

THE EAGLE

St. John's Weekly Newsletter June 8, 2025

Why work in our church office? It's a hub of serving church families and community members. Sarah has our office well organized, physically and systemically. We pray together, laugh together (especially when Pastor Fortkamp is assigned the end-of-meeting joke), and work together for God's glory. If you, or someone you love, would enjoy a parttime job that blesses others, come talk to Sarah and me in the office. Pick up a description and application. Pray about it. For the right person, we can offer flexibility.

Thanks! – Pastor Burdick



Pray for VBS all week long

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.

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



Sunday School

**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

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 1	380
Sunday School.....	17
Life Light	12
Adult Bible Class.....	33

Our Offering

General Fund.....	\$11,891.66
Online Offering.....	\$2,933.54
Total Gen. Fund Offering.....	\$14,825.20

Prayer List

Gina Hargis, Henrietta Poe, Niki Bishop, Dick Hulskotter, Janet Martins, Madison Gartner Hagen, Mike Kallis, and Linda Miller.

Stewardship Moment

Acts 1:16

“Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus.” Judas sold out our Lord for 30 pieces of silver. That is, he sold out his friend, master and teacher for the sake of greed. That is a sharp reminder for us to search our own hearts for greed and to pray that the Lord would help us to turn from it before it consumes us.

LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life

“We are blessed because Jesus has come to us, God most high become a human baby. We are blessed because God has kept His promise to redeem us, even at the cost of His own suffering, death, and resurrection. And we are blessed because the Holy Spirit has given us faith in His good promises.” *Lutheran Hour Ministries Daily Devotion – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Today, June 8, we will hear from Kyle Stortzum, Leader of Fellowship of Christian Athletes here in Effingham. We support FCA in prayer and with financial donations yearly, and Kyle will give us an update on the work of FCA for area youth. **Come to the fellowship hall at 9:00am for fellowship and FCA!**



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



VBS Needs Volunteers:

Set up: Today, June 8 at 11:30.

If you can help later, call one of us to see if we are still working.

Take down: Mon., June 16th at 9am

Vacation Bible School

Thanks be to God that this is another Vacation **Bible** School week for us here at St. John's. Hundreds of kids will be here. Pray for the children and adults to learn a great deal from God's holy Word, and to rejoice in "An unforgettable journey with Jesus". Thanks to the Youth Board and the many people who are making the VBS possible! Some of the children will sing VBS songs in the 10:30am Service next Sunday.

All VBS Volunteers

Please find your name and assigned duty on the bulletin board in the main lobby.

All those helping with VBS need to meet at the church in the sanctuary Monday June 9th at 5:15 for a short meeting and prayer. We will be wearing our gray St. John's T-shirts. If you do not have one contact Carolyn or Donetta and we will have one for you.

"This Weeks Sunday School Lesson"

Lesson 5

This week, we study "A Jail Bail." King Herod launches attacks on the Church, killing James, the brother of John. When Herod sees how much this pleases the Jews, he has Peter imprisoned. Peter is guarded by four squads of soldiers as the Church prays for him. That night, an angel appears and leads Peter past the guards and out of the prison. Peter knocks at the gate of the house where the others are gathered in prayer. A servant girl, Rhoda, answers. She is so excited that she runs to tell the others, leaving Peter to continue knocking. An angel of the Lord strikes Herod down for his pride.

Food Pantry Distribution

The next distribution is Tues., June 10 from
3 p.m. - 4 p.m.



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!

THANK YOU

Central Illinois District Scholarship Sunday was May 4th. We thank everyone who participated with gifts and prayers in support of our CID seminarians and full-time church worker students. Because of the great need for pastors, teachers, principals, and other full-time church workers we also ask you to speak to your pastor if you are considering a vocation in ministry or know of someone who would be a good candidate. In addition, please forward their name and contact information to President Michael Mohr at the district office (address below).

Please continue to pray for the needs of our students throughout the year. If you were not able to make a gift last month you may still do so today or at any time during the year. The need is great. Please make your check payable to either the "The CID Scholarship Fund" to designate it to be used for current needs, or to the "CID Scholarship Endowment Fund" where the proceeds will be used for years to come to support CID church worker students. Please send your gift to: Central Illinois District LCMS, 1850 North Grand Avenue West, Springfield, IL 62702-1626.

If you are considering making a gift to ministry of retirement assets, property, IRA assets or a gift through your estate, you may contact our CID Planned Gift Counselor, Rev. Charles Olander at (217) 416-8842 or c-olander@msn.com for assistance.

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.



Baby Bottle Project

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



CALENDAR----- June 8 - 14, 2025

Sunday	8	8 :00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Worship Service w/HC
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
		9:15 a.m.	Leader of Fellowship of Christian Athletes
		11:30 a.m.	VBS Set Up
Monday	9		Pastor Dille's Sabbath
		5:00 p.m.	Board of Stewardship
		6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Vacation Bible School
Tuesday	10	1:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl
		3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Food Pantry Distribution
		5:00 p.m.	Board of Social Ministry
		6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Vacation Bible School
Wednesday	11	9:00 a.m.	Bible Study
		10:00 a.m.	Stephen Ministry
		1:00 p.m.	Office Staff Devotions/Meeting
		6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Vacation Bible School
Thursday	12	6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Vacation Bible School
Friday	13		Pastor Burdick's Sabbath
		11:30 a.m.	Office is Closed
Saturday	14	8:00 a.m.	Band Practice
		5:30 p.m.	Worship Service w/HC

Birthdays This Week

6/8 Amy Kohnert
 6/10 Alexis Kjaer, Candra Kronewitter, & Vernabelle Lankford
 6/11 Avery Wahl, Finley Bloemer, & Jesse Davies
 6/12 Ethan Kuhns & Grace Roderick
 6/13 Scott Marxman
 6/14 Ammon Probst, Faye Tomkins, & Marlene Haake

Anniversaries This Week

6/8/2001 Mike & Betty Carter
 6/10/2011 Darwin & Jill Wohltman
 6/10/1978 Howard & Laura Janis
 6/11/1961 Bob & Ruth Kohnert
 6/12/1982 Norbert & Mary Brauer
 6/13/1992 Greg & LeeAnn Perry
 6/13/1998 Greg & Rosemary Seggelke
 6/13/1987 Kevin & Dena Willis
 6/13/1987 Marcy & Julie Scott
 6/14/1986 Dennis & Linda Marxmann
 6/14/1986 Mike & Kathy Burdick
 6/14/2011 Nicholas & Dana Devall