

# THE EAGLE

## St. John's Weekly Newsletter November 2, 2025



Our grandson, Dean, loves to have books read to him. Last weekend he and I read Little House in the Big Woods. What a world! The Ingalls' daily lives revolved around hard work, love of family, creative play, discipline, rhythm of the seasons, Pa's wisdom, Ma's beautiful compassion, and respect for the Sabbath. But the author, Laura, admits that one day she blurted out "I hate Sunday." She wanted to play, not stay inside and read the Bible. We can relate.

Including her impetuous "I hate Sunday" in the novel was a confession. Good. When we think, say, and do that which is sinful, the only safe route is confession. Admit it. Laura did. Pa disciplined her and forgave her.

Every saint for whom we give thanks today was also a sinner. They said or thought "I hate Sunday" and things way worse.

**"If we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse all our unrighteousness."**  
(1 John 1:9)

Cleansed in the blood of the Lamb, "I love the habitation of Your house, O Lord, and the place where Your glory dwells." (Ps 26:8)

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P.S. I'm glad our Youth and Education Boards have chosen **Truth Rising** for our November 15 church Movie Night. I believe it's important and very good. I hope everyone high school and older will take it in.

### 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.

### Chili Supper and Bake Sale

St. John's Lutheran Church, Louisville  
Sun. Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.  
Menu: Chili and Vegetable Soup, Sandwiches, Desserts, and Drinks

### 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!

### A Note on All Saints Day

We are reminded that this gathering is in truth a far greater assembly than the number of people in this room at this time. The letter to the Hebrews reminds us that as we journey through our earthly lives we are surrounded by "so great a cloud of witnesses" (12:1) and tells of "the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven" and "the spirits of the righteous made perfect" (12:23). Hymn writer Isaac Watts reminds us that "the saints on earth and those above but one communion make; joined to their Lord in bonds of love, all of His grace partake" (TLH 478:1). On this feast of All Saints, with the timeless words of the Te Deum, we pray that by God's grace we, too, will be "numbered with Your saints in glory everlasting" (LSB, p. 225). With joy and thanksgiving, we celebrate the faith that binds us together with the faithful of all times!

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

|                          |     |
|--------------------------|-----|
| Sunday, October 26 ..... | 381 |
| Adult Sunday School..... | 35  |
| LifeLight .....          | 16  |
| Sunday School.....       | 36  |

**Our Offering**

|                                      |                    |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|
| General Fund .....                   | \$10,933.90        |
| Online Offering.....                 | \$3,779.58         |
| <b>Total Gen. Fund Offering.....</b> | <b>\$14,713.48</b> |

**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, Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>  
from 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**“This Weeks Sunday School Lesson”**

Lesson 10

“The Land at Last” is the title for today’s lesson. For forty years, the Israelites wandered on sandals that didn’t wear out and ate daily doses of manna. Following Moses’ death, Joshua prepares to lead a new generation into the Promised Land. This time, the floodwaters of the Jordan River stand in the way; but, hearkening back to the Red Sea crossing, the people pass through on dry land as they gather twelve stones for a memorial to God’s faithful care for His people. As a family, discuss how God leads us today.

**LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life**

“We know that there will always be changes in laws and politics, and we can only change that as best as we can. The comfort that we do know is that the Father does not change like shifting shadows. In today’s world, changes are swift and inevitable, but our faith and trust in our unchanging God are the comforts that sustain us!” *Diane Albers, President of Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

**Haiti Breakfast**

Join us in the Fellowship Hall for the Haiti Hunger Fight Breakfast on Sun., Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>. Breakfast Buffet starts at 9:00 a.m. Thank you for your continued support for this project, which helps some of the ‘least of these,’ in our world.

**Prayer List**

Lisa Shaw, Terry Long, Jane Probst, Mary & Kenny Dasenbrock, Matt Fauss, Cassie Power, Steve Rubin, Holly Bray, Irvin Wendte, and Alan & Connie Phelps. Eagle’s Nest Preschoolers Alec (parents Marissa & Dustin) and Ella (parents Courtney & Quentin).

**Soup Supper**

St. Paul Blue Point Luther Church Ladies Aid  
Sunday Nov. 9 starting at 4:00 p.m.  
Check the Bulletin Board for more information.

**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. 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>

**Stewardship Moment**

**Matthew 5:6**

**“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.”**  
You only hunger and thirst for what you don’t have. Jesus has come to fill us up with righteousness — His own righteousness. He is the self-giving Lord whose sacrifice inspires us to be givers, too.

**Brief Prayer Service**

Caring for those in need is central to the mission of every church. At St. John’s, our Food Pantry helps us live out that mission. Just before distribution, we hold a brief prayer service to lift up the requests of our patrons. If you’re available this Tuesday from 2:30–2:45pm, please join us as we pray for the hurting in our community. Let’s come together in faith and compassion.

**Lutheran College Fair**

High Schoolers, mark your calendars! There is a Lutheran College Fair at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, on Saturday, Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> 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 Carol Althoff in your thoughts and prayers. Funeral Services were held here on Wed. Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> with burial at Arborcrest Cemetery. Memorial may be made to Lutheran Care Center or St. John's Lutheran Church – Effingham.

### **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 13<sup>th</sup>. Please refer to the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for more information. 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.

### **Deepest Sympathy**

Please keep the family of Sandra Esker in your thoughts and prayers. Funeral Services were held on Mon. Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Teutopolis with burial in Riley, Indiana. Sandy was the director of Eagle's Nest Preschool for 16 years.

### **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.

### **Angel Tree**

It's time to once again collect toys for FISH. Bring new, unwrapped toys to the Atrium beginning Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>

### **Greeting Card Catalogs**

Orders are due today!

Check the card cabinet for the catalogs.

### **Youth Corner Upcoming Events**

#### **Youth Group Participation**

Jr. High LYF October 29<sup>th</sup>: 11

#### **HS Lock-In**

November 8-9

Check-in at 5:00 p.m.

Sign-up on the bulletin board

#### **Movie Night**

November 15<sup>th</sup>

Following the 5:30 p.m. Service

Sign-up sheet on the Bulletin Board

Pizza, Popcorn, and drinks will be provided by the Board of Education and Board of Youth

Adult Movie is "Truth Rising"

Children's Movie is "Ratatouille"

(Babysitting provided)

### **You May Have Seen the Stars**

In the hallway as you entered the church today. These stars are an opportunity not only to remember those who have died in faith this All Saints' Day, but also to look forward to the day when we will meet them again. There is a stand in the hallway under the bulletin board with some stars and a Sharpie. If you would like to write someone's name on a star, we will display them during the week. Let us look with joy to the day when we are united with all the saints.

### **Thank you**

Mary Dasenbrock would like to inform everyone that she has returned home and she wants to thank everyone in our church family who visited, called, and sent cards during her rehabilitation.



**It's Time to Set Your Clocks Back 1 Hour**  
**Sunday, Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>**

# CALENDAR-----Nov. 2 – Nov. 8, 2025

|                                                                             |   |                        |                                                                   |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sunday                                                                      | 2 | 8:00 a.m.              | Worship w/HC – Bells<br>Commissioning of Stephen Ministry         |
|                                                                             |   | 9:15 a.m.              | Sunday School                                                     |
|                                                                             |   | 10:30 a.m.             | Worship Service w/HC – Bells<br>Commissioning of Stephen Ministry |
|                                                                             |   | 2:30 p.m.              | Lutheran Care Center Congregation Service                         |
|                                                                             |   | 7:00 p.m.              | The Flock – HS LYF                                                |
| Preschool – Monday – Friday 8:25 a.m. – 11:25 a.m. (Unless Otherwise Noted) |   |                        |                                                                   |
| Monday                                                                      | 3 |                        | Pastor Dille's Sabbath                                            |
|                                                                             |   | 6:00 p.m.              | Worship Committee                                                 |
| Tuesday                                                                     | 4 | 5:30 p.m.              | Board of Christian Education                                      |
|                                                                             |   | 5:30 p.m.              | Board of Trustees                                                 |
|                                                                             |   | 7:00 p.m.              | Lydia Guild                                                       |
|                                                                             |   | 7:00 p.m.              | Adult Catechism                                                   |
| Wednesday                                                                   | 5 | 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                                                                    | 6 | 8:45 a.m.              | Preschool Chapel                                                  |
| Friday                                                                      | 7 |                        | Pastor Burdick Sabbath                                            |
|                                                                             |   | 6:30 p.m.              | Young Adult Bible Study                                           |
| Saturday                                                                    | 8 | 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                                              |
|                                                                             |   | 5:00 p.m.              | High School Lock-In                                               |

## Birthdays This Week

- 11/2 Brendan Keller, Kyle Pennington,  
Synnda Overbeck, Tate Bloemer, Walter  
Koester
- 11/3 Linda Lockett
- 11/4 Dan Jansen, Kiley Bohnhoff, Roberta  
Jenkins
- 11/5 Christina Kinkelaar, Jessica Quicksall,  
Mike Cushman, Nolan Bohnhoff
- 11/6 Brian Milleville, Jason Niebrugge,  
Kim Rogers
- 11/7 Avery Nelson, Hadley Westjohn, Joyce  
Barr, Randy Hansen

## Anniversaries This Week

- 11/3/1962 Dutch & Emily Klitzing
- 11/7/2009 Jeffery & Erin McDevitt