

THE EAGLE

St. John's Weekly Newsletter July 9, 2023



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.
- As we have opportunity, we provide some of the necessities of life to those in our community and world -- food, shelter, help, and friendship -- with the love of Jesus.

"Free Love." For many people that little phrase means allowance to do everything you want with your affection and your body. That is not the way you view it. No, you – dear Christian – know it means freedom to love with virtue as the starting place. To love with neighborly sacrifice in light of the sacrifice of Jesus at the core.

Anthony Esolen wrote: "if you're talking about freedom but not talking about *virtue*, you're really talking about *license*, which enslaves. But I can say here that if you're talking about freedom and you're not talking about a free and open heart, a heart that loves, you've got a cramped and narrow view of the matter, and it may be that you've been paying too much attention to laws and not enough to the forms of devotion and allegiance that nourish a real culture." He's encouraging Christian neighborliness.

What do our neighbors need? Faith. Safety. Help. *The Church*. That's the way our Church Mission is described here to the left. Give one another Jesus, family, and assistance. We are free to love!



As many may know, Becky Fielitz retired as one of our custodians last Fall. We just want to take a moment to recognize in print the years of dedicated service she gave to our church and preschool. What a blessing she has been and continues to be! Thank you, Becky!

Mail for Jon Perry

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

AB Perry, Jonathan P.

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Prayer List

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 2.....318
Adult Sunday School.....40
LifeLight 7

Our Offerings Sunday, July 2, 2023

General Fund\$9,806.38
Online Offering.....\$2,414.33
Total Gen. Fund Offering.....\$12,220.71
Building Fund..... \$70.00

Stewardship Moment

Matthew 11:28 – “Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.” Jesus has come to do the work so that we might have rest from burdens & labors we are not capable of bearing. He frees us from sin, death, & the demands of the Law. In that peace & rest of Jesus we find a new purpose His light yoke is not a burden to bear, but a joy!

Food Pantry Updates

Next Food Distribution

Tues., July 11th 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.

Food Pantry Updates for June

In June, the Food Pantry served:

111 Households

(192 Adults & 72 Children/264 People)

The office handed out 11 bags, which served 16 Adults and 2 children.

LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life

“Announcing a pregnancy, feeling a fetus kick, cradling a newborn, attending a Baptism, what happens and what we experience defy description. Grieving and believing over a terminal diagnosis, listening to an aged neighbor’s wisdom and reminiscences, holding a loved one’s hand at a hospital bedside, singing hymns and reciting Scriptures as a relative enters eternity, the encounter exceeds even the beauty and power of words.”

Pastor Michael Salemink, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

Faith Lutheran Shumway Ice Cream Social

Sunday, July 9

4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Acolyte Training

A Training Session for our new (6th Grade) Acolytes will be held Sunday, August 13 at 11:30am. All 6th 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.

Board Reports

Just a reminder that all board reports are due in the church office

this Wednesday by July 12.

“This Week’s Sunday School Lesson”

“A Soldier Believes” is the focus of today’s Bible lesson. In Philippi, Paul and Silas cast the spirit of divination from a slave girl, but her angered owner has the two thrown into prison. Around midnight, Paul and Silas are praying and singing to God when suddenly an earthquake shakes the prison. The jailer, thinking his prisoners have escaped, prepares to take his own life. Paul and Silas interrupt his plan as they share the Gospel with him and his whole family, whom Paul then baptizes. Discuss how God uses events in our lives to give us opportunities to share His Word.

Rummage Sale Information

Drop Off

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

Sale Dates

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

Questions, please contact
Carolyn Wendte (217-821-6541)
Domer Ohnesorge (217-821-3300)
Cathy Norris (217-821-3656)

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

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.

Youth Corner Save the Dates

Holiday World Tues., July 18th

Medical Releases are on the bulletin board.

Cruise Night Sat., Sept. 9th Time TBA

Larry Brandt Golf Outing Sat., Sept. 16th

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Confirmation Orientation

All 6th, 7th, and 8th Grade students, with parents, will have their Orientation meeting for the 2023-2024 Confirmation year on Wednesday, August 30, at 5:00pm. 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!

Upcoming Meeting Information

Council Meeting

Tues., July 18th at 7 p.m.

Voter’s Meeting

Tuesday, July 25th at 7 p.m.

Prayer Shawl

We will meet on Tues., July 11th at 1 p.m.

CALENDAR-----July 9 – July 16, 2023

Sunday	9	8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Worship Service w/HC
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
Monday	10	5:00 p.m.	Board of Stewardship
		5:30 p.m.	Board of Trustees
		6:15 p.m.	Board of Education
		6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Adult Catechism Bible Study
Tuesday	11	1:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl
		3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Food Pantry Distribution
		5:15 p.m.	Board of Social Ministry
		6:30 p.m.	Call Committee
Wednesday	12	1:00 p.m.	Office Staff Devotions/Meeting
Thursday	13	1:00 p.m.	Stephens Ministry
		5:30 p.m.	Fair Pageant Practice
		6:30 p.m.	Board of Elders
Friday	14		Pastor's Sabbath
Saturday	15	8:00 a.m.	Praise Band Practice
		5:30 p.m.	Worship Service
Sunday	16	8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School (LBW Pres. Jenkins)
		12:00 – 2:30 p.m.	E.A.S.T.E.R. Picnic

Birthdays This Week

- 07/09 Jon Stremming & Phyllis Dueker
 07/10 Carissa Snow, Cindy Shingleton, & Jason Miller
 07/11 Cindy Myers
 07/12 Brad Dial & Mitch Hulskotter
 07/13 Cheryl Duckwitz, Christopher Sandifer Kristen Probst, Leroy Campton, & Meredith Wendling
 07/14 Isla Veach, John Lechman, Julie Scott Kynlie Buening & Sophia Jansen

Anniversaries This Week

- 07/10/82 Dan & Lisa Norton
 07/10/04 Doug & Julie Stuckemeyer
 07/11/20 Marcy & Jay Wallace
 07/12/86 Alan & Julie Bahrns
 07/12/75 Gale & Joe Budde
 07/14/11 Nicholas & Dana Devall

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)

Sunday School Guest Speaker

Sun., July 16, Daniel Jenkins, President of Lutheran Braille Workers in CA will speak during the Sunday School hour in the fellowship hall. Come to hear what is new to the Ministry that works from a small room in St. John's almost every day of the week.