

THE EAGLE

St. John's Weekly Newsletter July 6, 2025

Almost every year on the weekend closest to July 4, I write something about dependence, prompted by our great nation's declaration of independence. We are incredibly fortunate to have and exercise the freedoms afforded us by the Constitution. We're a free people. Paradoxically, this means that you members of St. John's are free to acknowledge publicly that **you are not independent**.

You are completely dependent upon the only true God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Your life is not your own – it was given by God. Your redemption from sin and death was not your independent action or choice – it was all chosen and worked by God. The blessings of family, work, leisure, and possessions are not owned by you – they are owned by God and temporarily managed by you. In short, Independence Day is one more day in which you and I declare that we're not independent.

I recently read the newest edition of "Life Date" from Lutherans For Life. You'll find multiple copies on the shelf in the Atrium hallway, across from the bulletin boards. This issue has numerous excellent stories about the sanctity of life. They are essentially stories of dependence. I commend to you especially "My Story" by Chrissy Tritch and "Who Are You" by Diane Albers.

Dependence is displayed in our congregation by the many newborn babies we have, and the tiny, precious, human, unborn persons that are safe inside the wombs of lots of ladies in our church family. We all started in that completely dependent place. One key to life is never forgetting that.

For Life ... In Christ!



Are you interested in working with others on LIFE issues? Immanuel Lutheran in Altamont has a "Life Team" through Lutherans for Life, and they would welcome your help!

Stay connected to our sister congregations in the Central Illinois District:

1. Read our Convention Workbook at www.cidLCMS.org
2. Subscribe to our CID Newsletter, The Gatepost (at the same website)



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

Response to the Gospel
Our Attendance Last Week

Sunday, June 29 354

Our Offering

General Fund \$4,032.00

Online Offering \$3,078.54

Total Gen. Fund Offering \$7,110.54

Prayer List

Carla Bierman, Janice Tappendorf, Trevor Roy, Sabastian Jose Keith, Isabella Blue Keith, Bill McCue, Judy Siebert, Henrietta Poe, Niki Bishop, Dick Hulskotter, and Madison Gartner Hagen.

Stewardship Moment

Luke 10:20b

“But rejoice that your names are written in heaven.” No one can snatch us out of the nail-marked hands of Jesus. He has redeemed us and claimed us as His own. As those whose names are written in heaven, we seek to live heavenly lives here on earth. This is the foundation of all our good works, including the good work of faithfully supporting the work of the church. It’s our joy in having been redeemed by the Lord through the activity of the church that motivates us to support it.

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.

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.

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

We cannot accept TV’s 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

"As you walk the path of life with your neighbor, learn and celebrate the depth and breadth of the infinite worth of their life—whether they are preborn, homeless, destitute, dying, friend, or foe. Learn, through the trials set before you and the sacrifices you make to improve the life of your neighbor, the awesome worth of life. Life is sacred. Every life matters." *Rev. Robert Mohns, Lutheran Church—Canada – 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



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 8 from
3 p.m. - 4 p.m.

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

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.

Here are the High Schoolers and Leaders
who are going:

Kennedy Bailey	Eli Wendling
Avery Bohnhoff	Melia Wendling
Josie Fritch	Lillian Wernsing
Alex Gordon	Ava Wernsing
Audrey Jansen	Leo Wyckoff
Aleece Lotz	
Evan Lotz	
Kierra Mueller	Jamie Lotz
Jake Niebrugge	Emily Lotz
Cailin Ohnesorge	Donetta Ohnesorge
Hank Sipe	Carolyn Wendte
Luke Sipe	Pastor Dille

NYG Meeting this Sunday

This Sunday, July 6, we will be meeting at the Lotz's from 3-5 p.m. Their address is 14201 E Dutch Lane, Effingham

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 5:00 p.m., you're having your final meal together before departure in the Trinity Room here at church. It will be fun!

CALENDAR----- July 6 - 12, 2025

Sunday	6	8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Worship Service w/HC
		9:15 a.m.	Adult Sunday School Only
		6:00 p.m.	Holy Trinity Lutheran H.S. Comm. Mtg.
		3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	NYG Meeting at Lotzs'
		7:00 p.m.	"The Flock" H.S. LYF
Monday	7		Pastor Dille's Sabbath
Tuesday	8	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
		6:30 p.m.	Adult Catechism Bible Study
Wednesday	9	9:00 a.m.	Bible Study
		10:00 a.m.	Stephen Ministry
		1:00 p.m.	Office Staff Devotions/Meeting
Thursday	10	5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Hall Rental
		6:00 p.m.	Stephen Ministry Training
		6:30 p.m.	Board of Elders
Friday	11		Pastor Burdick's Sabbath
		11:30 a.m.	Office Closed
Saturday	12	8:00 a.m.	Band Practice
		5:30 p.m.	Worship Service w/HC

Birthdays This Week

7/6 Brad Osborne
7/7 Alec Brown, JD Snow, Larry Kuhns,
Raylen Stucke, & Robert Hunsaker
7/9 Ben Meinhart, Jonathan Stremming
Maddy Keith, & Phyllis Dueker
7/10 Carissa Snow, Cindy Shingleton, &
Jason Miller
7/12 Brad Dial & Michell Hulskotter

Anniversaries This Week

7/6/1996 Todd & Lisa Sigg
7/7/2001 Derek & Donetta Ohnesorge
7/8/1978 Fred & Judy Meislahn
7/8/2000 Kenny & Mary Dasenbrock
7/8/1989 Rick & Vicki Cook
7/10/1982 Dan & Lisa Norton
7/10/2004 Doug & Julie Stuckemeyer
7/11/2020 Marcy & Jay Wallace
7/12/1975 Gale & Jo Budde
7/12/1986 Alan & Julie Bahrns

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 10th.