THE EAGLE

St. John's Weekly Newsletter October 29, 2023

Some people call this Pastor Appreciation Month. We simply want you to know that we, along with our supportive wives, appreciate <u>you</u>, dear congregation members. It is good to be walking together in the Gospel ministry that God has given us as a congregation. May the Lord keep us faithful and joyful in sharing the Good News About Jesus!



Postor Lary D. Fortkamp

Lutheran Care Center

Our Lutheran Care Center in Altamont is a treasure of great care and Christian mercy. Your donations to the Annual Care Campaign will have a beautiful impact on the neighbors who live and thrive there.

Parade Update

If you're walking with us in the parade this Sunday afternoon, please wear a light blue shirt. Thanks!

<u>Man Up</u>

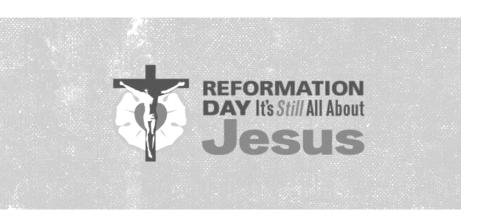


Four gentlemen of St. John's are working to promote study of the book Man Up! (CPH). Before and after worship you'll probably find Jon Becker, Isaac Galvan, Adam Bohnhoff, or Greg Perry in

the Atrium Hallway offering the book to men who want to read and discuss it. It will cost you \$13, plus the time and energy to study it for the next seven months. Here's the plan:

- All men who are studying <u>Man Up!</u> meet once a month, 7-8pm on the first Sunday.
- The monthly meeting begins with an overview, and then breaks into small group discussion.
- November 5 is the kickoff meeting.
- Each meeting is limited to one hour, but guys can stay if they wish after the closing.
- The first two chapters will be discussed December 3, 7-8pm.





Response to the Gospel Our Attendance Last Week

Our Attendance Last Week		
Sunday, October 22	372	
Sunday School	41	
Adult Sunday School		
LifeLight	13	
Our Offerings Sunday, October 22, 2023		
General Fund	\$8,223.80	
Online Offering	\$2,676.54	
Total Gen. Fund Offering	\$10,900.34	
Building Fund	\$70.00	

"This Week's Sunday School Lesson"

Exodus 1:1-2:10

"A Basket of Hope" is today's lesson in which participants explore the birth of Moses. Three hundred years after the death of Joseph, Egypt's new pharaoh despises the Hebrews. Pharaoh demands greater work output from the Hebrew slaves while seeking to reduce their population through infanticide. Moses' mother manages to hide baby Moses until he is three months old, when she finally sets him afloat in a basket. Discovered by Pharaoh's daughter, Moses enters a life of privilege.

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.

Food Pantry Updates

Food Items Needed for October

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

LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life

"On this Reformation weekend, let us rekindle our commitment to be faithful to the God who both preserves and redeems this world in His ways. And let us remind ourselves of the blessings that come from following Him in all things, now and forever."

Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz, Executive Director of the Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

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 the flyer on the bulletin board for details.

Youth Corner Upcoming Events

Halloween Parade

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

If you are walking in the parade Sunday,

PLEASE wear a light blue shirt

NYG 2025 Parent Meeting

We will have an informational meeting on *Sunday, November 19th* at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This meeting will be for this year's 7th grade - Juniors.

Advent Soup Meals Save the Date

Wed., Dec 6 Lunch & Dinner

Cookie Walk

This year the Cookie Walk will be held on Saturday, Dec. 16th & Sunday, Dec. 17th

High School Caroling

Will be *Sunday, Dec. 17*. Meet at the church at 3:00 p.m. We will have dinner at Pizza Man afterwards.

Pickleball

We will be starting in January.

Ash Wednesday Soup Meals

Wednesday, February 14
We will be serving for Lunch & Dinner

Rhodes Fish Fry

Friday, February 23

Easter Breakfast

Sunday, March 31st.

VBS

Will be June $\overline{10}$ – 13 this year.

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

Prayer List

Rick Thompson, Kay Boerngen, Jon Becker, Michael Sole, Dannie Braun, Becca Lading, Dennis Bushur, Avery Braunecker, Richard & Nancy Ohnesorge, Sara Bernhard, Heather Davis, & Carissa Snow & baby Snow.

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

Lydia Guild

We will meet on Monday, Nov. 6th at 7 p.m.

Stewardship Moment

John 8:36 – "So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed." Today we celebrate Reformation Day! Luther is rightly remembered as a champion of the Gospel — but he also called himself "the apostle of good works." For only by being set free by the Gospel can we do good works. Jesus has set us free: His blood covers over our sins, and now we stand before God as His beloved children, invited to live our lives to His glory for the good of His kingdom.

Children's Christmas Program

Believe it or not, Christmas is only about 9 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!

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.

Pecan Time

It is that time again. Sign up on the bulletin board for halves, small & medium pieces.

All bags are \$10 each.



Set your clocks back 1 hour Saturday night, Nov. 4th before you go to bed.

St. Paul Blue Point Lutheran Church Ladies Aid of Altamont

Annual Soup Supper on Sun., Nov. 12^{th.} 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.

Haiti Breakfast

Join us in the Fellowship Hall for the Haiti Hunger Fight Breakfast on Sun., Nov. 12th. Breakfast is served at 8 a.m. There will be a Trinity Hope program update during the Sunday School hour. Thank you for your continued support for this project, which helps some of the 'least of these,' in our world.

Camp CILCA Men's Work Day

We will be having our Act Like Men Work Day Saturday, Nov. 4th from 8 a.m. – Noon. Lunch will be provided for all volunteers. Contact the camp office at 271-487-7497 or email director@cilca.org to let us know you are coming so we have enough lunch for everyone. See you there!

Men's Bible Study

Will meet at 8 a.m. on Sat. Nov. 4th at Niemerg's Questions, contact
Gayland Bourland (217-343-4366)

Women's Bible Study

Will meet at 8 a.m. on Sat. Nov. 4th at Niemerg's Questions, contact
Renee Kremer (217-821-3142)

Trip to Ark Encounter & Creation Museum

June 27, 28, & 29, 2024 First 50 to sign up For Youth & Families

Transportation by Bales Bus is \$85/person 2 nights stay is \$360/room & up to 4/room.

Tickets: Adults \$169.90 (18 & up) Youth \$89.90 (11-17)

Under 10 FREE

If interested call Carolyn Wendte at 217-821-6541 Or Donetta Ohnesorge at 217-821-3300 or the church office at 217-342-4334.

WE MUST KNOW BY NOV. 10^{TH,} 2023!

CALENDAR October 29 – November 5, 2023			
Sunday	29	8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Worship Services Reformation The Choir will be singing Bring a Friend to Church 5th Sunday Door Offering for the Food Pantry
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
		2:00 p.m.	Halloween Parade
		Preschool Monday – Frid	day 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Monday	30	10:30 a.m.	Preschool Fall Pumpkin Party
		5:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
		7:00 p.m.	Lutheran Care Board
Tuesday	31	10:30 a.m.	Preschool Fall Pumpkin Party
Wednesday	1	5:00 p.m.	Confirmation
		5:15 p.m.	Bell Practice
Thursday	2		
Friday	3		Pastor's Sabbath
Saturday	4	8:00 a.m.	Praise Band Practice
		8:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
		8:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
		9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	E. A. S. T. E. R.
		5:30 p.m.	Worship Service w/HC/All Saints Day The Bells will be ringing
		7:00 p.m.	David Crowder Concert at EPC
Sunday	5	8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	All Saints Day Worship Service w/HC The Bells will be ringing
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
		7:00 p.m.	"Man Up" Class will meet

Birthdays This Week

10/29 Carol Althoff, Lucas Keitel, & Zac Bloemer
10/31 Brian Marxman, Melissa Goldstein, Ruth Holland, & Sam Wagner
11/01 Anna Rieman, Danielle Espina, Greg Keitel, & Jackson Fritch
11/02 Brendan Keller, Kyle Pennington, & Tate Bloemer
11/03 Donna Walls & Linda Luckett

11/04 Dan Jansen, Kiley Bohnhoff, Lloyd Wittenberg, Randall Steben, & Roberta Jenkins

Anniversaries This Week

10/29/16 Brennan & Darcie Buening 10/30/10 James & Rebecca Belcher 11/03/62 Dutch & Emily Klitzing

Save A Lot Gift Cards

We have \$5.00 cards available for purchase in the church office. Ways to use them:

- Give directly to someone in need.
- Donate a card to our Food Pantry for perishable goods as needed.