

THE EAGLE

St. John's Newsletter

October 31, 2021

From our Pastor:

Luther wrote his hymn, "A Mighty Fortress," in German. One of the translations of verse two puts it this way:

*Did we in our own strength confide,
our striving would be losing,
were not the right Man on our side,
the Man of God's own choosing.
You ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus, it is He...*



"The right man." We use that phrase when we're searching for a good plumber, teacher, or leader, for example. We search for the right woman, too. "The right man" has the skills and knowledge sufficient for our need. What Luther was expressing in his hymn was that – when it comes to our salvation – The Right Man hasn't been found ... He found us.

Luther was the right man for his day, but he couldn't be a Savior. When we celebrate Reformation Day, or are seeking to be faithful to our Lutheran heritage, it's all about Jesus. He's the right Man!

Halloween Parade

Those walking in the parade this Sunday, please meet at Schumacher Orthodontics no later than 1:45 p.m. We are entry #5. If you have a Thrivent shirt, please wear it. Also, if you have a container or bag to carry candy in, please bring it.

Special Voters Meeting

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

A quorum is necessary!

5th Sunday Offering October 30/31

This weekend 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!

Deepest Sympathy

Our prayers go to the family of Earl Mueller, who passed away Monday, Oct. 25. Services were held at St. John's Saturday. Memorials may be made to Worship Anew, St. John's Braille Center, or the donor's choice. Please keep Doris & the family in your prayers.

Braille Testimony

"I am a 100 yr. old ex-WWII army nurse living in Manassas, VA. We are an independent facility but by God's grace we have church services & Bible studies. My Pastor, R. Adams, brought me a complete set of Bible (in Large Print) so now I can participate with pastor by reading God's Word. I have had eye problems for the past 2-3 yrs. I have the Bible on tape but nothing like holding God's Word in my own hands. Pastor Adams says he does not know how he is connected to you, but God has the perfect plan. Again, I am so grateful you have given a new way for me to read again. Because He Lives," Elizabeth L.

LCMS Stewardship Thought

Romans 3:20 – "For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin." The Law of God is good – it's just that we sinners cannot save ourselves by the Law. Salvation is a free gift of God because that is the only way we could ever be saved. The Law shows us God's holiness and thus our own sin. And now in Christ we can look at the Law and see it in a new light – as a guide for how to live a godly life in thanksgiving to God for His gracious forgiveness in Christ.

Prayer List

Doris Hammer, 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, and the family of Earl Mueller, who passed away Mon., Oct. 25.

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.

Your Response to the Gospel

Our Attendance Last Week

In Person Attendance

Sunday, October 24	335
Sunday School Pre-K-HS.....	39
Adult Sunday School Class	28
LifeLight Class	17

Our Offerings Last Week

General Fund, Oct. 24.....	\$7,498.61
Online General Fund.....	\$2,395.00
Total Gen. Fund Offering	\$9,893.61
Building Fund.....	\$115.00

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.

LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life

"So follow Daniel ... Martin Luther ... the believers of ages past who have stood firm on Scripture alone, by faith alone, and by God's grace alone no matter what the cost. Spread the Word. Preach the truth. Defend your faith. Pass it on to your children. God will bless you and keep you firm in the one true faith. With that comfort you can proclaim, 'Here I stand. I cannot do otherwise. God help me. Amen!'"

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

Pecan Time

Lydia Guild will be selling pecans again this year. Nov. 8th is the deadline. Halves will be \$11 & Med. & Small will be \$10.50. There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Questions, contact Marilyn Schafer.

This Week's Sunday School Lesson

Matthew 16:13-23

"A Confident Confession" is the title of today's lesson. Jesus asks His disciples two very direct questions: "Who do people say I am?" and "Who do you say I am?" (Matthew 16:13, 15). Peter's bold confession, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God" (v. 16), prompts Jesus to commend his words and proclaim this truth as the rock upon which the Church will be built. When Jesus foretells His death and resurrection, Peter objects and becomes a hindrance to Jesus' mission. Jesus rebukes Peter and keeps His focus on the cross.

Youth Corner

Important Dates

Parade/Float-Oct. 31 @ 2:00 p.m.
Live Nativity Scene-Dec. 11, 6-8p.m.

Cookie Drop Off

Dec. 18, 9:00-10:00 a.m.

Cookie Walk

Dec. 18, 4:30 p.m.

Dec. 19, 7:00 a.m.

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!

November Pantry Donation

Small Size Laundry Detergent/
Paper Towels, Kleenex, Toilet Paper



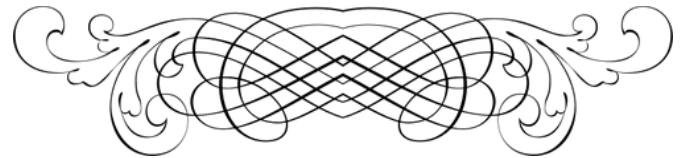
Men! Join us **this Saturday, Nov. 6**, at 8 a.m. for a monthly breakfast & Bible Study at Niemerg's Restaurant. The first month's topic will be the parable of the Good Samaritan. Call, text, Gayland Bourland to save your seat! 217-343-4366 or email him at: gaylandbourland@yahoo.com.

Operation Christmas Child

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

Greeting Cards

Sunday, October 31 is the last day greeting card orders will be accepted.

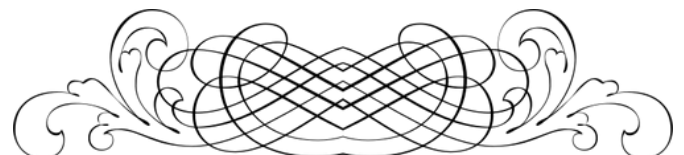


Birthdays This Week

- 10/31 Brian Marxman, Melissa Goldstein, Ruth Holland, & Sam Wagner
- 11/01 Anna Rieman, Danielle Espina, Greg Keitel, & Jackson Fritch
- 11/02 Brendan Keller, Kyle Pennington, & Tate Bloemer
- 11/03 Donna Walls & Linda Luckett
- 11/04 Dan Jansen, Kiley Bohnhoff, Lloyd Wittenberg, Randall Steben, & Roberta Jenkins
- 11/05 Christina Kinkelaar, Mike Cushman, Jessica Quicksall, & Nolan Bohnhoff
- 11/06 Brian Milleville, Jason Niebrugge, & Kim Rogers

Anniversaries This Week

- 11/02/01 Jeff & Kristen Pryor



CALENDAR-----October 31, 2021 – November 7, 2021

Sunday	31		5 th Sunday Offering for the Braille Center
			Reformation Sunday
		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)
<i>Preschool Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.</i>			
Monday	1	4:30 p.m.	Today's Light Review
		6:30 p.m.	Board of Early Childhood (by phone)
Tuesday	2	4:00 p.m.	Board of Trustees
		5:15 p.m.	Board of Social Ministry
		7:00 p.m.	Special Voters Meeting
Wednesday	3	10:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Stephen Ministry Office Hours
		1:00 p.m.	Office Staff Devotion/Meeting
		1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Stephen Ministry Class
		5:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class
		5:30 p.m.	Bell Choir
Thursday	4	5:30 p.m.	Board of Elders
		7:00 p.m.	Adult Confirmation
Friday	5		Pastor Sabbath
Saturday	6		All Saints Observance
		8:00 a.m.	Praise Band Practice
		8:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study at Niemerg's
		9:30 a.m.	E.A.S.T.E.R.
		5:30 p.m.	Worship Service
Sunday	7		All Saints Sunday
		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
		5:00 – 7:30 p.m.	LYF Spaghetti Supper

Remember to "Fall Back" next Sunday!

