

THE EAGLE

St. John's Weekly Newsletter November 23, 2025

This Sunday marks the end of the Church year, which means next Sunday begins the season of Advent. In a time when Christmas trees are going up and Christmas songs fill the stores, it's important not to skip over the meaning of this weekend. This day reminds us to anticipate the end of the world as we know it. In each of the three readings, we hear about the work of Jesus—and we are given the words to say as we wait: the words of the thief on the cross, *"Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."*

I remember a specific time at Concordia University Chicago when I was sitting in chapel during a special Taizé worship service. Up until that point, I had never been very interested in Taizé worship. It seemed simple—just prayers and repetitive music. But as I sat in the pew that day and sang the words of the thief on the cross, *"Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom,"* it brought me to tears. I realized once again that it's not about me—it's about Jesus.

That is what today and every day is about. Once again, it's about Jesus. My encouragement is this: set aside your Advent and Christmas plans while you're here at church this weekend and soak in the words you hear about Him—words about His return and His promise to remember His people. Don't just remember the reason for the season; remember to *"Be still and know that He is God,"* as the psalm says. Know that Jesus has promised to remember you when you enter His kingdom.

May God continue to bless you,

Pastor Dille

Advent Midweek Services

Wednesdays: Dec 3, 10, 17

12:15pm & 6:30pm

Mary's Son... Our Savior



HOLY TRINITY
LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

"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."

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!

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.

Advent

Advent begins November 30th. Make, buy, or dust off your Advent Wreath! Our Daily devotions will be titled "Born to You... a Savior" Wait to celebrate Christmas ... let Advent prepare you well.

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!

Operation Christmas Child

Will be ending November 23rd

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

Sunday, November 16	479
Adult Sunday School.....	42
LifeLight	15
Sunday School.....	58

Our Offering

General Fund	\$6,022.50
Online Offering.....	\$4,697.00
Total Gen. Fund Offering.....	\$10,719.50

Food Pantry

The next distribution is Tuesday, Nov. 25th
from 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

“This Weeks Sunday School Lesson”

Lesson 13

Today’s lesson, “A King Forever,” looks forward to our forever King, Jesus. God sends Samuel to anoint the next king of Israel, with the reminder, “The LORD sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart” (1 Samuel 16:7). God rejects each of Jesse’s sons, so Samuel sends for the youngest, David, whom God has chosen to become the greatest king of Israel. Surviving Saul’s insane jealousy, David becomes king and establishes Jerusalem as his stronghold. As a family, talk about how God used David to unite His people and how Jesus will unite all believers.

LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life

“Thankful hearts and people produce a grateful culture, a society that is set free to live freely, set free from the mere whims of others, allowing all to live, everyone from the smallest to the perceived greatest. Whether you trust in God or not, freedom exudes gratitude. Gratitude is the grace that blesses all in this life. It gives others some semblance of hope.”

Rev. Mark Frith, Lutheran Center
for Religious Liberty – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

Quilting

We will not be quilting until January 7th. We are in need of sheets, these sizes only:

Full - flat

Queen - flitted and flat

King - fitted and flat

We **cannot** use twin sizes

Prayer List

Gary White, Lisa Shaw, Terry Long, Mary & Kenny Dasenbrock, Matt Fauss, Cassie Power, Steve Rubin, Holly Bray, and Irvin Wendte. Eagle’s Nest Preschoolers Emmersyn (parents Megan & Dayne) and Wyatt (parents Samie & Byron).

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.

Stewardship Moment

Colossians 1:18

“And he is the head of the body, the church.”

We are part of the Body of Christ; He is our Head. Where He goes, we follow. His thoughts direct our actions. This is how the people of God learn how to give and why they give. Because Jesus gives, indeed He gives all He has.

Lydia Guild Christmas Party

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

at the Burdicks’ 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.

Holy Communion Preparation

Volunteers Needed.



Individuals and whole families can serve! We ask that you take time to sign up on the hallway bulletin board for the time(s) you can serve. You don’t have to serve the entire weekend. See the bulletin board and choose a slot in which you can fill, or transition after a Service, or clean and put away after the final Service. Since we have created the new Sacristy, your service has been made easier. Questions, Lisa Norton, Altar Guild Chair.

Cards

Check out the greeting card cabinet in the main hallway. More cards have been added as well as Christmas cards. You may designate a Junior High LYF student to receive the profit.

Youth Corner Upcoming Events

Youth Group Participation

Jr. High LYF November 19th: 12

Advent Soup Meals

Wednesday, December 3

Lunch: 11:15 a.m. - 12:15 a.m.

12:45 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.

Supper: 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

7:15 p.m. – 7:45 p.m.

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

Junior High Students are encouraged to bring a pie.

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

LYF Caroling

December 14th

Cookie Walk

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

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 December 13 from 9:30-11:00am. Interested in helping? Come visit us! Oh, and you know what? **The neighbors are a huge blessing to us!**

Back to Bethlehem

Eagle's Nest Families will have the opportunity to walk through Bethlehem on Thursday, the 19th. The gym will be transformed into a Bible-times village.

The preschool is asking for volunteers to help from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00p.m. You can work in the cheese shop, fish market, carpenter's shop, at the inn, the bakery or the grape and juice market. Costumes will be available. Please reach out to Carrie in the church office if you have questions or are interested in helping!



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.

Bible Study

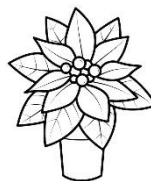
Wednesday Morning Bible Study: 9:00-10:00 in the Trinity Room. We study the Scripture readings for the upcoming Sunday.

5th Sunday

You have seen that our calendar this month keeps the regular Sunday morning schedule on November 30. Our Elders decided to suspend the practice of having one single Service on the 5th Sunday, because our attendance is sometimes decreased by as many as 100 people. We'll reevaluate after six months. This means that next weekend we'll have our usual 5:30pm Saturday and 8:00 & 10:30am Sunday Services. They will be non-communion Services. 5:30pm and 8:00am Services will begin with a hymn-sing. 10:30am Service will begin with the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Final thought: this will be a great weekend to bring a friend to worship with you! Invite them soon!

Devotions

Lutheran Hour Ministries offers excellent Advent Devotions, delivered to your email inbox daily. Give a friend a paper copy of the booklet (in the Atrium), and sign up for your electronic devotions at www.LHM.org



Poinsettias

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

CALENDAR-----Nov. 23 – Nov. 29, 2025

Sunday	23	8:00 a.m.	Worship w/HC
		9:15 a.m.	High School Presentation & Sunday School
		10:30 a.m.	Worship Service w/HC
Preschool – Monday – Friday 8:25 a.m. – 11:25 a.m. (Unless Otherwise Noted)			
Monday	24		Pastor Dille's Sabbath
		10:30 a.m.	Preschool Chapel
		10:45 a.m.	Preschool Thanksgiving Feast
		5:15 p.m.	Board of Early Childhood
		7:00 p.m.	Lutheran Care Board
Tuesday	25	9:00 a.m.	Board of Directors CID Meeting
		10:30 a.m.	Preschool Chapel
		10:45 a.m.	Preschool Thanksgiving Feast
		3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Food Pantry
		7:00 p.m.	Adult Catechism
Wednesday	26		No Preschool
		9:00 a.m.	Bible Study
		10:00 a.m.	Stephen Ministry
		1:00 p.m.	Office Staff Devotion/Meeting
		6:30 p.m.	Worship
Thursday	27		Office Closed
			No Preschool
		9:00 a.m.	Worship
Friday	28		Office Closed
			No Preschool
Saturday	29	8:00 a.m.	Band Practice
		9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Decorate Church
		5:30 p.m.	Worship Service

Birthdays This Week

11/23	David Brinkopf, Greg Perry, Jeff Vail, Liam Boone
11/25	Bryce Beccue, Emerson Hansen, Holly Adams, Jerry Bloemer, Randy Kohnert
11/26	David Barr, Mike Schlechte, Toni Elderworth
11/27	Dr. Kelly Haller, Janet Martins
11/28	Reagan Keith
11/29	Dean Wetherell, Stephanie Sams

Anniversaries This Week

11/23/1989	Mike & Patricia Logan
11/23/2023	Luke & Jill Daniels
11/25/2023	Johnny & Casey Trupiano
11/26/1971	Jim & Becky Bailey
11/29/1980	George & Valena Soltwedel

Prayer Partners

We are very blessed to have a Prayer Partner Chain. If you are interested in being a Prayer Partner, please reach out to Julie Scott at (217) 343-3047.