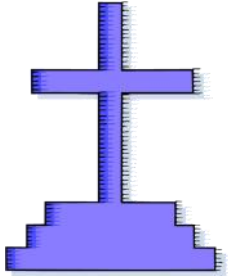


St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church

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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.

School Supplies Collection

This year the congregation of St. John will be assisting Grant Elementary School with their need of school supplies for the 2011-2012 school year.

We will be collecting the following:

- Colored pencils
- Crayons
- Calculators with pi sign
- Glue sticks
- Rulers
- Pencils
- Loose leaf notebook paper (wide line-3 holes)
- Folders
- Pencil boxes
- Markers
- Red pens
- Black pens
- Back packs



This collection will be ongoing and a drop off spot for your donations will be located in the narthex.

New Member Welcome

We would like to welcome Juan Bonilla as a new member. Juan and Tara Spurlock were united in marriage at St. John on July 23. Congratulations and best wishes to both of you! We look forward to getting to know you Juan as we worship and serve the Lord together.

VBS Thank You

Thank you to everyone that participated in this year's Vacation Bible School. The kids had a great time during our week of Beach Blast. We sang, did crafts, played games and had FUN!



The Board of Ed would like to thank all the supporters and helpers that shared their time with us especially Sue Helmuth, Tina Miller, Sandra Sweeny, Anne Olds, Jon Sandberg, Wendy Rosenthal, Emily Saeger and Kelsey Barnes.

Mark Your Calendars

Weekday School begins Wednesday, September 7th at 6:30 PM with registration and music practice.

Rally Sunday is September 18th.

Please share the word! It is going to be another fun filled year.

If anyone would like to be a teacher or volunteer during this year please contact:

Kylie Swen at 715-213-5555 or Brenda Prange at 715-213-9623.



Lutheranism 101 : The Course Begins September 18th



Lutheranism 101: The Course is designed to give you a quick, usable, and comprehensive overview of Lutheran faith and practice. While the course does not cover the entire length and breadth of our subject, it is a good place to start your exploration of Lutheran belief and practice. Pastor Ader will be conducting this course during the Sunday morning Adult Bible Class beginning September 18th at 8:00 a.m. The book *Lutheranism 101* will be required for this course. If you haven't already ordered a copy, you may contact the church office (715-423-7788) to request a copy and we will send in an order for additional copies. The cost is \$20.00 per book. Please contact the office by Aug. 31. Pastor Ader will also be leading an accelerated version of this course one evening during the week. More information on that will be coming in the September newsletter. Please see registration/sign-up sheet on the narthex table or contact the church office to register.

Fellowship Sign up Notice

If you would like to serve for Fellowship Sunday after church services (The 2nd Sunday of each month) please sign up on the sheet located on the north bulletin board.

We still have openings for August 14, September 11, November 13 & December 11. Please bring bars or cookies and serve coffee. Thank you.



Book Sale Donations

If you've been catching up on some summer reading and need to get rid of those books you are finished with please consider donating them to the annual church book sale in the fall. Donations can be made by placing your items in a bag marked "Book Sale" and dropping them off in the library area of the narthex. We also welcome CD, video and DVD's (in good working order). All profits from the sale go to purchase new items for our library. Thank you for your donations! We welcome them anytime all year long.

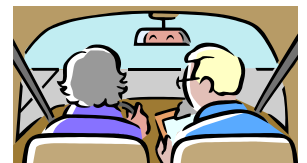


Bethesda Thrift Shop

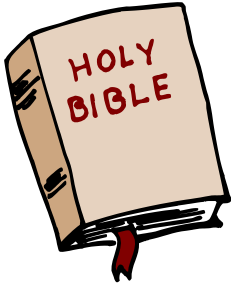
August brings many clearance sale opportunities for you at the Bethesda Thrift Shop in the Rapids Mall. We will have some tag sales, 50% off clearance sales, and the beginning of another bag sale. This is a good time for back to school shopping and a good time for college kids to find treasures for the college campus! Watch your bulletin announcements or check E-Buzz on the Rapids Mall home page for sale schedules. We are in need of a few volunteers. Please volunteer or gather 2-3 friends to volunteer and call me at 421-3477 to volunteer 1-2 times a month for 3-4 hours. The intellectually and physically disabled folks at Bethesda continue to thank you for your support.

Volunteer Needed

We are looking for a volunteer to drive to Marion, WI once a year in the fall with devotionals, bibles, bible study books, etc. that are saved throughout the year for the Orphan Grain Train. If interested please call the church office at 715-423-7788.



Evangelism



There are 30 books of the Bible in this paragraph. Can you find them?

This is a most remarkable puzzle. It was found by a gentleman in an airplane seat pocket, on a flight from Los Angeles to Honolulu, keeping him occupied for hours. He enjoyed it so much, he passed it on to some friends. One friend, from Illinois, worked on his while fishing from his john boat. Another friend studied it while playing his banjo. Elaine Taylor, a columnist, was so intrigued that she mentioned it in her weekly column. Another friend judges the job of solving his puzzle so involving she brews a cup of tea to help her nerves. There will be some names that are easy to spot. That's a fact. Some people, however, will soon find themselves in a jam, especially since the book names are not necessarily capitalized. Truthfully, from answers we get, we are forced to admit it usually takes a minister or a scholar to see some of them at the worst. Research has shown that something in our genes is responsible for the difficulty we have in seeing the books in this paragraph. During a recent fundraising event, which featured this puzzle, the Alpha Delta Phi lemonade booth set a new record. The local paper the Chronicle surveyed over 200 patrons who said that this puzzle was one the most difficult they had ever seen. As Daniel Humana humbly puts it, those able to find all of them will hear great lamentations from those who have to be shown. One revelation that may help is that books like Timothy and Samuel may occur without their numbers. Also, keep in mind that punctuation and spaces in the middle are normal. A chipper attitude will help you to compete really well against those who claim to know the answers. Remember, there is no need for a mad exodus. There really are 30 books of the Bible lurking somewhere in this paragraph, waiting to be found. God Bless.

Get Your St. John Shirts !!!!!

During the month of August you will be able to order one of our St. John shirts. Sign up sheets with all the information are on the table in the Narthex. If you have any questions please call Darleene Swen at 715-423-9087.



LHM Positions Available

Lutheran Hour Ministries is seeking to fill two positions in fundraising. A management position (Director of Annual Support) will be located at their international headquarters in St. Louis, Missouri, and the other position (Ministry Advancement Officer) will be deployed to the U.S. Southwest region. Both are full-time positions with benefits. Job posting copies are available on the table in the narthex.

Bike For Honor Flight 2011

This event will take place on August 27, with all proceeds benefiting the Never Forgotten Honor Flight which provides WW II Veterans a free "trip of a lifetime" to Washington DC to visit the memorials that stand in their honor. For additional information (bike routes, registration form, fee and pledge sheet) check the table in the narthex or the website. Registration deadline is August 15.

(website: neverforgottenhonorflight.com.)





Neighborhood Table
Thursday, August 4, 2011
(Served at St. John Episcopal Church)

320 Oak Street—across from the Wisconsin Rapids Post Office)

St. John Lutheran “family” often demonstrates a great outpouring of love and compassion to the less fortunate in our community in many ways. There is never too much love, caring or compassion for our families, friends and people in need. Our congregation will once again have the opportunity to prepare and serve the dinner for The Neighborhood Table on Thursday, August 4th. The Neighborhood Table organization oversees all aspects of the dinner from the food preparation to the serving and the clean up. Our help is needed to prepare and serve a sit-down, family-oriented meal to the over 400 people in “our neighborhood”.

The people taking part in the dinner at The Neighborhood Table (served at St. John Episcopal Church—across from the Post Office) come from all walks of life and from many backgrounds. The diners range in age from babes-in-arms to the older residents in our community. Diners are married couples, single persons, young families, single parent families, and people who are lonely in a very busy world. A number of diners are present each week. The Thursday night dinner may be the only complete meal they have all week. It is important that we share our blessings with others especially during these hard economic times.

The Ladies Evening Guild is organizing the dinner for August 4th. You, as loving and caring members of the congregation and the community, are asked to participate with donations of time, talent and finances.

This year menu includes the much-requested St. John Ground Beef Bar-B-Ques!

Donations needed include:

Desserts – Bars and Cookies

Monies to purchase the grocery supplies for the dinner

Ground Beef—a Total of 80 pounds of ground beef is needed.

Time to prepare the meal—(with supervision of the Neighborhood Table staff); serve the dinner and cleanup the dining room and kitchen.

Talent—just a desire to help the less fortunate in “our neighborhood”!

Talent includes:

Meal preparation;

Help in preparing the “carry-out” meals;

Waiting on tables includes serving the dinner, beverages and desserts.

Servers are also encouraged to visit with the dinner guests.

Sign up sheets and a donation basket is on the table in the Narthex.

If you have questions, please contact Bonnie James, 421-0559 or Judy Shepard, 423-2071.

Evening Guild

Thursday, August 25, 2011 – 7:00PM

All members of our church (men included) are invited to bring a guest to our Christian Growth evening at the church.

We are very pleased to have Dr. Michael O’Leary and his wife Susan as our guests to share their mission work in Haiti. Dr. O’Leary is a very respected orthodontist having practiced in Wisconsin Rapids for many years. Dr. O’Leary is a member of the Evangelical Free Church and has led two mission trips to Haiti and had, just arrived there two hours before the recent earthquake! The devastation from the earthquake has been overwhelming!

Our church ladies have answered the plea for help! The “pillowcase dresses” you have seen in the Narthex of our church are beautiful and will help to clothe many young Haitian girls.

A special invitation is extended to everyone who has made a dress! We would like to thank each of you for so generously giving of your time and talent. We are also extending a special invitation to all of the young girls – you may have the opportunity to model a dress!

Please invite your friends and come to enjoy the evening. A sign-up form will be in the Narthex. Refreshments will be served.





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SAINT LUKE'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

July 5, 2011

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"Now brothers and sisters, we ask you to appreciate those who work hard among you, who lead you in the Lord and teach you. Respect them with a very special love because of the work they do." 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13 NCV

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

August 8, 2011 is the 40th Anniversary of Pastor Tim Wenger's ordination into the ministry, which gives a special reason to carry out the above scripture. On **August 27 and 28, 2011**, St. Luke's congregation will honor Pastor Tim & Kathy Wenger in his retirement of forty years of ministry in the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, serving all of those years at St. Luke's Wisconsin Rapids, WI.

Pastor Tim is preaching all three services on this weekend. A reception will follow the 6:00 p.m. Saturday and 7:45 a.m. Sunday services, providing fellowship opportunities with the Wengers.

On **Sunday afternoon at 2:00 p.m.**, a **Service of Thanksgiving** will be held. Guest preacher will be Pastor Eric Wenger. This service will also include individuals speaking in recognition of Pastor Tim's ministry. A reception including a buffet of light appetizers, cake and beverages will follow the service. Childcare will be provided during the service/reception including snacks.

As family members, colleagues and friends of the Pastor Tim and Kathy, we would like to invite you to join us for the Sunday afternoon service and reception as guests of the congregation. We also invite you to share some thoughts during the program section of the service, if you wish. We will also reserve seating for family members and visiting clergy. Please RSVP by Sunday, August 21, to Martha Strong (715-423-5348 or mastrong@stlukeslutheran.com) so we can include you in our planning. If you are not able to attend, we would be happy to read your comments during the program or include them in them in the memory book, please indicate which you would prefer.

Gifts for Pastor Tim and Kathy

The planning committee has chosen four gifts to present to Pastor Tim and Kathy depending upon the amount of financial gifts received from the congregation. These gifts have been discussed with the family and were chosen because they hold special significance to Pastor Tim. The first gift is a **Legacy Stone** to be placed during a family ceremony at the High Ground in Neillsville, WI. This has been chosen to honor Pastor Tim's service to God and country in his many years as chaplain in the National Guard. The second gift is establishing a **scholarship for St. Luke's youth to attend Camp Luther**. Pastor Tim has spent many confirmation retreats and many summer vacations with his family at Camp Luther. This fund will provide scholarships for children of St. Luke's to attend Camp Luther over the next few years. The third gift is a



KINDLE/Nook e-book reader that can be use while he is relaxing or traveling for his medical treatments, etc. The final gift relates to Pastor Tim as an avid **Cardinal's MLB fan** and we are keeping the details quiet for now. The committee's goal to fund these gifts is approximately \$5000, the scholarship will be funded to the extent that gifts allow above the cost of the other three gifts. You are welcome to contribute to the gift for the Wengers to help us reach this goal. An envelope is enclosed to use to send your gift **to church before August 21.**

Be Part of Forty Years of Memories

We also invite you to be part of a memory/scrap book for Pastor Tim and Kathy. If you have a picture of Pastor Tim (and/or Kathy) at a special occasion or an outing that he participated in with you or your family, we would love to include it in the book. Please send pictures only 4 x 6 or smaller. We have included a 4 x 6 card with this letter and are asking you to write a personal memory, funny story or a specific appreciation – whatever you feel would have a special meaning for you and Pastor Tim. The memory book will be on display at all receptions but the personal notes will be kept private. Please put pictures and/or your card in an envelope mail it to the church office. Please get these items to us as soon as possible and absolutely by **Sunday, August 7 so our scrap bookers can do their magic.**

Community Open House – Monday, September 5, 2011

In order to not overwhelm our facilities we will hold a Community Open House on (Labor Day) Monday, September 5, 2011, from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. This will be a cake and coffee reception. If you are unable to attend on August 27 or 28, you are welcome and encouraged to come and share your personal thoughts with Pastor Tim and Kathy at the open house.

We hope you will plan to participate in one of the celebration events to honor Pastor Tim & Kathy Wenger.

In Christian Love,

Pastor's 40th Anniversary and Retirement Celebration Committee
Martha Strong and Holly Johnson, Co-Chairmen