

THE EAGLE

St. John's Weekly Newsletter July 14, 2024

Kathy will occasionally say to me that she appreciates a decision I made upon coming here five years ago. That decision was to observe a scheduled sabbath day. For me (for us), Friday. Back in Macomb, I wasn't disciplined in publishing and keeping a sabbath day. The ministry was smaller by comparison to St. John's, and campus ministry included unusual needs. I slipped into a habit of working every day. And less was accomplished. Thus, the decision was made to reserve Friday as my sabbath here ... and more has been accomplished, and I am more aligned with God's gift and command in the 3rd Commandment.

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Leisure and sabbath can go together down the paths of life. *Sabbath*, wrote Marva Dawn, involves ceasing, resting, embracing, feasting. *Leisure* involves the joy of rest, play, and learning. Woven into both of them for a Christian like you is faith in the Lord of heaven and earth.

Take your leisure, friends, and enjoy it. Observe the Sabbath, and enjoy it by giving your attention to the Word. Rest. In Christ.

In His love, and mine,



Our brothers and sisters in Christ in Stewardson and Strasburg need your prayers and care. All of the families involved in Wednesday's accident were members of our LCMS congregations. Pray for the families, students, and for their pastors ministering to them with the Word of life. We grieve with Christian hope. Lord, have mercy.

Office Assistant

St John's Lutheran Church, Effingham

St. John's Mission is to ***Proclaim the Christ, Grow the Family, Love the Neighbor.*** The Office Assistant works alongside the Office Administrator to help the mission of the congregation move forward. This is a vital front-line position in welcoming people in the office, preparing financial and Word documents, and supporting the work of the pastors and the Preschool. The position is currently a part time (28 hours), four-day (Tuesday-Friday) job. Compensation is commensurate with experience; rate determined by the Board of Elders. The Office Assistant will be hired asap. Interested candidates can pick up a job application and full position description in the church office.

The ideal candidate will possess these qualities:

- Passion for supporting the mission of the congregation.
- High level of integrity, confidentiality, and precision in record keeping.
- Ability to communicate effectively (written and verbal).
- Working knowledge of QuickBooks, Word, and Excel programs.
- Readiness to use the internet for email, online purchases, and payments.
- Joy in being a team player, participating in weekly staff devotions and meetings.

Upcoming Meetings

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

Response to the Gospel

Our Attendance Last Week

Sunday June 30	348
Sunday School	NA
Adult Bible Study	41

Our Offerings

General Fund	\$7,084.00
Online Offering	<u>\$5225.55</u>
Total Gen. Fund Offering	\$12,309.55

LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life

“We are each created in God’s image regardless of our abilities. He has called us to be His witnesses in the world. We are blessed for life—that we might be a BLESSING—glorifying Him in all we do. Because He has redeemed ME, my response to His everlasting love is to seek to do His will in all things and seek to serve. All His children, regardless of age (pre-born to wise with age), could seek to share God’s love with each and every soul God has created.” *Lori Solyom, Director of Development, Voice of Care – 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.

Faith Lutheran Shumway

Ice Cream Social

Sunday, July 14
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.

Prayer List

Nancy Johnson, Rick Thompson, Rick Gregory, Ken Dasenbrock, Doris Mueller, Bernetta Marxman, Dwight Klepzig, Michael Habing, Bert Pruitt, Eileen Wall, Cobert Mueller, John Romero, Glenn Kroenung, and Sara Bernhard

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

- Meet at church at 6:00am
- If opted to pay for ticket-bring your money
- Must have medical release waiver
- Remember - park is Cashless

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

If you have questions or are *interested in helping* with the rummage sale, please contact Cathy Norris (217-821-3656) or Windy Westfall (217-552-2055) We cannot accept TV’s or monitors. Please make sure your items are clean and/or in good working condition. Thank you.

Family Fishing & Fun Day

August 25th

at the Latch’s

3pm – 7pm

More details to follow

Cruise Night – Sept. 7th

Golf Outing Sat., Sept. 14th

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

Rally Day 2024

Mark your calendars.

Sunday, August 18th

Stewardship Moment

Amos 7:8 – “And the LORD said to me, ‘Amos, what do you see?’ And I said, ‘A plumb line.’ Then the Lord said, ‘Behold, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass by them.’” In the book of Amos, the Lord condemns the people for their lack of kindness, charity and generosity toward the weak and lowly. God takes great offense at this because His activity toward us is built on kindness, charity and generosity. He wants us to respond in kind.

Confirmation Orientation

Confirmation ministry will begin again in late August. The Orientation meeting for parents and students in grades 6, 7, 8 will be Wednesday August 28 at 5:00pm. The Word of God and Luther’s Small Catechism are our texts. Faithful attendance in class and in worship is required. God’s truth and grace strengthen kids and parents in the faith. For life.

Pastor Dille and I are returning to a practice used years ago here at St. John’s: The pastor who is preaching on a given weekend will usually conduct the Saturday evening Service on his own



Acolyte training

The incoming 6th Grade students will receive their training in service as an acolyte on Sunday, August 11, immediately following the 10:30 Service.

Visiting

When we pastors go out and visit members who can no longer come to church, we often hear two things: first, how much they miss coming to church; second, how much they appreciate the cards, calls, and visits they receive from you. Thanks be to God.

“This Weeks Sunday School Lesson”

Lesson 11

Today, we will study “Abomination Nation.” God reveals the future of Israel to the prophet Ezekiel. Because of Israel’s abominable behavior, the presence of the Lord departs the temple with cherubim and spinning wheels. Yet God promises to cleanse and restore His people: they will once again dwell in the land God promised, and He will put His Spirit within them.

St. Paul’s Lutheran Church

Jonah Fish Fry

Friday, July 19
4:30pm – 7:30pm

Jonah Fish, baked beans, slaw, dessert, and drink. Will also be serving gluten free fish.

Adults: \$12.00 Children (3-12): \$6.00

The church is located on the blacktop between Montrose and Dieterich

Hayden Rensner (who formerly served in the Czech Republic) is preparing for a missionary assignment in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia where she will be teaching English at the Mekane Yesus Seminary. She will be presenting about this work that she is preparing to do at the following locations.

Holy Cross, Shelbyville – July 16, 7pm

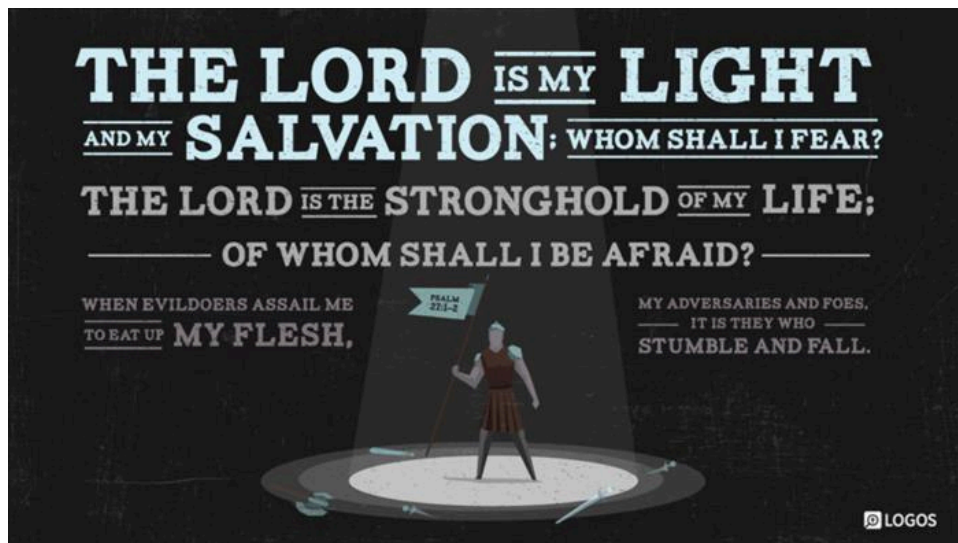
St. John’s, Louisville – July 17, 6:30pm

St Paul’s, Strasburg – July 18, 6:30pm

The Next LifeLight Study

Beginning on Sun., Sept. 8, we will begin our next study, which will be Acts part 1. If you wish to participate in this class, the sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.

CALENDAR-----July 14 – July 20, 2024			
Sunday	14	8:00 a.m.	Worship Services w/HC
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
		10:30 a.m.	Worship Service w/HC
		11:30 a.m.	NYG Student & Parent Meeting
Monday	15		Pastor Dille's Sabbath
		noon.	Board of Evangelism
		5:00 p.m.	Board of Stewardship
		6:30 p.m.	Catechism Bible Study
Tuesday	16	7:00 p.m.	Council Meeting
Wednesday	17	6:00 a.m.	LYF Holiday World
Thursday	18		
Friday	19		Pastor Burdick's Sabbath
Saturday	20	8:00 a.m.	Praise Band Practice
		5:30 p.m.	Worship Service w/HC



Birthdays This Week

- 7/14 Isla Veach, John Lechman, Julie Scott, Kynlie Buening, Sophia Jansen
- 7/15 Anderson Jones
- 7/16 Brynlee Willenborg, Donna LeCrone, Warren Schlechte
- 7/17 Patsy Bahrns, Richard Ohnesorge, Samantha Willis
- 7/18 Carson Norris, Pat Milleville
- 7/20 Daniel Haarmann, Paulena Romero, Rudy Koester, Vi Kirchhoff

Anniversaries This Week

- 7/14/2011 Nicholas & Dana Devall
- 7/16/2004 Phillip & Tammy Wendling
- 7/16/2022 Pastor Dille & Katie
- 7/17/1976 Rick & Vicki Manford
- 7/18/1981 Bob & Karla Flach
- 7/18/2009 Rick & Libby Dasenbrock
- 7/19/2003 Jamie & Emily Lotz

