

# THE EAGLE

*St. John's Weekly Newsletter October 27, 2024*

## Pastor's Note

Today marks our final Eagle discussion on Stewardship for this month, but we urge you to continue thinking about what it means to steward the gifts God gives you. Stewardship is the way that we manage the gifts that God gives us. It has been at the heart of the Christian life since God created Adam and commanded him to "have dominion over creation." (Gen. 1:28). It is central to our lives as children of God.

One great way to remind yourselves of this fact is to think about the gifts God has given you. To think about the different vocations or roles God has given you. To think about the family and friends God has given you. To think about the material blessings God has given you and the timeliness of those blessings. Think also about the ways in which you can use those gifts to help your neighbors. God certainly blesses each of us and does so differently. This is a blessing as long as we look to Him and His Word to tell us how we should manage them.

In a 2012 article published by the LCMS titled *Stewardship: A Theological Perspective*, the author writes, "Stewardship is but a synonym for the life of a Christian who is living rightly within all of his relationships: before God as before his fellow creatures. Stewardship is the Christian life and the Christian life is stewardship." I'll end with this, just as sure as Christian life is stewardship, both can only be done properly when we recognize that everything we have is a gift from God. It makes me think of the hymn, "We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be; all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee."

The Lord Bless you,

*Pastor Dille*

## Prayer List

Phil Wendling, Rick Gregory, Synda Overbeck, Sara Bernhard, Marlin Fortkamp, Henrietta Poe, Dwight Klepzig, Alvin Siebert, Kay Boerngen, Marilyn Schaefer, and the Family of Ben Keller.

## A Note on the Reformation

On October 31, 1517, Martin Luther posted the 95 Theses on the doors of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany. So, 507 years later, why do we still spend so much time discussing the Reformation? We continue to talk about it because it not only sparked the Lutheran movement and the Lutheran Church we are part of today, but also redirected the church back to the significance of God's grace. The primary theological distinction of the Lutheran Reformation was that we are saved by God's grace alone, not by our own works. Numerous princes and representatives of this reformatory centered focus on Scripture in the Church became martyrs for the sake of God's grace. We remember those faithful leaders who adhered to the motto of the Reformation and the Lutheran Church: Grace Alone, Faith Alone, and Scripture Alone. May we continue to prioritize what is right and trust in God's grace, not our own works.



## Reformation Rally

Celebrating the 507<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation is October 27<sup>th</sup> 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!

## Greeting Cards

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

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

Sunday October 20 .....	363
Sunday School.....	41
Adult Bible Classes .....	41
LifeLight .....	11

**Our Offerings**

General Fund .....	\$5,706.94
Online Offering.....	\$2,971.55
<b>Total Gen. Fund Offering</b>	<b>\$8,678.49</b>

**LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life**

“Do not doubt, dear sister, dear brother, in the midst of your piercing grief, that you are not alone. Jesus stands with you and the whole company of His heaven stands with you, God’s gang, you might say. So stand firm with God as your mighty fortress, for you are not alone. But the ‘same kinds of suffering you are experiencing are being experienced by your sisters and brothers throughout the world,’ 1 Peter tells us. Yes, the people who are mourning are blessed because they will be comforted.”

Rev. Dr. John Nunes, guest speaker on "The Lutheran Hour" – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

**Food Pantry Distribution**

The next distribution is Tues., November 12 from 3 p.m. - 4 p.m. The Food Pantry is accepting any type of donations for November. 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 10

“The Matthew Matter” is the title of today’s lesson. Jesus encounters Matthew sitting at his tax booth. He tells Matthew to follow Him, and Matthew responds immediately, inviting Jesus to his home. There, Jesus and His disciples dine with other tax collectors and sinners despite the criticism of the Pharisees. When Jesus hears their comments, He reminds them that only those who recognize the sickness of their sin rejoice in the healing He alone can provide.

**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.

**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. 27<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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!**

**Fall Breakfast**

St John Lutheran Church - Dieterich

Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup>

7:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Breakfast includes: eggs, sausage, pancakes, biscuits and gravy, and assorted baked goods

Free will donation and carry out available

All proceeds will go to St. John/St. Paul Lutheran Youth Fellowship and LCMS Disaster Relief Fund. – Details on the Bulletin Board.

### **Stewardship Moment**

**Romans 3:20 – “For by works of the law no human being will be justified in His sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.”** The Law of God is good — it’s just that we sinners cannot save ourselves by the Law. Salvation is a free gift of God because that is the only way we could ever be saved. The Law shows us God’s holiness and thus our own sin. And now in Christ we can look at the Law and see it in a new light as well: as a guide for how to live a godly life in thanksgiving to God for His gracious forgiveness in Christ.

### **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 29<sup>th</sup> 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**

Ends on October 31

The boxes are 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**

Experience not required! We can use you if you can cut fabric, piece items together, sew, and/or tying quilts. We will meet in the multi-purpose room on Wednesday, October 30 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.

### **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.

### **Our Sympathy**

Comforts of prayer to Dana & Rick Keller and family at the death of their son, Ben.

### **Annual Ladies Aid**

#### **Chili Supper and Bake Sale**

St. John’s Lutheran Church in Louisville

Sunday November 3 - 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

The menu includes Chili and Vegetable Soup, Sandwiches, Desserts and Drinks

Free Will Offering – Details on the Bulletin Board.

**CALENDAR----- October 27 – November 2, 2024**

Sunday	27	8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Worship Service w/HC – Reformation Sunday
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
		2:00 p.m.	Halloween Parade
<i>Preschool -- Monday – Friday 8:00 – 11:30 a.m. (Unless otherwise noted)</i>			
<i>Pastor Burdick’s Vacation October 21<sup>st</sup> – November 3<sup>rd</sup></i>			
Monday	28		Pastor Dille’s Sabbath
		5:15 p.m.	Choir
		6:30 p.m.	Board of Early Childhood
		7:00 p.m.	Lutheran Care Board
Tuesday	29	5:30 p.m.	Lydia Guild Social
Wednesday	30	8:50 a.m.	Preschool Chapel
		10:00 a.m.	Preschool Pumpkin Party/Trunk or Treat
		10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Quilting for Lutheran World Relief
		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	31	8:50 a.m.	Preschool Chapel
		10:00 a.m.	Preschool Pumpkin Party/Trunk or Treat
		12:00 p.m.	Golden Eagles
Friday	1		
Saturday	2		All Saints Day
		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

**Birthdays This Week**

- 10/27 Carolyn Campton, Kathy Giesler, Lois Budde
- 10/28 Brooke Haller, Margie Sidwell, Nathan Bahrns
- 10/29 Carol Althoff, Lucas Keitel, Zac Bloemer
- 10/31 Brian Marxman, Melissa Goldstein, Ruth Holland, Sam Wagner
- 11/01 Anna Rieman, Greg Keitel, Jackson Fritch
- 11/02 Brendan Keller, Kyle Pennington, Synda Overbeck, Tate Bloemer, Walter Koester

**Anniversaries This Week**

- 10/29/2016 Darcie & Brennan Buening
- 10/30/2010 James & Rebecca Belcher



**It’s Time to Set Your Clocks Back 1 Hour**  
**Sunday, Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>**