

# THE EAGLE

## St. John's Newsletter

### November 14, 2021

#### From our Pastor:

It's been great to have a few more people joining our Sunday morning Bible class in the fellowship hall. It's my hope that someday we'll have 100 people pausing for a cup of coffee and a goodie between Services, then also staying to listen in as we study the Bible. It's good to study a text together, growing in knowledge and faith. It's also good to get to know someone else at church a bit better through that gathering. If you haven't recently sat in with us, give it a try this Sunday at 9:15am. Today: "Jesus Sends The 72" (Luke 10).

# Selfie

Speaking of studying together, the pastors of the Altamont-Shelby-Effingham Circuits held a meeting last Tuesday at Blue Point that was really excellent. Pastor Schurb lead us in an overview of a book by Carl Trueman titled The Rise and Triumph of the Modern Self.

It opened my eyes wider to how disordered our culture's view of personhood and "happiness" is (and why). For a three-page introduction to the theme of the book, you can pick up the article "10 Things You Should Know About The Sexual Revolution" that I've placed on the wooden stand in the Atrium.

At that same pastoral study, Pastor Mohr shared information about a daytrip by bus for the *March For Life* in Chicago. For \$20 we can depart from St. John's, Mattoon, participate in the March, & be back in Mattoon around 9:30 p.m. It all takes place Saturday, January 8, 2022. It's a wonderful, positive, pro-life event. Deadline is Dec. 18.

What's the common theme of the preceding paragraphs? That God's Word teaches how precious people are! From womb to tomb,

people are valuable to God. Those who are disordered in their thinking about self were worth the price of God's own blood. Including you and me.



P.S. It was great to restart the Men's Bible Study last Saturday! Thanks to the brothers for the fellowship and the truth!

#### Haiti Hunger Fight 2021

Will be held at St. John's on Sun, Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> at 12 Noon. Grilled meats with traditional BBQ will be served for a freewill offering. We will also have Haiti Art items. So please plan now to join us for this fundraising event to help feed our children at Chatelain & Le Lutheriene de Baja, the schools we sponsor in Haiti.



### TRINITY HOPE

HAITIAN FEEDING PROGRAM

**Pray for Trinity Hope  
and the people of Haiti!**



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### Hayden Rensner Update

St John's Congregation, Hello! I pray that this note finds you all healthy and well! I thought I would send a quick check-in note to all of you. I am eagerly awaiting the arrival of my visa. Prayerfully, I will be in the Czech Republic by the end of the year. When I was last with you all, it was the middle of summer and now the Advent season is almost here. Time passes so quickly, yet God is faithful through it all.

I love bearing witness to your congregational events and efforts through social media. Praise be to God for the work that He is doing through you, His people. Thanks be to God also for your partnership in sharing the Gospel with His children in Effingham, Haiti, the Czech Republic, and beyond.

Your congregation and ministry efforts throughout Effingham are in my prayers. I am very thankful for your continued prayers and partnership. I am eager to stay in continued communication with all of you and share my stories and experiences once I arrive in the Czech Republic.

May God continue to bless you and keep you in His care - Hayden Rensner

### Operation Christmas Child

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

### Error in November Calendar

There is **NOT** a Voters Meeting on  
Tues., Nov 23.

### LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life

"God says you are vital. You are crucial. His Body is incomplete without you. He says that to each of us, and I believe God wants us to see and say that about each other—despite our perceptions of one another."

*Mona Fuerstenau – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life •  
lutheransforlife.org*

### Prayer List

Alex Wall, Dick Dammerman, Chad Nelson, 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

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

Sunday, November 7 .....371  
Sunday School Pre-K-HS ..... 47  
Adult Sunday School Class ..... 35  
LifeLight Class ..... 11

### Our Offerings Last Week

General Fund, Nov. 7 .....\$10,524.98  
Online General Fund .....\$3,870.53  
**Total Gen. Fund Offering .....\$14,395.51**  
**Building Fund ..... \$290.00**

### October General Fund Summary

Deposits.....\$51,032.28  
Expenditures .....\$51,005.76  
Closing Balance ..... \$127,811.07

### Youth Meeting at the Burdicks'

8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade youth are meeting at the Burdicks' house on Sunday, November 21, at 4:00 p.m. for supper, Bible Study, and fellowship.

### Angel Tree

New, unwrapped toys for the FISH Christmas Store will be accepted in the Atrium beginning Nov.13 - Dec 5<sup>th</sup>.

### Thanksgiving Services

6:30 p.m. Wednesday, November 24  
&  
9:00 a.m. Thursday, November 25.  
**"Now Thank We All Our God!"**

## **This Week's Sunday School Lesson**

Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

In today's lesson, "Mission Wonders," Jesus gathers seventy-two followers and sends them out to the surrounding towns and villages. Taking nothing with them, these disciples depend on the willing welcome of local residents. There they remain, healing and spreading God's Word. Returning from their mission, the seventy-two rejoice in the many miracles they witnessed. Jesus reminds them to rejoice in their salvation.



"Are you submitting a photo of me?"

### **Help us during the Advent Season**

Our Advent theme is: Child of Promise. We would like to display a childhood picture of any member who would provide one of themselves or a family member (birth to 3 years old).

\*Please don't give an original that you want back.

\*Write your name on the back.

\*Put them in the envelope on the bulletin board outside the church office.

We will display them in the Fellowship Hall.  
Come. See. Enjoy.

### **Youth Corner**

#### **Important Dates**

Advent Soup Lunch & Dinner Dec. 1  
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.

LCMSFoundation  
TODAY | TOMORROW | FOREVER

In a complex world, each of us need trusty advisers to lead us to proper decisions and actions. Considering tax consequences of gifting decisions from your estate can save tens of thousands of dollars that can augment gifts to family or ministry. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help make sure that you are asking your tax planner all the questions you need to ask. Contact Scott Radden, Gift Planning Counselor at (618) 977-4049 or [Scott.Radden@lfn.org](mailto:Scott.Radden@lfn.org) for more information.

### **Greeting Cards Update**

Lots of greeting cards have been added to the Card Cabinet—Christmas, sympathy, get well, thinking of you, and birthday.

Check out the price—less than \$5 a box. Students receive a small profit to use for LYF activities.

There is a box of Thanksgiving, Service appreciation, & wedding for you to buy single cards, which are only 50 cents each.

### **LCMS Stewardship Thought**

Hebrews 10:14 – "For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified." Our Lord Jesus has provided the one offering for sin. What we offer to the Lord is not a sacrifice for sin; we cannot buy our way into heaven with our money, works, or effort. Rather, what we give to the Lord's work in the Church is a thank offering, a sign of our dependency on God and all He has given us.

### **Golden Eagles**

Will be meeting Thursday, November 18 at noon. Turkey & dressing will be served.

### **A Big Thank You**

To everyone who supported the Youth Spaghetti Supper last Sunday night! We appreciate everyone who came and all who participated in the Silent Auction!

**CALENDAR-----November 14, 2021 – November 21 2021**

Sunday	14	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
		12 Noon	Hunger Fight for Haiti
<i>Preschool Monday– Friday 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.</i>			
Monday	15	12 Noon	Board of Evangelism
		5:00 p.m.	Board of Stewardship
		5:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
Tuesday	16		
Wednesday	17	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 Practice
		6:00 p.m.	Board of Youth
Thursday	18	12 Noon	Golden Eagles
Friday	19		Pastor Sabbath
Saturday	20	8:00 a.m.	Praise Band Practice
		9:30 a.m.	E.A.S.T.E.R.
		5:30 p.m.	Worship Service
Sunday	21	8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Worship Services/Choir will be singing
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
		10:00 a.m.	Worship Service/Mediacom Channel 81
		4:00 p.m.	Youth at Burdicks'
			Operation Christmas Child Ends

**Birthdays This Week**

- 11/14 Craig Logan, Doug Stuckemeyer,  
John Bejma, Lindsay VanBlaricum, &  
Logan Weis
- 11/15 Betty Carter, Paisley Bloemer,  
Treva Brandt, & Rae Ann Wagner
- 11/16 Abel Wilson, Anthony Lechman,  
Cloie Bailey, & Kenneth Longwell
- 11/17 Troy VanBlaricum
- 11/18 Corey March, Lilli Wernsing,  
Mattie Niccum, & Ron Lading
- 11/19 Ivy Utz, Katie Hinton, Kris Lipe, &  
Sandra Weber
- 11/20 Donna Budde & Matt Wohltman

**Anniversaries This Week**

- 11/14/64 Mike & Linda Cushman
- 11/16/73 Jim & Carol Klein
- 11/16/02 Christopher & Heather St. John
- 11/19/83 Rick & Deb Gregory

**November Pantry Donation**

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