

# THE EAGLE

St. John's Weekly Newsletter May 29, 2022



A lot can get done in one month. For nearly a year we have offered our members and friends free access to a fantastic array of financial education tools through Ramsey+. While pleased that many have used them, I want more. I'd like more of our members and friends to listen to the lessons in Financial Peace University, to walk through "The Legacy Journey" or "Smart Money-Smart Kids," and to use the EveryDollar app. There's still time. It's still free. Follow this QR Code or ask me for the email with our congregation's access code. It ends July 1, but a lot can be changed by one month of learning. I thank our Stewardship Board for leading the way, and I hope you are blessed through these resources.



"God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. As it is written, "He has distributed freely, He has given to the poor; His righteousness endures forever." (2 Cor. 9:8-9)

## 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.

## For a Living Hope

O God,  
You have given Your people  
a future and a hope--  
hope fixed and grounded  
in the resurrection of  
Your Son,  
who lives and reigns,  
who by His Spirit has  
given us  
a vision that can look  
beyond the gray  
breakers  
of our successive days  
and through the mists  
that obscure Your sun,  
out to the quiet shore  
of our unending home  
with You.

Oh, keep us in that  
hope, that vision.  
Let us not lose it  
amid the clutter of the  
things  
that we possess,  
that threaten ever and  
again  
to possess us.  
Teach us the loose hold  
on Your present gifts  
lest we lose the greater  
gifts  
You hold in store.  
Teach us to hold to that  
hope  
even amid our good and  
pure concern  
for this world's agonies  
lest we forget  
that we can do no more  
than bind up this world's  
wounds  
until Your Son returns  
and lifts up finally

the fallen world;  
lest we forget  
that this hope  
is the most precious  
thing  
that we can give to  
men;  
lest we forget  
that giving mammon  
is no cure for  
hopelessness,  
that hopeless men  
well-housed  
are hopeless still,  
that men fed on our  
food  
are futureless  
for all our feeding  
them.

And since we are men  
who go  
from far left to extreme  
right,  
from one ditch to the  
other,  
and cannot hold a true  
course  
down the road  
that leads homeward,  
let us not use our hope  
to shield us  
from the poor who cry  
to us,  
the poor in whose  
outstretched hands  
and upturned faces  
we can see  
the hands and face of  
Jesus Christ,  
who at the last will  
come to judge us all.  
Through Him we pray.

- Martin Franzmann. *Pray For Joy*. (CPH, 1970)

**V.B.S.**

Decorating Meeting

Tues., May 31<sup>st</sup> from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Wed., June 1<sup>st</sup> & Thurs, June 2<sup>nd</sup> t  
from 1:30 – 4:30 p.m.

*“By God’s Monumental Grace”*

June 13-16 from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

**Prayer List**

Doris Gartner, Julie Vahling, Shirley Wittenberg, Marsha Ziegler, Jolene Davis, Shirley Cheadle, Doris Hammer, Marcella Wolf, John Romero, Owen Phelps, Dan Chambers, Susie Austin, Chad Nelson, Geraldine Grieves, and the family of Shawn Bourland who passed away Sun., May 22.

All Members of the Armed Forces, 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 22 .....      | 381 |
| Sunday School .....       | N/A |
| Adult Sunday School ..... | 26  |
| LifeLight .....           | 11  |

**Our Offerings May 22, 2022**

|                                       |                    |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|
| General Fund .....                    | \$8,615.51         |
| Online General Fund .....             | \$3,325.66         |
| <b>Total Gen. Fund Offering .....</b> | <b>\$11,941.17</b> |
| <b>Building Fund .....</b>            | <b>\$60</b>        |

**LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life**

“Every child is created by God, in His image, on purpose—for His purpose! This is the wonderful thing about human babies: ALL of us share this exact same thing in common—each of us is planned!”

Barbara A. Geistfeld, D.V.M. Lutherans For Life regional director of Texas – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

*Hayden Rensner will speak with Adult Bible Class June 5 via Zoom!*

**June Food Pantry Items To Donate**

Canned soup, crackers, canned fruit,  
& 80 ct. wet wipes

**Stewardship Thought**

Acts 1:16 – “Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus.” Judas sold out our Lord for 30 pieces of silver. That is, he sold out his friend, Master, and teacher for the sake of greed. That is a sharp reminder for us to search our own hearts for greed and to pray that the Lord would help us to turn away from greed before it consumes us.

**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 (217-343-3520) or by email: [kbohnhoff@hotmail.com](mailto:kbohnhoff@hotmail.com).

July 10

July 17

July 24

**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!

**Fifth Sunday Door Offering**

On Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, we will be collecting a door offering for the Golden Eagles. If you are donating by check, please make your checks out to: **St. John’s Golden Eagles**

## Youth Corner Upcoming Events

### Holiday World

TBA

### Garage Sale

TBA

### Cruise Night

Save The Date

Cruise night will be Saturday, Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>.



VBS is Mon., June 13 - Thurs., June 16  
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

We are looking forward to helping your child grow closer to God during these nights.

Be sure to get your child registered ASAP!

Questions...Contact

Carolyn Wendte 217-821-6541

Domer Ohnesorge—217-821-3300

Cathy Norris—217-821-3656



## 2022-2023 Larry Brandt Scholarship

### Recipients

Olivia Martin

Kassie Stanfield

Jon Perry

Coralin Ohnesorge

## Deepest Sympathy

Our prayers go out to Gayland Bourland, Molly Lipe, Faye & Allen Tomkins, and all the family, at the death of Shawn Bourland. She passed away Sun., May 22 at her home. Her funeral was Sat., May 28<sup>th</sup> with burial in Arborcrest Memorial Park, Effingham. Memorials may be made to St. John's Preschool, St. John's Bell Choir, or Effingham County Relay for Life.

## Story Time

Check this week's insert for more information

## 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 5<sup>th</sup>. 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.



## VBS Needs 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.

**CALENDAR-----May 29, 2022 – June 5, 2022**

|           |    |                        |   |
|-----------|----|------------------------|---|
| Sunday    | 29 |                        | Fifth Sunday Door Offering for Golden Eagles                      |
|           |    | 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. | Worship Service w/HC  |
|           |    | 9:15 a.m.              | No Children's Sunday School<br>The Adults Classes WILL be meeting |
|           |    | 10:00 a.m.             | Worship Service/Mediacom Channel 81                               |
| Monday    | 30 |                        | Memorial Day, Office closed                                       |
|           |    | 10:30 a.m.             | Memorial Day Observance at Oakridge Cemetery.                     |
| Tuesday   | 31 | 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.  | VBS Decorating Meeting  |
| Wednesday | 1  | 1:00 p.m.              | Office Staff Devotions/Meeting                                    |
|           |    | 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.  | VBS Decorating Meeting  |
| Thursday  | 2  | 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.  | VBS Decorating Meeting  |
| Friday    | 3  |                        | Pastor's Sabbath  |
| Saturday  | 4  | 8:00 a.m.              | Men's Bible Study at Niemerg's Restaurant                         |
|           |    | 8:00 a.m.              | Women's Bible Study at Niemerg's Restaurant                       |
|           |    | 8:00 a.m.              | Praise Band Practice  |
|           |    | 5:30 p.m.              | Worship<br>The Choir will be singing                              |
| Sunday    | 5  | 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. | Worship Service   |
|           |    | 9:00 a.m.              | Greeter Orientation   |
|           |    | 9:15 a.m.              | Sunday School (Hayden Rensner via Zoom)                           |
|           |    | 10:00 a.m.             | Worship Service/Mediacom Channel 81                               |
|           |    | 11:30 a.m.             | Retirement Reception for Sandy Esker                              |

**Birthdays This Week**

- 05/29 Jaxson Pilcher  
05/30 Aiden Hanks, Carolyn Lamb, & Tabitha Bailey  
05/31 Becky Wenthe  
06/01 Jackson Wendling, Samuel Hewing, & Valena Soltwedel  
06/02 Chris Niebrugge, Florence Genaust, Jake Niebrugge, & Rick Kohnert  
06/03 Kara Hoedebeck & Ryan Budde  
06/04 Richard Newlin

**Anniversaries This Week**

- 05/30/92 Jerry & Cheryl Pruemmer  
05/30/98 Gene & Janet Koebele  
06/02/73 David & Linda Wells  
06/03/06 Jeremy & Kenzia Watson  
06/03/16 Blake & Laura Bahns

**Bible Studies****Men's Bible Study**

We will be meeting Sat., June 4<sup>th</sup>, at 8:00 a.m. at Niemerg's. This is open to all men, and we hope to see you there. Questions, please contact Gayland Bourland, 217-343-4366.

**Women's Bible Study**

We haven't met since 2020 due to Covid. We will meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sat. of each month at Niemerg's. Sat., June 4<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. will be our 1<sup>st</sup> meeting. We will continue with our lessons in Pew Sisters, and have 3 chapters left. Hope to see you there! Questions, please contact Renee Kremer, 217-821-3142