

THE EAGLE

St. John's Weekly Newsletter June 18, 2023

Happy Father's Day, dads!

And even if you are not a father, even if you have a wounded relationship with your dad, even if you are burdened by your failures, may this Father's Day be a good one for you, ladies and gentlemen, under the grace and order of God, the only perfect Father.

Not all men are fathers, but all fathers are men. And men need support these days. Our culture isn't building up men in holy ways. Every day the world is telling you and me to feed our selfish inclinations. We can turn down our hearing aides then, and tune into the Word of God:

⁴Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. ⁵Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue

confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.
(Philippians 2:4-11)

I am finishing up the book Man Up: The Quest for Masculinity (CPH, by Jeff Hemmer), and finding it to be excellent. It is not a call to action; it is a call to faith and sacrifice. To follow Christ and to sacrifice for others. I am going to offer men an opportunity to study and discuss it with me this Fall and Winter. Interested? I hope so.

Ladies, this concerns you, too, for more Christ-like men will be a rising tide that lifts all boats, all households. Honor and respect the men in your lives. Encourage and love them. Pray for them.

Happy Father's Day.

In Christ,



Thank You

I join the Youth Board leaders in their thanks to all of you who served with VBS, and I especially want to thank the Youth Board for their servant leadership.

By God's grace, it was a great week.

Prayer List

Dwight Klepzig, Karen Flemings, Thomas Reeves, Nadine Clem, Sharon Hiser, Kelsey Baker, Richard Ohnesorge, Sara Bernhard, Heather Davis, Shirley Cheadle, and the family of Bob Huey, who passed away Monday, June 12th.

Response to the Gospel

Our Attendance Last Week

Sunday, June 11	413
Sunday School.....	24
Adult Sunday School.....	46
LifeLight	N/A

Our Offerings Sunday, June 11, 2023

General Fund	\$8,026.36
Online Offering.....	\$2,282.54
Total Gen. Fund Offering.....	\$10,308.90

Stewardship Moment

Romans 5:8 – “But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” God did not wait for mankind to make the first move. He did not wait for Adam and Even to come looking for Him — He went and found them. And while we were still sinners, still enemies of God, still set against Him, God looked on us with kindness and generosity, and so loved us that He sent His Son Jesus to suffer, die and rise for us. We now seek to grow up into His image as loving, generous, and kind sons and daughters of our Heavenly Father.

Preschool Substitutes Needed

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

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 will 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!

LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life

“Have confidence in God. Jesus Christ died for you, and Jesus Christ lives for you ... By faith in Christ, enjoy real life without that constant covetousness which makes life a living hell for so many people. By faith in Christ, know once and for all what this means: A man’s real life in no way depends upon the number of his possessions. A man’s life does not consist of the abundance of the things he possesses.”

Rev. Dr. Oswald Hoffman, Guest Speaker on “The Lutheran Hour” – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

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.

\$ Dollar for Missions \$

The dollars you contribute are presently going to assist with the purchase of a 12-passenger van at University Lutheran Church in Champaign, which serves students, faculty, & staff at the U of I and Parkland College. Project cost is \$35,000.

Deepest Sympathy

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family of Robert (Bob) Huey, who passed away Monday, June 12. Please keep his daughter, Cathy Bloemer, and the entire family in your prayers at this time. Memorials may be made to St. John's Lutheran Church Food Pantry.

This Week's Sunday School Lesson

Acts 8:26-40

This week, we will study "A Deacon Delivers" in class. Directed by an angel, Philip encounters an Ethiopian official reading from the Book of Isaiah while riding in his chariot. Realizing the Ethiopian needs help to understand the Scriptures, Philip steps in. After instructing the Ethiopian, Philip baptizes the man and then is carried away by the Spirit to Azotus. Consider discussing, "Who helps us understand Scripture today?"

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.

Annual Ice Cream Social **Faith Lutheran, Shumway**

Sunday, July 9 from 4 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Homemade Ice Cream

BBQ & Hot Dogs

Pie, Cake, & Drink

FREE will offering

All proceeds will go to benefit Faith Lutheran Cemetery for concrete runner pads for the tombstones

A BIG THANK YOU

We wish to thank everyone who helped in anyway to make this year's VBS program a success. Without everyone working together, this would not be possible. Thank you so much and God bless you all!



VBS Clean-up

We will be cleaning up from VBS Monday, June 19th, at 5:30 p.m. Any help would be greatly appreciated.



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. If you did not bring it today, get it to the church office by Wednesday.



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.

CALENDAR-----June 18 – June 25, 2023

Sunday	18	8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
Monday	19	Noon	Board of Evangelism
		6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Adult Catechism Bible Study
Tuesday	20		
Wednesday	21	1:00 p.m.	Office Staff Devotions/Meeting
		5:00 p.m.	Board of Youth
Thursday	22	1:00 p.m.	Stephens Ministry
		5:30 p.m.	Fair Pageant Rehearsal
Friday	23		Pastor's Sabbath
Saturday	24	8:00 a.m.	Praise Band
		Noon	Wedding Reception in Fellowship Hall
		5:30 p.m.	Worship Service w/HC
Sunday	25	8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Worship Service w/HC
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School

Birthdays This Week

- 06/18 Carol Hulskotter, Karine Castillo, Sara Jennings
- 06/19 Lorri Mayberry, Mary Dasenbrock, & Thad Genaust
- 06/20 Gus Koester, Gabriel Walker, & Todd Sigg
- 06/21 Gayle Robbins, Mason Stewart, & Max Stewart
- 06/22 Kolton Westjohn & Larry Quicksall
- 06/23 Grayson Whitaker, Jacque Frey, Jeff Weis, & Voris Osborn
- 06/24 Bob Marxman, Don Grupe, Jackie Genaust, Larry White, & Mary Brauer

Anniversaries This Week

- 06/18/05 Jake & Erin Wendling
- 06/18/11 Tyler & Stacey Hagerstrom
- 06/18/16 Zachary & Monica Scott
- 06/20/65 Ron & Carol Lading
- 06/20/81 Gary & Cathy Norris
- 06/20/81 John & Paulena Romero
- 06/20/98 Randy & Erica Hansen
- 06/21/08 Don & Haley Brown
- 06/21/14 Derek & Andrea Storm
- 06/23/18 Dustin & Marissa Brown



Happy Father's Day

*“Trust in the Lord
with all your heart,
and lean not unto
your own
understanding.*

*In all your ways,
acknowledge Him,
and He will direct
your path.*

Proverbs 3:5-6

Video Volunteers Needed

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