

THE EAGLE

St. John's Weekly Newsletter July 21, 2024

This week, we're continuing our conversation about leisure. Leisure is something that comes straight from scripture. Last week, Pastor Burdick hit on this as he talked about the 3rd Commandment where God calls us to honor the Sabbath Day by keeping it holy. However, this isn't the only place in God's word that we read about the importance of leisure.

In the Gospel Lesson for this weekend, Jesus tells the disciples to go away from the crowd so that they could rest. This demonstrated that even Jesus had a work/rest balance. Yet, as we learn in the remainder of the Gospel lesson, the disciples did not have the opportunity to rest as soon as they may have thought. That's because Jesus saw that work needed to be done. He saw that the crowd was following Him and needed to hear his good news. Jesus, as tired as He was had compassion on the people and continued to teach them eventually feeding them by turning 5 loaves and 2 fish into enough food to feed thousands.

So, what does this mean for us as God's people today? Rest and leisure are certainly important, but living out our vocation is also very important. This leaves us with a predicament. What do we do when we need rest, but also have things that need to get done? We look to the example of Jesus. We love our neighbors. Sometimes this means catching our breath before doing what we must do. Rest is important, but often leisurely rest means finding joy in completing the task. True beauty is found in enjoying the tasks our Lord has set out for us. Next time you are tired and faced with an important task, I encourage you to ask yourself, how can I find peace and joy while I complete this task?

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.

with the number attending. Hope to see you on Thursday.

Response to the Gospel
Our Attendance Last Week

Sunday July 21	364
Sunday School	16
Adult Bible Study	40

Our Offerings

General Fund	\$8,804.00
Online Offering	\$4,292.30
Total Gen. Fund Offering	\$13,096.30

LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life

“We have the grace and truth of the Gospel to share—not only with women and men in crisis pregnancies but also with those so adamantly advocating for abortion. Why would we not share Christ with a lost and hurting people?” *Diane Albers, President of 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 Hamburger Helper.

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

Rally Day 2024

Mark your calendars.
Sunday, August 18th

Golden Eagles

The Golden Eagle’s monthly dinner will be held on Thursday, July 25, at noon in the Fellowship Hall. The menu will include: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes & gravy, carrots, peas, coleslaw, and desserts. If you haven’t already signed up to come, please do so today so the caterer can be called

Youth Corner Upcoming Events

The Youth who attended Holiday World this past Wednesday would like to say thanks to the congregation for organizing the event and paying for transportation.



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)

Stewardship Moment

Ephesians 2:13 – “But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.” What all of mankind’s efforts, works and scheming could not do, the blood of Christ did: We have peace with God, and we are brought near to the Father. This life-giving sacrifice of Christ sets the pattern for the sacrifices we are called to make for others in our vocations in home, church and society.

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 12

“The Rescuing Queen” is the title for this week’s lesson. Displeased with Queen Vashti’s behavior, King Ahasuerus banishes her and seeks a new queen. Esther pleases the king, who chooses her out of all the eligible women of the kingdom. Esther’s guardian, Mordecai, uncovers a plot against the Jews spearheaded by Haman, one of the king’s officials. Risking her life, Esther reveals the plot to the king; this saves the Jewish people and brings Haman to justice.

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.



**STEPHEN
MINISTRY**

"The Stephen Ministry logo shows a care receiver’s journey from brokenness toward wholeness through the cross of Jesus. Its message is simple -Through Stephen Ministry, Christ cares for His people through His people. If you are interested in either speaking with a Stephen Minister or becoming a Stephen Minister, please contact Janet Martins or Pastor Dille. They will be happy to talk."

CALENDAR-----July 21 – July 27, 2024

Sunday	21	8:00 a.m.	Worship Services w/HC
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
		10:30 a.m.	Worship Service w/HC
Monday	22		Pastor Dille's Sabbath
		6:30 p.m.	Board of Early Childhood
		7:00 p.m.	Lutheran Care Board
Tuesday	23	3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Food Pantry Distribution
		5:00 p.m.	Altar Guild
		7:00 p.m.	Voters Assembly
Wednesday	24	1:00 p.m.	Office Staff Devotions/Meeting
		1:00 p.m.	Stephen Ministries
Thursday	25	Noon	Golden Eagles
Friday	26		Pastor Burdick's Sabbath
Saturday	27	8:00 a.m.	Praise Band Practice
		5:30 p.m.	Worship Service w/HC

Birthdays This Week

- 7/21 Emery Kronewitter
- 7/22 Alicia McCallister, Dana Cox,
Julie Zeigler, & Sarah Mellendorf
- 7/23 Anita Backhus, Connie Phelps, &
Jill Wohltman
- 7/24 Bayleigh Lobmier, Karen Hartman,
Tammy Wendling, & Tony Castillo
- 7/25 Brady Scott, Elena Niebrugge,
Jason Wendling, & Norma Larson
- 7/26 Ella Niebrugge, Patsy latch, Tyler
Pilcher, & Watson Brown
- 7/27 Laura Jeffries, Mallory Jones, &
Rebecca Hewing

Anniversaries This Week

- 7/21/2018 James & Megan King
- 7/21/1999 Clinton & Jennifer Weber
- 7/22/2011 Wade & Brittany Bloemer
- 7/23/1988 A.J. & Linda Lockett
- 7/24/2020 Phillip & Abbey Knight
- 7/24/2021 Chris & Cheyenne Sandifer
- 7/24/2010 Andrew & Amy Wetzel
- 7/27/1996 Jason & Kim Niebrugge
- 7/27/1974 Jim & Rosie Gibbons

Voters Assembly Meeting

Tues., July 23 at 7:00pm

Our brothers and sisters in Christ in Stewardson and Strasburg need your prayers and care. The Wetherell, Wittenberg, Bostedo, and Moffett families are members of our LCMS congregations. Pray for the families, students, first responders and for their pastors ministering

to them with the Word of life. We grieve
with Christian hope. Lord, have mercy.