

THE EAGLE

St. John's Weekly Newsletter November 5, 2023

"The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and to give His life as a ransom for many." *Mark 10:45* To serve. To give. To lay down His life. These are the right ways to define the mission of Jesus. Only His service, gift, and sacrifice can save eternally.

The service and sacrifices of the men and women we call "veterans" can't save anyone spiritually, but they do defend our temporal liberties, and that's why we honor them. "Thank you for your service," we ought to say, in words and in deeds.



The study of the book Man Up! by many men of our church family in the coming months will lay before them the Christian call to be sacrificial, godly men. No one can be a godly man apart from Jesus.

Gentleman, I hope you'll take this hike through the book with me. We start with an introduction tonight (Nov 5) at 7:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall, and the reading of the book will take place over the next six months. You don't have to be the Savior; you know that. You can't. You do have to follow Him, and that means being a servant-leader. Some folks will recognize how you have lived. Many will not. You don't do it to be noticed. Neither did the veterans of our nation.

In Christ, God, and Man,

The new ***El Shaddai Home*** on Temple Street is a wonderful refuge for moms and babies. See the flyer on our bulletin board for information about how we can support their pro-life work.

Office Closing

The Office will be closed Frid., Nov. 10 in observance of Veteran's Day.



Deania Trimble is retiring from our church office. We are going to miss her greatly. A cake reception/Open House will be held in the fellowship hall on her last day, Friday, Nov. 17, from noon to 2:00 p.m. Come send her off with our love and appreciation. Thank you, Deania!

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.

Offerings

It's that time of year again. If you are giving your *offerings online* & no longer wish to use your envelopes, please let us know in the church office by Wed., Nov. 15th so we may release your envelope number. If you are currently not using offering envelopes but would like to, please contact the office by Wed., Nov. 15th.

Thanksgiving Eve & Day Services

Thanksgiving Eve Worship at 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 22

Thanksgiving Day Worship 9:00 a.m.

Thursday, November 23

O give thanks unto the LORD!

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.

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. 10TH, 2023!

Response to the Gospel
Our Attendance Last Week

Sunday, October 29.....	439
Sunday School.....	54
Adult Sunday School.....	41
LifeLight	14

Our Offerings Sunday, October 29, 2023

General Fund	\$7,423.00
Online Offering.....	\$3,151.47
Total Gen. Fund Offering.....	\$10,574.47
Building Fund.....	\$100.00

“This Week’s Sunday School Lesson”

Exodus 7

Today, we will study “Signs of the True God,” as student learn more about Moses and the plagues. God guides Moses to release His people from their slavery in Egypt, but Pharaoh proves less than cooperative. A series of plagues—foretold by Moses and sent by God—brings destruction and pain upon the Egyptians but only serves to harden Pharaoh’s heart against Moses and the Israelites.

Food Pantry Updates

Food Items Needed for November

Saltine crackers, peanut butter, ravioli
spaghetti o’s, & granola bars

LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life

“Our comfort and motivation do not derive from laws. We neither live only according to the body nor labor for this world alone. No matter who holds office or how they decide and lead, the Lord our God reigns.”

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

Lydia Guild

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

Youth Corner
Upcoming Events

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 10 – 13 this year.

Questions, please contact

Carolyn Wendte (217-821-6541)

Domer Ohnesorge (217-821-3300)

Prayer List

Lloyd Wittenberg, Ann Newton, Cindy Myers, Rick Thompson, Kay Boerngen, Jon Becker, Michael Sole, Becca Lading, Dennis Bushur, Avery Braunecker, Richard & Nancy Ohnesorge, Sara Bernhard, & Heather Davis.

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

Pecan Time

It is that time again.

Sign up on the bulletin board for:
Halves, small & medium pieces.

All bags are \$10 each.

Stewardship Moment

All Saints' Day

Matthew 5:7 – “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.” This is one of many Bible passages that remind us that we reap what we sow. Likewise, what God puts into us (His own love, mercy, kindness, and generosity) — flows back out of us. It all starts with His self-giving.

Christmas Cards

There are Christmas cards in the greeting card cabinet in the hallway for sale. More will be added when the card order arrives. Did you know single cards are available for sale on the top shelf?

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.

St. Paul Blue Point 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.



A Dollar for Missions gathers many small gifts -one dollar at a time! - to add up to a big impact for the spread of saving Gospel of Christ. Our current project is to provide payments to churches for pastors visiting prisons or county jails in 2024.

St. John Lutheran, Dieterich Fall Breakfast

Sunday, Nov. 12th at 7:30 a.m. until Noon
Eggs, Sausage, Pancakes, Biscuits & Gravy, &
Assorted Baked Goods.

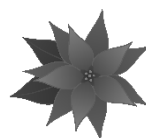
Free Will Donation & Carry Outs Available.

All proceeds will go to St. Johns/St. Paul’s
Lutheran Youth Fellowship & the Helping Hands
Program at Dieterich Schools.

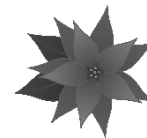
LCMS Foundation

TODAY | TOMORROW | FOREVER

Learning to acknowledge God’s blessings is the beginning step of faithful management of His gifts. In counting life’s blessings, we identify the people who have made a difference in our lives, teaching us, caring for us, mentoring us. The gifts that will flow out of our estates someday will go to this list of people or the ministries they represent. Who is on your list? Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can assist you in counting these blessings. Contact Scott Radden at (618) 977-4049 or Scott.Radden@lfnd.org for more information or to start your plan.



Poinsettias



It is that time of year again!
This year the 8” poinsettia is \$20.
Please place your orders in the office by
Monday, Nov. 20th.

October Food Pantry Recipients

Food Pantry Distribution provided food for:
214 Adults & 63 Children
Representing 126 Households & approximately
277 mouths fed by the pantry in October.
It took about 3,100 items to accomplish this.
For the Month of Oct., the office handed out:
13 Bags, Serving 16 Adults & 5 Children

A GREAT BIG Thank You!!

The Youth Board would like to thank all who helped in any way with this year’s float for the Halloween Parade. Also, thank you to all who donated candy and to all those who walked along beside the float. Just in case you have not heard, our float was the first-place winner. God bless you all for all you do for the youth of St. John’s.

CALENDAR----- November 5 – November 12, 2023

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 Meeting
<i>Preschool Monday – Thursday 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.</i>			
Monday	6	5:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
		6:30 p.m.	Worship Committee
		7:00 p.m.	Lydia Guild Meets
Tuesday	7	5:30 p.m.	Board of Trustees Meeting
Wednesday	8	1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Office Staff Devotions/Meeting
		1:00 p.m.	Stephen Ministry
		5:00 p.m.	Confirmation
		5:15 p.m.	Bell Practice
Thursday	9	6:30 p.m.	Board of Elders Meeting
Friday	10		Office is closed for Veteran's Day Observance
			Pastor's Sabbath
			No Preschool
			Deadline to sign up for Ark Encounter
Saturday	11	8:00 a.m.	Praise Band Practice
		5:30 p.m.	Worship Service w/HC
Sunday	12	8 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.	Haiti Hunger Fight Breakfast
		8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Worship Service w/HC
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School

Birthdays This Week

- 11/05 Christina Kinkelaar, Jessica Quicksall
Mike Cushman, & Nolan Bohnhoff
- 11/06 Brian Milleville, Jason Niebrugge, &
Kim Rogers
- 11/07 Avery Nelson, Carissa Yocum,
Hadley Westjohn, Joyce Barr, &
Randy Hansen
- 11/08 Kent Bishop, Tammi Miller, &
Zoey Hagerstrom
- 11/09 Dennis Genaust & Jamie Warner
- 11/10 Eli Gordon, Jake Devall, & Jill Boone
- 11/11 Amanda Brummer & Bernetta Marxman

Anniversaries This Week

- 11/07/09 Jeffrey & Erin McDevitt
- 11/09/19 Tracy & Sharon Vonderheide
- 11/09/19 Eric & Hannah Whitaker
- 11/11/51 George & Anne Young
- 11/11/95 Larry & Jane Probst
- 11/11/16 Jared & Kristen Probst

