

THE EAGLE

St. John's Weekly Newsletter September 22, 2024

One of the books I am currently reading for my own devotions is titled *Habits of the Household*. It's written by Justin Whitmel Earley. It discusses the importance of developing Holy Habits while at home. One point that Earley makes in the book is this, "we become our habits, and our kids become us. Which means who our children are becoming is tightly connected to who we are becoming—personally and communally." Earley's goal is to speak to the important role parents have on the development of their children's habits.

Devotional life is one of those habits. It's evident that it is more challenging for parents to get into the rhythm of daily devotions if they did not do them as a child. But it's not impossible. It may look messy and may not be as consistent as you'd like if you are just starting out doing daily devotions, but stick with it, because it matters not just for you, but for your children too.

This is also important for those of us who do not have children. Our habits are not just for the sake of others, but they make a world of difference for us. It not only provides time for us to be in communication with God, but it also helps us to frame our experiences within God's story. If you have been thinking about *Being a Christian in a Post Christian World* lately, you understand the significance of seeing our experiences through the frames of God's true story. It certainly is important to spend time in devotion with God.

My last point for today is this. Don't be discouraged if you haven't perfectly developed the habit of daily devotion. None of us are perfect. By God's grace we know that it is not our actions that save us, but Jesus. So I encourage you to spend time hearing the words of Jesus in daily devotion. Peace,

Pastor Dille

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.

St. John's

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.

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

Response to the Gospel
Our Attendance Last Week

Sunday September 15.....	406
Sunday School	60
Adult Bible Study	47
LifeLight	13

Our Offerings

General Fund	\$6,155.14
Online Offering	<u>\$2,759.54</u>
Total Gen. Fund Offering	\$8,914.68

LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life

“All of us who die in Christ are going to come up like cherry tomatoes in July—‘a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb’ (Revelation 7:9b). I’ll be there, and so will you, all of us celebrating the Lord who loved us and gave Himself for us—He who died like a single seed falling into the earth, and now ‘bears much fruit’ (John 12:24b).”

Dr. Kari Vo – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

Stewardship Moment

Mark 9:32 – “But they did not understand the saying, and were afraid to ask him.”

The disciples really do hold up a mirror to our faces and force us to see ourselves: misunderstanding, afraid, confused. But the Word of God is clear if only we will listen with open ears. What was blocking the disciples’ ears? The Gospels tell us time and again: they did not expect a suffering Christ, and so when Jesus spoke of suffering, they plugged their ears and didn’t listen, so they ended up confused and scared. What about us? What’s in the Word of God that we find hard to hear and contrary to our desires and expectations? That might just be exactly what we need to hear!

Prayer List

Keith Bahrns, Joan Koester, Lorri Mayberry, Rick Gregory, Cobert Mueller, Family of John Romero, Sara Bernhard, Marlin Fortkamp, and Synda Overbeck.

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 5

“The Pointing Prophet” is the title of this week’s lesson. John the Baptist lives in the wilderness, dressed in camel’s hair and eating locusts and honey. John’s message of repentance and preparation draws people to the banks of the Jordan, where they receive Baptism. As the prophet sent to point out the Messiah, John declares, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!” (John 1:29) as Jesus approaches. When John baptizes Jesus in the Jordan, the Spirit descends on Him as the voice of the Father proclaims, “This is My beloved Son”. (Matthew 3:17).

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

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

Life Chain 2024

Sunday, October 6

Respect Life Sunday

2-3 pm Life Chain on Keller Drive

(See the Church Bulletin Board for Details)

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.

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.

Food Pantry Notes:

I would like to invite EVERY person here at St. John's to take a tour of our Food Pantry. Many of you have never seen our operation nor understand ALL the facets that take place to make our mission possible.

First tour: Sunday, Sept. 22 after first service and before Sunday School starts (9:10 – 9:30). (Meet at South Glass doors of church) If that time does not work for you please contact me and I will meet you at your convenience. Once you see the facility, and take a tour I feel you will have a much better understanding of our service provided to needy people. Thank you to those giving their moral support, prayers, and food & monetary gifts so the pantry can continue helping others. Thank you, Patsy Latch

Our sympathy goes out to family and friends of John C. Romero. His funeral was Saturday, September 21st here at St. John's. Memorials may be made to St. John's Lutheran Church, or St. John's Food Pantry.

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 ...

- 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

CALENDAR-----September 22 – September 28, 2024

Sunday	22	8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Worship Services w/HC - Choir
		9:10 – 9:30 a.m.	Food Pantry Tour
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
<i>Preschool -- Monday – Friday 8:00 – 11:30 a.m.</i>			
Monday	23		Pastor Dille’s Sabbath
		5:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
		6:30 p.m.	Board of Early Childhood
		7:00 p.m.	Lutheran Care Board
Tuesday	24	9:00 a.m.	CID BOD Springfield
		3:00 – 4:00 p.m.	Food Pantry
Wednesday	25	8:50 am	Preschool Chapel
		10:00 am	Stephen Ministry
		10:30 am	Preschool – Grandparents Day
		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
		6:40 p.m.	40 Days
Thursday	26	8:50 a.m.	Preschool Chapel
		10:30 am	Preschool – Grandparents Day
		Noon	Golden Eagles
Friday	27		Pastor Burdick’s Sabbath
		5:00 p.m.	Wedding Rehearsal
Saturday	28	9:30 – 11 a.m.	E.A.S.T.E.R. Class
		2:00 p.m.	Kohnert / Christisen Wedding
		5:30 p.m.	Worship Service w/HC

Birthdays This Week

- 09/23 Abigail Keitel, Maddux Wyckoff
- 09/24 Melody Schuette, Rylee Rothrock,
Vicki Darling
- 09/25 Andrew Weber, Angie Sipe,
Dick Hulskotter, Jeanette Worman,
Tanner Veach
- 09/26 Allie Wendling, Cindy Schilling,
Eric Budde, Jason Smith
- 09/27 Rachel Ault
- 09/28 Ashley Jensen, Sylvie Bohnhoff

Anniversaries This Week

- 09/23/1995 Keith & Alice Knight
- 09/23/2023 Kyle & Claire Gibson
- 09/23/2006 Kyle & Rachael Pennington
- 09/24/2016 Cory & Meghan Wahl
- 09/24/1977 Danny & Karen Stevenson
- 09/25/2021 Brandon & Camron Willis
- 09/25/2010 Jonas & Kara Hoedebecke
- 09/25/2021 Mack & Mikayla McWhorter
- 09/25/2009 Samuel & Kylee Hewing
- 09/26/2015 Richard E & Kimberly Ohnesorge
- 09/27/1975 Jeff & Kathy Stremming
- 09/28/2013 Ryan & Morgan Engel