

THE EAGLE

St. John's Newsletter

September 5, 2021


A Prayer For Labor Day

Almighty God, You have given us this good land as our heritage. Grant that we remember Your generosity and constantly do Your will. Bless our land with honest industry, truthful education, and an honorable way of life. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion, from pride and arrogance, and from every evil course of action. Grant that we, who came from many nations with many different languages, may become a united people. Support us in defending our liberties, and give those to whom we have entrusted the authority of government the spirit of wisdom, that there may be justice and peace in our land. When times are prosperous, may our hearts be thankful, and in troubled times do not let our trust in You fail; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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 - 6:00 p.m.

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

A Covid Update

What shall we do about masks? There is an even more important question than that! What shall we do about love for God? We will fear, love, and trust in Him above all things. That's the meaning of the First Commandment, and it means that gathering to receive God's Word and Sacrament will be our chief aim.

When we gather here at St. John's, what shall we do about masks? We will request and recommend that you wear them at all worship Services and indoor activities. We stop short of requiring them for two reasons: a) love is a better motivation than law in this case, and b) enforcing a mandate within the church is problematic. We feel it is prudent to request and recommend that you wear a mask.

In our 5:30 p.m. Service we will continue to use the very careful Communion distribution process of plates on the communion rail.

In all of our Services we'll reserve the front pews on the lectern side for greater distance between worshipers, by spacing people in every other pew. Any worshipers who desire an area with greater distance are recommended to sit there.

Our custodian has used the electrostatic sanitizer in the whole church every week since the pandemic began, and will continue to do so.

Our chief aim is to walk together in love for God. We believe this policy serves all the members of our church family in the best possible way. We know it will not hit all of the points that all of us want. We believe it's a prudent plan, and we thank you for working within it – aiming at faithfulness to the God who has redeemed and sanctified us to be His own.

Pastor Burdick, Elders: Jeff Weis, Howard Janis, Jeff Stremming, Jim Schroeder, Keith Knight, Todd Zeigler, Dave Worman
September 1, 2021

Note: Our Board of Christian Education has adopted the same policy of recommending and requesting masks during Sunday School.

Youth Corner

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

Ron Bietz, Lynn Winter, Sonia Hyde, Carl Becker, Gloria Fortkamp, Brian Wenthe, Doris Hammer, Cassie Power, Rose Boggs, Mike McWhortor, Evelyn Shumaker, Shawn Bourland, David Tieffel, Roberta Jenkins, the family of Brett Kull, and the family of Craig Wolff.

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.

Our Next Food Distribution

Will be Tues., Sept. 14 from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

September Pantry Donation

Spaghetti Sauce and Pasta Noodles

LCMS Stewardship Thought

James 2:2 – “For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in ...” God shows no partiality. Rich & poor alike are called into the Kingdom. And both rich & poor alike have something to contribute to the Kingdom in accordance with the callings God has given them in their lives. This is why both the Old & New Testaments talk about proportional giving – that is giving a proportion of our income to the Lord’s work. This makes it possible for rich & poor alike to have the honor of supporting God’s work.

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.

Adults!

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

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.

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, “His Father’s House,” Jesus’ parents travel to Jerusalem as they do each year for the Passover. Returning home, Mary and Joseph notice Jesus’ absence, yet they assume He is among the others in their traveling group. When He doesn’t appear, they return to Jerusalem, searching desperately for three days. They finally find Jesus in the temple, talking with the teachers, who are amazed at His understanding. Despite being in His “Father’s house” (Luke 2:49), Jesus honors His earthly parents and returns to Nazareth with them.

LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life

“The people you tell today are the ones who get to tell the next group of people yet to be born. Someday our children will be telling their children about their Savior, knowing God’s Word and His story of grace, because you model it and share it every day. Because you put your trust in God.”

Linda Buxa, Time of Grace – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

Prayer Shawl

Our next meeting will be
Tues, Sept. 14 at 1:00 p.m.

Your Response to the Gospel

Our Attendance Last Week

In Person Attendance

Sunday, August 29	338
Online Worship Views	79
Sunday School Pre-K-HS	42
Adult Sunday School Class	36

Our Offerings Last Week

General Fund, August 22	\$5,859.70
Online General Fund	\$2,190.00
Total Gen. Fund Offering	\$8,049.70
Building Fund.....	\$90.00
Concordia Seminary Food Pantry	\$588.00

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.

Please pray & consider joining the bell choir!!!

Time & Talent

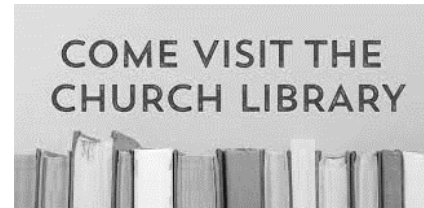
The Board of Stewardship has compiled a time & talent survey that we would like all of our members to complete. We will have a table set up in the directory picture area, so while you are waiting to have your pictures taken, we encourage you to please take one of these surveys for each confirmed member 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.

For those who are new to St. John's or those who just want a little more info., we have also compiled a list of organizations and activities available to our members. This list also includes meeting times & contact information.

Thanks.

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.



On the 5th Floor!

Living Together

... as family the way God intended.

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

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!



Anniversaries This Week

9/05/81	Curt & Lori Meseke
9/05/92	Joe & Carol Budde
9/05/92	Brian & Jill Haake
9/05/09	Tony & Larissa Jones
9/06/75	David & Debby Storm
9/06/80	Dennis & Lana Rubin
9/06/81	Randy & Cindy Esch
9/06/03	Ryan & Sarah Wyckoff
9/07/63	Leroy & Carolyn Campton
9/07/91	David & Kathy Wall
9/09/53	Billy & Florence Genaust
9/09/11	Troy & Ammon Probst
9/10/11	Bradley & Laura Jeffries
9/11/10	Craig & Ashley Bailey

CALENDAR-----Sept. 5, 2021 – September 12 2021

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
Preschool Wed., Thurs., & Friday 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.			
Monday	6		Labor Day—Office will be closed
Tuesday	7	9:00 a.m.	Pastor Conference at Trinity in Casey, IL
		4:00 p.m.	Board of Trustees
		4:30 p.m.	Today's Light Review Class
		7:00 p.m.	Lydia Guild
Wednesday	8	8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Frist Day of Preschool
		1:00 p.m.	Office Staff Devotion/Meeting
		5:30 p.m.	Bell Choir
Thursday	9	12:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Stephen's Ministry Office Hours
		5:30 p.m.	Board of Elders
		7:00 p.m.	Adult Catechism
Friday	10		Pastor Sabbath
		5:00 p.m.	Tolch/Pal's Rehearsal
Saturday	11	8:00 a.m.	Praise Band Practice
		Noon – 7:30 p.m.	Directory Photos
		12:30 p.m.	Kirby Tolch & Nicole Pals Wedding
		5:30 p.m.	Worship Service w/HC
			Cruise Night
Sunday	12	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
		10:00 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Directory Photos

Birthdays This Week

- 9/05 Alan Phelps, Jayla Stuckey, Tim Casteel, Gale Budde, Joe Gibbons & Kirby Tolch
- 9/06 Beulah Ziegler, Jon Perry, & Sarah Woelfer
- 9/07 Brian Koester, Haley Ebbert, & Hank Sipe
- 9/08 Sarah Riordan
- 9/09 Mike Pilcher
- 9/10 Alyene Bahns, John Wieder & Jon Wilhelms
- 9/11 Allen Tomkins, Eric Bernhard, Sean Junge, & Joyce Wenthe

