

# THE EAGLE

St. John's Weekly Newsletter August 11, 2024

This month Pastor Burdick and I will be sharing in conversation about *education*. If you're like me, when you hear the word education, your mind jumps immediately to a time when you learned something important. Whether it was a breakthrough in school that took a long time to figure out, or hands-on training you received when you started a new job. I think we can all agree that although these types of education are important, education is much more than individual experiences. I've come to realize that education comprises of the things we learn from all our experiences—it's a lifelong journey. Education includes experiences from when we were children to today.

Have you ever wondered how you can measure your education? We see the fruits of our educations in the way that we make decisions. The decisions we make reflect the things that we've learned. That's why it's so important to learn how to interpret our experiences with the Creator at the center. Doing so, helps us not only to see how God is working, but also to make decisions that are in line with the way that God has created us to live. I encourage you to take some time this week to think about the education you've received both in your schooling and your own personal experiences. Then, think about how God has worked through those things and how He continues to do so.

God Bless,

Pastor Dille

## Cold Turkey Calls

**Cold-turkey calls are not the best.** You can knock on an unsuspecting neighbor's door and share the Word of God, but it's far more effective to use the vocations God has already placed in your life. He has given you relationships with coworkers, neighbors, friends, and family. You love them. They love you. In love, listen to them and then speak God's Word. Cold turkey sandwiches can be delightful the day after Thanksgiving, but witnessing to the people close to you leads to thanksgiving that lasts eternally. Lutheran evangelism is vocational. The Word does the work.



## Blessing of the Backpacks

All Services, August 17-18

Students of all ages, bring your backpacks! Congregation members: you will receive a colorful reminder to continue to pray for all our students.



August 25 we will welcome a guest preacher with a mission focus. Pastor Ken Schurb is our District's Exec in the areas of Evangelism, Missions, Stewardship, and Human Care. He will preach and teach on evangelism. This is the perfect follow-up to our summer "Everyone His Witness" emphasis. You'll find it helpful and hope-full.

**Prayer List**

Conner Mellendorf, Lorri Mayberry, Anita Backhus, Rick Gregory, Bernetta Marxman, Bert Pruitt, Cobert Mueller, John Romero, Sara Bernhard, Stan & Mary Dorney, and the family of Richard Ohnesorge.

**Family Life Center**

**Annual Fundraising Banquet**

When: Thursday, September 12

Where: Thelma Keller Convention Center

Tine: Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Dinner is at 7:00 p.m.

Please sign up on the sign-up sheet

On the bulletin board in the atrium to allow for enough meals.

There is no charge for the meal.

**CILCA's 26<sup>th</sup> Annual**

**Chicken Dinner and Auction**

You are invited to our camp CILCA for our 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Chicken Dinner & Auction on Sept. 1, 2024. Meals are \$10 for adults and \$8 for children 4-12. Serving will be from 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. The menu includes grilled chicken, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans, rolls, homemade desserts, and drinks. The live auction begins at 12:30 p.m. The Trading Post & beach will be open in the afternoon.

**LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life**

“Not only does Scripture provide God’s intent and meaning, it also encourages us to be truthful (Proverbs 12:19), timely (Proverbs 17:28; Matthew 18:15), gentle (Titus 3:2), and more. Most importantly, it reminds us, in God we find the strength to speak truth in the face of evil (Psalm 118:6; Ephesians 6:13). Stand strong, choose words carefully, and remember the Lion’s got your back.”

*James MacGregor, COL, USA (RET), Director at Large, LFL of Kansas  
Director-at-Large – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life •  
lutheransforlife.org*

**Prayer Shawl**

We will meet at 1 p.m. Tues., Aug. 13<sup>th</sup>

**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 & Word documents, and supporting the work of the pastors & the Preschool. The position is currently a part time (28 hours), four-day (Tuesday-Friday) job.

If interested, you may call the church office (217-342-4334) for more information, or stop by the office to pick up an application.

**Stewardship Moment**

**Luke 18:11–12 – “The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other men ... I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.’”** The Pharisee has surely missed the point of tithing! We can’t earn brownie points with God, and we certainly can’t put Him in our debt. Our giving to the Lord’s work proceeds from a thankful heart full of God’s own generosity, not our own pride. As Mary replied to the angel Gabriel, “I am the handmaiden of the Lord, may it be to me according to your word” (Luke 1:38). We are the Lord’s servants; therefore, we live by His Word.

**Response to the Gospel**

**Our Attendance Last Week**

Sunday August 4.....361  
Adult Bible Study.....32

**Our Offerings**

General Fund ..... \$7,714.07  
Online Offering ..... \$4,914.04  
**Total Gen. Fund Offering \$12,628.11**

### **Food Pantry Distribution**

Tues., Aug. 13<sup>th</sup> from 3 p.m. - 4 p.m.

### **Donations for August**

Instant Potatoes, Peanut Butter, Fruit, & Crackers.

### **Kitchen Containers**

The kitchen needs your extra leftover containers to be used to take food home

### **Youth Corner Upcoming Events**

#### **Family Fishing & Fun Day**

August 25<sup>th</sup>

at the Latch's'

3 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Please sign up on the bulletin board so we know how much food we will need.

This event is for **ALL AGES**

Fishing is optional.

This is a great time of fellowship for all, so bring your lawn chair and join us!

#### **Cruise Night**

Cruise Night will be Saturday, Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>.

Food will be served from

4:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

(or until we run out of food)

Bring a lawn chair & enjoy watching the vehicles

#### **22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Larry Brandt Golf Outing**

Saturday, September 14 at 1 p.m.

See this week's insert for details.

If you have any questions about any of our events, please contact Carolyn Wendte or Donetta Ohnesorge

### **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.

### **Rally Day 2024**

Mark your calendars.

Sunday, August 18<sup>th</sup>

Breakfast will be at 9:00 a.m.

### **Dollars for Missions**

Our "Dollar For Missions" donations in the Atrium Offering Box help keep our campus ministry at Western Illinois University warm and cool. The furnaces there are very old, and we're trying to help them replace them for the sake of the college students who need to hear God's WORD. Thank you.

### **Sunday School Teacher Meeting**

There will be a Sunday School teacher meeting on Sunday, Aug. 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 a.m. in the Trinity Room

### **Life as a 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.

### **Deepest Sympathy**

To the family of Richard Ohnesorge. He passed away on Monday, August 5<sup>th</sup> at St. John's Hospital in Springfield. Funeral services were held Friday, August 9<sup>th</sup> with burial in the Arborcrest Memorial Park with military rites. Memorials may be made to St. John's or to Meals on Wheels. Please keep Nancy and the family in your prayers.

### **Thank You**

The Youth Board would like to say a GREAT BIG THANK YOU to everyone who helped with the Rummage Sale. We could not do this event with out all of your help. God bless you all!!

**CALENDAR-----August 11 – August 17, 2024**

Sunday	11	8:00 a.m.	Worship Services w/HC
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School – Adult Only Sunday School Teacher Meeting in the Trinity Room
		10:30 a.m.	Worship Service w/HC
		11:30 a.m.	Acolyte Training
Monday	12		Pastor Dille’s Sabbath
		5:00 p.m.	Board of Stewardship Meeting
Tuesday	13	1:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl
		3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Food Pantry Distribution
		5:15 a.m.	Board of Social Ministry Meeting
Wednesday	14	10:00 a.m.	Stephen Ministry Meeting
		1:00 p.m.	Office Staff Devotions/Meeting
Thursday	15		
Friday	16		Pastor Burdick’s Sabbath
Saturday	17	8:00 a.m.	Praise Band Practice
		5:30 p.m.	Worship Service w/HC

**Birthdays This Week**

- 08/11 Brittany Bloemer, Dillon Wallin, & Jackson Mottashed
- 08/12 Brody Nelson, Courtney Cook, Roger Ohnesorge, & Sue Habbe
- 08/13 Curtis Baginski, Gordon Davis, Kristin Niemerg, & Phil Stuemke
- 08/14 Mike Logan & Rhett Bailey
- 08/15 Carson Jones, Chad Hartman & John Longwell
- 08/16 Alexa Westjohn, Paige Boldig, & Palmer Brown
- 08/17 Casey Trupiano & Sharon Field

**Anniversaries This Week**

- 08/12/2006 Chad & Kristen Hartman
- 08/12/2023 Bryce & Kelcie Beccue
- 08/13/2021 James & Paige Jansen
- 08/14/2004 Andrew & Jamie Warner
- 08/14/2010 Dr. Ryan & Sara Jennings
- 08/15/1987 Steve & Amy Miller
- 08/15/2009 Mike & Desiree Conrad
- 08/15/2015 Adam & Mary Belle Wending
- 08/16/1975 Donald & Pat Wendte
- 08/16/1986 Jeff & Lonni Weis
- 08/16/1997 Alan & Debbie Koester

**LYF of St. John’s Luther, Louisville**

We will be hosting an Ice Cream Social on Sun., Aug. 25<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. The menu will include pork burgers, hotdogs, pulled pork sandwiches, potato salad, chips, desserts, homemade ice cream & drinks. This is a free will donation. All are invited to attend.