Chicken Fry & Auction will be held on Sun., Sept. 5. Lunch will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Cost is \$8 for adults & \$5 for children 4-12. The live auction begins at 1:00 p.m. with a wide variety of items, including gift baskets, weeks of summer camp, a guided youth hunt, & more. Check out all the items at cilca.org/auction-items. If you would like to donate any items to auction, please bring them to Camp CILCA by Friday, Sept. 3, or contact Amy Weseloh at weselohamy@yahoo.com for more details.