

# THE EAGLE

St. John's Weekly Newsletter August 14, 2022

Many parents have given their children the old toy called the "Jack in the Box." You likely know it well. The lid is down, the crank is turned, and always at the same point in the song the lid pops up and the doll comes out. My mom and dad gave me a multi-colored metal box exactly like that many years ago. Though we *know* that the Jack will come flying up, we're almost always startled by it.

I write this little note for the Eagle sitting near my mom and dad as we wait on the Lord's timing for my dad to die. We've known for days that this is coming, and my dad made plans for it, temporally and eternally. He's not scared of dying. He expects it. He trusts Christ, the Lord who died and rose for him, for my mom, and for you.

What my mom is experiencing right now is both different and similar to what dear Pat Milleville is experiencing. On Wednesday morning she didn't know that Larry would be going to heaven that day, but after his sudden death -- though startled of course -- she was confident that Larry is seeing his Lord's loving face. Larry knew what was coming, but not when. That's why he trusted Christ. Like my dad. Like you.

The only safe way to die is in repentant faith in Jesus, the Lord of life. He is never pacing the halls of heaven worrying about our day of death, or the other things that startle us. Christians live in constant and confident hope in Jesus Christ. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!



## E.A.S.T.E.R.

Joan Garbe has been leading the E.A.S.T.E.R. Class for 47 years! That said, she is looking for someone to take over leading this wonderful ministry. If you, or someone you know, would be interested, please contact Joan (217-254-2261).

**"To God be the glory, great things He has done, so loved He the world that He gave us His Son!"** Most Pastors serve in the ordained ministry for 40-50 years. When a man serves for 56 years and is continuing to tell the Good News About Jesus today, it's time to celebrate! Join us in celebrating the 55+ years of ministry of Pastor Gary Fortkamp. Sunday, September 4, 2022  
St. John's Lutheran Church 901 W Jefferson, Effingham, IL. St. John's Lutheran Church congregational dinner at 11:45am (**Sign up on the hall bulletin board**)

Open House Cake Reception for all area congregations and friends, 1:00-2:00 p.m.

## Thank You!

We wish to thank everyone who helped in any way to make this year's garage sale a success! We could not do this without all of you! This year's sales came to \$9,939.84!

The Youth Board

**Rally Day is August 21!**

### Prayer List

Howard "Butch" Bahrns, Becky Fielitz, Marlene Haake, Charlie Braasch, Vicki Manford, Roberta Jenkins, Justin Traub, Ken Burdick, Tatum Garcia, Voris Osborn, Shirley Cheadle, Doris Hammer, John Romero, Owen Phelps, Dan Chambers, Chad Nelson, the family of John Huelskoetter, and the family of Larry Milleville.

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 August 7 .....	340
Sunday School .....	N/A
Adult Sunday School .....	35

#### Our Offerings August 7, 2022

General Fund .....	\$8,526.75
Online General Fund .....	\$3,674.86
<b>Total Gen. Fund Offering .....</b>	<b>\$12,201.61</b>
<b>Building Fund Offering .....</b>	<b>\$110.00</b>

### "Coffee Time"

On August 21 will probably be held outdoors, because the gym floor will be waxed that weekend.

### Sponsor a Cart or Hole

The 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Larry Brandt Golf Outing is quickly approaching. If you would like to sponsor a cart or hole at the event, it is:

- \$25 for a Cart
- \$50 for a Hole

Carolyn and/or the Youth Board Members will be set up in the Fellowship Hall after services through Sept. 4<sup>th</sup>. Questions, contact Carolyn Wendte (217-821-6541).

### LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life

"Why bother living today as a child of God, striving to follow the Lord's will in words and actions in spite of trials? Why bother showing love and forgiveness toward those who hurt you? Why share the news of a Savior when it seems to have little effect? Because we live in the light of Jesus' love. Our sins are paid for and gone. Jesus' victory is ours. He promises: 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life' (John 8:12). In His light every difficulty, no matter how intimidating in our eyes, fades away. Problems become opportunities for His glory to shine all the more!"

Daily Devotion, Redeemer Lutheran Church, Sister Lakes, Michigan – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

### Acolyte Training

Youth in 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade serve as acolytes in our Services. We are very grateful for their service. The youth now entering 9<sup>th</sup> grade just completed their service, and now it's time for new recruits! Acolyte training will be held August 28 at 11:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary. All boys and girls entering 6<sup>th</sup> Grade are expected to attend. If necessary, an alternate time for training can be arranged. Serving as an acolyte is an important and expected portion of our ministry for and by youth.



### LifeLight

We are beginning a new study on Exodus Part 1. Materials will be distributed on Sunday, Sept. 4, & we will do the first lesson on Sunday, Sept. 11. Please sign up on the bulletin board. If you have any questions, contact Karla Flach.

### Confirmation

Confirmation ministry for youth in grades 6, 7, and 8 begins with the Parent-and-Student meeting on Wednesday, August 31 at 5:00 p.m. The first day of classes is Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.!

## Youth Corner Upcoming Events

### Cruise Night

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

### Larry Brandt Golf Outing

1:00 p.m., Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>

### NYG Presentation

Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>

Fellowship Hall at Noon

Light lunch will be served.

Please sign up on the bulletin board.

### Hayride & Weiner Roast

4:00 p.m., Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup>

At the home of Jim & Kathy Schroeder

### Stewardship Moment

Luke 12:51 – “Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division.” Jesus has come to divide us out of the world – to carve out a people for Himself, redeemed by His Blood and trusting His Word. The world hates this Word, but for us it is life and salvation. We seek to follow Jesus' Word in all things because we know Him who gave us the Word: we know He always seeks to bless us.

### Deepest Sympathy

Please keep the family of John Huelskoetter in your prayers. John passed away Friday, Aug. 5<sup>th</sup> at Lutheran Care Center. Services were held here Sat., Aug. 13, with burial at St. Paul's (BluePoint) Lutheran in rural Altamont. Memorials may be made to Altamont Lutheran Care Center or St. John's Lutheran Church. Please keep Linda Marxmann and her family in your prayers,

### August Food Pantry Items To Donate

Creamy Peanut Butter, Jelly,  
Spaghetti O's, Ravioli, & Beefaroni

### SEA LLL Zone

The Summer Rally of the Shelby-Effingham-Altamont LLL Zone will be Tues., Aug. 23<sup>rd</sup> at St. John's Lutheran in Effingham.

Missionary Britt Odemba will be the speaker. Britt works with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenya (ELCK) as an educational consultant. Her main role is to assist the local Project 24 Director. Project 24 is a children's boarding facility program initiated by the LCMS and ELCK.

The Rally will begin at 6 p.m. with a catered meal followed by a short business meeting and concluded with Britt's presentation.

Registration for the Rally is \$15 per person and is due Aug. 18. Send your name with registration fee to Raymond Stuckemeyer, 3683 E. 1600<sup>th</sup> Ave., Altamont, IL 62411. Please make checks payable to SEA LLL. For additional information, contact Raymond at 217-267-6909.

### Adult Catechism Class

The next Adult Catechism Bible Study begins Tuesday, September 27. Ten classes, 7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m., all digging into the Bible, using Luther's Small Catechism. For review or for joining our church, you're welcome!

### Deepest Sympathy

Please keep Pat Milleville, Brian Milleville, & Sara Jennings & their families at the passing of Larry. He passed away Wed., Aug. 10<sup>th</sup>. Visitation will be held at Johnson Funeral Home on Sun., Aug. 14 from 4-7 p.m. Funeral will be held at St. John's, Effingham, on Mon., Aug. 15 at 10:30 a.m. Burial will be at Oakridge Cemetery. Memorials may be made to St. John's Lutheran Church Food Pantry & Eff. Co. Humane Society.

**CALENDAR----- August 14, 2022 – August 21, 2022**

Sunday	14	8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Worship Service w/HC
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School NO Children's Sunday School Teacher Meeting
		10:00 a.m.	Worship Service/Mediacom Channel 81
		12:30 p.m.	E.A.S.T.E.R. Picnic in Fellowship Hall
Monday	15	Noon	Board of Evangelism
		5:00 p.m.	Board of Stewardship
Tuesday	16		
Wednesday	17	1:00 p.m.	Staff Devotions/Meeting
		6:00 p.m.	Board of Youth
Thursday	18		
Friday	19		Pastor's Sabbath
Saturday	20		Gym & Kitchen Floor Waxing and Buffing
		8:00 a.m.	Praise Band Practice
		5:30 p.m.	Worship
Sunday	21	8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
			Sunday School Rally Day
		10:00a.m.	Worship Service/Mediacom Channel 81

**Birthdays This Week**

- 8/14 Michael Logan & Rhett Bailey
- 8/15 Brain Wenthe, Chad Hartman, & John Longwell
- 8/16 Paige Longwell & Palmer Brown
- 8/17 Sharon Field
- 8/18 Howard Haake & Julie Stuckemeyer
- 8/19 Jeff Pryor & Mitchell Wohltman
- 8/20 Alex Miller & Jill Haake

**Anniversaries This Week**

- 8/14/10 Dr. Ryan & Sara Jennings
- 8/15/87 Steve & Amy Miller
- 8/15/09 Mike & Desiree Conrad
- 8/15/09 Neil & Lanette Stuckey
- 8/16/75 Donald & Pat Wendte
- 8/16/86 Jeff & Lonni Weis
- 8/19/72 Dale & Glenna Schagemann
- 8/19/05 Matt & Stephanie Gordon
- 8/20/16 Haven & Jill Boone

**Help Needed**

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.

**Food Pantry Donations**

Please leave your donations in the brown box by the elevator or in the kitchen, but please label it **Food Pantry**. The Garden Produce was so appreciated by the recipients. Thank you to all who donated. If anyone has any fresh produce they would like to donate, you can drop it off on Mon. or Tues., Aug. 22/23.

**Sunday School Rally Day**

Rally Day will be Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup>. There will **not** be Sunday School on Aug. 14