

# THE EAGLE

## St. John's Weekly Newsletter May 3, 2026

Today seven teenagers stand up and confess that they believe what is taught in the Bible and Luther's Small Catechism is true. Cloie, Maddison, Mackenzie, Alexa, Graham, Joel, and Maddux can't make it on their own. They need their parents to lead them well, and they need you. Pray for them and get to know them. Notice when they are in Church and when they aren't. Encourage them. Make it possible that in about ten years from now they will be here in the pews of St. John's and tell a young confirmand, "when I was in High School Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_ really cared about me. I kept coming to Church partly because she noticed me."

In the "Remember Your Baptism" event with our confirmands, one of the Elders spoke about how old he is (older than me) and that he is still learning from the Bible. He was encouraging the youth to be in Bible Study and to study Scripture on their own. I'd like to echo his words to every adult who isn't coming to a Bible Study currently. I'm not guilting you into it, I'm promising. Promising that you'll grow in knowledge, in faith, and in relationships. We all need all three of those areas of growth. There's no adult study in the fellowship hall today, due to the Confirmation Rite preparation. Next Sunday we'll be studying Luke 19:1-10. On Wednesday at 10:00am in the Trinity Room we'll study the upcoming Sunday's readings. Follow the elder's advice. Grow in knowledge, faith, and relationships.

Thank you for the good example you set for the youth of the congregation. They are blessed to have you in their lives.



### **Mother's Day Singing**

On May 10<sup>th</sup>, Mother's Day, Sunday School Students will be singing our Old Testament & New Testament songs in both services. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 8:45 to warm up and enter together. Then we will sing at the beginning of the 10:30 service. Thanks for encouraging your children in this service to our church.

**LCMS Foundation**  
TODAY | TOMORROW | FOREVER

A good gift plan within an estate includes inheritance for family and gifts to ministry. Some might consider this a difficult task. How does an LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor help? A Counselor encourages you in the process. There are many reasons why you have not created your estate plan or reviewed your existing plan. The counselor's encouragement can be that extra spark to get you moving, completing your plan. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor enjoys this task. Contact Scott Radden @ 618-977-4049 or [scott.radden@lfnd.org](mailto:scott.radden@lfnd.org).



Camp CILCA provides a fantastic program for youth and families. Visit [www.CILCA.org](http://www.CILCA.org) and choose a camp experience for this summer. All members of St. John's should submit their paid

receipt for a Camp CILCA youth camp to the church office and they will be reimbursed for the cost of their camp! A generous donor has provided these scholarships. "Let's Go" to Camp!

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

Sunday April 19.....422  
 Sunday School..... 35  
 Adult Sunday School..... N/A

**Our Offering**

Sunday April 26.....\$6,360.00  
 Online Offering.....\$4,104.00  
**Total Gen. Fund Offering.....\$10,464.00**

**Catechism Bible Study**



To join our congregation by adult Confirmation, or to review the faith, come to our Catechism Bible Study. Five two-hour sessions, plus Catechism reading at home, will

deepen your knowledge and your faith! **Tuesdays, May 5, 12, 19, 26 & June 2! 6:30-8:30pm.** Prior to the first session you'll receive Luther's Small Catechism and an assignment to read through the section on the Ten Commandments. Each class begins with a video snippet to launch our class instruction and discussion. No one is compelled to read or answer aloud. All are welcome. Sign up on the hall bulletin board and Pastor Burdick will prepare a Catechism for you.

**Prayer List**

Terry Simmons, Travis Vonderheide, Roger Fritch, Mary Dasenbrock, Steve Rubin, Corban Matney, Steve Martin, and Gerry Thoman

**Stewardship Moment**

**1 Peter 2:9 – “But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.”** God has called us to be His own. He has chosen us out of love, out of mercy, out of sheer, divine joy. The apostle Peter says that God chose us so that we might share in His glory and “proclaim the excellencies of Him” who has made us His own. And truly, this is our delight! His joy brings joy to our hearts as well.

**LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life**

“When Jesus returns, all who believe in Him will be raised up from death to live in His presence forever. That is the promise of His enduring, steadfast love: ‘ I am sure of this, that He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ’ (Philippians 1:6). The purpose of God for us will be fulfilled!”

*Dr. Carol Geisler, Lutheran Hour Ministries – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

**MinistrySafe**

All who work with youth in our congregation (as staff or volunteers) will complete our excellent MinistrySafe online Sexual Abuse Prevention Training. It's imperative that you let our VBS leaders know soon that you'll be volunteering so an email link can be sent to you with the required training. Thank you for your service, and for being well-trained!

**Family Life Center**

**BABY BOTTLE**  
*Fundraiser*

**MAY 10 - JUNE 21**

Pick up your baby bottle, fill it with your loose change, dollars or checks and return to the church on Father's Day or give online below:



<https://rebrand.ly/bbeff>

**Lydia Guild**

We will meet Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.

**Quilting**

The quilting group will take a break until the middle of June after VBS.



**“This Week’s Sunday School Lesson”**

**Lesson 3**

This week’s Bible lesson is “A Shepherd Loves.” Jesus calls Himself the Good Shepherd as He promises to lead and guide His sheep. Jesus willingly laid down His life for His sheep, even those who often ignore the voice of the Shepherd. His flock includes “other sheep” (John 10:16), Gentiles not descended from Abraham. David’s familiar Twenty-third Psalm describes the work of our Good Shepherd. Discuss, “When do we often hear Psalm 23 spoken?”

**(No Adult Class Today)**



If you have a palm displayed in your home, the time to return it for next year’s ashes is coming. May 16/17 are the first Services after Ascension, and there will be a container in the Atrium to receive your palms.

**Birthdays This Week**

- 5/3 Kevin Shingler
- 5/4 Alex Junge, Beckett Sams, Carolyn Webb, Robert J. Backus, Lisa Norton, & George Soltwedel
- 5/5 Tanner Price
- 5/6 Fred Meislahn & Troy Probst
- 5/7 Jim Klein, Sarah Behnke, & Stephanie Gordon
- 5/8 Graham Wendling, Kara Koester, & Tamara Root
- 5/9 David Wells & Kelsey Boerngen

**Youth Corner Upcoming Events**

**Final High School Breakfast of this School Year**

This coming Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:15am will be our final **High School Breakfast** for the school year. A **full breakfast will be provided**—come and join us!

**Jr. High LYF-May 13**

Jr. High LYF will wrap up the school year on **Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>** with an ice cream outing to **Homewood Grill**. Youth will also receive details about our **summer schedule** that evening.

**Vacation Bible School**

**June 8 – 11 from 6:00pm – 8:00pm**

Enrollment is open and forms are available in the worship folders or the church office. Return forms no later than Sunday, May 18, 2026 if you want a VBS shirt.

**We could use your help!**

A few people can work many days or a lot of people can work few days, so please consider helping. Meeting days & times vary so contact Carolyn Wendte (217) 821-6541 or Donetta Ohnesorge (217) 821-3300 and you will be included on a group meeting text.

**Wish List**

Cardboard, Large cylinder cardboard tubes, and yellow balloons. Thrivent Cards are always greatly appreciated.

**Save The Dates**

**Garage Sale**

**July 30, 31, and August 1**

**Larry Brandt Golf Outing**

**Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>**

**1 p.m. Tee Off**

**CALENDAR-----May 3- May 9, 2026**

Sunday	3	8:00 a.m.	Worship w/HC –Bells will be playing
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School No adult class
		10:30 a.m.	Worship w/HC-Bells will be playing Rite of Confirmation
		6:00 p.m.	Holy Trinity Lutheran H. S.
.Preschool – Monday – Friday 8:25 a.m. – 11:25 a.m. (Unless Otherwise Noted)			
Monday	4		Pastor Dille Sabbath
		9:30 a.m.	Preschool Field Trip/Trampoline Park
		5:15 p.m.	Choir Practice
		6:00 p.m.	Worship Committee
Tuesday	5	7:15 a.m.	High School Breakfast
		9:30 a.m.	Preschool Field Trip/Trampoline Park
		5:30 p.m.	Board of Education
		5:30 p.m.	Board of Trustees
		5:30 p.m.	Lydia Guild
		6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Adult Bible Study
Wednesday	6	9:00 a.m.	Preschool 4 & 5 yr. olds Graduation
		10:00 a.m.	Preschool 3 yr. olds Graduation
		10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
		1:00 p.m.	Office Staff Devotion and Meeting
		5:00 p.m.	Clean Bells
		5:30 p.m.	VBS Decorate Work Night
		6:00 p.m.	Youth Fellowship
Thursday	7	9:00 a.m.	Preschool 4 & 5 yr. olds Graduation
		10:00 a.m.	Preschool 3 yr. olds Graduation
Friday	8		Pastor Burdick Sabbath
		9:00 a.m.	Holy Trinity Lutheran H.S. Steering Committee
Saturday	9	8:00 a.m.	Band Practice
		9:00 a.m.	Stephen Ministry
		5:30 p.m.	Worship w/HC-Choir will be singing

**Anniversaries This Week**

5/3/1969 J. P. & Terry Simmons  
 5/3/1996 Mike & Marla Pilcher  
 5/4/1996 Robert & Dawn Hunsaker  
 5/6/1978 Don & Faith Donaldson  
 5/7/2021 Lucas & Lauren Stortzum

After VBS, our **Church Picnic** will be held Sunday, **June 14**. There will be a Single Sunday Service at 10:00am, followed by the picnic. Put it on your calendar!