# The Eagle

*St. John's Weekly Newsletter November 8, 2026*

## 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.

## 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.



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

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| Sunday November 1 | 384 |
| Sunday School | 39 |
| Adult Sunday School | 52 |
| Lifelight | 11 |

## Our Offering

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| Sunday November 1 | $7,480.25 |
| Online Offering | $3,377.00 |
| **Total Gen. Fun** | **$10,857.25** |

## Stewardship Moments

*Matthew 25:4 – "But the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps."* Why did they take flasks of oil with them? Because they listened to the Bridegroom's words and believed what He said. Our actions always start with and flow from our beliefs. What do your actions in the realm of stewardship say about what you believe?

## LCMS Foundation

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. Your tax advisor might think that saving on taxes is the only thing that matters in a good estate plan and that all of the details should be guided by tax savings. Yet your goals may be more focused on charitable giving than saving taxes, even though the two can be connected. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help you identify what is important to you. Contact Scott Radden @ 618-977-4049 or scott.radden@lfnd.org.

## Regarding Offering Envelopes

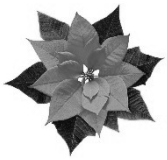
If you are giving your offerings online & no longer wish to use envelopes, please let us know in the church office so we may release your envelope number. If you are currently not using offering envelopes, but would like to, please contact the office.
Deadline is Tues., Nov. 17th

TRINITY HOPE
HAITIAN FEEDING PROGRAM

The Haiti Hunger Fight Breakfast is today. Support Trinity Hope! Support the children of Haiti with meals and readiness to hear the Good News About Jesus! While the breakfast will include eggs and ham, you are also urged to experience a bit of what the children of Haiti truly appreciate receiving: rice and beans. The Evangelism Board is preparing a batch of the life-sustaining beans and rice that Trinity Hope provides. We hope you'll try a small amount … and you'll help Trinity Hope feed kids!

## 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.

## Thanksgiving Dinner

Effingham Country FISH Human Services will host their 22nd annual Thanksgiving Dinner on Thurs., Nov. 26. Details are on the bulletin Board.

## Youth Corner




## Life Quote

"And so, there's a stage for every age, a place to use the talents we're given and to see faith grow. Blessings to you all as you serve in the many ways God has prepared, as you see that we function together in one blessed Body. We will never tell Him that there's nothing for us to do." *Rev. Dr. Daniel Paavola, Guest Speaker on "The Lutheran Hour" – 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.

## Soup Supper

St. Paul Blue Point Ladies Aid will host their Annual Soup Supper on Sunday, November 8 starting at 4:00.

## Office Closed

The Church office will be closed Wednesday, November 11 in observance of Veteran's Day. There will be confirmation classes.




## This Week's Sunday School Lesson

### Lesson 11

Today, we will study "Signs of the True God," as student learn more about Moses and the plagues. God guides Moses to release His people from their slavery in Egypt, but Pharaoh proves less than cooperative. A series of plagues—foretold by Moses and sent by God—brings destruction and pain upon the Egyptians but only serves to harden Pharaoh's heart against Moses and the Israelites.

Go up to the balcony around the Atrium and spend time reading the history timeline. People are saying it's pretty fascinating.

## Prayer List

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

Connie Phelps and Ashley Jansen & family. Alan died Oct. 29th and was buried this last Wed. at Glenwood Cemetery, Shelbyville. Memorials may be given to our Youth Ministry..

Norma Wendling and Jeanette Worman & family. Earnest Garbe died Oct. 30th and was buried this last Sat. at St. John's Lutheran Church Cemetery, Dieterich.

George & Ann Young celebrate their 75th Wedding Anniversary this week.

| CALENDAR----------November 8 – 14, 2026 | | | |
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| Sunday | 8 | 8:00 a.m. | Worship w/HC - Bells |
| | | 9:00 a.m. | Haiti Hunger Fight Breakfast |
| | | 9:15 a.m. | Sunday School |
| | | 10:30 a.m. | Worship w/HC – Bells |
| Monday | 9 | 8:00 a.m. | Adult Catechism |
| | | 5:00 p.m. | Board of Stewardship |
| | | 5:15 p.m. | Choir Practice |
| | | 6:00 p.m. | Worship Committee |
| Tuesday | 10 | 10:00 a.m. | Tri Circuit Meeting-Blue Point |
| | | 1:00 p.m. | Prayer Shawl |
| | | 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. | Food Pantry |
| | | 5:00 p.m. | Board of Social Ministry |
| Wednesday | 11 | | Office Closed |
| | | | No Preschool |
| | | 5:00 p.m. | Bell Practice |
| | | 5:00 p.m. | Confirmation |
| Thursday | 12 | 9:30 a.m. | Preschool Chapel |
| | | 5:30 p.m. | Board of Elders |
| Friday | 13 | | Pastor Burdick Sabbath |
| Saturday | 14 | 8:00 a.m. | Band Practice |
| | | 5:30 p.m. | Worship w/HC - Choir |

## Birthdays This Week

11-08 Kent Bishop, Tammie Miller
11-09 Camdon Debolt
11-10 Eli Gordon, Jake Devall, Jill Boone
11-11 Amanda Brummer, Bernetta Marxman
11-12 Dennis Siebert
11-13 Lynn Kuhn, Richard Devall, Wade Marxman
11-14 Doug Stuckemeyer, John Bejma, Logan Weis

## Anniversaries This Week

11-09-2019 Eric & Hannah Whitaker
11-09-2019 Tracy & Sharon Vonderheide
11-11-1951 George & Anne Young
11-11-2016 Jared & Kristen Probst
11-11-1995 Larry & Jane Probst
11-12-1988 Jack & Linda Miller
11-14-1964 Mike & Linda Cushman

## Church Directories

There are new directories in the atrium. Please enjoy one per household.

## Card Shower

George and Ann Young will celebrate

**75 years** of marriage on Nov. 11. Cards can be mailed to: Lutheran Care Center, 702 W Cumberland Rd #11, Altamont, IL 62411.