

THE EAGLE

St. John's Weekly Newsletter May 28, 2023

Being shy is not at all a bad thing. A cautious or quiet person won't seek the limelight, but they might get important things done at a greater level than many others. Let's celebrate the shy (but they probably don't want us to).

If you have participated in our Catechism Bible Study, you've heard me refer to the Holy Spirit as the shy person of the Trinity. He doesn't draw attention to Himself. Rather, the Spirit is like John the Baptist, who pointed away from himself and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God Who takes away the sin of the world!" (John 1:29).

That's what the Holy Spirit has done in your life. He pointed you toward Jesus and brought you to faith in Him. Let's celebrate the work of the shy Person of the Trinity this Pentecost day! Consider these words from our catechism:

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

What does this mean?

I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.

In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers.

On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.

The Holy Spirit has no lack of confidence. He just wants you, and all sinners, to repent and believe in Jesus. Further, He wants you to grow in sanctification, daily being renewed in holiness and joy. That's His work, a work worth celebrating today and always. *Thank You, Holy Spirit!*



Catechism Bible Study

10 Lessons in 5 two-hour classes. *Why Jesus? Why the Bible? What are the Commandments and what do they mean in 2023? Who is the Trinity? Why pray? Is Baptism for symbolism or salvation? Who should be a pastor, and what's their role? Is Jesus really in the wafer and wine at Communion?* These questions and more are asked and answered.

Come for review or for curiosity ... and maybe for confirmation. The 2017 edition of Luther's Small Catechism (\$15) is our text. Starter videos can be viewed at www.lhm.org/godconnects Pastor Burdick invites you to sign up on the hall bulletin board!

Classes are 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Mondays, June 19, June 26, July 10, July 24, and July 31.

Prayer List

Warren Schlechte, Beulah Ziegler, Karen Flemings, Thomas Reeves, Nadine Clem, Sharon Hiser, Kelsey Baker, Richard Ohnesorge, Sara Bernhard, Heather Davis, Tatum Garcia, Shirley Cheadle, the family of Doug Wendling who passed away Tuesday, and for the marriage of Mikayla Wetherell & Tanner Young on May 27. She is the granddaughter of Dean & Donna Wetherell.

Response to the Gospel

Our Attendance Last Week

Sunday, May 28	397
Sunday School.....	36
Adult Sunday School.....	34
LifeLight	7

Our Offerings Sunday, May 28, 2023

General Fund	\$7,247.25
Online Offering.....	\$3,690.83
Total Gen. Fund Offering	\$10,938.08

Stewardship Moment

Acts 2:1 – “When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place.” Pentecost is the Old Testament harvest festival, taking place around the time when the wheat and oats are ready to be brought in. Of course, this was an image and foreshadowing of the great harvest of humankind that God means to carry out through the preaching of His Word. God gives the seed, and God brings about the harvest. From first to last, in things temporal and things eternal, we stand only by His grace.

Classroom Aide Needed

Eagles Nest Preschool is in need of an aide for the 2023/2024 school year on Tues. & Thurs. Please contact Carrie in the office.

VBS Set Up

Begins at 11:30am on Sun. June 11.

VANCO Online Options

Did you know that you can make your regular donation, building fund donation, special services offering, food pantry donation, and now Undesignated Memorials online? Simply click on the church website, then click the “Online Giving” tab & go from there. Questions... just call the church office.

Summer Sunday School

Begins Sunday, June 4. We will be meeting as a group in the multi-purpose room. You can have your children go directly to class and not to the sanctuary for opening during the summer months. Looking forward to a fun summer!

We still need volunteers to teach:
July 16

Please contact Kiley Bohnhoff (217-343-3520 or email kbohnhoff@hotmail.com).

Food Pantry Updates

Food Items Needed for June

ANY food will be greatly appreciated!

Drop-Offs

You may place your donations in the brown box by the elevator.

LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life

“Jesus became incarnate as embryo, fetus and teenager, infant and adult. In this way He consecrates humankind of all ages, appearances, and abilities. The Good Lord comes close in skin and bone, the same as ours. He remains near with muscle and blood like we have. He humbly bears these sicknesses and gently carries these sorrows of ours. Jesus has crucifix-ed God on you, ever the servant and once-for-all sacrifice.

Pastor Michael Salemink, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

VBS Workers Meeting

Will meet on Thurs., Jun 8 at 6:00 p.m.

Welcome Center Volunteers Needed!

The Welcome Center needs volunteers! If you would like to help, or have questions about what is involved, please call Dena Willis (217-821-2903), or contact the church office (217-342-4334).

VBS Needs!

Volunteers

(Check bulletin board for registration forms)

Students

(There is a registration form in the bulletin)

Supplies

Blue plastic table cloths, Artificial tall trees & plants, tall real potted plants. You can place your items in the box in the Atrium.

Men's Breakfast/Bible Study

Sat., June 3rd at 8 a.m. at Niemerg's.

Questions: Contact

Gayland Bourland (217-343-4366).

Deepest Sympathy

To the family of Doug Wendling. He passed away Tues., May 23. Visitation will be Tues., May 30 from 4 p.m. – 7 p.m. at St. John's. The funeral will be at St. John's on Wed., May 31 at 10:30 a.m. Please keep Brenda and the entire family in your prayers.

Junior High Room

The Board of Education is wanting to furnish a room for the junior high kids in the education building. If anyone has Thrivent Cards that we could use towards this project, we would really appreciate it. Questions, please contact Kiley Bohnhoff.



Register for Camp CILCA!

www.CILCA.org

Please Help Us

Please help us keep the building safe. During office hours, allow the office staff to let unknown (to you) people to come in only after they have pressed the intercom. You are not being rude when you smile and allow the intercom system to work. Thank you!

Women's Breakfast/Bible Study

Sat., June 3rd at 8 a.m. at Niemerg's.

Questions: Contact

Renee Kremer (217-821-3142).

Bells In Motion

They will be presenting a concert of music you might not expect to be rung on handbells, including jazz, classics from the 60's, 70's, & 80's, and Broadway. The final stop of their tour will be at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Altamont, Sunday, June 11th, at 4:00 p.m. A free-will offering will be taken.

\$ Dollar for Missions \$

A 12-passenger van for University Lutheran Church, Champaign would have uses besides getting college students to church on time. This is the current Dollar for Mission project in the Central Illinois District. The vehicle would also facilitate travel for UniLu students to events such as campus ministry retreats. Project cost: \$35,000.

Betty Snyder Memorial Service

Betty Snyder died March 8, 2023. She was a member of St. John's until she moved to Florida to live with her daughter, Debbie Hoover. Though a Service was held in her LCMS congregation in Florida in March, a Memorial Service will also take place here at St. John's on June 30 at 11:00am. Since Betty was a member of the Lydia Guild, the Guild will serve a lunch following the Service. Blessed in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints (Psalm 116)!

CALENDAR-----May 28 – June 4, 2023

Sunday	28	8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Worship Service /HC
			No Sunday School
Monday	29		Memorial Day The Church Office is closed
Tuesday	30	4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Doug Wendling Visitation
Wednesday	31	10:30 p.m.	Doug Wendling Funeral
		1:00 p.m.	Office Staff Devotions/Meeting
Thursday	1		
Friday	2		Pastor's Sabbath
Saturday	3	8:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study at Niemerg's
		8:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study at Niemerg's
		8:00 a.m.	Praise Band
		5:30 p.m.	Worship Service
Sunday	4	8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School

Birthdays This Week

- 05/29 Jaxson Pilcher
- 05/30 Aiden Hanks & Tabitha Bailey
- 05/31 Becky Wenthe
- 06/01 Jackson Wendling, Samuel Hewing, Valena Soltwedel
- 06/02 Chris Niebrugge, Florence Genaust, Jake Niebrugge, Rick Kohnert
- 06/03 Kara Hoedebeck & Ryan Budde

Anniversaries This Week

- 05/28/82 Rick & Dana Keller
- 05/28/05 Kris & Amanda Wernsing
- 05/28/05 Leonard & Rachel Miller
- 05/28/16 Christopher & Kami Bahrns
- 05/29/16 Jimmy & Kristin Hippchen
- 05/30/92 Jerry & Cheryl Pruemmer
- 05/30/98 Gene & Janet Koebele
- 06/02/73 David & Linda Wells
- 06/03/06 Jeremy & Kenzia Watson
- 06/03/16 Blake & Laura Bahrns
- 06/03/17 Andrew & Carissa Snow

