

# THE EAGLE

*St. John's Weekly Newsletter June 11, 2023*

Water! This is the metaphor for our upcoming week of VBS. Water will be involved in every lesson. At Creation (Genesis 1-2), springing from the rock in the wilderness (Exodus 17), in Jacob's well (John 4), and on Jesus' hands and the disciples' feet (John 13).

Yet the water is just a way to learn about the most important element in VBS: the Word ... the Lord Jesus ... the Word made flesh. Water is important. The Word is more.

Water and Word will also be the way we divide the offerings that children may bring. Our VBS is free to every child and family. If a child wants to bring an offering, it's not given to St. John's, but to missions, and this year our offerings will be ½ for **Water** Projects through Lutheran World Relief and ½ for the proclamation of God's **Word** through Lutheran Hour Ministries. Both are important. Only the Word is eternal.

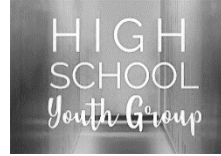
It's going to be a great week. Special thanks to our Youth Board and all of their volunteers who have prepared for this week. Pray that this week's activities will be Christ-centered, safe, fun, and long-lasting. Thank you!



## Uganda Servant Trip Report

Jon & LeeAnn Perry will report on their trip to Uganda Sun. June 11<sup>th</sup> in the fellowship Hall at 9:15 a.m. All adults are welcome!

## High School Youth Get Together



High School Youth are invited to the Burdicks' home (717 S. First St.) on Wednesday, June 28, at 6:00 p.m. We'll have Bible Study and make supper together. Fun, too! Put it on your family calendar now and plan for some Christian fellowship in the middle of the week. See you in church!

## Video Volunteers Needed

We're still searching for members who can help us create a few brief videos that explain how the Communionware set-up and clean-up processes go. Can you help? Contact the church office.



It is healthy for our church family to discuss the issue of suicide in the light of God's Word. Wednesday, July 26, at 4:00 p.m., Pastor Burdick will lead a discussion titled "I Will Grieve For The Suicide." It will be held in the Trinity Room. This is a general treatment of suicide and not a focus upon a person. Every family has been touched by this reality in some way, and we need to apply God's Word to the wounds and the wonder connected to death from suicide. For reference, the e-book "I Will Grieve For The Suicide" by Rev. Peter Preus is available for download on the "Resources" page of our website, [www.stjohnsLCMS.net](http://www.stjohnsLCMS.net).

### Prayer List

Dwight Klepzig, Karen Flemings, Thomas Reeves, Nadine Clem, Sharon Hiser, Kelsey Baker, Richard Ohnesorge, Sara Bernhard, Heather Davis, Tatum Garcia, Shirley Cheadle.

### Response to the Gospel Our Attendance Last Week

Sunday, June 4.....378  
Sunday School .....21  
Adult Sunday School .....42  
LifeLight .....10

### Our Offerings Sunday, June 4, 2023

General Fund .....\$8,682.00  
Online Offering .....\$4,090.83  
**Total Gen. Fund Offering .....12,772.83**  
Building Fund .....\$130.00

### May 2023 General Fund Summary

Deposits.....\$61,907.08  
Expenditures.....\$62,564.24  
Ending Balance.....\$93,826.56

### Stewardship Moment

Matthew 9:9 – “As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, ‘Follow me.’ And he rose and followed him.” When Jesus talks, Matthew listens and acts. Jesus says, “Follow me,” and Matthew follows. What does this tell us about Matthew? It tells us that he believes in Jesus. Our actions flow out of our faith. Show me what a man does, and I’ll tell you what he really believes. Our sinful actions uncover our false beliefs and our need for repentance and a return to the forgiveness we find in Jesus. Our godly actions display our faith in Jesus. What kind of faith (or false belief) do your financial actions display?

### VBS Set Up

Begins at 11:30 a.m. on Sun. June 11.

### LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life

“The God who created us and redeemed us and lives in us has put His seal of ownership on us! He has chosen us and appointed us for a purpose—to live as Jesus’ disciples by bearing fruit for His kingdom. By God’s grace, and with His help, may we bear good fruit and make God-pleasing choices that glorify God who chose to create us and save us!”

*Rev. Craig Michaelson, Faith Community Lutheran Church, Las Vegas, Nevada –  
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### Food Pantry Updates

#### Next Distribution Date

Tues., June 13<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

#### 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.

#### April & May Updates

##### April

105 Households  
192 Adults  
42 Children

The office serviced 12 adults & 1 child

##### May

117 Households  
211 Adults  
50 Children

The office serviced 17 adults

Total all people for the 2 months, the Food Pantry assisted 495 Individuals, and the office assisted 30 individuals.

It takes a lot of food/money to feed that many people. Your continued support through Vanco direct donation, church collection plate, or any food items donated is always greatly appreciated.

## **\$ Dollar for Missions \$**

A Dollar for Missions invites each of us to contribute one extra dollar per week for designated mission projects in our Central Illinois District. The current project is to help one of our campus ministries. University Lutheran Church in Champaign, to purchase a 12-passenger van. Project cost: \$35,000.

### **Lydia Guild Social Outing**

Thursday, June 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.

We will meet at the church at 5 p.m. and travel to Sullivan to the Little Theatre.

Questions, please contact

Sandy Bernhard—217-821-3742 or

Tammy Wendling—217-690-1398

### **Benefit/Fundraiser for Local Seminary Student**

Hunter Kinnison of St. John Lutheran Church rural Dieterich, will be entering the Ft. Wayne Seminary this Fall. It will be held on Sun., June 25 from 4 p.m. – 7 p.m. Please see the flyer on the bulletin board for complete details.

### **Camp CILCA**

Does your child need a technology detox? Summer is here and registration for Camp CILCA is open. No phones, no screens, just God's Word, God's creation, good friends, and fun times! There are camping sessions for everyone from preschool through high school. Register today at [cilca.org/summer-camp](http://cilca.org/summer-camp). Call 217-487-7497 or email [director@cilca.org](mailto:director@cilca.org).

### **Baby Bottle Return**

On Father's Day, June 18, bring back the baby bottles you picked up on Mother's Day, filled with donations to our Family Life Center. Your gifts will save lives and support families in Christian love.

### **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.

### **This Week's Sunday School Lesson**

#### **Acts 6-7**

This week, students will study "A Servant Speaks." The Twelve select Stephen as one of the first seven deacons in the Early Church. Synagogue leaders twist Stephen's words, falsely accusing him of blasphemy. Stephen's testimony before the high priest recalls Israel's rejection of God's promise and their rejection of Jesus, the promised Savior. When Stephen says he sees a vision of Jesus standing at the right hand of God, the enraged officials cast Stephen out of the city and stoned him. As a family, consider discussing, "How does the death of Stephen affect the other believers?"

### **VBS Pick Up**

For the safety of your child(ren), we ask that you (or the designated person) please sit in the back pews of the sanctuary when picking them up each evening. Thank you!

### **Preschool Substitutes Needed**

Eagles Nest Preschool is in need of substitutes for the 2023/2024 school year. Please contact Carrie in the office if you are interested.



**CALENDAR-----June 11 – June 18, 2023**

Sunday	11	8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Worship Service w/HC
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School/Uganda Report
		11:30 a.m.	VBS Set Up
		11:30 a.m.	Seggelke 25 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Vow Renewal
Monday	12	5:00 p.m.	Board of Stewardship
		6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Vacation Bible School
Tuesday	13	1:00 p.m..	Prayer Shawl
		3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Food Pantry Distribution
		5:15 pm.	Board of Social Ministry
		6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Vacation Bible School
Wednesday	14	1:00 p.m.	Office Staff Devotions/Meeting
		6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Vacation Bible School
Thursday	15	5:00 p.m.	Lydia Guild Social Outing
		6:00 p.m. – 8:00	Vacation Bible School
Friday	16		Pastor's Sabbath
Saturday	17	8:00 a.m.	Praise Band
		5:30 p.m.	Worship Service
Sunday	18	8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School

**Birthdays This Week**

- 06/11 Avery Wahl, Finley Bloemer, & Jesse Davies
- 06/12 Ethan Kuhns & Grace Roderick
- 06/13 Isaac Watson & Scott Marxman
- 06/14 Ammon Probst, Faye Tomkins, & Marlene Haake
- 06/15 Bailey Willenborg, Jamie Lotz, Danny Stevenson, Jacque Dixon, Derek Ohnesorge, Leandra Meyers, Jim Gibbons, Joyce Curry, & Paige Jansen
- 06/16 Clinton Weber, Dr. Kelly Stanfield, Hope Brinkopf, Jo Budde, & Kelsey Rentfro
- 06/17 Donald Wendte

**Prayer Shawl**

We will meet on Tues., June 13<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m.

**Anniversaries This Week**

- 06/11/61 Bob & Ruth Kohnert
- 06/12/82 Norbert & Mary Brauer
- 06/13/87 Marcy & Julie Scott
- 06/13/87 Kevin & Dena Willis
- 06/13/92 Greg & LeeAnn Perry
- 06/13/98 Greg & Rosemary Seggelke
- 06/14/86 Mike & Kathy Burdick
- 06/14/86 Dennis & Linda Marxmann
- 06/15/19 Kolin & Meredith Roderick
- 06/16/84 Terry & Laura Braun
- 06/16/12 Luis & Danielle Espina
- 06/16/12 Thomas & Alyson Followell