

THE EAGLE

St. John's Weekly Newsletter May 7, 2023

The pastors of the CID told me time and time again how grateful they were for your hospitality during the conference this week. From custodians to organists, ushers to numerous kitchen volunteers, furniture movers to secretaries, you really impressed the 120 pastors who attended. Thank you all.

We are praying for our friends of Faith Lutheran Church in Shumway. Their vacancy pastor, Rev. Jerry Bagwell, died this week after a short illness, and the Braunecker family suffered the loss of their oldest son, Brody (who confessed his faith in Jesus in the Rite of Confirmation here at St. John's in 2005). Hearts are broken, but God's promises are not. Leaning on His promises, we'll pray for our brothers and sisters at Faith. We walk together.

The nine catechumens listed below are coming to the Lord's Supper for the first time today after they make the good confession. In our Wednesday night "Remember Your Baptism" event, they were taught to use the prayers inside the front cover of the hymnal as they go to -- and come back from -- the Communion table. Do you use them? Sometimes we don't know how to pray, and the well-worn prayers written by older Christians say exactly what we need. Keep praying!

Don't stop praying for Jackson Fritch, Emmerson Hansen, Charlie Jansen, Jake Niebrugge, Cailin Ohnesorge, Kylie Pryor, Melia Wendling, Lilli Wernsing and Leo Wyckoff ... or for Hayden, Alex, Reese, Coen, Chase, and Hank who confirmed their Baptismal faith last year!



Note: *We're not holding Sunday Bible with Pastor this Sunday, May 7, due to the Rite of Confirmation.*

Continue to display your Palm Sunday PALM BRANCH at home until after Ascension Day, May 18. Then, return it to the church office or Atrium and we will use them to create the ashes that launch Lent next year.



Register for Camp CILCA! www.CILCA.org

Scholarships. When I was studying at the Seminary, I was shocked and blessed to receive approximately \$1000 per quarter from the Central Illinois District Scholarship Fund to help pay my tuition. That didn't cover all of it, but it helped so much! Looking back, this helps me understand why today's "Scholarship Sunday" Offering is so very important to the men and women of our District who are studying for fulltime ministry at our Concordia Universities and Seminaries. You can give in two ways: pick up an envelope from the Welcome Center above the sign, "Will They Always Be There?" and mail it to the CID. Or, place your special check payable to "CID Scholarship Fund" in the offering plate this weekend (we'll mail it to CID for you). 100% will be used as scholarships for future pastors, DCEs, teachers, and other church workers. Thanks.

We extend our Christian Love to and pray for:

- Earline Jutkins at the death of her son, David
- Faith Lutheran Church and the family of Pastor Jerry Bagwell
- The Braunecker family at the death of Brody

Prayer List

Beulah Ziegler, Karen Flemmings, Rachel Miller, Rich Brillhart, Vicki Snider, Dennis Johnson, Terry Simmons, Thomas Reeves, Nadine Clem, Florence Leppin, Sharon Hiser, Kelsey Baker, Zach Fritcher, Richard Ohnesorge, Sara Bernhard, Justin Traub, Heather Davis, Tatum Garcia, and Shirley Cheadle,

Response to the Gospel
Our Attendance Last Week

Sunday, April 30 359
Sunday School 46
Adult Sunday School 48
LifeLight 8

Our Offerings Sunday, April 30, 2023

General Fund \$6,338.00
Online Offering \$1,645.53
Total Gen. Fund Offering \$7,866.53
Building Fund \$50.00

Stewardship Moment

1 Peter 2:9 – “But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.” God has called us to be His own. He has chosen us out of love, out of mercy, out of sheer, divine joy. The apostle Peter says that God chose us so that we might share in His glory and “proclaim the excellencies of Him” who has made us His own. And truly, this is our delight! His joy brings joy to our hearts as well.

Thank You!

Because of your generosity, \$658.00 was given last week for the Braille Door Offering. Thank you so much!

LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life

“We were created by a loving God, redeemed by His self-sacrificial act of love, and called to love one another. God loves us; therefore, our life has value. God calls us to love; therefore, our life has purpose. And this, dear friend, is the greatest purpose.”

Hannah Nissing, Bulldogs4Life, the Y4Life team at Concordia, Nebraska – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life - lutheransforlife.org

Food Pantry Updates

Next Food Distribution

Tues., May 9 from 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Special Items Needed

We need larger size **reusable** grocery bags. **NO** plastic! Please place them in the brown box by the elevator. We are also in need of used LARGER backpacks with *working* zippers.

Food Items Needed for May

ANY food will be greatly appreciated!

Drop-Offs

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

Summer Sunday School Schedule

Summer is just around the corner, and as in the past, we plan to have Sunday School as a group. We will need volunteers to teach the following dates:

June 4, June 11, June 18, June 25
July 9, July 16

No Classes

July 2, July 30, August 6, August 13

Rally Day

August 20

It is always nice to teach with someone, so grab a friend & let me know when you can help! Please contact Kiley Bohnhoff (217-343-3520 or email kbohnhoff@hotmail.com).

Thanks to all who helped in any way this past week and the ladies who donated desserts, cookies, and pastries for Pastors’ conference! Your containers are ready to be picked up in the church kitchen.

This Week's Sunday School Lesson

Luke 19:1-10

In this week's lesson, "A Tree View," students learn about Zacchaeus, a wealthy tax collector, who anxiously awaits the arrival of Jesus. Short of stature, Zacchaeus climbs a tree to see the Savior. Despite criticism, Jesus invites Himself to the tax collector's home. Motivated by Christ's compassion, Zacchaeus confesses his sin and promises to make restitution. Families could discuss, "How does Jesus motivate you to make a difference in your world?"

Arborcrest Clean-Up

Will be Sat., May 13th at 9 a.m. Anyone who can help please bring blowers, weed eaters, & rakes if you have them. American flags will be placed on ALL the Veterans graves in 2 or 3 sections of the cemetery. It is located on Route 40, between Effingham & Altamont. Memorial Day is May 29th.

This cemetery is privately owned by Howard & Laura Janis. Please contact Howard or Laura if you have any questions.

Save the Date for Bells In Motion

Bells in Motion is an advanced, auditioned community handbell ensemble, based in Springfield, IL. They will be on tour in June, and will be making their final stop at Immanuel Lutheran Church, in Altamont, on Sunday, June 11th at 4:00 p.m. in the upper Parish Hall. Chris Peck, is the Immanuel mixed choir director, and he rings with this ensemble. They have an exciting line up planned. If you like jazz, classics from the '60's, '70's, & '80's, if you like Broadway, there will be something for you! This family friendly concert has music for everyone. A free-will offering will be taken.

VBS Decorating Committee

Will meet on Wed., May 10th at 5:30 p.m.

Welcome Center Volunteers

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).

Armed Forces Sunday

Sunday, May 21st, is Armed Forces Sunday. We will have an insert envelope for you to place a donation in for this important ministry. The LCMS has many pastors who are serving on active duty & in the Reserves, the National Guard, the Civil Air Patrol, and the Coast Guard Auxiliary as chaplains. Currently, we have chaplains deployed overseas in combat environments, including Reserve/Guard chaplains mobilized from their parishes, as well as chaplains serving within the United States to support contingency operations

VBS Needs!

Volunteers

(Check bulletin board for registration forms)

Students

(There is a registration form in the bulletin)

Insulation foam board
Blue plastic table cloths
Artificial trees and plants
Large real potted plants
Banana Tree Plants

You can place your items in the box in the Atrium

Thanks for all the cardboard, but right now, we have enough

Prayer Shawl

Will meet on Tues., May 10 at 1:00 p.m.

CALENDAR-----May 7 – May 14, 2023

Sunday	7	8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Worship Service Bells will ring during the 8:00 a.m. Service Confirmation/HC during the 10:30 a.m. Service
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
Preschool Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.			
Monday	8	10:00 a.m.	Preschool Magic Show
		5:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
		6:30 p.m.	Worship Committee
Tuesday	9	10:00 a.m.	Preschool Magic Show
		3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Food Pantry Distribution
		5:15 p.m.	Board of Social Ministry Meeting
		6:30 p.m.	Call Committee Meeting
Wednesday	10	1:00 p.m.	Office Staff Devotions/Meeting
		1:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl
		5:15 p.m.	Bell Practice
		5:30 p.m.	VBS Decorating Meeting
Thursday	11	9:00 a.m.	Preschool Graduation
		1:00 p.m.	Stephens Ministry
		6:30 p.m.	Board of Elders Meeting
Friday	12	9:00 a.m.	Preschool Graduation
			Pastor's Sabbath
Saturday	13	8:00 a.m.	Praise Band
		9:00 a.m.	Arborcrest Cemetery Clean-Up
		5:30 p.m.	Worship Service/HC Choir will be singing
Sunday	14	8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Worship Services/HC Choir will be singing for both services
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School

Birthdays This Week

05/07 Bev Kopplin, Jim Klein,
Kal Keitel, Richard Wendling, &
Stephanie Gordon
05/08 Graham Wendling, Kara Koester,
Kaylynn Moeller, & Tamara Root
05/09 David Wells & Kelsey Boerngen
05/10 Jack Jansen & Pamela Williams
05/11 Avery Westjohn, Greg Seggelke,
Henrietta Poe, & Jacob Flach
05/12 Matt Gordon & Nancy M. Ohnesorge

Anniversaries This Week

05/07/21 Lucas & Lauren Stortzum
05/10/75 Mike & Sandra Mietzner
05/10/01 Don & Christa Tieffel
05/11/19 Brandon & Candra Kronewitter
05/12/66 John & Marla Jackson
05/13/95 Steve & Jill Wendling