

THE EAGLE

St. John's Weekly Newsletter October 8, 2023

You'll never meet a perfect man, except Jesus. Here at St. John's you are seeing men who are intent on growing in their calling to be godly men, masculine men, sacrificial men. Repentant, forgiven men. Men who, by God's sufficient grace, will "Man Up!"

Four gentlemen of St. John's are working with me to promote study of the book Man Up! By Rev. Jeff Hemmer (CPH). This weekend you'll find Jon Becker, Isaac Galvan, Adam Bohnhoff, and Greg Perry in the Atrium Hallway offering the book to men who want to read and discuss it. Any guy can read 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 Man Up! 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.

When I write a note for the Eagle, it's for the whole church, and this one is no exception. Studying Man Up! will be a quest for men among us, but it will bless the whole congregation, whole families, and our community. Thus, ladies, this note and this project is for you, too. All of us ought to pray that Man Up! will challenge and comfort.



Nomination Committee

Will meet on 'Tues., Oct. 10th at 6:30 p.m. to select nominees for 2024. This committee consists of called staff, Vice President, & the retiring representative from each board. If you can't attend, contact Jeff Weis at 217-246-3963.

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.

40 Days

On Sunday, October 22, you can join in prayer for moms, dads, babies, authorities, and fellow life-minded people. Sign up on the hall bulletin board for a 30-minute block after worship.

Please write on the list whether you'll pray here at church (office will arrange for you to come in), or at home.

All Board Reports

Are due in the office by Wed. Oct 11!

Response to the Gospel
Our Attendance Last Week

Sunday, October 1	382
Sunday School.....	40
Adult Sunday School.....	50
LifeLight	12

Our Offerings Sunday, October 1, 2023

General Fund	\$8,524.00
Online Offering.....	\$4,378.00

Total Gen. Fund Offering..... \$12,902.00

September 2023 General Fund Summary

Deposits.....	\$47,236.10
Expenditures.....	\$43,875.86

Ending Balance \$126,520.54

“This Week’s Sunday School Lesson”

Genesis 29:1-30

Today, we will study Jacob’s family in “A Family Grows.” Jacob experiences love at first sight when he meets Rachel at the well. Welcomed into his uncle Laban’s household, Jacob agrees to work seven years in order to marry Rachel. When the wedding celebration finally arrives, Laban tricks Jacob into marrying Rachel’s older sister, Leah. Realizing the deception, Jacob confronts his uncle, who gives him Rachel’s hand for another seven years of service.

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

“These two choices are vastly different: to give birth to a child or to abort it. But one thing is the same: to choose Jesus is to choose life. For Jesus holds every life—even the tiniest—in the nail-scarred palm of His hand.”

Rev. Gary Blobaum, St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, Oregon, Illinois – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

Communion Volunteers

Please check the sign-up sheet to fill and clean up communion trays. There are weekends available for each in late November and part of December.

Prayer List

Janice Mellendorf, Karen (Klay) Flach, Rebecca Belcher, Nancy Ohnesorge, Becca Lading, Dennis Bushur, Avery Braunecker, Richard Ohnesorge, Sara Bernhard, Heather Davis, & Janet Ohnesorge.

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

Food Pantry Updates

Next Food Distribution

Tues., Oct. 10th 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.

August & September Total

226 Households

395 Adults and 103 Children

The Office handed out

39 bags serving 45 Adults & 5 Children

Thank You All For The Continued Support!

To those who have donated monetarily & also for the food donations to the “Brown Box” in the hall. This, along with our community support, allows us to continue. We are now handing out Portals of Prayer, talking with each one individually, inviting them to church, & praying for those who share their concerns & spiritual needs. The Pantry has a goal to feed their body & soul.

Stewardship Moment

Matthew 22:40 – “On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.” We serve God and our neighbor through the various vocations (holy callings) that God has given us. We do not need to go searching for good works or inventing our own: God has given us roles to fill in home, church, and society and that will keep us plenty busy! When we seek to fulfill the duties of these vocations in a spirit of faith, God-pleasing works are the result.

Upcoming Meetings

Council Meeting

Tues., October 17th at 7:00 p.m.

Voters Meeting

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

Prayer Campaign for LIFE

Sept. 27 – Nov. 5

We will be joining people of faith across our nation to pray and serve to end abortion and to fight physician-assisted suicide during the "Prayer Campaign for Life," 40 days focused on building a pro-life culture. This will take place from Sept. 27 to Nov. 5. Plan now, to come to the church for an hour or more of individual prayer on Sun., Oct. 22.

Choose your time slots and we'll join with other churches in our region to fill each of these 40 days with prayer that storms the heavens. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.

Door Offering

One of our Adopt a Students, Vince Otto & his wife, are here this weekend. There will be a door offering for him after each service. If you must use a check, PLEASE make it out to Vince Otto.



All Church

Hayride & Wiener Roast at Jim & Kathy Schroeders'

Sun., Oct. 22nd 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.

Please sign up on the bulletin board.



Youth Float for the Halloween Parade

The parade will be Sun., 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) or Domer Ohnesorge (217-821-3300)

We also need CANDY, which you can drop your off in the kitchen, or you can make a monetary donation, we would truly appreciate it.

Prayer Shawl

Tues., Oct. 10 at Kirby Café at 11:30 a.m.

October 15th will be LWML Sunday

We will be taking up a door offering for the LWML Mites for Missions that weekend.

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 December 24th. 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!

Faith Lutheran at Shumway

Soup Supper

Will be held Sun., Oct. 15th from 4 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Menu:

Homemade Chicken Noodle Soup
Chili,

Hot dogs, Ham & Cheese Sandwiches
Pies, Cake, & Drinks

Free will offering will go to El Shaddai in Effingham.

See the flyer on the bulletin board for details.

40 Days of Prayer

Why Focus on Physician Assisted Suicide?

In recent months, advocated began actively lobbying our Illinois Legislators to support assisted suicide.

In the spring of 2023, an attempt was made to gather enough support to pass legislation very quickly & with minimal debate. Thankfully, those efforts were not successful.

It's only a matter of time, mere months, before they try again.

We must be prepared when this dangerous assault on human life appears in Illinois. Please pray & educate yourself about it.

Lydia Guild Social

We will meet on Tuesday, Oct. 17th at 5:30 p.m.

CALENDAR----- October 8 – October 15, 2023

Sunday	8	8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Worship Services w/HC Vince Otto will be preaching
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
Preschool Tuesday – Friday 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.			
Monday	9		No Preschool
		5:00 p.m.	Board of Stewardship
		5:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
		6:15 p.m.	Board of Christian Education
Tuesday	10	11:30 a.m.	Prayer Shawl will meet at Kirby Café
		3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Food Pantry Distribution
		5:15 p.m.	Board of Social Ministry
		6:30 p.m.	Nomination Committee
Wednesday	11	8:50 a.m.	Preschool Chapel
		1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Office Staff Devotions/Meeting
		5:00 p.m.	Confirmation
		5:15 p.m.	Bell Practice
Thursday	12	8:50 a.m.	Preschool Chapel
		1:00 p.m.	Stephen Ministry
		6:30 p.m.	Board of Elders
Friday	13		Pastor's Sabbath
Saturday	14	8:00 a.m.	Praise Band Practice
		5:30 p.m.	Worship Service w/HC LWML Sunday/Door Offering for LWML
Sunday	15	8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Worship Services w/HC LWML Sunday/Door Offering for LWML
			Board of Elders Breakfast/Proceeds will go to the Sunday School Mission Project
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School

Birthdays This Week

- 10/08 Brianne Bach, Dana Keller,
Jacob Miller, Quinn Ziegler, &
Sonja Martin
- 10/09 Roslyn Veach
- 10/10 Alex Baughman, Joanna Davies,
Meredith Roderick, & Mike Kennedy
- 10/11 Bryan Wilson, Evan Smith,
Jerry Lankford, Kayla Darling,
Sandra Mietzner, & Sheryl Radloff
- 10/12 Linda Wells
- 10/13 Darren Tabbert, Kenna Stewart,
Mark Giesler, & Timothy Bailey
- 10/14 Donna Wetherell & Lucas Fread

Anniversaries This Week

- 10/09/04 Nick & Lindsey Stewart
- 10/10/81 Jerry & Cathy Bloemer
- 10/10/81 Kal & Renee Keitel
- 10/10/92 Kevin & Becky Wenthe
- 10/10/08 Benjamin & Stephanie Sams
- 10/10/15 Jacob & Breannah Westjohn
- 10/11/97 Timothy & Tabitha Bailey
- 10/12/13 Jordan & Arielle Grupe
- 10/12/13 Bryce & Mallory Weber
- 10/12/19 Bradley & Madisson Marcum
- 10/14/07 Tim & Kelsey Rentfro