

THE EAGLE

St. John's Weekly Newsletter August 21, 2022

A few weeks ago, I asked you to join me for Sunday Adult Bible Class starting on August 28. I'm glad to be able to change that to "join me this Sunday!" We previously thought the gym floor would be off-limits after waxing, but the good news is that we can use it this Sunday and next.

Sunday at 9:15 a.m. we adults will be studying the same Bible Lesson our youth study in Sunday School: the account of creation from Genesis 1-2. It's not just ancient history ... it's true and it's relevant to our lives today. Come, listen, and learn. Grow and go. While you're at it, enjoy a cup of coffee and a bite to eat.

Speaking of the "coffee time" at 9:00 a.m., I want to thank all the women and men who provide that generous service weekly. It begins with our Social Board, but it cannot be limited to them. In addition to other Boards and groups hosting coffee-time, we are blessed when many people sign up to host. The sign up is on the table by the freewill offering basket. Volunteer, please ... and thank you.

I thank you for your condolences in the wake of my dad's death. They are all appreciated. In two weeks, we will celebrate the 55+ years of ministry of Pastor Fortkamp. Sign up for the St. John's dinner taking place at 11:45 a.m. on the 4th. I'm so grateful for the ways in which he filled in for me when I had to be away last week, but even more I'm grateful for the way in which he continues to point us toward Jesus, the Lamb of God Who takes away the sin of the world. The Lord provides!

Students have returned to classrooms, teachers have been in the area parochial and public schools, parents are leading through their daily lives, and now Sunday

School begins a new year. There is a lot of learning going on! God grant that our education be truthful in all places.

In His Love,



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.

Celebration

Be sure to sign up for Pastor Fortkamp's celebration as soon as possible to allow a close count for the caterer. Thank you!

Golden Eagles

Will NOT meet Thurs., Aug. 25 because of the floor waxing. We **WILL** meet on Thurs., Sept. 1 at noon.

Prayer List

Howard "Butch" Bahrens, Becky Fielitz, Roberta Jenkins, Justin Traub, Tatum Garcia, Shirley Cheadle, Doris Hammer, John Romero, Owen Phelps, Dan Chambers, Chad Nelson, the family of Ken Burdick.

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 14.....	368
Sunday School	N/A
Adult Sunday School	35

Our Offerings August 14, 2022

General Fund	\$10,075.25
Online General Fund	\$2,335.33
Total Gen. Fund Offering	\$12,410.58

LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life

"Fostering may result from brokenness, but it also provides opportunity for Gospel-motivated courage and compassion."

Pastor Michael Saleminck, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

Living with Grief Group

Our next meeting is Tues., Aug. 23 at 10:00 a.m. at Immanuel Lutheran, Altamont. Optional Lunch afterward.

This Week's Sunday School Lesson

Genesis 1:1-2:3

The lesson this week is "A Mighty Wonder." In six days—through His spoken Word alone—the heavenly Father creates a universe so vast and complex it defies our limited human understanding. Humankind, the crown of His creation, made in His own image, comes to be through the intimate work of His hands and with His own breath. Discuss the wonders of God's creation with your family.

Vanco Updates

For those utilizing Vanco online giving, there are 2 ways to change your donation amount:

1. Delete the current transaction and completely add a new one.
2. Call the church office and they can change the amount given each week/month for you in the church system. With this option, the office will ask you to come in and sign a simple form saying that you give them authority to change your online giving amount.

Thank you! The Stewardship Board.

Acolyte Training

Youth in 6th - 8th Grade serve as acolytes in our Services. We are very grateful for their service. The youth now entering 9th 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 6th 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.

Next Food Distribution

Tues., Aug. 23 from 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

August Food Pantry Items To Donate

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

Adult Catechism Class

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

Sponsor a Cart or Hole

The 20th 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. 4th. Questions, contact Carolyn Wendte (217-821-6541).

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 7th from 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.!

Youth Corner Upcoming Events

Cruise Night

Cruise night will be Saturday, Sept. 10th

Larry Brandt Golf Outing

1:00 p.m., Saturday, September 17th

NYG Presentation

Sunday, September 18th

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 16th

At the home of Jim & Kathy Schroeder

Stewardship Moment

Luke 13:26 – “Then you will begin to say, ‘We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.’” Proximity to Jesus and the things of faith is not faith itself. Many Pharisees heard His Word – but ignored it, refused to believe in it. We want to be not only hearers, but doers of Jesus' Word. We want not just proximity to Jesus, but true communion with Him. We want to hear Him, follow Him, praise Him, and return thanks.

LCMS News



Last month, we elected a new District President. Our current President, Pastor Miller, has served for 10 years, and has reached the limit of terms in that position. We elected Pastor Mike Mohr of Holy Cross, Vandalia, as our new President.

May we suggest that you send a note of gratitude and encouragement to each of them? The work of District President isn't always joyful, but is always important. Keep them in your prayers, and if you wish, send a note of gratitude to outgoing President Miller, and of encouragement to President-Elect Mohr. “Thy will be done, O Lord!”

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LCMS Foundation

For your estate plan and the gift plan within it to work, it takes coordination of all your professional advisors to make sure you are creating the best plan. For years you may have been working with your financial advisor, creating a financial plan to carry you forward through retirement. Your estate gift plan should coordinate with this plan, looking to use the right assets to make gifts to family and the right assets to make gifts to ministry. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can share your gifting goals with your financial advisor and work toward designating those gifts. Contact:

Scott Radden at 618- 977-4049

or

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CALENDAR----- August 21, 2022 – August 28, 2022

Sunday	21	8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School Rally Day Children's Sunday School
		10:00 a.m.	Worship Service/Mediacom Channel 81
Monday	22	6:30 p.m.	Board of Early Childhood
		7:00 p.m.	Lutheran Care Board of Directors
Tuesday	23	3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Food Pantry Distribution
		6:00 p.m.	LLL Zone Dinner
Wednesday	24	1:00 p.m.	Staff Devotions/Meeting
Thursday	25	4:45 p.m.	Stephen Ministries
Friday	26		Pastor's Sabbath
			Gym & Kitchen Floor Waxing and Buffing
Saturday	27	8:00 a.m.	Praise Band Practice
		5:30 p.m.	Worship w/HC
Sunday	28	8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Worship Service w/HC
		10:00a.m.	Worship Service/Mediacom Channel 81
		11:30 a.m.	Acolyte Training

Birthdays This Week

- 8/21 Hank Probst, Knox Probst, & Marissa Brown
- 8/22 Jill Baker & Sandra Hanks
- 8/23 Lincoln Jackson & Sara Sandifer
- 8/24 Joe Budde, Norma Suckow, & Paul Wendling
- 8/25 Irene Esch, Lesly Miller, Nolan Dixon, & Terry Simmons
- 8/26 Amanda Wernsing, Hank Rieman, & Kay Klepzig
- 8/27 Cheyanne Pilcher, Jacob Janis, Lori Meseke & Mary Roedl

Anniversaries This Week

- 8/21/10 Bradley & Tricia Miller
- 8/21/21 Derek & Kori Heuerman
- 8/22/71 Alan & Connie Phelps
- 8/22/81 Ray & Eileen Hartman
- 8/22/89 Dale & Sharon Giesler
- 8/25/79 David & Joyce Barr
- 8/27/05 Chris & Christina Niebrugge

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.

Camp CILCA Updates
Chicken Fry & Auction

Sun, Sept. 4 from 11:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Adult tickets are \$10.

Fresh fried chicken, coleslaw, mashed potatoes, drinks, & dessert.

Live auction begins at 12:30 p.m. in the airconditioned Dining Hall.

Trading Post & beach will be open for a full day of food & fun!

G.R. I. T. Run

Oct. 1, and cost is \$30 for adults & \$10 for children 17 and under. Register at www.cilca.org/grit-run