

# THE EAGLE

St. John's Weekly Newsletter May 15, 2022

From our Pastor:

Vacation Bible School is about one month away. The "Monumental" theme is about more than great monuments of God's creation in the Southwest – it's really all about God's MONUMENTAL ("great in importance, extent, or size") grace. How will we see and learn of His grace at VBS? By studying the true story of Joseph, the son of Jacob. Ultimately, we'll see God's grace in Jesus, the world's Redeemer.



I'm glad to serve as one of the teachers for VBS. Will you serve, too? We need adults and youth who will help guide kids in word and action. Background checks are conducted on all adult volunteers, and we need time to complete them, so volunteer by May 22, please! Volunteer forms are on the Welcome Center and also on the bulletin board, or you can speak with Carolyn Wendte or other members of our Youth Board.

The need for grace is huge, of course, in this fallen world. We only know that if we listen to the Law of God. That's why we teach and preach both Law and Gospel here at St. John's. The Law shows us all that God demands of us. The Gospel? It shows us that God gives us the righteousness He demands. What a wonderful Father He is!

One last thing: THANKS to all of our musicians! The organists and band members, the bell and voice choirs. You all are a blessing. Thank you for your loving service to the Body of Christ!



(Carrie Collier & Sandy Esker)

Eagle's Nest Preschool concluded classes this week. We praise God for Sandy Esker and her long tenure as our Director and Teacher. On Sunday, June 5, in the 10:30am Service we'll recognize and celebrate Sandy's work, and then hold a retirement reception at 11:30am in the fellowship hall.

Our Board of Early Childhood Ministry is pleased to announce that the new Director/Teacher of Eagle's Nest Preschool is Mrs. Carrie Collier! Carrie is excited to serve in this new way, and we're glad that her experience as a teacher with us and her creative, faithful ideas for continued growth will bless families and children. Eagle's Nest exits to share Christ, support parents, and prepare children for kindergarten. God bless this new chapter in our ministry!



Wednesday, May 18, at 7:00pm, Pastor Burdick will lead a brief Baccalaureate Service at Effingham High in the Cafeteria/Auditorium. All Effingham High School Grads and their families and friends are welcome. The Fellowship of Christian Athletes chapter will provide refreshments afterward. Pray for these graduates to be rooted in God's Word as they step forward into new adventures. Congratulations: Tori Budde, Gwen Mihlbachler, Coralin Ohnesorge, Jon Perry, and Eden Wendling!



### **Baby Bottle Project**

We are once again participating in the



Family Life Pregnancy Center Baby Bottle Project. Be sure to pick up your Baby Bottles at each entrance to the church today, and return them on Father's Day, Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup>.

### **V.B.S.**

Decorating Meeting

Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

*"By God's Monumental Grace"*

June 13-16 from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

### **Prayer List**

Shawn Bourland, Marsha Ziegler, Jolene Davis, JoAnne Dittis, Mary Wolfmeyer, Shirley Cheadle, Doris Hammer, Marcella Wolf, John Romero, Owen Phelps, Dan Chambers, Susie Austin, Chad Nelson, Geraldine Grieves,

Members of the Armed Forces, including Ryan Budde, 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, May 8 .....	438
Sunday School .....	46
Adult Sunday School .....	27
LifeLight .....	10

#### **Our Offerings May 8, 2022**

General Fund .....	\$6,264.00
Online General Fund .....	\$3,702.31
<b>Total Gen. Fund Offering .....</b>	<b>\$9,966.31</b>
<b>Building Fund .....</b>	<b>\$80</b>

### **Volunteers Needed!!**

The Board of Trustees is looking for volunteers to help with vacuuming the church once a week. If you can help, please call Al Siebert (217-821-1968) or Lyle Tolch (217-343-7299).

### **Thank You!**

Thank you, Pastor Burdick, for the prayers and visits and to all who sent cards and offers to help me at the time of Tim's death.

God Bless you all, Doris Mueller.

### **Stewardship Thought**

Revelation 21:1 – "Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more." The things of this world are passing away. We are waiting for a new heaven and a new earth, which have been promised to us in Christ. This knowledge is foundational for our stewardship of what God has put into our hands. What is truly important? What is worthy of our support? How has God called us to use "unrighteous mammon" for the good of our neighbor and His kingdom?

### **Sunday School Teacher Needed**

We need volunteers for this summer's Sunday School Program. If you are willing to help on one of the following days, please contact Kiley Bohnhoff (217-343-3530) or by email: kbohnhoff@hotmail.com.

June 5  
 June 12  
 June 19  
 July 10  
 July 17  
 July 24

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

Acts 16:11-15

"The Unique Greek" is the title of this week's lesson. Paul and Silas journey to Philippi. On the Sabbath Day, they meet a businesswoman named Lydia and others gathered at the riverside for prayer. After hearing Paul's teaching, Lydia and her household are baptized. Lydia invites Paul and the others to stay at her home.

### **VBS Needs Your Help**

We DO NOT need any more boxes! Thank you so much to all who donated them.

### **VBS Wish List**

1" or 2" foam boards, brown paper sacks, any shape or size of green pool noodles, big chunks of Styrofoam, stuffed animals, such as coyotes, lizards, rabbits. If you donate these, please put your name on it.

### **Thrivent Cards & VBS**

If anyone would be interested in using your Thrivent cards for VBS this year, please contact: Carolyn (217-821-6541) or Domer (217-821-3300)

### **Volunteers**

We need volunteers to help in all areas of VBS this year. This year's program is "By God's Monumental Grace", and will be held June 13-16 from 6-8 p.m.

### **Retirement Reception**

We will be having a retirement reception to honor and thank Sandy Esker on Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup> after the 10:30 a.m. service! It will be a simple occasion with light refreshments. We want to especially encourage any of Sandy's previous Eagle's Nest students/families to come and celebrate this wonderful lady. She will be missed by so many!

### **Special Voter's Meeting**

We will be having a special voter's meeting on Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the appraisal we have received on the white house at 105 S. Oak Street, with the possibility of buying the house.

### **LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life**

"Christians are called to proclaim the truth, and that truth is clear: All life is valuable. Each member of the human race is vital. All lives are indispensable because of Christ."

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

### **Story Time**

Mark your calendars!!

Story time will be held for children under 6 on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. on:

June 29

July 6

July 13

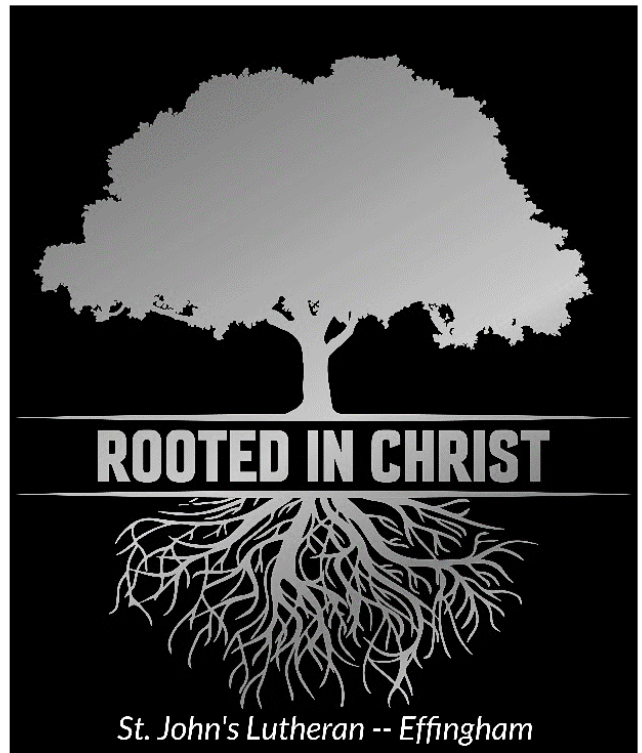
July 27

More information to come.

### **150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of**

### **St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Wheeler**

There will be 2 weekends of celebration. The first celebration will be June 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> will be Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>. Guest speakers will be Rev. Gary Fortkamp (June 5<sup>th</sup>), Rev Martin Kaufmann (10 a.m.) and DCE Tim Kaufmann (2 p.m.) both on Oct. 30<sup>th</sup>. Check the flyer on the bulletin board.



**CALENDAR-----May 15, 2022 – May 22, 2022**

Sunday	15	8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Worship Service Graduation Service at the 10:30 Service
		9:00 a.m.	Church Tours
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
		10:00 a.m.	Worship Service/Mediacom Channel 81
		11:30 a.m.	Farewell Dinner for Seniors
Monday	16	Noon	Board of Evangelism
		5:30 p.m.	Choir (final practice)
Tuesday	17	1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	VBS Decorating Meeting
Wednesday	18	12:30 p.m.	Quilt Tying
		1:00 p.m.	Office Staff Devotions/Meeting
		6:00 p.m.	Board of Youth
Thursday	19		
Friday	20		Pastor's Sabbath
		1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	VBS Decorating Meeting
Saturday	21	8:00 a.m.	Praise Band Practice
		5:30 p.m.	Worship w/HC Choir will be singing
Sunday	22	8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Worship Service w/HC The Choir will be singing at the 8:00 a.m. Service
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School kids & teachers will be placing flags at the Arborcrest Memorial Park
		9:15 a.m.	Adult Sunday School classes will meet
		10:00 a.m.	Worship Service/Mediacom Channel 81

**Birthdays This Week**

- 05/15 Adam Devall, Alayna Goldstein,  
Chandler Devall, & Valerie Wright
- 05/16 David Storm, Dennis Rubin,  
Douglas Storm, & Kelsey Baker
- 05/17 Audrey Jansen, Janet Shepard, &  
Vicki Manford
- 05/18 Anne Young, Dennis Johnson,  
Kathy Miller, Travis Sipe, &  
Zachary Haake
- 05/19 Cailin Ohnesorge & Seth Wilson
- 05/20 Ashley Flach & Kelly Keitel

**Anniversaries This Week**

- 05/15/99 Mike & Amanda Brummer
- 05/15/10 Clayton & Katie Hinton
- 05/15/20 Richard & Nikki Vahling
- 05/18/19 Isaac & Laura Galvan
- 05/19/01 Travis & Angie Sipe
- 05/21/88 Rick & Nancy Kohnert

**May Food Pantry Donations**

Canned chicken, Hamburger Helper,  
spaghetti sauce, small laundry detergent