

THE EAGLE

St. John's Weekly Newsletter October 16, 2022

Technology can bring our missionaries so close! Last Sunday we had a delightful Zoom conversation during Bible Class with Hayden Rensner in Czech Republic. She's witnessing for Christ while teaching English to youth and adults in Europe. I was struck by the story of one teenage girl who heard Hayden tell the parable of the shepherd who seeks one out of a hundred sheep (Luke 15). The girl understood that it is supposed to be a story about God seeking and loving even the most lost sheep there could be, but still she asked, "what if that sheep has done something really, really bad and her family doesn't want her? Would the shepherd still go after her?"

Yes, even that one.

Maybe you're the one sheep who needs to hear that today. Maybe you're the person, like Hayden, who will tell others about the Good Shepherd. Our sin is serious. It's great. God is greater than our sin, and His seeking, sacrificial mercy is the heartbeat of our ministry as St. John's. That's why we stay rooted in Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions.

To see Hayden's most recent newsletter, stop by the bulletin board in the main hall. Holly Bray, our Evangelism Board chair, will travel to see Hayden later this week. Tell Holly to greet Hayden for you!

Finally, technology can also bring unholy things so close.



Recently someone asked me for help with recovery from pornography addiction. It took personal courage

and faith in God to reach out, and I was so glad they asked. My second answer was in the form of a pamphlet from Lutheran Hour Ministries, "*Strength and Honor: The Spiritual Warfare against Pornography.*" You can pick it up from our Project Connect carousel in the Atrium, or

download it [here](#) if you're reading this Eagle online. Renewal and recovery are possible. Christ cares. What was my first answer? The Good News about Jesus, the forgiveness of sins, and the Spirit's strength for hope!

In Him,

Later this week Kathy and I will participate in the Lutherans For Life National Conference in Rock Island, IL. It's not too late for YOU to register online TODAY. See the poster on the bulletin board, or go to <https://lutheransforlife.org/conference/>

Welcome

Little Roslyn Reign Veach. She was born on Sun., Oct. 9th at 3:23 p.m. She weighed 6 lbs 7 ozs. And was 19.5" long. Proud parents are Tanner & Ashley Veach. God's blessings on this new little one and her parents.

SPECIAL NEWSLETTER NOTE

All items for the newsletter this week will need to be submitted by Tuesday!

Thanks for your understanding!

5th Sunday Door Offering

The door offering on Sun., Oct. 30th will go to LWML to help support their missions.

Important Upcoming Meeting

Council Meeting

Will be held on Tues., Oct. 18 at **6:30 p.m.**

Voter's Meeting

Will be held on Tues., Oct. 25 at 7:00 p.m.

Pastor Appreciation Month

October is Pastor Appreciation Month. We are so blessed to have 2 of the best:

Pastor Michael Burdick

&

Pastor Gary Fortkamp

Thank you for all you do here at St. John's. May God continue to bless you, your families, and your ministry! Be sure to tell them how much you appreciate all they do!

Prayer List

Lillian Harstine, Nacho Castillo, Dennis Johnson, John Lin, Richard Ohnesorge, Doris Stremming, Julie Stanfield, Billy Genaust, Florence Genaust, Marcella Wolf, Vera Huey, Marlene Haake, Heather Davis, Becky Fielitz, Tatum Garcia, Shirley Cheadle, Owen Phelps, Dan Chambers, Chad Nelson, Jan Martins.

All Members of the Armed Forces, Ryan Budde, Bryce Ikemire, and all first responders of our community and nation.

Your Response to the Gospel
Our Attendance Last Week

Sunday October 9.....	355
Sunday School.....	45
Adult Sunday School	48
LifeLight.....	N/A

Our Offerings October 9, 2022

General Fund.....	\$6,523.00
Online General Fund	\$5,066.58
Total Gen. Fund Offering.....	\$11,589.58
Building Fund.....	\$70.00

LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life

“By God’s grace, and with His help, may we bear good fruit and make God-pleasing choices that glorify God who chose to create us and save us!”

Rev. Craig Michaelson, Faith Community Lutheran Church, Las Vegas, Nevada – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

Youth Corner Upcoming Events

All Church Hayride & Weiner Roast

4:00 p.m., Sunday, October 16th

At the home of Jim & Kathy Schroeder
Be sure to sign up on the bulletin board.

Halloween Parade

Sunday, October 30th

St. John’s Online Shirt Store Sales

Monday, Oct. 3rd through Oct. 25th

<https://www.sportdesigns.net/sjlc.html>

Camp CILCA

1st Annual ***Act Like Men Work Day*** will be held Sat., Nov. 12 from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Brush clearing, leaf raking, small handyman jobs, moving the maintenance equipment into the new building. “A hearty lunch will be served & ladies are welcome, too. Email director@cilca.org to let Pastor Theilen know you are coming.

Be a part of the Haiti Hunger Fight

Sun., Nov. 13 at noon. This year, there are 2 generous donors who have agreed to match donations, & in some instances the donation may be DOUBLE matched. Be sure to check the flyer and information sheet on the bulletin board.

Halloween Parade Updates

We are looking for monetary donations or candy donations for the kids to hand out during the Halloween parade. Anyone wishing to walk along beside our float should contact Carolyn Wendte (217-821- 6541) or Domer Ohnesorge (217-821-3300) by Sunday, October 23.

This Week’s Sunday School Lesson

Exodus 20:1-21

As we gather today, we will study “A Loving Law.” Months into their wilderness wanderings, the Israelites arrive in the wilderness of Sinai. God comes to the mountain in clouds and thunder—fire and smoke—as He establishes His covenant with His people through Moses, His chosen intermediary. There on the mountain, God gives Moses His Ten Commandments. Discuss why the Ten Commandments are still important in our lives today.

St. John’s Online Shirt Store

The Online Shirt Store will remain open until Tues., Oct. 25th.

Here is the shopping link:

<https://www.sportdesigns.net/sjlc.html>

Stewardship Moment

Genesis 32:26 – “And he said to him, ‘Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.’” The great Lutheran musician J.S. Bach composed a beautiful motet using this verse. It is the cry of true faith, much the same as Peter’s words: “Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.” True faith clings to the Lord no matter the struggle, no matter the “hard sayings” that the Lord speaks. True faith knows that God means to bless us always.

Rental Properties

St. John's owns the two houses on Oak Street, just west of the Church parking lot. Until such a time as those houses are needed for other ministry purposes (including housing for a second called worker), they may be available for rent to St. John's members. The Board of Trustees invites interested members to pick up the information sheet in the church office, including how these Mission Houses are to be used in concert with our congregational facility use policy. Interested members may also speak with Trustees Al Siebert (217-821-1968) or Lyle Tolch (217-343-7299).

East African Mission Trip

Would you be interested in doing an East African Mission Trip? Norbert Soltwedel, of Faith Lutheran Shumway, is considering leading a team to Kamuli, Uganda on Feb. 1-12, 2023. The team would conduct a weekly Bible School & construct play ground equipment at a Lutheran Elementary School. Team members would meet for pretravel planning in January, fly from Chicago to Entebbe, & stay the first & last night in Kampala. While in Kamuli, the group will stay at a local hotel & be bussed to the school each day. The team is in need of 10 individuals to lead singing, crafts, Bible Stories, basic construction skills, & interact with the children. Members should have an adventurist spirit but it is not a difficult experience. Meals, lodging, & transportation will be provided. Estimated total cost is \$2,000/person, & the group may want to do fund raising to reduce this cost. If interested, or have questions, call Norbert at 217-868-2833 or email soltk@frontier.com

Children's Christmas Program

Will be held on Sun., Dec. 18th during the 10:30 a.m. service. If you know for sure your child will not be there, please let Kiley Bohnhoff, Ammon Probst, or Sarah Wyckoff know as they will begin the planning stages in the next couple of weeks. Also, if you have any interest in helping, please let one of them know. Thank you!

7th Annual Fall Vendor Open House at Faith Lutheran Church Shumway Family Activity Center

This will be held Sat. Oct. 29th from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. A portion of the funds go to Norbert & Linda Soltwedel's son, Kraig, and his wife, Jodie, and family to raise money to help them continue their ministry of spreading the gospel in New Zealand. Check the flyer on the bulletin board for a full list of Vendors. Admission to this event is free.

Oh, what we do for our Church & Children



1500 lbs of border unloaded for our playground area. Thank you Pastor Burdick, Dave Althoff, Fred Bray, Dave Budde, and Ben Burdick.

The Call Committee

Has notified the Central Illinois District that we are proceeding with calling an Associate Pastor. We ask the members of St. John's to...

- Pray that we will be ready and willing to carry out the mission God has given us.
- Pray for wisdom in the nomination and selection process.
- Pray that the Lord of the harvest will send the associate pastor in His time and manner.
- Submit names of pastoral candidates for our associate pastor position during October.
 - It is not necessary that the pastor you are suggesting knows about, or consents to, your submission of his name at this time.
 - The pastor must be on the clergy roster of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

To submit a name for consideration:

- Take a nomination form from the Welcome Center. (Forms available Sept. 25 – Oct. 31)
- Place the completed form in the offering plate during any worship service between Sept. 25 – Oct. 31

The associate pastor will work alongside Pastor Burdick, working first in all dimensions of our ministry and later specializing in those areas that Pastor Burdick, the Associate Pastor, & congregational leaders believe best match the needs of the congregation and the gifts of the pastor.

It is likely that we will not be calling until early 2023. The Lord will provide. May His will be done!

St. John's Call Committee

Sandy Bernhard, Holly Bray, Pastor Burdick, Ray Hartman, Dan Jansen, Jerry Lindsey, Jeff Weis, Sandy Wieneke, and Dave Worman

CALENDAR-----October 16 2022 – October 23, 2022

Sunday	16	8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Worship Services
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
		10:00 a.m.	Worship Service/Mediacom Channel 81
		3:00 p.m.	Circuit Forum (Shumway)
		4:00 p.m.	Hayride/Wiener Roast at Jim & Kathy Schroeder's
Preschool Monday – Thursday 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.			
Monday	17	Noon	Board of Evangelism
		5:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
Tuesday	18	8:30 a.m.	Preschool Pictures
		6:00 p.m.	Lydia Guild Fall Gathering
		6:30 p.m.	Council Meeting
		7:30 p.m.	Adult Catechism Class
Wednesday	19	8:30 a.m.	Preschool Pictures
		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	20		Lutherans for Life National Convention, Rock Island
Friday	21		Pastor's Sabbath
			Lutherans for Life National Convention, Rock Island
			No Preschool
Saturday	22		Lutherans for Life National Convention, Rock Island
		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
Sunday	23	8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Worship Services w/HC
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
		10:00 a.m.	Worship Service/Mediacom Channel 81

Birthdays This Week

- 10/16 Stanley Moeller
- 10/17 Erica Palmer, Kami Bahrns, Katy Higgs,
Laura Janis & Lonni Weis
- 10/18 Brenda Osborne, David Althoff,
& Evan Pryor
- 10/19 Amelia Hippchen, Blair Smith, Craig Bailey
Renee Keitel, & Steve Backhus
- 10/20 Chuck Mayberry, Eric Schoonover,
Gloria Fortkamp, & Mike Field
- 10/21 Ryan Sandifer
- 10/22 Dorothy Belcher, Jessica Johnson
Kaden Junge, & Waneta March

Anniversaries This Week

- 10/17/70 David & Carol Althoff
- 10/17/15 Ryan & Amanda Rieman
- 10/19/69 Don & Patsy Latch
- 10/19/13 Jason & Megan Smith
- 10/19/14 Kris & Molly Lipe
- 10/19/19 Kyle & Bailey Willenborg
- 10/19/19 Tony & Karine Castillo
- 10/20/63 Dwight & Kay Klepzig
- 10/22/05 Larry & Dawn Quicksall

Food Pantry Donations for October

- Soup, Hamburger Helper,
Canned vegetables or fruit