

THE EAGLE

St. John's Weekly Newsletter November 17, 2024

What do you see in the world around you? The answer to that question depends on the way each of us see the world around us. It's true that each of us may see different things in the world around us. Some of us may see nothing but pain and desolation. While others of us may see the joyous things God has placed around us. Some of us may see what looks like chaos, while others of us may see the boring. It's clear that what we see in the world around us varies because of our own experiences.

Yet, as Christians, we are all united as we look forward to seeing what God has in store for us in the future. You'll notice that the title for this week's sermon is More Than Meets the Eye. At the heart of this message is this: We need to stay aware of what we will see when Jesus returns. It's easy to get lost thinking about the things that we see day in and day out. To get caught up in the joy and the sorrows of this life. And even though it is appropriate and good to live in the joys and sorrows of this life, it is never appropriate to do so without the hope of Christ's return.

Jesus says something similar in Mark 13. He tells the disciples "Be on your guard." (Mark 13:9). He warns the disciples that things will get hard. He promises that the Gospel will get shared to all nations and that they will be persecuted for sharing the Gospel. But Jesus promises the following in Mark 13:13: "the one who endures to the end will be saved."

That promise is true for all of God's people. Even you. That's why it's so important that we talk about end times. Because Jesus says that those who endure to the end of their life will be saved. I encourage you to remember that God has called you into His family and He will continue to call you His own even after life as we know it today ends. Whether that is when Jesus returns, or our body fails us. We look forward to Jesus' promise of perfection. Come soon Lord Jesus.

God's Peace,

Pastor Dille

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!

Offering Envelopes

If you are giving your offerings online & no longer wish to use your envelopes or if you are currently not using offering envelopes but would like to, please contact the office by Next Sunday, Nov. 24th

Haiti Breakfast

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall for the Haiti Hunger Fight Breakfast and Appeal **this Sunday!** Breakfast is served at 8:30 a.m. Thank you for your continued support for this project, which helps some of the 'least of these,' in our world.



GOLDEN EAGLE'S DINNER

The Golden Eagles dinner will be Thursday, November 21, at 12 noon. This will be our Thanksgiving meal catered by Deb's. The menu will be turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes & gravy, salad, carrots and desserts. Our program this month will be presented by the Lutheran Care Center. 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 bulletin board in the atrium. If you're planning to attend you **MUST sign up this weekend.** The caterer needs the number to prepare for by Tuesday.

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

Sunday November 10	400
Sunday School.....	35
Adult Bible Classes	38
LifeLight	15

Our Offerings

General Fund.....	\$6,051.11
Online Offering.....	<u>\$3,565.55</u>
Total Gen. Fund Offering	\$9,616.66

LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life

“If we find ourselves with a desire that nothing in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that we were made for another world.” C.S. Lewis (Mere Christianity)

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“This Weeks Sunday School Lesson”

Lesson 13

Today, we will study “A Mountaintop Wonder.” Jesus takes His inner circle—Peter, James, and John—up on a mountain. There, they see Jesus in His heavenly glory as Moses and Elijah appear alongside Him, discussing His upcoming departure. In his excitement, Peter offers to build three tents so they can remain on the mountaintop. Suddenly, a cloud—a sign of God’s presence—appears and a voice speaks out from it: “This is My Son, My Chosen One; listen to Him!” (Luke 9:35).

Birthday Card Shower

Sandy Weber, a former member, turns 90 on November 19th. She is doing well and is still in independent living. Her address is Cordia Senior Residence, 865 North Cass Avenue, Westmont, IL 60559.

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.

Youth Corner Upcoming Events

A Big Thank you!

to all who helped, performed and attended the Spaghetti Supper/Talent Show/Silent Auction.

We Greatly Appreciate You!!

Advent Soup Meals

Wed., Dec 4

Lunch 11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

12:45 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.

Dinner 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

7:15 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.

LYF Caroling

Will be Sunday, Dec. 15. Meet at the church at 3:00 p.m. We will have dinner at Pizza Man afterwards.

Cookie Walk

This year the Cookie Walk will be held on Saturday, Dec. 21st & Sunday, Dec. 22nd

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 21st.

Advent

Advent begins December 4th. 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.

Stewardship Moment

Hebrews 10:14 – “For by a single offering He has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.” Our Lord Jesus has provided the one offering for sin. What we offer to the Lord is not a sacrifice for sin; we cannot buy our way into heaven with our money, works or effort. Rather, what we give to the Lord’s work in the church is a thank offering, a sign of our dependency on God and all He has given us.

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.



Christmas Cards

Check out the greeting card cabinet in the main hallway. More cards have been added as well as Christmas cards. You may designate a LYF student to receive the profit.

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 20 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.

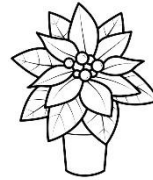


Church Decorating

We will be decorating the Church Halls and Sanctuary for advent and celebrating the birth of Christ on Saturday November 30th starting at 9:00am. Please come and join in on the fun and fellowship.

Prayer List

Sara Bernhard, Henrietta Poe, Abby Gordon, Dwight Klepzig, Nancy (Richard) Ohnesorge, Kay Boerngen, and Marilyn Schaefer



Poinsettias

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

St. Louis Seminary Food Pantry

There will be an ingathering of nonperishable items for the St. Louis Seminary Food Pantry. Items may be placed at the altar rail on Thanksgiving Eve & Thanksgiving Day before or after services & in the atrium on the weekend of Nov. 30th & Dec. 1st

Food Pantry Distribution

The next distribution is Tues., November 26 from 3 p.m. - 4 p.m. The Food Pantry is accepting any type of donations for November.

Food Pantry Updates

Numbers at the pantry are increasing and food prices are also rising. If any Thrivent policy holder has not asked for their \$250.00 for the last 6 months we would like to encourage you to apply before the year end. We are growing and could use an upright freezer, lumber for shelving and another food cart. Tours of the pantry are always available. Just Ask!! After seeing the operation it gives our members a greater understanding of the mission we are doing. For the last 3 months (Aug. – Oct.) we served 657 Adults & 191 Children. Totaling 848 mouths fed. - Patsy Latch, Director

Angel Tree

It's time to once again collect toys for FISH. Bring new, unwrapped toys to the Atrium. Collection is ending on December 8th!

Sympathy

Our prayers go out to Joanne Schlechte on the passing of her mother Evelyn Schumaker

CALENDAR----- November 17 – November 23, 2024

Sunday	17	8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Worship Service w/HC - Choir
		8:30 – 9:45 a.m.	Haiti Hunger Fight Breakfast
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
		2:30 p.m.	Lutheran Care Center Memorial Service
<i>Preschool -- Monday – Friday 8:00 – 11:30 a.m. (Unless otherwise noted)</i>			
Monday	18		Pastor Dille’s Sabbath
		12:00 p.m.	Board of Evangelism
		5:15 p.m.	Choir Practice
Tuesday	19		
Wednesday	20	8:50 a.m.	Preschool Chapel
		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
		5:00 p.m.	Board of Youth
		6:00 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.	LYF Fellowship
Thursday	21	8:50 a.m.	Preschool Chapel
		12:00 p.m.	Golden Eagles
Friday	22		Pastor Burdick’s Sabbath
Saturday	23	8:00 a.m.	Praise Band
		9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	E.A.S.T.E.R.
		5:30 p.m.	Worship Service w/HC

Birthdays This Week

- 11/18 Corey March, Lilli Wernsing,
Mattie Niccum, Ron Lading
- 11/19 Ivy Utz, Katie Hinton, Kris Lipe,
Sandra Weber
- 11/20 Donna Budde, Kristen Dahnke,
Matt Wohltman
- 11/21 George Young, Makenna Duckwitz,
Tilford Hord
- 11/22 Haley Brown, John Richards
- 11/23 David Brinkopf, Greg Perry, Jeff Vail,
Liam Boone

Anniversaries This Week

- 11/19/1983 Rick & Deb Gregory
- 11/23/2023 Luke & Jill Daniels
- 11/23/1989 Mike & Patricia Logan

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!