

THE EAGLE

St. John's Weekly Newsletter August 17, 2025



Rally Day means... 1) a new Sunday School year 2) Breakfast in the fellowship hall 3) Bible Trivia, 4) and we live by the Word of God. Celebrate and center your hope in the infallible Word of God.

Last week some of the guys in our family hiked the Bright Angel Trail into the Grand Canyon. It Was stunning. It was also difficult. While we made our way down into the canyon, walking with careful steps, we were passed by three international guys who were jogging down and back up the trail. I was pretty shocked. They were obviously well-trained. I'm sure they prepared for that quicker journey by beginning the same way we did: years ago they started by walking carefully, and they did it again and again and again. We need such training, too.

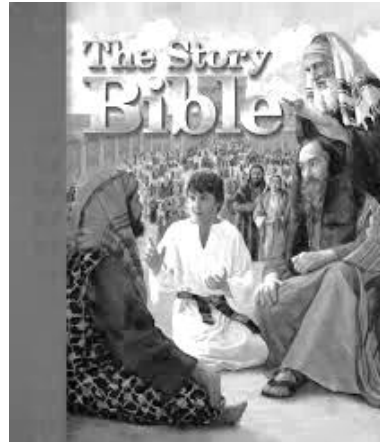


Rally Day launches a new Sunday School year for adults and for our children. The walk of Christian discipleship is an endurance, not a sprint.

Thus, I'm glad that the curriculum we use for Sunday School is called "Enduring Faith." We teach the Word of God in order that youth and adults can and will endure in the canyon of Christian discipleship. This was also the theme for our National Youth Gathering last month. Endurance means pressing on, even when things get very difficult.

With eyes focused upon Jesus, Who endured the cross for our salvation (Hebrews 12:1-3),

Tutor Furdick



Moms and Dads, Grandmas and Grandpas: It is very powerful when you read the Bible to your little ones! The Story Bible from Concordia Publishing House is one way to do that. This week we will be receiving a

small shipment of The Story Bible, and each one is \$25. True stories and great artwork help you teach the Bible at home. Make checks payable to St. John's. Available in the church office this week, or next Sunday in the Atrium.

The Growing In Faith Bible will be presented to our 3rd grade students in future weeks, as a gift from St. John's. This is a Bible suitable for youth all the way through high school. Cherish it. Read it with your kids. Help them take care of it, even while they wear it out by daily use.



We're glad to announce that Coralin Ohnesorge will be working parttime in the church office this Fall as Office Assistant. Welcome, Coralin!



Blessing of the Backpacks

All Services, August 16-17
Students of all ages, bring your backpacks!

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

Sunday, August 10.....383
Adult Sunday School.....38

Our Offering

General Fund.....\$11,371.50
Online Offering.....\$3,803.29
Total Gen. Fund Offering.....\$15,174.79

**Lutherans For Life ...
right here in our county!**

"Created. Redeemed. Called." Michelle Bauman, director of Y4Life in the Lutherans for Life organization, will be speaking at **Immanuel Lutheran Church** parish hall in Altamont, IL. She will be speaking **Saturday, August 30th at 7PM and Sunday, August 31st at 12:30PM**. Saturday will start with a presentation "Created, Redeemed, Called" and end with a life affirming movie. We will be serving hot dogs and smores. On Sunday, BBQ will be served along with the presentation "For You 4 Life". The Altamont Area Lutherans for Life is working on amazing incentives for youth that choose to participate in either of these events. Note: **There will be an Altamont Area Lutherans for Life meeting on Wednesday, August 20th (at Immanuel), to further discuss details.**

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.

**Single Service Sunday
With a Potluck Dinner**

Our next 5th Sunday will be August 31st. We will have only 1 service on Sunday at 9:30 a.m. with a potluck meal to follow at 10:45 a.m. Please sign up on the sign-up sheet on the main bulletin board.

**Golden Eagles Dinner –
August 28, 2025**

Golden Eagles will meet again on Thursday, August 28, at noon. The August Golden Eagles will be our annual cook-out. The menu will include hamburgers, brats, pork chops, hot dogs, coleslaw, baked beans, potato salad, and deserts. Kevin & Kathy Schingler will provide Music Bingo for the entertainment. Prizes will be a gift card for a free meal at our next Golden Eagles dinner.

Cost per meal is \$10.00. Please sign the name of each person attending on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

LifeLight
"Prophecy"

Classes start September 7

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

Prayer List

Matt Fauss, Ann Young, Clint, Curtis, James Seggelke, Barb Morrison, Oliver King, Cassie Power, Judy Siebert, Steve Rubin, Holly Bray, Chuck Mayberry, Trevor Roy, Niki Bishop, Kathy Schroeder, Mary Dasenbrock, and all pregnant mothers.

Stewardship Moment

Luke 12:51

"Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division."

Jesus has come to divide us out of the world — to carve out a people for Himself, redeemed by His blood and trusting His Word. The world hates this Word, but for us it is life and salvation. We seek to follow Jesus' Word in all things because we know Him who gave us the Word: we know He always seeks to bless us.

Family Life Center

Annual Fundraising Banquet

When: September 11 at 7:00 p.m.

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.

Church Picnic

The annual St. John's Church Picnic will be held Sunday, **September 28**, here at the church immediately following the 10:30 a.m. service. The meal will be held in the fellowship hall with indoor and outdoor activities for all, weather permitting. Todd Martin will be the grill master and everyone is invited to bring a favorite dish to share. Please sign up on the sign-up sheet posted on the main bulletin board.

We are having a "Cake Walk" with donations of cakes, baked goods, or goodies from the congregation. Start planning what you are going to bring.

LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life

"Never apologize for sharing God's Word. Never excuse holding or defending a godly position that clearly states how a life issue stands according to Scripture. Abortion is wrong, as is assisted suicide, and many other life issues happening in our world."

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Youth Corner Upcoming Events

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.

Golf Outing

Sat., Sept. 13 at 1:00p.m.
(See this week's Insert for details)

Confirmation Orientation

The Orientation meeting for parents and students in grades 6, 7, & 8 will be Wednesday August 20 at 5:00 p.m. 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**.

Handbell Practice

Starts this Wednesday, August 20th at 5:00 p.m. in the church balcony.



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

Sunday School Teacher Needed!

We are now in need of a Kindergarten/1st grade Sunday School Teacher. Please reach out to Kiley Bohnhoff.

Our next Food Pantry Distribution

August 26 from 3-4 p.m.

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.

LYF St. John's Lutheran, Louisville

Ice Cream Social

The LYF of St. John's Lutheran Church, Louisville will be hosting an Ice Cream Social on Sun., Aug. 24th with serving from 4:30 - 7 p.m. The menu will include pork burgers, hot dogs, pulled pork sandwiches, potato salad, chips, desserts, homemade ice cream, and drinks. This will be a free will donation. All are invited to attend!

Choir

Choir practice is resuming Monday, September 8th. Rehearsal time is at 5:15 pm in the church balcony, and new singers are welcome. If anyone has questions, feel free to contact Dennis Lading at 217-821-8483.

CALENDAR----- Aug. 17 – Aug. 23, 2025

Sunday	17	8:00 a.m.	Worship Service w/HC
		9:00 a.m.	Breakfast/Rally Day
		10:30 a.m.	Worship Service w/HC
		11:30 a.m.	Acolyte Training
			Pastor Dille Vacation
Monday	18		Pastor Dille Sabbath
		4:00 p.m.	Board of Evangelism
		6:00 p.m.	Worship Committee
Tuesday	19		
Wednesday	20	9:00 a.m.	Bible Study
		1:00 p.m.	Office Staff Devotions/Meeting
		5:00 p.m.	Confirmation Orientation (Trinity Room)
		5:00 p.m.	Bells
Thursday	21	5:00 p.m.	Board of Youth
Friday	22		Pastor Burdick Sabbath
		11:30 a.m.	Office Closed
Saturday	23	8:00 a.m.	Band Practice
		5:30 p.m.	Worship Service w/HC

Birthdays This Week

8/17 Casey Trupiano & Sharon Field
8/18 Howard Haake, Jacob Sigg,
Julie Stuckemeyer, & Reese McWhorter
8/19 Abby Gordon & Jeff Pryor
8/20 Alexis Miller, Colton Dasenbrock,
Cory Courson, Jill Haake, &
Landon Courson
8/21 Carsyn Gibbons, Hank Probst,
Knox Probst, & Marissa Brown
8/22 Jill Baker, Mary McGowan, &
Sandra Hanks
8/23 Lincoln Jackson, Sara Sandifer,
Wade Goldstein

Anniversaries This Week

8/17/24 Courtney & Adam Helregel
8/19/72 Dale & Glenna Schagemann
8/19/05 Matt & Stephanie Gordon
8/19/20 Dalyn & Brianne Brach
8/20/16 Haven & Jill Boone
8/21/10 Bradley & Tricia Miller
8/21/21 Derek & Kori Heuerman
8/22/71 Alan & Connie Phelps
8/22/81 Ray & Eileen Hartman
8/22/04 Randy & Jeannie Harris

Purse

There was a Michael Kors purse left in the kitchen (basically empty) Please call the office if this belongs to you or was meant for the Rummage Sale.

Lost Keys

Are you missing a set of car keys?
We have them in the church office.