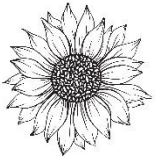


THE EAGLE

St. John's Weekly Newsletter August 27, 2023



Last year Kathy took eight seeds out of our sunflower plants, and she planted them in two spots in our yard this Spring. To our delight, all the seeds have grown, and some of the plants are over eight feet tall. Good soil. Good care. Good design by the God of all creation. Goodness!

When you were baptized, God planted new life within you – living faith in the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Good growth in Christian faith and knowledge for the rest of your life is possible. And necessary. The good care for that life in you involves weekly worship, study of the Scriptures, and continual prayer.

Rally Day is a day not just for children. It's the day that all of us children of God – newborn or silver-haired seniors – give thanks for our Christian Education ministry and the opportunities it affords us to grow.

"Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly..." (Colossians 3). I want to invite and challenge you this Rally Day: let the Word dwell in you deeply. See to it that children get to Sunday School. See to it that the children have plenty of eager Sunday School teachers (volunteer by talking to Kiley Bohnhoff, Superintendent). And get involved in Sunday School as a student aged 25 or 85 – join LifeLight or my Sunday morning class in the gym. Rally around the Word. Grow by the Word.

I thank all of you who are teachers for our Sunday School, Confirmation ministry, and Bible Studies. Let's grow!

Bible Sunday will be September 17.

Man Up!

The Quest for Masculinity will be a book study for men starting later this Fall. Interested? Perhaps you know a man in our community who is not a member of St. John's who would be interested. Begin to pray for them now.

More details next month.

"Why am I here?!!"

That is what parents of lively young children sometimes ask after worship. Be assured: the Word of God has power. Even when your children demand a lot of your energy during a Service, you and they are benefitting from being in the Lord's House. Plus, this is the only way they will grow into the habit of engaging in the Service. You are doing a good thing!



Eagle's Nest Preschool

Open House

Wednesday, September 6th from 6 p.m. – 7 p.m.

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Thursday, September 7th from 6 p.m. – 7 p.m.

School Begins

Friday, September 8th

Special Voters Meeting

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

Men's Bible Study

Will meet at 8 a.m. at Niemerg's. Questions, contact Gayland Bourland (217-343-4366)

Women's Bible Study

Will meet at 8 a.m. at Niemerg's. Questions, Contact Renee Kremer (217-821-3142)

All Church Family Fishing Day

Sunday, Aug. 27th 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. 1000th 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. 16th

Have a team? Sign up in the gym by Sept. 9th.

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 20..... 367

Adult Sunday School N/A

Our Offerings Sunday, August 20, 2023

General Fund \$7,098.00

Online Offering..... \$3,062.11

Total Gen. Fund Offering \$10,160.11

"This Week's Sunday School Lesson"

In this week's lesson, "A Mercy-Full Message," Jesus tells the famous parable of the Good Samaritan, who risks his own life to help a Jewish man whose peril was ignored by his own countrymen. In telling the parable, Jesus answers the question "Who is my neighbor?" for His followers as He challenges us to "go, and do likewise" (Luke 10:37). As a family, you could discuss ideas to help those in need in your community.

LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life

"The rainbow is a reminder that God's grace will always preserve you and this beautiful world in which you live until He raises you and takes you to heavenly glory. This is God's amazing grace, and His grace generates your life of genuine gratitude."

Rev. Peter Sulzle, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

Stewardship Moment

Matthew 16:27 – "For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done." St Paul talks about rewards on the Last Day in 1 Corinthians 3, and Jesus says more about this "repaying" in Matthew 19:27–30. Bottom line: your good works cannot buy you heaven, but in Christ your good works do matter. They are pleasing to your Heavenly Father, and they will be rewarded. In other words, your sacrifices for the Lord's kingdom are not in vain and do not go unnoticed by your Father. This should encourage you in your faithfulness.

Golden Eagles

Our next gathering of the Golden Eagles will be Thurs., Aug. 31st 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 6th grade parents, & any 7th or 8th grade parent who have not previously attended our LYF Informational Presentation. It will be held on Wed., Sept. 6th at 5:30 p.m. Questions, please contact Carolyn Wendte (217-821-6541)

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, Cindy Myers, Kyle Pennington, Janet Ohnesorge, Zachary & Madison Haake, Luke & Melissa Goldstein with the birth of their 4th child, & son, Wade Allen. He is welcomed home by Grant, Joanna, & Alayna. Proud grandparents are Neal & Sarah Mellendorf & great grandmother, Helen Miller, & Tony Arlo Trimble, newborn grandson of Deania & Tony Trimble.

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

New LifeLight Class

We will begin studying II Corinthians Sun., Sept. 10th. Sign up on the bulletin board by Wednesday, August 30th.

Family Life Center Annual Fundraising Banquet

It is the 28th 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.

3rd Altamont Lutheran Interparish BBQ Fundraiser

Saturday., Sept. 9th

At the Effingham County Fairgrounds, Altamont There will be Dinner, Beer Garden, Games, & Bounce Houses, Bags Tourney, Bake Sale, Cake Walk, & Entertainment.

Everyone is Welcome!

See the flyer on the bulletin board for details.

Lutheran Care Center Involvement Store

We will be pausing our collection of items for the Involvement Store this weekend.

The first delivery of our items was very much appreciated!

Thank you for your donations!

Jeff Stremming, LCC Executive Board Member

Youth Corner Upcoming Events

All Church Family Fishing Day

Aug. 27th from 3 p.m. – 7 p.m.

At Don & Patsy Latch's

Cruise Night 5 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Sat., Sept. 9th

Our food stand will be open from 4 p.m. until we run out of food???

Larry Brandt Golf Outing

Sat., Sept. 16th

Hayride & Wiener Roast at Schroeder's

Sunday, Oct. 22nd from 4 p.m. – 7 p.m.

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

International Lutheran Laymen's League Retreat

Sat. Sept. 9th 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Camp CILCA. Registration is \$25 per person which includes lunch, and is due by Sept. 5. See the flyer on bulletin board for details.

Camp CILCA's Chicken Dinner & Auction

Sunday, Sept. 3 from 11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Adult tickets \$10 & Kids tickets (4-12) \$8

A silent auction will be conducted.

Visit cilca.org to view auction items and get more information.

Food Pantry Updates

Food Items Needed for September

Toilet Paper, Mixed Vegetables, Mandarin Oranges & Graham Crackers
We **DO NOT** need any more plastic bags.
Thank you for your help & donations.

Drop-Offs

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

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 will 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



Attention ALL Camp CILCA Campers

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

CALENDAR----- Aug. 27, 2023 – Sept. 3, 2023

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
Monday	28	7:00 p.m.	Preschool Parent Meeting
		7:00 p.m.	Lutheran Care Board of Directors
Tuesday	29	6:30 p.m.	Board of Early Childhood
Wednesday	30	1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Office Staff Meeting & Devotions
		5:00 p.m.	Confirmation Orientation
		5:15 p.m.	Bell Practice
Thursday	31	Noon	Golden Eagles
Friday	1		Pastor's Sabbath
Saturday	2	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 at Niemerg's
		5:30 p.m.	Worship Service w/HC Bells will be playing
Sunday	3	8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Worship Services w/HC Bells will be playing
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School

Birthdays This Week

- 8/27 Cheyanne Pilcher, Jacob Janis, Lori Meseke & Mary Roedl
 8/28 Abby Marxman, Adam Wendt & Paul Smith
 8/29 Amy Fread & Lillian Harstine
 8/30 Annika Koester, Brandon Wallin, Camille Zeigler, Danny Klepzig, Mark Holland, Norma Miller, Rebecca Belcher, & Rick Gregory
 8/31 Greg Brown & Tristran Devall
 9/01 Deb Gregory & Lyle Tolch
 9/02 Atticus Jennings, Brayden Kuhns, Isaac Galvan, Nicholas Lechman, & Sherrie Stremming

- 8/31/85 Mike & Debbie Womack
 9/01/84 John & Perry Richards
 9/02/01 Justin & Britt Wendling
 9/02/17 Luke & Jessica Mottashed



Two Dollars for Missions Project Completed! The first was to purchase a 15-passenger van for University Lutheran Church in Champaign, which has been fully funded, but July contributions have also fully funded the next project, Augment pay for Prison Ministry at Lincoln & Logan Correctional Centers. Our current project is to raise \$20,000 for stipends to pastors to begin visiting 4 new prisons or jails in 2024. The projects can be found on the district website: <https://www.cidlcms.org/ministry-a-dollar-for-missions.html>.

Anniversaries This Week

- 8/27/05 Chris & Christina Niebrugge
 8/28/81 Dale & Donna Walls
 8/29/09 Douglas & Kristin Jackson
 8/30/80 Fred & Ruth Bray
 8/30/14 Kraig & Samantha Rubin