

# THE EAGLE

St. John's Weekly Newsletter August 20, 2023



Dear members and friends of St. John's,

Does your home have a front porch? Is it a place to sit, and from which you can talk with neighbors walking by? I imagine that for most of us the answer is, "No, not much."

I ask because the image of a front porch as a place where we **welcome our neighbors, get to know them, and eventually invite them closer in** is a good picture of how our church family can share the Good News about Jesus. Pastor Tim Keller wrote a salient article about this recently. He got me thinking...

- What's the front porch of my life, and our family's life together?
- What are St. John's front porches?



From such porches you can share "the reason for the hope that you have." (1 Peter 3:15). You and I – and our St. John's church family collectively – can listen to our neighbors' needs and burdens, their wayward ideas, and their burning questions,

and winsomely share the hope we have as redeemed sinners. For example, we can say, "I, too, am frustrated by the failures of government. I not only need to do my small part to act with integrity, I need to remember that our lives (yours and mine) find their worth not in what people have done but in what God has done in His mercy."

The first step to using the porch? Be there! Be prepared for a neighbor to be welcomed by you. Listen. Seek to understand. Encourage their questions. Then, **"give the reason for the hope that is in you, but do it with gentleness and respect."** (1 Peter 3:15).

## Rally Day 2023

Mark your calendars.

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

Includes breakfast!



Next Sunday, parents!

## Special Voters Meeting

President Jerry Lindsey is calling a special voters meeting on Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of calling an Associate Pastor.

## Attention ALL Camp CILCA Campers

The Youth Board needs your paid receipts turned into the church office by Thurs., Aug. 31<sup>st</sup> for reimbursement. Thank you!

## Welcome To Our New Members

Colby Adams

Casey Earleywine

Kenna Stewart

Rick, Libby, Jackson, & Colton Dasenbrock

Justyce Higgs & MaLeeha Higgs

Alex Nelson & Sydney Nelson

Gary & Sandra White

**All Church Family Fishing Day**

Sunday, Aug. 27<sup>th</sup> from 3 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Fishing, paddle boat, corn hole, ladder golf

Menu:

Hot dogs, chips, drinks & cookies provided.

At Don & Patsy Latch's

16399 N. 1000<sup>th</sup> St.; Effingham

Bring your lawn chairs & if you have a fishing pole, and/or a canopy, please bring it too!

*Be sure to sign up on the bulletin board so, the Youth Board knows how much food to purchase.*

**Larry Brandt Golf Outing**

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

Have a team?

Sign up in the gym by Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>.

Sponsor a hole or cart or a prize give away?

All proceeds will go towards college scholarships for our youth.

Questions, please contact

Carolyn Wendte (217-821-6541)

Domer Ohnesorge (217-821-3300)

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

Sunday, August 13..... 405  
Adult Sunday School..... N/A

**Our Offerings Sunday, August 13, 2023**

General Fund ..... \$6,900.00  
Online Offering ..... \$2,001.68  
**Total Gen. Fund Offering ..... \$8,901.68**  
Building Fund ..... \$10.00

**Prayer List**

Kay Boerngen, Becca Lading, Jan Martins, Rebecca Belcher, John Miller, Fred Brillhart, Marlene Haake, Dennis Bushur, Avery Braunecker, Richard Ohnesorge, Sara Bernhard, Heather Davis, Shirley Cheadle, and the family of Brian Wenthe

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

**Stewardship Moment**

Matthew 15:27 – “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” These are the words of faith, for faith means receiving what God gives. And God has given us so much more than just the crumbs that fall from the table — He has given us life, salvation, body and soul, eyes and ears, possessions, and income. That’s where our stewardship starts: with faith in the God who is the greatest Giver.

**Golden Eagles**

Our next gathering of the Golden Eagles will be Thurs., Aug. 31<sup>st</sup> at Noon.

Menu

Meatloaf, Scalloped Potatoes,  
Salad & Desserts.

Suggested donation is \$5.00.

Linda Marxmann will be doing a presentation on the bells, and they will also be performing for you. Please sign up on the bulletin board so enough food can be prepared.

**Confirmation Parent LYF Informational Presentation**

There will be an LYF Informational Presentation for 6<sup>th</sup> grade parents, & any 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade parent who have not previously attended our LYF Informational Presentation. It will be held on Wed., Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. Questions, please contact Carolyn Wendte (217-821-6541)

**Family Life Center Annual Fundraising Banquet**

It is the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Family Life Center Fundraising Banquet

When: Thursday, September 14

Where: Thelma Keller Convention Center

Time: Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Dinner is at 7:00 p.m.

Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.

**New LifeLight Class**

We will begin studying II Corinthians Sun., Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>. Sign up on the bulletin board by Wed., Aug. 30<sup>th</sup>.

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

“Live as a son or daughter of God, for He loves you as only a Father could. One thing you can know about God: He will never say about you, ‘These are not Our kind of people.’ Because of Christ and what He has done for you, the Father will never say that about you.”

Rev. Dr. Oswald Hoffman, Guest Speaker on “The Lutheran Hour” – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

### **Youth Corner** **Upcoming Events**

#### **All Church Family Fishing Day**

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>

#### **Hayride & Wiener Roast at Schroeder’s**

Sunday, Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup> from 4 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Questions, please contact  
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### **LYF Ice Cream Social**

The LYF at St. John’s Lutheran Church, Louisville, will be hosting their annual ice cream social on Sun., Aug. 27<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The menu will be hot dogs, pork burgers, pulled pork sandwiches, chips, & ice cream. Everyone is invited to attend

### **Deepest Sympathy**

To the family of Brian Wenthe who passed away Tues., Aug. 15. Please keep his mother, Joyce and his brothers, Brad & Kevin & family in your prayers. Memorials may be made to:  
St. John’s Food Pantry.

### **A BIG Thank You!**

Thank you so much to everyone who donated their treasures to the Youth Rummage Sale. Thank you, also to all who brought wagons, tarps, trucks, and other equipment, and to everyone who volunteered to help sort, organize, price, and work our event! Without all of you, this would not be possible! God bless you all~~Board of Youth

### **Lutheran Care Center Involvement Store**

LCC’s Activity Director, Dawn Feldhake, has started something new for the residents. They will receive points for involvement in daily activities. At the end of the month, residents can cash in their points & shop at the “Involvement Store,” which is setup in the Heart-to-Heart room. Residents are enjoying this new experience & the prizes they can obtain. Some of the items they have at the store are: neutral lipstick, soft snacks, Bath & Body products, word search books, tissues, etc. LCC is asking for donations of items such as these. If you would like to donate something like the above, please place it in the “LCC Involvement Store” collection place in the gym over the next few weekends. Jeff Stremming, LCC Executive Board Member

### **Lutheran High School Survey.**

As I read some of the responses to the congregational survey about a possible Lutheran High School in our area, I realized that I have not done a great job of passing along the interest. Some perceive that this is a quest for the pastor, but not the lay members of St. John’s. This is understandable. I’ll be prayerfully working on how to share the interest with you, while also realizing that there will always be differing levels of support. I appreciate all survey responses and conversations, and invite you to come talk with me about the project ... which is still only in its infancy (or perhaps even earlier!). Thank you.  
– Pastor Burdick

**CALENDAR----- Aug.20, 2023 – August 27, 2023**

Sunday	20	8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Worship Services New Member Welcome
Monday	21	Noon	Board of Evangelism Meets
Tuesday	22	10:00 a.m.	Living With Grief #12 & #13 St. John's Eff.
		3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Food Pantry Distribution
Wednesday	23	1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Office Staff Meeting & Devotions
		5:15 p.m.	Bell Practice
Thursday	24	1:00 p.m.	Stephen Ministry
Friday	25		Pastor's Sabbath
Saturday	26	8:00 a.m.	Praise Band Practice
		8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	Greeter & Welcome Center Volunteers Breakfast
		5:30 p.m.	Worship Service w/HC
Sunday	27	8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Worship Services w/HC
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School Rally Sunday
		3:00 p.m.- 7:00 p.m.	All Church Family Fishing Day at Latch's

**Birthdays This Week**

- 8/20 Alexis Miller & Jill Haake
- 8/21 Hank Probst, Knox Probst, & Marissa Brown
- 8/22 Jill Baker & Sandra Hanks
- 8/23 Lincoln Jackson & Sara Sandifer
- 8/24 Joe Budde & Norma Suckow
- 8/25 Irene Esch, Lesley Miller, Nolan Dixon, & Terry Simmons
- 8/26 Amanda Wernsing, Hank Rieman, & Kay Klepzig

**Anniversaries This Week**

- 8/20/16 Haven & Jill Boone
- 8/21/10 Bradley & Tricia Miller
- 8/21/21 Derek & Kori Heuerman
- 8/22/71 Alan & Connie Phelps
- 8/22/81 Ray & Eileen Hartman
- 8/22/04 Randy & Jeannie Harris
- 8/25/79 David & Joyce Barr

**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.

**Food Pantry Updates**  
**Next Food Distribution**

Tues., Aug. 22 from 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**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.