

# THE EAGLE

## *St. John's Weekly Newsletter September 28, 2025*

### **There's something that the majority of the Church Fathers had in common:**

They saw the Book of Psalms as something we should always remain in tune with. The Psalms walk us through the many emotional states we experience throughout our lives. In His divine wisdom, the Lord gave us the Book of Psalms for the days when we don't know what to say or how to say it.

Martin Luther puts it this way:

**"When you read in Psalm 1, 'Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked,' you must actually reject the advice that wicked people give you.**

**When you read, 'But his delight is in the law of the Lord,' you shouldn't take it easy and pat yourself on the back as if you already love the Lord's teachings. For as long as you live, you must think of yourself as someone who desperately needs to love God's teachings even more. When you read, 'Whatever he does prospers,' you should wish this for yourself...'**

These words from Luther reference Psalm 1, but the concept of living out the Psalms—adapting them in how we act and think—is true for all of them. I encourage you to read the Psalms with this mindset.

This weekend's Psalm of the day offers an excellent opportunity to put this into practice. **In Psalm 146**, we hear two powerful ideas. First, we are called to avoid placing our trust in earthly rulers. We know that all people sin and fall short of the glory of God—so when we put our trust in human leaders, we set ourselves up for disappointment.

On the other hand, the Psalm tells us that those who hope in the Lord are blessed. We must embrace this call to trust in the Lord above all earthly powers. This is what a majority of Psalm 146 is about!

I pray that you continue to read the Book of Psalms and take action to live in tune with them. May God continue to bless you,

*Pastor Dille*

### **WARNING!!!!**

Beware, or your yard could look like Pastor Burdick's.....



Our pink bird friends are here and ALL yards risk of being "flocked" by The FLOCK!

If you have someone in mind to be "flocked" let us know! If you are worried about your yard being "flocked", check the bulletin board for information about purchasing insurance. Also check the bulletin board for a flyer about all the rules and prices. If you have any more questions,

Contact Coralin Ohnesorge (217) 821-5783 or Jon Perry (217) 821-4899

### **Adult Catechism**

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

### **Church Picnic**

This 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 and a cake, baked goods, or goodies for the "Cake Walk" (if you wish) to share.

### **Board Reports**

are Due Thursday, October 9.

### **Council Meeting**

October 21 at 7:00 p.m.

### **Voters Assembly**

October 28 at 7:00 p.m.

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

Sunday, September 21 .....	413
Adult Sunday School.....	40
Lifelight .....	16
Sunday School.....	52

**Our Offering**

General Fund .....	\$8,543.00
Online Offering.....	\$3,154.30
<b>Total Gen. Fund Offering.....</b>	<b>\$11,697.30</b>

**Stewardship Moment**

**Amos 6:1a**

**“Woe to those who are at ease in Zion.”** The Book of Amos is a warning to God’s people who have been given great material wealth. As Jesus Himself mentions, material blessings can turn into temptations — chiefly the temptation to think of ourselves as self-sufficient and independent. What does Amos suggest as a way to combat this temptation? First, faith in the Lord and dependence upon Him! And if our faith is right, we will want to follow the rest of Amos’ instructions — to bless the poor with our alms and to make sure the Lord’s House is properly cared for. In other words, we are called to align our actions with God’s priorities and put others ahead of ourselves.

**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!



We rejoice at the Baptism of Cal Aubrey Turner during the 10:30am Service this Sunday! He is the son of Alex & Sadie Turner, and the grandson of Sharon Vonderheide. Welcome to the family of Christ!

**LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life**

Being a child is a calling. Being a parent is a calling. Being a student is a calling. Being a citizen is a calling. Each so-called occupation is a calling. The role one fills in one’s church is a calling. As God crafts each of us in our callings, He places us in the presence of neighbors whom we are to love on His behalf.” *Rev. Adam Osier, Free Lutheran Bible College, Plymouth, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)*

**Life Chain 2025**

Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>

Respect Life Sunday

1:30 pm – Prayer Service

Sacred Heart Parish Center

407 S Henrietta St., Effingham, IL

2-3 pm Life Chain



**“This Weeks Sunday School Lesson”**

**LESSON 5**

“A Promising Dream” is the title of this week’s lesson. Jacob undeservedly receives his father’s blessing—he and his offspring will dwell in the land of Canaan. As the days of Isaac’s life approach their end, Jacob rightly fears for his life. Following the urging of Isaac and Rebekah, Jacob sets out for the house of his uncle Laban. Along the way, Jacob dreams of a ladder reaching to heaven, with the Lord Himself standing at the top. The reincarnate Christ repeats God’s promise to give this land to Jacob and his descendants. As a family, consider discussing how God can use even sinful people to fulfill His plans.

**Prayer List**

Phil Wendling, Matt Fauss, Cassie Power, Steve Rubin, Holly Bray, Trevor Roy, Irvin Wendte, Perrie Richards, Connie Phelps, Lloyd Wittenberg, Vi Kirchoff, and the family of Logan Mellendorf, especially his son, John.

### **Baby Shower**

St. John's is hosting a baby shower for Pastor Dille and Katie on October 19<sup>th</sup> 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!

### **Lutheran Laymen's League**

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

Check the bulletin board for more information!

**Jr. LYF (6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade) will begin taking orders for greeting cards!**

### **Pure Germany, 2026**

One-of-a-kind-experiences  
Two options, September or November  
(See the bulletin board for details)

### **Prayer Campaign for Life**

Tuesday, November 4<sup>th</sup>  
Sign up on the bulletin board

### **Prayer Campaign for LIFE ... November 4th**

Numerous congregations in our county are banding together to pray for children, parents, leaders, and neighbors in relation to LIFE issues. From 8:00am to 5:00pm, Christians in these churches are praying. Our day for St. John's is Tuesday, Nov 4. We have posted a sign-up sheet with 30-minute increments, so 18 volunteers are needed. You will receive a guide for prayer, and can pray at home or at the church. See the sheet on the bulletin board, and take one of the prayer guides Pastor Burdick prepared. It's not hard, but it is important. It will serve others, and you'll be blessed through your time in the Word and prayer. Please sign up today for a time slot. If there are more than 18 volunteers, that's great ... just double up on a time slot. Thank you.

### **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**

Fridays 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Saturdays 11:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Sundays 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

1<sup>st</sup> weekend: September 26 – 28

2<sup>nd</sup> weekend: October 3 - 5

3<sup>rd</sup> weekend: October 10 - 12

4<sup>th</sup> weekend: October 17 - 19



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 24<sup>th</sup>: 12

#### **Hayride & Wiener Roast at Jim & Kathy Schroeder's**

**LET'S GO ON  
A HAYRIDE**



Sunday, Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> 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. 28 – Oct. 4, 2025

Sunday	28	8:00 a.m.	Worship w/HC
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
		10:30 a.m.	Worship Service w/HC
		Noon	Church Picnic
Preschool – Monday – Friday 8:25 a.m. – 11:25 a.m. (Unless Otherwise Noted)			
Monday	29		Pastor Dille's Sabbath
		5:15 p.m.	Choir Practice
		7:00 p.m.	Lutheran Care Board
Tuesday	30	7:00 p.m.	Adult Catechism Bible Study
Wednesday	1	8:45 a.m.	Preschool Chapel
		9:00 a.m.	Bible Study
		10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Quilting
		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	2	8:45 a.m.	Preschool Chapel
Friday	3		Pastor Burdick Sabbath
Saturday	4	8:00 a.m.	Band Practice
		8:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
		8:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
		5:30 p.m.	Worship Service w/HC - Bells

## Birthdays This Week

9/28 Ashley Jansen, Sylvie Bohnhoff  
9/29 Aurora March, Beau Grupe,  
Charlotte Grupe, Lincoln Mottashed,  
Linda Cushman, Linda Marxmann,  
Linda Nolan  
9/30 Everly Jeffries  
10/1 Madilyn Garrison, Avery Miller,  
Lance Dixon, Rosemary Seggelke  
10/2 Mary Ann Hoeffliger  
10/3 Beth Miller, Carol Wallace, Carrie Brown,  
Linda Miller  
10/4 Andrew Womack, Rick Manford

## Anniversaries This Week

9/28/2013 Ryan & Morgan Engel  
9/28/2024 Kyle & Macie Kohnert  
9/29/1990 Jim & Kathy Schroeder  
9/29/2000 Sam & Ann Wagner  
9/29/2007 Jason & Andrea Wendling  
10/1/2022 Danny & Ashley Klepzig  
10/1/2022 Holly & Nicholas Burger  
10/1/2022 Andrew & Mya Moeller  
10/3/2009 Seth & Jennifer Wilson  
10/3/2015 Mike & Debbie Buenker  
10/3/2020 Colby & Holly Adams  
10/4/1964 Elvan & Carol Wallace  
10/4/2014 Windy & Daniel Westfall