

THE EAGLE

St. John's Weekly Newsletter July 5, 2026



This painting sold at an auction in New York in 2017 for \$81,000,000. What makes it special? Well, first and foremost, it's the person who painted it. The painting is called *Laboureur dans un Champ*, which translates to *Worker in a Field*, and it was painted by Vincent van Gogh in 1889.

But perhaps what adds even more value is the story behind the painting. It was painted only a few days after Van Gogh was released from a hospital, where he had been treated for mental health issues. If you were to see it in color, you would notice soft tones of yellow, blue, and purple covering the field and surrounding the man and his horse as they work the plow.

In a devotion written about this painting from *christian.art* (a great resource!), the writer states that the short and abrupt brushstrokes (as opposed to long, smooth ones) reflect Van Gogh's anxiousness. Yet, the soft colors and the clearly defined sun reveal his desire for peace.

What does this have to do with today's text? Well, it's a reminder for us to trust in Jesus' words in the Gospel lesson—that in Him we will find rest. What a weekend to be reminded of that. It's not in the fleeting things of this world (yes, they are blessings from God) that we find rest... not in the freedom we have living here in the U.S.A., not in the parties we're having to celebrate the 250th anniversary of our country, and true rest is not even found in our families. It is found only in Jesus, through His Word and Sacrament.

Cling to that and have fun this weekend—but remember where your rest, peace, and hope are found!

The Lord bless you,

Pastor Dille

Fortkamp Ordination Celebration

Sunday, July 26th we will celebrate a rare milestone. Pastor Gary Fortkamp was ordained into the Holy Ministry on July 24, 1966. Not many pastors serve as active pastors into their 60th year of ministry. Let us give glory to God for what He has done through Pastor Fortkamp and the Office of the Ministry! July 26th we'll mark the milestone in our morning Services, and then have a congregational dinner immediately following. At 1:00pm we'll host a cake and punch/coffee Open House so others outside our congregation can come greet Pastor and Gloria. We have notified all of the congregations Pastor has served the past 60 years in full-time or vacancy capacities, from Colorado, Nebraska and Illinois. Next month we will post a signup sheet for all who plan to attend the congregational dinner. Our Elders have decided to give a \$1000 donation to a mission of Pastor Fortkamp's choosing. He has chosen Mission Central in Iowa. Anyone desiring to add to this donation can make contributions on July 26! Praise God!

Eagles Nest Preschool **Garage Sale**

The preschool has accumulated an abundance of "well loved" Christian and Educational toys over the last 28 years. They are having a garage sale in the multi-purpose room. It is a "good will" donation. Please stop by after church and check it out. Thank You.



Response to the Gospel
Our Attendance Last Week

Sunday June 28.....405
Sunday School.....NA

Our Offering

Sunday June 28.....\$9,241.00
Online Offering.....\$3,069.00
Total Gen. Fun\$12,310.00

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.

Sunday School

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

Ice Cream Social

Faith Lutheran Church Shumway is having their annual Ice Cream Social Sunday, July 12 from 4:00-7:00. The menu will be homemade ice cream, BBQ, hot dogs, pies, cake, and drinks. There will be a free will offering. All proceeds to benefit the Holy Trinity Lutheran High School.

Cross Dedication

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

Sunday School Today

There will be no children's Sunday school today. Adult bible study will be as usual in the fellowship hall.

Food Pantry Distribution

The next distribution is Tues., July 14 from
3 p.m. – 4 p.m.



HOLY TRINITY
LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

www.holytrinityLHS.com

We have very exciting news for the progress of Holy Trinity Lutheran High School.

The School Board for Holy Trinity Lutheran High School continues to work diligently toward the opening of the school.

At our most recent meeting we discussed and prayerfully deliberated extending a call for our first principal. We interviewed four candidates and voted to extend the call to Pastor Rutherford of Lincoln, MO. Please join us in praying for him, his family, those he is currently serving, and Holy Trinity Lutheran High School as he considers this call.

Thank you!

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Holy Trinity Lutheran High School Board Chair

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

Prayer List

Judy Ziegler, Don Clark, Gary & Kathy Wenthe, Bryce Beccue, Steve Rubin, Steve Martin, Gerry Thoman, Kathy Mueller, and Synda Overbeck.



Prayers

For Gene Koebele and family after the death of his sister, Millie

Congratulations to Colby & Holly Adams for the birth of a son, Jasper Troy, born Tues. June 30th

Youth Corner Upcoming Events

Holiday World Tues. July 21

This is for this year's 6th grade through
LYF members

Sign Up by July 14th

Sign Up information is on the bulletin board

Or by using this QR Code below



You may take a friend

\$40 per person

You may pay for your ticket with your
LYF funds

You may take up to \$50 from your
LYF funds as spending cash

You will be contacted about money and more
information. Must have waiver (which are on the
church bulletin board) filled out in full by July 21
and with you.

The Flock

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

July 5 & 19

August 1 & 15

Jr. High LYF

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

July 15 and 29

August 5

Rummage Sale

July 30 from 4-7pm

July 31 from 9am-6pm,

August 1 from 9-11:30am

Drop off dates & times

Sun., July 26th from 3pm – 4pm

Mon., July 27th from 9am – 6pm

Larry Brandt Golf Outing

Sept. 19th

1 p.m. Tee Off

Rummage Sale Help is Needed

At Set Up

Sun., July 26

After Fortkamp's Open House Reception-4:00pm

Mon., July 27 from 9am-6pm

At all Sale Times

At Clean Up

August 1 from 12-2pm

All LYF Youth and Parents

Please consider helping

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

Please contact Cathy Norris (217-821-3656)
Donetta Ohnesorge (217-821-3300) or Carolyn
Wendte (217-821-6541) If you have questions.

Golden Eagles

There will be NO Golden Eagles dinner for the
month of July. The youth will be using the
fellowship hall to prepare for their annual
rummage sale. We will meet again Aug. 27

Our mission each month goes toward Samaritan's
Purse Operation Christmas Child. We are
accepting donations to fill 50 shoeboxes in
October (25 boys & 25 girls). So far,
toothbrushes, combs, hair brushes, pencils, and
sharpeners have been collected. Our next
request is for sunglasses, jump ropes, and yo-
yo's. The Social Ministry team truly appreciates
your cooperation. God is Good.



CALENDAR----- July 5 –July 11, 2026

Sunday	5	8:00 a.m.	Worship w/HC
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School – Adult Only
		10:30 a.m.	Worship w/HC
		12:00 p.m.	Immanuel Cemetery Cross Dedication
		6:00 p.m.	Holy Trinity Lutheran High School Comm. Mtg.
		7:00 p.m.	The Flock
Monday	6		Pastor Dille Sabbath
Tuesday	7	5:30 p.m.	Board of Education
		5:30 p.m.	Board of Trustees
Wednesday	8	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
		1:00 p.m.	Office Staff Devotion and Meeting
Thursday	9	5:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	Hall Rental
		5:30 p.m.	Board of Elders
Friday	10		Pastor Burdick Sabbath
		6:30 p.m.	Young Adult Bible Study
Saturday	11	8:00 a.m.	Band Practice
		9:00 a.m.	Stephen Ministry
		5:30 p.m.	Worship w/HC

Anniversaries This Week

7-05-2002 Jeff & Ashley Flach
 7-06-1996 Todd & Lisa Sigg
 7-07-2001 Derek & Donetta Ohnesorge
 7-08-1978 Fred & Judy Meislahn
 7-08-2000 Kenny & Mary Dasenbrock
 7-08-1989 Rick & Vicki Cook
 7-10-1982 Dan & Lisa Norton
 7-10-2004 Doug & Julie Stuckemeyer
 7-11-2020 Jay & Mary Wallace

Birthdays This Week

7-05 Carol Klein, Heidi Kinkelaar,
 Knox Kinkelaar
 7-06 Brad Osborne
 7-07 Alec Brown, JD Snow, Larry Kuhns,
 Robert Hunsaker
 7-09 Ben Meinhart, Jonathan Stremming,
 Maddy Keith, Phyllis Dueker
 7-10 Carissa Snow, Cindy Shingleton

Attention ALL Boards

Your reports need to be in the office by
Tuesday, July 13 by noon

Upcoming Meetings

Council Meeting
 Tuesday, July 21 at 7:00pm

 Voters Assembly Meeting
 Tuesday, July 28 at 7:00pm