

THE EAGLE

St. John's Weekly Newsletter September 29, 2024

Devotions. They aren't just for home - they can be at work, too. Every Wednesday at 1:00pm, our church staff meeting begins with a devotion. We study one of the upcoming Sunday's Readings, we apply it to our lives, and we pray for you and others on the basis of it. Our devotions always begin with the Word of God. He speaks, we talk back.

If you're tasked with leading a devotion in a church meeting here at St. John's, please always begin with The Word. In *Portals of Prayer*, don't skip the readings. They are the meat and potatoes. The devotional thoughts from the human author are reflections of the meat and potatoes.

Devotions always begin our staff meetings, then we discuss recent and upcoming ministry activities. This past week, that included gladness that one of our members recently called and asked "what's our church's position on membership in Lodges?" I told the caller how glad I was that they were asking before joining, and were willing to listen to the Word and the church on why we have deep concerns about joining The Masons, The Elks, etc.,. Our concerns focus on the universalist/unchristian confession of such groups. Jesus said, "I am the way, and the truth and the life, no one comes to the Father except through Me," (John 14:6), but that's not what the tenets of such Lodges say. For more on this, check out the statements on our synod's website at LCMS.org. One thing I failed to say during our staff meeting is that Lodges are not the same as Rotary or Lions Club or Kiwanis, which are civic organizations with no religious tenets. We have no concern about these latter groups.

Above all, we have concern for God's Word and His people. That's why – in our homes and sometimes in our work – we conduct devotions. God speaks, we mimic Him. God bless your devotional life, dear Christians!



P.S. Each staff meeting ends with a joke. We all love it when Pastor Fortkamp is the teller, because he sometimes starts laughing so hard that he can barely finish it. This week he told this one: Mr. Green watched his neighbor, Timmy, fill in a large hole in the backyard. "What are you doing, Timmy?" "Burying my goldfish." "That's a rather large hole for a goldfish ... why is it so big?" Timmy replied with a smirk, "Because he's inside your cat."



Response to the Gospel
Our Attendance Last Week

Sunday September 22.....	321
Sunday School	55
Adult Bible Classes	68
LifeLight	13

Our Offerings

General Fund	\$7,834.26
Online Offering	<u>\$3,287.54</u>
Total Gen. Fund Offering	\$11,121.80

LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life

“When we engage in the political process, we as Christians rightfully assert these rights, knowing that in doing so we are defending not only or even primarily ourselves, but our neighbors ... By asserting the right to life, and to other natural rights, we are in fact confessing God’s given order.”

Rev. Dr. Peter Scaer,

Concordia Theological Seminary – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org.”

Stewardship Moment

Mark 9:45 – “And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame than with two feet to be thrown into hell.” So what is causing us to sin? Lust? Greed? Fear? Better to cut it off! We need the Lord’s help to do this — and you are in the right place this Lord’s Day to receive that help through Word and Sacrament!

Prayer List

Keith Bahrns, Joan Koester, Lorri Mayberry, Rick Gregory, Cobert Mueller, Sara Bernhard, Marlin Fortkamp, Donna Wetherell, and Synda Overbeck.

Food Pantry Distribution

The next distribution is Tues., October 8 from 3 p.m. - 4 p.m. The Food Pantry is accepting any type of donations for September

Our Door Offering this weekend is in support of our Food Pantry. Please make checks payable to “St. John’s Food Pantry.” The Food Pantry will be open for a time during the Church Picnic is you wish to see it.

Youth Corner Upcoming Events



LYF Fellowship



On Wednesdays, LYF (grades 6-12) students gather for a fun time of devotion, food, and games. We do this from 6-7:15pm. Dinner will be provided for all who attend. We encourage you to come as you are able! We will be there.

National Youth Gathering

Mandatory Meeting

Sunday, October 6th

Parent and student(s) must attend one of the two meetings on this date if planning to go to NYG. Meeting Times - Right after the 10:30 a.m. church service (approximately 11:45) or at 6:00 p.m. at this time students will be asked for the deposit of \$395 (**which is non-refundable**). This money can be taken from their accounts. Account information is posted downstairs in the LYF room and multi-purpose room.

Family

Hayride & Wiener Roast at Schroeder’s

Sunday, Oct. 20th from 4 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Everyone is invited. Food provided by the Youth Board. Bring your lawn chair. Please sign up on the bulletin board if planning to attend.

Halloween Parade

Sunday, Oct. 27th at 2 p.m.

We are looking for monetary or candy donations. We are asking that those who walk bring a bag of candy. If anyone is planning on walking with us in the parade, please sign up on the bulletin board.

Talent Show/Silent Auction

(with Spaghetti meal)

Sunday, November 10th at 5 p.m.

Got talent? If not, try to find it. There will be tickets sold later in October.



Life Chain 2024

Sunday, October 6

Respect Life Sunday

2-3 p.m. Life Chain on Keller Drive

(See the Church Bulletin Board for Details)

Wedding



Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Kyle and Macie Kohnert, united in Christian marriage Saturday September 28, here at St. John's.

God bless you!



Family

Hayride & Wiener Roast at Jim & Kathy Schroeders'

Sun., Oct. 20th from 4 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Everyone is invited.

Food provided by the Youth

Tableware will all be provided.

Please bring your lawn chairs.

Please sign up on the bulletin board.

Operation Christmas Child

will run from October 6 - October 31

Please plan to pick up a shoe box & shipping label next Sunday! The boxes will be set up in the main hallway. Pamphlets describing suggested gifts and prayer bookmarks will be free for the taking. No Soap this year.

There are 4 ways to participate:

1. Purchase gifts & pack a shoebox, including a check to cover shipping.
2. Donate new items for packing.
3. Contributions are \$10.00. Please make checks payable to "Samaritan's Purse."
4. Pray for safe & successful delivery of Christmas Child boxes as well as those receiving the Gift of the Gospel message.

The Sanctuary Refurbishment Committee invites congregation members to come to an informational meeting Monday, October 14, at 6:00 p.m. The Committee will share and discuss with members the plans for possible refurbishment of the Lord's Sanctuary in 2025. These recommendations will come to the Voters Assembly on October 22. Continue to pray for the project, thank you!

LWML Sunday will be October 6

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✠ Lutheran Women
in Mission SUNDAY

CALENDAR-----September 29 – October 5, 2024

Sunday	29	9:30 a.m.	Single Service Sunday w/HC
		11:00 a.m.	Church Picnic
<i>Preschool -- Monday – Friday 8:00 – 11:30 a.m.</i>			
Monday	30		Pastor Dille’s Sabbath
		5:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
Tuesday	1	5:30 p.m.	Board of Trustees
		5:30 p.m.	Board of Education
		7:00 p.m.	Lydia Guild
Wednesday	2	8:50 a.m.	Preschool Chapel
		1:00 p.m.	Office Staff Devotions/Meeting
		5:00 p.m.	Confirmation
		5:15 p.m.	Bell Choir Practice
		6:00 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.	LYF Fellowship
Thursday	3	8:50 a.m.	Preschool Chapel
Friday	4		Pastor Burdick’s Sabbath
Saturday	5	8:00 a.m.	Praise Band
		8:00 a.m.	Men’s Bible Study
		8:00 a.m.	Women’s Bible Study
		5:30 p.m.	Worship Service w/HC - Bells

Birthdays This Week

09/29 Aurora March, Beau Grupe,
Charlotte Grupe, Lincoln Mottashed,
Linda Cushman, Linda Marxman,
Linda Nolan

09/30 Everly Jeffries

10/01 Avery Miller, Lance Dixon,
Madilyn Garrison,
Rosemary Seggelke

10/02 Mary Ann Hoeffliger

10/03 Beth Miller, Carol Wallace,
Carrie Brown, Linda Miller

10/04 Andrew Womack, Rick Manford

10/05 Debbie Womack, J. P. Simmons,
LeeAnn Perry, Terry Braun

Anniversaries This Week

09/29/2007 Jason & Andrea Wendling

09/29/1990 Jim & Kathy Schroeder

09/29/2000 Same & Ann Wagner

10/01/2022 Andrew & Mya Moeller

10/01/2022 Danny & Ashley Klepzig

10/01/2022 Holly & Nicholas Burger

10/03/2020 Colby & Holly Adams

10/03/2015 Mike & Debbie Buenker

10/03/2009 Seth & Jennifer Wilson

10/04/1964 Elvan & Carol Wallace

10/05/2019 Jacob & Carrie Janis

10/05/2019 Jake & Emily Devall

10/05/1996 Ken & Norma Lansing

10/05/1991 Mitchell & Cinda Hulskotter