

THE EAGLE

St. John's Weekly Newsletter June 15, 2025

Brothers and sisters in Christ,

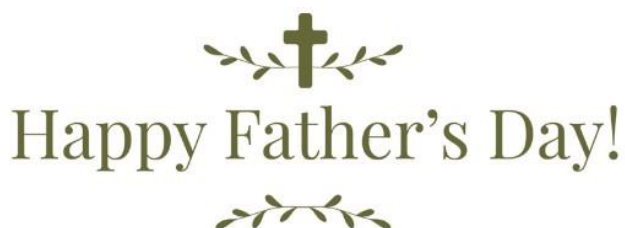
Today is Holy Trinity Sunday—an opportunity for us to reflect on and discuss our Trinidadian God. It is a reminder that the Father sent the Son, who sent the Holy Spirit. In return, the Holy Spirit points us to the Son, and the Son forgives us so that we may have a relationship with the Father. There are aspects of the Trinity that we may never fully grasp in this earthly life, but even this reminds us of the infinite wisdom of our God and the limitations of human understanding.

Today is also special for another reason—Father's Day. As many of us celebrate, let us take a moment to pray for those among us for whom today may be difficult. In fact, the first Father's Day in the U.S. was born out of hardship and loss.

On December 6, 1907, a coal mine in West Virginia collapsed in one of the worst mining disasters in American history. That day, 360 miners lost their lives—250 of them fathers. Nearly 1,000 children mourned the loss of their fathers. The following year, one of the daughters of a fallen miner convinced her pastor to hold a special service to honor those fathers. This tradition continued until 1966, when President Lyndon B. Johnson officially declared Father's Day a national holiday.

So, this Father's Day, let us reflect on the sacrifice of our Heavenly Father—not only in His constant presence, but in the gift of His only Son, sent to die for us. May we always thank God for His goodness and mercy. May God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit continue to bless you.

Pastor Dilke



Throughout June we are confessing the **Nicene** Creed in our Services. 1700 years ago, the Council of Nicaea prayerfully hammered out this true confession of the faith. You probably have the Apostles Creed memorized. The Nicene Creed is worthy of such dedication, too!

Single Service Sunday

Sunday, June 29 we will have ONE Sunday morning Service at 9:30am. This is a fantastic opportunity to introduce an unchurched friend to your church family! The Service will begin with a hymn sing based upon your choices.

After Service, we're having an early POTLUCK dinner. Come one, come all. Chicken, beverages, and tableware will be provided by the Church. You bring a salad, favorite casserole, or dessert. Dinner is at 10:45am (you can call it brunch if you wish). Break bread. Visit with someone new, or a longtime friend who attends a different Service than you. Leadership for this dinner comes from the Board of Elders and the ever-hard-work Social Ministry Board. If you plan to attend, please sign your name and number of people attending on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the atrium. Thank you.

Note: the regular 5:30pm Saturday Service will be held. You can worship then and come on Sunday for the potluck!

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.*

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

Sunday, June 8	402
Sunday School.....	21
Life Light	11
Adult Bible Class.....	33

Our Offering

General Fund.....	\$12,904.05
Online Offering.....	\$5,903.29
Total Gen. Fund Offering.....	\$18,807.34

Prayer List

Judy Siebert, James Seggelke, Henrietta Poe, Niki Bishop, Dick Hulskotter, Madison Gartner Hagen, the family of John Wieder and the family of Dick Wendling.

Stewardship Moment

From the LSB Service of the Sacrament
 "Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Sabaoth adored."
 Three times the angels cry out: "Holy, holy, holy!"
 It is an indication of the three-ness in God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. This is the Name into which we are baptized. We have been made a part of God's family and are now called to live lives that are in harmony with this new family. We are to be godly and live in God's image. As God is loving, kind and generous, so also are we called to be.



Vacation Bible School **Thank You**

To every volunteer with our Vacation Bible School this week. Youth and adults worked together to give kids God's grace and truth. **We thank God for all of you.** Special thanks to the Youth Board members who organized it all. Thank you!



Baby Bottle Project

The baby bottles with donations for Family Life Center are to be returned today
Father's Day.



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

"This Weeks Sunday School Lesson"

Lesson 6

"On Your Feet" is this week's lesson. The Holy Spirit leads the Church at Antioch to send Paul and Barnabas on a momentous missionary journey. In Lystra, they heal a man who had never been able to walk. The people who see this think Paul and Barnabas are gods come down to earth, and they attempt to offer sacrifices to them. In grief, Paul and Barnabas tear their clothes and rush into the crowd, barely preventing them from making the offerings.



Holy Trinity Lutheran High School **Speaker Series**

All are encouraged to attend a talk at St. John's in Effingham on June 17 at 12:15. Bring your lunch if you'd like and we'll provide lemonade, tea, and coffee! Childcare will be provided, so bring your kids as well. Christine Rivers and Katie Schuermann will be our first speakers on "Why a Lutheran High School?". Come with your questions!

Food Pantry Distribution

The next distribution is Tues., June 24 from
 3 p.m. - 4 p.m.

LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life

"You have a higher purpose than living for yourself. Your work is His. You live for the one who died and rose for you. You share the good news about Him. That's how God grows His family, adding branches to His tree. You get to be part of this family—a family with a rich past and a glorious future." *Rev. Peter Sulzle, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

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.

Golden Eagle's Dinner - June 26

The Golden Eagles dinner will be on Thursday, June 26, at 12 noon. The menu this month is Pulled Chicken Bar-B-Q, Beef Brisket, potato salad, cole slaw and desserts. The meal is being catered by Lickin' My Chicken. Taunya Ohnesorge will present an informative program on advanced directives. Everyone is welcome to attend. The cost is \$10.00 per person. 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, JUNE 22

Our District Convention

will begin in four weeks in Springfield. Read the Convention Workbook at www.cidLCMS.org. Pray for Jerry Lindsey and Pastor Burdick as they serve as delegates, and inform them of your opinion on matters in the Convention Workbook.

Church Streets & Sidewalks

Effingham City will begin work on the streets and sidewalks around the church this week. Be careful in and out of the parking lot. It will be a long project, culminating in major street work next year. We're glad our neighborhood streets are being improved.

Church Pews

For your information, the company that refinished our pews will be back at the church this week addressing our concerns about the finish.

Our 5th Sunday Door Offering

Our 5th Sunday Door Offering on June 28/29 will be in support of a new outdoor message board. Thank you to everyone who has already contributed! Your generosity, plus a Grant from our CID Church Extension Fund, has put us within approximately \$3,000 of the goal! We were thrilled to received word that the Church Extension Fund OUTREACH Grant was approved for \$5,000! We will acknowledge and thank CEF when the sign is installed later this year. The message board will not only announce church events, but will also display God's WORD to our neighbors passing by.

Dollars for Mission

By June 1, the gathering of funds for three distinct projects could be declared complete:

- \$25,000 for Masonry/tuckpointing at University Lutheran Church, Champaign
- \$2,600 for Parking lot closure devices and camera installation, Immanuel Lutheran Student Center, Macomb
- \$6,000 to Refurbish seating in library and game room and technology in game room, Immanuel Lutheran Student Center, Macomb

The new (and current!) project is **\$10,000 to replace insulation in the chancel ceiling at Wittenberg Lutheran Center, Normal.**

Dating from 1980, the fiberglass batt insulation above Wittenberg's chancel has fallen from its intended place, that is, immediately under the roof. The area needing replacement measures some 775 square feet.

This job will not be easy. The replacement area is not readily accessible, due to a non-structural ceiling right above the altar and organ in the chancel. The task of replacing this insulation will require ingenuity and creativity. In short, the total price will end up being much greater than relatively minor costs for materials.

Thank you very much for your support of CID missions through A Dollar for Missions!

CALENDAR----- June 15 - 21, 2025

Sunday	15	8 :00 a.m.	Worship Service w/HC
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
		9:15 a.m.	Pack Cancer Packets
		10:30 a.m.	Worship Service w/HC Banks Robert Wahl Baptism VBS Sing
Monday	16		Pastor Dille's Sabbath
		9:00 a.m.	VBS take down
		4:00 p.m.	Board of Evangelism
Tuesday	17	12:15 p.m.	Holy Trinity Lutheran High School Speaker Series
		6:30 p.m.	Adult Catechism Bible Study
Wednesday	18	9:00 a.m.	Bible Study
		1:00 p.m.	Office Staff Devotions/Meeting
		6:00 p.m.	Youth Fellowship
Thursday	19	5:00 p.m.	Bd of Youth
		6:00 p.m. -8:00 p.m.	Hall Rental
Friday	20		Pastor Burdick's Sabbath
		11:30 a.m.	Office is Closed
		6:30 p.m.	Young Adult Bible Study
Saturday	21	8:00 a.m.	Band Practice
		8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Stephen Minister Training
		5:30 p.m.	Worship Service w/HC

Birthdays This Week

6/15 Bailey Willenborg, Danny Stevenson,
 Derek Ohnesorge, Jacque Dixon,
 Jamie Lotz, Jim Gibbons, Joyce Curry
 Leandra Meyers, & Paige Jansen
 6/16 Clinton Weber, Hope Brinkopf, Jo Budde,
 & Kelsey Rentfro
 6/17 Donald Wendte
 6/18 Carol Hulskotter, Karine Castillo, &
 Sara Jennings
 6/19 Mary Dasenbrock & Thad Genaust
 6/20 Gabriel Walker, Gus Koester, &
 Todd Sigg
 6/21 Gayle Robbins, Mason Stewart, &
 Max Stewart

Anniversaries This Week

6/15/2019 Kolin & Meredith Roderick
 6/16/1984 Terry & Laura Braun
 6/18/2005 Jake & Erin Wendling
 6/18/2016 Zachary & Monica Scott
 6/18/2011 Tyler & Stacey Hagerstrom
 6/20/1981 Gary & Cathy Norris
 6/20/1998 Randy & Erica Hansen
 6/20/1965 Ron & Carol Lading
 6/21/2014 Derek & Andrea Storm
 6/21/2008 Don & Haley Brown