

THE EAGLE

St. John's Weekly Newsletter June 23, 2024

Greetings in the name of Jesus! Pastor Dille Here! I am overjoyed to take this opportunity to fill you in how our adjustment to Effingham is going. Katie and I are nearly unpacked in the blue house. We are extremely thankful for all the help we had moving in. A team of servant leaders showed up to help us unload the U-Haul truck that we used to move on May 30th which made unloading a breeze! (Thank you!) Since then, we had been traveling back and forth from our prior home at the seminary. We are now fully moved in and as of last Sunday afternoon I was installed as Associate Pastor here at St. Johns. We are extremely thankful for the warm greeting that we received from the St. Johns family last Sunday after the installation service. We look forward to getting to know everyone better! And we thank God that He has brought us to such an amazing place filled with so many people who love Him and their neighbors. Katie and I will be doing a meet and greet during the Bible Study hour (Sunday, 9:15 am) this weekend. We welcome you to that and look forward to your questions. As I continue in my time here at St. Johns, I look forward to learning more about St. Johns and the community we live in and serve. I look forward to serving together with my brothers and sisters in Christ here at St. Johns. Please drop in to the office and say hello as you are able!

In Christ,

Pastor Dille



“Every One His Witness” training resumes next Sunday, June 30, during the Bible Study hour. Thus far I have only heard great gratitude about the content from the roughly sixty people who have

been participating. Christians want to hone their skills and confidence in speaking of their Christian hope with non-believers. Every One His Witness seems to be helping. Next Sunday we will cover Session Four (pp. 105-142).

Pastor Burdick

Lutheran High School Exploration



Pastor Stephen Keiser, of Plano, TX., is a consultant through our Synod to help our multi-congregation Steering Committee explore the possibility of a Lutheran High School in our county. He will

be in our area July 1-2 to hear from congregational and community members. Perhaps you have heard that our Steering Committee is exploring this being a “Classical” Lutheran High School. Classical is old, not new, and we know that many of us don’t know what “Classical” could be. Unwrapping that term and system is a large task, but here is a working definition with which we have been working: **“A classical Lutheran education is a formative education designed to incline the child toward that which is true, good, and beautiful through the liberal arts and sciences guided by the great literature, art, music, and ideas of Western civilization and all enfolded by Holy Scripture with the merciful assurance of Jesus Christ as the eternal fulfillment of truth, goodness, and beauty for us.”** Want to read more? There are others, but one possible resource for you is the Consortium for Classical Lutheran Education, www.ccle.org



Pastors at the Installation of Pastor Trey Dille June 16, 2024

Front row: Rev. Earl Brown, Rev. Mike Burdick, Rev. Gary Fortkamp, Rev. Jim Wright.
Middle: Rev. Dean Herberts, Rev. Nathan Woolery, Rev. Tim Landskroener.
Back: Rev. Marcus Manley, Rev. David Weaver.

Response to the Gospel
Our Attendance Last Week

Sunday June 16.....	425
Sunday School.....	14
Adult Bible Study.....	45
Installation Service.....	150

Our Offerings

General Fund.....	\$6,414.82
Online Offering.....	<u>\$2,500.54</u>
Total Gen. Fund Offering	\$8,915.36

Braille/Large Print

The Braille/Large Print Center recently received word that due to issues with mailing regulations, we would have limited work in July and August. Lutheran Braille Workers' headquarters in California will be working to resolve the problem. We hope to be back to our full schedule soon after. We have a deadline of June 27 to mail out current orders, so will close production after that date. If any work comes our way in July or August, we may call on volunteers to come in. In the meantime, please help us pray for a good outcome to the mailing issues.

Marilyn Schaefer & Kathy Stremming.

LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life

“The state of marriage is under a full assault from the devil. He will use whatever means necessary to destroy what God has created. Pray also for all God’s children. Pray that love may abound in all homes. Pray that forgiveness may be the first word spoken between husbands and wives, parents and children. Pray that you and all people receive an increase of the Holy Spirit, for it is only through Him that we may repent of our sinful lives, amend our ways, and live joyfully in the comfort of God’s grace.”

Rev. Matthew Wietfeldt, Concordia Theological Seminary – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life lutheransforlife.org

Stewardship Moment

Mark 4:40 – **“He said to them, ‘Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?’”** Faith means trust. If we trust the Lord, what do we have to be afraid of? Isn’t it fear that holds us back in our stewardship? Isn’t it fear that stops us from following the Lord’s Word to give generously toward His work in the church? Well ... “Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?” The Lord has proved His trustworthiness by His cross. You can trust Him.

A Note on Marriage

Through the month of June, Pastor Burdick has been sharing some thoughts about the gift of marriage according to God’s design. He has asked me to share some thoughts as well. If you did not know, Katie and I were married in July of 2022. We have been married for nearly 2 years now and have moved 3 times! (We are happy to be settled). As of last Saturday, we added a puppy to our household. Scarlet—our golden retriever puppy is only 9 weeks old. Currently, we are reminded daily of something that is very important for God’s plan for marriage. Just as in other areas of life, it’s vital that we keep first things first. What I mean, is that we must make sure our vocations are ordered properly. For each of us, our first vocation is to be a child of God. This is the most important and should be the top priority in our lives. For those of us who are married, our second most important vocation is to be a good spouse. Then come other familial vocations including being a parent, son, or daughter. After those, keeping the proper order of vocations come the vocations that God gives us for the sake of those in our community—like our jobs, being a good neighbor, coaching and so on. Now, I have come to learn through conversation with others and now through our own experience with our puppy that it can be challenging to prioritize the relationship we have with our spouses as we should. This is understandable with the busyness of the schedule that children have nowadays along with how much work it takes from parents to raise their children. When you throw in two busy work schedules, it’s not hard to see the challenge of prioritizing spouses as we should. However, that does not make it less important. Think about the Lord’s words to Adam before He created Eve. We read in *Genesis 2:18* “*It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him.*” The author of the letter to the Hebrews puts it differently where he writes in *Hebrews 13:4* “*Let marriage be held in honor among all...*”. Hear then Jesus words in *John 15:12* “*This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.*” My prayer is that this serves as a reminder to make your marriage a top priority, just under your relationship with the Lord. What God has brought together, let no one put asunder.

Youth Corner Upcoming Events

Sun. July 14 at 11:30

This is an **IMPORTANT** meeting about the 2025 National Youth Gathering at New Orleans. It is for 8th graders through Juniors this school year (2024-2025) and their parent(s)

Holiday World Wed. July 17

This is for this year's 6th grade-LYF members
Sign Up information on the bulletin board
You may take a friend
You may pay for your ticket with your LYF funds
You may take up to \$40 from your LYF funds as spending cash

Rummage Sale:

Drop Off - Sun., July 28th from noon – 1pm
Drop Off - Mon., July 29th from noon – 6pm
Drop Off - Tues., July 30th from 4pm – 6pm
Sale – Thurs., Aug. 1st from 4pm – 7pm
Sale - Fri., Aug. 2nd from 9am – 6pm
Sale – Sat., Aug. 3rd from 9am – noon
Clean-Up – Sat., Aug 3rd from Noon to 2pm

August 1st-August 3rd

Golf Outing Sat., Sept. 14th

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

“This Weeks Sunday School Lesson”

Lesson 9

As we gather today, we will study “The Restoring King.” Josiah becomes king of Judah at only eight years old. During the eighteenth year of his reign, Josiah begins the restoration of the temple. When they clean the temple, Hilkiah, high priest and Josiah's faithful teacher, discovers the Book of the Law. Hearing the words of the Law, Josiah tears his clothes in repentance and directs Hilkiah to inquire of the Lord concerning the people. The Lord responds, telling Josiah that because of his penitent heart He will hold back the disaster from Josiah's kingdom.

Food Pantry

Donations needed for June are peanut butter, 4 pk pudding cup, sloppy joe/Manwich & fruit.

Prayer List

Rick Gregory, Ken Dasenbrock, Doris Mueller, Bernetta Marxman, Dwight Klepzig, Michael Habing, Bert Pruitt, Eileen Wall, Cobert Mueller, John Romero, & Rev. Gail Heimgartner.

A Dollar for Missions

The current DFM Project is to replace the furnaces at Immanuel Lutheran Student Center in Macomb. It is a great blessing that all four of CID's campus ministries are headquartered in facilities located very near the campuses they serve. Three of the four are owned by the District, one of which is Immanuel Lutheran Student Center in Macomb. It is one block away from Western Illinois University.

Church services are held at 11:00 a.m. every Sunday in the student center's Chapel of St. Timothy the Learner. Students attend, as well as members of Immanuel Lutheran Church, CID's partner in campus ministry in Macomb. On Wednesday evenings, students are invited to meals prepared by church member families in the student center kitchen, prior to the weekly Bible Study session also in the student center. The pastor's office and church office for Immanuel, Macomb are located in the center, highly accessible to students.

The student center celebrated the 50th anniversary about 5 years ago. Now furnaces need to be replaced. This mission project is to provide \$25,000 for furnace replacement to keep the student center both operational & operating for years into the future.

Please place your “Dollar For Missions” gifts in the DFM box in the Atrium each week.

Man Up! Wrap Up!

All men who were part of our study of the book Man Up! will gather at the Stremmings' pond on Sunday, June 30, at 4:00pm. We'll fish for bass and bluegill, and then fry them up. You have received an email with directions and details. After supper, we'll pray for God's help to live as the men He has designed us to be in our various callings.

CALENDAR-----June 23 – June 29, 2024

Sunday	23	8:00 a.m.	Worship Services w/HC
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
		10:30 a.m.	Worship Service w/HC
Monday	24		Pastor Dille's Sabbath
		6:30 p.m.	Catechism Bible Study
		6:30 p.m.	Board of Early Childhood
		7:00 p.m.	Lutheran Care Center Board Meeting
Tuesday	25	3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Food Pantry Distribution
Wednesday	26	1:00 p.m.	Office Staff Meeting
		1:00 p.m.	Stephens Ministry
Thursday	27	Noon	Golden Eagles
Friday	28		Pastor Burdick's Sabbath
Saturday	29	8:00 a.m.	Praise Band Practice
		5:30 p.m.	Worship Service w/HC

Birthdays This Week

- 6/23 Grayson Whitaker, Jacque Frey, Jeff Weis, & Voris Osborn
- 6/24 Bob Marxman, Don Grupe, Jackie Genaust, Larry White, & Mary Brauer
- 6/25 Emily Klitzing
- 6/26 Emmalin Smith
- 6/27 Lucas Stortzum, Nicholas Devall, & Sharon Vonderheide
- 6/28 Jensen Brach, Paul Leppin, & Rev. Earl Brown
- 6/29 Justin Wendling & Kaylee Stuckey

Anniversaries This Week

- 6/23/89 Cobert & Kathy Mueller
- 6/23/18 Dustin & Marissa Brown
- 6/25/22 Brandon & Holley Wendling
- 6/25/16 Phil & Heidi Kinkelaar
- 6/28/08 Adam & Lindsey Storm
- 6/28/08 Chad & Mandy Westjohn

Attention ALL Boards

Your reports need to be in the office by
Tues July 9 by noon.