

# THE EAGLE

## St. John's Weekly Newsletter July 27, 2025



Most of our youth and adult participants who just returned from the LCMS National Youth Gathering. 22 travelled to and from New Orleans, focused on Christ, Who endured the cross and grave ... and now they continue to ENDURE in the faith. Thanks be to God! Thank you for all your support.



In the Altar Guild meeting this week, Chairman Lisa Norton opened with a devotion on this Sunday's Old Testament reading from Genesis 18. Abraham interceded for the wicked people of Sodom. God's holiness cannot tolerate sin (let that sink in). God's mercy is abundant upon everyone who repents and believes Jesus is the atonement for their many sins. Let that sink in, too!

It was a very fitting devotion for the meeting of those who care for the Altar and the Communion vessels, because the Altar is a place of God's holiness and mercy. What a wonderful thing it is to come week in and week out!

Thank you for embracing having Communion every Sunday. Thank you to the many volunteers who take care of the vessels. When we started a couple of years ago, we enjoyed an influx of new volunteers for filling and cleaning the Communion ware. We need you again, since the numbers of volunteers has diminished a bit. Please come back, or volunteer for the first time. Sign up on the bulletin board in the main hallway. Lisa Norton and others will train you. Youth are encouraged to serve alongside their parents. We need you, and we appreciate you. We all need this place of holiness and mercy!

*Tutor Furdick*

P.S. Did you know that our old Altar cloth (the large cloth under the vessels and the book stand) is being used to create the napkins we give to children and adults who receive Baptism? It's a beautiful connection!

### **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

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

Sunday, July 6 ..... 377  
 Sunday School..... 10

### **Our Offering**

General Fund .....\$6,070.00  
 Online Offering.....\$3,089.55  
**Total Gen. Fund Offering .....\$9,159.55**

## **Prayer List**

James Seggelke, Barb Morrison, Oliver King, Patsey Latch, Cassie Power, Judy Siebert, Steve Rubin, Chuck Mayberry, Janice Tappendorf, Trevor Roy, Henrietta Poe, Niki Bishop, Madison Gartner Hagen, Kori Heuerman, Derek, and newborn Boden.

## **Stewardship Moment**

*Luke 11:11*

**“What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent?”** A generous, giving spirit comes from knowing that you have a generous, giving Father. He will care for our needs. We are therefore free to reflect His generosity in our lives. We can be generous in raising our children, supporting the church and serving our neighbor in the community. In these three areas — home, church and society — the Lord has called us to show His grace and generosity to those around us.

## **Rummage Sale**

### **Help is needed**

at all the times listed, but especially during the drop off and clean up times There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

### **Clothes Racks**

If anyone has any, we could borrow for the rummage sale please contact us.

### **All LYF Youth and Parents**

Please consider helping at any of the rummage sale drop off times and/or sale dates as listed.

### **Proceeds**

From the Rummage Sale will offset of the Church Outdoor Sign and for transportation expenses for LYF events.

Please contact Cathy Norris (217-821-3656) Donetta Ohnesorge (217-821-3300) or Carolyn Wendte (217-821-6541).

## **LifeLight**

Prophecy

Classes start September 7

Sign up by Aug 25<sup>th</sup> on the bulletin board.

## **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

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.

### **Pool Party**

Sat., Aug 9<sup>th</sup>

With Dieterich LYF

More details to follow

### **Golf Outing**

Sat., Sept. 13 at 1:00p.m.

(See this week's Insert for details)

## **Save the Date**

Wed. Aug 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00p.m.

National Youth Gathering presentation  
 with a light dinner in the gym.  
 All are welcome.

## **LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life**

“There is no joy like the joy of welcoming another child into your life. You will marvel anew at how perfectly formed your little one is and over how quickly you will fall head over heels in love with him. You will be enchanted with every tiny aspect of her appearance. The color of her hair, the shape of her nose, and the winsomeness of her smile will occasion endless happy debates about from which side of the family (yours, of course) she got that adorable trait.”  
*Steve Mosher, Population Research Institute, author of “Ten Great Reasons to Have Another Child” – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)*

## **Family Life Center**

### **Annual Fundraising Banquet**

September 11 at 7:00pm!

### 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

#### St. John's "Jam Night"

August 16, 6:30 p.m.  
(after evening service)  
105 S Oak St (backyard)  
Rain = gymnasium

Come enjoy a wide variety of music performed by our talented musicians.  
Bring a lawn chair and your favorite snack!

### Food Pantry Distribution

The next distribution is Tues., Aug 12 from  
3 p.m. - 4 p.m.

### Substitute Sunday School Teachers are Needed!

It would be nice to have a couple of names for this fall on hand if we are in need. Please reach out to Kiley Bohnhoff.

### Position Open

St. Peter's Lutheran School has an opening for the Kitchen Manager's position. If you are interested, please contact the church office, or send resume to letter of interest to 701 E Third, St. Peter, IL



The Next Holy Trinity Lutheran Hight School speaker event will be at 6:30pm, August 24 at St. John's south of Dieterich. Come learn about this wonderful project.

### Board Members

In October our Voters Assembly will elect board members for service in support of our mission (Proclaim the Christ, Grow the Family, Love the Neighbor). Boards, including those members who are completing their time of service, should soon be praying, thinking, and recruiting so that all positions are filled. Do you have a desire to serve in some aspect of our ministry? Speak with our pastors or with Adam Bohnhoff (VP) or Jeff Weis (Pres). Thank you.

### Dear Pro-Life Prayer Partner,

Please join us again this year as we unite with numerous organizations in our area and in hundreds of cities around the world for a coordinated pro-life mobilization. Unfortunately, the need for prayer continues to increase, especially in Illinois. Recently, a **3rd trimester abortion clinic** opened in Chicago. It's a second location of the Hope Clinic in Granite City. They will kill babies up to 34 weeks gestation! You can learn more about this terrible development [here](#).

On the positive side — despite passing in the Illinois House, **physician-assisted suicide legislation was unable to pass** in the Illinois Senate during the spring legislative session. This was a tremendous pro-life victory! That said, proponents of the bill will most certainly continue to push for legalization at every opportunity.

We need God's help!! The "Prayer Campaign for LIFE" will take place from **September 24 - November 2** and features 2 parts:

- fill 40 days with prayer to ignite more respect for all life, from conception to natural death
- support our local crisis pregnancy center by volunteering at the Silk Purse Thrift Store (or the center closest to you).
- Would you please volunteer to be the captain of this campaign for your church/organization? Let me know either way. Responsibilities are outlined at the end of this note.

Thank you! Respectfully, -**Valerie Kemme**  
(217) 663-2738 or [tvkemme@frontiernet.net](mailto:tvkemme@frontiernet.net)

#### **CAPTAIN RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Contact me to let me know you will be the captain for your church/organization. I'll send you sign-up sheets, a flyer, and blurbs for church bulletins or newsletters.
- Choose **2 days** (contact me to schedule) between Sept. 24 - Nov. 2 to participate in scheduled prayer. The participants should pray at your church if this is feasible. If not, they could pray at their home or a location of your choice. Sign up people to pray for 60-minute time slots from 8 am until 5 pm on these 2 designated days.
- Choose at least **4 hours** (contact me to schedule) to volunteer at the Silk Purse Thrift Store. All proceeds from this store go to support the Family Life Center in Effingham. I'll be providing more information on this in the coming days.

# **CALENDAR----- July 7 – August 2, 2025**

Sunday	27	8:00 a.m.	Worship Service w/HC
		9:15 a.m.	Adult Sunday School Only
		10:30 a.m.	Worship Service w/HC
		11:30 p.m.	Rummage Sale Set Up
		Noon – 1:00 p.m.	Rummage Sale Drop Off
Monday	28	Noon – 6:00 p.m.	Rummage Sale Drop Off
		5:15 p.m.	Board of Early Child
		7:00 p.m.	Lutheran Care Center Board
Tuesday	29	4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Rummage Sale Drop Off
Wednesday	30		Pastor Burdick Vacation
		9:00 a.m.	Bible Study
		1:00 p.m.	Office Staff Devotions/Meeting
		6:00 p.m.	Youth Fellowship
Thursday	31		Pastor Burdick Vacation
		4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Rummage Sale
		6:00 p.m.	Stephen Ministry Training
		6:30 p.m.	Parent Gathering
Friday	1		Pastor Burdick Vacation
		9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Rummage Sale
		6:30 p.m.	Young Adult Bible Study
Saturday	2		Pastor Burdick Vacation
		8:00 a.m.	Band Practice
		8:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
		8:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
		9:00 a.m. – Noon	Rummage Sale
		Noon – 2:00 p.m.	Clean Up
		5:30 p.m.	Worship Service w/HC

## **Birthdays This Week**

7/27 Laura Jeffries, Mallory Jones,  
 & Rebecca Hewing  
 7/28 Joanna Goldstein  
 7/29 Jaren Probst, Jill Wendling,  
 & Michelle Holland  
 7/30 Amy Miller & Melia Wendling  
 7/31 Kyle March, Ruth Kohnert,  
 & Ruth Rhodes  
 8/1 Cohen Debolt, Donetta Ohnesorge,  
 & Layla Nelson  
 8/2 Andrea Wendling, Erica Hansen, Reese  
 Wendling, & Ronnie Johnson

## **Anniversaries This Week**

7/27/1996 Jason & Kim Niebrugge  
 7/27/1974 Jim & Rosie Gibbons  
 7/28/2018 Nic & Madelyn Koester  
 7/30/2004 Randy & Amy Kohnert  
 7/30/2005 Tood & Julie Zeigler  
 7/31/1976 Dennis & Bonnie Siebert  
 8/2/2020 Chris & Morgan Lidy  
 8/2/1980 Davic & Bea Wendte