

THE EAGLE

St. John's Weekly Newsletter May 26, 2024

In the coming weeks...

Pastor-elect Trey Dille and his wife, Katie, will move into the parsonage on Oak Street this Thursday morning. Thanks to all who have worked to get the house ready to be their home. We need a small army with strong backs this Thursday at 9:30am as they arrive with their possessions. If you can help, let us know in the church office (phone, email, or verbal confirmation).

Pastor-elect Dille will be ordained Saturday, June 1, at 2:00pm at Immanuel Lutheran in St. Charles MO. You are invited.

Every One His Witness training begins June 2 at 9:15am in the Fellowship Hall.

Vacation Bible School will be June 10-13, 6-8pm. The church will be decorated for worship Services the weekend before VBS, instead of after. The sanctuary will hopefully look like a carnival tent, where **Jesus gives us joy**. Joy is much better than happiness, isn't it? Even more important than the fabulous decorations that will greet the kids, the learning of God's Word will give them joy. Here are the four lessons we all will be teaching, *along with our daily memory verses*:

1. Jesus Heals a Man Lowered through a Roof (**Mark 2:1-12**) Jesus heals me! *O Lord my God, I cried to You for help, and You have healed me. Psalm 30:2*
2. Jesus Feeds Five Thousand (**Matthew 14:13-21**) Jesus cares for me! *God will supply every need. Philippians 4:19*
3. Jesus Dies and Rises Again (**Luke 23:32-49; Matthew 28:1-10**) Jesus saves me! *Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved. Acts 16:31*
4. Jesus on the Road to Emmaus (**Luke 24:13-35**) Jesus' love fills me with joy. *Rejoice in the Lord always! Philippians 4:4*

Pastor Dille will be installed on June 16 at 4:00pm, and will lead Services (and preach) on June 22-23.

The "Man Up! Fish Fry" will wrap up the nine-month study of Pastor Hemmer's book Man Up! This social gathering for all men who bought the book will take place June 30 at 4:00pm, at Jeff Stremming's pond. Catch fish if you want to, but it's not obligatory. Watch for more information about what to bring and the address for the pond. Man Up! was a great study; this will be a celebration and time for encouragement in our calling as men in Christ.



Sunday School for kids is taking off this Sunday, but adults are still meeting at 9:15am in the Fellowship Hall. Today's study is **Promising Prophet**, The Call of Isaiah, Isaiah 6:1-8.



I've been reaching out to as many people as possible who have not been with us in Services for the past five years. Almost all have moved away from our area. Thankfully, I've received some replies from folks who have joined congregations where they now live. For many, I'm still waiting for replies. It's possible that some of your family members have received a letter from me, and if you find out that they did, please encourage them to let me know what their desires are regarding their membership at St. John's – and encourage them to be regular in receiving God's Word and Sacrament. Thank you. – *Pastor Burdick*

Exploration of a possible Lutheran High School in Effingham County continues through the work of a steering committee. Laura Galvan and Pastor Burdick serve on that committee. A consultant from our Synod's "Genesis Project" will be in the area at the end of June or early July to help us conduct interest surveys as part of our feasibility study. We pray, "Thy will be done."

Response to the Gospel
Our Attendance Last Week

Sunday May 19	392
Sunday School	36
Life Light	14

Our Offerings

General Fund	\$5,824.32
Online Offering	\$2,635.54
Total Gen. Fund Offering	\$8,459.86



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).



VBS Needs Volunteers:

Set up: Fri., June 7th at 9am til ?. If you can help later call one of us to see if we are still working. (Maybe even working on Sat. June 8th)
Take down: Fri., June 14th at 9am til ?.



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

Sunday School

**Enduring Faith* makes it easier to teach the Word of God. Volunteer to teach a summer Sunday School lesson. Reach out to SS Superintendent Kiley Bohnhoff NOW to get scheduled for a summer lesson. Email her at kbohnhoff@hotmail.com

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.

Golden Eagles

Golden Eagles Thurs., May 30th at noon. We are having a cookout with hamburgers, pork burgers, brats, potato salad, baked beans, chips & dessert. Please sign-up on the main bulletin board in you plan to attend.

Immediately following Pastor Dille's Installation on Sunday, June 16 at 4:00pm there will be a catered meal in the fellowship hall. Please sign up on the sign-up sheet on the main bulletin board if you will be attending. There is no charge for the meal.

Gift Card Shower

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

Save the Dates

Drop off dates & times:

Sun., July 28th from noon – 1pm

Mon., July 29th from noon – 6pm

Tues., July 30th from 4pm – 6pm

Rummage Sale: August 1st-August 3rd

Golf Outing Sat., Sept. 14th

LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life

“May God send an army of angels to protect the babies in the womb from the laws being enacted in some states that are taking away protections for God’s smallest, most vulnerable humans. May hearts be changed with the truths found in Scripture. And may the influence the devil has on our society, with his culture of death, be deposed.” *Virginia Flo, Director of Volunteer Relations, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

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.

Vacation Bible School

Wish list for VBS: Different sizes of wicker baskets, oversized bib, red clown nose, cardboard, primary colors of balloons (definitely yellow & white), red, white, & yellow table cloths, and 8 to 10 Tidy Cats Buckets (square 35lb).

Prayer List

Bert Pruitt, Eileen Wall, Sara Bernhard, Catherine Zumwalt, Judy Latta, Cobert Mueller, John Romero, & Rev. Gail Heimgartner

Food Pantry

Our next distribution will be

Tues., May. 28th from 3-4.

Any donations for May will help the pantry continue our outreach for those in need.

Stewardship Moment

John 3:6 – “That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.” In Holy Baptism we receive a new birth: spirit from Spirit. With that rebirth we receive new desires, new lives, new purposes. To the (fleshly) world, Christian generosity makes no sense: the total minus a percentage is less than the original total. But Spirit-reborn Christians know that God’s math works differently (as we might expect from the Trinity!). A blessing received from God becomes more of a blessing when it is used in generosity to bless others.

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.

CALENDAR-----May 26 – June 1, 2024

Sunday	26	8:00 a.m.	Worship Services w/HC
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School – Adult Only
		10:30 a.m.	Worship Service w/HC
		Noon	St. John's Cemetery Cross Dedication
Monday	27		Office Closed
Tuesday	28	9:00 a.m.	CID Board of Directors Meeting Springfield
		3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Food Pantry
Wednesday	29		
Thursday	30	Noon	Golden Eagles
Friday	31		Pastor Burdick's Sabbath
Saturday	1	8:00 a.m.	Praise Band Practice
		8:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
		8:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
		2:00 p.m.	Pastor Dille's Ordination - St. Charles, MO
		5:30 p.m.	Worship Service w/HC

Birthdays This Week

- 5/26 Jenni Newlin, Lucas McDevitt, Marla Pilcher, Sadie Turner, Sarah Kirby, & Will McDevitt
- 5/27 Dick Kinkelaar, & Kori Heuerman
- 5/29 Jaxson Pilcher
- 5/30 Aiden Hanks, & Tabitha Bailey
- 5/31 Becky Wenthe
- 6/1 Jackson Wendling, Samuel Hewing, & Valena Soltwedel

Anniversaries This Week

- 5/26/2012 Adam & Chrystal Wendt
- 5/27/2023 Brady & Shayna Scott
- 5/27/2017 Brendan & Brittney Keller
- 5/28/2016 Christopher & Kami Bahrns
- 5/28/2005 Kris & Amanda Wernsing
- 5/28/2005 Leonard & Rachel Miller
- 5/28/1982 Rick & Dana Keller
- 5/29/2016 Jimmy & Kristin Hippchen
- 5/30/1998 Gene & Janet Koebele
- 5/30/1992 Jerry & Cheryl Pruemmer

