

THE EAGLE

St. John's Weekly Newsletter November 16, 2025



HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

Holy Trinity Lutheran High School is getting much closer to a reality! The men and women of our county who have been working diligently on opening a Lutheran High School are eager to make a presentation to you. **Sunday, November 23, at 9:15am** members of the Holy Trinity Lutheran High School steering committee will share the need, the culture, and the plan for opening the high school in Fall 2027. Be informed and inspired. Bring your questions. Offer your help. All are welcome. We hope to see you November 23 in the St. John's Fellowship Hall at 9:15am! For more, go to www.holytrinitylhs.com

"Holy Trinity Lutheran High School is committed to providing a high-quality Christian education, forming students in faith, hope, and love by nourishing their souls with the goodness, truth, and beauty of the Word of God."

Living the Lord's Prayer with Luther

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

Advent/Christmas Mailer

When you receive the Advent/Christmas mailer from St. John's, please don't throw it away. If you don't want to keep it, you can place it in the basket by the offices. We will cover your address with labels and will hand out the mailer to Food Pantry patrons and other neighbors. Thanks.

Angel Tree

It's time to once again collect toys for FISH. Bring new, unwrapped toys to the Atrium beginning Sunday, Nov. 2nd through Dec 7th

Thanksgiving Eve & Day Services

Thanksgiving Eve Worship at 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, November 26

Thanksgiving Day Worship 9:00 a.m.
Thursday, November 27

O give thanks unto the LORD!

GOLDEN EAGLES DINNER

The Golden Eagles dinner will be Thursday, November 20, at 12 noon. This will be our Thanksgiving meal catered by Niemerg's. The menu will be turkey, dressing, ham, mashed potatoes & gravy, noodles, green beans, carrots, coleslaw, and desserts. Our program this month will be Bible Trivia. Everyone is welcome to attend and the meal is FREE. We ask that you please sign the name of each person who'll be attending on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the atrium. If you're planning to attend you **MUST sign up this November 16th.** The caterer needs the number to prepare for by Tuesday.

Offerings

It's that time of year again. If you are giving your offerings online & no longer wish to use your envelopes, please let us know in the church office by Tues., Nov. 18th so we may release your envelope number. If you are currently not using offering envelopes but would like to, please contact the office by Tuesday November 18th.

Advent

Advent begins December 3rd. Make, buy, or dust off your Advent Wreath! Our Daily devotions will be title "Born to You... a Savior" Wait to celebrate Christmas ... let Advent prepare you well.

Cemetery Clean-Up

The St. John's Lutheran Church Cemetery will be cleaned up November 17th. Flowers or decorations should be removed before the 17th if you want to save them.

Response to the Gospel
Our Attendance Last Week

Sunday, November 9 398
Sunday School..... 55

Our Offering

General Fund \$10,463.00
Online Offering..... \$4,679.00
Total Gen. Fund Offering..... \$15,142.00

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. 25th
from 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

“This Weeks Sunday School Lesson”

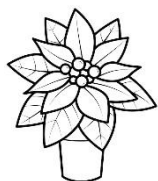
Lesson 12

“A Prophet Serves” is the title for this week’s lesson. Having been raised in the tabernacle from the time he was a young child, Samuel continues to serve Eli the priest. One night, Samuel runs to Eli, thinking Eli is calling his name. Eli sends Samuel back to bed, assuring him he had not called. As the pattern repeats, Eli tells Samuel to lie down once again but then next time respond, “Speak, LORD, for Your servant hears” (1 Samuel 3:9). When the Lord calls once again, He gives Samuel a vision of how Samuel will succeed Eli rather than Eli’s “worthless” sons. Discuss how God used the prophet Samuel to do His work.

LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life

“When life around us is dark and despairing, when troubles are real and overwhelming, when our hurts outweigh our joys, take a moment to think about God’s beautiful creation given for us as a ‘good and perfect gift.’ Take a moment to remember that we have another Light in our world—our Lord Jesus Who is the Creator of all things and is the light of men.”

Barbara Lane Geistfeld, DVM,
Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org



Poinsettias

It is that time of year again!

The 8” poinsettia is \$22. Please place your orders in the office by Sunday, Nov. 30th

Prayer List

Arnetia Osborn, Vernabelle Lankford, Donna Street, Tonya & Ashley Blair, Lisa Shaw, Terry Long, Mary & Kenny Dasenbrock, Matt Fauss, Cassie Power, Steve Rubin, Holly Bray, and Irvin Wendte. Eagle’s Nest Preschoolers Elle (parents Alison & Todd) and Jett (parents Morgan & Travis).

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 on Thanksgiving Eve & Thanksgiving Day before or after services & in the atrium on the weekend of Nov. 29th & 30th

Stewardship Moment

Luke 21:6

“As for these things that you see, the days will come when there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.” Everything in this world is headed for the graveyard, but some things are also destined to rise from the grave. On that Day of Resurrection — as we look back on our earthly life — what will we see? What will have really mattered? This is a good question to ask ourselves in this season of the church year that focuses on The Last Things.

Quilting for Lutheran World Relief

Experience not required! We can use you if you can cut fabric, piece items together, sew, and/or tying quilts. We will meet in the multi-purpose room on Wednesday, November 19 at 10 a.m. Come and join us anytime during the day and stay as long as you want. Call Jane Tolch at (217) 690-5171 if you have any questions.

Lydia Guild Christmas Party

Dec. 2nd at 6:00 p.m.

at the Burdick’s home 717 S. First St. All Women of the church are invited. Members please bring your red stocking and an appetizer or dessert to share.

Bible Study

Wednesday Morning Bible Study: 9:00-10:00 in the Trinity Room. We study the Scripture readings for the upcoming Sunday.

Youth Corner Upcoming Events

Youth Group Participation

Jr. High LYF November 12th: 14

Advent Soup Meals

Wednesday, December 3 Lunch & Dinner
Junior High Students are encouraged to bring
a pie

High School Students are encouraged to help
with clean up after the supper

We will be serving Chili, Vegetable, and Potato
Soup as well as a relish tray, hotdogs,
desserts, and drinks

LYF Caroling

December 14th

Cookie Walk

This year the Cookie Walk will be held on
Saturday, Dec. 20th & Sunday, Dec. 21st

Office Help

We have been blessed to have Coralin Ohnesorge working part-time in the Church office this Fall, but she'll soon be student teaching. We will hire an Office Assistant to begin on or about January 2 (earlier if possible). Working 28 hours per week, usually Tuesday-Friday, this person will be a vital part of our mission and ministry. An application and job description is available in the church office. You can also speak about it with Pastor Burdick or Administrative Secretary Sarah Mellendorf. Pray about it. Share this with others. Come, work with us!

Lutheran Care Center

Lutheran Care Center is a gem in our county. The people who attended the Annual Congregational Service at Immanuel on November 2 apparently agree. In support of LCC's mission, the Pastors' Bake-Off after worship brought in a whopping \$11,580! Thank YOU for pooling your donations to bid on your pastors' items for the sake of the mission. Congratulations to Pastor Niermann who took home the travelling trophy! Thanks be to God. FYI: the SJLC goodies purchased that day will be shared Sunday in our coffee time in the fellowship hall. Come for the goodies. Stay for the Bible Study!



Church Decorating

We will be decorating the Church Halls and Sanctuary for advent and celebrating the Birth of Christ on Saturday November 29th starting at 9:00am. Please come and join in on the fun and fellowship.

Haiti Hunger Fight Thank You

When Keith Logan visited us last weekend to update us on the Trinity Hope Feeding Program, we heard (again) how tragic the conditions are in Haiti. In so many areas, it's just horrible. Poverty. Gangs. Illiteracy. Voodoo. Therefore, Trinity Hope feeds children in Christian schools. Our church supports two of those schools. For me, the feeding is important, and the Christian education is even *more* important. In the words of Martin Franzmann, if we only feed people we will "trap men in the wilderness." Without hearing the Word of God, men and women and children will stay in the wilderness of sin, never arriving at the Promised Land of the Kingdom of God. Trinity Hope is very important. Keep supporting it. And never forget that our mission is to "Proclaim the Christ, Grow the Family, Serve the Neighbor." In that order. We don't want people stuck in the wilderness.

There was approximately \$6,300 raised this year during the breakfast, Thank you!

E.A.S.T.E.R

We are a blessing to our special-needs neighbors. Twice a month the E.A.S.T.E.R. class meets here at St. John's on Saturday mornings. Adults with intellectual and physical disabilities come together for devotions, crafts, snacks, songs, fellowship and a Bible Lesson. It's a beautiful time. Mrs. Joan Garbe is the leader, assisted by many of our members. The next class is November 22 from 9:30-11:00am. Interested in helping? Come visit us! Oh, and you know what? **The neighbors are a huge blessing to us!**

CALENDAR-----Nov. 16 – Nov. 22, 2025

Sunday	16	8:00 a.m.	Worship w/HC - Choir
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
		10:30 a.m.	Worship Service w/HC - Choir
		7:00 p.m.	The FLOCK – HS LYF
Preschool – Monday – Friday 8:25 a.m. – 11:25 a.m. (Unless Otherwise Noted)			
Monday	17		Pastor Dille's Sabbath
		4:00 p.m.	Board of Evangelism
		5:15 p.m.	Choir Practice
Tuesday	18	7:00 p.m.	Adult Catechism
Wednesday	19	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	20		No Preschool – Parent Teacher Conferences
		Noon	Golden Eagles
		5:00 p.m.	Board of Youth
Friday	21		Pastor Burdick Sabbath
		6:30 p.m.	YABS
Saturday	22	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

11/16	Abel Wilson, Cloie Bailey
11/18	Corey March, Lilli Wernsing, Mattie Niccum, Ron Lading
11/19	Ivy Utz, Katie Hinton, Sandra Weber, Kris Lipe
11/20	Cindy Vail, Donna Budde, Ervin Mueller, Kristen Dahnke, Matt Wohltman
11/21	George Young, Makenna Duckwitz, Tilford Hord
11/22	Haley Brown, John Richards

New Year's Resolution

A Good New Year's Resolution: ***"I'll go to Bible Study Sunday or Wednesday."*** We start a new Church Year in two weeks.

Anniversaries This Week

11/16/1973	Jim & Carol Klein
11/16/2002	Christopher & Heather St. John
11/19/1983	Rick & Deb Gregory

Thank you

Have you noticed the great improvement in the northside steps and sidewalks at Church? Larry Gehle recently professionally power-washed them all! We thank him and his company, Prairie Pressure Washing (217-821-8922). What a great donation. Thank you!

Operation Christmas Child

Will be ending November 23rd