



# The Eagle

July 2022

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church  
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## Letter from the Pastor

What can I do when my older son or daughter doesn't have any interest in Jesus or his Church?

I've heard the question many times and am sometimes concerned by what I see in my own extended family. With older children, many things are beyond our control, and we need to face it, and just pray. And pray. And pray. But I know there will always be one awesome thing I'll be able to do as a Christian parent.

Recently I was reading through some of my old journals from college. In them, I noticed that when I referred to Christ, it was with a kind of desperation. When I felt alone and spiritually starved, I would go to Jesus and acknowledge him as my *only* hope in the death of self I was experiencing. What I had read in scripture and heard about Jesus from my parents and church friends and pastors—that Jesus was the only true Savior—became personal and real to me when I was in those spiritually vulnerable situations. I keep this in mind when I look at the world and the demons of universalism that young people are wrestling with today.

Desperately turning to Jesus as our Savior is very different than keeping him on the shelf as another helpful example of goodness when we need him. When we know Christ as our Savior, we know that nothing within ourselves is going to carry us through. Our wisdom, our intelligence, our personal philosophy of life, our open-mindedness, our political convictions—all of these are dirty rags [Isaiah 64:6]. They don't have any lasting power. If we know Jesus only as another wisdom-giver, another teacher, another example, another helper in life, then he won't have any staying power for us either. Only the One who was nailed to a cross, and who meets us there in our death and saves us from eternal darkness by the power of his resurrection... only he stands.

When people who love us tell us that Christ is their Savior, they are revealing something fragile in themselves. They are saying "I might be the wisest parent in the world, but in the end I am a beggar. I need to be *saved*." This is so hard to admit openly and honestly, especially in a world where the illusion that we can find a way (or an escape) around every challenge is so strong.

As a parent, sure I've done OK at equipping my children with the lessons and tools I think they need to live a good life. Where I've been tempted to take the easy road, however, is when I've had those opportunities to open up and honestly tell my children the truth: that ultimately I'm a beggar with nothing to offer them except Jesus.

I'm not saying that God wants us to be children with our children. We will always be guides to them. But nothing makes a bigger impression on our older children than those moments when we bare our souls to them, and let them know that we, also, have been desperate for a good parent throughout our lives. I remember very well those moments when my parents showed their vulnerability to me, making it clear that Jesus was not just another way to happiness, but that he was their only hope for the future.

As our children become older, we lose control over all the little things. This is how God intends it to be. But there's one thing I know I will always be able to do for my children, as the Holy Spirit gives me the courage to do it. It's to tell them the *big thing* openly and honestly: Jesus is my only hope. He is the only hope I've ever had. The Holy Spirit will work with that.

In God's Peace,

*Pastor Seth*

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**Church Office hours are  
Monday through Friday, 8am to 4pm.**

**The Church Office will be closed on  
Monday, July 4th, 2022.**

## **CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL**

**Officers:** Aaron Clark, Council President; Paul Wittenberg, Vice President; Karen Bentley, Secretary; Kathy Myers, Treasurer.

**Members-At-Large:** Warren Althoff, Wayne Beavers, Shirley Blake, Dave Clark, Doug Cress, Michael Grimm, Gary Smith.

**QUARTERLY CONGREGATIONAL  
MEETINGS  
WILL BE HELD ON  
JULY 16TH AND 17TH  
FOLLOWING EACH WORSHIP SERVICE**

**The deadline for the AUGUST Eagle is  
SUNDAY, JULY 10TH.**  
Email announcements & articles to  
**secretary@stjohnsgc.org**  
or leave a handwritten copy in the church office.



## **MEMORIAL GIFTS GIVEN AS OF JUNE 12, 2022**

### **Memorial Fund**

Given in memory of **Beulah Leonard** by Ike and Shelah Stage; Charles Bowles; and Loretta Grimes.

Given in memory of **Russell Miller** by Dellno and Betty Lewis.

Given in honor of the **100<sup>th</sup> birthday of Paul Offenburger** by Andrea Offenburger; Dellno and Betty Lewis; and Ike and Shelah Stage.

Given in memory of **Gail Turnbull** by Richard Keil.

### **Accessibility Project**

Given in memory of **Catherine Baumgartner** by Jim and Carol Rorick.

Given in memory of **Russell Miller** by Jim and Carol Rorick; and Gwen Crosby, Beth Wilson, and David Triplett.

Given in memory of **William and Janet Spitzer** by Marilyn Martin.

### **Youth Memorial Fund**

Given in memory of **Russell Miller** by John and Judy Lechner.

### **Memorial Fund, Music**

Given in memory of **James Jahn** by Becky Priwer,



*May God  
Grant you Comfort  
and Peace*

## OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO

Lori Wobig and family as they grieve the death of her father in May of 2022.

The family and friends of **Betty Pullins**, who passed away May 1, 2022.

The family and friends of **Dick Sunderland**, who passed away May 15, 2022.

The family and friends of **Beulah Leonard**, who passed away on Memorial Day, May 30, 2022.

Karl Barch and family as they grieve his brother, **Kurt Barch**, who passed away May 30, 2022.

The family and friends of **Bob Taylor**, who passed away on June 7, 2022.

Lorina Allmon and family as they grieve the death of her step-sister, **Linda Paparodis**, who passed away June 14, 2022.

***All who grieve are in our thoughts and prayers.***

To the Congregation,

Thanks to everyone who submitted hymns to be sung during the summer! We actually had far more hymns suggested than we could possibly sing. Therefore, of the hymns suggested, I chose all those that received multiple recommendations. I also tried to ensure that each person who suggested a hymn got at least one of his or her suggestions on the list. After that, I tried to choose suggestions that we had not sung for a while. For those hymns that could not fit into worship services this summer, I will do my best to include them in services during this upcoming year.

To the Chancel Choir Members,

Many thanks to all of you for a faithful year of service to God through the Chancel Choir, Women's Chorale, and Men's Chorale. I believe that your hard work during practice and your leadership during worship was a blessing to the congregation. As your new director this year, I appreciated the warm welcome and strong support you gave me throughout the year. I look forward to working with all of you in the fall.

Warmly,  
Mark Meuser  
Music Director



"Thank you to our Confirmation 2022 Class Small Group Leaders: Pam Castle, Dwight Henricksen, and Nate Wanner!" ~ St. John's Youth Leaders.

"I would like to thank everyone who offered prayers and sent cards after my recent accident. A special thank you to Pastor Patti for her visit." ~ Earl Taylor.

"To Susan Locey and the Celebration Ringers, *'How Sweet It Is'* to have been part of the Bells for so many years. I loved it and loved you, and will miss you all. God bless you! Love," ~ Andrea Offenburger.

"Many thanks for all the cards and visits to Howard Linder at Meadow Grove. It's wonderful to have such caring and thoughtful support from the congregation. Thank you to Pastor Seth Jersild and Pastor Patti Morlock for the visits and communion." ~ Howard and Donna Linder.

**"A BIG THANK YOU!"**

The gifts, cards, calls, and best of all for the prayers, they have helped keep me going. The shut-in visits with church news and communion are blessings that I need. Again, thanks. Sincerely," ~ Marian Breckenridge.

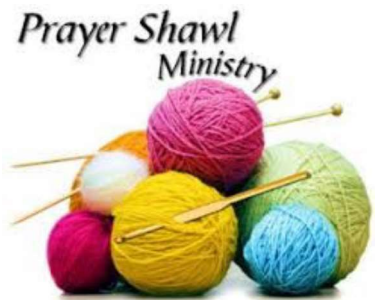
"Small acts of kindness are so powerful, and our church family does it so well! I would like to thank Pastor Seth and Pastor Patti for their prayers and support; and for all of you that took the time to check on me weekly in my classroom before surgery, prayed for me, sent me cards, called me; and for the children in my Sunday School class and CONNECT class for their wonderfully unique 'Get Well' cards they created! All of these wonderful acts of kindness lifted me as I traveled on my journey to surgery during the continued Covid restrictions. I appreciate all of you, and now I am set to go with a bionic leg with the new hip added to the already replaced knee! In Christian love," ~ Debbie Abbitt.

**WRAPPED IN PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**

Join us for the next meetings on **Saturday, July 9, 2022 at 9am!**

We are happy to teach anyone interested how to knit or crochet. For more information call Glenda Allman at 614-352-5955 or Diana Imbrock at 614-271-5775.

Do you know someone who would be blessed by receiving a prayer shawl?  
Please call Nancy Kinman at 614-875-8155.



**SCRIP GIFT CARDS** have a new name! It's now **"Raise Right"** but it has the same offers and great value! For more details, contact Laurie at [lpecuch@stjohnsgc.org](mailto:lpecuch@stjohnsgc.org).

**ORDERS ARE PLACED THE FIRST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH.** You can also order on-line. Pam Wittenberg is our expert at that!

**Connect your KROGER card with the COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM.**

Go to <https://www.kroger.com/communityrewards>.

**Our organization number is EY530.**

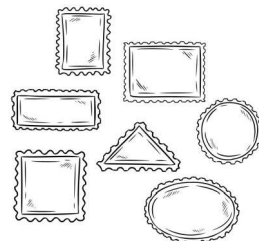
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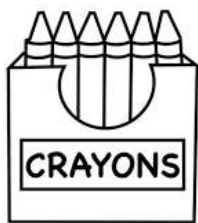
Link your Amazon account through AmazonSmile for St. John's youth program to receive .05% of your selected Amazon purchases. To set up AmazonSmile, simply activate AmazonSmile in the Amazon app on your phone, or go to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) on your web browser.



**The Quilters** always appreciate your interested involvement! You may help by donating food for the food pantries, used stamps for two veterans' hospitals in Virginia, card fronts to a Cancer Thrift Store craftsperson, sheets for the filler and backing in the quilts, and Christmas bag items. Please place your food donations in LSS cabinet in the Link. Please place your other donations in the Quilters' cabinet in the Link. The gift of your time is always welcome on Tuesday meetings. Thank you for your caring concern.

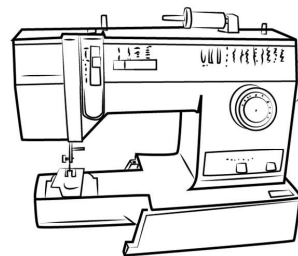


The Quilters were saddened at the passing of Beulah Leonard. Beulah and her sisters, Alberta and Bernice, gave of their time and talents to the Beacons and Quilters for many years.



Start to think "crayons." In the fall, we will start collecting items for the Christmas bags for the children at the LSS Food Pantry. The school supplies will go on sale this month. The Quilters can always use your donation of Crayola crayons for the children. A good sale price is \$0.50 for a box of 24 Crayola crayons. Larger boxes of crayons do not fit in the Christmas bags. We can use pens and small plush toys, also. Any quality you wish to donate is acceptable.

A sewing machine repairman in Westerville accepted three of our broken sewing machines for parts. One broken machine was too heavy to lift easily and the other two had expensive problems. If you have a broken sewing machine you don't want to repair and don't want to put in the landfill, call the church to get in contact with the Quilters for his phone number. You need to deliver your machine to his house in Westerville.



Bring us your unwanted, used, twin- to king-sized, light colored, flat sheets! These sheets can be used as fillers for the our quilts. They do not have to be perfect as they will not be seen when the quilt is completed.

**The Quilters meet most Tuesdays from 9am to 2pm in rooms 103-104.** Come and go at any time. Bring a sack lunch. We especially need individuals who would like to arrange already cut 6" squares to start a patchwork quilt. All materials are provided.

*"This is my commandment that you love one another as I have loved you." ~ John 15:12*



## OWLS EVENT - JULY 15, 2022



**The Older Wiser LutheranS (OWLS) are going on the road again!!** We hope you are excited to be getting out and about with the group. We will carpool from the church and visit The Wagnalls Memorial in Lithopolis. Our guided tour will start at 10:30am so you could meet the group there or meet at the church at 9:30am to arrange rides for those in need.

**We can always use more drivers if you are willing and able!** Make sure to sign up on the salmon sheet!

On May 30, 1925, Mabel Wagnalls Jones dedicated The Wagnalls Memorial in honor of her parents, Adam and Anna Willis Wagnalls. Adam was the co-founder of the publishing giant, Funk & Wagnalls. Both Adam and Anna were born in log cabins in Lithopolis Ohio. Mabel knew it had always been her mother's dream to do something for the little village which had never had anything done for it and to provide opportunities not available to her as a child. With the building of The Wagnalls Memorial, Mabel would fulfill her mother's dream.

Mabel, an author and a concert pianist, had a special fondness for her parents' birthplace. Although she lived most of her life in New York City, she visited it from the time she was a small child to spend time with her grandmother who lived in the village.

Come join us and see paintings that were used as covers for Funk & Wagnalls' magazine The Literary Digest adorn the walls of the Rager Reading Room. Two original Norman Rockwell paintings are on permanent display near the patron services desk.

Take a stroll on the pathways in the garden to admire the rock sculptures and martin house of Dr. Edward Roller. He collected rocks from all over North America and used them to create bird houses, vases, and other structures. It is a hidden treasure for our area.

To end our perfect day, we will be going to PBJ Catering in Ashville. The box lunch includes your choice of either chicken salad croissant or turkey and provolone croissant, choice of pasta salad or fruit salad, chips, two chocolate chip cookies, and a beverage. The cost is \$10 per person.

JULY 15, 2022

MEET AT CHURCH: 9:30am  
DEPART FOR WAGNALLS: 9:45am  
TOUR TIME: 10:30am

Guests are always welcome!!!

Use the salmon sheet in Sunday's bulletin to make your reservation.

You can also call the office or Bonnie Swanson at 614-562-8002.

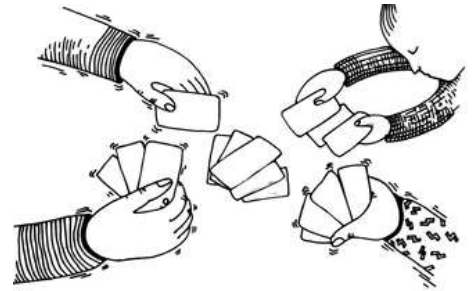
Hope to see you there!



## SUMMER 2022 Faith Adventures

### SUMMER FAMILY FAITH BAG

You've enjoyed the box! This summer we have a Family Faith BAG! The activities best fit families with children ages 3 – 12, but they can be adapted to other ages. Your bag will include a colorful deck of 56 cards full of faith-based activities and other ideas for families to do at home or on the go. Cards can be used all summer long. We even include some fun supplies for you! If you didn't get your bag, but would like one, please stop by the youth office.

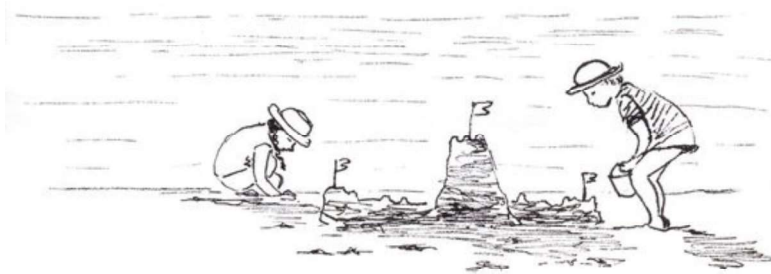


### FAITH IN ACTION FOR GRADES 5 - 8 (going into this fall)

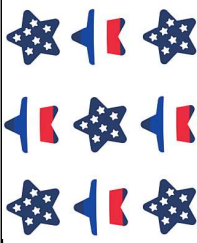

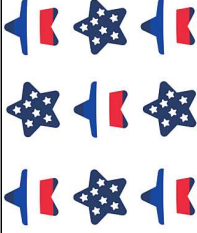

We will be putting our faith into action and making a difference. Serving is important and we need you to do it! Join us July 11—14 (that's Monday through Thursday) from 6—8:30pm. Dinner included. We will have a variety of service experiences throughout the week. Always fun, never boring, and definitely worth-while. Come make a difference for Jesus' sake!

### FAITH IN ACTION FOR GRADES 9 - 12+ (going into this fall)

You will find purpose, belonging, and even a sense of Christian identity when you serve and help others. Come serve with us July 11—14 (that's Monday through Thursday) from 10am to 2pm. Lunch included. For your age group, we will be going off-site for many of the projects!



**AXIS PARENTING RESOURCE:** It's a website with parent guides, conversations kits, expert videos, and excellent materials on parenting youth in today's culture. If you'd like to be on our AXIS email list and/or like to have direct membership access to the website, please contact Diana Imbrock. *There is also an AXIS resource wall on the second floor, across from the youth office. It's full of insightful Parent Guides with practical tips on parenting.*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
  						
<b>3</b> Traditional Worship 8:15am Small Group 10:30am Traditional Worship 11am Contemporary Worship 11am	<b>4 OFFICE CLOSED</b> Lunchtime AA 12pm Daily Reprieve AA 7pm	<b>5 SCRIP DEADLINE</b> Quilters 9am OWLS Planning 11:30am Small Group 12:30pm SW Historical Soc. 7pm BSA 392 7pm Al-Anon 7:30pm	<b>6</b> Small Group 2pm	<b>7</b> Promise Keepers 8am	<b>8</b> Bulletin Team 10:30am AA 8:30pm	<b>9</b> Prayer Shawl Min. 9am Private Event 10am Private Event 11am Trad. Worship 4pm AA Serenity Seekers 7pm
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<b>24</b> Trad. Worship 8:15am Sunday School 9:30am Small Grp. 10:30am Trad. & Cont. Worship 11am	<b>25</b> Lunchtime AA 12pm Small Group 6pm Respect Life 7pm Daily Reprieve AA 7pm	<b>26</b> Quilters 9am Congregational Caregiving Class 10am Small Group 12:30pm BSA 392 7pm Al-Anon 7:30pm	<b>27</b> Small Group 2pm	<b>28</b> Promise Keepers 8am Small Group 1pm	<b>29</b> Bulletin Team 10:30am AA 8:30pm	<b>30</b> Trad. Worship 4pm AA Serenity Seekers 7pm
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Sundays at 11am

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