

# THE EAGLE

*St. John's Weekly Newsletter July 2, 2023*



Last Friday Kathy and I had lunch with her parents in their Senior Living Center. Prior to the meal, lots of residents were sitting in a circle while answering

trivia questions – on geography, sports, music ... and Bible. My mother-in-law is great at all categories, but what really struck me was how skilled all the residents were in Bible trivia. They knew their Bibles. And I wondered: do their children and grandchildren? Mostly, no.

Will your children and grandchildren know what you know about Jesus and His Word? They won't, if you don't have a concerted effort to lead them into that knowledge (and faith). Will they even know that you, at one time, knew the Triune God and His Scriptures? Only if you intentionally nurture the faith. And you can! Many of you do!

You are powerful and influential for the next generation. Use that influence for good. Go to church with them every Sunday. Conduct simple devotions in the home. Say to them, "let's go to Bible study together" (by the way, attendance in the fellowship hall last Sunday included numerous multigenerational families ... it was great!). The effect can be great.

Your family will not only know trivia answers in their old age, they will know the Shepherd and will dine at His feast in heaven. That's not trivial.

*<sup>1</sup>Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth!  
<sup>2</sup>I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old, <sup>3</sup>things that we have heard and known, that our fathers have told us.  
**<sup>4</sup>We will not hide them from their children, but tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might, and the wonders that he has done.**  
Psalm 78:1–4*

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pastor Furdick".

*Let us pray. Almighty God, You have given us this good land as our heritage. Grant that we remember Your generosity and constantly do Your will. Bless our land with honest industry, truthful education, and an honorable way of life. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion, from pride and arrogance, and from every evil course of action. Grant that we, who came from many nations with many different languages, may become a united people. Support us in defending our liberties, and give those to whom we have entrusted the authority of government the spirit of wisdom, that there may be justice and peace in our land. When times are prosperous, may our hearts be thankful, and in troubled times do not let our trust in You fail; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen!  
(Lutheran Service Book)*

**Prayer List**

Avery Braunecker, Mickey Weber, Louis Esker, Kelsey Baker, Raelyn Medici, Dwight Klepzig, Karen Flemings, Thomas Reeves, Nadine Clem, Sharon Hiser, Richard Ohnesorge, Sara Bernhard, Heather Davis, and Shirley Cheadle,

**Response to the Gospel**  
**Our Attendance Last Week**

Sunday, June 25 ..... 342  
Sunday School ..... 22  
Adult Sunday School ..... 49  
LifeLight ..... 6

**Our Offerings Sunday, June 25, 2023**

General Fund ..... \$14,702.00  
Building Fund ..... \$130.00

**Stewardship Moment**

*Romans 8:18 – “For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.”* It is very easy to get caught up in the present and lose track of our ultimate destiny in the kingdom of God. St. Paul encourages us to keep eternity in mind. This certainly applies to our support for the Gospel — if we keep our focus on “the glory to be revealed” we will see our tithes and offerings in a new light.

**Food Pantry Updates**

**Next Food Distribution**

Tues., July 11<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

**Food Items Needed for July**

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**

“We may think our prayers are small in relation to the magnitude of the problem of abortion. Not so! ... Educate yourself, your children, and the people you know ... Support leaders who embrace these words, ‘All men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness’ ... We have the most hopeful message the world has ever heard. You know it. God does big things with small stuff. How can we be so sure? Shiphrah and Puah, Jochebed, Miriam, and Moses ... and especially Jesus. Amen.” *Rev. Dr. Reed Lessing, Concordia University, St. Paul, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

**Preschool Substitutes Needed**

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



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).

## **Lutheran High School Project**

Along with six other LCMS congregations in our area, St. John's adopted a resolution in our April Voters Meeting supporting the exploration of a Lutheran High School nearby. Laura Galvan is the chair of the exploratory committee, and we have submitted our application to the Synod's Genesis Project. The Genesis Project consultant may soon visit us to help discern whether we ought to move forward. There are many steps yet to take. Our prayer is, and ought to be, "Thy will be done, O Lord."

### **Board Reports**

Just a reminder that all board reports are due in the church office by July 12.

### **Calling all Greeters & Welcome Center Volunteers**

Your role is a crucial one at St. John's and we'd like to express our appreciation for you. Join us for breakfast from 8-9:30am on August 26. We will share a meal, and provide updated information/helpful tips for volunteers. Not yet a greeter or welcome center volunteer, but interested in serving? Come to the event! We would love to have you and can help you get started in this fun and essential job. Please sign up on the main hall bulletin board. We look forward to seeing you there! – Board of Evangelism

### **Faith Lutheran Shumway**

#### **Ice Cream Social**

Sunday, July 9  
4:00pm – 7:00pm

Homemade Ice Cream, BBQ, Hot Dogs, pies, cake, and drinks. FREE will offering. All proceeds will go to benefit Faith Lutheran Cemetery Concrete runner pads for the tombstones.



*St. John's is in Mission to ...*

**Proclaim the Christ.**

**Grow the family.**

**Love the neighbor.**

### **Proclaim the Christ.**

- Within the Church, we proclaim the Christ in our worship Services and educational offerings. Founded upon the Bible and explained by Luther's Small Catechism, we give our members Christ's Word of Law and Gospel, so they have comfort in Him.
- As the Church, we reach out to unbelievers with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We share God's Word, because it alone has the power to bring someone to faith.

### **Grow the Family.**

- As we have the opportunity, we get married and raise up children in the Christian faith. We teach the next generation the truth and grace of God.
- We believe that fellow members of St. John's Lutheran Church comprise the household of faith, our church family. We care for one another and we invite people to join the church family.

### **Love the Neighbor.**

- We begin with our closest neighbors: our families. In concentric circles outward, we put Christian love into word and deed.

### **Youth Group "Holiday World"**

**Tuesday, July 18**

Youth will receive a "text" regarding time and prices or call Carolyn 217-821-6541

**Sign Up Deadline is July 7**

**CALENDAR-----July 2 – July 9, 2023**

Sunday	2	8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
		9:15 a.m.	Adult Sunday School only
Monday	3		
Tuesday	4		Independence Day – Office Closed
Wednesday	5		
Thursday	6	5:30 p.m.	Fair Pageant Rehearsal
Friday	7		Pastor's Sabbath
Saturday	8	8:00 a.m.	Praise Band
		5:30 p.m.	Worship Service w/HC
Sunday	9	8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Worship Service w/HC
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School

**Birthdays This Week**

- 07/02 Ashley Bailey, Brad Jeffries, & Noah Flach
- 07/03 Christa Tieffel, Elijah Lipe, & Jill Keitel
- 07/04 Angie Nelson & Dale Wendte
- 07/05 Carol Klein, Heidi Kinkelaar, Jennifer Weber, & Knox Kinkelaar
- 07/06 Brad Osborne
- 07/07 Alec Brown, JD Snow, Larry Kuhns, Olivia Martin, & Raylen Stuckey
- 07/08 Ron Stumpf

**Anniversaries This Week**

- 07/02/22 Dr. Kelly & Julie Stanfield
- 07/03/10 Mike & Renee Kremer
- 07/05/02 Jeff & Ashley Flach
- 07/07/01 Derek & Donetta Ohnesorge
- 07/08/78 Fred & Judy Meislahn
- 07/08/89 Rick & Vicki Cook
- 07/08/00 Kenny & Mary Dasenbrock

**Eagle's Nest Preschool**

Is asking for present & past family members that have been associated with the school to go to our Facebook page or go to Google and leave a positive review. We believe we have one of the best preschools around and would love for you to share your love also. Thank you.

