

THE EAGLE

St. John's Weekly Newsletter August 18, 2024

Since I am still new to St. John's, this weekend marks my first experience of Rally Day. I love the idea of it. It fits well with our theme for the month—education. At the heart of Rally Day is answering God's call for His people to rally around Him. To rally around our God is to spend time with His Word. The ultimate source of wisdom. In Proverbs 9:10 (part of the Old Testament lesson for this weekend) Solomon writes, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight." There is power in the words of our God. Power to council, power to comfort, power to make wise, and most important of all, power to forgive. Let us rally together this weekend and in the many weeks to come around God's word. I encourage you to take time to pick a Bible Study and attend consistently. Our Sunday School program is an excellent place for the children of the congregation to spend time in God's Word. Let's rally together as we grow in God's Word together.

God Bless,

Pastor Dille



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.

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.*



August 24 & 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.



Sunday, August 18th
Breakfast will be at 9:00 a.m.

**Response to the Gospel
Our Attendance Last Week**

Sunday August 11 393
Adult Bible Study 40

Our Offerings

General Fund \$9,115.99
Online Offering \$4,033.97
Total Gen. Fund Offering \$13,149.96

Stewardship Moment

Mark 7:37 – “And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, ‘He has done all things well.’” When God created the world, it was “very good” (Gen. 1:31). And here Jesus does all things well. God is always blessing, always seeking our good. We know this is so ... but we still struggle to believe it. For if we really believed it, why would we ever do anything contrary to God’s will and Law? We know that everything He tells us to do is for our good ... and yet we struggle in the weakness of the flesh. Lord, we believe, help our unbelief!

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.

Prayer List

Dylan Beccue, Shirley Cheadle, Conner Mellendorf, Lorri Mayberry, Anita Backhus, Rick Gregory, Bernetta Marxman, Bert Pruitt, Cobert Mueller, John Romero, Sara Bernhard, Stan & Mary Dorney.

Congratulations to Courtney Cook and Adam Helregel, united in marriage August 17 in Robinson, IL.



One of my favorite memories right here: Men who love Sunday School. They might not all still own the shirt, but I hope they still love Sunday School. Our youth need dads and moms and other adult mentors who show they love the Lord and His Word by participating in Sunday School.

So here are the three Adult Sunday Bible Classes we will have here this Fall, all at 9:15am:

I. **Fellowship Hall** -- Adults study the same lessons as the children. Pastor Burdick leads the class into the familiar and far-reaching stories of the Bible. September 1, we begin in Luke 1 with the birth of John the Baptist. This will get you thinking and talking about God’s promises then and now. If you’re the parent of a Sunday School kid, come to this class and you’ll be ready to talk about the week’s Lesson with them. Your kids will be proud!

II. **LifeLight** – Facilitated by Karla Flach, this is an in-depth look into the book of Acts! You’ll have something to read each day of the week, and you will grow in knowledge and faith. Meets in the Conference Room. Sign-up on the bulletin board so your materials are ready! Begins September 8.

III. **“Life as a Christian in a Post-Christian World”** - Pastor Dille leads participants into the Bible and into a better understanding of worldviews. In the study, he will guide the group through both the factors that have contributed to such a Post-Christian World and the tools God gives His children to stay faithful and continue to trust in Him. This study will meet in the Trinity Room.

We’re never finished with learning ... especially as Christians.

Youth Corner Upcoming Events

Family Fishing & Fun Day

Sunday, Aug. 25th from 3 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Fishing, paddle boat, corn hole, ladder golf

Food will be provided

Hot dogs, chips, drinks & dessert

At Don & Patsy Latch's

16399 N. 1000th St.; Effingham

Bring your lawn chairs & a fishing pole if you
want to fish

Be sure to sign up on the bulletin board
so the Youth Board knows how much food
to purchase.



LYF Fellowship



Starting on Wed., Sept. 4th from 6-7:15pm, all
LYF (grades 6-12) students will be invited to
gather for youth group. Dinner will be
provided for all who attend. Time will be
spent eating, studying God's Word, and
playing games. After September 4th, we will
meet weekly.

Cruise Night

Cruise Night will be Saturday, Sept. 7th.

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

NYG Information Meeting

Sunday, Sept. 8 at noon. We will dive into
the details of our NYG trip to New Orleans
next Summer and answer any questions.

22nd 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 Pastor Dille, or our
Youth Board.

LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life

"Through our vocations, both permanent and temporary, Christians are gifted opportunities to share the Gospel-motivated message that every life is valuable, and in so doing, carry the light of Christ into dark places filled with sin and death. It's true, this work won't always be easy; there may be times when we wonder about the path God has placed us on. But we can be confident that we aren't traveling alone. Christ goes with us, and His grace is sufficient. Always."

*Michelle Bauman, Director of Y4Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life •
lutheransforlife.org*

Food Pantry Distribution

Tues., Aug. 27th from 3 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Donations for August

Instant Potatoes, Peanut Butter, Fruit, &
Crackers.

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.

LYF of St. John's Lutheran, Louisville

We will be hosting an Ice Cream Social on Sun., Aug. 25th 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.

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!



On the 5th Floor

CALENDAR-----August 18 – August 24, 2024

Sunday	18	8:00 a.m.	Worship Services w/HC
		9:00 a.m.	Sunday School Rally Day Breakfast
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School Rally Day
		10:30 a.m.	Worship Service w/HC
Monday	19		Pastor Dille's Sabbath
		12:00 p.m.	Board of Evangelism Meeting
		4:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Refurbishment Committee
Tuesday	20		
Wednesday	21	1:00 p.m.	Office Staff Devotions/Meeting
		5:15 p.m.	Bell Choir Practice
Thursday	22		
Friday	23		Pastor Burdick's Sabbath
Saturday	24	8:00 a.m.	Praise Band Practice
		5:30 p.m.	Worship Service w/HC Guest Preacher – Pastor Ken Schurb

Birthdays This Week

- 08/18 Howard Haake, Jacob Sigg, Julie Stuckemeyer, & Reese McWhorter
- 08/19 Abby Gordon & Jeff Pryor
- 08/20 Alexis Miller, Colton Dasenbrock, Jill Haake
- 08/21 Carsyn Gibbons, Hank Probst, Knox Probst, & Marissa Brown
- 08/22 Jill Baker & Sandra Hanks
- 08/23 Lincoln Jackson, Sara Sandifer, & Wade Goldstein
- 08/24 Joe Budde & Norma Suckow

Anniversaries This Week

- 08/19/1972 Dale & Glenna Schagemann
- 08/19/2020 Dalyn & Brianne Brach
- 08/19/2005 Matt & Stephanie Gordon
- 08/20/2016 Haven & Jill Boone
- 08/21/2010 Bradley & Tricia Miller
- 08/21/2021 Derek & Kori Heuerman
- 08/22/1971 Alan & Connie Phelps
- 08/22/2004 Randy & Jeannie Harris
- 08/22/1981 Ray & Eileen Hartman

Ringers Needed

St. John's Handbell Choir needs ringers! We have 4 octaves of handbells, but only enough ringers to play 3! If you have ever thought about joining, now is the time. The ability to read music is desired. Questions or want individual training, call Linda Marxmann 217-821-4851

Be with fellow Christians
Enrich worship services
Let your light shine
Learn a new skill
Serve our Savior

