

THE EAGLE

St. John's Weekly Newsletter May 8, 2022

Happy Mother's Day!

Among the many ladies for whom I am grateful, one is our Preschool Director/Teacher, Mrs. Sandy Esker. Sandy accepted this leadership and service position on a temporary basis ... and kept serving for sixteen years. Praise God! She will retire soon, and we will miss her tremendously. On Sunday, June 5, we'll have a reception at 11:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall, immediately following the late Service. Let us praise God and thank Sandy!

Eagle's Nest Preschool wraps up its school year this week. All our teachers are to be commended for a great year – one which started under tight restrictions and has ended with more freedom and joy. Best of all, there was a great amount of learning ALL year. Kids were prepared for school, families were supported, and the Good News about Jesus was shared. Recommend Eagle's Nest to families of three and four year olds all around you!

Many thanks to the folks who have already said that they will help with informal tours of the building and grounds next Sunday at 9:00 a.m.! We hope that small groups of 5-10 people will be led throughout the church and get more engaged in the many facets of God's ministry here. This is a new venture for us, and I'm sure it will improve in future iterations. Each tour should begin in the Atrium area.

Next Sunday we'll also bless and celebrate our High School Graduates. In the 10:30 am Service we'll send them off into the next chapters of their lives with the Word of God.

Confirmation is not "graduation." I wonder how many years pastors and parents have been saying that. 100? Perhaps!



Last Sunday Coen, Reese, Hayden, Hank, Chase, and Alex publicly said they believe what you believe. That's not easy – and the next rest of life as a disciple of Christ will be hard if they are

faithful. Pray for them to bear the cross with confidence in Christ alone. We are blessed with great kids and families here at St. John's. Let's keep it that way.

In Christ,

May 15 Church Tours

Next week, you can receive (or give!) a tour of our facilities and ministries, immediately after the 8:00 a.m. Service. Learn more and engage in the ministry of St. John's!

Youth Corner

Senior Graduation Service

May 15th at the 10:30 a.m. service.

Farewell Dinner

This will be May 15th after the 10:30 a.m. service. This meal is for graduating seniors and their parents.

V.B.S.

Decorating Meeting

Wed., May 11th from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

"By God's Monumental Grace"

June 13-16 from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Your Response to the Gospel

Our Attendance Last Week

Sunday, May 1 377
Sunday School 26
Adult Sunday School N/A
LifeLight 14

Our Offerings May 1, 2022

General Fund \$7,338.00
Online General Fund \$2,862.28
Total Gen. Fund Offering \$10,200.28
Building Fund \$600

Prayer List

JoAnne Dittis, Mary Wolfmeyer, Shirley Cheadle, Doris Hammer, Marcella Wolf, John Romero, Shawn Bourland, 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.

Volunteers Needed!!

The Board of Trustees is looking for volunteers to help with vacuuming the church once a week and someone to help mow the church property once a month.

If you can help, please call Al Siebert (217-821-1968) or Lyle Tolch (217-343-7299).

Stewardship Thought

John 10:27 – “My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.” On their own, sheep are in great danger. They need a shepherd to guide them. The sheep know the Shepherd’s voice, and we delight to go where He leads. Of course, the world, the devil, and our own sinful flesh want to pull us in another direction. Namely, they want to pull us in the direction of death. But following the Shepherd means life. So, no matter how difficult the path is, let us follow the Shepherd!

LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life

“Remember, it is your INDISPENSABLE hands that gather up all the coins from baby bottles, the diapers from diaper drives, and the layettes and baby clothes that keep pregnancy resource center shelves stocked and able to provide much needed support for a pregnant mother and father to choose life!”

Jeff Duncan, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

Food Pantry Open House

Please come & tour the Food Pantry & learn more about our mission of serving those in need through the financial & food contributions of our congregation & community. It will be held on:

Sunday, May 22
8:15 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
Hope to see you there!

This Week’s Sunday School Lesson

Acts 15:1-14, 22-35

This week, we study “The Gentile Cause.” A disagreement arises in the Church concerning the Gentile believers. Some want to make the Gentiles follow the Jewish laws. Peter, Paul, and Barnabas give testimony to the Jerusalem Council concerning their work among the Gentiles. The Council sends a letter to the Gentile believers, encouraging them and welcoming them as God’s chosen people.

The Next Food Distribution

Tues., May 10 from 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

May Food Pantry Donations

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

Prayer Shawl Meeting

Tues., May 10th at 1:00 p.m.



**150th Anniversary of
St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Wheeler**

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

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 years' program is "By God's Monumental Grace", and will be held June 13-16 from 6-8 p.m.

Quilt Update

To date, 60 large & 9 baby quilts have been completed, and we are happy to report that they are on the way to the people of Ukraine. Volunteers there are running a shelter for orphans and injured military and will distribute the supplies as needed.

There is a dire need for men's shoes as well as other items. You can check out more on the Facebook page for MMS & Friends. If you have men's shoes you would like to donate, please contact Jane Tolch (217-690-5171).

**Arborcrest Memorial Park
Clean-Up Day & Flag Day**

Will be Sat., May 14th, at 9 a.m. until ?. We are asking anyone who can help to bring blowers, weed eaters, & rakes. We have extra tools if needed. We will place American flags on ALL the Veterans Grave in 2 or 3 sections of the cemetery. Memorial Day will be on May 30th.

Sunday, May 22nd is the day that our Sunday School classes will be putting American Flags on all the Veterans graves in the last section of the cemetery in our Lutheran Section during Sunday School hour. Many thanks to the Sunday School kids & teachers.

Arborcrest is located on Route 40, between Effingham & Altamont. The cemetery is owned by Howard & Laura Janis. As a privately owned cemetery, the only funding to maintain it is a small trust fund that barely pays for mowing. Any help would be appreciated! If you have any questions, please contact Howard Janis.

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.

Birthdays This Week

05/08 Graham Wendling, Kara Koester, Kaylynn Moeller, & Tamara Root

05/09 David Wells & Kelsey Boerngen
05/10 Pamela Williams

05/11 Avery Westjohn, Greg Seggelke, Henrietta Poe, & Jacob Flach

05/12 Matt Gordon & Nancy M. Ohnesorge
05/14 Chase Smith

CALENDAR-----May 8, 2022 – May 15, 2022

Sunday	8	8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Worship Service w/HC Bells will be playing
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
		10:00 a.m.	Worship Service/Mediacom Channel 81
<i>Preschool Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.</i>			
Monday	9		CID Pastors Meeting at Camp CILCA
		10:00 a.m.	Magic Show for Preschool
		5:00 p.m.	Board of Stewardship Meeting
		5:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
		6:30 p.m.	Board of Education Meeting
Tuesday	10	10:00 a.m.	Magic Show for Preschool
		1:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl
		3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Food Pantry Distribution
		5:15 p.m.	Board of Social Ministry Meeting
Wednesday	11	9:00 a.m.	4 Yr. Old Preschool Graduation
		10:00 a.m.	3 Yr. Old Preschool Award Program
		12:30 p.m.	Quilt Tying
		1:00 p.m.	Office Staff Devotions/Meeting
		5:00 p.m.	VBS Decorating Meeting
Thursday	12	9:00 a.m.	4 Yr. Old Preschool Graduation
		10:00 a.m.	3 Yr. Old Award Program
		6:30 p.m.	Board of Elders Meeting
Friday	13		Pastor's Sabbath
Saturday	14	8:00 a.m.	Praise Band Practice
		9:00 a.m.	Arborcrest Memorial Park Clean Up Day
		5:30 p.m.	Worship
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

Anniversaries This Week

- 05/10/75 Mike & Sandra Mietzner
- 05/10/01 Don & Christa Tieffel
- 05/11/85 Gayland & Shawn Bourland
- 05/11/19 Bandon & Candra Kronewitter
- 05/12/66 John & Marla Jackson
- 05/13/95 Steve & Jill Wendling

