

THE EAGLE

St. John's Weekly Newsletter February 9, 2025



I appreciate Lutheran Hour Ministries and praise God for how He uses LHM to

make a difference in the lives of people in the U.S. and around the world. I encourage you to consider supporting the ministry financially (and for a limited time, your gift can be doubled, dollar-for-dollar, by a \$25,000 matching grant).

Most people know **The Lutheran Hour®**. Radio stations* air it nationwide, and so does SiriusXM's Family Talk. People listen by podcast, stream it online. But Lutheran Hour Ministries has other resources to help you in your Christian walk:

- **Daily Devotions**
- **Video Bible studies**
- **Project Connect** booklets covering your everyday needs, like depression, cancer, and addiction
- **Gospel Adventures™** activities for kids, and much more

But we also take the Gospel to more than 60 countries around the world. And the approach is unusual. Instead of sending missionaries to foreign countries, where they spend years gaining trust, Lutheran Hour Ministries raises up people who are NATIVE to each country. They have instant credibility, they understand the culture, and it costs very little to begin ministry work: \$25 goes a long way. It also means we can reach into countries that are CLOSED to missionaries-places where people are hearing about Jesus for the very first time.

I hope you'll become part of Lutheran Hour Ministries: one family, across the United States, Connected in Christ. You can do that in 3 important ways:

1. Pray for the ministry.
2. Request a **free** gift at **lhm.org/discoverlhm** or scan the QR code on the bulletin insert today.
3. Consider a donation, either by check or online, which can be **DOUBLED** by the \$25,000 matching grant.

The Lord Almighty called Isaiah and sent him with the Word. The Lord Jesus called Peter and other fishermen, and sent them with His Word. The Lord wants to use you to carry His Word to others. The Word is the power, and we are the ones who are sent with it!

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Pastor Furdick".

*WCRA at 9:30am Sunday for example!

Transfiguration Day

Is March 2nd, and the Services will end with our burial of the glorious word 'ALLELUIA.' Kids and adults can receive their Alleluia coloring page today, but don't bring them back until March 2 weekend Services.

Offering Envelopes

If you didn't pick them up for 2025 yet, you can get them from the Church office. We also appreciate that many households use our online giving portal (see www.stjohnsLCMS.net). Either way, we are managing God's gifts according to His principles.

Church Photo and Address Directory

Have you received yours yet? If not, come to the Church office and get yours! Send an email to office@stjohnsLCMS.net or call 217-342-4334 and the office staff can have it ready for you.

Response to the Gospel
Our Attendance Last Week

Sunday February 2.....	398
Sunday School	40
Adult Bible Classes	31
LifeLight	17

Our Offering

General Fund	\$12,537.87
Online Offering	\$4,291.04
Total Gen. Fund Offering	\$16,828.91

Stewardship Moment

Luke 5:5 – “And Simon answered, ‘Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets.’” In Peter’s words there is both exasperation and trust. He’s tired. He tried his best and failed. But he is still ready to trust the Lord’s Word and act on it. Our stewardship is also a matter of trusting the Lord’s Word and acting on it.

LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life

“We may not be trained healers, but we have been trained through our own experiences and God’s Word to bring comfort. Be brave, reach out, and know the Lord is by your side. Pray for His guidance in what you say and do so you will bring needed comfort. We have a message of hope!”

Virginia Flo Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

Prayer List

Allen Birch, Jim Zumbahlen, Dave Frailey, Kay Boerngen, Jack Miller, Anita Backhus and Lloyd & Shirley Wittenberg

“This Week’s Sunday School Lesson”

Lesson 6

“The Kingdom of Children” is this week’s lesson. The disciples try to prevent the people from bringing their children to Jesus. Jesus rebukes the disciples and draws the children near to Himself, using a child as an example of how believers receive the kingdom of God.

Youth Corner Upcoming Events

LYF Fellowship

We invite and encourage all 6th-8th graders to attend on Wednesday’s from 6-7:15 pm.

Rhodes Fish Fry

Friday, March 14th at 4:00p.m.
Tickets will be on sale soon.

Easter Breakfast

Sunday, April 20th

VBS

Will be June 9 – 12
The theme this year will be
Epic Australian Adventure.

Annual Ash Wednesday

Luncheon/Supper

Due to the construction we will not be able to have our annual Ash Wednesday Meals.



Parent Gathering Invitation

Our next gathering will be here at St. John’s for a Parent Gathering on Thursday, February 27th from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Parent’s of all ages are welcome. Childcare will be provided.

Thrivent Choice Dollars

Do you have Thrivent Choice Dollars? Don’t forget to direct them by March 31st.

Food Pantry

Our next distribution will be
Tuesday, Feb. 11th from 3-4.

Lutheran High School

The Steering Committee for Holy Trinity Lutheran High School continues to explore the possibility of opening a classical Lutheran high School in our county. To share more about what Classical Education is, we're having a guest speaker come to share what's beautiful and good about classical education. Pastor Heath Curtis will speak here at St. John's on Sunday, March 2, at 6:00pm in the Trinity Room. After his presentation, there will be time for questions and discussion. All are welcome. If you have questions now, contact Laura Galvan or Pastor Burdick.

LLL Convention

Every month, the question of "Who Is Jesus" is Googled 2.7 million times! The Central Illinois LLL District invites you to learn more on how to CONNECT at the convention on Saturday, March 1 at Camp CILCA, 4124 Camp Cilca Road, Cantrall, Illinois. The keynote speaker is Rev. Dr. Dale Meyer, President Emeritus, Concordia Seminary St. Louis and former Lutheran Hour® Speaker.

Doors will open at 9:00 a.m. with the convention starting at 9:30 a.m. A special hands on project for the Central Illinois LLL District State Fair Booth will help prepare to share Jesus. The convention concludes at 3:00 p.m.

The registration fee is \$25.00 includes Saturday's lunch. Complete the registration form and mail with registration fee to Deloris Blessman CID LLL Treasurer, 24204 C 1850N, Topeka, IL 61567 by February 23.

If you have any questions or need more information you can contact Deloris Blessman by phone at 309.361.1461 or by email delorisblessman@yahoo.com.

Join Us for Adult Bible Study

Sundays at 9:15 a.m.

LifeLight – 6th Grade Confirmation Room

Colossians – Trinity Room

Preschool Registration for 2025/2026

Preschool Registration for members of St. John's is now open. Visit the website for a registration form, or pick up a registration form on the bulletin board or stop by the office. If you have any questions, please contact Carrie in the church office.

Preschool Open House

St. John's Eagle's Nest Preschool is hosting an Open House for all new Students! Please come on Thursday, February 20, 2025 between 5:30p.m. – 7:30p.m. We are welcoming anyone who is interested in our preschool program to stop by and look around at our classrooms and meet our teachers.

Confirmation Lock-in

Our Circuit-wide Lock-in will be here February 16 under the theme "I Am Baptized Into Christ." Students in Confirmation are receiving the flyer and permission slip this week. This has become a great tradition for our Circuit Youth! Parents of Confirmation students! Register your students for our Lock-in taking place next Sunday night, February 16. We'd love to know TODAY that they are coming. Contact Pastor Dille or Pastor Burdick.

Young Adult Bible Study



We finished Isaiah and we will be starting a new study. We have 14 different topics we will be covering over the next few months. Our first topic is Reliability of the Bible. This next Bible study will be Friday Feb 14 at 6:30 at Pastor Burdick's House: 717 S. First St. Effingham.

CALENDAR-----February 9, 2025 – February 15, 2025

Sunday	9	8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Worship Service w/HC
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
<i>Preschool -- Monday – Friday 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. (Unless otherwise noted)</i>			
Monday	10		Pastor Dille’s Sabbath
		5:00 p.m.	Board of Stewardship
		5:15 p.m.	Choir Practice
Tuesday	11	1:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl
		3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Food Pantry
		5:15 p.m.	Board of Social Ministry
		5:30 p.m.	Board of Education
		5:45 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.	Adult Catechism Bible Study
Wednesday	12	8:45 a.m.	Preschool Chapel
		9:00 a.m.	Bible Study
		10:00 a.m.	Stephen Ministry
		10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Quilting
		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	13	8:45 a.m.	Preschool Chapel
		6:30 p.m.	Board of Elders
Friday	14		Pastor Burdick’s Sabbath
		6:30 p.m.	Young Adult Bible Study
Saturday	15	8:00 a.m.	Praise Band
		9:30 a.m. – 11 a.m.	E.A.S.T.E.R. – St. Paul’s Lutheran - Sigel
		5:30 p.m.	Worship Service w/HC - Choir

Birthdays This Week

- 2/9 Ashley Veach, Bobby Niemerg,
Kimberly Tarrant, Nitelle Lading
- 2/10 Katie Dille
- 2/11 Anna Sigg, Jonathan McDevitt,
Kathy Schroeder, Rick Keller
- 2/12 Braylee Marxmann, Fred Bray
- 2/14 Faith Donaldson, Gary Hewing,
Luke Sipe, Nikki Daniels
- 2/15 Gabriel Dahnke

Anniversaries This Week

- 2/09/1980 David & Donna Budde
- 2/09/1974 Mike & Karla Johnson
- 2/10/1978 Gary & Rebecca Hewing
- 2/14/2002 Gary & Gloria Fortkamp
- 2/14/1996 Wesley & Carol Osborn