

THE EAGLE

St. John's Newsletter

September 19, 2021

From our Pastor:

"The Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many." Mark 10:45 That's an upside-down reality, isn't it? The Master serves, the slaves are served. Welcome to the Kingdom of God.

We slaves to sin have been served – and saved – by the Lord Jesus Christ. Forgiven, we now have the free joy of serving. So this Eagle Note is about serving in two realms on October 9...

We have been fortunate to host the E.A.S.T.E.R. Class for many years. Every-other Saturday morning delightful adults who have developmental disabilities come to our fellowship hall for fun, a Bible Lesson, snacks, and crafts. Joan Garbe is leader, assisted by numerous women and men. But it's time for them to pass the baton. We have to add some new, younger volunteers soon, or E.A.S.T.E.R. Class might not be able to continue in 2022. It resumes on October 9. Please consider volunteering! Please. We need youth and young adults. Your volunteerism with them will surely help the students. It also might change your life for the better. Call Joan at 217-254-2261 to learn more.

The men and women of law enforcement are part of God's service to the world. On Saturday October 9 at 10:00am, an event will be held at the Cross at the Crossroads to thank, encourage, and pray for them. The **Faith and Blue Rally** will be at 10:00am at The Cross. Free and open to all, this is the opportunity for all the church members of our community to come and show support for our law enforcement personnel. After a couple of speeches and prayer, there will be an aerial photograph taken of the officers and attendees. Please come rally around them. Thank you!

In Christ,



Congratulations

To Holly and Colby Adams at the birth of their daughter, Carlee Annette Adams. We rejoice, too, with grandparents and great-grand-parents: Mitch & Cinda Hulskotter and Dick & Carol Hulskotter! Carlee was born Thursday, September 16 (just days after Holly was the song leader in our 10:30 Service). Praise the Lord.

Acolyte Training

Immediately following the 10:30 a.m. Service this Sunday, we'll offer training to our new acolytes. Pastor Burdick will explain the usual procedures, and will allow our Jr. High youth to practice. Thanks for serving, kids!

Deepest Sympathy

We grieve the death of Neil Rohlfing with Christ-centered hope, who died at home Thurs. morning, just hours after his wife, Phyllis, returned home from the hospital. Neil & Phyllis have been longtime members of St. John's, & they have all their confidence in Christ. Visitation will be Sun. from 4-7 p.m.; & the funeral will be Mon. at 11:00 a.m. Both will be here at St. John's. Peace be with Phyllis, Jennifer, Janeen, and Ben.

Circuit Youth Event!

Our youth in Grades 8-12 are all invited to a circuit-wide youth rally, Sunday, October 24 at 6:00 p.m. The event will involve youth from congregations of the Shelby-Effingham Circuit. It begins here at St. John's with pizza & a Bible Study at 6:00 p.m., & then we'll go to Pagel's for bowling & fellowship. It's going to be fun! Put it on your calendar.

We Need Your Help

The safety of our preschool children is one of our top priorities as a church family. In order to help us, please allow the staff to admit parents and other visitors into the church building on weekdays. Thank you!

Prayer List

Greg Brown, Stan Bahrns, Kay Klepzig, Phyllis Rohlfing, Neil Haake, Reed Newton, Lynn Winter, Sonia Hyde, Carl Becker, Gloria Fortkamp, Doris Hammer, Cassie Power, Rose Boggs, Mike McWhortor, Evelyn Shumaker, Shawn Bourland, David Tieffel, Roberta Jenkins, and the family of Neil Rohlfing, who passed away Thurs, Sept. 16.

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

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.

LCMS Stewardship Thought

Mark 9:32 – “But they did not understand the saying, and were afraid to ask him.” The disciples really do hold up a mirror to our faces & force us to see ourselves. We are misunderstanding, afraid, confused. But the Word of God is clear if only we will listen with open ears. What was blocking the disciples’ ears? The Gospels tell us time & again. The disciples did not expect a suffering Christ. So, when Jesus spoke of suffering, they plugged their ears & didn’t listen, & they ended up confused & scared. What about us? What’s in the Word of God that we find hard to hear & contrary to our desires & expectations? That might just be exactly what we need to hear!

Deepest Sympathy

We extend our condolences to Janet Koebele and family, following the death of her uncle and aunt, Ronald and Sally Kyle on Wednesday. The peace of Christ, who overcame death, be with you all!

LifeLight Class

Sun., Oct. 3, we will have an orientation for our study on Revelation. We will meet in the Conference Room at 9:15 a.m. Be sure to sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board if you wish to join us.

Youth Corner

Sun., Sept. 26, Sr. High Youth at the Burdicks at 4:00 p.m.

2022 NYG Gathering UPDATE

Registration is underway & we need 4 chaperones (at least one male). Please contact Christina Niebrugge (217-663-0719) if interested. Chaperone expenses are paid.

The dates are July 9th–13th.

We need to know ASAP

Hayride & Wiener Roast

Save the date for all members. Oct. 17th.

More information to come.

This Week’s Sunday School Lesson

John 2:13-22

The account of Jesus clearing the temple serves as today’s lesson, “A Temple Cleansing.” Merchants and money-changers fill the outer courts of the temple in preparation for the Passover. Jesus overturns the tables and drives out the animals in His zeal to restore the temple to its proper PURPOSE. When the Jews question His authority, Jesus tells them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up” (John 2:19). Only after His resurrection do the disciples realize that Jesus was referring to His body as the new temple.

LWML Fall Rally

This year’s Rally will be Wed., Sept. 22nd here at St. John’s. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. with a \$12.00 fee & the Rally will start at 9:00 a.m. Contact Brenda Wendling (217-240-6963) or Shirley Wittenberg (217-347-3428) with questions.

“All Things are Possible with Faith” (Mark 9:23) is our theme. Guest speaker will be Susan Brunkow, LWML National Vice President of Christian Life. We will collect In-Gathering items & rejoice in all that God continues to bless us with.

Family Life Center

26th Annual Fundraising Banquet will be Thurs., Sept. 23, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. at the 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

Stephen Ministry Update

We are very excited about the progress we are making in Stephen Ministry.

Frist, Kris Lipe started his training on 9/13 to be our second Stephen Leader. So, we are moving forward & welcome Kris into our ministry. He will be commissioned as a Stephen Leader sometime the middle of Oct. Second, after 8 years, we are doing a Stephen Ministry Class that will begin Oct. 6 & will meet every Wed. from 1-3 p.m. & run through March 9, 2022. Our future Stephen Ministers are Cindy Esch, Gloria Fortkamp, & Kathy Burdick. There is still room for more to sign up! Please consider & come join the wonderful experience of Christ caring for people through you!

LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life

"God has taken away your sins. He has changed your heart. He gives you the ability to put yourself last so that you can humbly serve others. That's greatness and a great life in God's eyes. That humble serving attitude values and serves every life whether that life is a few cells old or a gene short of worldly greatness."

Rev. Peter Sulzle, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

Golden Eagles

The next Golden Eagle meal will be Thurs, **Sept. 30 at Noon**. Please sign up on the bulletin board if you wish to attend.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

For Lyle & Jane Tolch, as they celebrate 55 years of marriage on Sat., Sept. 18. Congratulations Lyle & Jane!

Your Response to the Gospel

Our Attendance Last Week

In Person Attendance

Sunday, Sept. 12	335
Online Worship Views	84
Sunday School Pre-K-HS	37
Adult Sunday School Class	37

Our Offerings Last Week

General Fund, Sept. 12	\$6,075.05
Online General Fund	\$3,465.00
Total Gen. Fund Offering	\$9,540.05
Building Fund	\$685.00

Directory News

Thank you to all who have already participated in our Directory photography sessions. If you still want to sign up for a session, we still have openings. Please call the church office and they can give you the phone number for you to call.

Everyone who has their picture taken for the Directory will receive a free Directory and an 8"x10" photo, with the option to purchase more.

Faith Lutheran Annual Soup Supper

Faith Lutheran of Shumway is having their annual soup supper on Sunday, Oct. 17 from 4 – 7 p.m.

Menu

Homemade Chicken Noodle Soup & Chili
Hot Dogs

Ham & Cheese Sandwiches

Pies, Cakes, & Drinks

Free Will Offering with all proceeds going to the Lutheran Care Center in Altamont, IL.



The Lutheran Hour Radio Broadcast

Broadcasts can be found on:

- WCRA, 1090 AM Sundays at 9:30 a.m.
- WCRA, 96.3 FM, Sundays at 9:30 a.m.
- WPMB, 104.7 FM Sundays at 12:03 p.m.

CALENDAR-----Sept. 19, 2021 – September 26, 2021

Sunday	19	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
		11:30 a.m.	Acolyte Training
		4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Neil Rohlfing Visitation
		10:00 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Directory Photos
<i>Preschool Monday---- Friday 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.</i>			
Monday	20	11:00 a.m.	Neil Rohlfing Funeral
		Noon	Board of Evangelism
		5:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
Tuesday	21		
Wednesday	22	9:00 a.m.	LWML Zone Fall Rally
		1:00 p.m.	Office Staff Devotion/Meeting
		5:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class
		5:30 p.m.	Bell Choir
Thursday	23	10:00 a.m.	Evergreen Nursing Home Devotions
		10:45 a.m.	Lakeland Nursing Home Devotions
		12:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Stephen's Ministry Office Hours
		7:00 p.m.	Adult Confirmation
Friday	24		Pastor Sabbath
		5:30 p.m.	Lagerhausen/Maxheimer Wedding Rehearsal
Saturday	25	8:00 a.m.	Praise Band Practice
		2:00 p.m.	Lagerhausen/Maxheimer Wedding
		5:30 p.m.	Worship Service w/HC
Sunday	26	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
		4:00 p.m.	Sr. High Youth at Burdicks

Birthdays This Week

9/19 Marcy Jones & Mike Conrad
 9/21 Katie French & Kendall Jackson
 9/23 Abigail Keitel & Maddux Wyckoff
 9/24 Melody Schuette & Vicki Darling
 9/25 Andrew Weber, Angie Sipe, Dick
 Hulskotter, Jeanette Worman,
 Rylee Rothrock, & Tanner Veach

Anniversaries This Week

9/19/20 Tyler & Jennifer Marxman
 9/20/86 Dennis & Nancy Johnson
 9/20/08 Mike & Linda Nolan
 9/23/95 Keith & Alice Knight
 9/23/06 Kyle & Rachael Pennington
 9/24/77 Danny & Karen Stevenson
 9/24/16 Cory & Meghan Wahl
 9/25/09 Samuel & Kylee Hewing
 9/25/10 Jonas & Kara Hoedebecke

September Pantry Donation

Spaghetti Sauce and Pasta Noodles