

# THE EAGLE

*St. John's Weekly Newsletter November 3, 2024*

## Pastor's Note

This weekend we will transition to a new theme as we move from the month of October to the month of November. Our new topic for these notes will be End Times. You'll notice that as we near the end of the Church year—Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> this year. Our readings will focus more and more on Christ's return. It makes sense that with the end of the Church year, we talk about the End Times, so that's what we'll do.

There are a number of different places in scripture that Christ's return is referenced. The first of which can be found in Genesis 3. At the end of God's curse on Satan after Satan tricked Adam and Eve into sin, God told Satan that the woman will bear a Son, and the Son (Jesus) would defeat him. God said, "He (Jesus) shall bruise your head, and you (Satan) shall bruise his heel". Not only did Jesus defeat sin, death, and Satan when He died on the cross and rose from the dead, but He will do so on that final judgement day at the end of time.

Martin Luther said the following about Genesis 3:15, "Satan understood this threat well; therefore he has continued to rage against human nature with such great hatred. Adam and Eve were encouraged by this promise. Wholeheartedly they grasped the hope of their restoration; and, full of faith, they saw that God cared about their salvation" (AE 1:193). Luther states that Adam and Eve wholeheartedly grasped the hope of their restoration. That's what's at the heart of the promise of the Gospel in Genesis 3:15. At Christ's return, all who have been claimed into God's family will be restored to perfection.

As we watch the leaves fall off of the trees this week. We look forward to springtime when the liveliness of those leaves is restored. It is the same with our life. We look forward to Christ's return when everything is restored to perfection once for all.

God's peace be with you,

*Pastor Dille*

## A Note on All Saints Day

We are reminded that this gathering is in truth a far greater assembly than the number of people in this room at this time. The letter to the Hebrews reminds us that as we journey through our earthly lives we are surrounded by "so great a cloud of witnesses" (12:1) and tells of "the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven" and "the spirits of the righteous made perfect" (12:23). Hymn writer Isaac Watts reminds us that "the saints on earth and those above but one communion make; joined to their Lord in bonds of love, all of His grace partake" (TLH 478:1). On this feast of All Saints, with the timeless words of the Te Deum, we pray that by God's grace we, too, will be "numbered with Your saints in glory everlasting" (LSB, p. 225). With joy and thanksgiving, we celebrate the faith that binds us together with the faithful of all times!

### Our Sympathy

Comforts of prayer to Mike & Kathy Burdick and family at the death of their daughter, Abby.

### A Message from the Burdick Family

Thank you, dear church family, for all your prayer support and help in the wake of Abby's sudden death last weekend. Jesus had her prepared for what we didn't see coming. Her funeral will be this Thursday at 11:00am, followed by burial at St. John's Cemetery. Her godfather, Pastor Winter, will be the preacher, with Pastor Dille conducting the liturgy. Visitation will be here at church on Wednesday from 5:00-7:00pm. In lieu of flowers, those who wish to give a memorial may do so to St. John's Lutheran Church or Lutherans for Life. Life is a gift, in weakness or in apparent strength. Abby was a testament to that. Christ is risen. Thanks be to God.

Pastor and Kathy Burdick

### Prayer List

Phil Wendling, Synda Overbeck, Sara Bernhard, Marlin Fortkamp, Henrietta Poe, Dwight Klepzig, Alvin Siebert, Kay Boerngen, and Marilyn Schaefer

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

Sunday October 27 .....	378
Sunday School.....	39
Adult Bible Classes .....	41
LifeLight .....	16

**Our Offerings**

General Fund .....	\$7,058.00
Online Offering.....	\$3,479.45
<b>Total Gen. Fund Offering</b>	<b>\$10,537.45</b>

**LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life**

“In the fullness of time, our Lord was born for our sake. In the fullness of time, He will bring all the faithful into eternal fellowship with Him. In the fullness of time, He will dry every tear and fulfill His will for all mankind, as John the Evangelist witnessed in the Revelation God granted him.”

Deaconess Bethany Stoeber, Director-at-Large, LFL of Kansas – 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 11

“A Water Wonder” is the title of this week’s lesson. Jesus sends His disciples before Him in the boat while He goes to pray. Late in the night, Jesus appears to them, walking on the water. Thinking they see a ghost, the disciples first react in fear until Jesus identifies Himself to them. Peter, seeking further proof, asks to come to Jesus on the water. Despite initial success, Peter allows fear to enter his heart and begins sinking. Peter cries out for rescue, and Jesus takes him by the hand, stills the storm, and brings him safely into the boat.

**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 6 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.

**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>



**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!**

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. **We are still looking for acts!!** Please sign up on the bulletin board. Donations for the auction should be dropped off by noon on Nov. 10.

**A GREAT BIG Thank You!!**

The Youth Board would like to thank all who helped in any way with this year’s float for the Halloween Parade. Also, thank you to all who donated candy and to all those who walked along beside the float. God bless you all for all you do for the youth of St. John’s.

**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>.

**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>

### **Stewardship Moment**

“With angels, archangels, and with all the company of heaven ...” When we gather around the altar of the Lord in His house, we pray and praise God with “all the company of heaven.” Those we have lost in the Lord are not truly lost to us — they have simply entered their rest with the Lord. As we gather to worship our Lord, we gather along with them. On the Last Day everything that God has given into the care of our stewardship will fade away — everything except our brothers and sisters in Christ. Caring for one another in love and grace is our highest calling.

### **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).

### **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. Thank you for your continued support for this project, which helps some of the 'least of these,' in our world.

### **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.

### **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.



### **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>

### **20<sup>th</sup> Annual Effingham County** **Thanksgiving Day Dinner**

The Effingham County FISH Organization is sponsoring the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Free Effingham County Thanksgiving Day Dinner on Thursday, November 28, 2024. We will offer a Congregate meal (starting at 12:30p.m.), Delivered meals, and Curbside Pickup. Curbside Pickup will be available at Cornerstone Christian Church, 3600 South Banker, Effingham, between 11:00 a.m. and 12 noon. Meals will be delivered after 10:00a.m. This event is free and open to all Effingham County Residents and their families, however donations are always greatly appreciated and may be sent to: FISH, P. O. Box 473. Effingham. You may start to reserve meals on November 1, 2024 through November 21, 2024. for the Congregate, Home Delivered and Curbside Pickup Meals, Please call (217) 821-4387 by November 21, 2024. Volunteers are needed to help package and deliver meals. We will start cutting pies and packaging meals at 9:00 a.m. To volunteer, please call Susan Elke at (217) 868-5913.

**CALENDAR----- November 3 – November 9, 2024**

Sunday	3	8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Worship Service w/HC – All Saints Day - Bells
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
<i>Preschool -- Monday – Friday 8:00 – 11:30 a.m. (Unless otherwise noted)</i>			
Monday	4		Pastor Dille’s Sabbath
		5:15 p.m.	Choir Practice
		6:30 p.m.	Worship Committee
Tuesday	5		No Preschool
		5:30 p.m.	Board of Trustees
		5:30 p.m.	Board of Education
		7:00 p.m.	Lydia Guild
Wednesday	6	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. - 7:00 p.m.	Burdick Visitation
Thursday	7	8:50 a.m.	Preschool Chapel
		11:00 a.m.	Burdick Funeral
Friday	8		Pastor Burdick’s Sabbath
Saturday	9	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
		6:30 p.m.	Movie Night

**Birthdays This Week**

- 11/03 Donna Walls, Linda Lockett
- 11/04 Dan Jansen, Kiley Bohnhoff,  
Lloyd Wittenberg, Roberta Jenkins
- 11/05 Christina Kinkelaar, Jessica Quicksall,  
Mike Cushman, Nolan Bohnhoff
- 11/06 Brian Milleville, Jason Niebrugge,  
Kim Rogers
- 11/07 Avery Nelson, Hadley Westjohn,  
Joyce Barr, Randy Hansen
- 11/08 Kent Bishop, Tammie Miller,  
Zoey Hagerstrom
- 11/09 Jamie Warner

**Anniversaries This Week**

- 11/03/1962 Dutch & Emily Klitzing
- 11/07/2009 Jeffrey & Erin McDevitt
- 11/09/2019 Eric & Hannah Whitaker
- 11/09/2019 Tracy & Sharon Vonderheide

**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!