

THE EAGLE

St. John's Newsletter

August 29, 2021



We thank God for the life, faith, and witness of Pastor Ted Gall, our pastor from 2002-2019. His funeral was Wednesday, Aug 25, here at St. John's. We pray for Ruth, and their son, Tim (wife, Tara), grieving in Christian hope. As the final hymn of the funeral exclaimed:

**If you are sick, if death is near,
This truth your troubled heart can cheer:
Christ Jesus saves your soul from death;
That is the firmest ground of faith.**

**Glory to God the Father, Son,
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To You, O blessed Trinity,
Be praise now and eternally! (571:5-6)**

Memorials for Pastor Gall

May be made to
St. John's Eagle's Nest Preschool
or Right to Life

Catechism Bible Study

We started last Thursday, but it's not too late...Review the Faith, or study with us to consider joining our congregation. Thursdays at 7:00p.m. 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!



Confirmation Ministry

All 6th, 7th, and 8th Grade Students will be growing in faith and knowledge in Jesus! Wednesday, **September 15th we will hold a meeting in the Sanctuary at 5:00pm, for all students and at least one parent.** Wednesday, September 22 will be our first class period, 5:00-6:00pm.

Acolytes



... bringing in the Light of Christ! Moms and Dads: Our Confirmation Ministry includes service by our 6th-8th Grade students. The new signup sheet for the Fall is posted in the Main Hall. **CHOOSE TWO SERVICES NOW.** After September 5, we will be assigning all 6th-8th grade students their dates, because we need and want you to serve. You'll need to arrange for exchanges of dates with other acolytes if you can't serve on your assigned date. Make your choices this Sunday and next! Thank you. – Pastor B

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. 17th. More information to come.

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, Ruth Gall & family, David Tieffel, and Roberta Jenkins.

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.

September Pantry Donation

Spaghetti Sauce and Pasta Noodles

LCMS Stewardship Thought

Deuteronomy 4:6 – “Keep them and do them, for that will be your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, ‘Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.’ ” There is no wiser, more fulfilling life than a life lived according to the Word of God. We should be encouraged by this when the world tempts us to think that the Word of God is harmful to us. Our Father loves us; so all His Word is meant to bless us. We may have to suffer for upholding the Word of God, as St. John the Baptist did. But the cross the Lord has for us to bear will be far better than any we would create for ourselves.

Church Pictorial

If you haven't signed up yet, limited dates are available. 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. Please do so by **September 4th** to enable Waymos to finalize their schedule. Thank you!

Photos Wanted

If you have any candid shots from the past two years that we might use for the directory please email traveler@effingham.net or bring photo into the office. Thank you.

This Week's Sunday School Lesson

In today's lesson, “The Temple Testimonies,” God fulfills His promise as Jesus is born in Bethlehem. Forty days later, in keeping with the law, the family travels to Jerusalem's temple for Mary's purification and Jesus' presentation. There, they encounter Simeon, a devout Jew whose song of praise lives on in the Church today. Likewise, Anna, the aging prophetess, rejoices at the coming of the Savior.

LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life

“We may be in different roles in a child's life—from parent to teacher to uncle—but we can still help guide and form children's values. If we work with their natural tendencies and individual personalities, we can help them see how and why God values life at all stages. They will then move on into their teen and adult years with that foundation which will help them make decisions and continue to develop their values as they grow and mature.” *Stephenie Hovland, author and teacher – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

5th Sunday Door Offering

We will be doing a Door Offering this 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.

Your Response to the Gospel

Our Attendance Last Week

In Person Attendance

Sunday, August 15.....	348
Online Worship Views	89
Sunday School Pre-K-HS	41
Adult Sunday School Class.....	32

Our Offerings Last Week

General Fund, August 22.....	\$6,106.55
Online General Fund.....	\$2,992.00
Total Gen. Fund Offering.....	\$9,098.55
Building Fund.....	\$95.00

Coffee Hour Hosts/Hostesses

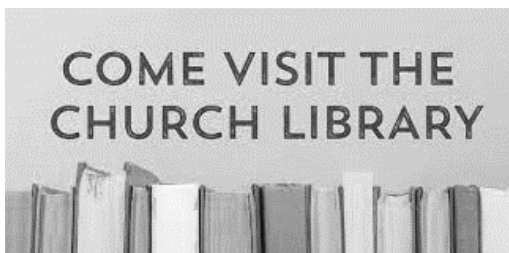
The Board of Social Ministry are in need of volunteers. Please sign up on the calendar in the kitchen posted on the side of the refrigerator.

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!!!



On the 5th Floor!

Covid Mitigations

Pastor Burdick and the Board of Elders are carefully and prayerfully trying to guide our Covid Mitigations as a congregation. Our 5:30pm Service is “Mask Recommended”. 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. We thank you for your patience and cooperation. We also thank you for being prudent, refraining from coming to the church any time you are ill.

Some have asked why we chose the 5:30pm Service to be “Mask Recommended.” 1) we felt that giving people a choice of what sort of environment they needed was best, then 2) we knew that the 5:30pm Saturday Service was the one in which the church building was the “cleanest,” since almost no one had been in the building at that point, and 3) we knew that if we made the 8:00 or 10:30 Service “mask recommended” there would be lots of passing in the hallways with folks who had chosen not to use a mask. No plan is perfect, but we felt that this one was best for now.

Living Together

... as family the way God intended.

Stop by the counter in the Atrium Hallway, across from the bulletin boards, and pick up the free issue of “Lutheran Life.” This free CPH magazine is chock full of articles on family conflict, wellness, training, and finances. The price is right, and it’s worth way more.

Adults!

Come to Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall. Start with the coffee. Stay for the Christian growth! 9:15am Sunday.

The next **“Today’s Light” Review Session** will be from 4:30-5:30PM, Tuesday, September 7th.
Keep reading, keep reviewing!

CALENDAR-----Aug 29, 2021 – September 5 2021

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 @ Burdick's
Monday	30	7:00 p.m.	Eagle's Nest Parent Meeting
Tuesday	31		
Wednesday	1	1:00 p.m.	Office Staff Devotion/Meeting
		5:30 p.m.	Bell Choir
Thursday	2	10:00 a.m.	Evergreen Devotions
		10:45 a.m.	Lakeland Devotions
		12:30p.m. – 4:00 p.m..	Stephens Ministry Office Hours
		7:00 p.m.	Adult Catechism
Friday	3		Pastor Sabbath
Saturday	4	8:00 a.m.	Praise Band Practice
		5:30 p.m.	Worship Service
Sunday	5	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

- 8/29 Amy Fread & Lillian Harstine
 8/30 Annika Koester, Brandon Wallin,
 Camille Zeigler, Danny Klepzig,
 Mark Holland, Norma Miller,
 Rebecca Belcher, & Rick Gregory
 8/31 Greg Brown & Tristan Devall
 9/1 Deb Gregory & Lyle Tolch
 9/2 Atticus Jennings, Brayden Kuhns,
 Nicholas Lechman,
 & Sherrie Stremming
 9/3 Mallory Weber
 9/4 Justin Norris



Anniversaries This Week

- 8/29/09 Douglas & Kristin Jackson
 8/31/85 Mike & Debbie Womack
 9/1/84 John & Perrie Richards
 9/2/01 Justin & Britt Wendling
 9/3/16 Lucas & Melissa Goldstein
 9/4/04 Jonathan & Erica Marxmann

Family Life Center

26th Annual Fundraising Banquet
 6:30pm September 23, 2021
 at Thelma Keller Convention Ctr
 To host a table or attend,
 email development@familylifepcc.org
 or call 217-342-5433.

Life ... It's Worth Fighting For!