

THE EAGLE

St. John's Weekly Newsletter June 14, 2026

Love is active, not merely a feeling. I watched a brief, mature, and loving interaction in the halls during VBS this week. Two Jr. High girls who were leading little children from station to station took a small boy to the first aid kit. "A tiny bandage for a tiny cut" one said (subtly assuring the student that it was going to be ok). The other girl didn't have anything left to do there, so she started to walk away ... and quickly said out loud, "ope! I need to stay with you" (following our MinistrySafe guidelines). I was very proud and grateful. It was one of many loving actions throughout the week. But not the greatest.

The pinnacle of love this week was in the proclamation of Law and Gospel. Pastors, teachers, parents, youth, signs and songs told the Good News About Jesus. He didn't just say He felt love for us. He endured the cross, scorning its shame, for us all. He loved us, and still does. Actively.

Forty years ago Kathy and I exchanged marriage vows. We didn't say we felt love for each other that day. Pastor Watkins asked us, "Will you love her/him?" We promised future action – a life of bandages, sacrifices, diapers, patience, forgiveness, worship and ministry. Staying together.

Love is active! Proclaim the Christ. Grow the Family. Love the Neighbor.



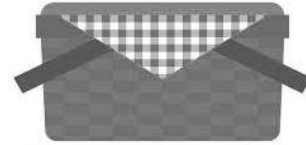
P.S. Thank you to every VBS volunteer!

Our recent Catechism Bible Study has been the onramp to our congregation for numerous people. Last Sunday, this Saturday, and next weekend we're hearing new members say "yes, by the grace of God" to Confirmation vows. Welcome in the name of the Lord. We'll have a New Member Reception later this summer to celebrate and get to know these dear Christians!



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St. John's Church Family Picnic

Sunday, June 14

Immediately Following the Sunday Morning
Worship Service

Eat at 11:30

Potluck lunch!

The main course will be provided, along with
dinnerware and drinks.

Bring your favorite side dish and/or dessert

Volunteer Luncheon

Tuesday, July 14 at noon

For all Volunteers of the Large Print Center

Rev. Dr. Robert Hartwell, President of Lutheran

Braille Workers will be our special guest

Sign up in the work room before July 6

If you're not able to sign up in person, please call

Marilyn (217-821-0508) or Kathy (217-254-9360)

to be included

The catered meal will be hosted by St. John's.



Baby Bottle Project

The baby bottles with
donations for Family Life



Center are to be returned next Sunday,

Father's Day.

Golden Eagles Dinner - June 25

The Golden Eagles dinner will be on Thursday, June 25, at 12 noon. The meal is a picnic lunch with fried chicken, potato salad, coleslaw, green beans, rolls and dessert. Everyone is welcome to attend. The cost is \$10.00 per person. 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 by **SUNDAY, JUNE 21**

Response to the Gospel
Our Attendance Last Week

Sunday June 7 407
 Adult Sunday School..... 38

Our Offering

Sunday June 7 \$15,201.90
 Online Offering..... \$6,709.50
Total Gen. Fund Offering..... \$21,911.40



A good gift plan within an estate includes inheritance for family and gifts to ministry. As you consider an estate gift to your favorite ministry, should you talk with ministry leaders in this planning? If it has been a while since you were involved in a leadership role in your favorite ministry, you might not truly understand the best way to focus on a substantial future gift to facilitate ministry well. Your LCMS Foundation can gather information or even facilitate a conversation. Contact Scott Radden @ 618-977-4049 or scott.radden@lfn.org.

LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life

“It is important for each of us that we not forget how our country came to be an independent nation. It’s even more important that we individually remember how dependent we are upon God’s provision, protection, and blessing for those liberties we daily enjoy and use. Take the time to turn to the Lord with a thankful heart. Pray also for the willingness to share in the responsibilities and duties that belong to you as a citizen of the United States of America.”

Daily Devotions, Redeemer Lutheran Church, Sister Lakes, Michigan – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes

The Golden Eagles have been collecting items every month for the shoe boxes. For the month of May, they collected hair brushes and combs. There were 35 hair brushes and 71 combs collected. Thank you all so much for your generous donations. God bless you all.

Stewardship Moment

Romans 5:8 – “But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” God did not wait for mankind to make the first move. He did not wait for Adam and Even to come looking for Him — He went and found them. And while we were still sinners, still enemies of God, still set against Him, God looked on us with kindness and generosity, and so loved us that He sent His Son Jesus to suffer, die and rise for us. We now seek to grow up into His image as loving, generous and kind sons and daughters of our Heavenly Father.

The Dedication of the Cross at our Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery on Dutch Lane will be held at Noon on Sunday, July 5th.

VBS Scenes



Pastor teaches the Bible Lesson



Youth sing The Creed.

Youth Corner Upcoming Events

The Flock

High schoolers are invited to join us for The Flock this summer! We will be meeting on the following dates:

June 21
July 5 & 19
August 1 & 15

Each gathering will include time in God's Word, meaningful fellowship, and encouragement with one another. Be sure to mark your calendars and plan to be part of The Flock this summer! We are looking for volunteer families to host on the dates in bold. Hosting is a wonderful opportunity to help build community. Friends are always welcome!

Jr. High LYF

Jr. High youth are invited to join us for Youth Group this summer! We will be meeting on the following dates:

June 17
July 1, 15, and 29
August 5

We look forward to time together in God's Word, fellowship, and encouragement. Mark your calendars and plan to join us this summer! We are looking for volunteer families to host on the dates in bold. This will be a great way to share our sense of community. Friends are welcome to join! Please talk to Pastor Dille if you'd like to host.

Garage Sale

July 30 from 4-7pm
July 31 from 9am-6pm,
August 1 from 9-11:30am
August 1 from 12-2pm cleanup

Drop off dates & times

Sun., July 26th from noon – 1pm
Mon., July 27th from 9am – 6pm

Larry Brandt Golf Outing

Sept. 19th
1 p.m. Tee Off

Prayer List

Marlin Alwardt, Heather Davis, Dana Keller, Sue Habbe, Heather Davis, Gary Wenthe, Bryce Beccue, Roger Fritch, Steve Rubin, Steve Martin, Gerry Thoman, Lois Budde, and St. Peter Lutheran Church and School.

Positions Open at St. Peter Lutheran School

The Board of Christian Education is seeking to fill the positions for Kindergarten and 1st & 2nd Grade Teachers for the next school year. If you would like to apply, please mail resume to St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 605 E. Third St., St. Peter, IL 62880 ATTN: Board of Education. If you prefer, you may also email your resume to the board Chairman at nathanjacquin@gmail.com

Guys. Young men. Gentlemen.

We have a handful of men who have expressed interest in a reprise of our Man Up! Study. We will launch the study in **August**, and conduct it much like we did three years ago: one or two chapters will be discussed at each monthly meeting. Last time about 25 men studied the book -- a great turnout. Families with high school and older boys ought to discuss having those boys read this book. One man in our congregation recently said, *"I really wish I would have studied that book before I went to college."* Good advice.

Endowment Fund Applications

All board chairs, please remember that applications are due by July 1.

Church Library

Our Library (5th floor, at the south end) is full of Biblical and wholesome resources for adults and kids. Go up after worship and check out something today.

Food Pantry Distribution

The next distribution is Tues., June 23 from
3 p.m. - 4 p.m.



CALENDAR-----June 14 - 20, 2026

Sunday	14	10:00 a.m.	Worship w/HC
		11:15 a.m.	Church Picnic
Monday	15		Pastor Dille Sabbath
		9:00 a.m.	Vacation Bible School Tear Down
		4:00 p.m.	Board of Evangelism
		5:00 p.m.	Board of Stewardship
Tuesday	16		
Wednesday	17	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
		1:00 p.m.	Office Staff Devotion and Meeting
		6:00 p.m.	Youth Fellowship
Thursday	18	5:00 p.m.	Board of Youth
		5:45 p.m.	Hall Rental
Friday	19		Pastor Burdick Sabbath
		6:30 p.m.	Young Adult Bible Study
Saturday	20	8:00 a.m.	Band Practice
		5:30 p.m.	Worship w/HC

Anniversaries This Week

6/14/1986 Dennis & Linda Marxmann
 6/14/2011 Nicholas & Dana Devall
 6/14/1986 Pastor Mike & Kathy Burdick
 6/15/2019 Meredith & Kolin Roderick
 6/16/1984 Terry & Laura Braun
 6/18/1988 Mark & Cindy Vail
 6/18/2016 Zachary & Monica Scott
 6/18/2005 Jake & Erin Wendling
 6/20/1981 Gary & Cathy Norris
 6/20/1998 Randy & Erica Hansen
 6/20/1965 Ron & Carol Lading

Birthdays This Week

6/14 Ammon Probst, Faye Tomkins,
 Marlene Haake
 6/15 Bailey Willenborg, Danny Stevenson,
 Derek Ohnesorge, Jacque Dixon,
 Jamie Lotz, Jim Gibbons,
 Paige Jansen, Leandra Meyers
 6/16 Hope Brinkopf
 6/17 Donald Wendte, Jackson Courson
 6/18 Carol Hulskotter, Karine Castillo,
 Sara Jennings
 6/19 Mary Dasenbrock, Thad Genoust
 6/20 Gabriel Walker, Todd Sigg, Gus Koester

Sunday School

We are looking for volunteers to help with summer Sunday school. If you could teach even one Sunday, please let Kiley Bohnhoff know. It's nice to give our wonderful teachers a break.



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