

THE EAGLE

St. John's Weekly Newsletter October 19, 2025



When my sisters and I would stay with Grandma and Grandpa Mulally overnight, we had our first introduction to

Portals of Prayer. Our parents didn't use *Portals* in our home at that point, but each morning that we woke up at Grandma's we witnessed them sipping their coffee, eating hefekrantz, and conducting their daily Bible reading and prayers. I was seeing their routine. I didn't appreciate it then, but I cherish the vision now.

You ought to have a routine of Bible reading and prayer, whether you're a house of one or ten persons. Give up on doing it perfectly, but don't give up the routine. Work at it. Be persistent. When you fall down, get back up. Persevere.

Perseverance is at the core of the strange parable Jesus tells us this week in Luke 18:1-8. Her judge was a bad guy, but she persisted in making her request. He gave her what she requested.

Perseverance is to be integrated into your requests (and prayers of praise and thanksgiving) before the Almighty Judge. God is not a bad guy. He's perfectly good, and will give you what is good according to His will. So build a routine. Use our Family Devotional Calendar from the Atrium. When you fall off the routine, get back up.

Your perfect Father in heaven hears and answers. Let us pray!

Family Hayride & Wiener Roast

At Jim & Kathy Schroeders'

Sun. Oct. 19th from 4 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Everyone is invited.

Food provided by the Youth Board.

Tableware will all be provided.

Please bring your lawn chairs.

Please sign up on the bulletin board.

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 Dilles have a Baby registry with Amazon & Target! If you are unable to attend, there is a gift table set up in the fellowship hall.

Living the Lord's Prayer with Luther

On Sunday mornings during the normal Bible Study Hour in November, Pastor Dille will start a new Bible Study which walks through the Lord's Prayer. The study will be focused on the Lord's command to pray the Lord's Prayer and what it means for our daily life.

Lydia Guild Invitation

The ladies of our church are invited to the Lydia Guild Social on October 21st at 6:00 p.m. We will have meat, salad, casserole, and desserts for our meal and have Windy Westfall speak about "Safety for Women" for our guest speaker. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the main hall.

Council Meeting

October 21 at 7:00 p.m.

Voters Assembly

October 28 at 7:00 p.m.

2026 Slate of Officers

President – Jeff Weis

Vice President – Adam Bohnhoff

Treasurer – Marcy Scott

Secretary – Laura Galvan or Norma Lansing

2026 Board Nominees

Board of Christian Education – Phil Stuemke

Board of Early Childhood – Jamie Lotz

Board of Elders – Fred Bray & Ray Hartman

Board of Evangelism – Janet Martins

Board of Social Ministry – Ruth Bray

Board of Stewardship – Curt Meseke

Board of Trustees – Mike Kremer

Board of Youth Ministry – Carolyn Wendte

Congregational Service

Sunday November 2 at 2:30pm we will band together with all the owner congregations of **Lutheran Care Center** for the annual Congregational Service. We're moving it to the first Sunday of November to align with the tradition of having the Celebration & Pastors' Bake-Off be on the first weekend of November. Plan to come to Immanuel Lutheran Church in Altamont for the Celebration Service at 2:30pm and stay afterward for fellowship and the Pastors' Bake-off. It will be a great afternoon of thanking God for the mercy work of our beloved Lutheran Care Center in Altamont!

Response to the Gospel
Our Attendance Last Week

Sunday, October 12.....	405
Adult Sunday School	40
Lifelight.....	16
Sunday School	44

Our Offering

General Fund	\$9,655.38
Online Offering	\$2,775.05
Total Gen. Fund Offering	\$12,430.43

Stewardship Moment

1 Corinthians 1:4

“I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus.” The grace of God and thanksgiving go together. God has given us everything we possess and everything that we are. He is the Giver. Once we realize this, then thankfulness wells up inside of us. How could it not? And as Paul shows us here, it's not only the grace given to us individually that causes us to give thanks. It's even the grace given to others. We certainly have much to be thankful for when we look at the gifts of grace all around us. And how do we say thank you to the Lord? In any number of ways — in prayer, in sacrificial giving to His mission and in imitating His love and kindness to those around us.

LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life

“You and I are made for life, abundant and everlasting. And this Gospel is made for all our neighbors, every genetic member of humanity.”

Pastor Michael Salemink, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

Chili Supper and Bake Sale

St. John's Lutheran Church, Louisville

Sun. Nov. 2nd from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Menu: Chili and Vegetable Soup, Sandwiches,
Desserts, and Drinks

Birthday Celebration

The Congregation is invited to a celebration for Lois Budde's 90th Birthday. This will be held on November 1st from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. (Lois requests no gifts)

Food Pantry

The food pantry is in need of volunteers who can lift when receiving and stacking food orders on an “as needed” basis.

Contact Patsy Latch

The next distribution is Tuesday, October 28th from 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Prayer List

Terry Long, Carol Althoff, Jane Probst, Cindy Esch, Mary & Kenny Dasenbrock, Matt Fauss, Cassie Power, Steve Rubin, Holly Bray, Trevor Roy, Irvin Wendte, Connie Phelps, Vi Kirchoff, and Alan Phelps. Eagle's Nest Preschoolers Briggs and Ayla (parents Shelby & Brandon) and Kylie (parents Tracey & Jordan).

“This Weeks Sunday School Lesson”

Lesson 8

Today's lesson, “The Egypt Exit,” tells of ten terrible plagues and how Pharaoh relents and releases the Israelites to worship in the wilderness. Realizing the Israelites have no intention of returning, Pharaoh's army pursues the runaways. Caught between Pharaoh's charioteers and the waters of the Red Sea, the people cry out to God. Moses stretches his hand over the sea as God parts the waters, enabling the people to pass through the sea on dry ground. As Egypt's army attempts to follow, the sea closes in over them, so not one survives. As a family, talk about the ways God protects us from our enemies today.

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.

Golden Eagles

Golden Eagles will meet again on October 30th

Menu will be: Ham, Cheesy potatoes, Corn Casserole, Green Bean Casserole, Beets, and Orange Salad

Candy Donations Needed

Lutheran Care is accepting donations of Halloween Candy for Trick or Treat. More information can be found on the bulletin board.

Operation Christmas Child

Will run from October 11 – November 23

Please plan to pick up a shoe box & shipping label next Sunday! The boxes will be set up in the main hallway. Pamphlets describing suggested gifts and prayer bookmarks will be free for the taking. No Soap this year.

There are 4 ways to participate:

1. Purchase gifts & pack a shoebox, including a check to cover shipping.
2. Donate new items for packing.
3. Contributions are \$10.00. Please make checks payable to "Samaritan's Purse."
4. Pray for safe & successful delivery of Christmas Child boxes as well as those receiving the Gift of the Gospel message.

Lutheran College Fair

High Schoolers, mark your calendars! There is a Lutheran College Fair at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, on Saturday, Nov. 15th from 10 a.m.-2p.m. If there is interest, we would love to make it a group event. There will be 7 LCMS Universities present as well as both Seminaries. Please let Pastor Dille or Pastor Burdick know if you are interested.

Deepest Sympathy

Please keep the family of Lloyd Wittenberg in your thoughts and prayers. Funeral service was held Wednesday, October 15th with burial at Stewardson Cemetery. Memorials may be made to St. John's Lutheran Church of Effingham, Trinity Lutheran Church in Stewardson, or the American Cancer Society.

Parent Gathering

Calling Parents of all ages. On Thursday, October 30th, at 7:00 p.m., we will have the final parent Gathering of 2025. This will be an opportunity for you to gather and talk about your two most important vocations... Your faith and your family. The topic for this month's parent gathering will be: *Preparing for Advent*. We will walk through different things to do in November and December, centered around the church season of Advent. It will help prepare you and your family for the expectation of Christmas and the Joy that Jesus' birth brings to all of us. Childcare will be provided.

What we are studying in Confirmation

This past week in Confirmation, our 6th graders learned about the time from Abraham to Jacob. At the heart of the lesson is God's promise to Abraham that the coming Messiah would be from his family. Abraham had many sons, but only one of them was his savior and ours, too. On the other hand, as the 7th and 8th graders walked through Luther's Small Catechism, they studied the third petition of the Lord's Prayer and its meaning. It is good to have so many students here at St. John's learning the Faith that will keep them grounded for times to come.

Youth Corner Upcoming Events

Youth Group Participation

Jr. High LYF October 8th: 8

Save the Date

Movie Night

November 15th

Advent Soup Supper

December 3

Cookie Walk

December 20 & 21

Boar's Head

St. John's has secured 15 tickets to attend the 2025 Boar's Head Festival at Immanuel Lutheran Church in St. Charles, Missouri. Our tickets are for the 4:00 p.m. performance on Saturday, December 13th. Please refer to the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for more information. This is my home church, and a Christmas tradition that I participated in for nearly 10 years before moving to Effingham. The festival begins as actors proclaim the Good News of Christ's birth through music and acting. It moves from a medieval Christmas Festival to the Nativity. A reception follows at which the congregation and community can continue fellowship with cookies, punch, wassail, and figgy pudding. P.S. If you look at the sign-up sheet, see if you can find Katie and me in a picture. –Pastor Dille

St. Louis Seminary Food Pantry

There will be an ingathering of nonperishable items for the St. Louis Seminary Food Pantry. Items may be placed at the altar rail on Thanksgiving Eve & Thanksgiving Day before or after services & in the atrium on the weekend of Nov. 29th & 30th

CALENDAR-----Oct. 19 – Oct. 25, 2025

Sunday	19	8:00 a.m.	Worship w/HC - Choir
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
		10:30 a.m.	Worship Service w/HC - Choir
		2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Dilles' Baby Shower
		4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Hayride/Weiner Roast at Schroeder's
Preschool – Monday – Friday 8:25 a.m. – 11:25 a.m. (Unless Otherwise Noted)			
Monday	20		Pastor Dille's Sabbath
		4:00 p.m.	Board of Evangelism
Tuesday	21	6:00 p.m.	Lydia Guild Social
		7:00 p.m.	Council Meeting
		7:00 p.m.	Adult Bible Study
Wednesday	22	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
		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	23		Pastor Burdick Vacation
		8:45 a.m.	Preschool Chapel
Friday	24		Pastor Burdick Sabbath
			No Preschool
		6:30 p.m.	Young Adult Bible Study
Saturday	25		Pastor Burdick Vacation
		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

10/19 Amelia Hippchen, Renee Keitel,
Steve Backhus, Blair Smith, Craig Bailey
10/20 Chuck Mayberry, Eric Schoonover,
Gloria Fortkamp
10/21 Ryan Sandifer, Vincent Veach
10/22 Dorthy Belcher, Jessica Johnson,
Kaden Junge, Waneta March
10/23 Alan Bahrns, Wesley Osborn
10/24 Arabella Flach, Bob Brinkopf,
Rosie Gibbons
10/25 Becky Bailey, Erica Marxmann, Larry Gehle

Anniversaries This Week

10/19/1969 Don & Patsy Latch
10/19/2013 Jason & Megan Smith
10/19/2014 Kris & Molly Lipe
10/19/2019 Kyle & Bailey Willenborg
10/19/2019 Tony & Karine Castillo
10/22/2005 Larry & Dawn Quicksall
10/22/2022 Alexis & Zak Kjaer
10/23/1976 Lee & Karen Hartman