

St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church



November 2011

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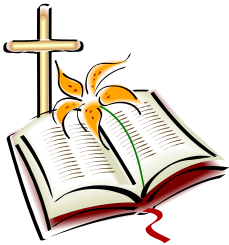
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Mission Statement: We are called by God to be the light of the world. We are to go forth and show Jesus' love and forgiveness through loving care for all God's creation.

Confirmation Sunday



We will have five young adults confirming their Christian faith before the congregation on Sunday, November 6 at 9:30 AM.

Emma Dorshorst
Brooke Dove
Cody Kiedrowski
Dylan Rosenthal
Jake Timm

Please keep them in your prayers as they make their vows before their families and our congregation.

Special Services & Events



Chili Supper

Thursday, November 17 at 5:00 PM

Deer Hunter's Communion Service

Thursday, November 17 at 6:30 PM



Thanksgiving Eve Service

Wednesday, November 23 at 6:30 PM
Pumpkin Pie Social after service

Mid-week Advent Services

Starting Wednesday, November 30
10:30 AM and 6:30 PM

New Members

Ray & Judy Monje

Jeanine Arneson



Ray & Judy and Jeanine have already become familiar faces here at St. John but we would like to officially welcome them to our church and we look forward to getting to know them better as we worship and serve the Lord together.

Evangelism

As Christians, we are called into ministry. Through faith, we become more than just spectators. We are God's representatives who are called to serve, just as our Master, Jesus, ministered to the people of His time. "I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you" (John 13:15). Our ministries take place wherever we are.

Set Your Clocks Back

Daylight Savings Time ends November 6. Set your clocks back 1 hour.



Quilts

Several weeks ago there were quilts displayed on the pews. These quilts were made by the Quilters of St. John congregation for the Orphan Grain Train. The Quilters meet in the church basement one day a month. If you have any material, old sheets or blankets you would like to donate please bring them to church. We are also in need of helping hands. If you would like to help, feel free to come and join us. Any questions please call Mona Heindl at 423-3962.

Christmas Families Giving Tree



We have received the names and wish lists for **three** families from Hope's Door (which was the former Family Resource Center) located in the RCH Enterprises building in Wisconsin Rapids. We have helped this organization who helps needy families for quite some time now by buying Christmas gifts and food for their Christmas dinner.

We will have a decorated tree in the Narthex starting the weekend of November 5th and 6th. The tree will have ornaments of snowmen for Family 1, green trees for Family 2 and stockings for Family 3. Each ornament will have a family member's name on the front and a requested gift on the back. Each family has parents and four children. We sort through the wishes, but put the "needs" items first.

- Pick an ornament from the tree and find the corresponding gift sheet for that family located on the back table.
- Match the **name of the person and the gift item** on the ornament to the gift sheet, make a check mark next to it so we know it has been taken and write your name on that line.
- Please wrap the gift and use that ornament as the gift tag.
- When you bring the wrapped gift back to church, please put an X through your check mark so we know that gift selection has been completed.
- Please have all gifts wrapped and brought back to church **no later than December 11th**. **Earlier is better so we can double check and ensure families have an equal number of gifts.** Hope's Door also needs time to make deliveries to the many families they serve.
- **Please do not add items on your own as we must keep the gifts evenly distributed. Children are hurt by obvious differences.**

The Human Care Board buys gift certificates in the amount of \$25.00 for the families for Thanksgiving

and Christmas for their special meals to buy meat and maybe a few other items. This does not go very far for families of six people. In the past we collected non-perishable food items, but the selection was so random. **We would like to try something different this year.** In place of the food items, if you would so graciously agree to do so, a gift of money would be appreciated. The Human Care Board will divide the money evenly for the families, and through Script, purchase another gift certificate so families can purchase items to make their favorite side dishes instead. Someone from Hope's Door accompanies them when shopping so inappropriate items are not purchased. Envelopes for this purpose will also be on the back table. Thank you.

Thank You

The Stewardship Committee would like to thank all who made our surprise celebration for Pastor Ader a success. It was a wonderful display of stewardship. Not only did it show our gratitude for all who worked so hard thru out the year, but also for Pastor Ader's accomplishments and service to our church.

A special thank you to Pastor Mueller for making the Sunday service so special.

Craig Timm for his great job as master of ceremonies; Donna Strack for the gorgeous decorations; Jerry Strack for his musical contribution.

Baker Street IGA for the delicious food and great service.

We also must thank Laurel Zager for all her "under cover" work.

Last, but not least...the Stewardship Committee; Ladies Aid, Guild and all the others who gave ideas, set up tables, hung banners, served and did clean up.

The children and their teachers who did such a good job. Our church looked beautiful and was filled with gratitude, pride, love, and fellowship.

Pastor Ader, thank you for making our "Harvest Home" event special! You have given so much to others...we hope we were able to give back even in a small way.

Thank You



The Fall and Holiday Bazaar Committee would like to extend a very large thank you to everyone who donated to the 2011 Bazaar and Bake Sale. The congregation contributed very generously to the event. Members (and non-members) showed their talents in many ways, including very attractive homemade decorations, beautiful handwork, canned goods, and so much more! As usual, the many fine cooks and bakers showed their talents in the Bakery! Many items were sold out early in the day!

The Committee would also like to thank the "auxiliary" members for the help they provided.

Taylor Funeral Home, Higgins Funeral Home, Ritchay Funeral Home, Kellner Community Bank, Quality Printing, WoodTrust Bank and Country Tots are thanked for their part in promoting the event.

Profits from the Bazaar and Bake Sale are shared between the Ladies Evening Guild and the Ladies Aid, which in turn will designate the monies for several church projects. Items remaining are on display and are for sale in the lower level.

Again THANK YOU for supporting this event! The sharing and giving of our talents in love, along with fellowship is what we as Christians should do!

Thank You

I would like to thank everyone for all the beautiful cards and all of the prayers I received due to my recent hospitalization. Also, a very special thank you to Pastor Ader for the visit at the hospital and for all of his prayers. God's Blessing to Everyone: Joanne Behrend

Indian Corn Colors

God put colors for you and me on all the Indian corn we see.

Brown is for the beauty of fall,
Red is for God's love for us all,

Yellow is for the golden sun,
White tells us to love everyone

Orange tells us to give God praise and keep Him with us every day.



Rural Christian Women's Conference

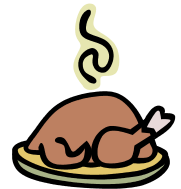
Ladies of the congregation...Mark your calendars! Save the date...**Saturday, January 28, 2012** for the annual **Rural Christian Women's Conference** at the Parkside Middle School in Wautoma. Guest speaker will be Liz Curtis Higgs presenting "Beneath His Wings." The day begins at 8 a.m. with coffee and donuts. The Conference begins at 9 a.m. and ends around 4 p.m. A luncheon will be served. Cost of the event is **\$25 before Thanksgiving** and **\$30 if you register after Thanksgiving**. A sign-up sheet is on the table in the Narthex, also a car pool sign-up sheet. Place your registration monies in an envelope marked "Rural Christian Women's Conference" and place it in the basket by the registration form.

WVLHS Pie Sale

Apple, Cherry, Blueberry, Pumpkin--\$15.00 each. All proceeds earned go directly to Wisconsin Valley Lutheran High School. Call 715-693-2693 to place your order or pick up information and order form in the narthex. Orders must be placed by Friday, November 11.

Community Thanksgiving Dinner

St. Luke's Lutheran Church will be serving a Community Thanksgiving Day Dinner to anyone who may be alone on this day and/or is unable to prepare the traditional meal for him/herself. Serving will be on Thursday, November 24th, from noon until one PM in the fellowship hall. Home deliveries or transportation to St. Luke's will be available. There is no charge for the dinner as funding is supplemented by Thrivent Financial, Veolia Environmental Services, and other donations. Reservations are requested and will be taken starting Monday, November 14th. Please call the following to make your reservation:



Weekdays- (St. Luke's office, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.) 423-5990

St. Luke's is located at 2011 10th Street South and is handicap accessible.

Lutheran Laymen's League

Lutheran Laymen's League will meet on Friday, November 11 at 6:00 PM at Immanuel. Dinner will be turkey and the program will be Marv Altis playing old songs on the piano. Cost is \$7.50. For reservations call Duane Steinke at 715-423-2716 by Tuesday, November 8.

On December 2 at 6:00 PM we will be hosting Lutheran Laymen's League here at St. John. The program will be Mary Counoyer with Christmas songs on the guitar.



Mark your calendars for these dates and watch the bulletin for more information.

Bethesda Thrift Shop

The Bethesda Thrift Shop in the Rapids Mall is getting ready for Christmas. First we will have special discounts on fall items. On November 1, our store will be transformed into a Christmas wonderland. On Saturday, November 19 we will have a Christmas Open House with special sales 20% to 70% off on almost everything in the store. Then on Friday, Nov. 25 we will again have special sales for the annual Black Friday sale. Other sales will also be held throughout the month. Come in and find treasures at very low prices. Because of our recent storage space limitations, we ask that you hold on to your donations for a few weeks. Thank you for supporting Bethesda's mission.

Lutheran Summer Music Academy & Festival

June 24-July 22, 2012 on the campus of Luther College, Decorah, Iowa; a training and performance program for band, orchestra, choir, piano, and organ students grades 8-12: to learn more and to apply online go to: www.lutheransummermusic.org or call toll free 888-635-6583.

Discover LCEF

What if you could discover an organization that connects you with Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod ministries from across the country responding to the call to share the Gospel? Discover **Lutheran Church Extension Fund** and the passion that has led to churches growing, students learning and people knowing Christ. Discover more at www.lcef.org/discover.

LWR Semi Loading Reminder

Saturday, November 5, 2011—8:30 AM to Noon
Rapids Mall Parking Lot, Wisconsin Rapids, WI
Donations needed: Blankets, Quilts, Personal hygiene items, Soap, Layette, School kits, Health kits (no toothpaste), Sewing kits. **Sorry, No Clothing of any kind!** For monetary donations, mail to: LWR, PO Box 17061, Baltimore, MD 21298-9832 or go online to www.lwr.org Donate.

Immanuel School Opening

Immanuel Lutheran School has an opening for an afternoon staff person in their After-School Care Program for kindergarten – grade 6 students. The position is for roughly 10 hours per week. Start time is 3:15 pm and end time each day is dependent on student pick-up times. The after-school care program closes at 5:30 pm each school day and is not open on school vacation days. For more information, please contact Dian Schlichtmann at 715-423-0272 ext 20. Applications are available at the Immanuel Lutheran Church and School office (111 11th St N, Wis. Rapids).

Veterans Day Lunch

Immanuel Lutheran School (111 11th St N, Wis. Rapids) will be having their annual Veterans Day Program on Veterans Day, November 11, 2011. All veterans, parents, grandparents and friends are welcome. After the program lunch is provided for all veterans free. Lunch for all other adults is \$3.30. Program begins at 10:00 AM and lunch will be served at 12:00 PM. For lunch reservations call 715-423-0272.

Thank You!

I would like to express my sincerest thanks to all of you for the wonderful "SURPRISE" celebration you provided for me to mark my 20 years in the ministry. I am truly blessed to have served six of those years in your midst here at St. John.

Thank you to Pastor Mueller for his beautiful message from God's word to both pastor and congregation; and to the choir and weekday school children for their beautiful songs.

Thank you to the stewardship committee and everyone else who was involved in planning and preparations for the celebration. The dinner was wonderful, and it was a real joy for me to see so many of you enjoying the good food and fellowship with one another as our St. John Family.

The gifts from the congregation, Ladies' Aid and Evening Guild, and the many cards and well wishes from so many of the members were very much appreciated. Thank you all for being the beautiful people of God that you are by His grace.

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**Corner of 80th Street South and South Park Road
(The Stone Church on the corner by the Park)**

**17th Annual
Cookie & Candy
Walk**

Saturday, December 10

Doors open at

9 a.m.

**A large variety of delicious
homemade**

**Cookies and Candies
are sold by the pound**



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Can you believe it?
St. John congregation has been
preparing and selling
Cookies and Candies by the pound
for 17 years!

Over the past 16 years the **Cookie/Candy Walk** has always been a huge success! Everyone who visited the "Sweet Treat Event" in previous years is eager to purchase cookies and candy again. A good turn out of the finest cookies and candies in the area is expected from all the fine cooks, candy makers and chefs in our congregation!

It's time to look over your favorite **HOLIDAY COOKIE & CANDY** recipes, make a few dozen extra to help make this the "Sweetest" event of the year! Share your baking and candy making talents!

All families of St. John Lutheran Congregation are asked to bring 2 to 4 dozen (or more if you would like), of your favorite **HOLIDAY COOKIES OR CANDY** to the church by Friday, December 9th. The Cookie and Candy Walk is coordinated by the Ladies Evening Guild, but the Cookie Walk is a "**Church-wide**" event with the proceeds to be donated to a variety of church projects.

On Saturday morning the **Holiday Cookies & Candy** will be sold "By-the-Pound". **Holiday Cookies and Candies** can be purchased individually, by two's or three's or whatever..... by the 1/2 dozen, whole dozen or an assortment! Cookies and Candies will also be sold in attractively packaged **Holiday Gift Boxes and Trays**, ideal for your Holiday Parties and as Gifts! The sale will be open to the Congregation as well as to the surrounding community.

Remember to have your **HOLIDAY COOKIES & CANDY** to the church by Friday, December 9th.
The **SALE** will be on **Saturday, December 10th**, doors opening at **9 a.m.**

For more information contact Deb Sandberg (715) 424-2432; Toni Hamann, (715) 325-3033; Darleene Swen, (715) 423-9087; Carol Pierce (715) 451-4222 or Judy Shepard,(715) 423-2071.