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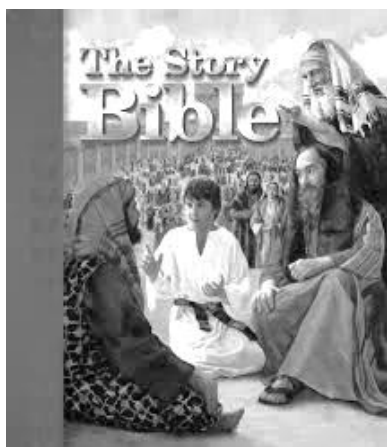
St. John's Weekly Newsletter August 31, 2025

In Sunday Bible Class last week, we noted that Adam and Eve were placed in the midst of Eden to work it. Word (labor) was present before the fall into sin. You can rightly say, then, that work is good. On this side of the fall into sin (next week's Sunday School lesson), it is harder, way harder, but it's still good.

How do you labor? As mom or machinist? Dad or driver? Bank examiner or teacher? Garbage handler (my dream job as a child) or computer programmer? Essentially, your work is good, and it's not just for money. It's for your neighbor.

"Establish, Thou, the work of our hands, O Lord" is a prayer from Psalm 90:17. Pray it not only tomorrow, but every day.

Todd Furbelle



Moms and Dads, Grandmas and Grandpas: It is very powerful when you read the Bible to your little ones! The Story Bible from Concordia Publishing House is one way to do that. This week we will be receiving a

small shipment of The Story Bible, and each one is \$25. True stories and great artwork help you teach the Bible at home. Make checks payable to St. John's. Available in the church office this week, or next Sunday in the Atrium.

Reminder

Notify the hospital staff or the church office if you're admitted to a hospital. Your pastors need to know so they can come minister to you. Thank you.

The Next LifeLight Study

Beginning on Sunday September 7th, we will begin our next study, which will be on "Prophecy"

The Growing In Faith Bible

will be presented to our 3rd grade students in future weeks, as a gift from St. John's. This is a Bible suitable for youth all the way through high school. Cherish it. Read it with your kids. Help them take care of it, even while they wear it out by daily use.

Church Picnic

The annual St. John's Church Picnic will be held Sunday, **September 28**, here at the church immediately following the 10:30 a.m. service. The meal will be held in the fellowship hall with indoor and outdoor activities for all, weather permitting. Todd Martin will be the grill master and everyone is invited to bring a favorite dish to share. Please sign up on the sign-up sheet posted on the main bulletin board. **We are having a "Cake Walk" with donations of cakes, baked goods, or goodies from the congregation. Start planning what you are going to bring.**

2025 Budgets

All board budgets are due in the church office by **September 11th**.

Board Members

In October our Voters Assembly will elect board members for service in support of our mission (Proclaim the Christ, Grow the Family, Love the Neighbor). Boards, including those members who are completing their time of service, should soon be praying, thinking, and recruiting so that all positions are filled. Do you have a desire to serve in some aspect of our ministry? Speak with our pastors or with Adam Bohnhoff (VP) or Jeff Weis (Pres). Thank you.

Lydia Guild

Lydia Guild will meet Tuesday, September 2nd at 7:00 p.m. at the church. All ladies of the congregation are welcome.

Welcome back, Eagle's Nest Students!

Our next Food Pantry Distribution

September 9 from 3-4 p.m.

Response to the Gospel
Our Attendance Last Week

Sunday, August 24..... 407
Adult Sunday School..... 55
Sunday School..... 52

Our Offering

General Fund..... \$9,041.00
Online Offering..... \$3,164.30
Total Gen. Fund Offering..... \$12,205.30

Try Something New

St. John's Large Print (Braille) Center invites you to consider joining our Ministry to the Sight Challenged population worldwide!

Becoming a volunteer is EASY! Give us a call. Schedule a visit. Find out when you can help on a team.

The work is straightforward.

- Books are printed from orders sent from Lutheran Braille Workers Headquarters
- Operating a manual punching machine, you get the pages ready to assemble
- Another machine is used to bind the pages together with a front and back cover. (Also manually operated)
 - Bibles and Devotionals intended for Prison use are printed and bound separately.
- It is essential that finished books are checked page by page to ensure that the recipient has a quality Bible or Devotion for their use. Pages in order, no streaks or markings and the book is easy to open.
- Packing, labeling and mailing are done with care.

Interested? Call Marilyn Schaefer 217-821-0508 or Kathy Stremming 217-254-9360. We will be happy to arrange for you to get involved.

Sunday School Teacher Needed!

We are now in need of a Kindergarten/1st grade Sunday School Teacher. Please reach out to Kiley Bohnhoff.

Thank you

From the bottom of our hearts

-The Gartner Hagan Family.

A kind card is posted on the bulletin board

Choir

Choir practice is resuming Monday, September 8th. Rehearsal time is at 5:15 pm in the church balcony, and new singers are welcome. If anyone has questions, feel free to contact Dennis Lading at 217-821-8483.

Thank you

For all of the cards, visits, food, and thoughtful prayers
~Eileen Wall

LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life

"God created every one of us to shine brightly in the world He made for us. Each person is a candle, sustaining His light to share with others. When a baby is aborted, his or her candle is extinguished. Clearly, that is not what God wants for us. None of us is unimportant to God; He cares about all of us, no matter our size, age, parents, gender, or disabilities. Every candle has a special purpose God designed." Christina, Missouri, Lutherans For Life Essay Contest – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

Prayer List

Matt Fauss, Oliver King, Cassie Power, Steve Rubin, Holly Bray, Trevor Roy, Niki Bishop, Mary Dasenbrock, Kenny Dasenbrock, Kent, Irvin Wendte, Mary Dasenbrock, Vi Kirchoff, Connie Phelps, Lloyd Wittenberg, Cindy Crawford, and Kathy Schroeder.

Stewardship Moment

Luke 14:11 –

"For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."
"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom" (Psalm 111:10). That's called humility. The Lord is God and we are not. With that in mind, how could we not seek to follow His Word in all aspects of life? He knows what He is talking about and we don't. If you believe that, then striking out on a path of faithfulness in the realm of stewardship is a lot easier. It just makes sense.

Adult Catechism

Bible Study begins Tuesday September 30th. From 7:00-8:00pm, we'll be digging into God's Word through Luther's Small Catechism.

"This Weeks Sunday School Lesson"

LESSON 2

Today, we will study "The Fall and a Promise." The slithery serpent caused Eve to doubt God's Word with one simple question: "Did God actually say?" (Genesis 3:1). Seeking to gain wisdom, Eve and Adam rebel against their Creator. Suddenly aware of their condition before God, they vainly attempt to hide their sinful exposure. With sin comes punishment that is just; yet our heavenly Father does not leave humankind without hope. Instead, He promises One who will come to rescue His people from the jaws of death and Satan. As a family, discuss the importance of God's promise of the Savior.

Lutheran Care Center

invites you to come celebrate "Family Day" on September 21 1:00-2:30pm. Held in the LCC Courtyard, it's an afternoon of fellowship, live music, sweets, and celebration. Poster on the bulletin board. Whether or not you have a family member living at LCC, come celebrate the ministry of Lutheran Care Center.

Witnessing Helps



Our "Witnessing Helps" posters are always in the Fellowship Hall on the East wall. But this week, the 1st poster is displayed in the Atrium. And the rest of them will rotate there in the coming weeks. Stop and read. Receive the HELP you need in witnessing to the Gospel.

College Students:

Who's where? Help us compile an accurate list of where our college students are studying.

Students, parents, or grandparents should email the church office

(office@stjohnsLCMS.net) with each college student's name, school address, and email address so we can send them encouragement and a care package from the Church. Thank you!

Congratulations

Hunter and Madison Keith at the birth of Layla Jane on Saturday, August 23!

Congratulations

Meghann and Nathan Day, and grandparents Jerry & Cheryl Pruemmer, at the birth of Adalynn Kate on August 23.

Youth Corner Upcoming Events

Youth Fellowship

This Wed. September 3rd from 6-7:15 p.m. all LYF (grades 6-8) are invited to devotion, food, and games. Sign up on church bulletin board or text Donetta (217) 821-3300 or Carolyn (217)821-6541

Cruise Night

Saturday, Sept. 6th.

We will be serving from

4:00pm until we run out of food.

Avery Bohnhoff will be performing from 5-7

We will also be serving ice cream from



The Flock

High School bible study September 7th at 7:00 p.m. Come for drinks, snacks, and the start of a new bible study, Worth Dying For: A Bible Study on Dating & Relationships (hear about how we are redefining "flocking")

Golf Outing

Sat., Sept. 13 at 1:00p.m.

(See this week's Insert for details)

Our new Outdoor Message Center is installed and ready (we're still learning the new steps to posting messages and photos). We thank God for every donor who made this new tool for outreach possible. We especially acknowledge the generous Ministry Outreach Grant of \$5,000 from our Central Illinois District Church

Extension Fund. This LED message board will display God's Word, Church information, Eagle's Nest Preschool information, and invitations to our ministry. To the glory of God and for the good of our neighbors, we dedicate this message center a tool for outreach. We hope and pray that more people will know the Gospel hope!

CALENDAR----- Aug. 31 – Sept. 7, 2025

Sunday	31	9:30 a.m.	Worship
		10:45 a.m.	Potluck
Monday	1		Office closed in Remembrance of Labor Day
Tuesday	2	9:00 a.m.	Cid Pastor Conference – St. Johns Dieterich
		5:30 p.m.	Board of Education
		5:30 p.m.	Board of Trustees
		7:00 p.m.	Lydia Guild
Wednesday	3		Preschool Begins
		9:00 a.m.	Bible Study
		10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Quilting
		1:00 p.m.	Office Staff Devotion/Meeting
		5:15 p.m.	Bell Practice
		6:00 p.m.	Youth Fellowship
Thursday	4	6:00 p.m.	Stephen Ministry Training
Friday	5		Pastor Burdick Sabbath
Saturday	6	8:00 a.m.	Band Practice
		8:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
		8:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
		4:00 p.m.	Cruise Night
		5:30 p.m.	Worship Service w/HC - Bells

Birthdays This Week

8/31 Tristan Devall
 9/1 Deb Gregory, Lyle Tolch
 9/2 Atticus Jennings, Brayden Kuhns, Isaac Galvan, Nicholas Lechman, Sherrie Stremming
 9/3 Mallory Weber
 9/4 Justin Norris, Kristin Hippchen
 9/5 Joe Gibbons, Kirby Tolch, Gale Budde, Jayla Stuckey, Alan Phelps
 9/6 Sarah Woelfer, Beulah Ziegler, Jon Perry

9/5/1981 Curt & Lori Meseke
 9/5/1992 Brian & Jill Haake
 9/5/1992 Joe & Carol Budde
 9/5/2009 Tony & Larissa Jones
 9/5/2021 Nicholas & Rushida Miller
 9/5/1975 David & Debby Storm
 9/5/1980 Dennis & Lana Rubin
 9/5/1981 Randy & Cindy Esch
 9/5/2003 Ryan & Sarah Wyckoff

Anniversaries This Week

8/31/1985 Mike & Debbie Womack
 9/1/1984 John & Perrie Richards
 9/2/2000 Nikki & Chris Daniels
 9/2/2001 Justin & Britt Wendling
 9/2/2017 Luke & Jessica Mottashed
 9/3/2011 Michael & Rachel Utz
 9/3/2016 Luke & Melissa Goldstein
 9/3/2022 Blake & Destiny Marxmann
 9/4/2004 Erica & Jonathan Marxmann
 9/4/2020 Angie & Josh Heuerman