

# THE EAGLE

*St. John's Weekly Newsletter July 30, 2023*

It's been a delight to study Luther's Small Catechism and the Bible on Mondays with teenagers and ninety-year-old ages this summer. I'm now gauging interest in the next series of the same class. Would you – or someone you know – like to review the faith, or to join our congregation by adult confirmation? The next series will be on Tues. nights, beginning Aug. 29 at 7:00 p.m. The signup sheet is posted on the main hall bulletin board. Put your name there now so we can plan!



## Host a Table at the Family Life Center Banquet

As we prepare for our upcoming fundraising banquet held September 14th at the Keller Convention Center; we would love to invite you to gather 7 other like-minded community members to join you for an evening of celebration, dinner, reflection, and redemption! This banquet supports the efforts of our Effingham and Newton locations. Our guest speaker, David Williams, serves as an itinerant preacher and evangelist as he partners with various ministries locally and nationally. David knows the pain that men experience who have suffered the loss of fatherhood due to a past abortion. Yet he also knows the forgiveness, grace, healing, and transforming power of Jesus Christ available to men suffering from abortion. He has written articles, done radio interviews and podcasts, and contributed a chapter in the book 'Tears of A Fisherman: Recovery of Men Wounded by Abortion' authored by Kevin Burke (Rachel's Vineyard). David was the SEELife '21 Pro-Life Story Award Recipient by Focus on the Family. You won't want to miss it! Please email us and let us know if you are interested in hosting a table.

You can request a table host packet. – Family Life Center; Linda Spindler  
([development@familylifepcc.org](mailto:development@familylifepcc.org))



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We continue to explore the possibility of starting a Lutheran High School in the Effingham County Area.

Last fall, we distributed a paper interest survey about starting a Lutheran High School in the area. We thank you for your responses. Because of the positive reaction we received, we have continued down this journey to explore further. While we are still at the infancy and exploration phase, we have partnered with the Genesis Project, which helps LCMS congregations start Lutheran schools. Our first step with the Genesis Project is participating in a Lutheran School Feasibility Study. During this phase, we will further assess the interest of families and the community. We have a new survey, which we ask you to take 5 minutes to complete. Are you interested in a Lutheran High School in your area? Please let us know by completing this short survey (it's best to click the link in our digital version of The Eagle):

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SLRKRJS>

If you prefer to complete a physical survey, you can find paper copies in the church office. If you have any questions, please email [info@ExploreLHS.net](mailto:info@ExploreLHS.net)

**[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.”**

Matthew 13:44

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

Sunday, July 30<sup>th</sup>, 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!

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

|                          |     |
|--------------------------|-----|
| Sunday, July 23.....     | 396 |
| Sunday School.....       | 16  |
| Adult Sunday School..... | 50  |

**Our Offerings Sunday, July 23, 2023**

|                                      |                    |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|
| General Fund .....                   | \$9,693.85         |
| Online Offering.....                 | \$3,867.52         |
| <b>Total Gen. Fund Offering.....</b> | <b>\$13,561.37</b> |
| Building Fund .....                  | \$250.00           |

**Stewardship Moment**

Matthew 13:45-46 – “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.” Indeed, Jesus redeemed us, purchased us back from sin and death, with all that He had. We belong to Him now. Our generosity ought to imitate the out-sized generosity of Jesus.

**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)

**The Board of Christian Education**

We will meet Mon., **Aug. 7<sup>th</sup>** at 6:15 p.m.

**LWML Banner Displayed in Sanctuary**

St. Paul Lutheran Ladies Aid, Sigel, made the Effingham/Shelby Zone banner for the LWML Central Illinois District Convention in Quincy, IL, April 28-29, 2023. The theme “Thy KINGdom Come” was based on Zechariah 9:10b “His rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the river to the ends of the Earth.”

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

**Online Shirt Store**

Check the church website for the link.



**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)

**Thank You**

For all the wonderful “fresh” garden produce that was donated! If you have any more to donate to the Food Pantry, you may bring it to the church on the Sun., Mon., or Tues. before our next distribution, which will be Tues., Aug. 8<sup>th</sup>, & we will gladly accept it. You may leave it in the church kitchen.

**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.

**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!

**LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life**

"The Church is under an incredible assault, but perhaps never has the opportunity been greater. The question is whether we wish to take it, whether we want to be salt, or whether we will just mark time, leaving nothing but ruins for those who follow in our footsteps."

Rev. Peter Scaer, Concordia Theological Seminary – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)

**Food Pantry Updates**

**Food Items Needed for Aug.**

Canned Fruit, Sloppy Joe's, & box cereal. We are also in need of plastic Walmart bags.

**Drop-Offs**

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

**Confirmation Orientation**

All 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade students, with parents, will have their Orientation meeting for the 2023-2024 Confirmation year, Wednesday, Aug. 30, at 5 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 p.m. – 6 p.m. on Wednesdays, beginning Sept. 6!

**St. John's Offering QR Code**

Is in the card holder on the pew in front of you. Check it out!

**"The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it..."**

Psalm 24:1

Pull to learn more about financial stewardship at St. John's...



**"Christian stewardship is the free and joyous activity of the child of God and God's family, the church, in managing all of life and life's resources for God's purposes."**

You can scan to go to our online giving portal:



**Prayer List**

Charlene Snyder, Jan Martins, Rebecca Belcher, John Miller, Fred Brillhart, Marlene Haake, Dennis Bushur, Avery Braunecker, Kelsey Baker, Dwight Klepzig, Thomas Reeves, Richard Ohnesorge, Sara Bernhard, Heather Davis, Shirley Cheadle, and the family of Mickey Weber.

Men and women of the Armed Forces, including Austin Traub & John Perry.

Brynlee Sue Willenborg, born to Bailey & Kyle Willenborg on Sun., July 16. She will be baptized August 13!

**Men's Bible Study**

8 a.m. at Niemerg's. Questions, contact Gayland Bourland—217-343-4366

**CALENDAR-----July 30 – Aug.6, 2023**

|           |    |                        |   |
|-----------|----|------------------------|---|
| Sunday    | 30 | 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. | Worship Services w/HC<br>5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Door Offering for<br>“St. Louis Seminary Food Bank”<br>Please makes your checks out to them |
|           |    | 9:15 a.m.              | Sunday School/ Adults only  |
|           |    | 11:30 a.m.             | Rummage Sale Set Up   |
|           |    | Noon – 1 p.m.          | Rummage Sale Drop Off   |
| Monday    | 31 | Noon – 6:00 p.m.       | Rummage Sale Drop Off   |
|           |    | 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.  | Adult Catechism Bible Study   |
| Tuesday   | 1  | 9:00 a.m.              | Pastors’ Circuit Meeting at St. John’s in the<br>Trinity Room   |
|           |    | 3:45 p.m.              | Call Committee  |
|           |    | 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.  | Rummage Sale Drop Off   |
|           |    | 5:30 p.m.              | Board of Trustees   |
| Wednesday | 2  | 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.  | Office Staff Meeting & Devotions  |
| Thursday  | 3  | 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.  | Rummage Sale  |
| Friday    | 4  |                        | Pastor’s Sabbath  |
|           |    | 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.  | Rummage Sale  |
| Saturday  | 5  | 8:00 a.m.              | Praise Band Practice  |
|           |    | 8:00 a.m.              | Men’s Bible Study at Niemerg’s  |
|           |    | 8:00 a.m.              | Women’s Bible Study   |
|           |    | 9:00 a.m. – Noon       | Rummage Sale  |
|           |    | Noon – 2 p.m.          | Rummage Sale Clean Up   |
|           |    | 5:30 p.m.              | Worship Service   |
| Sunday    | 6  | 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. | Worship Services  |
|           |    | 9:15 a.m.              | Adult Sunday School Only  |

**Birthdays This Week**

- 7/30 Amy Miller, John Schoenhoff, & Melia Wendling
- 7/31 Kyle March, Ruth Kohnert, & Ruth Rhodes
- 8/01 Donetta Ohnesorge & Layla Nelson
- 8/02 Andrea Wendling & Erica Hansen
- 8/03 David Moeller, Dawn Quicksall, Dena Willis, & Suzanne Lechman
- 8/04 Alex Nelson, Clay Weber, Holly Bray  
Jessica Mottashed, Nancy L. Ohnesorge, Sydney Nelson
- 8/05 Cinda Hulskotter, Debby Storm,  
Quinn Flach, Ryan Kohnert, & Terry Budde

**Anniversaries This Week**

- 7/30/04 Randy & Amy Kohnert
- 7/30/05 Todd & Julie Zeigler
- 7/31/76 Dennis & Bonnie Siebert
- 8/02/80 David & Bea Wendte
- 8/02/20 Chris & Morgan Lidy
- 8/03/74 Mike & Marcella Kennedy
- 8/03/13 Bobby & Kristin Niemerg
- 8/04/84 Robert & Pamela Williams
- 8/05/78 David & Jeanette Worman

**Women’s Bible Study**

8 a.m. at Niemerg’s. Questions, contact  
Renee Kremer—217-821-3142