

# THE EAGLE

## St. John's Newsletter

### August 22, 2021

From Our Pastor:

Who knew? That was one of my thoughts as I prayed some of the prayers at the back of "Portals of Prayer" this morning. Who knew I – and you – would pray these words with such relevance and gratitude? There are excellent prayers under the headings For Schools, For Teachers, For Students, For the Holy Ministry, At the Time of Death, and more. They touched my heart today because they were written out of Scripture and into our daily lives.

Who knew? Well, the writers had lives just like ours. They knew. Even more, the Triune God knows every one of our trials, needs, and joys. He knows, He hears, and He answers in His time and manner. Therefore, pray!

Pray for your neighbors, including those who are struggling with the heavy burdens of these latter days. Pray for the Christians being persecuted in Afghanistan, the newly married, the moms and dads who are anxious about their children's education, the teachers doing their very best to teach and to navigate the mitigations, and dear sisters and brothers in Christ grieving in the shadow of death.

Pray in thanksgiving for all that God accomplished through Pastor Ted Gall. As we mourn his death, pray for Ruth and Tim, and all their family. Praise the Lord for the resurrection of the dead and the life everlasting! Praise God that He knows...all things. In His Love,

*Pastor Furdick*



### 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!



### Youth Corner

#### Senior Youth

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

#### Cruise Night

Will be held on Saturday, September 11!

#### Golf Outing

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

#### Hayride & Wiener Roast

Save the date for all members. Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>. More information to come.

#### National Youth Gathering 2022

There will be a letter sent to the parents of those youth that expressed interest in going to the NYG in 2022. This letter is a consent form saying your child will be attending this event. If you do not receive this letter and your child is interested, please contact someone on the youth board by Friday Aug. 27<sup>th</sup>.

#### Prayer List

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, Derek & Kori Heuerman, the family of Tony & Deania Trimble, Ruth Gall & family.

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.

#### August Pantry Donation

Manwich Sloppy Joe's & Green Beans

#### Congratulations

Best Wishes to Derek & Kori (Wenthe) Heuerman on their marriage. They were married here Sat. Aug 21 at 1:00 p.m. God's blessings on your new life together, in Christ!

### LCMS Stewardship Thought

Mark 7:11 – “But you say, ‘If a man tells his father or his mother, “Whatever you would have gained from me is Corban” ’ (that is, given to God).” Each one of our vocations, in the home, in the church, and in society have a claim on our resources. The Pharisees thought that they could use the Kingdom of God as an excuse to shirk their duty to their parents. But they were wrong. Of course, doing it the other way around would also be wrong. God has called us to be supportive of our families, our churches, and our communities each in the proper proportion.

#### Church Pictorial

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

#### Jr. Confirmation Classes

**Will begin September 15, 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

#### 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.

#### This Week's Sunday School Lesson

Luke 1:5-25, 57-66

Today, we will study “Silence before a Son.” Doubting the angel's announcement of his coming son, Zechariah finds himself silenced until the boy's birth. Upon writing “His name is John,” Zechariah regains his voice and prophesies concerning his son's work.

**LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life**

“Our youth are a gift of God—our future voice and our For Life voice, now! Take a moment and read Titus 2 and ponder Paul’s teaching in light of Proverbs 1:5: ‘Let the wise hear and increase in learning, and the one who understands obtain guidance.’ Then invite, encourage, and mentor youth in your circle today.” Rev. Jeff Duncan, Mission and Ministry Director of Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

**Card Shower**

Irene Esch will be “95” on August 25<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to send Irene a birthday card, her new address is:

Luther Terrace  
Apt. # 102  
700 West Cumberland Rd  
Altamont, IL 62411

**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.

**Your Response to the Gospel**

**Our Attendance Last Week**

In Person Attendance

Sunday, August 15.....	362
Online Worship Views .....	100
Sunday School Pre-K-HS .....	53
Adult Sunday School Class.....	30

**Our Offerings Last Week**

General Fund, August 15.....	\$6,940.00
Online General Fund .....	\$1,745.00
<b>Total Gen. Fund Offering.....</b>	<b>\$8,685.00</b>
<b>Building Fund.....</b>	<b>\$20.00</b>

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Door Offering**

We will be doing a Door Offering next weekend, August 28/29, for the St. Louis Seminary food bank. Cash may be given. Checks should be made out to St. John’s, and memo Seminary food bank.

**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.

**Coffee Hour Hosts/Hostesses**

The Board of Social Ministry are in need of volunteers. Please sign up on the calendar in the kitchen posted on the side of the refrigerator.

**Deepest Sympathies**

To Tony & Deania Trimble and family at the passing of Tony’s father, Kenneth Trimble. He passed away Sunday, Aug. 15.

**Rejoicing**

The marriage of Caleb Trimble & Annie Rollins Saturday, Aug. 21. Caleb is the son of Tony & Deania Trimble.

**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 practice on Wednesdays, at 5:30 p.m.

- Be with fellow Christians**
- Enrich worship services**
- Let your light shine**
- Learn a new skill**
- Serve our Savior**

Please pray & consider joining the bell choir!!!

**CALENDAR-----Aug 22, 2021 – Aug. 29 2021**

Sunday	22	8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Worship Services w/HC
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School Rally Day
		10:00 a.m.	Worship Service/Mediacom Channel 81
		12:00 p.m.	Church Picnic at Ballard Nature Center
Monday	23	12:00 p.m.	Board of Evangelism
		6:30p.m.	Bd of Early Childhood
Tuesday	24	3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Food Pantry Distribution
Wednesday	25	1:00 p.m.	Office Staff Devotion/Meeting
		6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Shepherding our Strays
Thursday	26	10:00 a.m.	Evergreen Devotions
		10:45 a.m.	Lakeland Devotions
		12:00 p.m.	Golden Eagles
		12:30p.m. – 4:00 p.m..	Stephens Ministry Office Hours
		7:00 p.m.	Adult Catechism
Friday	27		Pastor Sabbath
Saturday	28	8:00 a.m.	Praise Band Practice
		5:30 p.m.	Worship Service w/HC
Sunday	29	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
		6:00 p.m.	Sr. Youth @ Burdicks

**Birthdays This Week**

- 08/22 Jill Baker, Larry Milleville, & Sandra Hanks
- 08/23 Sara Sandifer
- 08/24 Joe Budde, Norma Suckow, & Paul Wendling
- 08/25 Irene Esch, Lesley Miller  
Nolan Dixon & Terry Simmons
- 08/26 Amanda Wernsing, & Kay Klepzig
- 08/27 Cheyanne Pilcher, Jacob Janis,  
Lori Meseke, & Mary Roedl
- 08/28 Abby Marxman, Adam Wendt, & Paul Smith

**Anniversaries This Week**

- 08/22/71 Alan & Connie Phelps
- 08/22/81 Ray & Eileen Hartman
- 08/25/79 David & Joyce Barr
- 08/27/05 Chris & Christina Niebrugge
- 08/28/81 Dale & Donna Walls

**Covid Mitigations**

Our Board of Elders and Pastor Burdick are asking our church family to observe:

Our 5:30pm Service is “Mask Recommended,” in order to provide one of the three Services as one in which you can expect that almost all worshipers will be masked and striving to keep social distance. We ask that those who are not wearing a mask would sit in the Balcony or West Transept. Communion distribution will be by our former process, with plates and masks.

Sunday School classes are with masks optional. We recognize that masks provide some protection for the wearer, and we support parents in making the decisions they believe are best for their children.

These are stressful times, and we ask that every member of St. John’s would live in loving service for their neighbor. Thank you.