

THE EAGLE

St. John's Weekly Newsletter August 4, 2024

Keep WITNESSING alive

Many of you participated in the "Everyone His Witness" (E1HW) series this summer. We finished it last Sunday. Now, let's remember and use what we gained. For the next four weeks, I'll share snippets of the course. Even if you didn't come to any or all of the classes, these highlights will help you "Listen Ask Seek Share Invite Encourage" in order to share Christian HOPE.

1. We are **unfit and unqualified** to convert an unbeliever to a believer. We can't do it. ****If someone told me I had to represent the USA at the Olympics in pole vaulting, it would be impossible. Completely.**** Conversion of a person's heart and mind and soul to faith in Jesus? You cannot do it. Ever. But God can, and He does it through the Word of God spoken by unfit and unqualified people.

So, relax. Learn how to listen to people who don't yet know Christ as savior. Then winsomely work toward speaking God's Word. Again, relax. You know you're unfit and unqualified. The Holy Spirit knows it, too, and He will take care of the results. The Word is fit and qualified!



**EVERY
ONE**
HIS WITNESS
LUTHERAN EVANGELISM

Pastor Burdick

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.

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 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.

Family Life Center

Annual Fundraising Banquet

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.

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.....387
Adult Bible Study.....32

Our Offerings

General Fund \$8,420.00
Online Offering \$3,285.45
Total Gen. Fund Offering \$11,705.45

LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life

"If the Christian church is passionate about protecting every life, then we will need to learn how to meet relational needs. When an unplanned pregnancy happens, the baby's parents often have massive needs to help them grow as people and, perhaps, as a couple. Could you be God's way of meeting such needs?"

Pastor Mike Novotny, *Time of Grace – 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

Rick Gregory, Ken Dasenbrock, Doris Mueller, Bernetta Marxman, Bert Pruitt, Cobert Mueller, John Romero, Sara Bernhard and the family of Michael Habing.

Rally Day 2024

Mark your calendars.
Sunday, August 18th

Thank You!

I sincerely wish to thank everyone for the flowers, cards, phone calls, and to those who stopped by to see me for my 95th Birthday. God bless you all! Vi Kirchhoff

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!

Youth Corner Upcoming Events

Family Fishing & Fun Day

August 25th

at the Latch's'

3 p.m – 7 p.m.

More details to follow

22nd Annual Larry Brandt Golf Outing

Saturday, September 14 at 1 p.m.

See this week's insert for details.

Stewardship Moment

Luke 19:45 – “And he entered the temple and began to drive out those who sold.”

The house of God is a house of prayer. It's not a place to sell, but to give. It's not a place of profit, but of sacrifice. God sets the pattern of giving and sacrifice in the self-giving work of Jesus on the cross. As He is, so we are called to be.

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.

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.

Kitchen Containers

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



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."

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 Pantry Distribution
Is August 13 from 3-4pm



CALENDAR-----August 4 – August 10, 2024

Sunday	4	8:00 a.m.	Worship Services w/HC
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School – Adult Only
		10:30 a.m.	Worship Service w/HC
		12:30 p.m.	E. A. S. T. E. R. Picnic
Monday	5		Pastor Dille’s Sabbath
		6:15 p.m.	Board of Education
		6:30 p.m.	Worship Committee
Tuesday	6	9:00 a.m.	Pastor’s Circuit Meeting in Casey
		5:30 p.m.	Board of Trustees
Wednesday	7	1:00 p.m.	Office Staff Devotions/Meeting
Thursday	8		Dist. #4HCE Workshop
		6:30 p.m.	Board of Elders
Friday	9		Pastor Burdick’s Sabbath
Saturday	10	8:00 a.m.	Praise Band Practice
		5:30 p.m.	Worship Service w/HC

Birthdays This Week

- 8/04 Alex Nelson, Clay Weber, Holly Bray
Jessica Mottashed, Sydney Nelson, &
Nancy L. Ohnesorge
- 8/05 Cinda Hulskotter, Debby Storm,
MaLeha Higgs, Quinn Flach,
Ryan Kohnert, & Terry Budde
- 8/06 Justin Brummer, Marcy Scott,
Phyllis Rohlfing, & Rachel Utz
- 8/07 Becky Janis & Malachi Stuckemeyer
- 8/08 Kathy Shingler
- 8/09 Dawn Koester, Jim Wallin, &
Kohen Willenborg
- 8/10 Claire Niemerg, John Jackson,
Josie Fritch, & Logan Bloemer

Anniversaries This Week

- 8/04/1984 Robert & Pamela Williams
- 8/05/1978 David & Jeanette Worman
- 8/05/2000 Darren & Jackie Tabbert
- 8/06/1977 Eric & Sandy Bernhard
- 8/09/1980 Vincent & Nancy Wendt
- 8/09/2008 Matt & Carrie Brown
- 8/10/1958 Lloyd & Shirley Wittenberg
- 8/10/2013 Chuck & Nancy Lykins