

THE EAGLE

St. John's Newsletter

August 8, 2021

All children ought to bring their school backpack to worship next weekend, Aug 14-15.

Adopted at our July Voters Assembly

A Resolution to Investigate our needs, Report, and Possibly Call

Whereas our Church body was established and maintained for the purpose of spreading the Gospel truths according to the confessional writings of the Evangelical Lutheran Church contained in the Book of Concord of the year 1580; More specifically: to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ in Word and Sacrament; to celebrate God's presence among us in corporate worship; and to equip and empower God's people through Word and Sacrament for a life of witness and service to those within and to those outside the fellowship of the communion of saints; and

Whereas our Visitation Pastor will not always be available to help the Church with the same regularity as he has so graciously done for the past 3 years; and

Whereas our adopted Strategic Ministry Plan asks that we develop new ways to strengthen the relationship between St. John's, our members and our community, providing the facilities and resources to involve more people in ministry and outreach; and

Whereas the "Calling Procedures for Called Workers" are outlined in our Constitution and Bylaws in Article VII B. on page 28;

Resolved that St. John's Lutheran Church strive to meet the spiritual needs of the congregation by establishing a Call Committee for the purpose of investigating our staffing needs, reporting to the congregation their recommendations, and potentially moving forward in calling an additional professional worker

Note: The right of actually "Calling" a professional worker shall be vested in the Voters' Assembly of the congregation.

From Our Pastor:



Next Sunday is Rally Day! We begin a new Sunday school year, for children and adults. Our curriculum is titled **Enduring Faith**, and it is both Biblical and relevant! We will bless our Sunday School Teachers, and we'll bless children's Backpacks

(well, actually the children)! We are making one change this year: the adult Bible class will be meeting in the fellowship hall, and the sixth and seventh grade class will be meeting in the Trinity room.

This might seem weird, but Rally Day will have a rather unexpected theme. August 15 happens to be the day to commemorate Mary, mother of our Lord. In a great intersection of timing, the lesson within the Enduring Faith curriculum happens to be on the promise to Mary that she would be the one to give birth to the Savior of the world. So here we are -- in the middle of August -- celebrating Christmas! It will be a fitting way to begin Sunday School for all of us -- being like Mary, pondering in our hearts what God has done (Luke 2). I invite all the men who received the Sunday School t-shirt last year to wear it next week ... and I ask ALL of us to come to Bible Class in the fellowship hall, at the conclusion of "Coffee Time." We'll study the same Lesson as our congregational kids.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor Furdelle". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

LCMS Foundation

TODAY | TOMORROW | FOREVER

What is the biggest need for your family, to be financially secure or to know Jesus? As we consider allocating gifts from our estates to family members for their inheritance, is it possible to be considering eternity instead of just zeros after dollar signs? God has a plan for His gifts for you to discover. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help. Contact Scott A. Radden at (618) 977-4049 or Scott.Radden@lfnd.org.

Prayer List

Rev. Ted Gall, Donna Whetheral, Lynn Winter, Sonia Hyde, the Phelps family, Owen Phelps, Carl Becker, Gloria Fortkamp, Brian Wenhe, Deb Meyers, Doris Hammer, Craig Wolff, Cassie Power, Brett Kull, Rose Boggs, Mike McWhortor, Evelyn Shumaker, Shawn Bourland, the families of Doug Wendte, Janet Brinkopf, & Candy Stuemke.

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.

LCMS Stewardship Thought

Ephesians 4:28 – “Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need.” God gives us honest work to do so that we can be a blessing to others. That’s how so many of God’s blessings go. He gives to us so that we in turn can be a blessing to others. He graciously calls us into the midst of His own work in the world.

Added Picture Dates

Since the first dates for the Pictorial Pictures has been filled, we have opened 2 more dates:

Saturday, October 16

Sunday, October 17

These dates have been added to our webpage, www.stjohnslcms.net. If you have a problem, please contact the church office for assistance.

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.

Stephen Ministry Office Hours

Janet Martins will be having office hours on Thursdays, 12:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Please feel free to stop by to see her. Or, if you wish, you can make an appointment to see her by calling Janet:

Home: 217-868-9576

Cell: 773-463-0617

Deepest Sympathies

Our prayers go out to the family of Doug Wendte, who passed away Sun., Aug. 1. Visitation for Doug will be from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Sunday here at the church. The funeral will be Mon., Aug. 9 at 11:00 a.m., at St. John’s. Burial will be in Arborcrest Memorial Park, Funkhouser.

LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life

“Let us recognize that the patterns of the past point not only to our need for a Savior, but also to the work Christ has accomplished for us. Let us live as For Life people, confident that our future is founded on promises that will be kept. And let us rejoice in the opportunities we have to share the message of LIFE with others!”

Michelle Bauman, Director of Y4Life for Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

Deepest Sympathies

Prayers go out to Bob Brinkopf and his family at the passing of Janet. Memorials may be made to St. John’s Food Pantry.

Your Response to the Gospel

Our Attendance Last Week

In Person Attendance

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| Sunday, August 1 | 339 |
| Online Worship Views | 133 |
| Sunday School Pre-K-HS | 0 |
| Adult Sunday School Class | 30 |

Our Offerings Last Week

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| General Fund, August 1 | \$9,292.99 |
| Online General Fund | \$1,740.00 |
| Total Gen. Fund Offering | \$11,032.99 |
| Building Fund..... | \$345.00 |

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.



August 15, 2021

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.

Deepest Condolences

Please keep Phil Stuemke and his family in your prayers at the passing of his mother, Candy Stuemke.

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.

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.

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!

Installation in Strasburg

Pastor Kene Whybrew will be installed as pastor Of St. Paul's and Grace Lutheran Churches in Strasburg Sunday, August 15! The Installation will take place at Grace at 3:00 p.m. All are welcome. We rejoice with our sisters and brothers in Strasburg.

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.

Next Distribution for the Food Pantry

Tuesday, August 10 from 3 – 4 p.m.

August Pantry Donation

Manwich Sloppy Joe's & Green Beans

CALENDAR-----Aug 8, 2021 – Aug. 15, 2021

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| Sunday | 8 | 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. | Worship Services w/HC |
| | | | No Children's Sunday School |
| | | 9:15 a.m. | There IS Adult Sunday School |
| | | 10:00 a.m. | Worship Service/Mediacom Channel 81 |
| <u>Pastor Burdick is on vacation Monday through Friday</u> | | | |
| Monday | 9 | 5:00 p.m. | Board of Stewardship |
| | | 6:15 p.m. | Board of Christian Education |
| Tuesday | 10 | 1:00 p.m. | Prayer Shawl |
| | | 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. | Food Pantry Distribution |
| | | 5:15 p.m. | Board of Social Ministry |
| Wednesday | 11 | | |
| Thursday | 12 | 12:30 – 4 p.m.. | Stephens Ministry Office Hours |
| | | 6:30 p.m. | Board of Elders |
| Friday | 13 | | |
| Saturday | 14 | 8:00 a.m. | Praise Band Practice |
| | | 5:30 p.m. | Worship Service |
| 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 |

Birthdays This Week

- 08/09 Dawn Koester, Jim Wallin, & Kohen Willenborg
- 08/10 Claire Niemerg, John Jackson, Josie Fritch, Logan Bloemer, & Neil Rohlfing
- 08/11 Brittany Bloemer & Dillon Wallin
- 08/12 Brody Nelson, Courtney Cook, Roger Ohnesorge, & Sue Habbe
- 08/13 Curtis Baginski, Kristin Niemerg, & Phillip Stuemke
- 08/14 Michael Logan & Rhett Bailey

Anniversaries This Week

- 08/09/80 Vincent & Nancy Wendt
- 08/09/08 Matt & Carrie Brown
- 08/10/58 Lloyd & Shirley Wittenberg
- 08/10/13 Chuck & Nancy Lykins
- 08/11/90 Greg & Carolyn Lamb
- 08/12/06 Chad & Kristen Hartman
- 08/14/10 Ryan & Sara Jennings

Rally Day

Don't forget to mark your calendars for our Sunday School Rally Day, which will be held on Sunday, August 15 at 9:15 a.m.



Following the Saturday evening Service this weekend, Carson Reese Frailey will be baptized into Christ. We rejoice in the power of God's

Word, and we pray for his parents, Jenna and Cody. May every Baptism remind each and all of us to live daily in repentance, and to feed the faith God has given with truth and grace every day.

