

THE EAGLE

St. John's Newsletter

September 26, 2021

From our Pastor:

Cool nights and days, yes! Pumpkin spice? Well, I can only tolerate a little of that. Fall is delightful to me. Before I embrace it fully, though, I'd like to reflect on one of the fine summer events our church held. The Church Picnic at Ballard Nature Center was great last month. The pavilion was full, the food was plentiful, and the atmosphere was very encouraging. Youth and adults played yard games, we met snakes and other animals, Holly and Heather performed, and some of our youth stepped up to the mic. Thank you to our Social Board for putting it all together. Special thanks to Todd Martin and Save-A-Lot. They donated the meats, the grill, and the paper goods. See here our esteemed president and chef as he served over the coals:



With the beginning of Fall came the beginning of Confirmation Classes for 6th-8th graders this week. It was great to have full classes and eager learners. Students in my 7th & 8th Grade class are completing at least two Worship Reports each month. The green forms are on the window sill in the Atrium. I told the students that completing a form is not only necessary, it's helpful – when we listen more intently throughout a worship Service, it goes faster and we learn more. Adults: do you want the Service seemingly to go faster & deeper? *You can use the same form!* Put your name on it, turn it in, and help me understand how the Service and Sermon are being received by you! I will appreciate the feedback.

Next Sunday is LWML Sunday, here and in many churches of our Synod. The Lutheran Women's Missionary League empowers the women of the congregation to serve and to witness. The LWML Zone Rally here this past week was a testament to that. Well done, ladies. And, thank you.

Finally, one of our Seminary students we supported last year is now Pastor Michael Stein of St. Paul's Lutheran in Beecher, IL. Last Sunday, his congregation suffered the total loss of their church building by fire. What an earthly tragedy! The Lord Jesus will not waste this opportunity to bless His people. Today we pray for Pastor Stein and his congregation.

Grateful for God's Faithfulness, In Christ,

Youth Cookout

Youth in grades 8-12 will meet at the Burdicks at 4:00 p.m. this Sunday for a cookout.

Volunteers Needed

To serve our neighbors with developmental disabilities. Contact Joan Garbe at 217-254-2261 or 217-739-2269. E.A.S.T.E.R. class resumes on October 9.

"Faith & Blue" Event

Sat, Oct 9 at 10:00am at the Cross at the Crossroads. A couple of local pastors will speak briefly on the blessing of our law enforcement personnel, & prayer will be given. Pastor Burdick will be one of the speakers. This is a good way to encourage & bless some of our community servants. Free & open to all. Please come support our officers, & thank God for ways He provides for our wellbeing.

Call Committee Status Update

Here are the current members of the Call Committee:

Elders--Jeff Weis & Dave Worman

President of the Congregation—Todd Martin

Secretary of the Congregation

Sandy Wieneke

Voting Members--Holly Bray & Ray Hartman

We are waiting for replies from 2 non-Voting members.

Prayer List

Tony Castillo, Evelyn Shepard, Tim Mueller, Greg Brown, 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, the family of Stan Bahrns, and Bob Shepard & family with the passing of his mother Evelyn.

Pastor Stein & St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Beecher, IL

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.

LCMS Stewardship Thought

Mark 9:45 – “And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame than with two feet to be thrown into hell.” So, what is causing us to sin? Lust? Greed? Fear? It's better to cut “it” off! We need the Lord's help to do this, and you are in the right place this Lord's Day to receive that help through Word and Sacrament!

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.

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.

Deepest Sympathy

The Lord called Stan Barhns to Christ's eternal reward on Wed., Sept. 22. We extend our condolences to Alyene, Brent, Blake, Kristen & their extended family. The family Funeral Service will be held Tues., Sept. 28 at 11:00 a.m. at St. John's. Visitation for close family & friends will be at 10:00 a.m. Tues. The family thanks you for understanding that they are keeping arrangements relatively small. Memorials in Stan's memory can be made to St. John's Lutheran Church. Christ is risen. Alleluia.

All Church Weiner Roast & Hayride

Join us October 17 from 4-7 p.m. at Jim & Kathy Schroeder's. Be sure to bring your lawn chairs and sign up on the bulletin board.

Youth Corner

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

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



The Lutheran Hour Radio Broadcast

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.

This Week's Sunday School Lesson

John 3:1-21

Today, we will study "The Born-Again Truth." Nicodemus, a leader of the Jewish Council, comes to see Jesus under cover of darkness. Puzzled by Jesus' instruction that one must be born again to enter the kingdom of God, Nicodemus asks how someone can be physically reborn. Jesus gently instructs Nicodemus as He explains the spiritual rebirth found only in Christ. Christ alone is the light come into the world to save us from the darkness of our sin.

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.

Next Food Distribution

Tues., Sept., 28 from 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

October Pantry Donation

Pancake Mix /Syrup

Concordia Seminary Update

Our Adopt-A-Students this year are:

Mr. Vincent J. Otto

Campus Post Office Box

801 Seminary Pl.

Saint Louis, MO 63105-3196

&

Mr. Jaron P. Melin

Trinity Lutheran Church

109 W. Saint John St.

Girard, KS 66743-1226

Please keep these men and their families in your prayers.

Your Response to the Gospel

Our Attendance Last Week

In Person Attendance

Sunday, Sept. 19325

Online Worship Views78

Sunday School Pre-K-HS43

Adult Sunday School Class27

Our Offerings Last Week

General Fund, Sept. 19\$7,473.11

Online General Fund\$2,576.00

Total Gen. Fund Offering.....\$10,049.11

Building Fund..... \$30.00

Faith Lutheran Annual Soup Supper

Faith Lutheran, Shumway is having their annual soup supper Sun, 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.

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.

LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life

"[L]ife ministry is about walking together, bearing one another's burdens, and celebrating the lives God has given us. Life ministry is assisting the mother who is struggling in the pew with her 'busy' preschooler. Life ministry is encouraging the father whose unbelieving wife just left him. Life ministry is visiting the sick and elderly, preparing meals for the grieving, celebrating with the newlyweds. Christ's Church continues to bring the message of new life into each and every heart. And that is a beautiful thing!"

Deaconess Rachel Geraci, Former Mission and Ministry Director for Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

LYF Card Sales

Sixth, seventh, & eighth graders are again selling greeting cards to earn money for LYF activities. Costs are less than last year.

Those that have catalogs are:

Leo Wyckoff

Alex Gordon

Emmerson Hansen

Hank Sipe

Lilli Wernsing

Cailin Ohnesorge

Evan Lotz

Avery Bohnhoff

Eva Wendling.

Catalogs are available in the cabinet in the hallway with cards that you can purchase. Please return ASAP.

CALENDAR-----September 26, 2021 – October 3, 2021

Sunday	26	8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Worship Services w/HC
		8:00 a.m.	Hank Rieman Baptism
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
		10:00 a.m.	Worship Service/Mediacom Channel 81
		4:00 p.m.	Sr. High Youth at Burdicks
<i>Preschool Monday---- Friday 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.</i>			
Monday	27	5:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
		7:00 p.m.	Lutheran Care Board of Directors
Tuesday	28	3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Food Pantry Distribution
Wednesday	29	1:00 p.m.	Office Staff Devotion/Meeting
		5:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class
		5:30 p.m.	Bell Choir
Thursday	30	Noon	Golden Eagles
		12:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Stephen's Ministry Office Hours
		7:00 p.m.	Adult Confirmation
Friday	1		Pastor Sabbath
Saturday	2	8:00 a.m.	Praise Band Practice
		5:30 p.m.	Worship Service/Bells will be playing
			Jaxson Pilcher Baptism after Service
Sunday	3	8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Worship Services/Bells will be playing
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
		10:00 a.m.	Worship Service/Mediacom Channel 81

Birthdays This Week

- 9/26 Allie Wendling, Eric Budde & Jason Smith
 9/27 Erica Davis & Rachel Ault
 9/28 Ashley Jansen & Sylvie Bohnhoff
 9/29 Aurora March, Linda Cushman, Linda Marxmann, & Linda Nolan
 9/30 Everly Jeffries
 10/1 Avery Miller, Lance Dixon, Madilyn Garrison, Rosemary Seggelke
 10/2 Mary Ann Hoeffliger

Anniversaries This Week

- 9/27/75 Jeff & Kathy Stremming
 9/29/90 Jim & Kathy Schroeder
 9/29/00 Sam & Ann Wagner
 9/29/07 Jason & Andrea Wendling

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!

Time & Talent Survey

The Board of Stewardship would like all of our confirmed members to complete the survey. While you are waiting to have your pictures taken, we encourage you to please take one of these surveys for each confirmed member of your family. Please fill them out & return them to the completed basket. Or, take them home & return them in the next few weeks. We will also have surveys available at the welcome desk.