

THE EAGLE

St. John's Weekly Newsletter June 26, 2022

One pastor called another and asked, "What are you doing?" The reply was, "Oh, just trying to find another way to say the same thing."

Yep, pastors seek to say the same thing over, and over, and over...

- All fall short of the glory of God. The same old Law.
- And are justified freely by His grace. The same, eternal, wonderful Gospel.
- Following Jesus is a matter of discipleship, also known as daily discipline.

Those three lines are a simple summary of the same old thing, a summary of the message we -- The Church -- have been given. Do we need a new way to say them? Well, on a given Sunday the Bible emphasizes one of them more than the others. This Sunday it's the third line that's highlighted by Jesus' call, "Follow me ... No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God." With these sharp words He reminds me and you about the priority of discipleship. Christ first. This is the way of discipline. The way of lasting peace and stability in our households. Christ first.

For the coming weeks I'll be emphasizing one dimension of discipleship: worship in the

Lord's House every week. If you're not sick, worship every single weekend. If you're

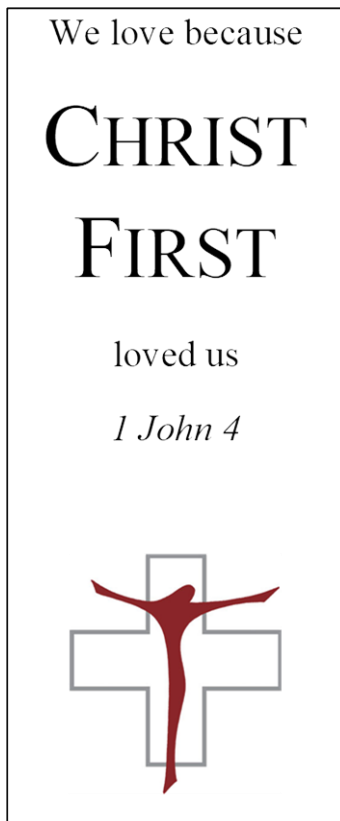
travelling, find an LCMS congregation and worship there. If you're working Sunday morning, make time on Saturday at 5:30 p.m. If you have guests coming in for the weekend and they won't come to church with you, love them by setting the example that you're going to Service. You'll be strengthened. The congregation will be strengthened. Discipline builds strength, and we all need it.

As St. Paul says in this Sunday's epistle to the Galatians, "You were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another." We love, because CHRIST FIRST loved us. Thank you, Lord!



Online Giving

Have you tried our online giving portal on our website (www.stjohnsLCMS.net)? It's easy and secure. We give, because God is the greatest Giver. Knowing this, regular and sacrificial offerings are a joy! "Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7



PLEASE...

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

Usher Appreciation Breakfast

The Elders are hosting an Appreciation Breakfast for all USHERS – Saturday, August 20 from 7:30-8:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall. A hearty breakfast and our gratitude await you! Put it on your calendar, ushers!

Shirts Are In

Please look for Cathy Norris or Ammon Probst after services this weekend to pick yours up

Prayer List

Bonnie Smith, Jonathan Koester, Eldon Joergens, Doris Gartner, Julie Vahling, Marsha Ziegler, Jolene Davis, Shirley Cheadle, Doris Hammer, Marcella Wolf, John Romero, Owen Phelps, Dan Chambers, Chad Nelson, & Geraldine Grieves.

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 Children’s Sunday School

We will have representatives from the Braille Ministry and from the Quilting Ministry to tell the children about what they do.

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.

Your Response to the Gospel
Our Attendance Last Week

Sunday June 19	374
Sunday School	10
Adult Sunday School	33
LifeLight	11

Our Offerings June 19, 2022

General Fund	\$8,011.35
Online General Fund	\$2,002.28
Total Gen. Fund Offering	\$10,013.63

Summer Story Time

The first story time will be Wed., June 29th at 10:00 a.m. Our topic will be plants. Hope to see all kids under 6, and your adult chaperone. Questions, please call Kathy Burdick (309-255-8343) or Ammon Probst (309-255-2898).

LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life

“God loves you as His adopted son or daughter—a truth that no virus or civil strife can ever take away. Welcome to the family!”

Rev. Dr. Anthony (Tony) Cook, guest speaker on The Lutheran Hour – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

Job Opening

Eagles Nest Preschool is looking for a preschool aide for the 4/5-year-old class, on Monday – Friday. This is a part time position from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Please contact Carrie in the Church office.

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

1 Kings 19:18 – “Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.” Elijah was so sure that he was right, that he was the only one left who had not gone after Baal. But he was too pessimistic; his faith in God was off-center. We can’t go by our own wisdom. We must trust the Lord and what He has revealed to us in His Word. Think about how this applies to our support of God’s work in the Church with our offering. Look in the Table of Duties in Luther’s Small Catechism to see what the Bible has to say about our giving.

Youth Corner Upcoming Events

Holiday World

Thursday, July 28th

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

Tues., June 28 from 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

June Food Pantry Items To Donate

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

NYG

11 of our High School Youth and 4 chaperones will participate in our National Youth Gathering in Houston, titled



They depart July 8 at 6:00 a.m. from our church parking lot, with youth group from Immanuel Altamont. Pray for them!

NYG Group reminders:

In the 10:30 a.m. Service July 3rd, you’ll be blessed and commissioned. Wednesday, July 6 at 6:00 p.m. you’re having your final meal together before departure in the church fellowship hall. It will be fun!

Trinity Hope New Address

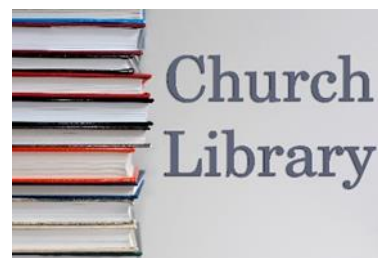
Here is the new address for Trinity Hope.

Trinity Hope

P.O. Box 2910

Lebanon, TN 37088

Check out the resources in the...



...for all ages! (5th Floor)

CALENDAR-----June 26, 2022 – July 3, 2022

Sunday	26	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
Monday	27	6:30 p.m.	Board of Early Childhood
Tuesday	28	3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Food Pantry
Wednesday	29	10:00 a.m.	Story Time
		1:00 p.m.	Office Staff Devotion & Meeting
Thursday	30	Noon	Golden Eagles (bring an antique)
Friday	1		Pastor's Sabbath
Saturday	2	8:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study at Niemerg's
		8:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study at Niemerg's
		8:00 a.m.	Praise Band Practice
		5:30 p.m.	Worship
Sunday	3	8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
		9:15 a.m.	<u>No Children's Sunday School</u> There will be Adult Classes
		10:00 a.m.	Worship Service/Mediacom Channel 81

Birthdays This Week

- 06/26 Emmalin Smith
- 06/27 Lucas Stortzum, Nicholas Devall, & Sharon Vonderheide
- 06/28 Jensen Brach, Paul Leppin, & Rev. Earl Brown
- 06/29 Justin Wendling & Kaylee Stuckey
- 06/30 Jon Romero, Nikki Vahling, & Tori Budde
- 07/01 Kassie Stanfield
- 07/02 Ashley Bailey, Brad Jeffries, & Noah Flach

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.

Anniversaries This Week

- 06/28/08 Adam & Lindsey Storm
- 06/28/08 Chad & Mandy Westjohn
- 06/30/17 Andrew & Carissa Snow

Men's Bible Study

All men are invited to attend the Men's Breakfast & Bible Study, on Sat., July 2nd, at 8:00 a.m. at Niemerg's Restaurant. Contact Gayland Bourland (217-343-4366) if you have any questions.

Women's Bible Study

We will meet Sat., July 2nd, at 8:00 a.m. at Niemerg's Restaurant. Hope to see you there! Questions, please contact Renee Kremer, 217-821-3142, if you have any questions.