

THE EAGLE

St. John's Newsletter

October 17, 2021

From our Pastor:

Outside Wrigley Field I saw a t-shirt being sold that had a picture of Jesus and the words "Q: What did Jesus say to the Cubs?" A: Don't do anything until I get back." Yes, outside Wrigley, not Busch. We know that shirt could be sold at any park when any team is going through a slump. It's a great joke.

The Lord Jesus didn't come back in 2016, and we're still confidently waiting for Him. He will return. Your Today's Light readings this week in First Thessalonians had a lot to say about that. So did our 7th and 8th Grade Confirmation class this week as we studied the Third Commandment. We discussed Hebrews 10:25 (it's this week's memory verse):

"Do not neglect to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encourage one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near." (Heb 10:25)

Two things: Lackluster worship attendance must have been a problem nearly 2000 years ago. It's getting worse overall, but it doesn't have to get worse in your life and household. If you're not here in church every weekend – except when you're sick – you can change that. But why would you? Why would you help someone else change that?

That's the other point. You come to worship because you're encouraged by sisters and brothers in Christ, **in light of the return of Jesus.** Jesus is coming again. That's good. Sinners like you are ready for that Day (note the capital, it's going to be the best of days), on account of His first coming. You're ready. You're yearning. And that's why you come to the Lord's House every Saturday or Sunday.

I have no doubt that you love someone who is not in the Lord's House every weekend.

They need it. And they need you. Like the kids' memory verse says, they need you to encourage them. Please. Do it. Give them multiple encouraging messages. It's the most loving thing you can do for them. Love them. Even if they follow the Cubs.



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@lfnd.org

Time & Talent Survey Deadline

The Board of Stewardship would like all confirmed members to return their survey by Sunday, October 31.

Photo Deadline

The deadline for submitting photos to be included in the new directory will be Monday, October 25.

2019 Spaghetti Supper is Finally Happening

Mark your calendars for Sun., Nov. 7. Serving begins at 5 pm with auction running from 6:00 p.m.- 7:30 p.m. Can't remember if you bought a ticket? There is a list of people who bought tickets for this event on the bulletin board at church. If you can't come, please contact Carolyn Wendte at 217-821-6541? Didn't buy a ticket but now would like to come? We will be selling tickets (\$8 adult & \$4 for kids 4 to 12 yrs.) on Oct. 23-24 & Oct. 30-31. Come and join us. Let's start having socials again!



Prayer List

David Winter, Tim Mueller, Lynn Winter, Sonia Hyde, Carl Becker, Gloria Fortkamp, Cassie Power, Rose Boggs, Mike McWhortor, Evelyn Shumaker, Shawn Bourland, David Tieffel, Roberta Jenkins.

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

Isaiah 55:2 – “Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy?” What Isaiah says here is reminiscent of what Jesus says about putting our earthly wealth in places where “moth and rust destroy.” Where we put the money God has given us to manage says a lot about the way in which we actually view life. What do your spending priorities say about what you think is truly important in life?



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.

Children's Christmas Program

This year's children's program will be Sun., December 19th, 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 17th. They will be working on assigning speaking parts after that date! Thank you!

Pecan Time

Lydia Guild will be selling pecans again this year. The deadline to order is Nov. 8. Halves will be \$11 & Med. & Small will be \$10.25 There will be a sign up sheet on the bulletin board. Questions, contact Marilyn Schafer

All Church Weiner Roast & Hayride

Sunday, October 17th at 4:30 p.m. at the home of Jim and Kathy Schroeder, 8607 E 1250th 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

“The things that have come to pass in Jesus come from His self-giving. He becomes a fetus in Mary's womb; He becomes a crying infant, cold and hungry; He becomes a desert wanderer, starving and tormented by demons; He becomes the subject of slander and spitting; He is whipped and pierced; He is laid in the tomb. Having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end. That's where life is found: in the crucified Jesus.”

Rev. Christopher Esget, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Alexandria, Virginia – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

This Week's Sunday School Lesson

Matthew 9:9-13

“The Matthew Matter” is the title of today's lesson. Jesus encounters Matthew sitting at his tax booth. He tells Matthew to follow Him, and Matthew responds immediately, inviting Jesus to his home. There, Jesus and His disciples dine with other tax collectors and sinners despite the criticism of the Pharisees. When Jesus hears their comments, He reminds them that only those who recognize the sickness of their sin rejoice in the healing He alone can provide.



Men! Join us for a monthly breakfast & Bible Study at Niemerg's Restaurant Sat, Nov 6th at 8 a.m. 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



As our Stewardship Board announced in Services last 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 sign-up 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 10	338
Sunday School Pre-K-HS	24
Adult Sunday School Class	18

Our Offerings Last Week

General Fund, Oct. 10	\$7,164.25
Online General Fund	\$3,590.75
Total Gen. Fund Offering	\$10,755.00
Building Fund	\$75.00

Call Committee Status Update

Here are the 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
 Non-Voting Members
 Dan Jansen & Sandy Bernhardt

Faith Lutheran Annual Soup Supper
 This event has been **CANCELLED**

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.

5th Sunday Offering October 30/31

The weekend of Oct. 30/31 will be St. John's Braille Center Sunday! Lutheran Braille Center International will provide an insert in our worship folder explaining the work of Large Print Centers around the country & their impact on the blind & visually impaired. You will learn how many Bibles & devotions that our own Large Print Center produces & ships globally! The 5th Sunday door offering will stay with our Center to help with the purchase of paper & cover stock, spirals for the books & Bibles, lease on the printers & supplies! The workroom will be open after all services that weekend, so you can see how the production works! You may also be moved to join the team!

Attention Voting Members

Here is a message from the Trustees. The woman that owns the blue house west of St. John's parking lot, has contacted us to see if the church would be interested in buying her house. Discussion about the house and property will be presented at the Oct. 26 Voter's Meeting.

CALENDAR-----October 17, 2021 – October 24, 2021

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
<i>Preschool Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.</i>			
Monday	18	Noon	Board of Evangelism
		5:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
Tuesday	19	7:00 p.m.	Council Meeting
Wednesday	20	8:50 a.m.	Preschool Chapel
		1:00 p.m. - 2:00 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	21	8:50 a.m.	Preschool Chapel
		12:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Stephen's Ministry Office Hours
		7:00 p.m.	Adult Confirmation
Friday	22		Pastor Sabbath
Saturday	23	8:00 a.m.	Praise Band Practice
		9:30 a.m.	E.A.S.T.E.R.
		5:30 p.m.	Worship Service w/HC
Sunday	24	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
		6:00 p.m.	Circuit Youth Rally at St. John's Effingham

Birthdays This Week

10/17 Erica Palmer, Kami Bahrns, Katy Higgs,
Laura Janis, Lonni Weis
10/18 Brenda Osborne, David Althoff, &
Evan Pryor
10/19 Blair Smith, Craig Bailey, &
Renee Keitel
10/20 Chuck Mayberry, Eric Schoonover,
Gloria Fortkamp, & Mike Field
10/21 John Parker & Ryan Sandifer
10/22 Dorothy Belcher, Jessica Johnson,
Kaden Junge, & Waneta March
10/23 Alan Bahrns & Wesley Osborn

Anniversaries This Week

10/17/70 David & Carol Althoff
10/17/15 Ryan & Amanda Rieman
10/19/69 Don & Patsy Latch
10/19/13 Jason & Megan Smith
10/19/14 Kris & Molly Lipe
10/19/19 Kyle & Bailey Willenborg
10/20/63 Dwight & Kay Klepzig
10/21/19 Tony & Karine Castillo
10/22/05 Larry & Dawn Quicksall
10/23/76 Lee & Karen Hartman

October Pantry Donation

Pancake Mix /Syrup