

# THE EAGLE

## St. John's Newsletter

### October 10, 2021

#### From our Pastor:

"Invalid." If you're using your debit card, that means you've used the wrong code. You can't get it.

Today in adult Bible class in the gym, we'll study John 5:1-17, where a man is called "invalid." Or rather, *an invalid* (notice that we pronounce it a bit differently when it refers to a disabled person), a person who can't get in under their own power. It's a fitting story.

Today I appeal to all of you adults who are reading this: come to the Sunday Bible class! Come listen, grow, and connect. We need you, and you need this. It makes the whole church stronger when more people are gathered together for Bible Study. You won't have to read aloud or answer, unless you want to. Sit back and receive.

Come learn how *we're all invalids*. And Jesus is the way in. For all. Welcome to Bethesda, the healing place.



Colleen Leppin died in Christ on Saturday, September 25. Her burial in St. John's Cemetery was Thursday, September 30. We extend our condolences to Paul and all his family, thankful for the resurrection of the dead in Christ.

#### Call Committee Status Update

Here are the current members of the Call Committee:

Elders - Jeff Weis & Dave Worman  
President of the Congregation - Todd Martin  
Sec. of the Congregation - Sandy Wieneke  
Voting Members - Holly Bray & Ray Hartman

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

In July we heard from Scott Radden and Pastor Olander concerning "Lifetime Plan for Giving," free consultations for our members as we decide how to pass along financial blessings. We're happy to report that a number of our households have been meeting with Mr. Radden and Pastor Olander, and it's not too late for you to ask for their assistance. See the Blue Folder of information on the main hallway shelf! You can also contact Scott at (618) 977-4049 or [Scott.Radden@fnd.org](mailto:Scott.Radden@fnd.org)

#### Nominating Committee

We were unable to have a Nomination Committee meeting on Tuesday, October 5, because of a lack of attendance. We will reschedule this important meeting for **October 12, at 7 pm**. Please attend or send a representative from your board. I currently have only two boards that have nominees for their boards for next year. If your board can not find a replacement for your outgoing position (I am aware of the Elders and Trustees current lack of nominees) please let the office or Jerry Lindsey know of your situation so that we can present a slate of nominees and officers at the Church Council meeting on October 19.

#### 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.

**October Pantry Donation**  
Pancake Mix /Syrup

### Photo Deadline

The deadline for submitting photos to be included in the new directory will be Friday, October 15.

### Prayer List

Tim Mueller, Greg Brown, 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 Colleen Leppin. 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

*Ephesians 4:24 – “Put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.”* The battle between the old self in Adam and the new self in Christ is fought in the heart and mind of every Christian. Paul encourages us to put on the new man, which is created in the image of God. Our sanctification – our growth in godliness – is a growth into God’s image. We do this by keeping our eyes on Christ and imitating Him in everything with love, kindness, and self-giving generosity.

### 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.

### Faith Lutheran Annual Soup Supper

This event has been **CANCELLED**

### Circuit Forum

The Shelby-Effingham Circuit will meet briefly next Sunday, Oct 17 at 3:00pm at Faith Lutheran in Shumway. The pastor and a lay delegate from each congregation is to attend. We need to nominate and elect our Circuit Visitor for the coming triennium.

### Children’s Christmas Program

This year’s children’s program will be Sun., December 19<sup>th</sup>, at the 10:30 a.m. service. There will be a practice the afternoon of December 12. If your child is signed up for Sunday School and will not be able to attend, please let Ammon Probst, Sarah Wyckoff, or Kiley Bohnhoff know by **October 17<sup>th</sup>**. They will be working on assigning speaking parts after that date! Thank you!

### All Church Weiner Roast & Hayride

Sunday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m. at the home of Jim and Kathy Schroeder, 8607 E 1250<sup>th</sup> Ave. Everyone is invited. There will activities & games planned. Food will be provided. Sign up for the event on the bulletin board at the church. Please come and join us at this great event.

### Upcoming Meetings

#### **Council Meeting**

Tues, Oct. 19 at 7:00 pm - Trinity Rooms.

#### **Voter’s Meeting**

Tues. Oct. 26 at 7:00 p.m. Please plan to attend and help make decisions that keep our focus upon faithful witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The 2022 Budget for the Lord’s Work will be adopted. The proposed budget will be available on the Welcome Center desk by Sunday, October 24.

### LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life

“We ask for the ability to welcome and love and embrace and care for all children—our own included. We open our arms to the orphans, whether they are frozen embryos, babies with mental or physical challenges, or those placed for adoption by a young mother. We trust that the life God gives, in whatever stage and condition, is a blessing from Him.”

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

### Welcome

In our Saturday evening Service this weekend we are glad to welcome Bryan and Lisa Wilson to St. John’s through the Rite of Confirmation. They participated in our Adult Catechism Bible Study with others, including their good friends, Todd and Sonja Martin. Welcome!

## This Week's Sunday School Lesson

John 5:1-17

As we gather today, we will study "The Poolside Sign." For thirty-eight years, a paralyzed man has lain by the pool of Bethesda, hoping to enter it and receive healing. Jesus asks if he desires healing and then tells the man to take up his bed and walk. When the Jews see the man carrying his bed on the Sabbath, they question him about who told him to do this, but the man doesn't know who Jesus is. After encountering Jesus at the temple, the man reports back to the Jewish leaders, who persecute Jesus.

### 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Card Shower

There will be a card shower for Jerry Lankford in celebration of his "90<sup>th</sup>" birthday, which is Monday, Oct. 11. Cards may be sent to:

Jerry Lankford  
11411 N 1000<sup>th</sup> Rd  
Effingham, IL 62401

**MEN'S**  
BIBLE STUDY

**Men!** Join us for a monthly breakfast and Bible Study at Niemerg's Restaurant

Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at 8:00am. The first month's topic will be the parable of the Good Samaritan. Call, text, or email Gayland Bourland to save your seat! 217-343-4366 or [gaylandbourland@yahoo.com](mailto:gaylandbourland@yahoo.com)



As our Stewardship Board is announcing in Services this weekend, we have spots available in our **Ramsey+** suite of online tools for our church family. This is a fantastic resource, free to our church because of a generous grant from Church Extension Fund of the CID. Access is free for you until July 2022. Scan the QR code and it will take you the signup page. Create your free account, and you'll be able to use lots of financial resources that will help you manage the gift of God's money. Our church office will also send an email with the link and instructions this week. Many in our church have already started – you can, too.

## Your Response to the Gospel

### Our Attendance Last Week

In Person Attendance

Sunday, October 3 .....	338
Online Worship Views .....	96
Sunday School Pre-K-HS .....	32
Adult Sunday School Class .....	26

### Our Offerings Last Week

General Fund, Oct. 3 .....	\$9,500
Online General Fund .....	\$3,590
<b>Total Gen. Fund Offering .....</b>	<b>\$13,090</b>
<b>Building Fund .....</b>	<b>\$150</b>

## Youth Corner

### 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.

### Effingham Halloween Parade

Please sign up on the bulletin board if you are wanting to walk in the Halloween parade and represent St. John's Lutheran Church. We are wanting to get matching shirts for those involved. Also, if anyone would want to donate money or has a Thrivent Action Team card, we are looking for funds to buy candy for the youth to distribute at the parade. Please contact Carolyn 217-821-6541.

### Birthdays This Week

- 10-10 Alex Baughman, Joanna Davies, Meredith Richards, & Michael Kennedy
- 10-11 Evan Smith, Jerry Lankford, Kayla Darling, Sandra Mietzner, & Sheryl Radloff
- 10-12 Linda Wells
- 10-13 Darren Tabbert, Mark Giesler, & Timothy Bailey
- 10-14 Donna Wetherell & Lucas Fread
- 10-15 Grant Goldstein & Jim Bailey
- 10-16 Stanley Moeller

**CALENDAR-----October 10, 2021 – October 17, 2021**

Sunday	10	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
<i>Preschool Tuesday---- Friday 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.</i>			
Monday	11		No Preschool
		5:00 p.m.	Board of Stewardship
		5:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
		6:15 p.m.	Board of Christian Education
Tuesday	12	9:15 am	Preschool Field Trip
		1:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl
		3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Food Pantry Distribution
		5:00 p.m.	Bd of Social Ministry
		7:00 p.m.	Nominating Committee
Wednesday	13	9:15 am	Preschool Field Trip
		12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Office Staff Devotion/Meeting/Lunch
		1:00 p.m.	Stephen Ministry Class
		5:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class
		5:30 p.m.	Bell Choir
Thursday	14	12:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Stephen's Ministry Office Hours
		7:00 p.m.	Adult Confirmation
Friday	15		Pastor Sabbath
Saturday	16	8:00 a.m.	Praise Band Practice
		12:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Directory Photos
		5:30 p.m.	Worship Service
Sunday	17	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
		10:00 a.m. 7:30 p.m.	Directory Photos
		3:00 p.m.	Circuit Meeting at Shumway
		4:30 p.m.	Hayride & Wiener Roast at Schroeder's

**Anniversaries This Week**

10-05-19 Jake & Carrie Janis

10-10-81 Jerry & Cathy Bloemer

10-10-81 Kal & Renee Keitel

10-10-92 Kevin & Becky Wenthe

10-10-08 Ben & Stephanie Sams

10-10-15 Jacob & Breannah Westjohn

10-11-97 Timothy & Tabitha Bailey

10-11-08 Brent & Jessica Budde

10-12-13 Jordan & Arielle Grupe

10-15-83 Mike & Joanne Schlechte