

# THE EAGLE

*St. John's Weekly Newsletter November 10, 2024*

BUT hallow the  
LORD  
CHRIST  
in your hearts.

*"Come, Lord Jesus."*

In many households, those well-worn words begin a meal together. Rightly so – except, perhaps, that Jesus isn't our guest, but we are *His*. Yet I'm not interested in changing the old prayer. I am interested in changing our minds. Changing our perspective. Thinking more often – daily, hourly – of how short the time may be before our Lord Jesus comes again. He may return in judgment and grace before I complete the typing of this short note for The Eagle. So be it.

*Come, Lord Jesus! And if Thou dost not come again before my dear Church family reads this note, come and change our minds so that we are all mindful that Thou art in charge of all things, and we are Thine own dear disciples. Only in Thee, are we ready for judgment. Keep us mindful in repentance and joyful expectation. Amen!*

When Kathy and I travelled to Japan, we didn't anticipate Abby dying so suddenly. Judgment and grace came to her at an unexpected time in our eyes. But not the Lord's eyes. And He had her ready. The funeral pall upon her casket was a declaration of that. She heard the same Word you hear, and believed. "Come, Lord Jesus" was her prayer, too.

No matter who our elected officials are, Christ is Lord of lords, King of kings, and Potentate of presidents. And He is coming again. Soon. Repent. Rejoice. Daily.

***"Now to Him Who is able to do far more abundantly than all we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to Him be glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen."*** (Eph 3:20-21)  
Come, Lord!

Our words cannot capture our gratitude for every way in which you have loved and comforted us and all our family, but sincerely ... Thank you!



## **Thanksgiving Eve & Day Services**

Thanksgiving Eve Worship at 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 27

Thanksgiving Day Worship 9:00 a.m.

Thursday, November 28

***O give thanks unto the LORD!***

## **Offerings**

It's that time of year again. If you are giving your *offerings online* & no longer wish to use your envelopes, please let us know in the church office by Thurs., Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> so we may release your envelope number. If you are currently not using offering envelopes but would like to, please contact the office by Thurs., Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>.

## **Church Directory**

Our church office has put together a current church directory and they are now ready for you to pick up in the Fellowship Hall. There is one per family. If you don't see one with your name on it please contact the church office. Thank you!

## **Haiti Breakfast**

Join us in the Fellowship Hall for the Haiti Hunger Fight Breakfast on Sun., Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>. Breakfast is served at 8:30 a.m. **Please sign up on the sign up sheet on the bulletin board.** Thank you for your continued support for this project, which helps some of the 'least of these,' in our world.

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

Sunday November 3.....	421
Sunday School .....	39
Adult Bible Classes .....	55
LifeLight .....	15

**Our Offerings**

General Fund .....	\$8,029.97
Online Offering .....	<u>\$6,277.05</u>
<b>Total Gen. Fund Offering</b>	<b>\$14,307.02</b>

**LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life**

For no one of those who are alive today knows where he was during the first two years, when he lived either in the womb ... Yet he lived at that time, and he was a body joined to a soul—a body adapted to all natural functions.” Martin Luther

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**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.

**“This Weeks Sunday School Lesson”**

**Lesson 12**

“A Confident Confession” is the title of today’s lesson. Jesus asks His disciples two very direct questions: “Who do people say I am?” and “Who do you say I am?” (Matthew 16:13, 15). Peter’s bold confession, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God” (v. 16), prompts Jesus to commend his words and proclaim this truth as the rock upon which the Church will be built. When Jesus foretells His death and resurrection, Peter objects and becomes a hindrance to Jesus’ mission. Jesus rebukes Peter and keeps His focus on the cross.

**Angel Tree**

It’s time to once again collect toys for FISH. Bring new, unwrapped toys to the Atrium beginning Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup>

**Youth Corner Upcoming Events**



**Spaghetti Supper**  
**Talent Show/Silent Auction**

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

Doors open at 4:30 p.m.

Serving starts at 5 p.m.

**NYG Youth are needed to help work this event!**

**Ticket Sales will END at 9:00am SUNDAY.**

Please make sure you sign up or tell us if you are planning on doing an act so we have things that are needed for you.

NYG students please bring your desserts to the church by noon on Sunday.

**Advent Soup Meals**

**Save the Date**

*Wed., Dec 4 Lunch & Dinner*

**Cookie Walk**

This year the Cookie Walk will be held on *Saturday, Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> & Sunday, Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>*

**Lydia Guild Invitation**

The ladies of the Lydia Guild are taking orders for That’s My Pan! to raise money for the Effingham Crisis Nursery. You will find a variety of personalized products to order! By placing an order, you help us raise funds and in turn receive a fun, personalized gift that will last a lifetime. All orders need to be submitted by Nov 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Advent**

Advent begins December 4<sup>th</sup>. Make, buy, or dust off your Advent Wreath! Our daily devotions will be titled “Come, Let Us Adore Him” Wait to celebrate Christmas ... let Advent prepare you well.

**Sympathy**

Our prayers go out to family and friends of Benjamin B. Keller. His funeral was Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup> here at St. John’s. Memorials may be made to St. John’s Eagle’s Nest Preschool or St. John’s Food Pantry.

### Stewardship Moment

**Mark 12:44 – “For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”** From Old Testament times right through to today the Lord has urged us to give to His work in the church in *proportion* to how He has blessed us. He has also called us to *sacrificial* giving, that is, giving that actually costs us something. That’s the shape of true Christian generosity.

### 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.

### Dollar for Missions

Dollar for Missions finds itself able to include an unexpected project this year. Furnace replacements at the campus ministry center in Macomb did not cost as much as anticipated, so CID can now devote incoming dollars to a couple of needed items at University Lutheran Church, Champaign: new toilets in a men’s room and a new water heater. This project is for \$5,000. Will that amount be received by the end of 2024? You can help. For additional information please visit [www.cidlcms.org](http://www.cidlcms.org).

### Sympathy

Our prayers go out to family and friends of Abigail Jean Burdick. Her funeral was Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup> here at St. John’s. Memorials may be made to St. John’s Lutheran Church, or Lutherans for Life.

### 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, November 13 at 10 a.m. Come and join us anytime during the day and stay as long as you want. Call Jane Tolch at (217) 690-5171 if you have any questions.

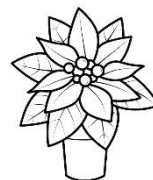
### St. Paul Blue Point Lutheran Ladies Aid of Altamont

will host their Annual Soup Supper on Sunday November 10, 2024. Serving will begin at 4:00 and continue till 7:00p.m. Menu includes: chili, chicken noodle soup, barbecue and chicken salad sandwiches, hot dogs, homemade pies and desserts, and drinks. Free Will Offering. There will also be a bake sale and craft bazaar. The Church is located 4 mile north of Altamont, then 2 miles east.

### Prayer List

Phil Wendling, Sara Bernhard, Marlin Fortkamp, Henrietta Poe, Dwight Klepzig, Kay Boerngen, Evelyn Schumaker, Abby Gordon, Marilyn Schaefer, and the Burdick Family.

Thanksgiving for the service of our veterans...and for the blessings of true faith in Christ for remaining veterans.



### Poinsettias

It is that time of year again! The 8” poinsettia is \$20. Please place your orders in the office by Sunday, Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>

### Office Closing

The Office will be closed Mon., Nov. 11 in observance of Veteran’s Day.



**CALENDAR----- November 10 – November 16, 2024**

Sunday	10	8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Worship Service w/HC
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
		5:00 p.m.	Spaghetti Supper/Talent Show/Silent Auction
<i>Preschool -- Monday – Friday 8:00 – 11:30 a.m. (Unless otherwise noted)</i>			
Monday	11		Pastor Dille’s Sabbath
			Office Closed - Veteran’s Day
			No Preschool - Veteran’s Day
		5:00 p.m.	Board of Stewardship
		5:15 p.m.	Choir Practice
Tuesday	12	1:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl
		3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Food Pantry
		5:15 p.m.	Board of Social Ministry
Wednesday	13	8:50 a.m.	Preschool Chapel
		10:00 a.m.	Stephen Ministry
		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	14	8:50 a.m.	Preschool Chapel
		6:30 p.m.	Board of Elders
Friday	15		Pastor Burdick’s Sabbath
Saturday	16	8:00 a.m.	Praise Band
		5:30 p.m.	Worship Service w/HC - Choir

**Birthdays This Week**

- 11/10 Eli Gordon, Jake Devall, Jill Boone
- 11/11 Amanda Brummer, Bernetta Marxman
- 11/12 Billy Genaust, Dennis Siebert,
- 11/13 Lanette Stuckey, Lynn Kuhn,  
Richard Devall, Wade Marxman
- 11/14 Craig Logan, Doug Stuckemeyer,  
John Bejma, Logan Weis
- 11/15 Betty Carter, Paisley Bloemer,  
Rae Ann Wagner, Treva Brandt
- 11/16 Abel Wilson, Cloie Bailey

**Anniversaries This Week**

- 11/11/1951 George & Anne Young
- 11/11/2016 Jared & Kristen Probst
- 11/11/1995 Larry & Jane Probst
- 11/12/1988 Jack & Linda Miller
- 11/14/1964 Mike & Linda Cushman
- 11/15/1987 Kevin & Kathy Shingler
- 11/16/2002 Christopher & Heather St. John
- 11/16/1973 Jim & Carol Klein