

THE EAGLE

St. John's Weekly Newsletter May 11, 2025



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Greetings in the name of the Lord! Today marks the Fourth Sunday in this Easter Season. Traditionally in the church, this Sunday is known as Good Shepherd Sunday. You will notice this theme throughout the service today. Our Savior is the Good Shepherd who herds, protects, and guides His flock where they need to go.

After church, your family might be celebrating something other than Good Shepherd Sunday. Mother's Day is also this weekend. Yes, it's a secular holiday, but it is a great opportunity to think about the mother that God gave you. God certainly works through moms. He worked through our moms to shape us and create our bodies, as we hear in Psalm 139:13: "For you (the Lord) formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb." In the same way, the Lord also designed for moms to nurture their children and help them grow—physically, cognitively, and spiritually. So, today we thank God for our mothers.

I recognize that many people have mixed emotions on Mother's Day. While the world is rejoicing for their moms, you might be grieving today for one reason or another. As we should at all times, if that's the case for you today, I encourage you to look to Jesus, who continuously provides for His people—who is your Good Shepherd.

All of this to say, if you are able, try to do something today to say thank you to your mom. Recognize that mothers are a blessing given by the Lord! And moms, keep doing what you're doing. Care for your children, love them; it's part of your vocation. As always, trust in the Lord and in His promises.

May God bless you,

Pastor Dille

Help Wanted **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.

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

Sunday, May 4.....530
 Sunday School.....41
 Life Light10

Our Offering

General Fund.....\$7,672.25
 Special Services130.00
 Online Offering.....\$3,774.55
Total Gen. Fund Offering \$11,576.80

Prayer List

Henrietta Poe, Dennis Wendling, Carol Hulskotter, Heather Davis, Niki Bishop, Dick Hulskotter, Janet Martins, Madison Gartner Hagen, Vi Kirchoff, and the family of Dale Walls.

Stewardship Moment

John 10:27

“My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.” On their own sheep are in great danger. They need a shepherd to guide them. The sheep know the Shepherd’s voice, and we delight to go where He leads. Of course, the world, the devil, and our own sinful flesh want to pull us in another direction. Namely, they want to pull us in the direction of death. But following the Shepherd means life. So, no matter how difficult the path is, let us follow the Shepherd!

“This Weeks Sunday School Lesson”

Lesson 2

This week’s lesson is “A Walking Wonder.” A man who had never been able to walk lies by the Beautiful Gate and begs Peter and John for alms. Having no gold or silver to give him, they offer him something better—complete healing. Leaping for joy, the man praises God for His miraculous healing, and Peter uses the opportunity to teach about the true Savior. The Jewish Council asks Peter and John by whose power they performed this miracle, so they witness concerning the power of the risen Christ. Being warned against speaking further concerning Jesus, Peter and John assert that they must continue to speak the Gospel.

Youth Corner Upcoming Events

JH LYF Fellowship

We will be meeting this Wednesday, May 14
 Watch the band app for additional information.

NYG Meeting

Mark your calendars! Our next NYG meeting will be Sunday May 18th at 7:00pm

Save the Dates

VBS Jun. 9th - 12th from 6 pm – 8 pm
 Rummage Sale July 31st - Aug. 2nd
 Golf Outing Sat., Sept. 13th



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 Carolyn can send you the email link to your required training.** Thank you for your service, and for being well-trained!

Vacation Bible School

Huge pieces of cardboard, red, yellow, and orange tablecloths, and empty paper towel rolls.

VBS Volunteers

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

LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life

“As Christians, we know that God’s commitment to upholding life started long ago—before photos—before the beginning of time even. From His ordered creation of the world to His ordered creation of you in your mother’s womb, God’s work has always been life-affirming. Grafted into His family through Baptism, we have become children of God and inheritors of eternal life.” Michelle Bauman, Y4Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org



We are once again looking for volunteers to help with summer Sunday School. The dates are June 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, July 13th, and 20th. Anyone interested in helping, please reach out to Kiley Bohnhoff. Thank you!

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.

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.



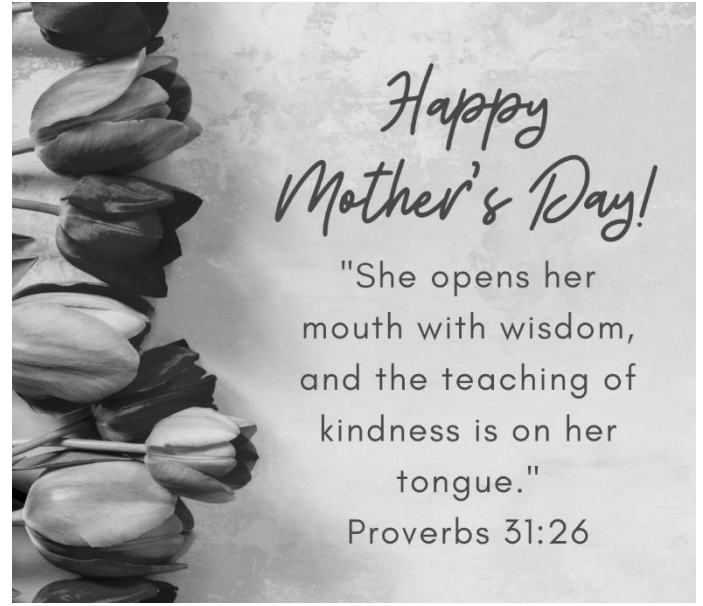
CID Scholarship

Gift envelopes on Welcome Center. Central Illinois District Scholarship Sunday was May 4th. Gifts can still 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.**

For Sale



We have accumulated extra pews that are taking up space. They are solid oak and have cushions. \$100 Talk to any trustee.



Palm Branches

If you return your Palm Branches to church after Ascension Day (May 29) for next year's ashes, deposit them in the basket on the coat rack in the ATRIUM. Thank you.

Baby Bottle Project



We are once again participating in the Family



Life Center Baby Bottle Project. Be sure to pick up your Baby Bottles in the middle of the Atrium today, and return them on Father's Day weekend, Sunday, June 15th. This blesses babies and families through Family Life Center.

Congratulations

To Cory and Meghan Wahl on the birth of their son, Banks Robert Wahl. Born April 30th.

Food Pantry Prayer Time

Join us this Tuesday, May 13th, from 1:30-2:30 p.m. as we pray in the sanctuary for the prayer requests of those who benefit from St. John's Food Pantry. Each distribution the Food Pantry has been conducting surveys. The final question is prayer requests. We want to invite you to join us as we pray for these prayer requests. Let's fill the sanctuary.

CALENDAR----- May 11 - 17, 2025

		Sun. May 10 - 16	Pastor Burdick is on Vacation
Sunday	11	8 :00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Worship Service w/HC - Choir
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
Monday	12		Pastor Dille's Sabbath
		5:00 p.m.	Bd of Stewardship
Tuesday	13	1:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl
		3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Food Pantry Distribution
		5:00 p.m.	Bd of Social Ministry
		7:00 p.m.	Lydia Guild
Wednesday	14	9:00 a.m.	Bible Study
		10:00 a.m.	Stephen Ministry
		1:00 p.m.	Office Staff Devotions/Meeting
		5:00 p.m.	Bell Choir Practice
		6:00 p.m.	JH LYF Fellowship
Thursday	15	5:00 p.m.	Bd of Youth
Friday	16	11:30 a.m.	Office is Closed
Saturday	17	8:00 a.m.	Band Practice
		8:00 a.m.	Arborcrest Clean Up
		5:30 p.m.	Worship Service w/HC - Bells

Birthdays This Week

5/11 Greg Seggelke, Henrietta Poe, &
Jacob Flach
5/12 Avery Westjohn, Matt Gordon, & Nancy M
Ohnesorge
5/14 Chase Smith,
5/15 Adam Devall, Alayna Goldstein, &
Chandler Devall
5/16 Braidee Bushue, David Storm, Dennis
Rubin, Douglas Storm, & Kelsey Baker
5/17 Audrey Jansen & Vicki Manford

Anniversaries This Week

5/11/19 Brandon & Candra Kronewitter
5/12/66 John & Marla Jackson
5/13/95 Steve & Jill Wendling
5/14/11 Ervin & Brooke Mueller
5/15/10 Clayton & Katie Hinton
5/15/99 Mike & Amanda Brummer
5/15/20 Nikki & Richard Vahling