

THE EAGLE

St. John's Weekly Newsletter June 29, 2025

Wow, it has been hot outside this past week. It's amazing that in heat waves like this, we hear in the news about people who do not have the things they need to stay healthy or even survive. Yet we say in the explanation of the First Article of the Apostles' Creed that we believe "God richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life." So, how can we reconcile these two facts? How can we say that God gives us everything we need while recognizing that some people suffer more than others?

I'll start with this: suffering is a product of sin. It didn't enter the world until Adam and Eve ate the fruit in the Garden. This sin caused a disconnect between humanity and God—our Creator. So, God punished the rebellion of Adam and Eve by cursing the earth. Yet He is also a gracious God. Through creation, He still sustains life even after the curse. Our response, then, is "to repent of our sin, trust God's promise of forgiveness, care for those who suffer, and pray for God's restoration of all things when Christ comes again."

But still, that doesn't answer the question of why some people experience more suffering than others. The fact of the matter is that God's reasoning and purposes are often beyond our understanding. But even if we don't understand, God does not expect us to always step back and let suffering happen. "Rather, He calls us to take our complaints and sorrows to Him, rejoice when we share in Christ's sufferings, pray for His help, care for those who suffer, and commend ourselves and others into His merciful hand."

Oh, and there's one more thing. God does not let evil or suffering have the last word. Only Christ gets the final word. In your baptism, you are reborn daily—the old sinner, the old Adam, is defeated, and you

are reminded that what Jesus did for you on the cross marks a victory that has already been won. After all, through St. Paul in Romans 8:28 we hear that "for those who love God all things work together for good." So, rest in the hope of this good news, and respond by being the hands and feet of the Body of Christ for those in need. It is our responsibility to help our neighbors in need and point them to the Cross and the victory that has been won for them.

*All quotations are from Luther's Small Catechism 2017, p.150-154

May God continue to bless you,

Pastor Dille

Worship This 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. Even if you didn't get signed up, Please Come.

Response to the Gospel
Our Attendance Last Week

Sunday, June 22 354
Sunday School 16
Adult Bible Class 38

Our Offering

General Fund \$10,212.46
Online Offering \$3,510.54
Total Gen. Fund Offering \$13,723.00

Prayer List

Bill McCue, Windy Westfall, Judy Siebert,
James Seggelke, Henrietta Poe, Niki Bishop,
Dick Hulskotter, Madison Gartner Hagen,
and the family of 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

1 Kings 19:18

"Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him." Elijah was so sure that he was right, that he was the only one left who had not gone after Baal. But he was too pessimistic; his faith in God was off-center. We can't go by our own wisdom. We must trust the Lord and what He has revealed to us in His Word. Think about how this applies to our support of God's work in the church with our offerings. Look in the Table of Duties in Luther's Small Catechism to see what the Bible has to say about our giving.

Church Streets & Sidewalks

The City of Effingham is working on the streets and sidewalks around the church. 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.

Youth Corner Upcoming Events

Holiday World Mon. July 14

This is for this year's 6th grade-LYF members
Sign Up by July 7th

Sign Up information is on the bulletin board
Or by using this QR Code below



You may take a friend

\$40 per person

You may pay for your ticket with your
LYF funds

You may take up to \$50 from your
LYF funds as spending cash

You will be contacted about money and more information. Must have waiver (which are on the church bulletin board) filled out in full by July 14 and with you.

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.

Food Pantry Distribution

The next distribution is Tues., July 8 from
3 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Our 5th Sunday Door Offering

Our 5th Sunday Door Offering this weekend 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

"As your life goes on, you will continue to see the effects of sin in the world. Your own bodies will fail with time. The world will seem to be a darker place. Loved ones will pass away. But do not be ignorant about those who have fallen asleep, the Apostle Paul encourages you. Instead, know with certainty that 'the end for you is only the end of the hardship. Life awaits you in Christ!'" *Daily Devotion, Lutheran Hour Ministries – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

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

Sympathy

We extend our condolences to the Osborn family. Voris died Monday, June 23 on his 89th birthday. His funeral was this last Friday here at St. John's with burial at Dieterich Cemetery. Memorials may be made to St. John's Lutheran Church. Christ is our only peace in the face of death. Christ is risen!

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!

NYG Swim Party

This Sunday, June 29, at Caryolyn Wendte's house, 13697 E 1000th Ave, Effingham. From 12 p.m. – 2 p.m.

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

Sunday	29	9:30 a.m.	Hymn Sing before Worship Worship Service 5 th Sunday Door Offering
		10:45 a.m.	Potluck Dinner
		12:00 p.m.– 2:00 p.m.	NYG Meeting/Swim Party
Monday	30		Pastor Dille's Sabbath
		7:00 p.m.	Lutheran Care Board
Tuesday	1	5:30 p.m.	Board of Education
		5:30 p.m.	Board of Trustees
		6:30 p.m.	Adult Catechism Bible Study
Wednesday	2	9:00 a.m.	Bible Study
		10:00 a.m.	Richard Wendling Visitation
		11:00 a.m.	Rich Wendling Funeral/meal
		1:00 p.m.	Office Staff Devotions/Meeting
		6:00 p.m.	Youth Fellowship
Thursday	3	6:00 p.m.	Stephen Ministry Training
Friday	4	Independence Day	Office is Closed
Saturday	5	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

Birthdays This Week

6/29 Justin Wendling & Kaylee Stuckey
 6/30 Nikki Vahling & Tori Budde
 7/1 Carrah Daniels & Kassie Stanfield
 7/2 Ashley Bailey, Brad Jeffries, & Noah Flach
 7/3 Christa Tieffel, Elijah Lipe, Jill Keitel,
 7/4 Angie Nelson, Dale Wendte, & Ragan Koester
 7/5 Carol Klein, Heidi Kinkelaar, Jennifer Weber, & Knox Kinkelaar



Anniversaries This Week

7/3/04 Chris & Beth Debolt
 7/3/10 Mike & Renee Kremer
 7/5/02 Jeff & Ashley Flach

Attention ALL Boards

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

Upcoming Meetings

Council Meeting
 Tuesday, July 15 at 7:00pm

 Voters Assembly Meeting
 Tuesday, July 22 at 7:00pm