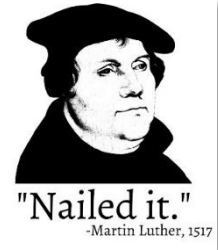


THE EAGLE

St. John's Weekly Newsletter October 30, 2022



A blessed Reformation Day, dear reader! Thank God for ...*technology*. It was the technology of the Gutenberg printing press which carried the message of the 16th century Reformation so far and so quickly. Through movable type

– a new technology – the truth of justification by grace alone for Christ's sake alone reached many more lives than it could have just 100 years before. God gives salvation. Tech was used to tell it.

But technology is not a perfect gift. Man always bends toward idolatry and misuse of God's gifts. Movable type back then spread lies, too. Digital technology is used for lies, lust, and laziness today, even while it is often used rightly.

I'm *glad* and *baffled* at the same time when I see how many views our YouTube recordings of worship Services rack up – over 100 almost every week. I'm glad to know our members who *cannot* make it to Service are hearing, singing, saying, and praying God's Word with us. I'm baffled to know that for some people the digital broadcast has replaced in-person "gathering together" (Hebrews 10:25) when they actually could be together in the church, as the Church. It's impossible to receive the Lord's Supper virtually. We need to be together, with Him and with one another. His Table is the most powerful way that we receive His reforming, forgiving grace. God help us to increase our in-person worship attendance and the peace which flows from God's grace in Jesus.

Our use of technology is about to make a shift, dear reader, and I'm asking you to help those who will be affected by it. We need to end our use of Channel 81 on Mediacom on Sunday mornings. Our volunteers have faithfully taken the DVD to the facility for broadcast, but the tower equipment has been failing repeatedly and the road to the tower is sometimes impassible. Starting November 6, we will no longer be using Channel 81. I'm sorry we have to make this change.

However, we'll still stream and record our Services on YouTube ("St John's Lutheran Church Effingham IL"). Please spread the word and help those who can't make it to church to make the digital connection – even going and setting up their phone, tablet, computer or smart tv. Need help? One of our members has volunteered to assist you ... just let us know in the office. DVD recordings will still be available, too.

Technology sometimes fails us. We're continuing to use it to the best of our ability to share the Gospel of the unfailing Christ.

Happy Reformation Day.

5th Sunday Door Offering

The door offering on Sun., Oct. 30th will go to LWML to help support their missions. Please make checks payable to **St. John's Lydia Guild**.

St. John's Prayer Partners

Over 80 members of St. John's are part of our church Prayer Partner ministry. Julie Scott, our Prayer Partner coordinator, receives and then shares prayer requests by text or by email with all Prayer Partners. A prayer Partner's only responsibility is to read the request and then to pause and to pray. YES—you are welcome to join this ministry. Call or text Julie (217-343-3047), and you will be added to the Prayer Partner team. Prayer requests may be shared with Julie by phone or at stprayerpartners@gmail.com.

It's Time to Set Your Clocks Back 1 Hour **Sunday, Nov. 6th**



Pastor Appreciation Month

October is Pastor Appreciation Month. Be sure to tell Pastor Burdick & Pastor Fortkamp how much you appreciate all they do!

Prayer List

Marcella Wolf, Rodney Broaddus, Irene Esch, Chad Nelson, Nacho Castillo, John Lin, Richard Ohnesorge, Vera Huey, Marlene Haake, Heather Davis, Becky Fielitz, Tatum Garcia, Shirley Cheadle, Dan Chambers, and the family of Owen Phelps..

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

Your Response to the Gospel
Our Attendance Last Week

Sunday October 23.....	350
Sunday School.....	43
Adult Sunday School	44
LifeLight	8

Our Offerings October 23, 2022

General Fund.....	\$9,218.00
Online General Fund	\$3,647.58
Total Gen. Fund Offering.....	\$12,865,58
Building Fund.....	\$60.00

LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life

“While we are on this side of eternity, the chance to serve and love our country and our neighbor and our community is as depthless as the Lord’s love for us. Engaging is a good, right, and humbling call.”

Timothy S. Goeglein, vice president of government and external relations at Focus on the Family in Washington, D.C.
– A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

The Next Call Committee Meeting

Will be on Thurs., Nov. 3rd at 6:00 p.m. in the Conference Room.

Trinity Hope’s School Lunch Program in Haiti

You are invited to join the Board of Evangelism in the fellowship Hall on Sun., Nov. 13th at 11:45 a.m. for lunch and to hear an update from this program. We are accepting a free will offering in support of the Le Lutheriene de Baja school lunch program. A Feeding Program director from Haiti will be here to share the latest news. Thank you for your continued support.

Lydia Guild Meeting

Tuesday, Nov. 1st at 7:00 p.m.

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.

Youth Corner Upcoming Events

Nov.2

5:30 p.m. LYF Informational Meeting for the parents of 6, 7, & 8th grade Confirmation Parents.

Nov. 30 Advent Soup

Chili or Vegetable Soup

Lunch is dine-in Only

11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. & 12:45 p.m.–1:15 p.m.

Dinner is drive through or dine-in

4 p.m.-6:30 p.m. & 7:15 p.m.-7:45 p.m.

Cookie Walk Drop Off

Cookie drop off Saturday, Dec. 17 9 a.m. – 10 a.m.

Cookie Walk

Sat. Dec 17th

4:30 p.m.-5:15 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.-7 p.m.

Sun., Dec. 18th

7 a.m. to noon

This Week’s Sunday School Lesson

Judges 7:1-23

Today, we will study “A Judge Leads.” God called Gideon to lead His chosen people against their Midianite enemies. God leads Gideon to reduce his army from 32,000 men to a mere 300. Reassured by the Lord, Gideon moves forward with God’s improbable plan. Armed with only torches and trumpets, Gideon’s mini army defeats the mighty Midianite force without lifting a sword. Discuss ways God can use even small groups of people to accomplish great things.

Stewardship Moment

Revelation 14:6 – “Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people.” During the Reformation, this text was used to refer to Luther’s ministry and the Lutheran message. We have an eternal Gospel to proclaim. Christ has freed us from our sins without any works on our part. We are saved by grace alone! And, ironically enough, Luther said this should make him the “apostle of works”. Once we are freed by grace, we are truly free to serve God in works that flow from thankfulness and praise.

Food Pantry Donations for November

Sloppy Joe's, saltine crackers, variety pasta, and spaghetti sauce

Thank You

My sincere thanks to all, known and unknown, who have offered prayers, given guidance, material goods, food, furniture, time, and labor on my behalf as a result of my recent house fire. It is indeed Christians in action. May God bless you double. Charlie Braasch.

18th Annual Effingham County Thanksgiving Day Dinner

This free meal will be Thanksgiving Day, Thurs., Nov. 24th. There will not be a congregational meal. Delivery or curbside pickup. For more details, please see the flyer on the bulletin board.

Annual Ladies Aid Chili Supper & Bake Sale St. John's, Louisville

Sun., Nov. 6th from 4 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Bake Sale Proceeds will go to assist Justin Traub, while he undergoes cancer treatments.

Check the flyer on the bulletin board for details.

East African Mission Trip

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 Jan., fly from Chicago to Entebbe, & stay the first & last night in Kampala. 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 adventurous 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.

Questions, call Norbert at 217-868-2833 or email soltk@frontier.com

Altar Guild Thank You

To all of those who assist in removing the communion trays after the 10:30 a.m. service. Your help is a blessing!

St. John's, Dieterich, Fall Breakfast

Sun., Nov. 13th from 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Free will donation & carry out available.

See the flyer on the bulletin board for details.

Built on the Rock

St. Paul's Lutheran Church 150th Celebration

The final celebration of our 150th anniversary will be the weekend of Oct. 29th & 30th. Memorabilia display from Noon - 4:00 p.m. on the 29th, and also on Sun. Sunday worship at 10 a.m. with guest pastor Rev. Martin Kaufmann, son of former pastor Rev. Phillip Kaufmann. A German luncheon will be provided. Check out the flyer on the bulletin board.

Operation Christmas Child

Please pick up a gift box & shipping label today! The boxes are set up in the main hallway. Pamphlets describing suggested gifts and prayer bookmarks are also free for the taking. There are 4 ways to participate:

1. Purchase gifts & pack a shoebox, including a check to cover shipping.
2. Donate new items for packing.
3. Contribute any amount, making checks payable to "Samaritan's Purse".
4. Pray for safe & successful delivery of Christmas Child boxes as well as those receiving the Gift of the Gospel message.

Save-A-Lot Gift Vouchers

\$5 vouchers for Save-A-Lot are on sale in the church office. Think of those in need who may benefit from a Save-A-Lot voucher such as homeless & travelers who need a little help. The holidays, along with colder temperatures can really be a challenge for so many.

Thank YOU!

The Board of Trustees want to take this opportunity to give a "Special Thanks" to the following companies & individuals on helping with the Preschool's NEW playground area:

Direct Lines Trucking, Jake Wendling

Bahrns Equipment fork lift, Ted

Heuerman Bros. dirt, Tim

Pastor Burdick, Ben Burdick, Fred Bray, Dave Althoff, & Dave Budde who unloaded the semi.

Also, Jim Bailey, Dale Schagemann, & Kirby Tolch. We couldn't have done it without the above! Also, another "Special Thanks" to Eric & Sandy Bernhard for donating all the paint & two new speed bumps, & also labor on restriping the parking lot. God bless you all!

CALENDAR-----October 30, 2022 – November 6, 2022

Sunday	30	8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Reformation Sunday Worship Services w/HC 5 th Sunday Free Will Offering for LWML Missions
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
		10:00 a.m.	Worship Service/Mediacom Channel 81
		2:00 p.m.	Halloween Parade
Preschool Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.			
Monday	31		Reformation Day
Tuesday	1	11:30 a.m.	Staff Lunch
		5:30 p.m.	Board of Trustees
		7:00 p.m.	Lydia Build
		7:00 p.m.	Adult Catechism
Wednesday	2	1:00 p.m.	Staff Devotions/Meeting
		5:00 p.m.	Confirmation
		5:30 p.m.	Bell Practice
		5:30 p.m.	6, 7, & 8 th Grade LYF Parent Meeting
Thursday	3	6:00 p.m.	Call Committee Meeting
Friday	4		Pastor's Sabbath
Saturday	5		All Saints Day
		8:00 a.m.	Praise Band Practice
		8:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study at Niemerg's
		8:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study at Niemerg's
		9:30 a.m. – 11 a.m.	E.A.S.T.E.R.
		5:30 p.m.	Worship Service--Bells will be playing
Sunday	6		All Saint's Day
		7:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	LCC Breakfast
		8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Worship Services--Bells will be playing for both services
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School

Birthdays This Week

- 10/31 Brian Marxman, Melissa Goldstein, Ruth Holland, & Sam Wagner
- 11/01 Anna Rieman, Danielle Espina, Greg Keitel, & Jackson Fritch
- 11/02 Brendan Keller, Kyle Pennington, & Tate Bloemer
- 11/03 Donna Walls & Linda Lockett
- 00/04 Dan Jansen, Lloyd Wittenberg, Kiley Bohnhoff, Randall Steben, & Roberta Jenkins

Anniversaries This Week

- 10/30/10 James & Rebecca Belcher
- 11/02/01 Jeff & Kristen Pryor
- 11/03/62 Dutch & Emily Klitzing

Women's Breakfast/Bible Study

Will meet Sat., Nov. 5 at 8:00 a.m. at Niemerg's

Men's Breakfast & Bible Study

Will meet Sat., Nov. 5 at 8:00 a.m. at Niemerg's