THE EAGLE

St. John's Weekly Newsletter November 15, 2026

Confirmation class last week covered the 5th Commandment: "You shall not murder." As you can imagine, our discussion of God's Word included murder, abortion, and assisted suicide. It also included the goodness of adoption, visiting people in the nursing home, befriending disabled people, and the important work of our St. John's Food Pantry. In the recent luncheon to celebrate our Food Pantry volunteers, Patsy gave God the glory for the work of loving our neighbors this way. Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month, neighbors receive food and Christian love through numerous volunteers. Additionally, they prepare emergency food bags that the office staff make available at other times. Why? **"We love because [Christ] first loved us."** (1 John 4:19)



The Food Pantry is part of the "front porch" of our congregation, from which we invite people into the "house" of the church: fellowship with God through the Word and Sacraments. That's why the Food Pantry is a worthy recipient of our prayer and financial support. And that's why it was great to celebrate all the volunteers who make the Pantry possible. Thanks be to God!

Pastor Fuerbeck

St. John Lutheran Youth Fellowship

Jr. High LYF … Wednesday, November 18, following Confirmation classes!

Our 5th Sunday Door Offering will be in support of our Lydia Guild/LWML Mites!

St. Louis Seminary Food Pantry

There will be an ingathering of nonperishable items for the St. Louis Seminary Food Pantry. Items may be placed at the altar rail on Thanksgiving Eve & Thanksgiving Day before or after services & in the atrium on the weekend of Nov. 28th & 29th

Thanksgiving Eve & Day Services

Thanksgiving Eve Worship at 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, November 25

Thanksgiving Day Worship 9:00 a.m.
Thursday, November 26
O give thanks unto the LORD!



Advent

Advent begins December 2nd Make, buy, or dust off your Advent Wreath! Our Daily devotions will be title "Love's Pure Light" Wait to celebrate Christmas … let Advent prepare

you well.

Response to the Gospel
Our Attendance Last Week

Sunday November 8.....392
Sunday School..... 51

Our Offering

Sunday November 8 ……. $25,767.64
Online Offering ……. $5,887.25
Total Gen. Fun ……..…… $31,654.89

Stewardship Moments

Matthew 25:30 – "And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness." Why did the worthless servant act the way he did? Because of what he believed about the Master. He didn't trust or love the Master; so, his actions did not demonstrate love and trust, but rather hate and mistrust. It's the same with us, but in reverse: since we know our Lord God to be faithful and kind, we desire to serve Him and render faithful service with what He has given us.

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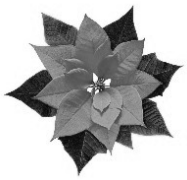
You need help to construct a good estate plan and the gift plan within it to family and ministry. But it is also true that no one else can tell you what your plan must look like. God has given you the responsibility to steward these assets. If you are sitting with a group of friends, and the topic of your estate plan comes up, you can count on many opinions being shared about what you should do. Yet only you know what the Lord has laid on your heart. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help you discover that plan. Contact Scott Radden @ 618-977-4049 or scott.radden@lfnd.org.

Regarding Offering Envelopes

If you are giving your offerings online & no longer wish to use envelopes, please let us know in the church office so we may release your envelope number. If you are currently not using offering envelopes, but would like to, please contact the office.
Deadline is Tues., Nov. 17th

Operation Christmas Child

Will be ending November 22



Poinsettias

The 8" poinsettia will be $22. Please place your orders in the office by Sunday, December 6.

Angel Tree

It's time to once again collect toys for FISH. Bring new, unwrapped toys to the Atrium beginning now through Dec 6th



Church Decorating

We will be decorating the Church Halls and Sanctuary for advent and celebrating the Birth of Christ on Saturday November 28th starting at 9:00am. Please come and join in on the fun and fellowship.

Cemetery Clean-Up

The Cemetery Committee will be cleaning up the St. John's Cemetery soon. Deteriorated or weathered florals will be removed. New or fresh will remain.

Painting Volunteers Needed

If you're willing to help paint in the Christian Education building, leave your name and number on the sign-up sheet. You can come on your own schedule and there will be supplies and instructions available. Call Troy Probst at 217-690-1735 if you have questions.

Man Up! will meet next Sunday, November 22, at 7:00pm. Chapters 5 & 6 will be in focus.

Youth Corner



Life Quote

"Tragedies are a reminder that we do live in a fallen world, and we all need to repent. We thank God for the time He has given us in this life to repent. We recognize our sin. We confess our sin. We trust that Jesus did everything for our forgiveness. Out of thanks for God's gift of forgiveness, let's be living fig trees. Each day let's bear good fruit, showing our faith, and giving glory to God in everything we do." *Rev. Darren Green, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Food Pantry

For the month of Nov., the food pantry could use chili beans, tomato juice, elbow noodles and tuna helper.

This Week's Sunday School Lesson
Lesson 12

"The Passover Promise" is this week's lesson about God's establishment of the Passover. God, through Moses, threatens one final plague—worse than any previously experienced. Following God's instructions, the Israelites make careful preparations for the Passover, marking their doorposts with the blood of a lamb prepared for the feast. The final plague takes place at midnight as all the firstborn throughout Egypt die. The Egyptians hand over their valuables, hastening the Israelites away.

Prayer List

Mark Marxman, Jaxson Pilcher, Ted Meislahn, Derek Robertson, Steve Rubin, Terry Simmons, Lynn Kuhn, Eileen Wall, Kathy Shingler, Darrell Cress, Kiley Bohnhoff

Online Giving

The Board of Stewardship wants you to know that it is now possible to support St. John's mission by donating stocks and crypto. Using our online giving platform (via the green card in the pew or the drop-down menu on our website), you can donate appreciated stock that you have held for over one year. Consult your tax-preparer to learn about the tax advantages of such a gift. It's simple, secure, and fast: Go to www.stjohnsLCMS.net → click *Online Giving* → click *donate with stock*. For questions with using the app, please contact the church office.

GOLDEN EAGLE'S DINNER

Our annual Golden Eagles Thanksgiving dinner will be held on Thursday, November 19 at noon. The meal will be catered by Deb's Catering.The menu will be turkey and dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, carrots, green bean casserole, beef and noodles, broccoli salad and desserts. Everyone is welcome to attend. We ask that you please sign the name of each person attending on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the

atrium up by Sunday, November 15.

CALENDAR----------			November 15 – 21, 2026
Sunday	15	8:00 a.m.	Worship w/HC - Choir
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
		10:30 a.m.	Worship w/HC – Choir
		4:00 – 7:00 p.m.	Music Jam
Monday	16	8:00 a.m.	Adult Catechism
		4:00 p.m.	Board of Evangelism
		5:15 p.m.	Choir Practice
Tuesday	17		
Wednesday	18	9:30 a.m.	Preschool Chapel
		10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
		10:00 a.m – 3:00 p.m.	Quilting
		1:00 p.m.	Office Staff Devotion
		5:00 p.m.	Bell Practice
		5:00 p.m.	Confirmation & Youth Fellowship
Thursday	19	9:30 a.m.	Preschool Chapel
		12:00 p.m.	Golden Eagles
		5:00 p.m.	Board of Youth
Friday	20		Pastor Burdick Sabbath
Saturday	21	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

11-15 Betty Carter, Treva Brandt, Paisley Bloemer
11-16 Abel Wilson, Cloie Bailey, Susan Saeger
11-18 Lilli Wernsing, Mattie Niccum, Ron Lading
11-19 Katie Hinton, Kris Lipe
11-20 Cindy Vail, Donna Budde, Ervin Mueller
11-21 George Young, Makenna Duckwitz, Tilford Hord

Anniversaries This Week

11-15-1987 Kevin & Kathy Shingler
11-16-1973 Jim & Carol Klein
11-19-1983 Rick & Deb Gregory

