

THE EAGLE

St. John's Weekly Newsletter January 25, 2026

St. John's Family,

Every three years, our congregation within the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod undertakes the responsibility of nominating a candidate for Synod President. This role involves serving as the ecclesiastical supervisor for pastors, teachers, and other church professionals at the national level. Additional information regarding the position and its responsibilities can be found in the job description provided.

As a congregation, it is an important part of our mission to act as diligent stewards of the gifts entrusted to us by God. This includes engaging thoughtfully and thoroughly in the nomination process through careful consideration, discussion, and discernment. By doing so, we uphold the tradition exemplified by the early church in Acts 6:1-7, where leaders were appointed by the body of the church.

If you have any questions, please feel free to ask questions to either Pastor Burdick or myself; we would love to discuss it with you. **St. John's will proceed with nominating an individual to serve as Synod President during the Voter's Meeting scheduled for this Tuesday.**

May the Lord continue to bless you this week,

Pastor Dilke

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 this week. If we do not have your email address, we will send your contribution statement in the mail.

Upcoming Meetings

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

What does the Synodical President do?

"Among many other duties and responsibilities, the LCMS president is the chief ecclesiastical and ecumenical officer of the Synod, supervising what is taught and practiced within the church and advising and maintaining relationships with our partner church bodies." (LCMS.org/leadership)

Who can be nominated?

"All nominees must be ordained ministers (not specific ministry pastors) on the roster of the Synod. Nominees for regional vice-president must reside within the congregation's region. While a congregation may nominate the same individual for multiple offices, it may not nominate the same individual twice for the same office."

How does nominating work?

"Each member congregation of the Synod is entitled to cast nominating votes for those to appear on the ballots for President and vice-presidents (First Vice-President, a full-time position, and the vice-president for your region, a part-time position ranked by the convention in the line of succession as one of the second through sixth vice-presidents). This nomination process is again being conducted using an electronic system developed by Yes Elections, the vendor that has supported our Synod's electronic presidential election process (under a former name, as Election-America).

Full results of the nominating ballots will be included in the Convention Workbook and posted on Synod's website by April 25, 2026. (Basic information on the slates of candidates for President and vice-presidents is typically announced approximately two weeks after the close of nominations.) Information on the candidates is published in the Biographical Synopses and Statements of Nominees, which is published at the same time as the Convention Workbook, no later than 12 weeks prior to the opening of the convention (Bylaw 3.1.8 [b])."

Response to the Gospel Our Attendance Last Week

Sunday January 18 th	369
Sunday School	32
Adult Sunday School	45
<u>Our Offering</u>	
January 18th	\$5,849.00
Online Offering	\$3,034.00
Total Gen. Fund Offering	\$8,886.00

Prayer List

Bryce Backhus, Jeremy Fritch, Mary Dasenbrock, Patsy Latch, Debbie Barr, Gary White, Larry & Mary Kay Wieneke, Bob & Ruth Kohnert, Vi Kirchhoff, Donna Elmore, Carol Klein, Terry Long, & Steve Rubin. Eagle's Nest Preschoolers Carson Norris (mother Jenna) & Adalynn Devall (parents Emily & Jacob) and the family of Jackie Genaust

Golden Eagles

We will be meeting this Thursday, January 29th in the Fellowship Hall. The menu will be: Brisket, Barbeque Chicken, Spare Ribs, Potato Salad, Cole Slaw, and desserts. Drinks will be provided. Deadline to sign up is this Sun., Jan. 25.

"This Week's Sunday School Lesson"

Lesson 4

"Homecoming Hopes" is the theme for our lesson this week. King Artaxerxes sends Ezra as a priest and scribe to teach and lead the people at the newly repaired temple in Jerusalem. Nehemiah convinces the king to send him to Jerusalem to repair the city wall. Despite opposition from Israel's neighbors, repairs are completed in record time. Nehemiah, Ezra, and the priests lead the people in a joyous rededication of the wall. Discuss together, "What homecoming can we look forward to as God's children?

GOD IS GREAT CONCERT

Monday, January 26th at St. Peter's Lutheran School. See flyer on the bulletin board for more information

Preschool Registration for 2026/2027

Preschool Registration for members of St. John's is now open. Visit the website for a registration form, or pick up a registration form on the bulletin board or stop by the office. If you have any questions, please contact Carrie in the church office.

LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life

"The One who gives us our new beginning in Baptism is the same God who fashioned us and gave us our first beginning in the womb. It is God who brings forth life. It is God who created us, who 'knits us together,' so that we are 'intricately and wonderfully made.' Some say that the Bible never mentions abortion, and thus we should not speak against it. How far from the truth! The decisive moral truth of what Scripture teaches is this: Human beings are such from fertilization. And—it is a sin to shed innocent blood." *Rev. Paul Clark, Lutherans For Life of Michigan – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Stewardship Moment

Matthew 4:20 – "Immediately they left their nets and followed him." Discipleship cost Peter and Andrew everything they had. They left their trade, their hometown, their families, and they followed Jesus. God has called us to the same discipleship, the same devotion, though the exact details of how that is lived out will vary. The important thing is this: we know that all we have is the Lord's, to be used for His purpose. We are His disciples and are ready to follow where He leads.

Lutheran Young Adult Night

Lutheran Young Adult Night will be held on Sunday, February 1st from 5-7 p.m. at Pagel Silver Dollar Lanes, Effingham. Come out to enjoy fellowship, friendship, and bowling with other young Lutherans from local congregations! All ages, 18-25, are welcome. Please contact Jackson Holste (217-821-6552) or Shawn Crutcher (217-500-0782) through text message by Sunday, January 25th, if you plan on attending.

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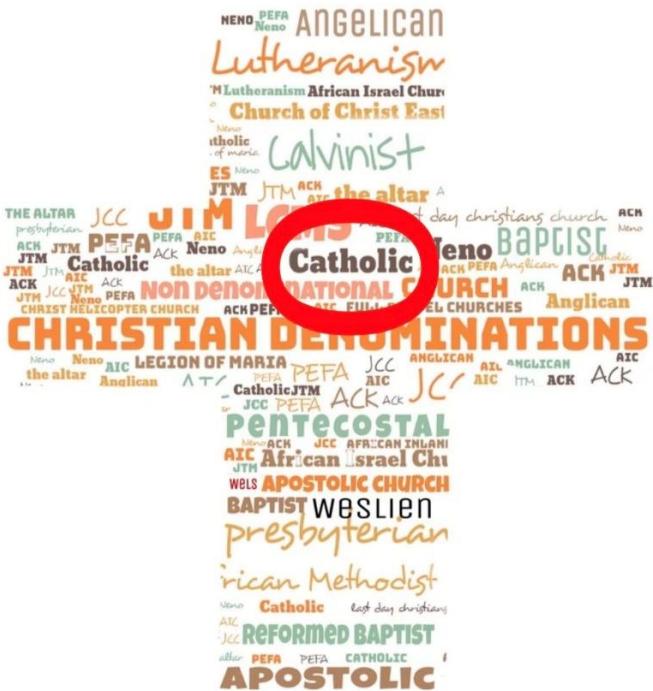
YOUNG ADULTS BIBLE STUDY

WEDNESDAY JAN 28

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH ALTAMONT, IL

6:30

Gather with other young adults to learn the difference between Christian denominations



contact Violet: 6187046114

Annual Sausage Supper

St. Peter's Lutheran Men's Club "all you can eat" will be held on Sunday, February 15, in the St. Peter's Lutheran Church School Gym. Serving will begin at 5:00 p.m., and carry outs will be available.

Anniversaries This Week

1/25/1999	Randy & Tammy Miller
1/25/2020	Clayton & Emily Gregory
1/26/1969	Paul & Carolyn Webb
1/27/1963	Richard & Betty Albin

St. Paul (Blue Point) Men's Club Annual Sausage & Pancake Supper

This event is set for Sunday, February 1. It will be a dine-in event, with carry-out meals available. Packaged rope, cooked rope, and bulk ground sausage will be available. Serving will begin at 4:00 p.m. The church is located 4 miles north and 2 miles east of Altamont.

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. 25th

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



Effingham-Shelby Circuit LCMS 5th Annual Confirmation Lock-In

Sunday, Feb 15-16

Rhodes Fish Fry

Friday, February 27th

Easter Breakfast

Sunday, April 5th

CALENDAR-----			-Jan. 25— Jan. 31 2025
Sunday	25	8:00 a.m.	Worship w/HC
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
		10:30 a.m.	Worship w/HC
		2:30 p.m.	Puzzle Night
		5:00 p.m.	Mexican Dinner
Preschool – Monday – Friday 8:25 a.m. – 11:25 a.m. (Unless Otherwise Noted)			
Monday	26		Pastor Dille's Sabbath
			NO Choir Practice
		5:15 p.m.	Board of Early Childhood
		7:00 p.m.	Lutheran Care Board
Tuesday	27	7:15 a.m.	HS Breakfast
		9:00 a.m.	CID BOD Springfield
		2:30 - 2:45 p.m.	Food Pantry Prayer Service
		3:00 – 4:00 p.m.	Food Pantry Distribution
		7:00 p.m.	Voters Assembly
Wednesday	28	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.	Staff Devotions and Staff Meeting
		5:00 p.m.	Confirmation
		5:15 p.m.	Bells
		6:00 p.m.	Youth Fellowship
		6:30 p.m.	Young Adult Bible Study
Thursday	29	8:45 a.m.	Preschool Chapel
		Noon	Golden Eagles
		6:30 p.m.	Parent Gathering
Friday	30		Pastor Burdick's Sabbath
			Office Closes at Noon
Saturday	31	8:00 a.m.	Band Practice
		9:30 – 11:00 a.m.	E.A.S.T.E.R
		5:30 p.m.	Worship w/HC

Birthdays This Week

01/25	Dalton Koelm, Cole Marxman, & Perrie Richards	01/29	Taylor Rieman
01/26	AJ Radloff, Cason Klepzig, Kristin Jackson, Leslie Boggs, & Sawyer Whitaker	01/30	Darcie Buening & Landen Lynch
01/28	Alec Niebrugge	01/31	Kathy Stremming & Susan Larson