

THE EAGLE

St. John's Weekly Newsletter April 27, 2025

On Easter Day, entrance into the church was with a shout. One of the kids in Service last Sunday scolded me a bit. "Pastor, you said, "HE IS RISEN" so loud!" Uh, sorry – not sorry. The joy of the completed renovation was eclipsed by the complete Resurrection of Jesus. The joy continues this week in adult Sunday School.

In the adult class in the Fellowship Hall, we'll dig into John 11 and unpack the resurrection of Lazarus. **Moms and Dads of Sunday School children, I extend this invitation and exhortation to you:** come to your Sunday School class while your children are in their class! You'll learn something old and something new, and you'll bless your kids mightily by your example. Come join others in the fellowship hall at 9:15 a.m.

How do you enter the church? I'm not asking about shouting or quietness, but which door. Now that the renovation is done, some of you will return to coming through the North doors, passing through the Narthex. As often as weather allows, we'll keep the doors wide open to receive you. No matter through which exterior door, you can pass through the narthex, where worship begins. The banners there will match the paraments on the altar, declaring the message of the Church year.

Perhaps you noticed the change that was made to the front pews. They were shortened to make designated places for wheelchairs on the outside of that front row. Wheelchairs also can fit well in the West transept.

I'm certain you noticed the Greek Cross in the center aisle. We chose that style of cross for three reasons...

- It matches the crosses in the transepts.
- It has no top or bottom, so it's the same when you're entering and exiting.
- It's long been a reminder that the Church takes the Word of the Lord to ends of the earth – North, South, East, and West.

Alleluia. Christ is risen!



Help Wanted

We are searching for a new Office Assistant here at St. John's. Charlotte has resigned in order to take a job in Indiana to be near family.

Office Assistant

St John's Lutheran Church, Effingham

St. John's Mission is to Proclaim the Christ, Grow the Family, Love the Neighbor. The Office Assistant works alongside the Office Administrator to help the mission of the congregation move forward. This is a vital front-line position in welcoming people in the office, preparing financial and Word documents, and supporting the work of the pastors and the Preschool. The position is a part time (28 hours), four-day (Tuesday-Friday) job. Compensation is commensurate with experience; rate determined by the Board of Elders. Interested candidates can pick up a job application and full position description in the church office.

The ideal candidate will possess these qualities: Passion for supporting the mission of the congregation.

- High level of integrity, confidentiality, and precision in record keeping.
- Ability to communicate effectively (written and verbal).
- Working knowledge of QuickBooks, Word, and Excel programs.
- Readiness to use the internet for email, online purchases, and payments.
- Joy in being a team player, participating in weekly staff devotions and meetings.

Rite of Confirmation

At 10:30 a.m. Sunday, May 4, these young Christians will stand and publicly confess the Christian faith as their own: Kennedy Bailey, Audrey Jansen, Allyson Kremer, Aleece Lotz, Tenley Sams, Luke Sipe, Mason Stewart, Max Stewart, Elijah Wendling, & Ava Wernsing. Pray for them. Pray for their parents, who are the most influential teachers in their lives. Pray that they will treasure what they have learned from the Catechism, and will keep their vow of fidelity to God.

Response to the Gospel
Our Attendance Last Week

Maundy Thurs., April 17	243
Good Friday, April 18	250
Easter Sunday, April 20.....	772
Sunday School	?

Our Offering

General Fund	\$18,198.25
Special Services.....	\$2,282.00
Online Offering	<u>\$765.71</u>
Total Gen. Fund Offering	\$21,245.96

Prayer List

Heather Davis, Niki Bishop, Dick Hulskotter, Janet Martins, Madison Gartner Hagen, and Vi Kirchoff.

Congratulations to all of the High School Graduates of our congregation. Today we celebrate God's work for & through them. Seniors for whom we are praying for today:

Caiden Debolt
Alex Nelson
Sydney Nelson
A.J. Radloff
Camille Zeigler

Our prayer for (and with) them in the 10:30 a.m. Service comes from "My Prayer Book," the gift they'll receive and use for years to come.

God bless you!

Stewardship Moment

John 20:19

"On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' " Fear is the opposite of faith. That is, the kind of cringing fear we have in the face of something that is hostile to us and more powerful than we are. Jesus spends a lot of His time telling the disciples to not be afraid. Our fears constantly hem us in and prevent us from following the Lord's will. But there is no need to fear. Jesus has conquered. No fear can keep us locked up. We have been set free by Jesus for lives that declare His marvelous deeds.

Youth Corner Upcoming Events

NYG Meeting

Mark your calendars! Our next NYG meeting will be at Pagel Silver Dollar Lanes. We will be bowling with our brothers and sisters from Dieterich. The event will be from 4-6 p.m. on April 27th.

VBS Decorations

Anyone wanting to help with decorations, we will be meeting Monday, April 28th from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

JH LYF Fellowship

We will be meeting this Wednesday, April 30 Watch the band app for additional information.

Vacation Bible School

June 9 – 12 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
The theme this year will be Epic Australian Adventure. Watch Bulletin for a meeting date if you would like to help. Planning is underway!! If anyone has Thrivent Cards that they would be willing to donate they would be greatly appreciated!! Wish List Items! We need huge pieces of cardboard, red, yellow, and orange tablecloths, and empty paper towel rolls.

MinistrySafe

All who work with youth in our congregation (as staff or volunteers) will complete our excellent MinistrySafe online Sexual Abuse Prevention Training. It's imperative that you let our VBS leaders know soon that you'll be volunteering so an email link can be sent to you with the required training. Thank you for your service, and for being well-trained!

LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life

"Knowing that God is always near as our Help moves us to reflect the Savior's love in helping others. 'Carry each other's burdens' (Galatians 6:2)."

Daily Devotion, Redeemer Lutheran Church, Sister Lakes, Michigan – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

VBS Volunteers

We are still in need of helpers for VBS. Also, be sure to sign up your children and their friends

Thank You

We wish to thank everyone who participated in anyway with the Easter Breakfast. We truly appreciated it! The Youth Board.

Joy Shop

May 6, at 6:00 p.m.

St. John Lutheran Church

22775 County Rd 700, Dieterich

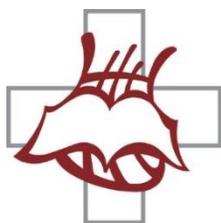
For the Effingham/Shelby Zone the Theme is "Glorify God in Body & Spirit" and the Theme Verse is 1 Corinthians 6:20. Please come on. Location will at The Guest speaker will be Nicki Suckow, PA-C, Effingham OB/GYN. We will have an ingathering to collect for St. John's Effingham Food Pantry. Please bring from the following items: canned pasta, canned soup, Hamburger Helper, instant potatoes, pancake mix, peanut butter, bar soap/shower gel, facial tissue, shampoo, toothpaste. Join us for an evening of fellowship & fun!

Sunday, April 27 at 6:30pm

Join us for the

DEDICATION SERVICE OF THE RENOVATED SANCTUARY

of St. John's Lutheran Church (LCMS),
Effingham



Rev. Dr. Dean Wenthe, Preacher

Food Pantry Distribution

The next distribution is Tues., May 13 from 3 p.m. - 4 p.m. The Food Pantry is needing Pork & Beans, Diced Tomatoes, Tomato Juice, and Dry Macaroni.

Confirmation Banners

Are up in the Atrium. Pray for the 8th graders and their parents. Ask the students which banner is theirs ... and why. They will make the good confession on May 4, and will need real support to keep that confession.

LCC Bake Sale

The Social Ministry raised \$715 from their bake sale. Thank you all so much for your generous donations!

St. John's Arborcrest Memorial

Park Cemetery

We are planning a cemetery cleanup on May 17 at 8 a.m. until?. If possible, please bring weed eaters and blowers. If you have any questions, please call 217-259-8760. As always, donations are always appreciated.

Central Illinois District Scholarship Sunday May 4th.

Gifts will be used to support our CID students who are attending an LCMS seminary or university to become a pastor, teacher, deaconess, or other called church worker. Please plan to make a generous gift now or on May 4th. Gifts may be designated "CID Scholarship Fund" to be used for the 2025-2026 school year or be designated "CID Scholarship Endowment Fund" to provide gifts every year for this ongoing need. Checks may be given through your church or sent to the Central Illinois District -LCMS, 1850 N. Grand Avenue West, Springfield, IL 62702-1626. Since the need for called workers is so great, we also ask you to encourage those who may be good candidates to consider pursuing a called church-worker vocation.

If you are considering a major gift, or would like to include scholarships for CID seminarians or church worker students in your estate planning or through a life insurance policy or IRA, please contact CID Planned Gift Counselor, Rev. Charles Olander, at (217) 416-8842 or c-olander@msn.com for assistance. Thank you.

SEA Lutheran Layman's League Rally

Sunday Evening May 4 @ 6:30 PM

See the flyer on the bulletin board for details.

Welcome Eagles Nest Preschool And Their Families



CALENDAR----- April 27, 2025 – May 3, 2025

Sunday	27	8:00 a.m.	Worship Service w/HC
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
		10:30 a.m.	Worship Service w/HC High School Graduates Recognition Preschoolers will be singing
		11:30 a.m.	Luncheon for Graduating High School Seniors
		4:00 p.m.	NYG Meeting/Bowling
		6:30 p.m.	Sanctuary Dedication Service
<i>Preschool -- Monday – Friday 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. (Unless otherwise noted)</i>			
Monday	28		Pastor Dille's Sabbath
		5:15 p.m.	Choir Practice
		5:15 p.m.	Board of Early Childhood
		5:30 p.m.	VBS Meeting
		7:00 p.m.	Lutheran Care Board
Tuesday	29		
Wednesday	30	8:00 a.m.	Preschool Mother's Day Breakfast
		8:45 a.m.	Preschool Chapel
		9:00 a.m.	Bible Study
		1:00 p.m.	Office Staff Devotions/Meeting
		5:00 p.m.	Bell Choir Practice
		6:00 p.m.	Remember Your Baptism
		6:00 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.	JH LYF Fellowship Watch the band app for additional information
Thursday	1	8:00 a.m.	Preschool Mother's Day Breakfast
		8:45 a.m.	Preschool Chapel
Friday	2		Pastor Burdick's Sabbath
Saturday	3	8:00 a.m.	Band Practice
		8:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
		8:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
		5:30 p.m.	Worship Service w/HC Bells will be playing

Birthdays This Week

4/27 Baileigh Longwell, Judy Wendling,
& Oliver Boone
4/28 Jerry Lindsey & Leigha Weber
4/29 Hope Wente & Shirley Wittenberg
4/30 Breannah Westjohn & Karla Flach
5/01 Brandon Wendling & Marla Jackson
5/02 Brian Haake & Colby Adams
5/03 Kevin Shingler

Anniversaries This Week

4/29/72 Dick & Pauline Kinkelaar
4/29/95 Eric & Penny Hanks
4/29/06 Lance & Jacque Dixon
5/02/20 Tanner & Ashley Veach
5/03/69 J. P. & Terry Simmons
5/03/86 John & Suzanne Lechman
5/03/97 Mike & Marla Pilcher