

THE EAGLE

St. John's Newsletter

October 24, 2021

From our Pastor:

"We walk by faith, not by sight." (2 Cor. 5:7) That truth will appear on the bulletin insert you will see next Sunday as we mark "Lutheran Braille Workers Sunday." An offering will be received to support our Braille (and Large Print) Ministry. You'll also be able to go downstairs and SEE the room where publication of large print Scriptures and Devotions is done by volunteers. We do these things to support those who don't see well, or at all, so that they "see" Jesus in His Word, and walk by faith with us.



"We walk by faith, not by sight." This is also a metaphor, a way of thinking about our life as Christians together as the Church. We don't know what tomorrow,

or next year, holds. We know God does. We know He's faithful. We seek to do what He wants. We walk by faith. Not just faith in faith, but faith in Him.

This Tuesday we'll have our quarterly Voters Meeting, which will include adoption of a budget for the Lord's work locally and through our mission offerings. The proposed budget is available for you in the Atrium, along with the meeting agenda and reports. It's an ambitious budget, including a 25% increase over this year in order to have an additional called worker join our ministry – if it is the Lord's

will. We don't have faith in ourselves. We walk by faith in the Triune God, and we walk together in cooperation with other members of the Body. Thus, I urge you to pray as you come together for this meeting. Pray that our faith be laser-focused upon God, that we be faithful to Him, and that we be bold in our love for one another and our neighbors.

We walk by faith, not by sight. It is good to be walking together with you! In Christ,

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!

Please make your checks out to Braille!

Special Voters Meeting

President Todd Martin is calling this special meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 2, at 7:00 p.m. to decide on the possible purchase of additional property.

A quorum is necessary!

Operation Christmas Child

Shoebox gifts for Operation Christmas Child will be accepted in the Atrium Oct 30-Nov 21. Shoeboxes are in the Atrium.

Time & Talent Survey Deadline

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

LCMS Stewardship Thought

Genesis 1:1 – “In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.” Many studies report that atheism is on the rise in our culture. The appeal of atheism is in the denial of a Creator. If the world just happens to exist – and if we are just accidents that arose out of a long process of random, directionless evolution – then we get to make our own rules, and nobody has any right to tell us otherwise. Since there is indeed a Creator, though, then obviously He knows best, and we try our best to follow His commands. Christians know this Creator very well, and we have seen not only His power and commands but also His grace and mercy in His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

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.



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/gaylandbourland@yahoo.com

Greeting Cards

Orders from the greeting card catalog will be accepted until Oct. 31. Take a catalog & see the new lower prices.

Pecan Time

Lydia Guild will be selling pecans again this year. Nov. 8th is the deadline. 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

Your Response to the Gospel

Our Attendance Last Week

In Person Attendance

Sunday, October 17	395
Sunday School Pre-K-HS	39
Adult Sunday School Class	23
LifeLight Class	16

Our Offerings Last Week

General Fund, Oct. 17	\$9,001.52
Online General Fund	\$2,608.38
Total Gen. Fund Offering	\$11,609.90
Building Fund	\$25.00

September General Fund Summary

Deposits	\$48,699.54
Expenditures	\$54,796.20
Closing Balance	\$127,784.55

Chili Supper

St. John’s Ladies Aid of Louisville will be having their annual Chili Supper & Bake Sale on Sunday, Nov. 7 from 4-7 p.m.

Chili, Vegetable Soup, Sandwiches, Desserts, & Drink

(Take out will be available)

Free will offering will go for supporting the Ladies Aid & Hayden Renser’s mission in the Czech Republic.

Next Food Distribution

Tues., Oct. 26 from 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

October Pantry Donation

Pancake Mix /Syrup

Quarterly Voter's Meeting

Tues. Oct. 26 at 7:00 p.m. Please plan to attend & 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 is available on the Welcome Center.

Also, the Trustees have an item they will be presenting for discussion at the Voter's Meeting. The woman who owns the blue house west of our parking lot, has contacted us to see if the church would be interested in buying her house.

LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life

"Society should address every act of injustice and partiality based on ethnicity, and not allow politicians to use envy or 'race' for election ploys. 'Wisdom from above' is needed, says James, lest there be 'wars among you.' Resist the calls to revolution and repair to the One who is able to bring all men together, at the Cross."

James M. Kushiner, The Fellowship of St. James – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

This Week's Sunday School Lesson

Matthew 14:22-33

"A Water Wonder" is the title of this week's lesson. Jesus sends His disciples before Him in the boat while He goes to pray. Late in the night, Jesus appears to them, walking on the water. Thinking they see a ghost, the disciples first react in fear until Jesus identifies Himself to them. Peter, seeking further proof, asks to come to Jesus on the water. Despite initial success, Peter allows fear to enter his heart and begins sinking. Peter cries out for rescue, and Jesus takes him by the hand, stills the storm, and brings him safely into the boat.

Photo Deadline

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

Youth Corner

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.

Finally Happening 2019 Spaghetti Supper

Mark your calendars for Sun, Nov. 7. Serving begins at 5 p.m. 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 & join us. Let's start having socials again!

Birthdays This Week

- 10/24 Arabella Flach, Bob Brinkopf, Collin Hecht, Lois Schlechte, Reagan Keck, & Rosie Gibbons
- 10/25 Becky Bailey & Erica Marxmann
- 10/26 Derek Sanders, Kohen Baker, & Pat Wendte
- 10/27 Carolyn Campton, Kathy Geisler, & Lois Budde
- 10/28 Brooke Haller, Margie Sidwell, & Nathan Bahrns
- 10/29 Carol Althoff, Lucas Keitel, & Zac Bloemer

Anniversaries This Week

- 10/29/16 Brennan & Darcie Buening
- 10/30/10 James & Rebecca Belcher

CALENDAR-----October 24, 2021 – October 31, 2021

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
<i>Preschool Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.</i>			
Monday	25	5:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
		6:30 p.m.	Board of Early Childhood
		7:00 p.m.	Lutheran Care Board Meeting
Tuesday	26	3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Food Pantry Distribution
		5:00 p.m.	Altar Guild
		7:00 p.m.	Voters Meeting
Wednesday	27		Preschool Fall Pumpkin Party
		1:00 p.m.	Office Staff Devotion/Meeting
		1:00 p.m.	Stephen Ministry Class
		5:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class
		5:30 p.m.	Bell Choir
Thursday	28		Preschool Fall Pumpkin Party
		10:00 a.m.	Evergreen Nursing Home Devotions
		10:45 a.m.	Lakeland Nursing Home Devotions
		Noon	Golden Eagles
		12:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Stephen's Ministry Office Hours
		7:00 p.m.	Adult Confirmation
Friday	29		Pastor Sabbath
Saturday	30		Operation Christmas Child Collection Begins
		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	31		5 th Sunday Offering for the Braille Center
		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
		2:00 p.m.	Halloween Parade (Youth)