

THE EAGLE

St. John's Weekly Newsletter August 25, 2024

Drive north beyond Stewardson and you'll see a beloved barn that high school grads are allowed to paint in celebration of their commencement. "Finally out the door – Class of '24" is the message among their names, I think. Pretty clever. And pretty typical that most of us think of our current stage of learning as something from which to be set free. We long to get out. But do we long to get in through another door, into a new classroom of life? I hope so, and I hope that new door is entrance into wholesome, holy learning.

Last Sunday was Rally Day. Last year's Sunday School Preschoolers moved into Kindergarten. Last year's Confirmands moved into the High School class with Ammon and Troy leading them. And many adults heard the same old speech from me: when you come to a Sunday Bible class, your kids and grandkids (or the church's kids who aren't related to you) will be blessed with a powerful and good example. Give it to them. Walk through that door into a new chapter of Christian education. See the list of adult classes listed later in the Eagle.

"In the door in '24!" can be your outlook this Fall. In the door of continued learning. In the door of every Sunday worship. In the door with a neighbor beside you. Just don't paint it on the side of the church, please.

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord!" (Psalm 122:1)



WELCOME

Today we welcome Rev. Ken Schurb as our guest preacher. He serves us as the Assistant to the District President in the areas of Evangelism, Missions, Stewardship, and Human Care. His message on Evangelism is a great next chapter after our "Everyone

His Witness" training this summer. Welcome, Pastor Schurb, and thank you for sparking growth in our congregation's outreach and our personal witnessing to the hope that is within us. See our outreach resources at www.cidLCMS.org

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.

Response to the Gospel
Our Attendance Last Week

Sunday August 18	426
Sunday School	65
Adult Bible Study	50

Our Offerings

General Fund	\$6,653.70
Online Offering	<u>\$3,324.54</u>
Total Gen. Fund Offering	\$9,978.24

Family Life Center
Annual Fundraising Banquet
Today is the Last Day to Sign Up

When: Thursday, September 12
Where: Thelma Keller Convention Center
Time: 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

Alan Phelps, Rich Brillhart, Joan Koester,
Dwight Klepzig, Dylan Beccue, Shirley
Cheadle, Lorri Mayberry, Rick Gregory,
Bernetta Marxman, Bert Pruitt, Cobert
Mueller, John Romero, Sara Bernhard, Stan
& Mary Dorney, and the Webb Family

GOLDEN EAGLE'S DINNER

The Golden Eagles dinner will be on
Thursday, August 29, at 12noon. The menu
this month will be fettuccine alfredo or
lasagna, salad, garlic bread from Joe's Pizza
and Pasta and desserts. The cost is \$10.00
per person. Our program this month will be
presented by Pastor and Katie Dille.
Everyone is welcome to attend. We ask that
you please sign the name of each person
who'll be attending on the sign-up sheet on
the atrium bulletin board. Please sign up
today so the caterer can be notified of the
number attending.

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
¼ mile south of Mach 1 & Dollar General on
Lake Sara Road; 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

"We live in the presence of evil. Some of it is twisted to sound good. We hear of 'the compassionate relief of suffering' or 'death with dignity' or 'right to health care' or 'simple medical procedure.' You know many more. God calls us to confront these with His truth, to reveal the evil behind them. God calls us to educate fellow Christians in His truth so they do not end up 'possessed' by this way of thinking. God calls us to call evil what it is, but also to share the truth of what God has done about evil. For that we fix our gaze upon Jesus (Hebrews 12:2). He speaks to us through His Word of truth and grace." *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, former Executive Director of Lutherans For Life – 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.

Attention ALL Camp CILCA Campers

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

St. John's

SINGLE SUNDAY SERVICE

9:30 am September 29

Followed by the all-church picnic on our grounds.

A new way to celebrate our unity on the 5th Sunday of a month.

Our regular 5:30pm Saturday Service will be held September 28.

The annual St. John's Church Picnic

Will be held Sunday, September 29, here at the church immediately following the 9:30am service. The meal will be held in the fellowship hall with indoor and outdoor activities for all, weather permitting. Todd Martin will be the grill master and everyone is invited to bring a favorite dish to share. Please sign up on the sign-up sheet posted on the main bulletin board.

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, call Linda Marxmann 217-821-4851

Choir

Choir practice is resuming Monday, September 9th. Rehearsal time is at 5:30pm in the church balcony, and new singers are welcome. If anyone has questions, feel free to contact Dennis Lading at 217-821-8483.

Holy Communion Preparation Training.



At 9:30a.m. Sept. 8, please come to the Sanctuary and find out how you can volunteer for this important and joyful work. Individuals and whole families can serve! We will train you on how to be a team that prepares and cleans the Refurbished Communionware.

Many households have taken the training. Now that our communionware is plated in gold, be updated on its care. We ask that you take time to sign up on the hallway bulletin board for the time(s) you can serve. You don't have to serve the entire weekend. See the bulletin board and choose a slot in which you can fill, or transition after a Service, or clean and put away after the final Service. Since we have created the new Sacristy, your service has been made easier. Questions, Lisa Norton, Altar Guild Chair.

CALENDAR-----August 25 – August 31, 2024

Sunday	25	8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Worship Services w/HC Guest Preacher – Pastor Ken Schurb
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School Guest Preacher – Pastor Ken Schurb
		3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Family Fishing & Fun Day at Latch's
Monday	26		Pastor Dille's Sabbath
		7:00 p.m.	Lutheran Care Center Board Meeting
Tuesday	27	3:00 – 4:00 p.m.	Food Pantry
		5:00 p.m.	Preschool Staff Devotion
		6:00 p.m.	Preschool Back to School Night
Wednesday	28	1:00 p.m.	Office Staff Devotions/Meeting
		5:00 p.m.	Confirmation Orientation
		5:15 p.m.	Bell Choir Practice
		6:00 p.m.	Preschool Back to School Night
Thursday	29	12:00 p.m.	Golden Eagles
Friday	30		Pastor Burdick's Sabbath
Saturday	31	8:00 a.m.	Praise Band Practice
		5:30 p.m.	Worship Service w/HC

Birthdays This Week

- 08/25 Lesley Miller, Nolan Dixon,
Terry Simmons
- 08/26 Amanda Wernsing, Hank Rieman,
Klay Klepzig
- 08/27 Cheyanne Pilcher, Jacob Janis,
Lori Meseke, Mary Roedl
- 08/28 Abby Marxman, Adam Wendt,
Paul Smith
- 08/29 Amy Fread
- 08/30 Annika Koester, Brandon Wallin,
Camille Zeigler, Danny Klepzig,
Mark Holland, Norma Miller,
Rebecca Belcher, Rick Gregory
- 08/31 Greg Brown, Tristan Devall

Anniversaries This Week

- 08/25/1979 David & Joyce Barr
- 08/26/2023 Zachary & Madi Haake
- 08/27/2005 Chris & Christina Niebrugge
- 08/28/1981 Dale & Donna Walls
- 08/29/2009 Douglas & Kristin Jackson
- 08/30/1980 Fred & Ruth Bray
- 08/31/1985 Mike & Debbie Womack

Confirmation Orientation

All 6th, 7th, & 8th Grade students, with parents, will have their Orientation meeting for the 2024-2025 Confirmation year, Wednesday, Aug. 28, at 5 p.m. Schedule, Memory Work, Curriculum, and Policies will be covered as we get ready for a year of family learning in the faith. Classes will be 5 p.m. – 6 p.m. on Wednesdays, beginning Sept. 4!

