

THE EAGLE

St. John's Weekly Newsletter June 7, 2026

Vacation Bible School

June 8 – 11 from 6:00pm – 8:00pm

St. John's VBS 2026



Vacation Bible School begins Monday. This is a hard and wonderful week of teaching, crafting, singing, playing, and enduring in race of Christian faith. Here are the four Lessons we'll teach:

- Jesus' Triumphal Entry (Matthew 21:1-11)
- Peter realizes his sinfulness (Luke 5:1-11)
- Jesus raises Jairus's daughter from death (Mark 5:21-24, 35-43)
- In heaven, a great multitude praises God (Revelation 7:9-17)

If these four lessons seem a bit unrelated, I get it. But the Holy Spirit will use these four true stories to teach children and adults that keeping your eyes on Jesus is the only way to endure and make it to the finish. The "highs" of the first and fourth stories, and the "lows" of the second and third, prove that Christ is our aim. No other person or goal is worthy of our focus.

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ²looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God." (Hebrews 12:1-2)

Pray that we'll do our best to teach this to families. Pray for safety and joy as we welcome hundreds of kids. Pray for every volunteer to do their best. **THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS.** And thanks to those of you whose part in VBS will be the crucial action of daily prayer. We need and appreciate you.

This week and always, keep your eyes up. Keep running. Watch for Jesus. He is the author and perfecter of our faith ... the faith.



VBS Needs Volunteers:

Set up: Sunday, June 7 at 11:30.
If you can help later, call one of us to see if we are still working.
Take down: Mon., June 15th at 9am

All VBS Volunteers

Please find your name and assigned duty on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall

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

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.

Response to the Gospel
Our Attendance Last Week

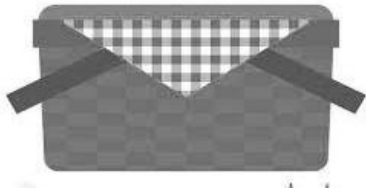
Sunday May 31	376
Sunday School.....	NA
Adult Sunday School.....	28

Our Offering

Sunday May 31	\$5,588.00
Online Offering.....	\$2,777.00
Total Gen. Fund Offering.....	\$8,365.00



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? Sometimes prospective donors forget to remember that all things belong to the Lord. You may want privacy so as not to brag about your gift. But in reality, you are simply directing God's things to God's things. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help facilitate conversations with ministry leaders. Contact Scott Radden @ 618-977-4049 or scott.radden@lfnd.org.



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

**If you will be attending the picnic,
 please sign-up on the main bulletin board.**

Stewardship Moment

Matthew 9:9 – “As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, ‘Follow me.’ And he rose and followed him.” When Jesus talks, Matthew listens and acts. Jesus says, “Follow me,” and Matthew follows. What does this tell us about Matthew? It tells us that he believes in Jesus. Our actions flow out of our faith. Show me what a man does, and I’ll tell you what he really believes. Our sinful actions uncover our false beliefs and our need for repentance and a return to the forgiveness we find in Jesus. Our godly actions display our faith in Jesus. What kind of faith (or false belief) do your financial actions display?

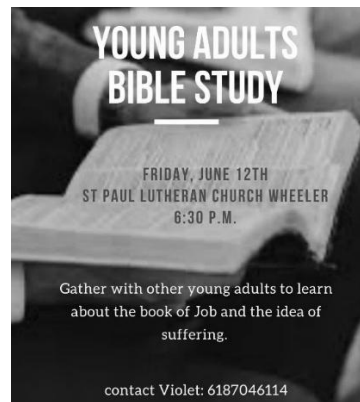
LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life

“Remember that our Savior was born into a human household ... He is our Friend, our Brother, He will help us in our time of need, especially when we seek Him out in God’s Word and fervently in prayer. As you relate to others in your home, ask God’s Holy Spirit to give you wisdom in difficult situations, mercy in abundance when forgiveness is needed, and love to cover all your family’s interactions.”

Rev. Dr. Oswald Hoffmann, former speaker of “The Lutheran Hour” – 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.



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 7 and **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 **3** and 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

"This Week's Sunday School Lesson"

Lesson 7

"A Revealing Truth" is the Bible lesson for this week. On Easter afternoon, Jesus joins two disciples discussing the events of the past week in Jerusalem while on their way to Emmaus. Along the way, Jesus interprets the Old Testament prophecies concerning Himself. Arriving at Emmaus, the disciples suddenly recognize Jesus, who then disappears from sight. The disciples quickly return to Jerusalem to share their amazing account. Discuss how you, too, can share this amazing story.

Prayer List

Dana Keller, Sue Habbe, Sharon Moss, Gary Wenthe, Bryce Beccue, Roger Fritch, Steve Rubin, Steve Martin, Gerry Thoman, Lois Budde, and the family of Paul Lash, Jr.

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.

CALENDAR -----	June 7 - 13, 2026
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Sunday	7	8:00 a.m.	Worship w/HC
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
		10:30 a.m.	Worship w/HC
		11:30 a.m.	Set up for VBS
		6:00 p.m.	Holy Trinity Lutheran High School Meeting
		7:00 p.m.	The Flock
Monday	8		Pastor Dille Sabbath
		6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Vacation Bible School
Tuesday	9	1:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl
		2:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.	Food Pantry Prayer
		3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Food Pantry Distribution
		6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Vacation Bible School
Wednesday	10	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
		1:00 p.m.	Office Staff Devotion and Meeting
		5:00 p.m.	Board of Social Ministry
		6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Vacation Bible School
Thursday	11	6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Vacation Bible School
Friday	12		Pastor Burdick Sabbath
		6:30 p.m.	Young Adult Bible Study
Saturday	13		No Band Practice
		5:30 p.m.	Worship w/HC

Anniversaries This Week

6/07/2008 Ryan & Kelsey Baker
 6/08/2001 Mike & Betty Carter
 6/10/1961 Howard & Laura Janis
 6/10/2011 Darwin & Jill Wohltman
 6/11/1961 Bob & Ruth Kohnert
 6/12/1982 Norbert & Mary Brauer
 6/13/1987 Kevin & Dena Willis
 6/13/1987 Marcy & Julie Scott
 6/13/1992 Greg & LeeAnn Perry
 6/13/1998 Greg & Rosemary Seggelke

Birthdays This Week

6/07 Dave Budde
 6/08 Amy Kohnert
 6/10 Candra Kronewitter &
 Vernabelle Lankford
 6/11 Avery Wahl, Finley Bloemer, &
 Jesse Davies
 6/12 Ethan Kuhns & Grace Roderick
 6/13 Scott Marxman

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.