

# THE EAGLE

## *St. John's Weekly Newsletter October 5, 2025*

Greetings in the name of the Lord!

Today marks a special occasion here at St. John's. Across the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, today marks Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) Sunday. Here at St. John's, the group is better known as the Lydia Guild. The Lydia Guild here at St. John's does a number of different things. Some of the things that they do include providing desserts and help for funeral luncheons. But their help and service certainly aren't limited to these things. The Lydia Guild also helps support local, national, and international missions—all with one goal in mind—the spreading of the Gospel. Service this weekend will embrace the mission of our Lydia Guild here at St. John's as we support our women in mission. If you are a lady and are looking for a way to get involved here at St. John's, I encourage you to seek out a member of the Lydia Guild! They would be happy to invite you to serve in the mission field with them!

Today marks a special occasion in the community also. Today is the annual Life Chain here in Effingham. At the Life Chain, we join together with other Christians from the area as we embrace the importance of the life of all people of all ages. I encourage you to join this effort. The schedule for the day begins with a prayer service at Sacred Heart's Parish Hall from 1:30–2:00 p.m., led by our own Pastor Burdick, and then the Life Chain follows from 2:00–3:00. Come and join! Serve as a witness to the world about the value of life for all of the people that God has created.

May the Lord continue to bless you,

*Pastor Dille*

### **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.

### **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

### **Church Picnic**

Special thank you to the Social Ministry Board and to Todd & Sonja Martin for serving up a great Church picnic last Sunday. Around 100 people enjoyed that feast and the great fellowship!

### **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.

### **Food Pantry**

The food pantry is in need of Plastic Bags!

Donations for the month of October

Canned Fruit, Peanut Butter, Canned Vegetables, Canned Ravioli, and Beefaroni

We are grateful for ALL donations!

### **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!

### **Pure Germany, 2026**

One-of-a-kind-experiences

Two options, September or November

(See the bulletin board for details)

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

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

Sunday, September 28 .....	418
Adult Sunday School.....	45
Lifelight .....	20
Sunday School.....	35

### **Our Offering**

General Fund .....	\$27,133.00
Online Offering.....	\$3,387.58
<b>Total Gen. Fund Offering.....</b>	<b>\$30,520.58</b>

## **Stewardship Moment** **Ephesians 3:20-21**

**“Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.”** God delights in exceeding expectations and in pouring out mercies in abundance. This truth stands in contrast to our fears about lacking what we need for “this body and life.” We have an abundantly-blessing God who has proven His love for us on the cross. How could we not trust Him? How could we not respond to His love with generosity toward His mission in the church? How could we not have a desire to imitate Him in blessing others?

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

“We shouldn’t expect to know or understand the ways of God. We simply live in trust and ask God’s blessing on our lives of sanctification, lived in love and thanksgiving to Christ.” *Marie*

*MacPherson, author – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)*

### **“This Weeks Sunday School Lesson”**

#### **LESSON 6**

The account of Jacob’s favorite son, Joseph, serves as today’s lesson, “Hope in Hardship.” This account occupies a turning point in the history of God’s people. The unusual timeline of Joseph’s life includes him being despised by his brothers, being sold into slavery, attaining success and then losing it all too false accusations, being imprisoned, and serving in the court of Pharaoh. Joseph summarizes his life in one sentence addressed to his brothers, “You meant evil against me, but God meant it for good” (Genesis 50:20). Discuss how God can use negative things for our benefit.

## **Prayer List**

Mary & Kenny Dasenbrock, 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 Susan Waldhoff.

### **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.

## **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.

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)

### **LWML CID**

Fall Retreat at Camp CILCA

October 10-11, 2025

(Check bulletin board for more information)

### **Lydia Guild Invitation**

The ladies of our church are invited to the Lydia Guild Social on October 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

Do you remember our discussion about the book The Anxious Generation by Jonathan Haidt? This expert wants to protect children and help them thrive. Based on deep research, he urges:

1. No smartphones before high school: Children should use basic, text-and-call phones instead of smartphones until at least high school.
2. No social media before 16: Delaying access to social media platforms is crucial to prevent exposure to harmful content and comparisons.
3. Phone-free schools: Schools should implement policies that keep phones out of the classroom to allow for focused learning and in-person interaction.
4. More unsupervised play and independence: Children need opportunities for free play, responsibility, and risk-taking in the real world to build confidence and resilience.

### **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.

### **The Flock Bible Study**

High Schoolers, the flock will be meeting Sunday night (10/5) from 7-8 to continue their Bible Study *Worth Dying For: A Bible Study on Dating and Relationships*. All High Schoolers (and friends) are encouraged to attend. A light snack and refreshments will be provided.

### **Youth Corner Upcoming Events**

#### **Youth Group Participation**

Jr. High LYF October 1<sup>st</sup>: 8

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

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 on the bulletin board.

#### **Local Junior High LYF Gathering**

On Sunday, October 12th at 5:30 pm, St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Wheeler will be hosting a cookout and an opportunity to walk through their corn maze. Please let Pastor Dille know if you will be attending so that he can notify the hosts from St. Paul's how many will be attending.

#### **Birthdays This Week**

- 10/5 Debbie Womack, LeeAnn Perry, Terry Braun, J.P. Simmons  
10/6 Andrew Moeller, Andy Janis, Tammy Phillips, Dennis Marxman, Judy Ziegler, Kendra Daman  
10/7 Ann Gehle, Caiden Debolt, Delanie Hinton, Kade Bishop, Neal Mellendorf, Sandy Bernhard  
10/8 Brianne Brach, Dana Keller, Jacob Miller, Quinn Ziegler, Sonja Martin  
10/9 Roslyn Veach  
10/10 Mike Kennedy, Alex Baughman, Meredith Roderick, Daniella Kanabi, Joanna Davies  
10/11 Evan Smith, Kayla Darling, Sandra Mietzner, Sheryl Radloff

#### **Anniversaries This Week**

- 10/5/1991 Mitchell & Cinda Hulskotter  
10/5/1996 Ken & Norma Lansing  
10/5/2019 Jake & Emily Devall  
10/5/2019 Jacob & Carrie Janis  
10/6/1963 Ronnie & Duckie Johnson  
10/9/2004 Nick & Lindsey Stewart  
10/10/1981 Jerry & Cathy Bloemer  
10/10/1981 Kal & Renee Keitel  
10/10/1992 Kevin & Becky Wenthe  
10/10/2008 Benjamin & Stephanie Sams  
10/10/2015 Jacob & Breannah Westjohn  
10/11/1997 Timothy & Tabitha Bailey

# CALENDAR-----Oct. 5 – Oct. 11, 2025

Sunday	5	8:00 a.m.	Worship w/HC - Bells
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
		10:30 a.m.	Worship Service w/HC - Bells
		1:30 p.m.	Life Chain Prayer Service at Sacred Heart
		2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Life Chain
		4:00 p.m.	Circuit Forum
		7:00 p.m.	The Flock
Preschool – Monday – Friday 8:25 a.m. – 11:25 a.m. (Unless Otherwise Noted)			
Monday	6		Pastor Dille's Sabbath
		9:00 a.m.	CID Pastor Conference in Jacksonville
		5:15 p.m.	Choir Practice
Tuesday	7	9:00 a.m.	CID Pastor Conference in Jacksonville
		5:30 p.m.	Board of Early Childhood
		5:30 p.m.	Board of Trustees
		7:00 p.m.	Adult Catechism
		7:00 p.m.	Lydia Guild
Wednesday	8	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	9	8:45 a.m.	Preschool Chapel
		6:30 p.m.	Board of Elders
Friday	10		Pastor Burdick Sabbath
			No Preschool
Saturday	11	8:00 a.m.	Band Practice
		9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	E.A.S.T.E.R
		1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Fellowship Hall Rental
		5:30 p.m.	Worship Service w/HC

Where do you get your daily news and cultural commentary? I listen to the podcast "The World and Everything In It." - *Pastor Burdick*