

THE EAGLE

St. John's Weekly Newsletter September 24, 2023

I'm at the St. Louis Seminary for continuing education this week as I write this note for the Eagle. I have met with both of the students we're supporting here, Peter Ross and Vince Otto. In two weeks, we are going to welcome Vince as our guest preacher. He'll bring us the Word, and we'll receive a door offering October 7-8 in support of his pastoral formation.

Pastor Ford plans to visit us here next weekend, September 30-October 1. We continue to pray for him as he deliberates the Call we've extended to him to be our Associate Pastor.

It would be easy to become very discouraged about the shortage of pastors in the Church these days. For various reasons, fewer men are following the call to go to the seminary and many of our current pastors are facing retirement in the next ten years. It's going to get even more difficult, but the Lord will never fail. He hasn't failed Immanuel in Macomb while they have waited for four years to receive a pastor. God will be faithful. Always.

Will you help raise up future pastors? Speak with men whom you believe ought to be considering studying at the Seminary. Will you pray for the boys in our Sunday School to have a high view of the office of the ministry? Will you foster that respectful view of pastors by honoring God's Word above all? You can have a powerful effect upon your future pastor ... twenty years before he is ordained!

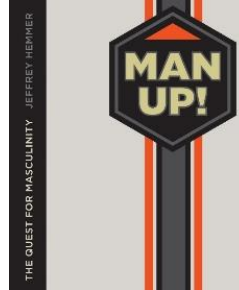
Grateful for the opportunity and responsibility of being pastor here,



Church Picnic Change of Venue



We will be holding this event here at the church in the **Fellowship Hall** Sunday, Sept. 24 at 12:30 p.m.



Book study for men begins in November. The book will be available next month (\$13 each). Gentlemen, it will be good ... for you and those who depend upon you.

Office Assistant

St John's Lutheran Church, Effingham

St. John's Mission is to **Proclaim the Christ, Grow the Family, Love the Neighbor.** The Office Assistant works alongside the Office Administrator to help the mission of the congregation move forward. This is a vital front-line position in welcoming people in the office, preparing financial and Word documents, and supporting the work of the pastors and the Preschool. The position is a part time (28 hours), four-day (Tuesday-Friday) job. Compensation is commensurate with experience; rate determined by the Board of Elders. The Office Assistant will be hired on or about November 1, and will work with the retiring Office Assistant for approximately two weeks to learn the tasks of the position. Interested candidates can pick up a job application and full position description in the church office.

The ideal candidate will possess these qualities:

- Passion for supporting the mission of the congregation.
- High level of integrity, confidentiality, and precision in record keeping.
- Ability to communicate effectively (written and verbal).
- Working knowledge of QuickBooks, Word, and Excel programs.
- Readiness to use the internet for email, online purchases, and payments.
- Joy in being a team player, participating in weekly staff devotions and meetings.

Response to the Gospel
Our Attendance Last Week

Sunday, September 17 405
Sunday School..... 60
Adult Sunday School..... 51

Our Offerings Sunday, September 17, 2023

General Fund \$5,269.77
Online Offering..... \$3,159.17
Total Gen. Fund Offering..... \$8,428.94

“This Week’s Sunday School Lesson”

Genesis 24:1-4; 10-28; 50-67

This week’s lesson is “A Servant’s Mission.” Abraham tasks a faithful servant with finding a wife for Isaac from Abraham’s homeland. The servant prays for a sign and waits at a well outside the city of Nahor. Rebekah appears, offering to draw water for both man and beast—the sign the servant had asked for. Rebekah invites the servant to come to her family home. Having received gifts from Abraham, Rebekah’s family sends her to Isaac with their blessings.

Door Offering

One of our Adopt a Student, Vince Otto & his wife, will be here Sat., Oct. 7th & Sun., Oct. 8th. We will have a door offering for him after each service.

LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life

“Every human life meets us as gift and privilege, created and redeemed and called by our Lord as His own precious treasure from fertilization to forever. And our life-affirming witness and service is surrounded and celebrated by a magnificent multitude of like-minded saints gone before, yet to come, and the world over.”

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

Bethlehem Lutheran Fall Mission Festival
LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces

Our Fall Mission Festival is Sun., Sept. 24th
Guest Speaker is Chaplain Craig G. Muchler.
See the flyer on the bulletin board for details.

Golden Eagles

We will meet Thurs., Sept. 28, at noon! The menu will be: Pork Loin Roast, mashed potatoes, salad, desserts & drinks. Linda Marxmann & the Bell Choir will be doing the presentation. Hope to see you there.

Thank You

Thank You to all who have been donating food in the brown box, & to those who give monetarily. Food prices continue to rise, & your help is such a blessing. God bless you all! Patsy Latch

Stewardship Moment

Matthew 20:9 – “And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius.” Behold the generosity of God! He gives out of His grace, not what we deserve to receive. Living a godly life means living in imitation of God — and surely one of the foundations of God’s being is His generosity.

Food Pantry Updates

Next Food Distribution will be

Tuesday, Sept. 26 from 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Food Items Needed for September

Soup, saltine crackers, peanut butter, Vienna Sausages with flip/pop up lids.

Drop-Offs

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

We **DO NOT** need plastic bags.

Prayer List

Debby Storm, Rebecca Belcher, Nancy Ohnesorge, Fred & Rich Brillhart, Beulah Ziegler, Becca Lading, Dennis Bushur, Avery Braunecker, Richard Ohnesorge, Sara Bernhard, Heather Davis, Janet Ohnesorge & the family of Judy Joergens, who passed away Tues., Sept. 19.

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

Our Deepest Sympathy

To the family of Judy Joergens. Judy passed away Tues., Sept. 19. Her services were held at St. John’s on Fri., Sept. 22, & burial was in St. John’s Lutheran Cemetery in Dieterich. Please keep her daughter, Julie Scott, & the rest of the family in your prayers. Memorials may be made to St. John’s Eagles Nest Preschool or the Family Life Center.

2023

Sunday, Oct. 1 is Respect Life Sunday. There will be a prayer service at 1:30 p.m., led by Pastor Burdick, at Sacred Heart Parish Center, 407 S. Henrietta St., Effingham. The Life Chain will be on Keller Drive from 2-3 p.m. See the flyer on the bulletin board.

Card Sales

The Confirmation Students are currently taking orders for cards. The students have catalogs & order forms & there are 2 catalogs in the cabinet that you may take & then return. Questions, contact Donna Wetherell (217-343-6901).

Youth Corner Upcoming Events

Halloween Parade

Sunday, Oct. 29th at 2 p.m.

Advent Soup Meals

Save the Date

Wed., Dec 6 Lunch & Dinner

Hayride & Wiener Roast at Schroeders'

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

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

Updating the Church Directory

Please look at your information in the 2021-2022 directory & let the church office know if you have additions or corrections, such as address, phone numbers, or email address. Call 217-342-4334 or email sarah.mellendorf@stjohnslcms.net

Wednesday Night Door Monitoring

Each Wednesday from 4:45 p.m. – 5:20 p.m. we must keep our West doors unlocked as youth & choir members are coming & going. We need to have one or more adults simply be door monitors during that time. Parents of Confirmation students and other adults are requested to sign-up on the hall bulletin board to cover that whole time. Thank you.

Attention Ladies

There are several dishes in the kitchen. Please check them out to see if any happen to belong to you.

A BIG Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who helped make the Larry Brandt Golf Outing a great success! We could not do this without the help of our church family! Thank you to all who helped set up, get donations, send letters, donated, & to all our amazing golfers! We truly appreciate each & every one of you! Thank you for all you do for our youth! God bless you all! The Youth Board



All Church

Hayride & Wiener Roast at Schroeders'

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

Menu:

Hot Dogs

Chips

S'mores

Drinks

Tableware

Will all be provided

Please bring your lawn chairs

**LET'S GO ON
A HAYRIDE**



Youth Float for the Halloween Parade

The parade will be held on

Sunday, Oct. 29th at 2 p.m.

The Youth Board is needing to borrow 2 portable outdoor basketball hoops, 6½-8 ft. tall. If you have one we may borrow, please contact

Carolyn Wendte (217-821-6541)

Domer Ohnesorge (217-821-3300)

We also need CANDY

You can drop your bags off in the kitchen, or if you would rather make a monetary donation, we would truly appreciate it.

Hoopla For Abby

The Burdick family will celebrate Abby's 30th Birthday on October 6th. The congregation is invited. No gifts! Learn about it at www.hoopla4Abby.info If you will attend, we appreciate an rsvp via that website. Thanks.

CALENDAR-----September 24 – October 1, 2023

Sunday	24	8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Worship Services w/HC The Choir will be singing
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
		12:30 p.m.	Church Picnic in the <i>Church Fellowship Hall</i>
Preschool Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.			
Monday	25	1:00p.m.	Cemetery Committee
		5:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
		6:30 p.m.	Board of Early Childhood will meet
		7:00 p.m.	Lutheran Care Board Meeting
Tuesday	26	9:00 a.m.	CID Board meeting in Springfield
		10:00 a.m.	Living with Grief (#14 & #15) Immanuel in Altamont
		3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Food Pantry Distribution
Wednesday	27	10:30 a.m.	Preschool Grandparents Day
		1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Office Staff Devotions/Meeting
		5:00 p.m.	Confirmation
		5:15 p.m.	Bell Practice
Thursday	28	10:30 a.m.	Preschool Grandparents Day
		Noon	Golden Eagles
		1:00 p.m.	Stephen Ministry Meets
Friday	29		Pastor's Sabbath
Saturday	30	8:00 a.m.	Praise Band Practice
		5:30 p.m.	Worship Service w/HC
Sunday	1	8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Worship Services w/HC The Bells will be playing
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School

Birthdays This Week

- 9/24 Melody Schuette, Vicki Darling, & Rylee Rothrock
- 9/25 Andrew Weber, Angie Sipe
Dick Hulskotter, Jeanette Worman, & Tanner Veach
- 9/26 Allie Wendling, Eric Budde, & Jason Smith
- 9/27 Erica Davis & Rachel Ault
- 9/28 Ashley Jansen & Sylvie Bohnhoff
- 9/29 Aurora March, Beau Grupe,
Charlotte Grupe, Lincoln Mottashed,
Linda Cushman, Linda Marxmann, & Linda Nolan
- 9/30 Everly Jeffries

Anniversaries This Week

- 9/24/77 Danny & Karen Stevenson
- 9/24/16 Cory & Mehan Wahl
- 9/25/09 Samuel & Kylee Hewing
- 9/25/10 Jonas & Kara Hoedebeck
- 9/25/21 Mack & Mikayla McWhorter
- 9/25/21 Brandon & Camron Willis
- 9/27/75 Jeff & Kathy Stremming
- 9/29/90 Jim & Kathy Schroeder
- 9/29/00 Sam & Ann Wagner
- 9/29/07 Jason & Andrea Wendling