

THE EAGLE

St. John's Weekly Newsletter July 7, 2024

In the month of July, Pastor Burdick and I will be taking on a new topic. In June, we discussed marriage but now in July we will discuss *leisure*. When you hear the word leisure, the first thing that might come to your mind may be sitting out watching the sunset with your favorite beverage. Or maybe it's sitting in the recliner with the ball game on. Or maybe it's simply going on a cruise in a car or a boat. These things all certainly fit into the category of leisure, but leisure includes much more than what you may just find relaxing.

The origin of the word leisure is the Greek word σχολή (*Schole*) which, in English, looks a lot like the word school. The connection between the meaning of school and of leisure is not far-fetched. In school we learn things... and in leisure we reflect and contemplate—some of the most important components of leisure is reflection and contemplation. Not only do reflection and contemplation help us to grow, but they also help us to learn how to better serve in our vocations.

So often, we find ourselves doing a leisure activity that is mindless, where little thought is required. Perhaps this is necessary at times. I suppose it could be helpful too, especially if the mind is wondering (reflecting and contemplating) on something that is worthy. Yet, I encourage us (I need to work on this too) to find leisure activities that are not only a benefit to us, but also to our neighbors. One way to do this is to find leisure and enjoyment in doing the most basic things God has tasked us to do. To find leisure in mowing the lawn, or sewing, or changing diapers, or doing the dishes, or taking out the trash. God certainly works in our hearts even as we do the most boring of tasks. When things are the busiest, I encourage you to take some time to smell the roses and to have some time with God. Even while you're checking off your to-do list.

Maybe those boring tasks will become enjoyable times of reflection and contemplation... maybe they'll become times of leisure.

God's Peace,

Pastor Dille

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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 June 30 396
Sunday School 11
Adult Bible Study 55

Our Offerings

General Fund \$8,170.90
Online Offering \$2,101.47
Total Gen. Fund Offering \$10,272.37

LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life

“Know that you too have been called to serve on behalf of life at such a time as this. God continually equips you, and you will be in awe of what He is able to do in and through you. The best part is He had it planned in the beginning (Jeremiah 1:5; Psalm 139:16; Ephesians 2:10). May you be blessed as you continue to serve life in His image!” *Jordan Killinger is President of Rice 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.

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, & Rev. Gail Heimgartner.

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

Deadline to Sign Up – Sun. July 7th

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

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
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Stewardship Moment

2 Corinthians 12:10 – “For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities.” Paul found contentment in Christ. To be content means to accept what the Lord gives us at any given time, knowing that it is from the hand of the Father who wants to bless us. Sometimes it’s hard to see how things like hardships, calamities and insults will turn out for a blessing; but since Paul found contentment in Christ, and not in his own wisdom, he could be content through all hardships and calamities.

An inhouse Church Directory

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

Senior Profiles

Are in the office for you to pick up.

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



Last Sunday, many of the men who studied Man Up! gathered for fishing, frying, and feasting. It was a fitting cap to our study of this good book. We caught more fish than we could eat (and we ate a lot), and then we discussed the book. We are blessed with many men who desire to know Christ and make Him know, to follow Him in faithfulness and service, to be the men he has called us to be, whether single or married. Man Up! will challenge you, whether you read it again, or you start a new study of it with guys who weren’t part of the first wave. Interested? Organize a study!



Baptisms!

We rejoice in God’s work of regeneration in the water and the Word...

Last Sunday, Braidee Bushue was baptized into Christ.

This Sunday, Leo Jansen, son of Paige and James Jansen, is baptized following the 10:30 Service.

At the end of this month, we look forward to the Baptisms of Abby Gordon, Mason Gordon, and Shane Gordon!

CALENDAR-----July 7 – July 13, 2024

Sunday	7	8:00 a.m.	Worship Services w/HC
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School – Adult Only
		10:30 a.m.	Worship Service w/HC
Monday	8		Pastor Dille’s Sabbath
		2:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Refurbish Committee
		6:30 p.m.	Catechism Bible Study
Tuesday	9	1:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl Ministry
		3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Food Pantry
		5:15 p.m.	Board of Social Ministry
Wednesday	10	1:00 p.m.	Office Staff Meeting
		1:00 p.m.	Stephen Ministries
		5:00 p.m.	Board of Youth
Thursday	11		
Friday	12		Pastor Burdick’s Sabbath
Saturday	13	8:00 a.m.	Praise Band Practice
		5:30 p.m.	Worship Service w/HC

Birthdays This Week

- 7/7 Alec Brown, JD Snow, Larry Kuhns, Raylen Stuckey
- 7/9 Jonathan Stremming, Maddy Keith, Phyllis Dueker
- 7/10 Carissa Snow, Cindy Shingleton, Jason Miller
- 7/12 Brad Dial, Mitchell Hulskotter
- 7/13 Cheryl Duckwitz, Christopher Sandifer, Kristen Probst, Leroy Campton, Meredith Wendling

Anniversaries This Week

- 7/07/2001 Derek & Donetta Ohnesorge
- 7/08/1978 Fred & Judy Meislahn
- 7/08/2000 Kenny & Mary Dasenbrock
- 7/08/1989 Rick & Vicki Cook
- 7/10/1982 Dan & Lisa Norton
- 7/10/2004 Doug & Julie Stuckemeyer
- 7/11/2020 Marcy & Jay Wallace
- 7/12/1986 Alan & Julie Bahrns
- 7/12/1975 Gale & Jo Budde
- 7/13/2013 Nick & Mallory Jones

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