

# THE EAGLE

## *St. John's Weekly Newsletter August 3, 2025*



National Youth Gathering Presentation

### **Thank you Dinner**

Wednesday, , August 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

Please sign up on the bulletin board if you are coming or call:

Domer Ohnesorge 217-821-3300

Or

Carolyn Wendte 217-821-6541

If you walked into church at any point this week, I'm sure you noticed all the items collected for the Rummage Sale. It's truly a blessing that so many people have been willing to donate in support of our youth. We also want to take a moment to thank everyone who has helped with the sale—what a gift it is to have such dedicated volunteers!

The Youth Board has voted to direct the proceeds from this year's Rummage Sale toward transportation costs for future youth events. We're especially hopeful that these funds will help cover travel to a service event in the spring or summer of 2026. Thanks be to God!

All this to say—if I had to describe this week in just a few words, I'd call it "a week of stuff!" Here at church, there's been stuff everywhere. Interestingly, all three of today's readings speak to the topic of possessions—all the stuff we own.

For many people today, the accumulation of stuff is the reason they work. They work to provide stuff for themselves and their families. While that's not wrong, it becomes dangerous when stuff becomes the primary reason we work. Solomon addresses this in our Old Testament reading.

In the opening verses of Ecclesiastes, Solomon writes:

"Vanity of vanities! All is vanity... I have seen everything that is done under the sun, and

behold, all is vanity and a striving after wind." (Ecc. 1:2, 14)

Solomon reflects on the work we do and concludes that much of it is temporary. He's clearly wrestling with the purpose of labor and the fleeting nature of earthly accomplishments. Later, he writes:

"So I turned about and gave my heart up to despair over all the toil of my labors under the sun, because sometimes a person who has toiled... must leave everything to be enjoyed by someone who did not toil for it." (Ecc. 2:20–21)

Thankfully, neither Solomon nor the Lord leaves us in despair. Listen to this final section of the reading:

"There is nothing better for a person than that he should eat and drink and find enjoyment in his toil. This also, I saw, is from the hand of God, for apart from Him who can eat or who can have enjoyment?" (Ecc. 2:24–25)

This answers the question we began with: Why do we work? Not to accumulate stuff, but because God calls us to work and to find our purpose in Him and in the gifts He has given us. Recognizing this points us to our top priority—to trust in the Lord and His promises.

Only when we recognize that everything we have comes from the hand of God can we truly enjoy our possessions and share them with others. May you find rest knowing that you—and all of your "stuff"—are gifts from God. God bless you this week!

*Pastor Dille*

### **Rally Day 2025**

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

### **New Chairs**

When you come to coffee time and Bible Study, you'll see that there are four new black chairs at some of the tables. These chairs have arms, and we hope they will be used by those who require a little assistance in getting up. If we think these chairs are the right design, we'll order four more. Let us know if the office.

### **Greeters**

Our Evangelism Board urges that ALL of our members be eager greeters in an informal way before and after worship. Reach out and welcome those whom you don't – and do – know. We also would like to schedule some families and individuals to be designated greeters. Would you be able and willing to serve? If an evangelism board member asks, please say "yes". And if we don't ask you, volunteer (sign up on bulletin board): Think about how you'd like to be welcomed when you come into a church...and welcome others that way. Thank you.

### **Welcome New Members!**

Today in our 10:30 a.m. Service, we welcome by Adult Confirmation: Rosemary Martin-Gray, Kaden Junge, and Shayna Scott. Welcome in Christ.

### **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.

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

Sunday, July 26.....388  
Sunday School.....42

### **Our Offering**

General Fund .....\$11,364.81  
Online Offering .....\$3,003.54  
**Total Gen. Fund Offering .....\$14,368.35**

### **Prayer List**

James Seggelke, Barb Morrison, Oliver King, Cassie Power, Judy Siebert, Steve Rubin, Holly Bray, Chuck Mayberry, Trevor Roy, Henrietta Poe, & Niki Bishop.

### **Stewardship Moment**

Luke 12:15

**“And he said to them, ‘Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.’”** Coveting is the opposite of being content with what God has given us.

And the cure for coveting is twofold: thankfulness to God and generosity toward God’s purposes. So be on guard against all covetousness. Acknowledge that your Father has given you all that you need, and therefore be free and confident in directing the mammon of this world toward godly purposes.

### **LifeLight**

“Prophecy”

Classes start September 7

Sign up by Aug 25<sup>th</sup> on the bulletin board if you wish to participate.

### **Family Life Center Annual Fundraising Banquet**

When: September 11 at 7:00pm

Where: Thelma Keller Convention Center

Time: Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Dinner is at 7:00 p.m.

Please sign up on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the atrium to allow for enough meals.

There is no charge for the meal.

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

“God isn’t a page in your book, you’re part of His. And He’s delighted to have you in the family.”  
*Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler, The Lutheran Hour – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life •*  
*[lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)*

Parents: when your children go to Sunday School, bless them. You go, too! Come to adult Bible Study in the fellowship hall. Rally Day is August 17.

### **Youth Corner Upcoming Events**

#### **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)

#### **Cruise Night**

Cruise night is set for  
Saturday, September 6  
Food from 4 p.m. until we are sold out!  
More details will be coming.

### **LUTHERANS FOR LIFE OF ILLINOIS PRESENTS: A Summer Life Gathering FEARFULLY AND WONDERFULLY MADE**

Trinity Lutheran Church,  
1201 W. Jackson St.,  
Auburn, Illinois 62615

August 23, 2025, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Speakers and topics include:

- David Curtin, Illinois Family Institute, on effective interactions with lawmakers
- Kim Marxhausen, author *Weary Joy: A Caregiver's Journey*
- John Tally, pro-life lawyer, on power of attorney for healthcare
- Elmi Patton, First Step Women's Center, Springfield
- Julia Heinz, Redeeming Life Outreach Ministries Maternity Home
- Jen Hall, We are Called to Care foster care ministry
- Pastor Kevin Wendorf, St. John's Lutheran, Chatham, on end-of-life preparation
- Jerry Curry, Director of the Curry Funeral Home, on funeral planning

Registration form on the hall bulletin board! Please register by August 10, 2025.

### **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.

### **Church Picnic**

Mark your calendars for Sunday, September 28  
More details coming soon.

# **CALENDAR----- Aug 3 – Aug 9, 2025**

Sunday	3	8:00 a.m.	Worship Service w/HC
		9:15 a.m.	Adult Sunday School Only
		10:30 a.m.	Worship Service w/HC
		7:00 p.m.	"The Flock" H.S. LYF
			Pastor Burdick Vacation
Monday	4	.	Pastor Dille Sabbath
			Pastor Burdick Vacation
Tuesday	5	9:00 a.m.	CID Pastor Conf Faith, Shumway
		5:30 p.m.	Board of Education
		5:30 p.m.	Board of Trustees
			Pastor Burdick Vacation
Wednesday	6	9:00 a.m.	Bible Study
		1:00 p.m.	Office Staff Devotions/Meeting
		6:00 p.m.	NYG Presentation
			Pastor Burdick Vacation
Thursday	7		Pastor Burdick Vacation
Friday	8	11:30 a.m.	Office Closes at 11:30 a.m.
			Pastor Burdick Vacation
Saturday	9	8:00 a.m.	Band Practice
		6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	LYF Pool Party - Newton
		5:30 p.m.	Worship Service w/HC
			Pastor Burdick Vacation

## **Birthdays This Week**

8/3 David Moeller, Dawn Quicksall, Dena Willis, Suzanne Lechman

8/4/ Alex Nelson, Jessica Mottashed, Nancy L. Ohnesorge, Sydney Nelson

8/5 Cinda Hulskotter, Debby Storm, MaLeeha Higgs, Quinn Flach, Ryan Kohnert, Terry Budde

8/6 Justin Brummer, Marcy Scott, Phyllis Rohlfing, Rachel Utz

8/7 Malachi Stuckemeyer

8/8 Kathy Shingler

8/9 Dawn Koester, Jim Wallin, Kohen Willenborg

8/5/1978 David & Jeanette Worman

8/6/1977 Eric & Sandy Bernhard

8/9/2008 Matt & Carrie Brown

8/9/1980 Vincent & Nancy Wendt

## **Anniversaries This Week**

8/3/2013 Bobby & Kristin Niemerg

8/3/2024 Jackson & Kayla Wendling

8/3/1974 Mike & Marcella Kennedy

8/4/1984 Robert & Pamela Williams

8/5/2000 Darren & Jackie Tabbert