

# THE EAGLE

St. John's Weekly Newsletter July 23, 2023

## LCMS Foundation

TODAY | TOMORROW | FOREVER

Bernie and Helen created their first estate plan when they were 25, right after the birth of their first child. In the fifty years since that time, they have had three more children, and now have eight grandchildren. During those fifty years, they moved four times, to four different states. In each place, they engaged with their local church. Combined, there have been six congregations in their lives. Two of them have closed, as they were located in urban areas that changed from the ethnic origins of the congregations. Two of the congregations have Lutheran Schools, bursting at the seams with enrollment. One of the congregations has a vibrant caring ministry for battered women. One has an outreach to immigrants in their community. All four of these congregations and their ministries have had a place in Bernie's and Helen's life. They want to reflect this connection with ministry and update their fifty-year-old wills, creating gifts for their children and grandchildren.

They met with their local LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor and began organizing a survey of family, assets, and goals. They indicated that one of their goals is to build flexibility into their plans, as life has taught them that life changes. They were happy to see some of the flexible tools the LCMS Foundation offers. Now instead of putting off their planning, or dreading it, they are excited about leaning into the future

which includes one day living face to face with Jesus.

Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help you too. Contact Scott Radden by email at [Scott.Radden@LFND.org](mailto:Scott.Radden@LFND.org) or by cell phone at 618-977-4049.

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

Today, students' study "A Returning Truth." Banished to the island of Patmos, John receives a revelation of the new heaven and new earth. In this climax to the Book of Revelation, John describes the indescribable—the Lamb of God in His glory with His people in their eternal home. As a family, you could discuss, "How does God reassure us concerning His return on the Last Day?"

### **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.***

### **Rally Day 2023**

Mark your calendars.

Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup> will be Rally Day.

Details coming soon!

### **Voter's Meeting**

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

### **Altar Guild**

Will meet Tuesday, July 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.

**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!

**Prayer List**

Fred Brillhart, Marlene Haake, Dennis Bushur, Avery Braunecker, Mickey Weber, Kelsey Baker, Raelyn Medici, Dwight Klepzig, Karen Flemings, Thomas Reeves, Nadine Clem, Sharon Hiser, Richard Ohnesorge, Sara Bernhard, Heather Davis, and Shirley Cheadle & the family of Louis Esker.

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

Sunday, July 16 .....408  
Sunday School (All classes together) .....65

**Our Offerings Sunday, July 16, 2023**

General Fund .....\$9,585.00  
Online Offering.....\$2,582.43  
**Total Gen. Fund Offering .....\$12,167.43**  
Building Fund..... \$200.00

**June 2023 General Fund Summary**

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

**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 has an application 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.

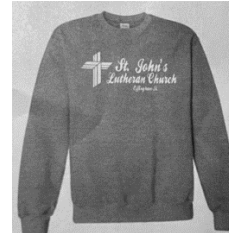
**“I Will Grieve For The Suicide” Class**

Wed., July 26, at 4:00 p.m., Pastor Burdick will lead this discussion in the Trinity Room. 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)

**Youth Corner**  
**Save the Dates**

**Online Shirt Store**

We will begin sometime this week. Check the church website for the link to the store.



**Family Fun Night**

Aug. 27<sup>th</sup> from 3 p.m. – 7 p.m.  
At Don & Patsy Latch’s

**Cruise Night**

Sat., Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
The youth will have a food stand in front of the church. We will be open from 5 p.m. until we run out of food

**Larry Brandt Golf Outing**

Sat., Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>  
Have a team? Sponsor a hole or cart or a prize give away?  
Tables will be set up in the gym beginning Aug. 6<sup>th</sup>.  
All proceeds will go towards college scholarships for our youth.

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

**Acolyte Training**

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

### 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

**Anyone wanting to help, please contact:**

Cathy Norris (217-821-3656)  
Carolyn Wendte (217-821-6541)  
Domer Ohnesorge (217-821-3300)

### Excess Garden Produce

Garden produce is always very well received by our food pantry, so if you have been abundantly blessed, we would gladly accept it. However, we can only accept “fresh” produce the Sun., Mon., or Tues before our pantry distribution, which is the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tues of the month.

### Food Pantry Updates

#### Next Distribution Date

Tues., July 25<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

#### 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.

### LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life

“Jesus, who is all Man and all God, becomes one of us in order that all of us might become one with Him. Finally, a sigh of relief, a cry of joy, even, a shout of thanksgiving! God is on the throne. Amen.”

Rev. Dr. John Nunes, Guest Speaker on “The Lutheran Hour” – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)

### Mail for Jon Perry

Please write to Jon! No gifts, food, or packages. There are address slips for him on the bulletin board.

### 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 8-9:30 a.m. 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.

### 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.

### 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!

**CALENDAR-----July 23 – July 30, 2023**

Sunday	23	8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Worship Services w/HC
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
Monday	24	6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Adult Catechism Bible Study
		7:00 p.m.	Lutheran Care Board Meeting
Tuesday	25	10:00 a.m.	Living w Grief # 10 & 11 @ Immanuel in Altamont
		3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Food Pantry Distribution
		5:00 p.m.	Altar Guild
		6:00 p.m.	Board of Early Childhood
		7:00 p.m.	Voter's Meeting
Wednesday	26	1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Office Staff Meeting & Devotions
		4:00 p.m.	"I Will Grieve For the Suicide" Class in the Trinity Room
Thursday	27	Noon	Golden Eagles Mission Moment presentation will be by the Food Pantry.
		1:00 p.m.	Stephens Ministry
Friday	28		Pastor's Sabbath
Saturday	29	8:00 a.m.	Praise Band Practice
		5:30 p.m.	Worship Service w/HC 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Door Offering for St. Louis Seminary Food Bank Please makes your checks out to them
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		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School/ Adults only
		11:30 a.m.	Rummage Sale Set Up
		Noon – 1 p.m.	Rummage Sale Drop Off

**Birthdays This Week**

7/23 Anita Backhus, Connie Phelps, & Jill Wohltman  
 7/24 Bayleigh Lobmier, Karen Hartman, Tammy Wendling, & Tony Castillo  
 7/25 Brady Scott, Elena Niebrugge, Jason Wendling, & Norma Larson  
 7/26 Ella Niebrugge, Patsy Latch, Tyler Pilcher, & Watson Brown  
 7/27 Laura Jeffries & Rebecca Hewing  
 7/28 Joanna Goldstein

7/29 Jared Probst, Jill Wendling, & Michelle Holland

**Anniversaries This Week**

7/23/88 A. J. & Linda Lockett  
 7/24/10 Andres & Amy Wetzel  
 7/24/20 Phillip & Abbey Knight  
 7/24/21 Christopher & Cheyenne Sandifer  
 7/27/74 Jim & Rosie Gibbons  
 7/27/96 Jason & Kim Niebrugge  
 7/28/18 Nic & Madelyn Koester