

THE EAGLE

St. John's Weekly Newsletter September 15, 2024

How did you learn to talk? Same way I did... you mimicked others. How do you learn to have a healthier devotional life? Mimic your Heavenly Father. Listen to His Word. Using a devotional resource, such as *Happy Times* or *My Devotions* -- or simply reading a Psalm, listen to Him. Then talk back to Him using the same words He used to speak to you. His Word will not return to Him void.



The Elders and Pastors have decided to broadcast video live-streaming for only one Service each weekend, beginning October 6. Based upon the views over the past five years, most of the Services we stream will be the 5:30pm or 8:00am Service. The 10:30am Service will be streamed approximately once each month. This is a six-month effort, and then we will re-evaluate. Thank the Lord that for the vast majority of us, there is little to no impediment to in-person worship and that our technology is able to reach many others who cannot be here in the Lord's House.

40 for Life!

On Wednesday, Sep 25, Pastor Burdick will lead a "40 Days for Life" kickoff in our Sanctuary. I hope students and their parents (and all other interested persons) will attend. We'll start at 6:40, and go for almost 40 minutes. This about helping youth and adults pray for Pro-Life hearts and minds. 6:40-7:20pm, Sep 25; Scripture – Message - 2 Hymns - Litany Prayer - Silent Prayer

Some of the reasons to pray for life, for repentance, for renewal, and for families are

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- Approximately 65 million children died through abortion since 1973
- Assisted suicide on the horizon

- Children exposed to graphic, immoral, "comprehensive" sex ed
- Soaring rates of STDs, addictions, and suicide
- Prideful celebrations of LGBTQ+ deviancy
- Hatred toward people with whom we disagree
- Human/sex/drug trafficking
- Marriage and gender redefined
- Gender confusion taught in some schools
- Fatherlessness at all-time highs
- Church attendance at all-time lows
- Legal prostitution under consideration
- Corrupt politicians and media

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SINGLE SERVICE SUNDAY W/ HC

9:30 am September 29

A new way to celebrate our unity

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

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: Bingo, Card Games, Cornhole, Fishing and Duck Ponds, Ring Toss, Sack Races, and Tug of War weather permitting. Remember to Bring Lawn Chairs! 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.

We are having a "Cake Walk" with donations of cakes from the congregation. Start planning the cake you will bring.

Response to the Gospel
Our Attendance Last Week

Sunday September 8.....	379
Sunday School	48
Adult Bible Study	46
LifeLight	14

Our Offerings

General Fund	\$7,373.50
Online Offering	<u>\$5,045.97</u>
Total Gen. Fund Offering	\$12,419.47

Prayer List

Keith Bahrns, Joan Koester, Lorri Mayberry, Rick Gregory, Bernetta Marxman, Cobert Mueller, John Romero, Sara Bernhard, Marlin Fortkamp, Stan & Mary Dorney, Lutheran Braille Workers.

LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life

“I pray that you will recognize and value those people in your life who were blessed by God so they could be a blessing to you! I especially pray that you will then use the blessings God has bestowed on you to bless those around you and to pass these blessings on to your own descendants to a thousand generations. Now is the time to pass on the gift. Now is the time to pass the baton to the next runner in the race! To God be all the glory!”

Barbara Lane Geistfeld, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

E.A.S.T.E.R. Class resumes
Sep 28 at 9:30am!

Stewardship Moment

Ephesians 3:14–15 – “For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.” We don’t call our heavenly Father by that name by analogy to our earthly fathers — it’s the other way around: God sets the pattern and image for earthly fathers to follow. He is the real and true Father: kind, loving, strong, faithful, generous, righteous and self-sacrificing. Knowing this Father is the basis for growing into His image, which is the goal of our sanctification.

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.

“This Weeks Sunday School Lesson”

Lesson 4

In today’s lesson, “His Father’s House,” Jesus’ parents travel to Jerusalem as they do each year for the Passover. Returning home, Mary and Joseph notice Jesus’ absence, yet they assume He is among the others in their traveling group. When He doesn’t appear, they return to Jerusalem, searching desperately for three days. They finally find Jesus in the temple, talking with the teachers, who are amazed at His understanding. Despite being in His “Father’s house” (Luke 2:49), Jesus honors His earthly parents and returns to Nazareth with them.

Food Pantry Distribution

The next distribution is Tues., Sept.24th from 3 p.m. - 4 p.m. The Food Pantry is accepting any type of donations for September

Shelby-Effingham-Altamont LLL

Will have a Pork Burger & Bake Sale on the triangle in Altamont
Saturday, Oct. 5th
10am – 1pm
See bulletin board for details

5th Sunday Door Offering

The Board of Social Ministry will be sponsoring a door offering on Sept. 28-29 to benefit the St. John’s Food Pantry. Please make your checks payable to:

St. John’s Food Pantry

Contact Information Requested

In our effort to keep records updated, we have these people for whom we have no address or phone. Please notify the church office if you can help us. Thank you.

Travis Barr, Jeff Keitel, Kelly Keitel, Zach Keitel, Adam Wendling, Larry White, and Lee White

Welcome Charlotte



Have you Stopped in the church office lately and met Charlotte Ruse? She is our Office Assistant, and is learning all the ropes of our busy congregation. It will take her a while to learn your names and faces as you ring the video doorbell coming into the building! Welcome, Charlotte.

Birthday Cards

Birthday cards have been added to the greeting card cabinet. The youth are again taking orders for greeting cards. These students have catalogs (Aleece Lotz, Alexa Westjohn, Kale Mueller, Joel Wolfe, Jenna Bohnhoff, Hayes Hinton, Paisley Bloemer, and Ava Wernsing), or you may pick up a catalog from the cabinet.

Effingham/Shelby Zone Rally

Sept. 18th

St. Paul, Sigel

Registration and Fellowship 8:15am

Rally opening at 9:00am

“SEEK THE LORD”

(Ingathering and other details on the bulletin board)

GOLDEN EAGLE’S DINNER

The Golden Eagles dinner will be on Thursday, September 26, at 12 noon. The menu this month will be fried chicken, roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, carrots, noodles, and desserts. The cost is \$10.00 per person. Our program this month will be presented by Crisis Nursery of Effingham County. 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 by Sunday, September 22nd so the caterer can be notified of the number attending.

St. Paul Lutheran Church Corn Maze with Scavenger Hunt

Fridays 6pm – Midnight

Saturdays 11am – 10pm

Sundays 11am – 5pm

1st weekend: Sept. 27-29

2nd weekend: Oct. 4-6

3rd weekend: Oct. 11-13

4th weekend: Oct. 18-20

Admission into the corn maze is

\$5 per person

Children 5 yrs. and under are FREE.

(See poster on bulletin board)

Bethlehem Lutheran Church (Altamont) Mission Festival Sunday

Join us Sunday, September 22, 7:00 p.m. for our Mission Festival with guest speaker, Rev. Andrew Preus, Pastor of Trinity Lutheran New Haven, MO, and a representative for Luther Classical College. Mission Festival starts at 7:00 p.m. with Vespers Worship Service. Following the service, Rev. Preus will have a presentation about the new Luther Classical College in Casper WY. Ice Cream & Desserts will be provided by the Bethlehem-Zion Youth Group in the Parish Hall.

CALENDAR-----September 15 – September 21, 2024

Sunday	15	8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Worship Services w/HC
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
		9:30 a.m.	Pack Cancer Packs
<i>Preschool -- Monday – Friday 8:00 – 11:30 a.m.</i>			
Monday	16		Pastor Dille’s Sabbath
		Noon	Board of Evangelism
		1:00 p.m.	Cemetery Committee Meeting
		5:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
Tuesday	17		Theological Symposium – St. Louis
Wednesday	18		Theological Symposium – St. Louis
		8:15 am – 2:30 pm	LWML Fall Rally - Sigel
		8:50 am	Preschool Chapel
		1:00 p.m.	Office Staff Devotions/Meeting
		5:00 p.m.	Board of Youth
		5:00 p.m.	Confirmation
		5:15 p.m.	Bell Choir Practice
		6:00 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.	LYF Fellowship
Thursday	19	8:50 a.m.	Preschool Chapel
Friday	20		Pastor Burdick’s Sabbath
Saturday	21	8:00 a.m.	Praise Band Practice
		5:30 p.m.	Worship Service w/HC (Choir)

Birthdays This Week

- 09/15 Clayton Hinton, Irvin Wendte
- 09/16 Carlee Adams, Eileen Wall, Lisa Wilson, Phil Kinkelaar, Sean March
- 09/17 Lee Hartman, Truman Brown
- 09/18 Fred Richter
- 09/19 Marcy Wallace, Mike Conrad
- 09/20 Jill Daniels
- 09/21 Katie French, Kendall Jackson

Anniversaries This Week

- 09/15/1990 Jeff & Melissa Vail
- 09/15/2012 Kent & Niki Bishop
- 09/16/1978 Don & Karen Grupe
- 09/18/1966 Lyle & Jane Tolch
- 09/19/2020 Tyler & Jennifer Marxman
- 09/20/1986 Dennis & Nancy Johnson
- 09/20/2008 Mike & Linda Nolan

St. John’s Food Pantry

Attendance for Months of June, July, and August – 2024.

The pantry fed in 6 distributions.
891 individuals of which were
656 adults
235 children
Representing 369 households

For those 3 months

Pantry purchased food	\$13,704.61
Pantry income was	4,724.81

In 3 months distribution

The pantry sends 9,540 items out the door and averages 10.7 items per person per month.