

THE EAGLE

St. John's Weekly Newsletter October 9, 2022

"For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it."

Isaiah 55:10-11

We almost always remember thorns instead of roses. If nine people react appropriately to the Law or Gospel, and one spurns them, I often have that rejection stuck in my head for much longer. You, too? Probably.

Last Sunday, members of our congregations joined with many others to form the Life Chain in positive witness to the gift of life and the desire to



rescue children from the evil of abortion. Almost all reactions from drivers were positive. But those fingers and voices that weren't have a special power to stick in our minds like a thorn underfoot that could keep us from moving forward. Remember the roses – the moms, the children, the families, the adoptions, the forgiveness – and keep going.

Keep. Going. Speak the truth in love. Be prepared to speak (or be powerfully silent) when someone's hurt is expressed as hatred.

Above all, speak the Law and Gospel – especially the powerful forgiveness of Christ to those who are hurting. Share the Word of God in your household and neighborhood. It has power that you don't. At our pastors' conference this week I heard an old Luther quote: "God's Word must do the fighting." Go forward, and let it. Remember the roses.

[Jesus said,] "For God so loved the world, that He gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16

In Him,

On the last Sunday of October we will mark two important things: Reformation and Missions. Reformation Sunday will also be Lutheran Women's Missionary League Sunday, a day to highlight the mission-focus of the Church and the LWML. Our 5th Sunday door offering will be in support of our Lydia Guild's mites for missions.

Lutheran Care Center Auction Update

As you may have seen in last week's insert from Lutheran Care Center, there won't be an in-person LCC Auction this November. The Care Campaign will ask us to give special gifts to the work of LCC, an increasingly difficult ministry in the face of staff shortages and high costs.

Our Elders have made a change to our Christmas Eve schedule for this year, and will welcome your help in evaluating it afterward. Our Services on Christmas Eve will be held at 4:00 p.m., 6:30 p.m., and 9:00 p.m. Christmas Day, Sunday December 25, there will be one Service at 9:00 a.m. "O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!"

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.

Prayer List

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 September 25 338
Sunday School..... 49
Adult Sunday School 42
LifeLight 10

Our Offerings September 25, 2022

General Fund..... \$9,449.26
Online General Fund \$1,674.86
Total Gen. Fund Offering..... \$11,124.12
Building Fund..... \$20.00

LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life

“Moved by the Holy Spirit, may we help each other carry the crosses we face together. May we work to eliminate suffering together. And may we find healing, belonging, peace, and joy, together in the cross of Christ!”

Michelle Bauman, director of Y4Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

Lydia Guild Fall Gathering

Our Annual Salad/Casserole Lydia Guild Fall Social Gathering of local Lydia Guild's will be Tues., Oct. 18 at 6:00 p.m. We will be having a German Theme this year, with German food & a German Speaker. All ladies of the church are invited to attend. Please sign up on the bulletin board by Friday, Oct. 14th, if you can attend. The food will be provided for this event. Please come & enjoy the food & fellowship.

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.

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.

This Week's Sunday School Lesson

Exodus 14

Today's lesson, "The Egypt Exit," tells of ten terrible plagues and how Pharaoh relents and releases the Israelites to worship in the wilderness. Realizing the Israelites have no intention of returning, Pharaoh's army pursues the runaways. Caught between Pharaoh's charioteers and the waters of the Red Sea, the people cry out to God. Moses stretches his hand over the sea as God parts the waters, enabling the people to pass through the sea on dry ground. As Egypt's army attempts to follow, the sea closes in over them, so not one survives. As a family, talk about the ways God protects us from our enemies today.

Youth Corner Upcoming Events

Corn Maze & Cookout

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

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>

Stewardship Moment

Luke 17:19 – 19 – “And he said to him, ‘Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.’” Only one of the 10 lepers who were cleansed returns to give thanks to Jesus. Why is that? Surely the rest were indeed thankful to be freed from such a terrible disease. But only the Samaritan leper had faith, and his faith turned into action, as all true faith does. Our generosity to God's work in the Church is likewise our faith in action.

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. 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.

St. John's 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>

Food Pantry Donations for October

Soup, Hamburger Helper,
Canned vegetables or fruit

Next Food Distribution

Tues., Oct. 11th from 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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, at **6:30 p.m.**

Lifelight Class

We will be dismissing this week so we can attend
the zoom meeting with Hayden Rensner. We will
continue our class on Sun., Oct. 16th.

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 planing
stages in the next couple of weeks. Also, if you
have any interest in helping, please let one of them
know. Thank you!

Prayer Shawl

We will be meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 11th at 1 p.m.

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 informaton 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).

Halloween Parade Walkers

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.

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

The Central Illinois District Pastors' Conference will
be held here at St. John's May 1-3, 2023. We'll host
about 130 pastors for worship, sessions, meals, and
fellowship.

CALENDAR-----October 9 2022 – October 16, 2022

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
Preschool Tuesday – Friday 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.			
Monday	10		No Preschool-Columbus Day
		5:00 p.m.	Board of Stewardship
		5:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
		6:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Chad Nelson Prayer Service
Tuesday	11	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
		7:00 p.m.	Adult Catechism
Wednesday	12	8:50 a.m.	Preschool Chapel
		1:00 p.m.	Staff Devotions/Meeting
		5:00 p.m.	Confirmation
		5:30 p.m.	Bell Practice
Thursday	13	8:50 a.m.	Preschool Chapel
		4:45 p.m.	Stephen Ministry
		6:30 p.m.	Board of Elders
Friday	14		Pastor's Sabbath
Saturday	15	8:00 a.m.	Praise Band Practice
		5:30 p.m.	Worship Service
Sunday	16	8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Worship
		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

Birthdays This Week

10/10 Alex Baughman, Joanna Davies,
Meredith Roderick, & Mike Kennedy
10/11 Bryan Wilson, Evan Smith, Jerry Lankford,
Kayla Darling, Sandra Mietzner, &
Sheryl Radloff
10/12 Linda Wells
10/13 Darren Tabbert, Mark Giesler, &
Timothy Bailey
10/14 Donna Wetherell & Lucas Fread
10/15 Grant Goldstein & Jim Bailey

Anniversaries This Week

10/09/04 Nick & Lindsey Stewart
10/10/81 Jerry & Cathy Bloemer
10/10/81 Kal & Renee Keitel
10/10/92 Kevin & Becky Wenthe
10/10/08 Benjamin & Stephanie Sams
10/10/15 Jacob & Breannah Westjohn
10/11/97 Timothy & Tabitha Bailey
10/12/13 Jorden & Arielle Grupe
10/12/19 Bradley & Madisson Marcum
10/14/07 Tim & Kelsey Rentfro
10/15/83 Mike & Joanne Schlechte