

THE EAGLE

St. John's Weekly Newsletter October 13, 2024

Last week, with a new month, we began a new focus for our leading note when Pastor Burdick kicked off a conversation on **stewardship**. Whether we realize it or not, stewardship is a foundational piece to our lives as Christians. At the heart of it is a recognition that everything we have is a gift from God. Our time is a gift from God... our talents are a gift from God... our possessions are a gift from God... and even our breath each moment is a gift from God. Recognizing this—that everything we have is a gift from God is the foundation of stewardship.

Stewardship is not just how much of our time, talents, and possessions we give back to the church. It's managing our time, talents, and possessions in the ways that God teaches us to. It's important to manage God's gifts to us in accordance with the needs of our own vocations. This means that parents must manage the gifts God gives them for the well-being of their family. It means that children, must do the same for their parents and siblings. Students manage their gifts, which often involve time and talents more than possessions. Each of our different vocations require us to manage our time, talents, and possessions in a holy way.

This does include the most important vocation we have, too. Being God's child. As children of God, we properly use the gifts God gives us to serve him. Whether it is through our time, talents, or possessions, God calls us to give back. As it is often used in scripture, the tithe (giving 10% of time, talents, or possessions back to God) is a great way to do this. However, it is not the only way. There are also a number of ways to serve God by serving your neighbor with time, talents, or possessions here at St. John's. You could help support and volunteer through the Food Pantry, Stephen Ministry, Lydia Guild, and Braille team to just name a few. I encourage you to think about the way you steward God's gifts for you in your vocations this week. May God continue to bless you.

God's Peace,

Pastor Dille

Council Meeting

October 15 at 7:00 p.m.

Voters Assembly

October 22 at 7:00 p.m.



In our Services on October 19 & 20 we will present Pastor Emeritus Bob Backhus a certificate for the 55th Anniversary of his ordination into the holy ministry. What a milestone! What a God we have, Who uses ministers to deliver His grace and truth!

Prayer Campaign for LIFE ... Oct 18

Numerous congregations in our county are banding together to pray for children, parents, leaders, and neighbors in relation to LIFE issues. From 8:00am to 5:00pm, Christians in these churches are praying. Our day for St. John's is Friday, Oct 18. We have posted a sign up sheet with 30-minute increments, so 18 volunteers are needed. You will receive a guide for prayer, and can pray at home or at the church. See the sheet on the bulletin board, and take one of the prayer guides Pastor Burdick prepared. It's not hard, but it is important. It will serve others, and you'll be blessed through your time in the Word and prayer. Please sign up today for a time slot. If there are more than 18 volunteers, that's great ... just double up on a time slot. Thank you.

Sanctuary Refurbishment

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!

Sanctuary Donations

If anyone would like to make a special donation to our refurbishment project. Checks can be made out to St. John's Building Fund.

**Response to the Gospel
Our Attendance Last Week**

Sunday October 6	372
Sunday School.....	50
Adult Bible Classes	47
LifeLight	14

Our Offerings

General Fund.....	\$9,054.30
Online Offering.....	\$7,072.54
Total Gen. Fund Offering	\$16,126.84

LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life

“To God, all life is sacred because He created it. With their faith, the great multitude will stand before the Lamb on Judgment Day, just as we will. So, to us who follow Jesus, we must continue to uphold the sanctity of life for each person, no matter the nation, language, or their political stance.” Diane Albers, President of Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

Stewardship Moment

Hebrews 3:18–19 – “And to whom did He swear that they would not enter His rest, but to those who were disobedient? So we see that they were unable to enter because of unbelief.” Unbelief leads to disobedience — that is, every sin expresses the opposite of faith. True and living faith guides us into the Lord’s way and the Lord’s plan. And when we fall into sin, it’s because we are not trusting the Lord’s goodness and provision.

“This Weeks Sunday School Lesson”

Lesson 8

Today’s lesson, “Living Water,” tells what happens when Jesus and His disciples pass through Samaria on their way from Judea to Galilee. Stopping at Jacob’s well, Jesus remains behind as the disciples go in search of food. When a Samaritan woman comes to draw water, Jesus begins a conversation with her, revealing all her hidden secrets. Through their conversation, the woman recognizes Jesus as the true Messiah, and she spreads the Good News throughout the town.

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.

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.

Spaghetti Supper

Talent Show/Silent Auction

Sunday, November 10th at 5 p.m.

Got talent? If not, try to find it. Tickets will go on sale Oct 19th. There will be a sign-up sheet for those wanting to participate in the talent show. We are asking for baskets for the silent auction which we need by Nov 9.

Food Pantry Distribution

The next distribution is Tues., October 22 from 3 p.m. - 4 p.m. Donations needed for the Food Pantry in October are cans of soup & fruit, cereal bars, and hamburger helper. Also needed are old Portals of Prayers and worship folders as we pack them in the bags we distribute as a way to share the Word of God with them.

The Food Pantry would like to express their thanks to everyone who made monetary donations during the fifth Sunday door offering. These donations help the food pantry to provide for those in need.

Lydia Guild Invitation

The ladies of our church are invited to the Lydia Guild Social on October 29th at 5:30 p.m. We will provide a salad/casserole meal and have Meghan Rewers of Crisis Nursery of Effingham for our guest speaker. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the main hall.

Golden Eagle's Dinner

The Golden Eagles dinner will be on Thursday, October 31, at 12 noon. The menu this month will be pork loin, mashed potatoes with gravy, green bean casserole, carrots, apple sauce, sour dough bread and desserts. The cost is \$10.00 per person. Our program this month will be presented by El Shadai. 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 as soon as possible so the groceries can be purchased.

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.

Faith Lutheran Church Shumway Annual Soup Supper

Sunday October 20, 2024

4:00 p.m. to 7:00p.m.

The menu will consist of Homemade Chicken Noodle Soup, Chili, Hot Dogs, Ham & Cheese Sandwiches, Pies, Cake, and Drinks.

This will be a FREE will offering.

All proceeds will go towards
Faith's Landscaping Projects

Our Sympathy

Goes out to family and friends of Loralee "Lorri" Ann Mayberry. Her visitation and funeral was Friday, October 11th at St. John's. Memorials may be made to St. John's Lutheran Church Food Pantry.

Prayer List

Joan Koester, Family of Lorri Mayberry, Rick Gregory, Cobert Mueller, Sara Bernhard, Marlin Fortkamp, Synda Overbeck, Henrietta Poe, Dwight Klepzig, Nick & Holly Burger, Alvin Siebert, and Kay Boerngen

Quilting for Lutheran World Relief

It's time to begin our quilting project again. We will meet in the multi-purpose on Wednesday, October 16 at 10 a.m. Come and join us anytime during the day and stay as long as you want.

We use clean, used, unstained bed sheets for the backing of these quilt tops. However our supply is running low. If you have some you're willing to contribute please bring them to the church or call Jane Tolch at (217) 690-5171. We use the following sizes: twin, full, queen & king flat sheets. We can also use fitted sheets if they are full, queen or king size.

There will be an ingathering of completed quilts at Holy Cross, Shelbyville, on Friday, October 25. So far we have 60 quilts to take to the ingathering but we'd like to do more.

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.

Congratulations

Nick & Holly Burger on the birth of their baby son Maddox Zayne Burger born on October 9 and to Grandparents David & Kathy Wall.

St. John's Endowment Fund Grant

We are extending the application deadline to October 31, so if you have project ideas bring them to the church office. Applications are in the church office – Stewardship Board.

CALENDAR----- October 13 – October 19, 2024

Sunday	13	8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Worship Services w/HC Commission Pastor Dille as Stephen Leader (8:00 a.m.)
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
<i>Preschool -- Tuesday – Friday 8:00 – 11:30 a.m.</i>			
Monday	14		Pastor Dille’s Sabbath
		5:00 p.m.	Board of Stewardship
		5:15 p.m.	Choir Practice
		6:00 p.m.	Information Meeting for Sanctuary Refurbishment
Tuesday	15	7:00 p.m.	Church Council
Wednesday	16	8:50 a.m.	Preschool Chapel
		9:00 a.m.	Preschool Corn Maze Field Trip
		10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Quilting
		1:00 p.m.	Office Staff Devotions/Meeting
		4:45 p.m.	Bell Choir Practice
		5:00 p.m.	Confirmation
		5:00 p.m.	Board of Youth
		6:00 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.	LYF Fellowship
Thursday	17	8:50 a.m.	Preschool Chapel
		9:00 a.m.	Preschool Corn Maze Field Trip
Friday	18		Pastor Burdick’s Sabbath
		8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Prayer Campaign for LIFE
Saturday	19	8:00 a.m.	Praise Band
		5:30 p.m.	Worship Service w/HC - Choir

Birthdays This Week

- 10/13 Darren Tabbert, Kenna Stewart,
Mark Giesler, Timothy Bailey
- 10/14 Donna Wetherell, Lucas Fread
- 10/15 Gerald Wente, Grant Goldstein,
Jim Bailey
- 10/16 Stanley Moeller
- 10/17 Erica Palmer, Kami Bahrns,
Katy Higgs, Laura Janis, Lonni Weis
- 10/18 Brenda Osborne, David Althoff,
Evan Pryor
- 10/19 Amelia Hippchen, Blair Smith,
Craig Bailey, Renee Keitel,
Steve Backhus

Anniversaries This Week

- 10/14/2007 Kelsey & Tim Rentfro
- 10/15/1983 Mike & Joanne Schlechte
- 10/17/1970 David & Carol Althoff
- 10/17/2015 Ryan & Amanda Rieman
- 10/19/1969 Don & Patsy Latch
- 10/19/2013 Jason & Megan Smith
- 10/19/2014 Kris & Molly Lipe
- 10/19/2019 Kyle & Bailey Willenborg
- 10/19/2019 Tony & Karine Castillo