

THE EAGLE

St. John's Weekly Newsletter October 2, 2022

I wish you could have heard them. The 7th and 8th Grade students in my Confirmation class filled the balcony and belted out the words and music of "This is the Feast!" during our lesson Wednesday on "what is worship?" The organ played loudly. The kids sang well. One student even told me afterward, "we should do that in a real Service." Maybe we will. Before singing in the balcony, the class had looked at the Bible references for each part of Divine Service One in the hymnal, and read Revelation 7 to understand the origin of the anthem.

If I had asked one of them to sing alone, they would have been petrified. As a choir of 17, they gained confidence and joy. It's good to be in a group. A good group. In regular worship services, you are a good group, and these youth need you. They need to see you singing and speaking the Service with joy and genuine engagement. Lead them in that goodness, and when you see them engaged in the Service, compliment them. You're building up the Body of Christ!

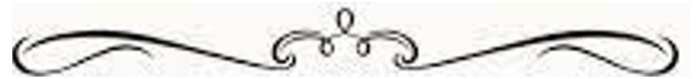
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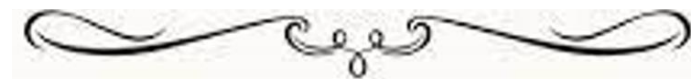
Are you getting our District newsletter, "The Gatepost," in your email inbox? Sign up at www.cidLCMS.org in the box titled "Newsletter Sign-up." There are many helpful items on our CID website.

The extended family of Chad Nelson requested that we hold a prayer service as we intercede for him and his family while he's battling cancer. Pastor Burdick will lead prayer in our St. John's sanctuary from 6:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. on Monday, October 10. We will use "Responsive Prayer 2" on page 285 in the hymnal. Join us in person, or pray from home. As always, we pray "Thy will be done," as we lift up Chad and family to the Triune God. Let us pray.

The new playground is almost finished. It has been funded by Eagle's Nest Preschool, and will be a great enhancement to our preschool ministry. It is also available to the young children of our congregation, of course! After the rubber chips are put down, the former playground equipment will be placed inside the fence. Enjoy, children! We hope this playground is an additional signal to our community that St. John's welcomes children and their families to come hear the Good News about Jesus all week. Thanks be to God.



Congratulations to Danny and Ashley Klepzig, who were married here at St. John's Saturday. May the Lord bless your marriage with true faith and love, in Christ.



Youth in grades 7-12 are invited to meet at Church at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, October 9. We will go to the St. Paul Wheeler Corn Maze, and then back to the Burdicks' home for Bible Study and a cookout. Christian fellowship in the Fall! Come on, kids! Signup on the hall bulletin board by October 5 at Confirmation Class.

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.

Prayer List

John Lin, Richard Ohnesorge, Doris Stremming, Julie Stanfield, Billy Genauast, Florence Genauast, Marcella Wolf, Vera Huey, Marlene Haake, Heather Davis, Becky Fielitz, Tatum Garcia, Shirley Cheadle, Owen Phelps, Dan Chambers, Chad Nelson, Jan Martins, and the family of Paul Wendling

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 25	424
Sunday School	50
Adult Sunday School	35
LifeLight	10

Our Offerings September 25, 2022

General Fund	\$7,810.23
Online General Fund	\$3,066.58
Total Gen. Fund Offering	\$10,876.81
Building Fund	\$150.00

LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life

"It is easy to look at others in the world and label them as enemies, especially when they have different political, religious, or ethical beliefs than we do. But, when God looks at those individuals, He wants them to belong to His family, too. A fruit of faith can be to show other individuals, made in God's image, that they, too, are chosen!"

Marie K. MacPherson, author – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

Hayden Rensner Update

Join us in the Fellowship Hall Sun., Oct. 9th during the Sunday School Hour to hear an update from Hayden. She has been living in the Czech Republic since Dec. 2021. Come & hear about Hayden's busy summer & how God is using her (& us by extension) in Central Europe & beyond.

Faith Lutheran Church in Shumway Annual Soup Supper

Sun., Oct. 16 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Menu: Homemade Chicken Noodle Soup & Chili
Hot dogs, Ham & Cheese Sandwiches
Pies, Cakes, & Drinks
FREE will offering.

Check the flyer on the bulletin board for details.

Lydia Guild

We will meet on Tues., Oct 4th at 7:00 p.m.

Youth Corner Upcoming Events

Corn Maze & Cookout

Sun., Oct. 9th at 2:30 p.m. St. Paul's Corn Maze & Cookout at Pastor Burdicks'

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—Update on pg. 3 of Eagle

Online Shirt Store Sales

Monday, Oct. 3rd through Oct. 25th
<https://www.sportdesigns.net/sjlc.html>

This Week's Sunday School Lesson

Exodus 2:23-3:22

Today, we will study "Fiery Directions." Miraculously rescued through the waters of the Nile by Pharaoh's daughter, Moses escapes the condemnation pronounced on the other Hebrew boys. Leaving behind his life of privilege, Moses flees to Midian, where he encounters the living God in a burning bush. Through this encounter, God directs and equips Moses to rescue His chosen people from their slavery in Egypt. Discuss how we are saved through the waters of Baptism.

Stewardship Moment

Luke 17:10 – "So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.'" We can never put God in our debt. Even if we lived in perfect compliance with the Law, we would still only be unworthy servants. Our giving to the Lord's work in the Church is a sign that we recognize our role as servants. Furthermore, we give because we recognize our own need for that work of the Lord in the Church. And what a blessing it is to give to the Church so that the ministry of His Word and Sacraments may reach all in community.

Youth Board Needs Your Help!

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

St. Paul Lutheran Corn Maze & Scavenger Hunt

Oct. 1 & 2; Oct. 7, 8, & 9; Oct. 14, 15, & 16
Fridays 6 p.m.-10 p.m.; Saturdays 11 a.m.-10 p.m.
Sundays 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Admission into the corn maze is \$5 /person
Children 5 & younger are free
See the flyer on the bulletin board for details.

Back by Popular Demand
The Online Shirt Store

The Online Shirt Store will open
Monday, October 3
and remain open until
Tues., Oct. 25th.

Here is the shopping link:
<https://www.sportdesigns.net/sjlc.html>

LCMS Foundation
TODAY | TOMORROW | FOREVER

Financial support of the Lord's work includes Gifts Now, Gifts in the Future, Gifts spread over time. Sometimes, our plans do not encompass more than a day's activity. Sometimes we may stretch that to a year. Yet our giving plan for the Lord's work is a lifetime plan that addresses current needs of ministry support and the plan for gifts for the moment the Lord calls us from this life to His eternal side. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help you work through your Lifetime Plan for Giving™. Contact Scott Radden, Gift Planning Counselor, at (618) 977-4049 or Scott.Radden@lfnd.org for more information.

Deepest Sympathy

To the family of Paul Wendling. Paul passed away on Fri., Sept. 23rd. Services were held Wed., Sept. 28th at St. John's Lutheran Church in Effingham, followed by burial in Arborcrest Memorial Park in Effingham. Memorials may be made to LCMS World Relief and Human Care or LCMS Joint Seminary Fund. Please keep his wife, Judy, and children, Sara Sandifer & Steven Wendling & their families, in our prayers.

Food Pantry Updates

We would like to encourage all members of St. John's to take a tour of the Food Pantry. Those who have had no idea the facility St. John's Offers to serve the needs of our community. Continued support financially or donation of items is always welcomed and greatly appreciated. Thanks to all!

Statistics for August

75 Households
134 Adults & 45 Children
For a total of 179 served

Statistics for September

93 Households
168 Adults & 46 Children
For a total of 214 served

Donations for October

Soup, Hamburger Helper,
Canned vegetables or fruit

ATTENTION

ALL Boards & Congregational Secretary

All reports are needed in the church office by Thurs., October 13th for the Council Meeting, which is Tues., October 18th.

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

Halloween Parade Float Meeting

6th grade- High School & Parents
Sun., Oct 2nd at 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

At Jeff & Kathy Stremming's

If you can help, text or call
Domer Ohnesorge-217-821-3300
Carolyn Wendte-217-821-6541

CALENDAR-----October 2 2022 – October 9, 2022

Sunday	2	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
		1:30 p.m.	Life Chain
Preschool Monday - Thursday 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.			
Monday	3		CID Pastor Conference, Moline, IL
		5:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
		6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.	Preschool Open House
		6:15 p.m.	Board of Christian Education
Tuesday	4		CID Pastor Conference, Moline, IL
		5:30 p.m.	Board of Trustees
		7:00 p.m.	Lydia Guild
		7:00 p.m.	Adult Catechism
Wednesday	5	1:00 p.m.	Staff Devotions/Meeting
		5:00 p.m.	Confirmation
		5:30 p.m.	Bell Practice
Thursday	6		
Friday	7		No Preschool
			Pastor's Sabbath
Saturday	8	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	9	8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Worship w/HC The Choir will be singing for both services
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School Zoom with Hayden Rensner
		10:00 a.m.	Worship Service/Mediacom Channel 81
		2:30 p.m.	LYF Corn Maze and Cookout

Birthdays This Week

- 10/2 Mary Ann Hoefflinger
- 10/3 Beth Miller, Carol Wallace, Carrie Brown, & Linda Miller
- 10/4 Andrew Womack & Rick Manford
- 10/5 Debbie Womack, J. P. Simmons, LeeAnn Perry, & Terry Braun
- 10/6 Abby Burdick, Andrew Moeller, Andy Janis, Dennis Marxmann, Judy Ziegler, Kendra Daman, & Tammy Phillips
- 10/7 Delanie Hinton, Neal Mellendorf, Sandy Bernhard, Shawn Newlin, & Zachary Keitel
- 10/8 Brianne Brach, Dana Keller, Jacob Miller, Owen Phelps, Quinn Ziegler, & Sonja Martin

Sign up for the Catechism Bible Study Class that begins this Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

Anniversaries This Week

- 10/03/09 Seth & Jennifer Wilson
- 10/03/15 Mike & Debbie Buenker
- 10/03/20 Colby & Holly Adams
- 10/05/91 Mitchell & Cinda Hulskotter
- 10/05/96 Ken & Norma Lansing
- 10/05/19 Jake & Emily Devall
- 10/05/19 Jacob & Carrie Janis

There will not be a "Today's Light Review" Session on Oct 4th. We will hold one on Nov 7th.