

# THE EAGLE

St. John's Weekly Newsletter September 18, 2022

In Confirmation Class this week, our 7<sup>th</sup> & 8th graders discussed the problems that led to the writing of the three Creeds of the Church. You see, each one arose out of the problem of a particular false teaching going on in the Church and the world hundreds of years ago (to learn more, see page 351ff in the Catechism). It's amazing that God works that way – a problem arises, and He leads His people back to His Word of truth, solidifying the faith within them. It happened not only hundreds of years ago to form the Creeds, but also this week, as I heard from members of our church family about how the current crises in their lives are being used to solidify faith in the Triune God in them. But it always includes being driven back to His Word. You and I are being driven there, too, aren't we?

Following Christ,

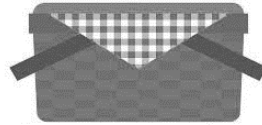


### Youth Board Needs Your Help!

We are looking for a shed or building we can use for approximately 1 month to decorate and keep a trailer in for the Halloween float. Please contact Cathy Norris (217-821-3656), Carolyn Wendte (217-821-6541), or Donnetta Ohnesorge (217-821-3300) if you can help.

Also, we are looking for monetary donations or candy donations for the kids to hand out during the Halloween parade.

**2023 Board & Officer Nominations Meeting**  
Will be held Tuesday, Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.



## St. John's Church Family Picnic POTLUCK LUNCH

**Sunday, September 25**

**Ballard Nature Center**  
5253 E US Hwy 40, Altamont

Meet at noon/Eat at 12:30  
The main course will be provided,  
along with dinnerware and drinks.

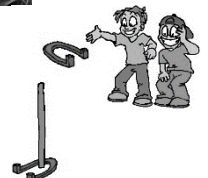
**Bring along** your favorite  
vegetable, salad, or dessert.

**Games for all ages!**  
**Live Music!**  
**Fishing!** Pack your gear.  
**Fun for all ages!**

*Please sign up today so we can  
plan for you!*



Church  
Picnic



### Prayer List

Marilyn Schaefer, Joyce Bateman, Marcella Wolf, Vera Huey, Marlene Haake, Heather Davis, 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, Gabriel Walker, Bryce Ikemire, and all first responders of our community and nation.

### Your Response to the Gospel

#### Our Attendance Last Week

Sunday September 11 .....	357
Sunday School .....	48
Adult Sunday School .....	44
LifeLight.....	7

#### Our Offerings September 11, 2022

General Fund .....	\$8,545.00
Online General Fund.....	\$1,542.46
<b>Total Gen. Fund Offering .....</b>	<b>\$10,087.46</b>
<b>Building Fund .....</b>	<b>\$20.00</b>

### LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life

“To be authentic is to be vulnerable with others—and that may make us fearful. It might be messy, and that makes us uncomfortable. It takes time. Our reminder as we [the Church] seek to become a place of belonging, is 1 Corinthians 12:18: ‘But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose.’”

Mona Fuerstenau– A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)

### Youth Corner Upcoming Events

#### NYG Presentation

Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>  
Fellowship Hall at Noon

#### Hayride & Weiner Roast

4:00 p.m., Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup>  
At the home of Jim & Kathy Schroeder  
Be sure to sign up on the bulletin board.

#### Halloween Parade

Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup>

#### Apparel Sales

Watch the Eagle for the dates of the online apparel sales!

### 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~~

### Greeting Card Orders

The 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, & 8<sup>th</sup> graders are again taking orders for greeting cards. There are catalogs in the card cabinet in the hallway for anyone to take & return asap. These students have catalogs: Ava & Lilli Wernsing, Aleece & Evan Lotz, Luke Sipe, Mason & Max Stewart, Jackson & Josie Fritch, Eli Wendling, Kennedy Bailey, Tenley Sams, Allyson Kremer, Cailin Ohnesorge, & Avery Bohhoff.

### This Week’s Sunday School Lesson

Genesis 28:10-22

“A Promising Dream” is the title of this week’s lesson. Jacob undeservedly receives his father’s blessing—he and his offspring will dwell in the land of Canaan. As the days of Isaac’s life approach their end, Jacob rightly fears for his life. Following the urging of Isaac and Rebekah, Jacob sets out for the house of his uncle Laban. Along the way, Jacob dreams of a ladder reaching to heaven, with the Lord Himself standing at the top. The preincarnate Christ repeats God’s promise to give this land to Jacob and his descendants. As a family, consider discussing how God can use even sinful people to fulfill His plans.

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

### Stewardship Moment

Luke 16:8b – “For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light.” The sons of this world know that they should use their wealth wisely to provide for their future. Shouldn’t we, as “sons of light,” know that the wealth God has allowed us to manage should be managed for God’s purposes in roles He has given us to play in Church, home, and society?

### **Women's Ministry**

We will be starting a new book in Oct. entitled "Living A Chocolate Life". Our next meeting will be Sat., Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> at Niemerg's, at 8 a.m. Questions, contact Renee Kremer (217-821-3142).

### **LWML Effingham/Shelby Zone Rally**

Will be hosted by the Ladies Aid of St. John's in Louisville, 17684 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

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.

### **In-Gathering Items for Clay Co. Cares**

There is a list on the bulletin.

Please feel free to take one.

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](http://www.lcms.org/convention/national)

### **Men's Bible Study**

Sat. Oct. 1 at 8 a.m. at Niemerg's. Hope to see you there. Questions, contact Gayland Bourland (217-343-4367).

### **Adopt A Student**

Our Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, 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, Vicar  
128 S. 7<sup>th</sup> St.

Zanesville, OH 43701-4304

&

Mr. Peter Ross

Campus Post Office Box

801 Seminary Pl.

Saint Louis, MO 63105-3196

### **Making Disciples For Life Conference**

#### **"Let Us Keep Awake"**

The conference runs from 2 p.m. Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> through Noon on Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> at the LCMS International Center in St. Louis. The focus will be on understanding and engaging the people in our culture with various worldviews to share the Good News of Jesus with them in ways that encourage them to listen. Over 30 sessions are planned, all of which will be recorded & available for 60 days after the conference. Go to: <https://cvent.me/mMnXed> to register and see the agenda. Deadline for in person registration is Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>. Virtual registration closes on Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>.

### **Life Chain 2022**

Sun., Oct. 2,

Prayer service at 1:30 p.m.

Sacred Heart Parish Center

The Life Chain is from 2-3 p.m.

If standing is a problem, lawn chairs are welcome. For more information, please see the flyer on the bulletin board.

### **Thank You!**

I praise God for the kindness & love shown to me & Gloria in celebration of my 55+ years as a minister. The meal, messages in the cards, the gifts, & the words of love are greatly appreciated. Thank you! We thank God for each of you. To God be the glory, great things He has done. Pastor Gary & Gloria Fortkamp.

**CALENDAR-----September 18 2022 – September 25, 2022**

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
<b>Preschool Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.</b>			
Monday	19	Noon	Board of Evangelism
		5:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
Tuesday	20	7:00 p.m.	Board & Chair Position Reviews
Wednesday	21	1:00 p.m.	Staff Devotions/Meeting
		5:00 p.m.	Confirmation
		5:30 p.m.	Bell Practice
		6:00 p.m.	Board of Youth
Thursday	22	4:45 p.m.	Stephens Ministry
Friday	23		Pastor's Sabbath
Saturday	24	8:00 a.m.	Praise Band Practice
		9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	E.A.S.T.E.R.
		5:30 p.m.	Worship Service w/HC/Bells are playing
Sunday	25	8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Worship Service w/HC/Bells are playing 10:30 Service only 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Bible Presentation
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School FCA Presentation in the Fellowship Hall
		10:00 a.m.	Worship Service/Mediacom Channel 81
		12:30 p.m.	Church Picnic at the Ballard Nature Center

**Birthdays This Week**

- 9/18 Fred Richter
- 9/19 Marcy Jones & Mike Conrad
- 9/21 Katie French & Kendall Jackson
- 9/23 Abigail Keitel & Maddux Wyckoff
- 9/24 Melody Schuette & Vicki Darling

**Anniversaries This Week**

- 9/18/66 Lyle & Jane Tolch
- 9/19/20 Tyler & Jennifer Marxman
- 9/20/86 Dennis & Nancy Johnson
- 9/20/08 Mike & Linda Nolan
- 9/23/95 Keith & Alice Knight
- 9/23/06 Kyle & Rachael Pennington
- 9/24/77 Danny & Karen Stevenson
- 9/24/16 Cory & Meghan Wahl

**LLL Pork Burger Sale on the Triangle in Altamont**

The SEA LLL Zone will have a Pork Burger Sale on Sat., Oct. 1, from 10:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m. There will also be a bake sale at the same time. Donation of items for the bake sale would be appreciated & should be brought to the Triangle by 10 a.m. on the day of the event. All proceeds will go to maintain the airing of the Lutheran Hour on WPMB/WKRV radio in Vandalia. Questions, contact Raymond Stuckemeyer at 618-267-6909.

**Food Pantry Donations for September**  
"Your Choice"

**Living with Grief Support Group**

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