

THE EAGLE


St. John's Weekly Newsletter May 12, 2024

Happy Mother's Day!



*Back: Avery Bohnhoff, Eva Wendling, Ethel Stuckemeyer, Pastor Burdick
Front: Josie Fritch, Evan Lotz, Kade Pennington, Allie Wendling*

Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank and praise You for Your great goodness in bringing these Your sons and daughters to the knowledge of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, and enabling them both with the heart to believe and with the mouth to confess His saving name. Grant that, bringing forth the fruits of faith, they may continue steadfast and victorious to the day when all who have fought the good fight of faith shall receive the crown of righteousness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

 **Thank you** to our talented and faithful musicians in Choir, Bell Choir, and The Band – especially to their directors: Holly Bray, Linda Marxmann, and Dennis Lading.

FYI ... The Cemetery Cleanup Project by Confirmation students had to be cancelled last Wednesday due to weather. We appreciate all the families who planned to help!

For Effective Congregational Communication

1. In the Church Office we are continuing to update our members' records. Please help us by using your pew attendance card to give us your family members' updated phone numbers, email addresses, etc. This information can also be sent to us via email. Sending us a recent photo by email (office@stjohnsLCMS.net) is very helpful! Thank you.
2. In the summer, we're going to publish an updated in-house Church Directory with photos.
3. You may soon get an email asking you to opt-in for text messaging from the church office. This will be very helpful in case of critical announcements, including weather-related changes. If given the opportunity to opt-in, we hope you will. Thank you.

Pastor-elect Dille will be ordained into the Holy Ministry on Saturday, June 1, at 2:00pm in his home congregation, Immanuel Lutheran Church of St. Charles, MO. You are invited. He will be installed as Associate Pastor here at St. John's on Sunday, June 16, at 4:00pm. You are, of course, invited!

Immanuel in Altamont Religious Liberty Presentation

We invite you and your congregation to meet Rev. Dr. Greg Seltz from the LCMS Center for Religious Liberties on Saturday, June 1, 2024 from 6-8 PM at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 203 E. Division St., Altamont, IL. Rev. Seltz will speak about religious liberties for clergy and laypersons.

Save the Dates

VBS Jun. 10th - 13th from 6 pm – 8 pm
Rummage Sale Aug. 1st – 3rd
Golf Outing Sat., Sept. 14th

Response to the Gospel
Our Attendance Last Week

Sunday May 5.....	468
Sunday School	32
Life Light	7

Our Offerings

General Fund.....	\$9072.61
Online Offering.....	\$4960.04
Total Gen. Fund Offering	\$14,032.65



Sign up if interested ... in the **Adult Catechism Bible Study**.

Mondays at 6:30pm for five consecutive weeks we will dive into God's Word on questions such as...

- What is the Sabbath?
- Did God create all things in six real days?
- Why did Jesus descend to hell?
- What does my neighbor need me to do for them?
- Does Baptism save, or dedicate?
- To whom should we *not* pray?
- Is Communion a *representative* or a *real* presence?
- What's the joy in life?
- *And many more questions of the Bible and of life.*

We meet in the Trinity Room at St. John's. Video snippets begin each class to get us discussing. You won't be asked to read aloud or be forced to answer a question. The 2017 edition of Luther's Small Catechism is our text (\$16). Participants might be reviewing their longtime faith in the Lutheran Church, or may be taking the class before deciding to join our congregation.

Mondays – June 17 & 24, July 1, 8, 15 -- 6:30-8:30pm! All are welcome. Sign up on the main hall bulletin board and bring a friend! Questions? Speak with Pastor Burdick (309-255-5580 or mike.burdick@stjohnsLCMS.net).

Food Pantry

Our next distribution will be
Tues., May. 14th from 3-4.
Any donations for May will help the pantry
continue our outreach for those in need.



Many households took the training last summer to serve on Communionware Teams. Thank you. We ask that you take time to sign up on the hallway bulletin board for the time(s) you can serve. You don't have to serve the entire weekend. See the bulletin board and choose a slot in which you can fill, or transition after a Service, or clean and put away after the final Service. Since we have created the new Sacristy, your service has been made easier. The youth and their parents who have been trained are encouraged to serve together. If you are interested in being trained, or have questions, please speak with Lisa Norton, Altar Guild Chair. Thank you!

Christ is risen! Memorial Day Sunday, May 26, our new Cemetery Cross will be dedicated to the glory of God. After the morning Service, come to St. John's Lutheran Cemetery (Luther Street, near Culver's) at NOON for a brief dedication ceremony.



Gift Card Shower

To welcome the Dilles to St John's, Effingham, and the surrounding communities the board of Social Ministry is hosting a gift card shower. We will collect gift cards to give to the Dilles at the welcome reception after Pastor Dille's installation on June 16. Gift cards can be dropped off in the church office if you will not be able to attend in person.

Prayer List

Jack Roderick, John & Marla Jackson's 58th Wedding Anniversary, Sara Bernhard, Catherine Zumwalt, Judy Latta, Cobert Mueller, Rick Thompson, John Romero, Linda Miller, & Rev. Gail Heimgartner;



Baby Bottle Project

We are once again participating in the Family Life Pregnancy Center Baby Bottle Project. Be sure to pick up your Baby Bottles in the middle of the Atrium today, and return them on Father's Day weekend, Sunday, June 16th.





Begins Sunday June 2 at 9:15 in the Fellowship Hall. Buy your training manual (\$10) TODAY in the Fellowship Hall.



MinistrySafe

All who work with youth in our congregation (as staff or volunteers) will complete our excellent MinistrySafe online Sexual Abuse Prevention Training. **It's imperative that you let our VBS leaders know soon that you'll be volunteering so Mandy can send you the email link to your required training.** Thank you for your service, and for being well-trained!



Vacation Bible School

Wish list for VBS: Different sizes of wicker baskets, oversized bib, red clown nose, cardboard, pool noodles (any color), primary colors of balloons, red plastic table cloths, white plastic table cloths, Thrivent cards and 8 to 10 Tidy Cats Plastic Containers.

LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life

“Now we get to receive and enjoy our times and our lives as blessings. And we get to do the same with the gifts and privileges that each of our neighbors embodies, from unborn to elderly and from fertilization to forever. The Lord our God has blessed us for the purpose of life, and He has blessed us for the duration of life. So, let's partake in the blessing of proclaiming God's truth and putting Christ's love into practice, even as the Psalmist himself does!” *Pastor Michael Salemink – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Palm Branches

If you return your Palm Branches to church for next year's ashes, deposit them in the basket on the coat rack in the ATRIUM. Thank you.

Thank you, teachers!

“This Weeks Sunday School Lesson”

Lesson 4

In today's lesson, “Healing Waters,” Syrian commander Naaman travels to see the prophet Elisha, hoping to find a cure for his leprosy. Taking along letters of introduction from the king of Syria, silver and gold, and new clothing, Naaman travels first to the king of Israel. Fearing reprisal from the Syrians, the king sends Naaman away. Naaman is directed to Elisha's house, where a messenger tells him to go wash in the Jordan seven times. Despite his initial resistance, Naaman washes, and his flesh is transformed like that of a little child

St. John's Large Print Center News (formerly the Braille Center)

Lutheran Braille Workers headquarters in Yucaipa, California tallied the work that our Ministry Center did in 2023. The information is presented on a poster displayed in the Church hallway. The volunteers at our Large Print Center work hard to print, punch, bind and ship Bibles, Devotionals and Catechisms to fill orders for the sight challenged around the world.

Please take time to read through how many books were produced and where they traveled to those awaiting the Word of God.

If you would like to be a part of this ministry, you may talk to Marilyn Schaefer or any volunteer. We would be excited to share our enthusiasm for the work at St. John's Large Print Center.

Stewardship Moment

1 John 5:12 – “Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.” Jesus is the foundation, the bedrock, the beginning and the end. To have Him is to have it all. In Him we have life. And we are called to live in Him, to live this new life He has given us, to grow up into His image. This is a struggle in this sinful world! But His grace is sufficient as He refreshes us through Word and Sacrament.

CALENDAR-----May 12 – May 18, 2024

Sunday	12	8:00 a.m.	Worship Services w/HC Bells & Choir
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
		10:30 a.m.	Worship Service w/HC Bells & Choir
Monday	13	5:00 p.m.	Board of Stewardship
Tuesday	14	1:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl
		3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Food Pantry
		5:15 p.m.	Board of Social Ministry
Wednesday	15	1:00 p.m.	Office Staff Meeting
		5:00 p.m.	Board of Youth
Thursday	16		
Friday	17		Pastor Burdick's Sabbath
Saturday	18	8:00 p.m.	Praise Band Practice
		8:00 a.m.	Arborcrest Cemetery Clean Up
		5:30 p.m.	Worship Service w/HC

Birthdays This Week

- 5/12 Avery Westjohn, Matt Gordon, & Nancy M Ohnesorge
- 5/14 Chase Smith
- 5/15 Adam Devall, Alayna Goldstein, Chandler Devall, & Valerie Wright
- 5/16 David Storm, Dennis Rubin, Douglas Storm, Kelsey Baker
- 5/17 Audrey Jansen, & Vicki Manford
- 5/18 Anne Young, Dennis Johnson, Katy Miller, Travis Sipe, Zachary Haake



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Anniversaries This Week

- 5/12/1966 John & Marla Jackson
- 5/13/1995 Steve & Jill Wendling
- 5/15/2010 Clayton & Katie Hinton
- 5/15/1999 Mike & Amanda Brummer
- 5/15/2020 Nikki & Richard Vahling
- 5/18/2019 Isaac & Laura Galvan