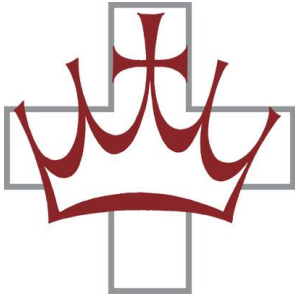


THE EAGLE

St. John's Weekly Newsletter May 22, 2022

It's planting season! Let's discuss "Church Planting" during adult Bible Class in the fellowship hall at 9:15am Sunday.



Crown Him with many crowns! Two years ago this week we were in the midst of that strange exile from in-person church worship, but on Ascension Day we held a Service of the Word –

in the parking lot. It was more than a novelty. It was corporate worship of the King of Kings. Jesus appeared to His disciples over forty days after His resurrection, then ascended bodily to the right hand of God (which is everywhere). We worshiped that evening, acknowledging that "the Lamb Who was slain has begun His reign!" (from "this Is The Feast). This Thursday we won't hold a Service, but you can and should mark Ascension Day in your home devotions, praising God that Jesus is reigning. He even uses the crazy and hurtful things of this world to accomplish His mission. Jesus rules. Rejoice!

Last year this week we were honored to have Rev. Craig Muehler as our guest preacher and teacher on Armed Forces Sunday. He serves as the Director of all LCMS chaplains, and brought us the good news of Jesus. Perhaps you'll use the bulletin insert today to support our chaplains. They do tremendous work, and need our prayer support.

"Little Children's Worship Bags" have been placed in the Atrium. Each bag contains a book and some activities that will help parents and children focus upon the Lord during Service. We also make the

children's bulletins available from the ushers. Why? We love having children in worship, even if they are noisy or fidgety -- and these resources help them hear how much God loves them. The materials in the bags will be changed periodically. Pick up and return the bags on the post in the Atrium. Welcome, children!

Handwritten signature of Pastor Furbill.

Palms

Next Sunday is the traditional time to return the palm branches to church, which you may have been displaying behind a cross in your home. You can lay them on the top shelf of the coat rack in the Atrium. Thank you. These can be used to create the ashes for next year's Ash Wednesday.

Living with Grief

is a new support group for survivors. We will have an initial meeting on Tuesday, June 14, 10:00 AM at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Altamont. If there is enough interest in other LCMS congregations, the group will alternate its meeting place between those churches. This group will be guided by the book Living With Grief – Bound by Sorrow, Wrapped in Comfort, by Kristian Kincaid (CPH). All are welcome. Lunch together afterward is optional. You can see a copy of the book in our St. John's church library on the coffee table.

Thanks

to the Elders who conducted the building tours last Sunday, the volunteers who shared the ministry in their areas, and the folks who took the tours! We'll continue this good idea.

V.B.S.

Decorating Meeting

Mon., May 23rd from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Wed., May 25th from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

“By God’s Monumental Grace”

June 13-16 from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Special Voter’s Meeting

We will be having a special voter’s meeting on Tuesday, May 24th 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.

Prayer List

Doris Gartner, Shirley Wittenberg, 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, and graduates of High School & College.

All Members of the Armed Forces, including Chaplains, Rev. Greg Todd & Rev. Craig Muehler, Ryan Budde, Nathan Vail, Gabriel Walker, Bryce Ikemire, and all first responders of our community and nation.

Stewardship Thought

Acts 16:9 – “And a vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, ‘Come over to Macedonia and help us.’” God does all the saving of the Macedonians, but He does it through the ministry of St. Paul who was called to go and help them out. How is the Lord calling you to use your gifts for His work?

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.

July 10

July 17

July 24

Your Response to the Gospel

Our Attendance Last Week

Sunday, May 15	314
Sunday School	27
Adult Sunday School	31
LifeLight	10

Our Offerings May 15, 2022

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

April 2022 General Fund Summary

Deposits	\$72,238.43
Online General Fund	\$44,113.07
Total Gen. Fund Offering	\$222,703.19

LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life

“Your ascended Jesus goes with you. When you have doubts and struggles, take them to Jesus. When you’re conflicted and troubled by sin and guilt, take it to Jesus and the cross. Together we lift each other up and grow up in Jesus! You are gifted! You are equipped! Know you are serving Jesus! Now and to eternity.”

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

Retirement Reception

We will be having a retirement reception to honor and thank Sandy Esker on Sunday, June 5th 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!

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).

Golden Eagles

The Golden Eagles Luncheon will be Thursday, May 26th at noon. There will be cards & games afterwards.

Thank You!

Howard, I, & Arborcrest Memorial Park would like to thank all who participated in the cemetery cleanup on May 14. Thank you:

Lyle Tolch,
David Ashbaugh
Kathy Schroeder
Eileen Hartman
Hays & Delainie
Carolyn Wendte
Windy Westfall
& Pastor Burdick
for stopping by for support

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.

YOUTH

Cruise Night



Save The Date

Cruise night will be Saturday, Sept. 10th.

Fifth Sunday Door Offering

On Sunday, May 29th, we will be collecting a door offering for the Golden Eagles. If you are donating by check, please make your checks out to Golden Eagles

Food Pantry

Our next distribution will be Tues., May 24th from 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

May Food Pantry Donations

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

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.

St. John's Shirts

We are currently taking orders for shirts with



St. John's logo on them. They are from Sports Designs, and are great quality. Here is the link, which is the preferred way to order, where you may place your order:

<https://www.sportdesigns.net/sjlc.html>

Shirts should arrive in July. The last day to order is June 5th. If you, for some reason cannot order online, you can pick up an order form in the church office. Checks should be made out to St. John's, and your payment must accompany the order



CALENDAR-----May 22, 2022 – May 29, 2022

Sunday	22	8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Worship Service w/HC The Choir will be singing at both services
		8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open House
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School kids & teachers will be placing flags at Arborcrest Memorial Park, Immanuel Lutheran, & St. John's Cemeteries
		9:15 a.m.	Adult Sunday School classes will meet
		10:00 a.m.	Worship Service/Mediacom Channel 81
Monday	23	1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	VBS Decorating Meeting
		6:30 p.m.	Board of Early Childhood
		7:00 p.m.	Lutheran Care Board
Tuesday	24	9:00 a.m.	CID BOD, Springfield
		3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Food Pantry Distribution
		7:00 p.m.	Special Voters Meeting
Wednesday	25	12:30 p.m.	Quilt Tying
		1:00 p.m.	Office Staff Devotions/Meeting
		5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	VBS Decorating Meeting
Thursday	26	Noon	Golden Eagles Luncheon
Friday	27		Pastor's Sabbath
Saturday	28	8:00 a.m.	Praise Band Practice
		5:30 p.m.	Worship w/HC
Sunday	29		Fifth Sunday Door Offering for Golden Eagles
		8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Worship Service w/HC
		10:00 a.m.	Worship Service/Mediacom Channel 81

Birthdays This Week

- 05/22 Coralin Ohnesorge, Doris Mueller, & Jane Tolch
- 05/24 Janet Koebele, Julie Bahrns, & Laura Galvan
- 05/25 Chris Lidy
- 05/26 Dolores Huelskoetter, Jaret Weis, Jenni Newlin, Lucas McDevitt, Marla Pilcher, Sarah Kirby, & Will McDevitt
- 05/27 Dick Kinkelaar & Kori Heuerman

Anniversaries This Week

- 05/25/74 Dennis & Nitelle Lading
- 05/25/85 Alvin & Judy Siebert
- 05/25/13 Richard & Jenni Newlin
- 05/26/12 Adam & Chrystal Wendt
- 05/27/17 Brendan & Brittney Keller
- 05/28/82 Rick & Dana Keller
- 05/28/05 Leonard & Rachel Miller
- 05/28/05 Kris & Amanda Wernsing
- 05/28/16 Christopher & Kami Bahrns

Survey

Go to our website and follow the link to our congregational survey (CADDs), please. It is open only until May 29!

Food Pantry Open House

We would like to invite all to come visit today from 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. to learn more of St. John's Mission to help others in need.

Thank you for the continued support both financially & by food donations to keep the pantry active. God bless you all!