

THE EAGLE

St. John's Weekly Newsletter September 11, 2022



Blessed For Life

"... the Lord protects him and keeps him alive; he is called blessed in the land; you do not give him up to the will of his enemies." Psalm 41:2

Being pro-life entails numerous dimensions of life. We support people from womb to tomb. The strong and the weak. We vote and we love. We pray and we care. Why? Because God is the giver of life, and His gift has been given to us and to our

neighbors. Let's work together to be pro-life this Fall.

Here are two big opportunities:

- Join Kathy and me on Thurs., Sept. 29, for the Family Life Center Annual Banquet at the Keller Convention Center. We'll be supporting the important work that Family Life Center is doing to care for families, babies, moms, and dads. Our table is #39. Will you join us? Sign up for one of the eight spots on the hall bulletin board. Thanks!
- Attend the Lutherans For Life National Conference ("Blessed For Life") in Rock Island, IL. October 21-22. See the schedule and workshops at www.lutheransforlife.org/conference

There are even bigger occasions to be pro-life, but they may not seem as big. If you're given the opportunity, be married and have a family. Have a big family. Feed the hungry. Support our Food Pantry. Help your next-door neighbor with her house. Support Trinity Hope. Encourage and visit the sick. Speak up for the handicapped. Forgive those who have hurt you. These are profound ways to show you have been *Blessed for Life!*

Following Christ,

2023 Board & Officer Nominations Meeting

Will be held Tuesday, Sept. 20th at 7:00 p.m.

Church Pictorials

We still have several pictorial directories available for sale. They are \$15 & you can pick one up in the office.

Between now and September 25, we hope every household will complete one of the "Lutheran High Surveys" you find on the Welcome Center. Fold and return them to the offering plate by Sept. 25. Thank you.

Make a Joyful Noise!

The choir will resume rehearsals on Sept. 12 at 5:30 p.m. in the sanctuary balcony. Studies show that choral singing reduces stress, improves mood, and inspires awe. Singing even has benefits for physical health such as improved breathing & posture, and reduced muscle tension. Boost your mood and enhance our worship services with the choir. No prior experience required. Come join us! See you on Sept. 12!

--Directors Holly & Dennis--

Our Synod will meet in Convention next summer, and each Circuit will send one pastor and one lay delegate to serve as representatives. On Sunday October 16 at 3:00 p.m., the congregations of the Effingham and Shelby circuits will hold the circuit forum, during which those pastoral and lay delegates will be chosen. Would you be interested in serving as the circuit lay delegate to the Synodical Convention July 29-August 3, 2023 in Milwaukee? Speak with pastor about it, and volunteer to attend the Circuit Forum October 16 at Faith Lutheran in Shumway!

For more information, go to www.lcms.org/convention/national

Prayer List

Marcella Wolf, Vera Huey, Marlene Haake, Heather Davis, Howard "Butch" Bahrns, Becky Fielitz, Justin Traub, Tatum Garcia, Shirley Cheadle, Doris Hammer, John Romero, Owen Phelps, Dan Chambers, & Chad Nelson,

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 September 4 364
Sunday School 48
Adult Sunday School 44

Our Offerings September 4, 2022

General Fund \$6,378.50
Online General Fund \$4,826.00
Total Gen. Fund Offering \$11,204.50
Building Fund \$600.00

August 2022 General Fund Summary

Deposits \$56,488.89
Expenditures \$46,566.30
Ending Balance \$89,607.07

LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life

"A Christian funeral isn't the end. Yes, we don't deny death. That would be foolish and insensitive. But in Christ, we defy death. That's Christian. Because the dead don't stay down when Jesus is involved. They are saints triumphant! Encourage one another with these words."

Rev. Peter Sultzle, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota Illinois - A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

Bell Choir

Have you ever thought about joining the bell choir? Now is the time. The ability to read music is desired, but not required. Questions or want individual training, call Linda Marxmann 217-821-4851, or just come to practice on Wednesdays, at 5:30 p.m.

Annual Church Picnic

The Annual All Church picnic will be held on Sunday, Sept. 25th at Ballard Nature Center. We will meet at noon and eat at **12:30 p.m.** Please sign up on the bulletin board so we know how many to prepare for. Thank you and we hope to see everyone there.

Living with Grief Support Group

Our next meeting will be Tuesday., Sept. 27 from 10 – 11 a.m. here at St. John's. We will be studying Chapter 4.

Thank You!

Thank you for supporting the Family Life Center by participating in our Baby Bottle Campaign. Because of your generosity, we EXCEEDED our projected budget goals & raised over \$87,000. Your congregation's contribution to this campaign was \$3,607.15. Thank you so much for your support!

This Week's Sunday School Lesson

Genesis 12:1-9

In today's lesson, "A Call to Action," Abram responds to God's calling as he leaves his idolatry and homeland to follow the one true God. Abram takes his wife, Sarai, and nephew Lot as they journey to the land of Canaan. The Lord's appearance prompts Abram to build an altar, celebrating God's promise to give this land to his descendants. Discuss how God guides and leads us by His Word today.

Sign up for the Tuesday evening Catechism Study on the hall bulletin board!

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

Thank You So Much!

The Youth Board has received a donation for the Garage Sale, raising their total to \$10,000! We are so very blessed!!

**Greater Effingham Area Fellowship of
Christian Athletes**

FCA Representative, Kyle Stortzum, will be doing a presentation during the Sunday School hour on Sept. 25. Join us in in the Fellowship Hall to hear all the latest local FCA updates! ~~Board of Evangelism~~

Youth Corner Upcoming Events

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 15:2 – “And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, ‘This man receives sinners and eats with them.’” Thanks be to God: Jesus receives us sinners! What the Pharisees can’t understand, we praise with all our being. We give thanks for the grace of God, and we live by that grace. The more of it we receive, the more we will want to conform ourselves to the image of our generous and gracious Lord. Knowing the Lord and trusting Him come first, and the desire to imitate Him can’t help but follow.

Adopt A Student

Our Adopt-A-Students this year are Vincent Otto and Peter Ross. Please feel free to send them cards of encouragement and remember them in your prayers. Here are their addresses:

Mr. Vincent J. Otto
128 S. 7th St.
Zanesville, OH 43701-4304
&

Mr. Peter Ross
Campus Post Office Box
801 Seminary Pl.
Saint Louis, MO 63105-3196

LWML Effingham/Shelby Zone Rally

Will be hosted by the Ladies Aid of St. John’s in Louisville, 17684 1st Avenue; Louisville, IL which is on the Effingham/Clay Co. line.

Date: Wednesday, Sept. 21

Time: 8:15 a.m. (registration & fellowship)

Opening: 9:00 a.m.

Theme: “Light Up the World with Christ”

Speaker: Rev. Martin Eden, Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Quincy.

Special Guests: Nancy Stremming, LWML CID Vice President of Christian Life

Rev. Ryan Myer our new LWML CID Jr. Pastoral Counselor.

Cost: \$15 per person. Return registration form indicating how many ladies & pastors will be attending by Sept. 12th.

What to bring: stamps, Portals of Prayers, other devotional books, & Bibles, Pill bottles (used to make park benches).

DO NOT BRING

Old cell phones, ink jet cartridges, Quarterlies or Guide Posts.

Coffee/drinks and a light breakfast during the registration time will be provided. A catered lunch will be provided.

In-Gathering Items for Clay Co. Cares

Full Size

Shampoo, Conditioner & Body Wash
Toothpaste, Tooth Brush, Mouth Wash
Bars of Soap, Hand Sanitizer, Hand Soap
Face Wash, Deodorant, Dental Floss

Also,

Wash Cloths, Towels

Household Cleaners, Paper Towels

Clorox Wipes, Toilet Paper

Wet Wipes, Diapers (any size)

Baby/Infant Supplies

Q-Tips

Face Moisturizer

Any Basic Care

Cleaning or Household Supplies

There will be a box set up for the items in the Atrium.

This list is also posted on the bulletin board.

Prayer Shawl

Will met Tues., Sept. 13th at 1:00 p.m.

CALENDAR-----September 11 2022 – September 18, 2022

Sunday	11	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
		7:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Circuit Pastor Visit
Preschool Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.			
Monday	12	5:00 p.m.	Board of Stewardship
		5:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
Tuesday	13	1:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl
		3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Food Pantry Distribution
		5:15 p.m.	Board of Social Ministry
Wednesday	14	8:50 a.m.	Preschool Chapel
		1:00 p.m.	Staff Devotions/Meeting
		5:00 p.m.	Board of Youth
		5:00 p.m.	Confirmation
		5:30 p.m.	Bell Practice
Thursday	15	8:50 a.m.	Preschool Chapel
Friday	16		Pastor's Sabbath
Saturday	17	8:00 a.m.	Praise Band Practice
		1:00 p.m.	Larry Brandt Golf Outing
		5:30 p.m.	Worship
Sunday	18	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
		Noon	NYG Presentation & Luncheon

Birthdays This Week

- 9/11 Allen Tomkins, Eric Bernhard, Joyce Wenthe, & Sean Junge
- 9/12 Blake Bahrns, Jenna Bohnhoff, Phillip Wendling, & Ryan Wyckoff
- 9/13 Ann Newton, Coen Westjohn, David Habbe, & Debbie Sanders
- 9/14 Dwight Klepzig, Mackenzie Stuemke, & Madison Stuemke
- 9/15 Clayton Hinton & Irvin Wendte
- 9/16 Carlee Adams, Eileen Wall, Lisa Wilson, Phil Kinkelaar, & Sean March
- 9/17 Lee Hartman & Truman Brown

Next Food Distribution

Tues., Sept. 13th from 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Food Pantry Donations for September
 "Your Choice"

Anniversaries This Week

- 9/11/10 Craig & Ashley Bailey
- 9/11/21 Kirby & Nicole Tolch
- 9/12/19 Adam & Chelsea Devall
- 9/12/20 Nathan & Meghann Day
- 9/14/13 Drew & Leandra Meyers
- 9/15/90 Jeff & Melissa Vail
- 9/15/12 Kent & Niki Bishop
- 9/16/78 Don & Karen Grupe