

St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church

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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.

Lenten Mid-Week Services

Our last two Lenten Services "Christ In The Strangest Places: Foreshadowed, Fulfilled, Forever" A Series of Special Services for Lent By Dr. Reed Lessing will be on April 6 and April 13 at 10:30 AM and 6:30 PM.

April 6

~ "Nothing" ~ 2 Kings 4:1-7

Elisha provides for a widow

Rev. John Grohs,

Immanuel – Wisconsin Rapids

April 13

~ "Finish" ~ 1 Kings 11:3

Solomon can't finish what he started

Rev. Kevin Ader, St. John – Kellner

Palm Sunday Reenactment



On Palm Sunday, April 17 at 9:30 AM St. John is having a reenactment of

"The Triumphal Entry."

Rain or Shine (bring your umbrella). An invitation for

this event was included in your April newsletter mailing. Take this opportunity to invite your neighbor, a friend, a family member to this special service. The children will lead the procession singing. Additional invitations will be in the back of church.

Holy Week Services

April 21 Maundy Thursday Communion—
10:30 AM & 6:30 PM

April 22 Good Friday Service—1:00 PM & 6:30 PM

April 23 Easter Vigil Communion—6:30 PM

April 24 Easter SonRise Communion—6:30 AM
Easter Festival Communion—9:30 AM

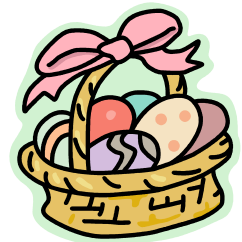
Ladies Aid Soup and Sandwich

The Ladies Aid will be serving their delicious home-made soup and sandwiches after the Maundy Thursday morning service on April 21. Free will offering.

Easter Sunday Breakfast

Back by popular demand at 2009 prices will be our "family friendly" **TRADITIONAL** Easter morning breakfast of egg bake, toast, assorted rolls, coffee, milk and juice. We look forward to seeing each and everyone of you after the Sunrise Worship Service.

—Your Sisters in Christ of the Evening Guild.



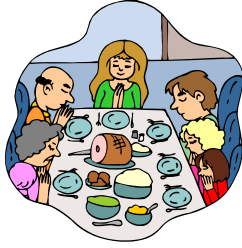
New Member Welcome

We would like to welcome Scott Federwitz as a new member at St. John. We look forward to getting to know Scott better as we worship and work together in serving the Lord.

If You Know A Family We Can Help

Please Call By April 3

The Human Care Board is asking the congregation if they know of a less fortunate family that would appreciate the makings of a nice Easter dinner. We don't know if anyone is having problems so we are asking if you know of a family. Please call the church office and give the name of the family to Laurel the office secretary or to Pastor Ader. The name of the family is confidential and will be known only to Laurel or Pastor Ader. Please call the church office at 423-7788 by April 3.



Easter Flower Orders

Have you ordered your Easter Lilies, Tulips, and/or Daffodils? Order forms will be inserted in the bulletins and will also be on the table in the narthex. The flowers will be used to decorate the church and names and memorials will be published in the Easter bulletins. Order deadline is Monday, April 11. Flowers may be taken home anytime after the 9:30 AM Easter Service.

Cards and Napkins For Sale



Easter cards and napkins have arrived. We also have a nice variety of get well, birthday, sympathy and all occasion cards. Stop by our new display cabinet in the narthex. If you need assistance, ask one of the Evening Guild members.

Nominating Committee Notice

The Nominating Committee is seeking names of individuals who are willing or interested in giving of their time and talents for a board, or committee of choice. Questions can be directed to Mike Sweeney 572-5154 or any board member. Interested individuals may contact Mike Sweeney at 572-5154 or the church office 423-7788 and leave a message with their name and board or committee they are interested in serving on. Deadline for names is April 15, 2011.

Board Of Education News

Hearts for Jesus Event Successful

The children of weekday school have been quite busy. Our annual Hearts for Jesus event successfully surpassed our goal of collecting well over 200 items plus additional items brought in by the congregation to donate to the Family Resource Center. They were very grateful to be the recipients of our collection. A fun night with pizza and games were held as a reward for the great efforts.

Spring Memory Work

The kids are working on our spring memory work challenge. Each class works on memorizing a specified prayer or commandant. Kids will be rewarded April 27th if they achieve their goal.

Camp Luther Scholarships

The Board of Education recently awarded 5 kids a scholarship to attend Camp Luther this summer. Carley Whitrock, Mitchell Prange, Dylan Rosenthal, Dawson Rosenthal and Evan Swen all received \$100 towards their camp fee. Hannah Rosenthal also received a free week at camp she won at Camp Luther night.

Special Dates to Remember

Teacher Appreciation and Student Awards will be handed out on Sunday May 1st as well as the children singing. Then join the Board of Education for a brat or burger at Picket Fence from 11 to 3 Sunday May 1st as they raise funds for Vacation Bible School.



VBS will be held June 20th-23rd from 5:30 to 7:30 in the church basement. Registration will go through the end of May. Forms will be sent home with kids as well as being available in the narthex. This will be a great week for both younger and older students with activities for all ages to learn about how great God is!

Thank You

Thank you everyone for all the prayers and beautiful cards I received due to my recent illness—Mona Heindl

Thank You

The Human Care Board extends a big thank you to those of you who participated in the Community Day Coupon book sales. With your help we raised \$260 for our church. We now received a check for \$237.14 in bonus money. This money will be put in the furnace repair/replacement fund. Thanks again.

Bethesda Thrift Shop

The Bethesda Thrift Shop in the Rapids Mall is fully stocked with spring and summer clothing. We also have a large supply of Easter gifts and decorations. Stop in soon for your Easter outfit and Easter baskets. Watch the weekly bulletin announcements for special sales. We are back to our regular hours: 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Monday-Friday; 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday; closed on Sundays. We also now are in need of your donations. Please drop them off during our daytime hours. Thanks for supporting the mission at Bethesda.

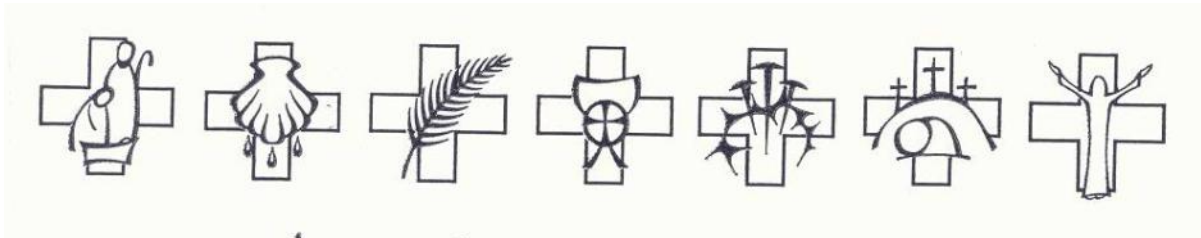
Book Sale Donations

Have you been doing some spring cleaning at your house? Do you have books, CD, DVD and videos (in good working order) that you are looking to get rid of? If so, bring them in a bag marked "Book Sale" and place them in the library area. Donations are welcome any time throughout the year. Items donated will be sold at the bazaar in the fall and profits from the sale allow us to make new purchases for the library. Is there a certain book or DVD that you would like to see in our library? Suggestions are always welcome. Just call the church office and let Laurel or Pastor know. We appreciate your donations and your suggestions.

Thank You

Thank you to Barb Johnson for purchasing elastic and bias tape for pillow case dresses. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!—From the Sewing Group

Evangelism



Birth

Baptism

Palm
Sunday

Last
Supper

Death

Burial

Resurrection

**THE WORD OF THE
LORD ENDURES FOREVER**

1 PETER 1:24-25 NKJV

The Flock at Bethlehem

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Carl M. Kummer
Pastor

Dennis D. Schwalenberg
Associate Pastor

Dear LWML members, pastors, and guests,

You are warmly invited to attend the LWML Zone 17 Spring Rally. It will be held at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Nekoosa. Please save the date, Tuesday, April 12. Registration and coffee will be from 9:30-10:00. There will be a noon luncheon. A \$5.00 fee will cover the meal and materials.

Opening devotions will be led by Pastor Dennis Schwalenberg from Bethlehem.

"LWML Pledge Bible Study", written by Rev. John Trewyn will be presented by Chris Voelker.

Jen Oswald, MS will be our special speaker. Jen is a wellness coach for Adventure 212 Fitness in Stevens Point. She has degrees in psychology and mental health. Jen works with women and girls in creating a healthy self image and battling issues with food and unhealthy social norms. Her presentation is titled, "My Cup Runneth Over; Someone Grab a Mop!" It will help us learn to live a truly blessed life filled to the brim with gratitude, prayer, worship, and God's grace and mercy.

Our Gifts of the Heart project will be items for the South Wood County Emergency Pantry Shelf. They are always in need of the basics: cereal, pastas, soups, and peanut butter were specifically mentioned.

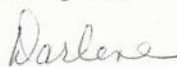
Remember to bring your Stamps for Missions and beverage tabs for the Ronald McDonald House.

It is also requested that each society brings a \$20.00 donation to be used for delegate expenses for the 2011 National LWML Convention. Checks should be made out to 'North Wisconsin District LWML'.

Our church now has an elevator making it more convenient to access the lower level.

Rallies are a wonderful time to renew friendships while we join in worship, in learning from God's word, and in making plans to 'serve the Lord with gladness'. Our rally will be more successful if YOU are part of the gathering!

Warm regards,



Darlene Lambert, President, and the ladies of
Bethlehem's LWML

Jesus shall feed his flock like a shepherd; he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry them in his bosom, and shall gently lead those that are with young. -Isaiah 40:11