

The Eagle Newsletter
Weekly Newsletter of St. John's
January 16, 2022

From our Pastor:



This is Yong Sun. While he was a student at WIU a friend brought him to church, and the Lord brought him to faith in Jesus. One of the resources we used during his preparation for baptism and confirmation in 2015 was Luther's Small

Catechism in Yong Sun's Korean heart language. It was a gift from Lutheran Heritage Foundation, about which we're learning this weekend through our guest preacher. LHF is doing important work, and I'm very glad that our Sunday School has adopted a project to support children in Ghana with LHF materials!

Yong Sun has returned to Korea, and I have lost contact with him. God hasn't!

When a child comes into the Church through Baptism and when an adult comes in through confirmation, we rejoice that we are one family in Christ. That's worth celebrating, so next Sunday we will hold a new member welcome. In the morning Services we'll simply have our newest members stand and be recognized. During the 9:00 a.m. Coffee Hour we'll personally get to know them a bit better, I hope. Reach out and rejoice! We are one in Christ.

On a related note, I found the current issue of The Lutheran Witness to be excellent and challenging. I commend it to your reading. It lays out the oneness of marriage and the blessing of patriarchy in Biblical and loving ways. The Church is one in Christ, and He

is the only perfect man and Bridegroom. He reached out, and we rejoice.

God bless you, Church!

Weddings!

Congratulations to Howard and Marlene Haake, who were married here at St. John's yesterday, January 15. And may the Lord bless and guide Hali Schlecte and Devin Frailey, who will be married here next Saturday. We celebrate with you all the goodness of marriage. Congratulations!

Sr. Youth

Will meet at the Burdicks' on Sunday, January 30 at 4:00 p.m.

Sanctity of Life Sunday: January 23

At our January 25 Voters Assembly

We will elect a lay delegate (and an alternate) to represent us at the Central Illinois District Convention July 17-19. Prayerfully consider serving, please.

Important Meetings

Council Meeting

Tues., Jan. 18th at 7:00 p.m.

Voter's Meeting

Tues., Jan., 25th at 7:00 p.m

Your Response to the Gospel
Our Attendance Last Week

Sunday, January 9239
Sunday School.....44
Adult Sunday School.....43

Our Offerings Last Week

General Fund, Jan.9\$9,102.50
Online General Fund Jan. 9\$3,891.55
Total Gen. Fund Offering\$12,994.15
Total Building Fund Jan. 9..... \$130.00

Prayer List

Irene Esch, Geraldine Grieves, Earlene Jutkins, John Holland, Ruth Holland, Katie Buzek, Linda Nolan, Beverly Koester, Zach Fritcher, Kay Woodland, Chad Nelson, Doris Hammer, and David Tieffel.

Members of the Armed Forces, including Ryan Budde, Nathan Vail, Gabriel Walker, Bryce Ikemire, and all first responders of our community and nation.

New Life Light Study

We will be having an orientation on our new study of Genesis Part 1 on Jan 23 at 9:15 a.m.
Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board

Church Directory Update

Board and committee pictures were arranged, candid shots and events were collected, and family photos have been taken and delivered. We received a digital copy to proof. Now, the printer is making a draft copy of our directory for a final look.

Thank you for your patience. It should only be a little while longer.

Directory Committee

Altar Guild

Will meet on Tues., Jan, 25th at 5:00 p.m.

6th-12th Graders Save The Date

Jan 23rd you will be able to earn funds for your account by serving & bringing a dessert. More info. to come next week in a text

Sunday School Building Work Day

Kiley Bohnhoff & Kathy Burdick will be having a work day in the Sunday School building on Monday, Jan. 31st, starting at 8:30 a.m. until _____. We will be painting

Stewardship Thought

John 2:3 – “When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, ‘They have no wine.’ ” Behold the faith of Mary. She sees a problem and simply lays it before her Son and Lord, saying, “They have no wine.” She does not offer a proposed solution, and she does not demand. She simply states her need and waits for the Lord’s response. She trusts that the Lord is a giver, and she knows that He always provides. May such a faith be ours!

Puzzle Night/Mexican Dinner

Jan 23rd

Puzzle contest starts at 2:30 p.m. Get a team of 4. Can’t build a team, let us know & we will help.
Mexican meal to follow at 5:30 p.m.

Tickets are

Adults \$8 & Children (4-12 yrs.) \$4

Menu

Taco bar & trimmings,
Chicken Quesadillas,
Chips & Salsa, Dessert & Drink
You can come just for the meal, but we **really** would like puzzle contestants, too!

Tickets are available in the church office or at any church service.

Questions, contact

Carolyn Wendte (217-821-6541) or
Domer Ohnesorge (217-821-3300)

Food Pantry Donations for January

Kleenex, paper towels, small liquid laundry soap, and wet wipes.



Ramsey Plus

Scan this QR and you can take advantage of our congregation's membership in "Ramsey Plus." It can bless your household tremendously.

LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life

"You are not and never have been simply a number, a blob of tissue, or an invisible nobody. Rather, you are now and always have been God's handcrafted gift to the world."

Michelle Bauman, director of Y4Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

"Do You Know These Children?"

The answers are posted. Stop in the Fellowship Hall to see who we are. Oh yeah, we are all Children of God! Praise God for that.

This Week's Sunday School Lesson

Luke 17:11-19

This week, we study "The Thankful One." Encountering ten lepers on His way to Jerusalem, Jesus has mercy on them and sends them to show themselves to the priests. As they go, the lepers are healed; but only one, a Samaritan, returns to thank Jesus.

Door Offering for LHF

Today we welcome Rev. Tim Schnare, a representative of the Lutheran Heritage Foundation, as our guest preacher. Join us during Bible class, when he will talk about LHF's mission work around the globe, & how God calls people to faith through the Lutheran literature available in their own languages. To support this important mission, you may use the special offering envelope attached in the enclosed LHF brochure insert, or you may participate in the door offering. If you are writing a check, **please** make your checks payable to LHF.

Welcome New Members

Since April 2021

Baptized:

Carlee Adams, Jensen Brach,
Carson Frailey, Alayna Goldstein,
Jaxson Pilcher, Hank Rieman,
Decker Snow, Isla Veach,
Emery Wendling, Kolton Westjohn,
Grayson Whitaker, & Blakelee Willenborg

Transferred In:

Robert & Anita Backhus
Steve Backhus
Kristin & Amelia Hippchen
Dutch & Emily Klitzing
David, Andrew, & Kaylynn Moeller
Eric Whitaker
Robert & Pamela Williams
Fred & Ruth Bray

Adult Confirmation

Andrew Snow
Bryan Wilson
Lisa Wilson

Profession of Faith:

Topper & Sarah Woelfer
New Member Welcome Reception Jan. 23

St. Paul (Blue Point) Lutheran Church

Men's Club

Will be having their Annual Pancake & Sausage Supper, drive-thru style, Sun., Jan., 30th from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. See the poster on the bulletin board for more info.

Birthday's This Week

01/16 Dennis Wendling & Kylee Hewing
01/17 Dale Schagemann, Devin Frailey,
& Todd Zeigler
01/18 Alec Longwell, Hudson Wilson, &
Lindsey Stewart
01/19 Keith Knight
01/20 Emery Wendling & Vicky Keith
01/21 Nancy Moeller & Rachel Miller

Anniversary's This Week

01/17/10 John & Cathy Mellendorf
01/22/77 Steven & Nancy Moeller

CALENDAR-----January 16, 2022 – January 23, 2022

Sunday	16	8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Worship Service Rev. Tim Schnare from Lutheran Heritage Foundation will be preaching. Door Offering
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
		9:15 a.m.	Financial Peace University Class
		10:00 a.m.	Worship Service/Mediacom Channel 81
<i>Preschool Tuesday – Friday 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.</i>			
Monday	17		No Preschool
		12:00 Noon	Board of Evangelism
		5:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
Tuesday	18	5:15 p.m.	Board of Social Ministry
		7:00 p.m.	Adult Catechism
		7:00 p.m.	Council Meeting
Wednesday	19	11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. 12:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Stephen Ministry Office Hours Stephen Class Stephen Ministry Office Hours
		1:00 p.m.	Office Staff Devotions & Meeting
		5:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class
		5:30 p.m.	Bell Choir
		6:00 p.m.	Board of Youth
Thursday	20		
Friday	21		Pastor's Sabbath
			Wedding Rehearsal for Frailey/Schlechte
Saturday	22	8:00 a.m.	Praise Band
		1:30 p.m.	Frailey/Schlechte Wedding
		5:30 p.m.	Worship Service w/HC The choir will sing
Sunday	23		Life Sunday
		8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Worship Service w/HC The choir will sing at the 8:00 a.m. Service
		9:00 a.m.	New Member Welcome
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
		9:15 a.m.	Financial Peace University Class
		10:00 a.m.	Worship Service/Mediacom Channel 81
		2:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m.	Team Puzzle Race Meal