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## St. John's Weekly Newsletter January 18, 2026

Welcome to Pastor Schnare and



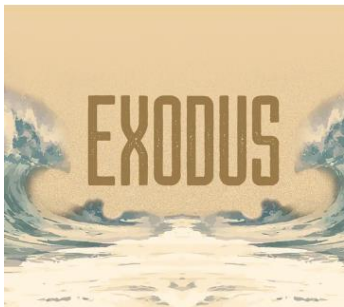
LUTHERAN  
HERITAGE  
FOUNDATION

Adults: come to Bible class in the Fellowship Hall between Sunday Services and learn more about this vital mission.

Christmas trees are still up in a few places (I saw two in health facilities this week), but real ones have either been sunk in the water or burned to ashes.

It's time to think of ashes of another sort. Ash Wednesday is only one month away. Our Lenten journey to the cross and tomb will soon be upon us.

Pastor Dille and I have chosen "Exodus" as our Lenten theme. In midweek Services we will walk with the people of Israel from Egypt to Canaan, from slavery to freedom. We'll seek and hear the Good News along the way.



Two new aspects of the midweek Lenten Services: a) on Ash Wednesday, the imposition of ashes will be available to all who desire them *before* and *after* the Services, and b) we'll use the "Service of Prayer and Preaching" direct from the hymnal.

If you're thinking, "we've used Exodus as our Lenten theme before," you're right. Such a fitting theme for the season of renewal, Exodus empties us of confidence in ourselves. It reveals our slavery. It exhorts us to place all faith in the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. That's the only safe path through the wilderness of this world. Read (or listen to) the entire book of Exodus a couple of times in the next month. February 18 we begin our walk with God's people in faith.

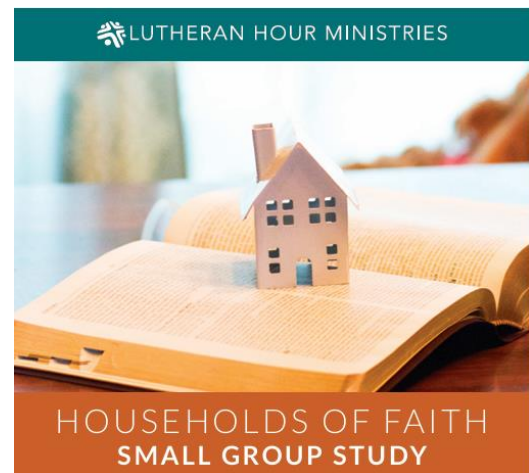
*Pastor Furdick*

### Contribution Statements

We will be emailing contribution statements to everyone that we have an email address for. Please be watching for an email from "Auto Mail" in your inbox towards the end of January. If we do not have your email address, we will send your contribution statement in the mail.

### Upcoming Meetings

Council Meeting  
Tues., Jan 20 at 7:00pm  
Voters Assembly  
Tues., Jan. 27 at 7:00pm



### Parent Gathering January 29, @ 7p.m.

Starting this month and running through April, our parent gatherings will be following the video series titled *Households of Faith* by Lutheran Hour Ministries. In this study, you will tips and tricks that will help you to transform your household into a more open and engaging place where God's love is shared with your children and your neighbors.

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

Sunday January 18<sup>th</sup> ..... 426  
Sunday School..... 49  
Adult Sunday School..... 46

**Our Offering**

January 11th ..... \$27,246.00  
Online Offering..... \$8,735.03  
**Total Gen. Fund Offering..... \$35,981.03**

**Prayer List**

Patsy Latch, Debbie Barr, Gary White, Jeff Stremming, Larry & Mary Kay Wieneke, Bob & Ruth Kohnert, Vi Kirchhoff, Donna Elmore, Carol Klein, Terry Long, & Steve Rubin. Eagle's Nest Preschoolers Alyna Goldstein (parents Melissa & Luke) and Derrek Mellendorf (parents Toni & Brock Mellendorf).

**Lutheran Heritage Foundation**

Today we welcome Rev. Timothy Schnare, a representative of the Lutheran Heritage Foundation, as our guest preacher. Join us during Bible class, when Rev. Schnare will tell about LHF's mission work around the globe, and how God calls people to faith through the Lutheran literature available in their own languages. To support this important mission effort, you may use the special offering envelope attached to the enclosed LHF brochure.

**"This Week's Sunday School Lesson"**

**Lesson 3**

In our Christian education time this week, we study the account of Daniel in "A Trap and a Release." Daniel's promotion to a high leadership role in Babylon causes political jealousy among other leaders. King Darius decrees that everyone must worship only him, but Daniel remains faithful to the one true God, praying three times daily. The king condemns Daniel to the lions' den, but God's angel shuts the lions' mouths so Daniel remains unharmed. Discuss how God protects His people from danger today.

**50<sup>th</sup> Annual Pro-Life Breakfast**

Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 a.m. – noon at the Teutopolis Banquet Hall. Please see Bulletin Board for details.

**LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life**

"Our task is to make sure that our fellow Lutherans and our neighbors know how much God loves us just as we are. Look at this fingerprint: God made each of us unique. There is no one else just like you. God knew you before you were born (Jeremiah 1:5). He knitted you together in your mother's womb. You were fearfully and wonderfully made, and God had a plan for your life even before you took a breath in this sinful, beautiful world that He created for you (Psalm 139:13-16)." *Diane Albers, President of Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)*

**Stewardship Moment**

**John 1:29**

"The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, 'Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!'" The Israelites of old offered a lamb to God at Passover so that death might pass over them and do no harm. Over those long centuries of sacrifice, did they understand that this was actually God's gift? That God would be the true Giver of the true Lamb? Truly, we can never out-give God, for all that we have is His



Stop at the bulletin Board in the main hall and read about the upcoming Lutheran Care Center Annual Meeting at 7:00pm on January 26. We are owners of LCC, and we have a voice in encouraging and guiding the ministry of Lutheran Care. Our elected delegates to the LCC Full Board are Jeff Stremming and Fred Bray. At the January 26 Annual Meeting, all members of St. John's are welcome. We will be voting on the revisions to the LCC Constitution. See the information on the bulletin board!

The LCC Care Campaign is wrapping up NOW. It's not too late to send a donation to bless the people and the program of Lutheran Care Center.

### **Sausage Sales**

St. Peter Lutheran Men's Club will once again be taking Pre-Orders for sausage and ribs before their annual Sausage Supper. Orders are offered and encouraged ahead of time, with the deadline to order being January 31st, 2026. (Sausage will be available in 1 lb. packages this year). A limited amount of sausage will be available on the day of the supper - order early!

To order, please call one of the following:

Scott Brauer 618-553-6224

John Lotz 618-553-5585

Tim Brauer 618-267-6228

David Schaal 618-292-3732

Reggie Grandt 618-553-6213

St. Peter's Lutheran Church Office 618-349-8321



### **Sanctity of Life**

January 25 will be Sanctity of Life Sunday here at St. John's. Praise God for LIFE from womb to tomb.

### **Flower Chart**

The 2026 chart has been posted. Please sign up if you would like to donate flowers for the altar.



### **Youth Corner Upcoming Events**

#### **Tuesday High School Breakfast**

Starting this semester Tuesday, January 6th, Pastor and Katie Dille will be hosting a pancake breakfast for High School students from 7:15-7:40a.m. Come by anytime in that window. If you are having school, we're serving breakfast. This will be open to High Schoolers from all schools. Feel free to bring a friend. Call or text Pastor Dille if you have any questions.

#### **Save the date**

#### **Puzzle Night and Mexican Dinner-Jan. 25<sup>th</sup>**

Time: 2:30 puzzle

Dine at approximately 5:00 p.m.

Cost: \$12/adult and \$8/child (ages 6-12)  
(Anyone may come and eat)

Puzzle Teams will consist of 4 people  
We will have 18 – 500-piece puzzles

Sign up: on the church bulletin board or Call  
Donetta Ohnesorge (217-821-3300)  
Or Carolyn Wendte (217-821-6541)

Tickets are available in the office or will be sold  
before and after church services.

**Deadline to sign up is Jan 22**



#### **Effingham-Shelby Circuit LCMS 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Confirmation Lock-In**

Sunday, Feb 15-16

#### **Rhodes Fish Fry**

Friday, February 27<sup>th</sup>

#### **Easter Breakfast**

Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>

**CALENDAR-----Jan. 18 – Jan. 24, 2025**

Sunday	18	8:00 a.m.	Worship w/HC - Choir
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
		10:30 a.m.	Worship w/HC - Choir
		7:00 p.m.	The Flock
Preschool – Monday – Friday 8:25 a.m. – 11:25 a.m. (Unless Otherwise Noted)			
Monday	19		Pastor Dille's Sabbath
			<b>No Preschool</b>
		4:00 p.m.	Board of Evangelism
		5:15 p.m.	Choir Practice
Tuesday	20	7:15 a.m.	HS Breakfast
		7:00 p.m.	Council Meeting
Wednesday	21	8:45 a.m.	Preschool Chapel
		9:00 a.m.	Bible Study
			Pastor Burdick Vacation
		10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Quilting
		1:00 p.m.	Staff Devotions and Staff Meeting
			<b>No Confirmation</b>
		5:15 p.m.	Bells
		6:00 p.m.	Youth Fellowship
Thursday	22	8:45 a.m.	Preschool Chapel
			Pastor Burdick Vacation
Friday	23		Pastor Burdick's Sabbath
			Office Closes at Noon
		6:30	Young Adult Bible Study
Saturday	24	8:00 a.m.	Band Practice
		5:30 p.m.	Worship w/HC

**Birthdays This Week**

1/18 Hudson Wilson, Libby Dasenbrock,  
Lindsey Stewart  
1/19 Keith Knight  
1/20 Emery Wendling, Mike Kallis, Vicky  
Keith  
1/21 Nancy Moeller  
1/23 Steven Moeller  
1/24 Charles Braasch, Mike Mietzner

**Anniversaries This Week**

1/22/22 Devin & Hali Frailey  
1/22/77 Steven & Nancy Moeller

