

THE EAGLE

St. John's Weekly Newsletter May 25, 2025

Why have LCMS members been working on offering a Lutheran High School in our area? A summer series of speakers is designed to answer that! The first event is here at St. John's on Tuesday, June 17, at 12:15pm. Bring your lunch and join us in the fellowship hall. Read all about it on the flyer on the hall bulletin board (also posted on our church Facebook page). Families and their children need robust support for life in Christ every day of the week. Holy Trinity Lutheran High School will be designed to do that. Join me in learning and in praying, "Thy will be done, O Lord."



Holy Communion Preparation

Looking for an important way to serve in our church family? Volunteer to help with preparation and clean up for Holy Communion. Lisa Norton and others will train and guide you. Families with Jr. High and older youth are specially encouraged to serve, because it can be a tremendous lesson for the young people.

COME VISIT THE CHURCH LIBRARY



There's something for YOU in our church Library (upstairs on the 5th floor). Children's books, Bible Commentaries, Luther's Works (complete), Devotional guides, Marriage helps, Teen novels, and more!

Ascension Day is this Thursday ... but we will be observing it next weekend. Saturday and Sunday Services will celebrate The Ascension of Our Lord!

Card Shower

Voris & Arnetia Osborn will be celebrating their 70th wedding anniversary on June 5th. Let's shower them with congratulations. Their address is 504 Southernaire Dr. Effingham

Food Pantry Distribution

The next distribution is Tues., May 27 from 3 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Summer Adult Catechism Series!

Wanting to **join** St. John's and the LCMS? Want to **review** the faith? Our Adult Catechism Bible Class will be held these Tuesdays: June 17, June 24, July 1, July 8, July 15. These two-hour sessions will present all ten of the adult catechism lessons for members' review or for a new member's preparation for Confirmation. We meet in the Trinity Room from 6:30pm-8:30pm (brief break in the middle). 2017 edition of the Catechism is \$17. Sign up on the bulletin board beforehand so you can receive the Catechism and the reading schedule prior to the June 17 session. You'll grow in grace and knowledge. *This is most certainly true.*



Have You thought about working in the Church Office?

The Office Assistant works alongside the Office Administrator to welcome people in the office, prepare financial and Word documents, and support 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. Stop by the church office and pick up a job application and full position description in the church office. Also please share on facebook.

Prayer List

Henrietta Poe, Justin Brown, Heather Davis, Niki Bishop, Dick Hulskotter, Janet Martins, and Madison Gartner Hagen.

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.

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

Sunday, May 18.....	390
Sunday School.....	35
Life Light	14
Adult Sunday School.....	42

Our Offering

General Fund.....	\$5,372.00
Online Offering.....	\$2,678.54
Total Gen. Fund Offering.....	\$8,050.54

Stewardship Moment

Acts 16:9

“And a vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, ‘Come over to Macedonia and help us.’” God does all the saving of the Macedonians, but He does it through the ministry of St. Paul who was called to go and help them out. How is the Lord calling you to use your gifts for His work?

Youth Corner Upcoming Events

Save the Dates

Rummage Sale: July 31st - August 2nd

Drop off dates & times:

Sun., July 27th from noon – 1pm

Mon., July 28th from noon – 6pm

Tues., July 29th from 4pm – 6pm

Golf Outing Sat., Sept. 13th

LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life

“We rightly honor our dead who are near to us in time, realizing this is but a passing phase of memory, that in another already-determined Time, all the graves shall be opened, and all shall rise to meet the Judge of the Living and the Dead, whose Kingdom shall have no end. Memory eternal.” *James M. Kushiner, Fellowship of St. James – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Wheelchair

Here at church, we have a small adult wheelchair, and we could use an additional, larger one. If you have a good used wheelchair to donate, notify the church office. Thanks.



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. **If you have not been contacted about the MinistrySafe Program, call or text Carolyn.** Thank you for your service, and for being well-trained!

Vacation Bible School

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

Wish List

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

Sunday School

There will be no children's Sunday School May 25th, but adult Bible Class will be held.

**Enduring Faith* makes it easier to teach the Word of God. Volunteer to teach a summer Sunday School lesson. Reach out to SS Superintendent Kiley Bohnhoff NOW to get scheduled for a summer lesson. Email her at kbohnhoff@hotmail.com

For Sale



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

Golden Eagles Dinner

Thursday, May 29, at 12 noon.

The menu will be Chicken Alfredo, Lasagna, Salad, bread, desserts and is being catered by Joe's Pasta and Pizza. Zack Pruemmer will be our guest & will be talking to us about safety in the home. Everyone is welcome to attend. We ask that you please sign the name of each person who'll be attending on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the atrium. If you're planning to attend you MUST sign up by Sunday, May 25.

Victory Involves Teamwork

If you're here in church long before Service is to start, read this now. If the bell is about to ring, digest it at home... Baseball can teach us a new perspective about stewardship. Think about the game itself. Baseball is a team sport. The home team faces off against the visitors. Yet while it is a team game, there are repetitive, individual confrontations that take place within the game. The game cannot start without the individual pitcher against the hitter. Once the batted ball is in play, the battle is between the ability of the fielder against the speed of the baserunner. Once there is a runner on base, an attempt to steal a base pits the runner against the catcher. A base hit into the outfield pits the outfielder against a runner trying to score.

Baseball is a team game with many smaller units at play. Without all those smaller units working together and achieving their tasks, the team will lose.

Romans 12 puts our stewardship of the Gospel in a similar setting. The church is certainly described as a team, if you will.

Verse 3: *"For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned."* This is where the Body of Christ is really seen as a team. No one member of the baseball team can win the game by themselves. In the same way, no one part of the Body of Christ can accomplish stewardship of the Gospel alone. The pastor cannot. The congregational chair cannot. The lead soprano in the choir cannot. But each of these individuals have been added to the local congregation to be built into a team that can win the victory with Jesus.

Verses 4–5: *"For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another."* In baseball, the pitcher pitches. The catcher catches. The hitter hits. When a pitcher attempts to hit, the result is usually not very pretty. Catchers often do not excel at running the bases. The hitter usually does not do well when they are sent to the mound to pitch. Every member of the Body of Christ has a unique set of abilities and functions. Not everyone preaches. Not everyone leads. Not everyone sings well. Yet when the congregation assembles together as a team, it can succeed in ways unattainable by the individual.

Verses 6–8: *"Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness."* Each member of the team has a role to play. Abilities and opportunities are entrusted to the individual members of the Body of Christ to be used for the ultimate purpose of stewarding the Gospel for the glory of God and the benefit of the neighbor. The one preaching is no more or less important than the others. The one serving or the one teaching, the leader or the merciful one — all are equally important in the faithful stewardship of all that the Lord has entrusted to the Body of Christ. All this stewardship is for the sake of the other!

A baseball team can have five All-Star pitchers but cannot win if the hitters do not hit. The best lineup in the league will struggle if the pitchers cannot get anyone on the other team out. Pitchers need the defense behind them to play well. Coaches need to lead well. When they all work together, you have a winning baseball team.

When the Body of Christ has all its members faithfully stewarding the unique individual talents that have been entrusted to them, the victory goes to ... Jesus. This is the goal of faithful stewardship!

CALENDAR----- May 25 - 31, 2025

Sunday	25	8 :00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Worship Service w/HC
		9:15 a.m.	Adult Sunday School Only
Monday	26		Memorial Day - Office Closed
Tuesday	27	3:00 – 4:00 p.m.	Food Pantry Distribution
Wednesday	28	9:00 a.m.	Bible Study
		10:00 a.m.	Stephen Ministries
		1:00 p.m.	Office Staff Devotions/Meeting
Thursday	29	Noon	Golden Eagles
		6:30 p.m.	Parent Gathering
		6:00 – 8:00 p.m.	Fellowship Hall Rental
Friday	30	11:30 a.m.	Office is Closed
Saturday	31	8:00 a.m.	Band Practice
		5:30 p.m.	Worship Service w/HC

Birthdays This Week

5/25 Chris Lidy
 5/26 Lucas McDevitt, Marla Pilcher,
 Sadie Turner, & Will McDevitt
 5/27 Dick Kinkelaar & Kori Heuerman
 5/29 Jaxson Pilcher
 5/30 Aiden Hanks & Tabitha Bailey
 5/31 Becky Wenthe & Trey Koester

Anniversaries This Week

5/25/1985 Alvin & Judy Siebert
 5/25/1974 Dennis & Nitelle Lading
 5/27/1923 Brady & Shayna Scott
 5/27/2017 Brendan & Brittney Keller
 5/28/2016 Chris & Kami Bahrns
 5/28/2005 Kris & Amanda Wernsing
 5/28/2005 Leonard & Rachel Miller
 5/28/1982 Rick & Dana Keller
 5/29/2016 Jimmy & Kristin Hippchen
 5/30/1998 Gene & Janet Koebele
 5/30/1992 Jerry & Cheryl Pruemer



Receptacle in Atrium