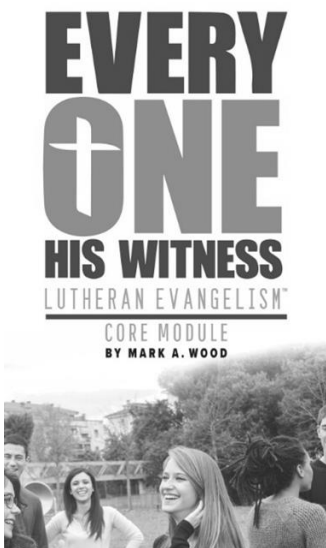


THE EAGLE

St. John's Weekly Newsletter June 22, 2025



If you were one of the many participants in our witnessing training sessions in summer 2024, you have a great resource in your home. The "EveryOne His Witness" core module book is full of practical guidance on how to speak up about the hope you have in Jesus.

One of the first things I remember from the training was Dr. Wood's statement, "You're not qualified to bring someone to faith in Jesus." I was relieved to hear him say that. Then he added, "But God is qualified to make use of you as His witness." It's true! God is able to make you His tool to share the hope which flows from knowing Christ as Lord. You don't have to be a pastor. You simply have to tell what God has done in Christ – like the man from the Gerasenes in our Gospel this Sunday.

Practice will make you more comfortable. Take a few practice swings in the safe "batting cage" of your home. Actually practice sharing the Christian hope that is in you with a family member. Something like, "I have hope in my life. I know I'm a sinner, and yet I also know God's love and mercy. It's wonderful to be certain that Jesus died for me. I hope you believe that, too."

Such a conversation is only appropriate after you've listened to the non-believing person with your ears and your heart. Listen first. Listen more. Then share. God is qualified to make use of you.

Worship Next Weekend

Saturday, June 28 5:30p.m.
(No Communion)

Sunday, June 29 9:30a.m.
Single Service
(No Communion)

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.

Potluck Dinner

After Sunday 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.



Vacation Bible School

The total offerings from VBS were \$780.77. Concordia Gospel Outreach sends free Bibles, Bible story books, and teaching materials to individuals and organization who are struggling to connect people with the Gospel. Since 2011, CGO has touched more than 275,000 lives in more than 40 countries including the United States.

Response to the Gospel
Our Attendance Last Week

Sunday, June 15 467
Sunday School 16
Adult Bible Class 30
Vacation Bible School 113 / 104 / 113 / 94

Our Offering

General Fund \$8,313.00
Online Offering \$2,462.55
Total Gen. Fund Offering \$10,775.55

Attention ALL Boards

Your reports for the July Council meeting
need to be in the office by
Tuesday, July 8 by noon

Prayer List

Windy Westfall, Judy Siebert, James
Seggelke, Henrietta Poe, Niki Bishop, Dick
Hulskotter, Madison Gartner Hagen, and
Voris Osborn.

Office Assistant

We are still searching for a parttime Office
Assistant here at Church. Job description
and application available in the office. It's a
vital part of our **ministry!**

Stewardship Moment

Luke 8:37

"Then all the people of the surrounding
country of the Gerasenes asked Him to
depart from them, for they were seized with
great fear. So He got into the boat and
returned." The Gerasenes are upset with
Jesus because His ministry led to the loss of
their pig herd $\frac{3}{4}$ their wealth. They want
Jesus to go away before He does any more
damage to their bottom line. Their priorities
are clear. What about our priorities? Is the
work and ministry of Jesus worthy of our
support and the sacrifice of some of our
wealth?

Food Pantry Distribution

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

Ice Cream Social

Faith Lutheran Church Shumway
Sunday July 13, 2025 from 4:00 to 7:00p.m.
Homemade Ice Cream, BBQ, Hot Dogs,
pies, cake, and drinks.

This will be a FREE will offering.

All proceeds will go to benefit
Trinity Lutheran School Stewardson

Church Library

Our Library (5th floor, at the south end) is full
of Biblical and wholesome resources for
adults and kids. Go up after worship and
check out something today.

Youth Corner Upcoming Events

Rummage Sale

Drop Off

Sun., July 27 from Noon – 1pm

Mon., July 28 from Noon – 6pm

Tues., July 29 from 4pm – 6pm

Sale Dates

Thurs., July 31 from 4 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Fri., Aug. 1 from 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Sat., Aug 2 from 9 a.m. – Noon

Clean Up

Noon – 2 p.m.

Golf Outing

Sat., Sept. 13 at 1 p.m.

"This Weeks Sunday School Lesson"

Lesson 7

This week, we study "The Gentile Cause." A
disagreement arises in the Church
concerning the Gentile believers. Some want
to make the Gentiles follow the Jewish laws.
Peter, Paul, and Barnabas give testimony to
the Jerusalem Council concerning their work
among the Gentiles. The Council sends a
letter to the Gentile believers, encouraging
them and welcoming them as God's chosen
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 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 receive 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.

LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life

"Let your life be so focused on the grace of God in Christ that your eyes are open to the people He is bringing into your life even now, 'the least of these my brothers.' Do not worry about whether the world considers them influencers or nobodies. Be attentive to those in your sphere of influence as Christ Himself is attentive to you. Concerned citizens? Sure! It is important. But being concerned disciples of Jesus for others is what ultimately lasts." *Dr. Gregory Seltz, PhD, Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

National Youth Gathering

17 of our High School Youth and 5 Adult Leaders will participate in our National Youth Gathering in New Orleans titled



ENDURE

They depart July 17th at 5:30 p.m. from our church parking lot, with 15 High Schoolers from St. John's, Dieterich, and St. Paul's Wheeler.

In addition to the programming offered by the gathering, our group will be engaging in several activities in New Orleans. These include a tour of Mardi Gras World (the place where floats are made for the Mardi Gras Parade), a pontoon boat swamp tour, and the National WWII Museum. We thank God for all of the Parents, Volunteers, and Donors who have made this trip possible. God certainly will use the trip to plant seeds which will grow in faith as the High Schoolers here at St. John's grow in love for Jesus, St. John's, and the world around them.

NYG Heads Up

At the 10:30 a.m. Service on July 13th, you'll be blessed and commissioned. Then on Thursday, July 17th at 4:30 p.m., you're having your final meal together before departure in the Trinity Room here at church. It will be fun!

CALENDAR----- June 22 - 28, 2025

Pastor Burdick is on Vacation June 23 - 29

Sunday	22	8 :00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Worship Service w/HC
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
Monday	23		Pastor Dille's Sabbath
		5:15 p.m.	Board of Early Childhood
Tuesday	24	3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Food Pantry Distribution
		6:30 p.m.	Adult Catechism Bible Study
Wednesday	25	9:00 a.m.	Bible Study
		10:00 a.m.	Stephen Ministry
		1:00 p.m.	Office Staff Devotions/Meeting
Thursday	26	Noon	Golden Eagles
		5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Hall Rental
		6:00 p.m.	Stephen Ministry Training
		6:30 p.m.	Parent Gathering
Friday	27	11:30 a.m.	Office is Closed
Saturday	28	5:30 p.m.	Worship Service

Birthdays This Week

6/22 Kolton Westjohn & Larry Quicksall
6/23 Grayson Whitaker, Jacque Frey,
Jeff Weis, & Voris Osborn
6/24 Bob Marxman, Don Grupe,
Jackie Genaust, & Mary Brauer
6/25 Emily Klitzing
6/26 Emmalin Smith
6/27 Lucas Stortzum, Nicholas Devall,
& Sharon Vonderheide
6/28 Jensen Brach, Paul Leppin, &
Rev. Earl Brown

Sympathy

We extend our condolences to Norma Wendling and her family after the death of her son, Dick. Dick's Funeral will be here at church soon, but date and time are to be determined. There will be a funeral lunch following burial. Christ is our only peace in the face of death. Christ is risen!

Anniversaries This Week

6/22/24 Gus & Beth Koester
6/23/18 Dustin & Marissa Brown
6/25/22 Brandon & Holley Wendling
6/25/16 Phil & Heidi Kinkelaar
6/28/08 Adam & Lindsey Storm
6/28/08 Chad & Mandy Westjohn

Little Children's Worship Bags

Are available in the Atrium. After worship Services, please return them to the "tree" (it seems that a few have gone home and haven't come back. God bless the kids!

Looking for a great podcast

that provides a Biblical view of today's news and issues? Check out ***"The World and Everything In It."*** We listen to it every weekday! - Pastor B