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# ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



# FEBRUARY 2009

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REV. KEVIN K. ADER

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## Hearts For Jesus Food Drive

### Mission Statement

We are called by God to be the light of the world. We are to go forth and show Jesus' love and forgiveness through loving care for all God's creation

The Board of Education has decided to keep our donations local and donate non-perishable food items to the local food pantry. During the month of February we will be collecting items to fill our "pantry" in the church basement. When children bring in a non-perishable food item they will be putting a heart sticker on the "heart chart." Our goal is to overflow our heart and donate a full pantry.



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## Lenten Mid-Week Schedule "Sounds of the Passion"

Date	Theme	Pastor
Feb. 25-Ash Wednesday	Coins/Judas	Ader
Mar. 4-Lent 1	Marching Feet, Clashing Swords/Soldiers	Stecker, Immanuel
Mar. 11-Lent 2	Cock Crowing/Peter	Petersen, St. Paul's
Mar. 18-Lent 3	Weeping/Women	Ficken, Beautiful Savior
Mar. 25-Lent 4	Water, Washing Hands/Pilate	Ader
Apr. 1-Lent 5	Nails & Whip/Golgotha	Grohs, Immanuel

All services will be held here at St. John at 10:30 AM & 6:30 PM

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## Ladies Aid Pie Sale

The Ladies Aid will be having their Pie Sale after the services on February 21 & 22. Your support is greatly appreciated!

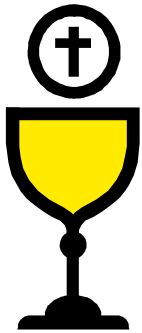


## Rural Christian Women's Conference

February 7, 2009  
Wautoma High School  
Guest Speaker: Becky Tirabassi  
How prayer can change our lives  
Cost \$30

Lunch catered by Christiano's Restaurant  
Just a few days left to register-Deadline Jan. 30  
If interested in car pooling; sign up in the narthex

## Non-Alcoholic Communion Wine



Non-Alcoholic White Wine is located in the center of each communion tray for those who might desire it. If Pastor usually hands the cup to you and you would prefer the non-alcoholic wine, please point to the center of the tray.

## Guest Speaker-Rev. Kneer

Rev. Kneer, from Bethesda Lutheran Home, Watertown, WI will have a special message for our congregation at our Saturday and Sunday Services on February 14 & 15. He will also be conducting a presentation to the Sunday morning Bible Class on February 15 at 8:00 AM. All are welcome to attend.



## Community Days Booklet Sale

The Human Care Board will be selling the Community Day Coupons from Yonker's Store on February 28, 2009. You can purchase these coupons for \$5. Inside the coupon: a gift certificate for \$10 off on a purchase over \$10 and 8 coupons good for 20% off on other purchases. We will start selling them after the church services on January 31 and February 1 and continue until February 28. Last year we earned \$1,645 doing this project. The proceeds go to the principle on the church loan debts. Thanks for your support.

The Human Care Board

## Lutheran Hour Ministries Sunday

Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM) proclaims Christ in more than 40 countries and equips congregations to share Christ with others. On February 22, join us for LHM Sunday to learn about their ministry. For more information about LHM, visit [www.lhm.org](http://www.lhm.org).

## Free Tax Service

Need help filing your income taxes? The AARP Tax Aide Program was designed to provide free assistance for low to middle-income taxpayers, with special attention to those age 60 and older. Volunteer counselors, trained in cooperation with the IRS, will be available every Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday starting February 2 through April 15 (8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.). Be prepared to bring copies of your 2007 tax returns, W-2 forms for 2008, Social Security benefit statement for 2008, pension statements, 1099 forms, social security card for those that are filing, a picture ID, real estate taxes paid in 2008, and any forms received in the mail from the IRS. If you are filing for Homestead credit, bring your 2008 property tax bill (whether paid or not), OR a completed, signed rental certificate. Appointments are necessary! Call 422-2776 between the hours of 10 AM and 1 PM, Monday through Friday, to schedule your personal tax appointment. Appointments will be determined on a first-call, first-serve basis. As a reminder, although this is a free service, donations are appreciated and would greatly benefit Lowell Center programming.

## Hospice Volunteer Training Course Offered

Ministry Home Care-Hospice Services is offering a free, comprehensive training course for individuals who are interested in becoming hospice volunteers. Volunteers are assigned to roles dependant on their individual interests and abilities, as well as availability.

Currently, there is an immediate need for volunteers to provide clerical support in our Wisconsin Rapids, office, including individuals to answer phones for two hours at a time, daytime hours on weekdays.

Volunteering for hospice patient support visits is unique, in that after completing the training, trained volunteers are assigned to visit patients in their homes based on patient and family need. The frequency and duration of these specific assignments varies according to case specifics, usually over a few weeks, with a break in assignment afterwards. This service allows for a great amount of flexibility and tremendous opportunity for personal growth. Some travel is required, so a dependable auto and driver's license are necessary.

Personal training and ongoing support for all volunteer positions is provided. This spring, four sessions are scheduled over a four-week period, consecutive Tuesday afternoons from 12-4 pm starting on February 24, 2009.

Anyone interested in learning more about becoming a hospice volunteer is asked to call Deb at 715-423-5684 or 800-397-4216. Training materials are provided and registration is required. We provide presentations about Ministry Hospice Services as well and these presentations can be scheduled with Deb.

Deb Hickey, RN, BSN

Volunteer/Community Outreach Coordinator, Wisconsin Rapids

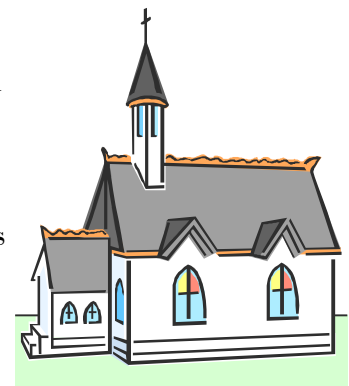
Deborah, Hickey@ministryhelath.org

## Why Go To Church?

A Church goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. "I've gone for 30 years now," he wrote, "and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons. But for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time and the pastors are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all."

This started a real controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column, much to the delight of the editor. It went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher:

"I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this...they all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!" When you are DOWN to nothing... God is UP to something! Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible and receives the impossible! Thank God for our physical AND our spiritual nourishment!



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## **The Apple of His Eye Mission Society**

### ***Pray for our critical strategic planning session in Israel in February, 2009***

Following the historic first ever LCMS direct evangelism outreach in Tel Aviv in January 2009, the leaders of The Apple of His Eye will spend three critical days in a strategic planning session in Israel. (*See our web site for a report on the outreach: [www.appleofhiseye.org](http://www.appleofhiseye.org)*) We will be meeting with key Lutheran leaders from other countries to develop a working document leading to full-time missionary efforts among the over six million Jewish people there.

We seek your prayers for the team going there including Steve & Nancy Cohen, Alan Butterworth, and Rev. Alexey Shepelev from Moscow.

#### **Our Prayer Requests**

1. For wisdom for the leadership in prioritizing the needs;
2. For the right team to emerge in service there;
3. For the resources to conduct an effective outreach among the Lost Sheep of the House of Israel;
4. For safety in travel to the Middle East.

**The Apple of His Eye is looking for at least four good men or women to begin phase one missionary service with us in 2009. Interested? Call Steve Cohen at 314-306-7915.**

**The Apple of His Eye Mission Society  
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**Now scheduling mission speakers in 2009 or 2010  
call ext. 2 for Carla**

**[www.appleofhiseye.org](http://www.appleofhiseye.org)**

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## **Bethesda Thrift Shop Sale**

The Bethesda Thrift Shop in the Rapids Mall will have a **50% off** on "**YELLOW TAG**" clothing items the first 2 weeks in February. Come in and enjoy shopping with us. We have many winter and Valentine items in the store. Thanks for supporting Bethesda.

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*Valentine*



*Spaghetti Supper*

*at*

*St. John Lutheran Church  
Kellner*

*Corner of 80th Street & South Park Road  
(The stone Church on the corner  
by South Wood County Park)*

*Sunday*

*February 15, 2009*

*Serving 4 to 6 p.m.*



*Adults/Seniors \$6.00*

*Children (6-10) \$3.00*

*Under 6-Free*

