

# THE EAGLE

## St. John's Weekly Newsletter June 4, 2023



Two weeks ago, we announced that we'll increase the frequency of the Lord's Supper in our church family. Many people have expressed delight at this. On the way toward also increasing the number of individuals and families volunteering for Communion Preparation and Clean Up, we need to create three short videos. *Do you have video editing skills to share?* After creating these snippets, we'll post them on our YouTube channel. If you are interested in helping create the videos, please speak with me or email [office@stjohnsLCMS.net](mailto:office@stjohnsLCMS.net) by June 18. Our Altar Guild has knowledge to share, and videos are going to help get people interested! In August we'll have an in-person training session.

VBS is only one week away. The preparations have been industrious! Thanks to all the volunteers. Now, please pray that the most industrious and focused element will be our teaching of the faith to the 100+ youth coming to splash in "God's Living Water: Covered in Jesus' Grace!" Pray for joy, wisdom, safety, and Biblical learning to overflow for all volunteers and students. Thank you.



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.

### 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](http://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.

"I highly recommend the Adult Confirmation class to any member or non-member of St. John's. The class is both enlightening and valuable for our walk in the Faith. I looked forward to every session and wish there was a part two to continue the journey. I was most richly blessed by the experience!" - Sara



### The Fortkamp's New Phone Numbers

The Fortkamp's have new numbers.

Pastor Fortkamp 217-690-9746

Gloria Fortkamp 217-690-6419



### Prayer List

Beulah Ziegler, 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, May 28 ..... 373  
Sunday School ..... N/A  
Adult Sunday School..... 30  
LifeLight ..... 10

### Our Offerings Sunday, May 28, 2023

General Fund ..... \$6,266.00  
Online Offering ..... \$3,351.02  
**Total Gen. Fund Offering..... \$9,617.02**  
**Building Fund ..... \$90.00**

### Stewardship Moment

Matthew 28:19–20 – “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.” Behold the threefold Name of God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We are baptized into this Name. We have been made a part of God’s family. Now, we are called to live in harmony with our new family, to be godly and live in God’s image. As God is loving, kind and generous, so are we all called to be.

### ALL VBS Workers Meeting

Will meet on Thurs., Jun 8<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m. We will be giving assignments, enrollment, & discussing attire. This meeting will be short!

### VBS Set Up

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

### Lydia Guild

Will meet on Tues., June 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

### 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.

### LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life

“Almighty Triune God, thank You for Your amazing love for us. Thank You that You have rescued us from ourselves and that You have made us Yours through Christ dying on the cross for our sin and rising again to give us eternal life. Thank You for Your Holy Spirit, which calls us and opens our eyes and minds and hearts to respond in faith to Your message of salvation. And bless us this day as we cling to You and as You hold us up in the palm of Your hand and in the grip of Your grace.”

Rev. Roland Syens, Guest Speaker on “The Lutheran Hour” – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.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!

### 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.

### 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 \$**

A Dollar for Missions gathers many small gifts—one dollar at a time! — to add up to a big impact for the spread of the saving Gospel of Christ. Our current project is to help a campus congregation, University Lutheran Church in Champaign, to purchase a 12-passenger van. Project cost: \$35,000.

### **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 11<sup>th</sup>, at 4:00 p.m. A free-will offering will be taken.

### **Trinity Lutheran School In Stewardson** **Teaching Position**

They are looking for a teacher for their 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Grade combined classroom. If you are interested in filling this position or would like more information, please contact the school at 217-682-3881.

### **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.

### **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.

## **This Week's Sunday School Lesson** **Acts 2:1-24**

"A Telling Truth" is the Bible lesson for this week. With the sound of a rushing wind and tongues of fire, the promised Holy Spirit descends on the disciples. As they speak "in other tongues" (Acts 2:4), their hearers, from a multitude of nations, hear about "the mighty works of God" (v. 11) in their own languages. Beginning with Old Testament prophecies, Peter's sermon proclaims Jesus, the promised Messiah. Discuss, "How did Pentecost change the Church forever?"

### **Summer Sunday School Program**

Begins today! We have teachers for every Sunday, EXCEPT, July 16. If you would like to volunteer for this, please contact:

Kiley Bohnhoff

217-343-3520 or

email [kbohnhoff@hotmail.com](mailto:kbohnhoff@hotmail.com)

## **LCMSFoundation**

TODAY | TOMORROW | FOREVER

How might retirement change my estate plans? Retirement planning can often change the makeup of your portfolio, as investments change from long range to shorter range investments. Each one of those investments has a beneficiary designation with it, that guides those assets when the Lord calls you home, either to your estate (will/trust), to family by name, or to organizations (such as ministries). If you change the investment, you want to make sure that the way you fill out the new beneficiary designations fits with your plan. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can assist in creating an overview of all your beneficiary designations. Contact Scott Radden at [Scott.Radden@LFND.org](mailto:Scott.Radden@LFND.org) or call his cell at 618-977-4049.

# CALENDAR-----June 4 – June 11, 2023

Sunday	4	8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
Monday	5		
Tuesday	6	5:30 p.m.	Board of Trustees
		6:30 p.m.	Call Committee
		7:00 pm.	Lydia Guild
Wednesday	7	1:00 p.m.	Office Staff Devotions/Meeting
Thursday	8	1:00 p.m.	Stephens Ministry
		6:00 p.m.	ALL VBS Workers Meeting
		6:30 p.m.	Board of Elders
Friday	9		Pastors Sabbath
Saturday	10	8:00 a.m.	Praise Band
		5:30 p.m.	Worship Service w/HC
Sunday	11	8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Worship Service w/HC
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
		11:30 a.m.	VBS Set Up
		11:30 a.m.	Seggelke 25 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Vow Renewal

## **Birthdays This Week**

06/04 Randy Harris & Richard Newlin  
 06/05 David Wall, Eric Whitaker,  
 Kelsi Haller, & Todd Anderson  
 06/06 Ainsley Jeffries, Alivia Wahl,  
 Cherilla Jung, & Timothy Keitel  
 06/07 Becca Lading & David Budde  
 06/08 Amy Kohnert  
 06/09 Shirley Cheadle  
 06/10 Alexis Walker, Candra Kronewitter,  
 Cassie Smith, & Vernabelle Lankford

## **Anniversaries This Week**

06/05/55 Voris & Arnetia Osborn  
 06/06/59 Dick & Carol Hulskotter  
 06/06/81 Jeff & Pam Baker  
 06/06/87 Scott & Joyce Marxman  
 06/06/92 Greg & Kara Koester  
 06/06/20 Russell & Jill Higgs  
 06/07/08 Ryan & Kelsey Baker  
 06/08/01 Mike & Betty Carter  
 06/09/12 Nathan & Breanne Weaver  
 06/10/78 Howard & Laura Janis  
 06/10/11 Darwin & Jill Wohltman

## **CILCA Scholarships**

We are thrilled that families from our congregation are taking part in Camp CILCA's outdoor ministry. Parents: please pay all the fees for your children's camp and afterward submit the receipt to our Youth Board. *Your fees will be reimbursed to you out of the wonderful Camp CILCA Scholarship Fund established by a member of St. John's!* Submit the receipt to the church office.

## **Congratulations & Best Wishes**

Congratulations to Brady and Shayna Scott, who were married last Saturday in an outdoor ceremony. Marriage by God's design is a lasting foundation for goodness in our culture. God bless you!