

THE EAGLE

St. John's Weekly Newsletter October 6, 2024

You have probably grown accustomed to two or three topical notes that always appear in our weekly Eagle. They may be so familiar that you no longer read them. Believe me, I do it, too. Thus, this month our weekly stewardship blurb is going to move to this place, the pastors' leading note.

If we say "stewardship" do you think money? Most of us do, but we don't have to. Rather, we can think management of gifts we don't own. It is my hope and prayer that I, as well as my kids and grandkids, my congregation, and my neighbors will not think that we own anything. We're stewards, managers. All things are gifts temporarily placed in our hands.

Marriage is one of those gifts! If we were using the usual Readings in services this weekend -- instead of the LWML Mission readings for "Ready to Serve" -- we'd be hearing of the blessing of Adam and Eve and the first marriage. Here's the stewardship blurb associated with that reading:

Mark 10:6 – **"But from the beginning of creation ..."** In recent years our country, along with most (formerly) Christian nations of Europe, have lost their way when it comes to marriage. We have ignored the fact that it is God who created us. We always go off-the-tracks when we forget that He made us and that everything good in this world comes from His hand. In big things and in small things, in the life of a nation or the life of an individual, things go dreadfully wrong when we ignore the Creator's instructions for life.

Stewardship of marriage begins with acknowledging that it's a gift from God, not a human construct.

Stewardship of *time* is the same. Thank You, Father – grant me wisdom to manage it in godly ways.



P.S. The other two usual topics in the Eagle are on today's Sunday School Lesson and the LIFE Thought. Do you have time to notice them?

Board Reports

are Due Tuesday, October 8.

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!



Christ caring for people through people

**STEPHEN
MINISTRY**

Next Sunday in
our 8:00am
Service we will
commission

Pastor Dille as our additional Stephen Leader. He recently completed training and joins Jan Martins as leader of our Stephen Ministry. You'll soon hear about upcoming opportunities to be trained as a Stephen Minister, or to connect yourself and others to a Stephen Minister.

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.

Quilting

will be starting on October 15.

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

Sunday, September 29 296

Our Offerings

General Fund.....\$6,012.00

Online Offering.....\$2,976.95

Total Gen. Fund Offering \$8,988.95

LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life

“Having received God’s gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation in His divine services to us in our congregations, we jointly put on His armor (Ephesians 6:10-18) in the public square, proclaiming Christ and Him crucified for the forgiveness of sins, even those of babies still in the womb. In so doing, we advocate for the sanctity of life from the moment of fertilization and pray that God will use us to change the hearts of the abortion-minded in our communities.”

Dr. Roni Grad, Catalina Lutheran Church Life Team and National Lutherans For Life Board of Directors member – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

“This Weeks Sunday School Lesson”

Lesson 7

Today, we will study “The Born-Again Truth.” Nicodemus, a leader of the Jewish Council, comes to see Jesus under cover of darkness. Puzzled by Jesus’ instruction that one must be born again to enter the kingdom of God, Nicodemus asks how someone can be physically reborn. Jesus gently instructs Nicodemus as He explains the spiritual rebirth found only in Christ. Christ alone is the light come into the world to save us from the darkness of our sin.

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!

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.

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.

**National Youth Gathering
Mandatory Meeting**

Sunday, October 6th

Parent and student(s) must attend one of the two meetings on this date if planning to go to NYG. Meeting Times - Right after the 10:30 a.m. church service (approximately 11:45) or at 6:00 p.m. at this time students will be asked for the deposit of \$395 (**which is non-refundable**). This money can be taken from their accounts. Account information is posted downstairs in the LYF room and multi-purpose room.

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.

**Talent Show/Silent Auction
(with Spaghetti meal)**

Sunday, November 10th at 5 p.m.

Got talent? If not, try to find it. There will be tickets sold later in October.

Food Pantry Distribution

The next distribution is Tues., October 8 from 3 p.m. - 4 p.m. The Food Pantry is accepting any type of donations for September

Life Chain 2024

Sunday, October 6

Respect Life Sunday

1:30 p.m. Life Chain at Sacred Heart

(See the Church Bulletin Board for Details)

Sanctuary Refurbishment

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

**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

Family Picnic



Special thanks to the Social Board and the Youth Board – and Todd & Sonya Martin – for serving up a great Church Picnic last Sunday. Over 150 enjoyed the feast and the fun. What a day. One of the children said, “best day ever!” Let’s do it again.

Our sympathy goes out to family and friends of Keith Harold Bahrns. His visitation will be at 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 10th. The funeral will be at 11:00 a.m. here at St. John’s. Memorials may be made to St. John’s Lutheran Church, or St. John’s Food Pantry.

Trinity Ladies Aid and Women of Trinity, Stewardson, made the Effingham/Shelby Zone banner for the LWML Central Illinois District Convention in Rock Island, IL, April 26-27, 2024. The theme “Hark the Voice of Jesus Calling” was based on Luke 10:2 where Jesus calls for workers in the harvest fields.

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.

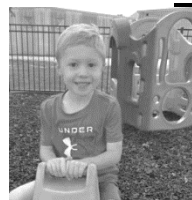
Prayer List

Joan Koester, Lorri Mayberry, Rick Gregory, Cobert Mueller, Sara Bernhard, Marlin Fortkamp, Synda Overbeck, Family of Keith Bahrns, Marty Vail, and Christopher, Cheyenne & baby Sandifer.

Congratulations

Christopher & Cheyenne Sandifer on the birth of their baby girl Eleanor Elizabeth Sandifer born on October 2 and to Grandmother Sara Sandifer and to Great Grandmother Judy Joerngens.

Eagle’s Nest Preschool



Our students have been enjoying the outdoors and our weekly Chapel Services recently. Praise God!

Anniversaries This Week

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| 10/06/1963 | Ronnie & Duckie Johnson |
| 10/09/2004 | Nick & Lindsey Stewart |
| 10/10/2008 | Benjamin & Stephanie Sams |
| 10/10/2015 | Jacob & Breannah Westjohn |
| 10/10/1981 | Jerry & Cathy Bloemer |
| 10/10/1981 | Kal & Renee Keitel |
| 10/10/1992 | Kevin & Becky Wenthe |
| 10/11/1997 | Timothy & Tabitha Bailey |
| 10/12/2013 | Jordan & Arielle Grupe |
| 10/12/2019 | Madisson & Bradley Marcum |
| 10/12/2013 | Mallory & Bryce Weber |

CALENDAR----- October 6 – October 12, 2024

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| Sunday | 6 | 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. | Worship Services w/HC |
| | | 9:15 a.m. | Sunday School |
| | | 11:45 a.m. or 6:00 p.m. | NYG Meeting |
| <i>Preschool -- Monday – Friday 8:00 – 11:30 a.m.</i> | | | |
| Monday | 7 | | Pastor Dille’s Sabbath |
| | | | CID Pastor Conference – Carlyle |
| | | 4:00 p.m. | Sanctuary Refurbishment Meeting |
| | | 5:30 p.m. | Choir Practice |
| Tuesday | 8 | | CID Pastor Conference – Carlyle |
| | | 1:00 p.m. | Prayer Shawl |
| | | 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. | Food Pantry |
| | | 5:15 p.m. | Board of Social Ministry |
| | | 5:30 p.m. | Board of Trustees |
| Wednesday | 9 | 8:50 a.m. | Preschool Chapel |
| | | 10:00 a.m. | Stephens Ministry |
| | | 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. | Braille Lunch |
| | | 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 |
| Thursday | 10 | 8:50 a.m. | Preschool Chapel |
| | | 6:30 p.m. | Board of Elders |
| Friday | 11 | | Pastor Burdick’s Sabbath |
| | | | No Preschool |
| Saturday | 12 | 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 |

Birthdays This Week

- 10/06 Abby Burdick, Andrew Moeller, Andy Janis, Dennis Marxmann, Judy Ziegler, Kendra Daman, Tammy Phillips
- 10/07 Ann Gehle, Delanie Hinton, Kade Bishop, Neal Mellendorf, Sandy Bernhard, Zachary Keitel
- 10/08 Brianne Brach, Dana Keller, Jacob Miller, Quinn Ziegler,

- Sonja Martin
- 10/09 Roslyn Veach
- 10/10 Alex Baughman, Joanna Davies, Meredith Roderick, Mike Kennedy
- 10/11 Bryan Wilson, Evan Smith, Jerry Lankford, Kayla Darling, Sandra Mietzner, Sheryl Radloff
- 10/12 Linda Wells