

# THE EAGLE

*St. John's Weekly Newsletter July 16, 2023*

"A sower went out to sow....," Jesus said two thousand years ago (Matthew 13). If it were a story about farming now, He would have said, "A man filled the hopper of his 1775NT 12Row30 and drove throughout the fields." But it was not a story about farming. It was – and is – about the seed of the Word of God.

The Word of God is planted ... in infants and teenagers, stable families, and incarcerated men ... when people hear the Word

- at Baptism
- in a Large Print devotion produced in our Braille Center
- through home devotions by dad
- during a Sunday School lesson

The power is in the Word. Sow it generously. Receive it often. Help support its distribution. Today in Sunday School we receive Mr. Daniel Jenkins, the leader of Lutheran Braille Workers. This is just one way that the powerful Word is sown in the hearts of people like us who live in darkness. I urge you to support the work of LBW.

Here is another way the Word is sown: Our summer series of the adult Catechism Bible Study will wrap up this month, but another series of it will begin on Tuesday, August 29 at 7:00 p.m. Come, let the Word grow...in you!

*"Lord God, bless Your Word  
wherever it is proclaimed.  
Make it a word of power and  
peace to convert those not yet*

*Your own and to confirm those  
who have come to saving faith.  
May Your Word pass from the  
ear to the heart, from the heart  
to the lip, and from the lip to  
the life that, as You have  
promised, Your Word may  
achieve the purpose for which  
You send it; through Jesus  
Christ, our Lord. Amen."*



## **Lutheran High Exploration Update**

Good News! The seven congregations of our area exploring the launch of a Lutheran High School received word that we will soon begin the Synod's "Genesis Project" phase. Through community and congregational surveys, they will help us assess the need and readiness!

## **Rally Day 2023**

Mark your calendars.  
Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup> will be Rally Day.  
Details coming soon!

## **5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Door Offering**

Sunday, July 30<sup>th</sup>, we will be taking an offering for the St. Louis Seminary Food Bank. PLEASE make checks payable to:  
**St. Louis Seminary Food Bank.**

### Prayer List

Marlene Haake, Dennis Bushur, 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, July 16 .....351  
Sunday School.....25  
Adult Sunday School.....42  
LifeLight .....11

#### Our Offerings Sunday, July 16, 2023

General Fund .....\$6,851.00  
Online Offering.....\$4,730.54  
**Total Gen. Fund Offering .....\$11,581.54**  
Building Fund..... \$70.00

### Stewardship Moment

Romans 8:12 – “So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh.” We owe the flesh, the world, and the devil nothing at all. We are not debtors to these enemies; we are freed by the blood of Christ. We are joyful servants in Christ’s kingdom — servants that He calls friends. We share our Lord’s plans and purposes, and this gives direction and purpose to our lives.

### Youth Corner

#### Save the Dates

#### Cruise Night

Sat., Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>  
Time TBA

#### Larry Brandt Golf Outing

Sat., Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>

Questions, please contact  
Carolyn Wendte (217-821-6541)  
Domer Ohnesorge (217-821-3300)

### Rummage Sale Information

#### Drop Off

Sun., July 30<sup>th</sup> - Noon – 1 p.m.  
Mon., July 31<sup>st</sup> – Noon – 6 p.m.  
Tues., Aug. 1<sup>st</sup> – 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.

#### Sale Dates

Thurs., Aug. 3<sup>rd</sup> – 4p.m. – 7 p.m.  
Fri., Aug. 4<sup>th</sup> – 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.  
Sat., Aug. 5<sup>th</sup> – 9 a.m. – Noon

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Cathy Norris (217-821-3656)

### Camp CILCA Lowdown

#### Save The Date

#### Aug. 5--Homecoming

Food Truck, games, swimming, vendors, face painting, swimming, boating, wagon rides, & more. This is a FREE event.

#### September 3—Chicken Fry & Auction

Fresh fried chicken & all the sides  
Auction items up for bid

Make a weekend of it & camp out with friends from across the state.

See the flier on the bulletin board for details.

### Food Pantry Updates

#### Food Items Needed for July

Variety of Crackers, Fruit, Granola Bars, & Hamburger Helper

#### Drop-Offs

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

### Mail for Jon Perry

Please write to Jon! No gifts, food, or packages.

AB Perry, Jonathan P.  
319 TRS/FLT 441  
1320 Truemper St.  
JBSA Lackland, TX 78236-6407

### **Acolyte Training**

A Training Session for our new (6<sup>th</sup> Grade) Acolytes will be held Sunday, August 13 at 11:30am. All 6<sup>th</sup> Grade students and at least one parent need to attend. We thank God for you and for your service. This training will prepare you well for the work you do!



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).

### **Upcoming Meeting Information**

#### **Council Meeting**

Tues., July 18<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.

#### **Voter's Meeting**

Tuesday, July 25<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.

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

Your role is a crucial one at St. John's and we would 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

### **Confirmation Orientation**

All 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade students, with parents, will have their Orientation meeting for the 2023-2024 Confirmation year on Wednesday, August 30, at 5:00 p.m. Schedule, Memory Work, Curriculum, and Policies will be covered as we get ready for a year of family learning in the faith. Classes will be 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. on Wednesdays, beginning September 6!

### **Golden Eagles**

The Golden Eagles is a ministry for senior members of the church. They meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month, and the suggested donation is \$5 per person. Our next meal will be on Thurs., July 27<sup>th</sup> at noon.

The menu is:

Grilled hamburgers, pork burgers, brats,  
Baked Beans, potato salad, pasta salad,  
Watermelon & Cantaloupe.  
Dessert will be ice cream sundaes.

Please sign up on the bulletin board if you will be able to attend.

The Mission Moment this month will be  
The Food Pantry.

### **LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life**

"Waiting is difficult; in Christ, we have the now and not yet. But as we learn and relearn to wait on Him, we find joy in His good work and patient craftsmanship in our lives. Though under construction, God works through us to bless the world. May you find great joy in fruit-bearing as you faithfully wait on HIM."

Michelle Bauman, Y4Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)

**CALENDAR-----July 16 – July 23, 2023**

Sunday	16	8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Worship Services
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School (LBW Pres. Jenkins)
		12:00 – 12:30 p.m.	E.A.S.T.E.R. Picnic
Monday	17	Noon	Board of Evangelism
Tuesday	18	6:00 a.m.	LYF leaves for Holiday World
		11:00 a.m.	Braille Luncheon at St. John's Dieterich
		7:00 p.m.	Council Meeting
Wednesday	19	5:00 p.m.	Board of Youth
Thursday	20	5:30 p.m.	Fair Pageant Practice
Friday	21		Pastor's Sabbath
Saturday	22	8:00 a.m.	Praise Band Practice
		5:30 p.m.	Worship Service w/HC
Sunday	23	8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Worship Services w/HC
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School

**Birthdays This Week**

- 07/16 Warren Schlechte
- 07/17 Patsy Bahrns & Samantha Willis
- 07/18 Carson Frailey & Pat Milleville
- 07/20 Paulene Romero, Rudy Koester, & Vi Kirchhoff
- 07/21 Emery Kronewitter
- 07/22 Alicia McCallister, Dana Cox, Julie Zeigler, & Sarah Mellendorf

**Anniversaries This Week**

- 07/16/88 Phillip & Tammy Wendling
- 07/17/76 Rick & Vicki Manford
- 07/18/81 Bob & Karla Flach
- 07/19/03 Jamie & Emily Lotz
- 07/21/99 Clinton & Jennifer Weber
- 07/21/18 James & Megan King
- 07/22/11 Wade & Brittany Bloemer

**Meals on Wheels Need Volunteers**

They are currently in need of a volunteer in the city of Effingham once a month, on the second Wednesday. If you would like more information, please contact the church office.

**Braille Luncheon**

Tues., July 18 at St. John's, Dieterich  
Starts at 11 a.m.

Potluck meal served at noon

Large Print Center volunteers will gather to hear the President of Lutheran Braille Workers address them at a luncheon & business meeting. Anyone from the congregation who is interested, is invited to attend as well.

Please RSVP by Thurs., July 13 to:  
Marilyn Schafer (217-821-0508) or  
Kathy Stremming (217-254-9360)