

THE EAGLE

St. John's Weekly Newsletter October 20, 2024

Hand-made quilts are draped over many pews in the sanctuary this weekend. Ladies of the church have made them to be shipped later this week to folks near and far. Beautiful. Practical. Old fabric being used for new purposes. Sewn with love for neighbor and in trust of God. It's good stewardship.

This is one of the many ways we can love our neighbor. We give away the things God has entrusted to us, like old fabric and the talents of our hands. We also give away a portion of the wages we receive to support the mission of the Church. *Firstfruits*, not leftovers. *Joyful*, not reluctant. *Regular*, not haphazard. These characteristics of our offerings flow from faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. And the Gospel is shared with others through the ministry of St. John's, the Central Illinois District, and the LCMS. God's work is accomplished through our offerings.

May the quilts that are blessed and sent this week be a simple reminder of God's mercy for our neighbors. May our financial offerings this year and next be used for the mission of the Church – Proclaim the Christ, Grow the Family, and Love the Neighbor. For the glory of God!



*"Each one must give as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. **8And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.***

⁹As it is written, "He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever."

¹⁰He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹You will be enriched in every way for all your generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God."

(2 Corinthians 9:7-11)

Voters Assembly

October 22 at 7:00 p.m.

2025 Slate of Officers

President – Jeff Weis
Vice President – Adam Bohnhoff
Treasurer – Marcy Scott
Secretary – Linda Marxmann

2025 Board Nominees

Board of Christian Education – Sarah Wyckoff
Board of Early Childhood – Eric Hanks
Board of Elders – Todd Zeigler and Greg Perry
Board of Evangelism – Marilyn Schaefer
Board of Social Ministry – Jane Tolch
Board of Stewardship – Jeanette Worman
Board of Trustees – Lyle Tolch
Board of Youth Ministry – Donetta Ohnesorge



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!

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.

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.

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.

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

Sunday October 13	343
Sunday School.....	23
Adult Bible Classes	52
LifeLight	20

Our Offerings

General Fund.....	\$7,330.00
Online Offering.....	\$2,826.98
Total Gen. Fund Offering	\$10,156.98

LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life

“God’s grace is costly (the Cross is the best symbol of all) and God is ‘for us, not against us’ because God is the God of creation and nature, history and eternal destiny (Romans 8). Here St. Paul reminds us that we are all adopted into Christ. Just as we are all transformed by the renewing of our minds (Romans 12), so the Gospel has shaped our earthly adoptions and our families—now including three beautiful granddaughters! In our Triune God we are born to a new and living hope, a pro-life and pro-adoption one!”

Photo: Linn and Terri Rosenthal - A Life Quote from Lutherans for Life - lutheransforlife.org

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.

“This Weeks Sunday School Lesson”

Lesson 9

As we gather today, we will study “The Poolside Sign.” For thirty-eight years, a paralyzed man has lain by the pool of Bethesda, hoping to enter it and receive healing. Jesus asks if he desires healing and then tells the man to take up his bed and walk. When the Jews see the man carrying his bed on the Sabbath, they question him about who told him to do this, but the man doesn’t know who Jesus is. After encountering Jesus at the temple, the man reports back to the Jewish leaders, who persecute Jesus.

Thank You

For all your prayers and Donations to the Food Pantry. - From the Lorri Mayberry Family

Youth Corner Upcoming Events

Online Shirt Store

Store closes Nov. 1

Shirts delivered 1st week of December

<https://runionclothing.com/collections/st-john-lutheran-church-effingham-il>



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.

Menu Spaghetti w/ Marinara & Meat or Alfredo & Meat, Salad, Breadsticks, Dessert and Drink.

Advanced tickets cost: Adults (ages 13 and up) \$12. Children (ages 5 - 12) \$7 and 4 and under are free. Tickets if purchased at the door are \$15

There will be the meal, silent/live auction and the talent show. Still looking for acts. Sign up on the bulletin board.

GREAT NIGHT FOR EVERYONE!

Greeting Cards

Please find a greeting card catalog and take with you, if you'd like to order cards. Next weekend, the 27th will be the last time to order. You may text Donna Wetherell with questions at 217-343-6901

Prayer List

Phil Wendling, Rick Gregory, Cobert Mueller, Sara Bernhard, Marlin Fortkamp, Synda Overbeck, Henrietta Poe, Dwight Klepzig, Alvin Siebert, and Kay Boerngen

Stewardship Moment

Mark 10:29–30 – “Jesus said, ‘Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for my sake and for the Gospel, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life.’” This is Jesus’ encouragement for every faithful disciple — let it encourage you today .

Golden Eagles 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.

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.

Holy Communion Preparation Volunteers Needed.



Individuals and whole families can serve! We ask that you take time to sign up on the hallway bulletin board for the time(s) you can serve. You don't have to serve the entire weekend. See the bulletin board and choose a slot in which you can fill, or transition after a Service, or clean and put away after the final Service. Since we have created the new Sacristy, your service has been made easier. Questions, Lisa Norton, Altar Guild Chair.

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.

Quilting for Lutheran World Relief

It's time to begin our quilting project again. We will meet in the multi-purpose on Wednesday, October 23 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 donate 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.

Annual Ladies Aid Chili Supper and Bake Sale

St. John's Lutheran Church in Louisville
Sunday November 3, 2024
4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

The menu includes Chili and Vegetable Soup,
Sandwiches, Desserts and Drinks
(Take out will be available)

Free Will Offering will go for supporting the Ladies Aid Program and Bake Sale proceeds will go to Seminary Student Hunter Kinnison and Hurricane Helene Relief – LCMS Disaster Response. St. John's is located on Effingham-Clay Co. Line. 17684 1st Ave, Louisville, IL

CALENDAR----- October 20 – October 26, 2024

Sunday	20	8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Worship Services w/HC – Choir
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
		4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Schroeder's Hayride/Weiner Roast
<i>Preschool -- Monday – Friday 8:00 – 11:30 a.m. (Unless otherwise noted)</i>			
<i>Pastor Burdick's Vacation October 21st – November 3rd</i>			
Monday	21		Pastor Dille's Sabbath
Tuesday	22	3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Food Pantry
		5:00 p.m.	Altar Guild
		7:00 p.m.	Voters Assembly
Wednesday	23	8:50 a.m.	Preschool Chapel
		10:00 a.m.	Stephen Ministry
		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
		6:00 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.	LYF Fellowship
Thursday	24	8:50 a.m.	Preschool Chapel
Friday	25		No Preschool
Saturday	26	8:00 a.m.	Praise Band
		9:30 a.m. – 11 a.m.	E.A.S.T.E.R.
		5:30 p.m.	Worship Service w/HC – Reformation Sunday

Birthdays This Week

- 10/20 Chuck Mayberry, Eric Schoonover, Gloria Fortkamp
- 10/21 Ryan Sandifer
- 10/22 Dorothy Belcher, Jessica Johnson, Kaden Junge, Waneta March
- 10/23 Alan Bahrns, Wesley Osborn
- 10/24 Arabella Flach, Bob Brinkopf, Rosie Gibbons
- 10/25 Becky Bailey, Erica Marxmann, Larry Gehle
- 10/26 Cavan Snow, Derek Sanders, Kohen Baker, Pat Wendte

Anniversaries This Week

- 10/20/1963 Dwight & Kay Klepzig
- 10/22/2022 Alexis & Zak Kjaer
- 10/22/2005 Larry & Dawn Quicksall
- 10/23/1976 Lee & Karen Hartman



Reformation Rally

Celebrating the 507th Anniversary of the Reformation is October 27th here at Immanuel Altamont at 5:00 PM. The ALIS children will sing for the service.

Rev. Michael W. Salemink will be preaching for the service.

Rev. Salemink began serving as Executive Director-elect of Lutherans for Life in August 2015 and became Executive Director on January 1, 2016. He received a BA in theology from Concordia University Chicago, River Forest, Illinois, in 1999 and a Master of Divinity from Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana, in 2003.

Everyone, please join us for this special service!