

THE EAGLE

St. John's Weekly Newsletter June 12, 2022

Togetherness. Weakness. Community. The Trinity. God and Us. These five concepts were on my mind this week leading up to Trinity Sunday, VBS, and summertime activities. And then I read the current issue of *Life Date* from Lutherans For Life. Wow. Pastor Salemink's article rang like a pleasant chime in my mind and heart. – *Pastor Burdick* Here it is, for our edification:

The Gospel of Jesus Christ draws us outside ourselves.

Jean-Paul Sartre had fifteen minutes of fame in the twentieth century. Many during the beatnik and boomer generations knew about this existentialist philosopher and author. Now only university students and their instructors recognize his name. He did once very relatably complain, "Hell is other people." Relatable, but wrong.

Hell is self: self above others and self alone. Sin drives us inward. Dr. Martin Luther—echoing St. Augustine of more than a thousand years earlier—described sin as cor incurvatus in se. This Latin phrase means "the heart curved in on oneself." Sinfulness disconnects us from our Almighty Maker and Heavenly Father. It divides us from one another. And it distorts our experiences, our emotions, our desires, and our identity.

God doesn't do lonely. Father, Son, and Holy Spirit personifies community in Himself. Humankind has a love-God. He has designed us for receiving and giving and sharing. His favor, grace, and forgiveness incorporate us into enchanting orbit with Him and with each other. Family and marriage, sexuality and procreation, humility and servanthood, these life issues orient us toward somebody besides me. What a fantastic freedom the gifts of God and the needs of my neighbors affords! Even discomforts and diseases become occasions and impulses for reaching out.

The Gospel deals in abundance. Life is always plural. It consistently resists isolation and evermore implies relationship. Jesus has come not only to bring us to God but also to bring us together. Every human life meets us as gift and

privilege, created and redeemed and called by our Lord as His own precious treasure from fertilization to forever. And our life-affirming witness and service is surrounded and celebrated by a magnificent multitude of like-minded saints gone before, yet to come, and the world over.

So, we speak God's truth and show Christ's love, because heaven is other people!

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Please Help Us Promote Eagle's Nest Preschool

Do you or do you know someone who lives on a busy street?

If so, would you be willing to put this sign in your yard?

If so, please stop in the office and pick up a sign.



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.

VBS Set Up
All Hands On Deck!!

Sun., June 12th from 11:30 a.m. - ???
Come and go as you please!

VBS Volunteers

Carolyn Wendte will be in the gym after all services this weekend to hand out Thrivent VBS shirts for the volunteers to be worn all week.

Prayer List

Eldon Joergens, Carson Mihlbachler, Doris Gartner, Julie Vahling, Marsha Ziegler, Jolene Davis, Shirley Cheadle, Doris Hammer, Marcella Wolf, John Romero, Owen Phelps, Dan Chambers, Chad Nelson, & Geraldine Grieves, and the family of Duane Whetherall.

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

This Week's Sunday School Lesson

Acts 20:1-12; 2 Corinthians 11:22-28
Students will study "Preaching and Perils" this week. After an extended stay in Greece, Paul sets off on another journey, finally arriving in Troas. There, as he preaches late into the night, a young man named Eutychus falls asleep on a window ledge and tumbles three floors to his death. Paul rushes to his side and restores Eutychus to life. Later, in his second letter to the Church at Corinth, Paul recounts in detail the numerous hardships he endured in his ministry.

Your Response to the Gospel
Our Attendance Last Week

Sunday June 5 313
Sunday School..... 15
Adult Sunday School..... 28
LifeLight 9

Our Offerings June 5, 2022

General Fund..... \$11,417.51
Online General Fund..... \$3,665.66
Total Gen. Fund Offering..... \$15,083.17
Building Fund..... \$170.00

May 2022 General Fund Summary

Deposits..... \$61,000.84
Expenditures..... \$47,776.60
Ending Balance..... \$235,927.43

Thank You

Thank you all so very much for your thoughts, prayers, help, food, and your support during Shawn's illness and at her passing. It was so very much appreciated. God bless you all!

Gayland Bourland and family

The Gospel Messengers

A Gospel Family Trio, consisting of a father and two sons, will be performing here at St. John's on Sunday, July 10, at 5:00 p.m. They are from Mt. Vernon, IL and began performing as a trio in 2007, when the boys were just 6 and 9 years old. The concert will be held outdoors if weather permits, so please bring a lawn chair. If necessary, the concert will be moved inside. A free-will offering will be taken.

LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life

"God is love. God is relationship. His eternal love supplies the source of every life. He created humankind in this image, for Himself, for relationship, to be loved and to love."

Pastor Michael Salemink, Lutherans For Life - A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

Story Time

Check this week's insert for more information.

Sunday School Teacher Needed

Volunteers are needed 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.

July 10, July 17, & July 24

For Fall

We are in need a 4/5 grade co-teacher

Annual Ice Cream Social

Faith Lutheran Church, Shumway, will be holding their annual Ice Cream Social on Sunday, July 10th from 4 – 7:30 p.m. The Menu will be: Homemade ice cream, BBQ, Hot Dogs, Pie, Cake, & Drink. Free will offering and all proceeds to benefit "Ukraine Relief" through LCMS.



VBS begins 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.

Questions...Contact

Carolyn Wendte 217-821-6541

Domer Ohnesorge—217-821-3300

Cathy Norris—217-821-3656



Youth Corner Upcoming Events

Holiday World

TBA

Garage Sale

Drop Off

Sun., July 31 from Noon - 1 p.m.

Mon., Aug. 1 from 9 am. – 6 p.m.

Mon., Aug. 2 from 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Sale Dates

Thurs., Aug. 4 from 3 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Fri., Aug. 5 from 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Sat., Aug. 6 from 8 a.m. – Noon

Clean Up

Noon – 2 p.m.

Cruise Night

Cruise night will be Saturday, Sept. 10th

Next Food Distribution

Tuesday, June 14th from 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

June Food Pantry Items To Donate

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

Golden Eagle Fellowship

The next meal will be served on Thursday, June 30th at noon. As an added feature of fun, you are invited to bring something old to display. It's our version of "The Antiques Roadshow"!

The signup sheet is on the bulletin board, and don't forget to bring along a treasure and share its story!

Stewardship Thought

From the Service of the Sacrament – "Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Sabaoth adored." Three times the angels in Isaiah 6 cry out: "Holy, Holy, Holy!" It is an indication of the three-ness in God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. This is the Name we are baptized into. We have been made a part of God's family. And so we are now called to live lives that are in harmony with our new family. We are to be godly and live in God's image. As God is loving, kind, and generous, so are we called to be.

Cross Volunteer Training



There will be a volunteer training for all those interested in volunteering at the Cross. It will be held on Monday, June 20 from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the Cross Welcome Center. Please RSVP by calling or texting Ms. Patty Winn at 217-720-5545. Please prayerfully consider giving of your time & talent to help ensure the success of the Cross at the Crossroads. For more information, please see the flyer on the bulletin board.

NYG Mandatory Information Meeting

This meeting will be for all students who will be attending NYG and their parents. It will be held on Wednesday, June 22 at 7:30 p.m. at Carolyn's home.

Baby Bottle Returns

Baby bottles need to be returned by Father's Day, Sunday, June 19th

CALENDAR-----June 12, 2022 – June 19, 2022

Sunday	12	8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Worship Service w/HC
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
		10:00 a.m.	Worship Service/Mediacom Channel 81
		11:30 a.m. - ????	VBS Setup—All Hands-On Deck
Monday	13	5:00 p.m.	Board of Stewardship
		6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	VBS
Tuesday	14	10:00 a.m.	Grief Group at Immanuel in Altamont
		3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Food Pantry
		5:15 p.m.	Board of Social Ministry
		6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	VBS
Wednesday	15	1:00 p.m.	Office Staff Devotions/Meeting
		1:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl
		6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	VBS
Thursday	16	6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	VBS
Friday	17		Pastor's Sabbath
Saturday	18	8:00 a.m.	Praise Band Practice
		5:30 p.m.	Worship
Sunday	19	8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
		10:00 a.m.	Worship Service/Mediacom Channel 81

Birthdays This Week

- 06/12 Ethan Kuhns
- 06/13 Isaac Watson & Scott Marxman
- 06/14 Ammon Probst, Fay Tomkins, & Marlene Haake
- 06/15 Bailey Willenborg, Danny Stevenson, Derek Ohnesorge, Jacque Dixon, Jamie Lotz, Jim Gibbons, Joyce Curry, Leandra Meyers, & Paige Jansen
- 06/16 Clinton Weber, Dr. Kelly Stanfield, Hope Brinkopf, Jo Budde, & Kelsey Rentfro
- 06/17 Donald Wendte & Doris Hammer
- 06/18 Carol Hulskotter, Karine Castillo, & Sara Jennings

Anniversaries This Week

- 06/12/82 Norbert & Mary Brauer
- 06/13/87 Marcy & Julie Scott
- 06/13/87 Kevin & Dena Willis
- 06/13/92 Greg & LeeAnn Perry
- 06/13/98 Greg & Rosemary Seggelke
- 06/14/86 Dennis & Linda Marxmann
- 06/14/86 Mike & Kathy Burdick
- 06/15/19 Kolin & Meredith Roderic
- 06/16/84 Terry & Laura Braun
- 06/16/12 Luis & Danielle Espina
- 06/16/12 Thomas & Alyson Followell
- 06/17/11 Tyler & Stacey Hagerstrom
- 06/18/05 Jake & Erin Wendling
- 06/18/16 Zachary & Monica Scott

Prayer Shawl

Will be meeting on Wed., June 15th at 1 p.m.



Flag Day
Is
Tuesday, June 14th