

THE EAGLE

St. John's Weekly Newsletter September 21, 2025

Instead of being automatic, we *learn* how to do things. Ride a bike. Write in cursive. Pull a grain cart. Type on a keyboard. Read this paragraph.

The same is true regarding offerings to the Lord, through the ministry of the Church. We *learn* that all things ultimately belong to the Lord and we manage the ones He has temporarily placed in our hands. We *learn* to trust God. To give sacrificially out of joy, not in a spirit of paying a bill. To give first to the Lord – as a percentage of our total income – and not out of our leftovers. We learn to give a cheerful offering in response to God's beautiful generosity in Jesus.

This goes for our weekly offering, and for our special offerings. One of those special offerings here at St. John's and in our Central Illinois District is called "A Dollar For Missions." In the wooden "DFM" box in the Atrium, we are encouraged to give an extra \$1 per member per week. All the DFM offerings go directly to the mission work of our District. The current "project" for DFM funds is renovation of the sexton's kitchen inside the Lutheran Student Center at WIU (the kitchen appliances and counter are original to the 1969 construction of the building...it's time!). After your regular, joyful, sacrificial, and firstfruits offering for the ongoing ministry of St. John's, I invite you to give "a dollar for missions."



The Holy Spirit inspired Paul to teach us this way:

"The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work."

(2 Cor. 9:6-8)

Thus we learn to excel in the grace of giving,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor Furber".

Adult Catechism

Bible Study begins Tuesday September 30th. From 7:00-8:00pm, we'll be digging into God's Word through Luther's Small Catechism.

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.**

Our next Food Pantry Distribution

September 23 from 3-4 p.m.

Lutheran Laymen's League

Shelby-Effingham-Altamont Zone will be having a Pork Burger Sale in Altamont on Saturday, October 4th From 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Check the bulletin board for more information!

Response to the Gospel
Our Attendance Last Week

Sunday, September 14 452
Adult Sunday School..... 40
Lifelight 14
Sunday School..... 61

Our Offering

General Fund \$5,830.00
Online Offering..... \$2,985.33
Total Gen. Fund Offering..... \$8,815.33

GOLDEN EAGLE'S DINNER -
SEPTEMBER 25

Golden Eagles will meet again on Thursday, September 25, at noon. The September Golden Eagles will be a loaded baked potato bar. The menu will include a baked potato with all the toppings, sloppy joe sandwich, veggie tray, fruit tray, chips and deserts. Illinois State Trooper, Windy Westfall will present an informative program on scams.

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



We rejoice at the Baptisms of Wagner and Caroline Gibson following the 10:30am Service this Sunday! They are the newborn twins of Claire and Kyle Gibson, and the grandchildren of Jason and Kim Niebrugge, and great-grandchildren of Sam and Ann Wagner! Welcome to the family of Christ!

Circuit Forum

Sunday, October 5, the Effingham Circuit Forum will be held here at St. John's. Each congregation in our Circuit will send a pastor and a lay representative to the meeting for the purpose of electing the Lay and Pastoral Delegates who will be sent to the July 18-23, 2026 LCMS Convention on behalf of our Circuit. If you are interested in being elected as our Circuit Lay Delegate, ask Pastor Burdick about what that entails, and if you're willing to serve, notify congregational president Jeff Weis by October 1. Thank you!

E.A.S.T.E.R Class

Resumes September 27th at 9:30 a.m.

Life Chain 2025

Sunday, October 5th

Respect Life Sunday

1:30 pm – Prayer Service

Sacred Heart Parish Center

407 S Henrietta St., Effingham, IL

2-3 pm Life Chain



Prayer List

Matt Fauss, Cassie Power, Steve Rubin, Holly Bray, Trevor Roy, Irvin Wendte, Perrie Richards, Connie Phelps, Lloyd Wittenberg, and Vi Kirchoff.

Pure Germany, 2026

One-of-a-kind-experiences

Two options, September or November

(See the bulletin board for details)

Fall Dinner

Sunday September 21st

from 10:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

At St. Peter's Lutheran Church-School Gym

St. Peter, IL

Baby Shower

St. John's is hosting a baby shower for Pastor Dille and Katie on October 19th from 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. ALL ARE WELCOME! There will be cake and punch. The Dille's have a Baby registry with Amazon & Target!

LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life

"Good things take time. Your smiles, your encouraging words, your time and talents donated for pro-life work done in Christ are sure to be effective, even if you can't immediately see the effects." *Marie MacPherson, author – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Jr. LYF (6th – 8th grade) will begin taking orders for greeting cards!

Stewardship Moment

Luke 17:19 –

“And He said to him, ‘Rise, and go your way; your faith has made you well.’” Only one of the 10 lepers who had been cleansed returns to give thanks to Jesus. Why is that? Surely the rest were indeed thankful to be freed from such a terrible disease. But only the Samaritan leper had faith, and his faith turned into action – as all true faith does. Our generosity to God’s work in the Church is likewise our faith in action.

“This Weeks Sunday School Lesson”

LESSON 4

In today’s lesson, “A Call to Action,” Abram responds to God’s calling as he leaves his idolatry and homeland to follow the one true God. Abram takes his wife, Sarai, and nephew Lot as they journey to the land of Canaan. The Lord’s appearance prompts Abram to build an altar, celebrating God’s promise to give this land to his descendants. Discuss how God guides and leads us by His Word today.

Thank you!

Check the card on the bulletin board from our adopted Concordia Seminary Student,
Ron Zuccaro

Annual Soup Supper

Faith Lutheran Church

Sunday October 19th

from 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Check bulletin board for more information

Family Day

Lutheran Care Center invites you to come celebrate “Family Day” on September 21 1:00-2:30pm. Held in the LCC Courtyard, it’s an afternoon of fellowship, live music, sweets, and celebration. Poster on the bulletin board. Whether or not you have a family member living at LCC, come celebrate the ministry of Lutheran Care Center.

LWML CID

Fall Retreat at Camp CILCA

October 10-11, 2025

(Check bulletin board for more information)

St. Paul Lutheran Church, Wheeler

Corn Maze with Scavenger Hunt

Sunday September 28 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Sunday October 5 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Sunday October 12 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Sunday October 19 11:00a.m. – 5:00 p.m.



Admission to the corn maze is \$5

Children 0-5 years are FREE

FREE train rides and straw maze for young children.

Flashlight is recommended for evening hours.

(Check bulletin board for more information)

Youth Corner Upcoming Events

Youth Group Participation

Jr. High LYF September 17th: 13

Hayride & Wiener Roast at Jim & Kathy Schroeder's

**LET'S GO ON
A HAYRIDE**



Sunday, Oct. 19th from 4 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Everyone is invited. Food provided by the Youth Board. You will need to bring a lawn chair. Sign up coming soon.

CALENDAR-----Sept. 21 - 27, 2025

Sunday	21	8:00 a.m.	Worship w/HC
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School/Pack Cancer Packs
		10:30 a.m.	Worship Service w/HC
		1:00 p.m.	Lutheran Care Center Family Day
Preschool – Monday – Friday 8:25 a.m. – 11:25 a.m. (Unless Otherwise Noted)			
Monday	22		Pastor Dille's Sabbath
		5:15 p.m.	Board of Early Childhood
		5:15 p.m.	Choir Practice
Tuesday	23	9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	CID Board of Directors
		3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Food Pantry
Wednesday	24	8:45 a.m.	Preschool Chapel
		9:00 a.m.	Bible Study
		10:00 a.m.	Stephen Ministry
		10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Quilting
		10:30 a.m.	Preschool-Grandparents Day
		1:00 p.m.	Office Staff Devotion/Meeting
		5:00 p.m.	Confirmation
		5:15 p.m.	Bell Practice
		6:00 p.m.	Youth Fellowship
Thursday	25	8:45 a.m.	Preschool Chapel
		10:30 a.m.	Preschool-Grandparents Day
		Noon	Golden Eagles
		6:00 p.m.	Stephen Ministry Training
		6:30 p.m.	Parent Gathering
Friday	26		Pastor Burdick Sabbath
		6:30 p.m.	Young Adult Bible Study
Saturday	27	8:00 a.m.	Band Practice
		9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	E.A.S.T.E.R.
		5:30 p.m.	Worship Service w/HC

Birthdays This Week

9/21 Katie French, Kendall Jackson
 9/23 Abigail Keitel, Maddux Wyckoff
 9/24 Melody Schuette, Rylee Rothrock,
 Vivki Darling
 9/25 Andrew Weber, Angie Sipe,
 Tanner Veach, Dick Hulskotter,
 Jeanette Worman
 9/26 Allie Wendling, Cindy Schilling,
 Eric Budde, Jason Smith
 9/27 Rachel Ault, Rosemary Gray

Anniversaries This Week

9/23/1995 Keith & Alice Knight
 9/23/2006 Kyle & Rachael Pennington
 9/23/2023 Kyle & Claire Gibson
 9/24/1977 Danny & Karen Stevenson
 9/24/2016 Cory & Meghan Wahl
 9/25/2009 Samuel & Kylee Hewing
 9/25/2010 Jonas & Kara Hoedebecke
 9/25/2021 Brandon & Camron Willis
 9/25/2021 Mack & Mikayla McWhorter
 9/26/2015 Richard E. & Kimberly Ohnesorge
 9/27/1975 Jeff & Kathy Stremming