

THE EAGLE

St. John's Weekly Newsletter June 30, 2024



Let's wrap up June's focus upon God's gift of marriage with a look at wedding vows. You might recall that the "statements of intent" in a wedding are different for the man and woman – the groom is asked if he will love through sacrifice, like Jesus, and the wife is asked if she will love through submission, like the Church submits to Jesus. Yet, when it comes to the vows they take in the next minute, the words are identical...

I, _____, take you, _____, to be my wedded wife/husband, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, until death parts us, according to God's holy will; and I pledge to you my faithfulness.

Why is death mentioned in the wedding vows? Because Jesus taught us that there is no marriage after death and resurrection: "For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven." (Matthew 22:30) Every married man and woman is a bit disappointed to hear this, for we'd like to think that we'll be together forever. But death parts husband and wife. And that's ok. There will be no sadness in heaven. The pain we experience on earth over death can, and will, heal with God's daily help. In the day of resurrection, all tears will be removed and all joy will be complete. Like in the Garden of Eden.

Our goal this month of June has been to extol the goodness of natural marriage in the face of sinful pride over things which are not good. I hope you will appreciate Pastor Salemink's little note from Lutherans For Life in this Eagle as much as I do. God's grace and truth are for everyone, and we witness His love to all. Until death. For life.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pastor Fordbell".

Brothers and sisters of St. John's. It is a great day to be at St. John's here in Effingham. In this week's Epistle lesson from 2 Corinthians 8, St. Paul is calling the church in Corinth to be generous as they help the church in Macedonia. To do so, St. Paul quotes Exodus 16:18 where Moses records the distribution of Manna for God's chosen people Israel "Whoever gathered much had nothing left over, and whoever gathered little had no lack". St. Paul's vision is that Christians who have the means to help those in need, do so with a cheerful heart which He would reiterate in 2 Cor. 9:7.

All this to say that I believe I saw this type of giving here at St. John's this week. The work done at the Food Pantry is truly amazing. It is clear to me that God is working through His people here at St. John's as you give both your time and talents to serve Effingham. The Lord certainly calls us to help our neighbors in need and that is exactly what the food pantry does. It is my prayer that ministries which serve our neighbors here continue to grow as we continue to serve our neighbors here in Effingham.

On this note, since I am new to Effingham, I am continuing to learn about it. If there are needs that you believe need to be addressed in the community, please feel free to stop by. I can't promise that it will result in immediate action, but myself along with the rest of the staff here at St. John's would love to hear your thoughts. May God bless you as you continue to reflect Him and His love in our community.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pastor Dille".

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Response to the Gospel
Our Attendance Last Week

Sunday June 16 400
Sunday School 15
Adult Bible Study 70

Our Offerings

General Fund \$9,402.47
Online Offering \$3,525.83
Total Gen. Fund Offering \$12,928.30

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. 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

"History, science, and Holy Scripture affirm: No matter what age, every human life has irreducible worth. No matter what appearance, every human life has inestimable purpose. No matter what abilities, every genetic member of this one race and species of ours has incomparable and irreplaceable sanctity—the cute little babies and the dear old ladies, yes; but also those who in pride promote, those who in anger permit, those who in fear participate in the devil's deception that death supplies a suitable solution to difficulty—none so helpless, dependent, and undeserving as we ourselves." *Pastor Michael Salemink, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Food Pantry

Donations needed for July are 12ct egg cartons, Spaghetti O's, Pasta, Jelly, and Hamber Helper.

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 Or by using this QR Code below



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
You will be contact about money and more information. Must have waiver filled out in full by July 17 and with you.

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

Golf Outing Sat., Sept. 14th

Questions, please contact
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“This Weeks Sunday School Lesson”

Lesson 10

“A Fiery Marvel” is the title of today’s lesson. Despite King Nebuchadnezzar’s directive to bow before his golden statue, three faithful Israelites ignore the order. In a burning rage, the king orders Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego to be tossed into a flaming furnace heated seven times hotter than usual. To the king’s astonishment, four men appear in the furnace, and Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego emerge unharmed—not even smelling of fire. Realizing the power of God, Nebuchadnezzar promotes these faithful men and praises the true God

Man Up! Wrap Up!

All men who were part of our study of the book Man Up! will gather at the Stremmings’ pond today, 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.

Faith Lutheran Shumway

Ice Cream Social

Sunday, July 18

4:00pm – 7:00pm

Homemade Ice Cream, BBQ, Hot Dogs, pies, cake, and drinks. FREE will offering. All proceeds will go to benefit The Family Life Pregnancy Center.

Stewardship Moment

2 Corinthians 8:3 – “For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own accord.” St. Paul lifts up an example of faithful Christian generosity in the Epistle lesson today. Read those words again this week and ponder them. How is the Lord calling you to increase your generosity toward His work?

Prayer for our Nation

“Almighty God, You have given us this good land as our heritage. Grant that we remember Your generosity and constantly do Your will. Bless our land with honest industry, truthful education, and an honorable way of life. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion, from pride and arrogance, and from every evil course of action. Grant that we, who came from many nations with many different languages, may become a united people. Support us in defending our liberties, and give those to whom we have entrusted the authority of government the spirit of wisdom, that there may be justice and peace in our land. When times are prosperous, may our hearts be thankful, and in troubled times do not let our trust in You fail; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.” (Lutheran Service Book)

Remember that our “Funeral Planning Sheet” is available on the shelf in the main hall. It’s good to tell your family and friends that your hope is all in Christ, and how to express that in your funeral.

An inhouse Church Directory

Will be made available next month. Let the church office know if your contact information has changed!

Senior Profiles

Are in the office for you to pick up

Prayer List

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

CALENDAR-----June 30 – July 6, 2024

Sunday	30	8:00 a.m.	Worship Services
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
		10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
		4:00 p.m.	“Man Up Fish Fry”
Monday	1		Pastor Dille’s Sabbath
		8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Lutheran High School Interviews
		6:15 p.m.	Board of Christian Education
		6:30 p.m.	Catechism Bible Study
Tuesday	2	5:30 p.m.	Board of Trustees
		6:30 p.m.	Board of Elders
Wednesday	3	1:00 p.m.	Office Staff Meeting
Thursday	4		Independence Day - Office Closed
Friday	5		Pastor Burdick’s Sabbath
Saturday	6	8:00 a.m.	Praise Band Practice
		8:00 a.m.	Men’s Bible Study
		8:00 a.m.	Women’s Bible Study
		5:30 p.m.	Worship Service w/HC

Birthdays This Week

- 6/30 John Romero, Nikki Vahling, & Tori Budde
- 7/1 Kassie Stanfield
- 7/2 Ashley Bailey, Brad Jeffries, & Noah Flach
- 7/3 Christa Tieffel, Elijah Lipe, & Jill Keitel
- 7/4 Angie Nelson, Dale Wendte, & Regan Koester
- 7/5 Carol Klein, Heidi Kinkelaar, Jennifer Weber, & Knox Kinkelaar
- 7/6 Brad Osborne

Anniversaries This Week

- 7/3/2010 Mike & Renee Kremer
- 7/5/2002 Jeff & Ashley Flach

Attention ALL Boards

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

Upcoming Meetings

- Council Meeting
Tues., July 16 at 7:00pm
- Voters Assembly Meeting
Tues., July 23 at 7:00pm



Our Sanctuary Refurbishment Committee is preparing a presentation for our July 23 Voters Meeting.