

# THE EAGLE

## St. John's Weekly Newsletter July 13, 2025

In Sunday School last weekend, where learners from age 5-80 gathered together in one study, we enjoyed humor and truth, encouragement and instruction. Studying the true story of Peter's miraculous release from prison (Acts 12), we noted that church members were praying fervently for Peter's release ... and minutes later some of those same Christians thought Rhoda was out of her mind when she said announced that Peter *had* been released.

Don't get me wrong and think I'm saying God will grant every request you make of Him. He knows what is best. When He knows that the best answer is to say "yes" to your prayer, do not be surprised. When you pray for a young lady in our church to enter into the ministry of being a Lutheran teacher and God makes it so, don't be surprised. When a boy for whom you've been praying enters the seminary to become a pastor, don't be surprised. Trust God, pray fervently, and never stop asking, "Thy will be done."

Come to Bible Study this Sunday and learned about Lydia!

*Pastor Burdick*

### **Rally Day 2025**

Mark your calendars.  
Sunday, August 17<sup>th</sup>  
Breakfast will be at 9:00 a.m.

### **Single Service Sunday** **With a Potluck Dinner**

Our next 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday will be August 31<sup>st</sup>. We will have only 1 service on Sunday at 9:30 a.m. with a potluck meal to follow at 10:45 a.m.



### **Church Picnic**

Mark your calendars for Sunday, September 28

*Thank You*

### **Outdoor Sign**

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to our project of placing a new Outdoor Message Center in front of the Church. Along with the \$5,000 Church Extension Fund Outreach Grant, your contributions have us within \$2500 of the goal. Thank you! We hope the sign will be installed by late summer to display God's Word and ministry announcements. Look for more information next month.

### **Parking Lot**

In recent weeks we have had at least two incidents where separate cars have been sideswiped in our church lot. Let's be careful. Accidents happen. If you do damage someone's property, please kindly contact them or leave them a note. Thank you.

### **CID Convention**

Pastor Burdick and Jerry Lindsey will be at our Central Illinois District Convention Sunday night through Tuesday. Pray that all delegates will joyfully and efficiently work for the advancement of Christ's Kingdom!

### **Office Closed**

The church office will be closed  
Friday, July 18

### **Funeral Planning**

worksheets are available in the main hallway, on the shelf across from the bulletin boards. It is good to prepare a Christ-centered funeral!

### **Upcoming Meetings**

Council Meeting  
Tuesday, July 15 at 7:00pm

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

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

Sunday, July 6 ..... 426  
Adult Bible Study..... 33

**Our Offering**

General Fund.....\$8,342.25  
Online Offering.....\$4,443.54  
**Total Gen. Fund Offering.....\$12,785.79**

**Prayer List**

Janice Tappendorf, Trevor Roy, Sabastian Jose Keith, Isabella Blue Keith, Bill McCue, Judy Siebert, Henrietta Poe, Niki Bishop, Dick Hulskotter, Madison Gartner Hagen and the family of Bryan Wilson

**Stewardship Moment**

*Luke 10:25b*

*“Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?”*  
There is nothing right about this question. What shall I do to inherit? What can you do to inherit the throne of England? You can't do anything to gain it. An inheritance comes by family ties, not deeds. Our deeds follow and result from our family ties. The Father calls us His own children. So we inherit eternal life by grace, and seek to live out our new calling as the Father's children with our good works.

**Rummage Sale Volunteers**

Help is needed at all the times listed, but especially during the drop off and clean up times. If you have questions or are *interested in helping* with the rummage sale, please contact Cathy Norris (217-821-3656) or Carolyn Wendte (217-821-6541). There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

**Braille Volunteer Potluck Luncheon**

Hosted by St. John's, Effingham

Tuesday, July 22 at NOON

Chicken and a potato side dish will be provided  
Please sign up at St. John's in the Braille Room  
Or Call or text Kathy at 217-254-9360

**Golden Eagles**

There will be NO Golden Eagles dinner for the month of July. The youth will be using the fellowship to prepare for their annual garage sale. We will meet again on Thurs., Aug. 31

**Youth Corner Upcoming Events**

**Holiday World Mon. July 14**

This is for this year's 6<sup>th</sup> grade-LYF members  
You will be contacted about money and 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

We cannot accept TVs or monitors. Please make sure your items are clean and/or in good working condition. Thank you.

**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.

**LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life**

“Take heart and have hope, God's people! Even though it appears as though we have been abandoned, that our existence here seems innocuous, not making a difference to our communities, we are not those things. God is not done with us yet. He only asks that we remain faithful because He is ALWAYS faithful.”

*Deaconess Janet Nicol, Word of Hope – A Life Quote from Lutherans for Life • lutheransforlife.org*

**St. John's “Jam Night”**

August 16, 6:30 p.m.

(after evening service)

105 S Oak St (back yard)

Rain = gymnasium

Come enjoy a wide variety of music performed by our talented musicians.

**Baby Bottle Project**

A total of \$2,737.75 was collected by our members and donated to the Family Life Center. Thanks to everyone for your contribution.



### **Holy Trinity Lutheran High School** **Speaker Series Event 2**

Sunday, July 13 - 6:30pm  
Bethlehem Parish Hall, Altamont

The first speaker event for Holy Trinity was a success with 70 people in attendance! Next, Micah Cumming will be speaking from a student's perspective about the impact of a Lutheran High School. We will also give logistical updates about Holy Trinity and answer questions from our last event! Light refreshments will be served and this is a family friendly event. Come, Listen, and ask questions!

### **Food Pantry Distribution**

The next distribution is Tues., July 22 from  
3 p.m. - 4 p.m.

### **Sympathy**

We extend our condolences to Lisa Wison and her family after the death of her husband, Bryan. Bryan's Funeral was Tuesday, July 8<sup>th</sup> at Johnson's Funeral Home. Christ is our only peace in the face of death. Christ is risen!

### **"This Weeks Sunday School Lesson"**

Lesson 8

"The Unique Greek" is the title of this week's lesson. Paul and Silas journey to Philippi. On the Sabbath Day, they meet a businesswoman named Lydia and others gathered at the riverside for prayer. After hearing Paul's teaching, Lydia and her household are baptized. Lydia invites Paul and the others to stay at her home.

### **A Big Thank You**

To all who sent cards, gave a memorial, gave hugs, a kind word, made food, and helped in any way. Norma Wendling & Family.

### **National Youth Gathering**

Please continue to pray for the 17 High School Youth and 5 Adult Leaders who will participate in our National Youth Gathering in New Orleans titled.



**ENDURE**

At the 10:30 service this Sunday, we will bless and commission everyone who is going to New Orleans for the Youth Gathering. The Lord will certainly be with the group as they travel to New Orleans, but your prayers are welcome and needed. The Lord certainly answers prayers. Pray for safe travels. Pray for individuals and for the group as a whole. Pray for those who have been in the church their whole life and those who are still new to faith. Pray that this gathering will bear fruit in the future, too.

### **NYG Meeting this Sunday**

This Sunday, July 13, we will be meeting one more time at St. John's from 7-8 p.m.

### **NYG Heads Up**

At 4:30 p.m. next Thursday, we will be meeting to gather around a meal before we leave for New Orleans. We hope that parents and high schoolers make it to this meal. We will then load the bus and leave for New Orleans at 5:30.

### **Confirmation Orientation**

Confirmation ministry will begin again in late August. The Orientation meeting for parents and students in grades 6, 7, 8 will be Wednesday August 20 at 5:00pm. The Word of God and Luther's Small Catechism are our texts. Faithful attendance in class and in worship is required. God's truth and grace strengthen kids and parents in the faith. For life. The First class will be **September 10<sup>th</sup>**.

### **Acolyte training**

The incoming 6<sup>th</sup> Grade students will receive their training in service as an acolyte on Sunday, August 17, immediately following the 10:30 Service.

# **CALENDAR----- July 13 - 19, 2025**

Sunday	13	8:00 a.m.	Worship Service w/HC
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
		10:30 a.m.	Worship Service w/HC NYG Attendees Blessing & Commissioning
		6:30 p.m.	Holy Trinity Lutheran H.S. Speaker (Bethlehem)
		7:00 p.m.	NYG Meeting
			CID Convention - Springfield
Monday	14		CID Convention - Springfield
		6:00 a.m.	LYF Holiday World
		5:00 p.m.	Board of Stewardship
Tuesday	15		CID Convention - Springfield
		9:00 a.m.	Board of Youth
		6:30 p.m.	Adult Catechism Bible Study
		7:00 p.m.	Council Meeting
Wednesday	16		Pastor Burdick Vacation
		9:00 a.m.	Bible Study
		1:00 p.m.	Office Staff Devotions/Meeting
		6:00 p.m.	Youth Fellowship at Stuemkes'
Thursday	17		Pastor Burdick Vacation
		4:30 p.m.	NYG Meal – Trinity Room
		5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Hall Rental
		5:30 p.m.	Board Bus for NYG in New Orleans
Friday	18		Pastor Burdick's Sabbath
			NYG - New Orleans
		11:30 a.m.	Office Closed
		6:30 p.m.	YABS at Pastor Burdicks'
Saturday	19		NYG - New Orleans
		8:00 a.m.	Band Practice
		8:30 a.m.	Stephen Ministry Training
		5:30 p.m.	Worship Service w/HC

## **Birthdays This Week**

7/13 Cheryl Duckwitz, Chris Sandifer,  
 Kristen Probst, Leroy Campton,  
 Meredith Wendling, & Shane Gordon  
 7/14 Isla Veach, John Lechman, Julie  
 Scott, Kynlie Buening, & Sophia Jansen  
 7/15 Anderson Jones  
 7/16 Brynlee Willenborg, Donna LeCrone,  
 Warren Schlechte  
 7/17 Patsy Bahrns & Samantha Willis  
 7/18 Carson Norris & Pat Milleville

## **Anniversaries This Week**

7/13/2013 Nick & Mallory Jones  
 7/14/2021 Mike & Lisa Kallis  
 7/16/2004 Phillip & Tammy Wendling  
 7/16/2022 Trey & Katie Dille  
 7/17/1976 Rick & Vicki Manford  
 7/18/1981 Bob & Karla Flach  
 7/18/2009 Rick & Libby Dasenbrock  
 7/19/2003 Jamie & Emily Lotz