

# THE EAGLE

*St. John's Weekly Newsletter July 17, 2022*

Snapshots. Moments in time captured through a lens. They can be heartwarming, infamous, or mundane. We're sharing two snapshots with you in the bulletin this weekend: one is the picture of our Youth Gathering Group, one is the CADDIS Survey report stuffed in the Eagle.

Many people responded to the CADDIS tool in May, sharing their thoughts about how St. John's is doing in areas from assimilation to outreach. Pour over it and pray for our congregation to build upon the good things God has already done. At our Voters Meeting July 26 I'll speak about it more. It's a snapshot of today in the 156 year life of St. John's.

The photo below gives us a make-believe background of authentic believers in Christ. Fifteen youth and adults just returned from Houston and our Youth Gathering. I'm already hearing stories of how they are growing in knowledge and trust of Jesus. The Gathering is a mountain-top experience. It's good. And living here -- at home, in weekly worship with St. John's -- is even better. Thank you for supporting them in prayer and encouragement. Let's keep this going ... for those who went to Houston and for EVERY child and adult believer in our church family.

There will be more snapshots of life as St. John's taken in a year or in 25 years. We don't know what they will look like. May God grant us the wisdom, steadfastness, and faith to do what we can to help them be pictures of sinners who confess and believe the truth -- that Christ is the world's Redeemer!

*Taylor Furbelle*



### Living With Grief Support Group

Living With Grief is a support group for those experiencing loss. Our next meeting is Tuesday, July 26 at 10 AM at St. John Lutheran Church in Effingham and all are welcome to join us.

### PLEASE Help...

We are still in need of a volunteer for Sunday School on July 24<sup>th</sup>, and this FALL for a 4/5 grade co-teacher. If you are willing to help, please contact: Kiley Bohnhoff, (217-343-3520), or email: kbohnhoff@hotmail.com.

### 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

### Our Deepest Sympathies

We extend our condolences to Cindy Esch, whose mother, Lila Gebben, died recently. We also extend our condolences to Becky Wenthe, whose father, Eugene "Whitey" Westendorf, died last month. Christ is risen! Alleluia.

We received a note from a former member, remembering dear Eldon Joergens. May it encourage each of us to reach out to those who are new to us in worship: *"I moved to Effingham and was visiting several churches in the area. My first visit to St. John's was when I met Mr. Joergens. After church, he walked down several pews to introduce himself, ask my name, welcomed me, and expressed hope I would return. That simple act made a large impression on me – and you know the rest of the story."*

### Important Up-Coming Meetings

#### Council Meeting

Tuesday, July 19 at 7:00 p.m.

#### Voter's Meeting

Tuesday, July 26 at 7:00 p.m.

### Prayer List

Justin Traub, Ken Burdick, Tatum Garcia, Ann Stine, Pastor Glenn Strohshein, Voris Osborn, Doris Gartner, 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.

### Your Response to the Gospel

#### Our Attendance Last Week

Sunday July 10.....	288
Sunday School .....	9
Adult Sunday School.....	30
LifeLight.....	N/A

#### Our Offerings July 10, 2022

General Fund .....	\$4,999.39
Online General Fund.....	\$2,568.31
<b>Total Gen. Fund Offering.....</b>	<b>\$7,567.70</b>
<b>Building Fund .....</b>	<b>\$80.00</b>

#### June 2022 General Fund Summary

Deposits.....	\$47,018.96
Expenditures.....	\$57,282.95
Ending Balance.....	\$225,663.44

### LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life

"Abortion advocates have no fear asserting what they imagine the Scriptures say or don't say about the sanctity of life. Why shouldn't our enthusiasm overshadow theirs? If Satan's grown comfortable convoluting our truth, doesn't the certainty and sensitivity our Savior has given welcome and even compel us eagerly to call out the devil's lies?"

*Pastor Michael Salemink – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

### **Braille Center Potluck**

St. John's Braille Center volunteers will host this luncheon on Tues., July 19 in the Fellowship Hall. Our guest will be the President of Lutheran Braille Workers, whose headquarters is based in Yucaipa, CA. St. John's & volunteers from area churches, as well as their pastors, are invited to attend. If you haven't already signed up to attend, please call Kathy at 217-254-9360. The meal begins at noon with a program to follow.

### **Chatelain Update**

The school year is about to close in Haiti and summer months will bring warmth & rain. As I water my vegetable garden in 100° heat, I think of our Haitian Friends. I can't fathom the heat they've experienced, but they never complain. Heat & drought are just life for them. They are JOYful that God provides for them.

You can read the entire note from Jennifer Perkins and see all the updates and pictures on the bulletin board. Be sure to check it out.

### **This Week's Sunday School Lesson**

#### **2 Timothy 1; 3:25-27**

"To a New Generation" is the title of this week's Bible lesson. Paul writes this instructive letter to his spiritual son, Timothy. As the pastor of the Church in Ephesus, young Timothy relies on Paul's experience and advice. Paul's words to Timothy encourage all believers in Christ: "The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost" (1 Timothy 1:15).

### **Update on Property**

at 105 South Oak Street (white house)  
Final papers were signed on Wed., July 6.  
The Purchase price was \$141,000. This amount is \$4,000 less than the limit set by the voters' assembly.

### **Stewardship Thought**

Luke 10:40b – "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone?" Martha is doing the right thing but in the wrong order. Her service to the Lord is good, but she has let it get ahead of hearing His Word. Mary has placed the Word first, which is good. Is there any doubt that she will rise once she has heard the Word and get to serving as well? Isn't that what hearing the Word always leads us to do? We listen, then respond. We believe, and thus we act!

### **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.

### **Youth Corner Upcoming Events**

#### **Holiday World**

Thurs, July 28<sup>th</sup>,

We will be leave at 6:00 a.m.

#### **Garage Sale**

##### **Drop Off**

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

Mon., Aug. 1 from 9 am. – 6 p.m.

Tues., 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. 10<sup>th</sup>

### **July Food Pantry Items To Donate**

Boxed cereal, canned goods, small bottles of laundry soap, just anything! Remember, any canned goods that are less than 1 year past the expiration date are still accepted!



**CALENDAR-----July 17, 2022 – July 24, 2022**

Sunday	17	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
			CID Convention Begins
Monday	18	Noon	Board of Evangelism
			CID Convention
Tuesday	19	Noon	Braille Luncheon
		7:00 p.m.	Council Meeting
			CID Convention Ends
Wednesday	20	6:00 p.m.	Board of Youth
Thursday	21		
Friday	22		Pastor's Sabbath
Saturday	23	8:00 a.m.	Praise Band Practice
		5:30 p.m.	Worship w/HC
Sunday	24	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

**Birthdays This Week**

- 7/17 Patsy Bahrns, Richard Ohnesorge, & Samantha Willis  
 7/18 Carson Frailey & Pat Milleville  
 7/20 Paulena Romero, Rudy Koester, & Vi Kirchhoff  
 7/22 Alicia Wittenberg, Dana Cox, Julie Zeigler, & Sarah Mellendorf  
 7/23 Anita Backhus, Connie Phelps, & Jill Wohltman

**Anniversaries This Week**

- 7/17/1976 Rick & Vicki Manford  
 7/18/1981 Bob & Karla Flach  
 7/19/2003 Jamie & Emily Lotz  
 7/21/1999 Clinton & Jennifer Weber  
 7/21/2018 James & Megan King  
 7/22/2011 Wade & Brittany Bloemer  
 7/23/1988 A. J. & Linda Lockett

**Family Life Baby Bottle Collection.**

St. John's members donated \$3,552.15 during the Baby Bottle Collection to the Family Life Center. Thank you to all who donated!

**Golden Eagles Update**

The May 28/29 Door Offering for the Golden Eagles senior group was \$1,492.00. Thank you to those that donated to help defer the cost of monthly meals.