

THE EAGLE

St. John's Weekly Newsletter October 22, 2023

Invite a friend to Church with you next weekend ... Reformation Day!



Our Confirmation students are studying The Lord's Prayer. This week we scratched the surface of *fairness* – how God showers rain and other good things upon even evil people, people who do not repent. It bothers us, doesn't it?

In the minds and hearts of repentant Christians such as you, it also bothers you that you're often not grateful for all good things you receive. And in moments of Biblical clarity and conviction you're struck by an unsettling thought: "I don't deserve anything good." Even our hard work doesn't make us deserving.

Thus we pray: "Give us this day our daily bread. ... *We pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.*" Food and friends. Good weather and good times. Health and holiness. They are all gifts from God. We're managers, not owners. To highlight the way that God gives, our Confirmation class delivered food to our Food Pantry, and prayed for our neighbors – Christians and unbelievers -- who will receive these gifts from God.

God is the Giver, and the greatest Gift is His Son Jesus. In light of that, we're joyful in giving to God what is God's ... that is, everything.

Call Voters Meeting

Tues., Nov. 7th at 7:00 p.m.

Illinois State Patrol Trooper Matt Gordon will bring his K-9 partner, Argo, to our congregational Hayride October 22. This will be our "**Faith and Blue**" Event, during which the youth and families of the congregation can a little spend time with Law Enforcement Officers and will pray for them. Date, time, location in the Eagle.

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.

Voters Meeting

Tues., October 24th at 7:00 p.m.

Response to the Gospel
Our Attendance Last Week

Sunday, October 15 337
Sunday School.....52
Adult Sunday School49
LifeLight 13

Our Offerings Sunday, October 15, 2023

General Fund \$6,469.46
Online Offering..... \$2,489.87
Total Gen. Fund Offering \$8959.33

“This Week’s Sunday School Lesson”

Genesis 42:1–28; 43:11–30; 45:1–15

As we gather today, we will study “A Family Reunites,” as God helps Joseph forgive. Joseph’s siblings journey to Egypt hoping to find food for their family. Failing to recognize Joseph, the brothers head home with sustenance and supplies. Heeding Joseph’s early warning, the brothers bring Benjamin when returning to Egypt for food. After testing and trying his brothers, Joseph finally reveals himself to his astonished siblings. Joseph relocates all of Jacob’s family to Egypt, promising to care for them.

Youth Corner
Upcoming Events

Hayride & Wiener Roast at Schroeders’

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

Halloween Parade

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

Advent Soup Meals

Save the Date

Wed., Dec 6 Lunch & Dinner

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

LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life

“So, no matter how offensive we find a neighbor, we do not regard her or him as enemy, adversary, or opponent. God has created, redeemed, and called each one as His own precious treasure, the same as us. We want to rejoice with them as brothers and sisters unto eternity in all the blessings our Savior Jesus has obtained for us.”

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

Door Offering

Sunday, October 29th, there will be a door offering for the Food Pantry. Please make checks payable to St. John’s Food Pantry.

Prayer List

Jon Becker, Michael Sole, Dannie Braun, Rebecca Belcher, Nancy Ohnesorge, Becca Lading, Dennis Bushur, Avery Braunecker, Richard Ohnesorge, Sara Bernhard, Heather Davis, & Janet Ohnesorge, and the family of Janice Mellendorf

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

Food Pantry Updates

Next Food Distribution

Tues., Oct. 24th from 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Food Items Needed for October

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

Stewardship Moment

Matthew 22:21 – “Then he said to them, ‘Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.’” So, what is Jesus saying? Doesn’t everything belong to God? Yes — and God has a place for everything. Some of what He gives us goes to Caesar. Some must come back to the work of His church. And some goes to support the families He has given us. All belongs to God, and He has work for us to do with what He has given us in the home, in the church and in society.

During Pastor’s adult Bible Study Sunday, he will explain some of the land issues related to Israel and the current war there. For an excellent summary, read the November 2006 article from The Lutheran Witness by Rev. Reed Lessing. It has been posted on our church website under “Resources.”

St. John’s Lutheran, Louisville

Annual Ladies Aid Chili Supper & Bake Sale
Sun., Nov. 5th, from 4 p.m. – 7 p.m.
Proceeds will go to Janice Mellendorf’s family.
See flyer on the bulletin board for complete details.

Pastor Appreciation Month

October is Pastor Appreciation Month.
We are so blessed to have 2 of the best:
Pastor Michael Burdick
&

Pastor Gary Fortkamp

Thank you for all you do here at St. John's.
May God continue to bless you, your families,
and your ministry! Be sure to tell them how
much you appreciate all they do!

LET'S GO ON
A HAYRIDE



All Church

Hayride & Wiener Roast at Jim & Kathy Schroeders'

This Sun., from 4 p.m. – 7 p.m.
Hot Dogs, Chips, S'mores, Drinks &
Tableware will all be provided.

Please bring your lawn chairs.

Special guests, Officer Matt Gordon & his K-9
Partner, Argo, will also be there.



Children's Christmas Program

Believe it or not, Christmas is only about 11
weeks away! This year, we will have the
Children's Christmas Program on Sunday,
December 24th at 9:00 a.m. Sarah Wyckoff,
Ammon Probst, and Kiley Bohnhoff will be
meeting to assign parts. We are assuming all
Sunday School children will be participating,
unless we hear differently. Parents, please feel
free to reach out to any of us. Thank you!

Halloween Parade

We are looking for monetary
donations or candy donations for the
kids to hand out during
the Halloween parade. Please
leave your candy donations in the
kitchen. Anyone wishing to walk
along beside our float should contact

Carolyn Wendte (217-821-6541)
Domer Ohnesorge (217-821-3300)



Golden Eagles

We will be meeting on Thurs., Oct. 26 at Noon.
Chili, vegetable soup, potatoes, hot dogs, relish,
cheese, desserts, & drinks.

Pastor Burdick will be speaking on
Campus Ministries

Please sign up on the bulletin board.

We sure hope you can join us!

Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child will run from
October 15 - November 12

Please pick up a gift box & shipping label today!
The boxes are set up in the main hallway.
Pamphlets describing suggested gifts and prayer
bookmarks are also free for the taking. There are
4 ways to participate:

1. Purchase gifts & pack a shoebox,
including a check to cover shipping.
2. Donate new items for packing.
3. Contribute any amount, making checks
payable to "Samaritan's Purse."
4. Pray for safe & successful delivery of
Christmas Child boxes as well as those
receiving the Gift of the Gospel message.

2024 Board Nominees

Board of Christian Education—Kristen Niemerg

Board of Early Childhood—Ammon Probst

Board of Elders—Dave Worman & Dave Wall

Board of Evangelism—Laura Janis

Board of Social Ministry—Patsy Latch

Board of Stewardship—Troy Probst

Board of Trustees—Al Siebert

Board of Youth Ministry—Cathy Norris

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Ladies Aid of Altamont

Annual Soup Supper on Sun., Nov. 12th

Serving will begin at 4 p.m.

Chili, chicken noodle soup, barbeque,
chicken salad sandwiches, hot dogs,
homemade pies, cake, & drinks.

Bake sale & craft bazaar & free will offering.

We are located 4 miles north of Altamont,
then 2 miles east.

Prayer Campaign for LIFE

We are uniting with people of faith across our
nation to pray & serve to end abortion and fight
physician-assisted suicide during this "Prayer
Campaign for Life."

Consider this challenge: read & pray about the
pro-life cause every day for the rest of the
campaign, which is thru Sunday, November 5th.

Altar Guild

Will meet Tues., Oct. 24th at 5:00 p.m.

CALENDAR----- October 22 – October 29, 2023

Sunday	22		40 Days of Life Prayer Day
		8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Worship Services w/HC
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
		4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Hayride at Schroeders' With "Faith & Blue Event"
Preschool Monday – Thursday 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.			
Monday	23	9:00 a.m.	Preschool Field Trip to the Fire Station
		5:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
		6:30 p.m.	Board of Early Childhood
Tuesday	24	10:00 a.m.	Living With Grief at St. John's, Effingham Lesson #16
		3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Food Pantry Distribution
		5:00 p.m.	Altar Guild
		7:00 p.m.	Voters Meeting
Wednesday	25	1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Office Staff Devotions/Meeting
		5:00 p.m.	Confirmation
		5:15 p.m.	Bell Practice
Thursday	26	9:00 a.m.	Preschool Field Trip to the Fire Station
		Noon	Golden Eagles Pastor Burdick will speak on Campus Ministries
		1:00 p.m.	Stephen Ministry Meets
Friday	27		No Preschool
			Pastor's Sabbath
Saturday	28	8:00 a.m.	Praise Band Practice
		5:30 p.m.	Worship Service w/HC/Reformation Bring a Friend to Church <i>5th Sunday Door Offering for the Food Pantry</i>
Sunday	29	8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Worship Services w/HC/Reformation Bring a Friend to Church <i>5th Sunday Door Offering for the Food Pantry</i>
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
		2:00 p.m.	Halloween Parade

Birthdays This Week

- 10/22 Dorothy Belcher, Jessica Johnson,
Kaden Junge, & Waneta March
- 10/23 Alan Bahrns & Wesley Osborn
- 10/24 Arabella Flach, Bob Brinkopf,
Collin Hecht, Reagan Keck, &
Rosie Gibbons
- 10/25 Becky Bailey & Erica Marxmann
- 10/26 Derek Sanders, Kohen Baker, &
Pat Wendte

- 10/27 Carolyn Campton, Kathy Giesler, &
Lois Budde
- 10/28 Brooke Haller, Margie Sidwell, &
Nathan Bahrns

Anniversaries This Week

- 10/22/05 Larry & Dawn Quicksall
- 10/23/76 Lee & Karen Hartman

Voters Packets are on the Welcome Center