

THE EAGLE

St. John's Weekly Newsletter July 28, 2024

"Me" time isn't as good as "we" time. When we carve out time for leisure (relaxation, rest, enjoyment, learning), we do well to remember at least two principles: one, we take leisure in order to be healthier in soul, thoughts, and body; two, we are still serving others when we take leisure. Left to my selfish nature, I probably will choose foolish things, like a large bag of chips and a sleeve of thin mints. But others would not be served well by that. I only would be happy for a very short time. Considering others, I'll be likely to choose more wisely – perhaps some reading, some wood-working, some sleep, some beer, lots of water, and just some of those chips or thin mints. Me time is not as good as we time.

"Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in Your sight, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer."
(Psalm 19:14)



Sanctuary Refurbishment

On July 23 our Voters approved the basic concept of refurbishing our sanctuary, including flooring, paint, lighting, and refinishing our pews. This action ensures that the pew refinishing can be scheduled for late January 2025. The committee will continue to work on details, and we welcome your insights, suggestions, and hopes. Receiving these in written form is especially constructive, followed up by meeting with us on August 19 at 4:00pm. Your note can be placed in the TRUSTEES office mailbox. Let us pray and work together for the glory of the Lord and the good of coming generations! Thank you. Refurbishment Committee: *Lyle Tolch, Laura Janis, Jim Bailey, Kara Koester, Jill Wendling, Pastor Burdick.*

Board Members

In October our Voters Assembly will elect board members for service in support of our mission (Proclaim the Christ, Grow the Family, Love the Neighbor). Boards, including those members who are completing their time of service, should soon be praying, thinking and recruiting so that all positions are filled. Do you have a desire to serve in some aspect of our ministry? Speak with our pastors or with Jeff Weis (VP) or Jerry Lindsey (Pres). Thank you.

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.

Response to the Gospel
Our Attendance Last Week

Sunday July 21 392
Sunday School 10
Adult Bible Study 32

Our Offerings

General Fund \$6,053.00
Online Offering \$3,161.54
Total Gen. Fund Offering \$9,214.54

LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life

“Let’s get back to the basics and drown out the ugly message that death is the solution to life issues. God loves life and His creation. He has no desire for any of us to take our own life or the life of someone else. Our days are in His hands, not our own. May your For Life work be blessed, and may you be filled with the joy that comes with doing the Lord’s work as a faithful servant.”

Virginia Fib, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

Food Pantry

Donations needed for August are 12ct egg cartons, Instant Potatoes, Peanut Butter, Fruit, & Crackers.

Prayer List

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

Rally Day 2024

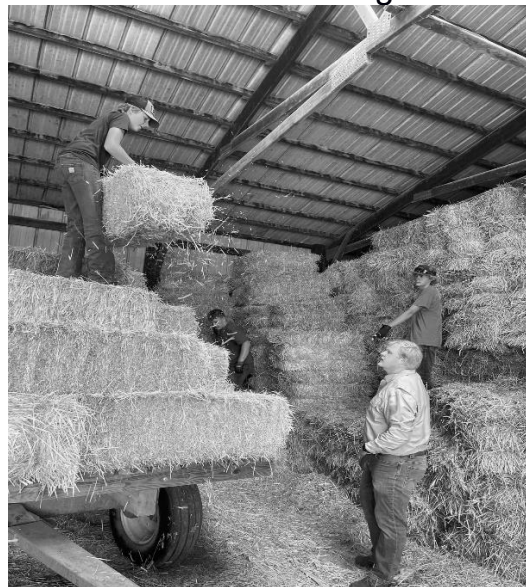
Mark your calendars.
Sunday, August 18th

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.

Youth Corner Upcoming Events

THANKS to these hardworking guys who unloaded bales of straw from 3 rack wagons at the Latches’. We’ll borrow those wagons at this week’s rummage sale.



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

Youth, we need your help with the rummage sale. Help is needed at all of the times listed above, but especially during the drop off and clean up times. We also need help setting up at 11:30 this Sunday (7/28) only if you have already gone to church this weekend. If you have any questions or are able to help 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 Latches’
3pm – 7pm

More details to follow

Stewardship Moment

Ephesians 3:20 – “***Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think ...***” We often shortchange God by failing to remember what Paul says here: God can do far more than what we can think or ask. His power, and His love, are without bound and without measure. So why do we fear to follow His Word? Isn't it in fact fear that keeps us back from a life of joyous generosity and open-handedness? But God is able to do everything far more abundantly! So let us not be afraid to take the Lord at His Word and live according to it.

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.

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."

Kitchen Containers

The kitchen is in need of your extra leftover containers to be used to take food home.

Attention ALL Camp CILCA Campers

The Youth Board needs your paid receipts turned into the church office by Thurs., Aug. 25th for reimbursement. Thank you!

Life as a Post Christian in a Post Christian World

Have you heard the phrase "Post Christian World" thrown around? In the coming weeks Pastor Dille will begin a Bible Study on what it means to live in a world that is "post-Christian" and the way that we, as Christians, respond to such changes. Keep an eye out for the start date of this Bible Study.

Excess Garden Produce

Garden produce is always very well received by our food pantry, so if you have been abundantly blessed, we would gladly accept it. However, we can only accept "fresh" produce the Sun., Mon., or Tues before our pantry distribution, which is the 2nd & 4th Tues of the month.

Our next Food Panty Distribution
Is August 13 from 3-4pm



CALENDAR-----July 28 – August 3, 2024

Sunday	28	8:00 a.m.	Worship Services w/HC
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School – Adult Only
		10:30 a.m.	Worship Service w/HC
		11:30 a.m.	Rummage Set Up
		Noon – 1:00 p.m.	Rummage Sale Drop Off
Monday	29		Pastor Dille’s Sabbath
		Noon – 6:00 p.m..	Rummage Sale Drop Off
Tuesday	30	4:00 p.m.– 6:00 p.m.	Rummage Sale Drop Off
Wednesday	31	1:00 p.m.	Office Staff Devotions/Meeting
Thursday	1	4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Rummage Sale
Friday	2		Pastor Burdick’s Sabbath
		9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Rummage Sale
Saturday	3	8:00 a.m.	Praise Band Practice
		8:00 a.m.	Men’s Bible Study
		8:00 a.m.	Women’s Bible Study
		9:00 a.m. - noon	Rummage Sale
		Noon – 2:00 p.m.	Rummage Sale Clean Up
		5:30 p.m.	Worship Service w/HC

Birthdays This Week

- 7/28 Joanna Goldstein
- 7/29 Jared Probst, Jill Wendling, & Michelle Holland
- 7/30 Amy Miller & Melia Wendling
- 7/31 Kyle March, Ruth Kohnert, & Ruth Rhodes
- 8/1 Donette Ohnesorge & Layla Nelson
- 8/2 Andrea Wendling, Erica Hansen, & Reese Wendling
- 8/3 David Moeller, Dawn Quicksall, Dena Willis, & Suzanne Lechman

Anniversaries This Week

- 7/28/2018 Nic & Madelyn Koester
- 7/30/2004 Randy & Amy Kohnert
- 7/30/2005 Todd & Julie Zeigler
- 7/31/1976 Dennis & Bonnie Siebert
- 8/2/2020 Chris & Morgan Lidy
- 8/2/1980 David & Bea Wendte
- 8/3/1974 Mike & Marcella Kennedy
- 8/3/2013 Bobby & Kristin Niemerg

Happy 50th Anniversary to Jim and Rosie Gibbons as they celebrate this milestone with their family and friends this weekend!