

THE EAGLE

St. John's Weekly Newsletter August 6, 2023



By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.

2 Timothy 1:14

"The good deposit" of which Paul speaks is the Gospel. The Gospel *you* believe. The Good News of the death and resurrection of Jesus. The great news that Jesus searched for treasure in a field, found it, then gave all He had to have ... you. This is the good deposit invested in you.

In Adult Bible Class this Sunday we'll study 2 Timothy 1 and 3. This will be the last Bible Class before Rally Day. The next two Sundays we have special events going on during the Sunday School hour:

- **Holy Communion Preparation Training.** As we gear up for more frequent Communion, we will train you on how to be a team that prepares and cleans the Communionware.
At 9:15 a.m. August 13, please come to the Sanctuary and find out how you can volunteer for this important and joyful work. Individuals and whole families can serve!
- **New Member Welcome** August 20. New members will be received by Baptism, Confirmation, and Transfer in 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Services, with a congregational Reception in the Fellowship Hall after the 8:00 a.m. Service.

When we work together according to our congregational mission ("Proclaim the Christ – Grow the Family – Love the Neighbor"), we're guarding the good deposit!

In Christ,



www.ExploreLHS.net Are you interested in a Lutheran High School in our area? Please let us know by completing a short Congregational

survey. Use this QR Code to go to it, or click the link at www.exploreLHS.net

If you prefer to complete a physical survey, you can find paper copies on the Welcome Center. If you have any questions, please email info@ExploreLHS.net



Prayer during our public worship Service is a way we can embrace evangelism. Each week we can pray for...

- Those who have wandered from their baptism
- Those who have never been baptized
- Those who have questions and doubts
- Those who feel injured by the church
- Those who truly have been injured by the church, and needlessly so
- Those who see the church as harsh, judgmental
- Those who would like to learn more about Jesus

This list can go on and on. You get the idea. ...When my wife said "Yes" to my proposal of marriage, I was delighted to tell her: "I have been praying for you for years." In fact, I had been praying for my future wife, even when I had no idea who she would be. Likewise, **how wonderful it is when we can look nonchurched visitors to our churches in the eye and say, "We have been praying for you"!** – Ken Schurb, CID

Host a Table at the Family Life Center Banquet September 14! 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)

Response to the Gospel
Our Attendance Last Week

Sunday, July 30..... 315
Adult Sunday School..... 30

Our Offerings Sunday, July 23, 2023

General Fund \$4,474.00
Online Offering \$1,734.83
Total Gen. Fund Offering \$6,208.83
Building Fund \$100.00

Rally Day 2023

Mark your calendars.
Sunday, August 27th will be Rally Day.
Details coming soon!

Youth Corner
Save the Dates

Online Shirt Store

Check the church website for the link.



Family Fishing Day

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

Cruise Night

Sat., Sept. 9th, 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. 16th

Have a team?

Sponsor a hole or cart or a prize give away?

Tables will be set up in the gym beginning
Aug. 6th.

All proceeds will go towards college
scholarships for our youth.

Questions, please contact

Carolyn Wendte (217-821-6541)

Domer Ohnesorge (217-821-3300)

Stewardship Moment

Matthew 14:17–18 – “They said to him, ‘We have only five loaves here and two fish.’ And he said, ‘Bring them here to me.’” The five loaves and two fish were all that the disciples had. But when they handed them over to the Lord, the multitudes were fed. Apart from Jesus, all we do and all we have comes to nothing. But in Jesus, the Lord blesses all we do and all we have for His gracious work.

New LifeLight Class

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

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.

LCMS Foundation
TODAY | TOMORROW | FOREVER

All assets within your estate are God's gifts which you will be gifting to family and ministry when the Lord calls you home. It is good to learn how to pray for those who will be receiving these gifts. Often, people consider inheritance as entitlement. As Christians, we consider it pure grace to provide for family through estate gifts we will give them. What are the purposes for each family member you hope will be accomplished through these gifts? Remember to pray for these purposes, that the Lord's will may be done. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help you articulate these purposes. Contact Scott Radden by email at Scott.Radden@LFND.org or call his cell phone at 618-977-4049.

LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life

“Be as patient with others as you know God is with you. In so doing, you will be keeping your head in all circumstances’ (2 Timothy 4:5). You will find the resolve to remain calm and patient, even though ideologically you may become incensed. Theologically, you know what it means to be the object of perfect love. Let Christ be your role model.”

Rev. Robert Fleischmann, Director of Christian Life Resource – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

Food Pantry Updates

The Next Distribution

Tues., Aug. 8 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.

In July We Served

108 Households, which included 194 Adults & 73 Children for a total of 267 people
The office staff handed out 11 bags of groceries, serving 12 adults & 4 children.

Confirmation Orientation

All 6th, 7th, & 8th 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!

Prayer List

Joshua Garbe, 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 Harper Finn.

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

Thank You!

The Board of Social Ministry wishes to thank you all so much for your generous contributions for the St. Louis Concordia Seminary Food Bank. We collected \$1,684!

The Board of Christian Education

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

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

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:



CALENDAR----- Aug.6, 2023 – August 13, 2023

Sunday	6	8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Worship Services
		9:15 a.m.	Adult Bible Class
Monday	7	6:15 p.m.	Board of Education Meets
		6:30 p.m.	Worship Committee Meets
Tuesday	8	1:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl Meets
		3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Food Pantry Distribution
		5:15 p.m.	Board of Social Ministry Meets
Wednesday	9	1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Office Staff Meeting & Devotions
Thursday	10	1:00 p.m.	Stephen Ministry Meets
Friday	11		Pastor's Sabbath
Saturday	12	8:00 a.m.	Praise Band Practice
		5:30 p.m.	Worship Service w/HC
Sunday	13	8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Worship Services w/HC
		9:15 a.m.	Communion Training
		11:30 a.m.	Acolyte Training

Birthdays This Week

- 8/06 Justin Brummer, March Scott, Rachel Utz, & Phyllis Rohlfing
- 8/07 Becky Janis & Malachi Stuckemeyer
- 8/08 Kathy Shingler
- 8/09 Dawn Koester, Jim Wallin, & Kohen Willenborg
- 8/10 Claire Niemerg, John Jackson, Josie Fritch, & Logan Bloemer
- 8/11 Brittany Bloemer, Dillon Wallin, & Jackson Mottashed
- 8/12 Brody Nelson, Courtney Cook, Roger Ohnesorge, & Sue Habbe

Anniversaries This Week

- 8/06/77 Eric & Sandy Bernhard
- 8/09/80 Vincent & Nancy Wendt
- 8/09/08 Matt & Carrie Brown
- 8/10/58 Lloyd & Shirley Wittenberg
- 8/10/13 Chuck & Nancy Lykins
- 8/12/06 Chad & Kristen Hartman

A Big Thank You

To the congregation and VBS team for generously donating your VBS displays & decorations for our VBS, which was held last week! The kids loved it! ~~St. Peter's Lutheran Church & School, St. Peter, IL.

Acolyte Training

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

Prayer Shawl Meets

Tues., August 8th at 1:00 p.m.

LYF Ice Cream Social

The LYF at St. John's Lutheran Church, Louisville, will be hosting their annual ice cream social on Sun., Aug. 27th 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!

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, Tues., Aug. 8th, & we will gladly accept it. You may leave it in the church kitchen.