

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.

Lutheranism 101: The Course Begins September 19th 6:30 – 8:00 pm



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.

We will begin on Monday, September 19 and will meet for about 12 weeks. Meeting time will be from 6:30 – 8:00 pm in the church basement.

We will also be starting another group on Sunday mornings from 8:00 – 9:00 am, beginning on October 30th.

Please see registration/sign-up sheet on the narthex table or contact the church office to register.

Weekday School Begins



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

Rally Sunday

Rally Sunday is September 18 at 9:30 AM.

Bearing Fruit for Jesus His Grace and Power at Work Within You

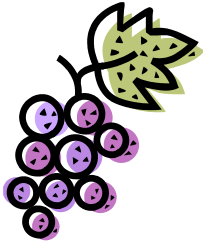
Sunday morning Bible Class will resume again on September 18th, Rally Day, starting at 8:00 am. We will start off with the study, "Bearing Fruit for Jesus" with the following study topics:

- Sept. 18 Bearing Fruit
- Sept. 25 God Makes Us Fruitful
- Oct. 2 Fruit through Faith, Love and Obedience
- Oct. 9 Living Fruitful Lives
- Oct. 16 Fruitful Use of Our Time and Talents
- Oct. 23 Fruitful Use of Our Money

The Book of Acts

Tuesday evening Bible Study will resume again at the home of Doug and Karen Ross on September 20 at 7:00 PM. We will continue our study on the book of Acts.

Coming Soon-Bearing Fruit for Jesus



It is exciting to inform you that our stewardship theme for this year is **Bearing Fruit** for Jesus: His Grace and Power at Work Within You. This will start on September 25. The following is an introduction to what God's

Word says about bearing fruit:

Jesus said, *"Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you, unless you abide in Me. I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me, and I in him, he bears much fruit; for apart from Me you can do nothing"* (John 15:4-5).

Fruit characterizes the life of the Christian steward. It is interesting to note that, in this passage above, Jesus did not say, "You should bear fruit." He stated that when we abide in Him, it follows naturally that we will bear fruit.

Paul explained to the Galatians what that fruit is: *"The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, faithfulness, and self-control."* *"Since we live by the Spirit,"* Paul exhorted, *"let us keep in step with the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other"* (Galatians 5:25-26). As children of God, we have this fruit because His Spirit lives in us. We do not bear fruit as a result of our own efforts, but we do cease to bear fruit when we give in to our sinful natures, becoming, in Paul's words, *"conceited, provoking and envying each other"*.

Just as fruit needs light for its growth and maturation, so do Christians need to have their lives illumined by Christ. They then are able to produce spiritual fruit and shed that light on the world around them. Ephesians 5:11 cautions us to, *"Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness"* but to *"Live as children of light (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) and find out what pleases the Lord"* (Ephesians 5:8-9).

We discover God's will through His word and through prayer. As Paul prayed for the Colossians, we, too, can ask God *"to fill [us] with the knowledge of His will through all spiritual wisdom and under-*

standing . . . in order that [we] may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please Him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work . . ." (Colossians 1:9-10).

God has plans and uses for our lives. When we abide in Christ, we will be fruitful. We will discover and follow His plan, and we will use the gifts He has given us in ministry to the people of the world.



**Annual Fall and Holiday Bazaar
and Bake Sale**
Saturday, October 22, 2011
9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Believe it or not....

After a very warm summer....

Fall is just around the corner!

That means it's time to start preparing for the annual Bazaar and Bake Sale!

Check your garden...home-grown produce is always a favorite! Home-Can an extra jar or two of your plentiful bounty, or make just "one more" batch of your best jam or jelly. Fresh produce is also a much sought-after item!

If you would like to donate to the Bazaar, items that are asked for include: Fall and Holiday decorations, crafts of all kinds, woodcrafts, toys, baby items, quality farm produce, canned fruits and vegetables, jams and jellies, dried fruits and vegetables and dried and painted home décor and of course, our delicious home-baked goods!

A Luncheon will be served and a Used Book Sale will be featured.

More information on the Bazaar and Bake Sale will be published in the October Newsletter and in the Bulletins.

Book Sale Donations



The church library committee will be having its Annual Book Sale at the Fall Bazaar on October 22. 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. Besides books we will also take CD, video, and DVD's (in good working order). The money from this sale allows us to make new purchases for the library. Thanks for your donations!

Mark Your Calendars!!

Our Harvest Home Event is October 9, 2011. We have some exciting things planned for this year. We hope you can join in the festivities!
—The Stewardship Board.

Prayers For Health And Healing

We very often receive prayer requests for health and healing for members and family or friends of members. Many times, we do not receive any follow up on those requests. Is the person fully recovered? Are they still in need of our prayers? We don't want to diminish the importance of our prayers but after several weeks if we don't hear any further updates or reasons for a name to remain on the prayer list/prayer chain it will be removed and become part of the general prayer for health and healing. Should additional prayers be needed for the individual, please speak with Pastor or contact the church office.

Evangelism

Ask and it will be given to you;
Seek and you will find;
Knock and the door will be open to you.

For everyone who asks receives;
He who seeks finds;

And to him who knocks, the door will be opened.

Matthew 7:7-8



Thank You

A special and heartfelt thank you to each of the members of this wonderful congregation for your prayers, love, and support of our family at our loss of Rox-Ann. Thank you for the cards, food and hugs for the family. A special thank you to Pastor Ader for his hospital visits, his words of encouragement, and comfort and spiritual guidance during this sad time. It is a blessing to hear the words reminding us that this is not an end for her, but a new and beautiful life in heaven with the Lord. She will be missed as a wife, mother, daughter-in-law and friend.

—Doug, Zack, Kelsey, Zeb, Les and Mona Heindl.

"Every Kid to Camp" Auction Invitation

What: Silent and Live auction for the "Every Kid to Camp" ministry

When: Saturday, September 24, 2011

Where: Rose Garden, Wausau, WI

Who: Anyone who would like to attend

Cost: \$25/person or \$200/table of 8
(includes dinner/entertainment/auction)

Time: Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Entertainment during dinner. Silent auction closes at 8 p.m.

Live auction begins at 8:15 p.m. Closing at 9:15 p.m.

Register: Call or write Sandi at the District Office:

sandy@nwdlcms.org or 715-845-8241, ext. 23.

Why: To help kids build a stronger foundation of faith in Jesus Christ through a summer camp experience at Camp Luther

Thank You!

On Thursday, August 4, 2011 the members of St. John were privileged to prepare and serve the weekly evening meal for the Neighborhood Table located at St. John Episcopal Church in Wisconsin Rapids. The Neighborhood Table is a community-based group of volunteers, of all faiths, working together to help our hungry neighbors. This organization has been serving the community for eight years. St. John, Kellner has had the pleasure of serving the Thursday night meal for the past 5 years.

This year's meal was: Ground Beef Bar-B-Que (Sloppy Joe's), corn, potato chips, fruit cup and dessert along with a selection of beverages. The meal was served to 338 diners, 113 were carry-outs, delivered by Neighborhood volunteers and 225 were dine-in guests.

St. John members are thanked for their generous financial donations of monies used to purchase the food supplies for the dinner, donation of the desserts as well as the help to prepare and serve the meal and the clean-up duties. Your generosity is greatly appreciated especially by those in need in our community. A special Thank You is extended to the Port Edwards Lions Club and their families who assisted with the dessert donations and assisted in serving the meal and the clean-up duties.

There are so many in the community that not only need a healthy meal, but the fellowship we can provide. Plans are being made to serve...

The Neighborhood Table Dinner

on

Thursday, August 2, 2012.

We pray that you will reach out to our community by assisting in any way to help make those less fortunate have a little brighter day.

Thank you for participating in "The Neighborhood Table"



Bonnie James

Judy Shepard

Co-chairpersons

LWML Fall Rally Invitation

Dear LWML Members, Pastors, and Guests,

The ladies of Trinity LWML in Port Edwards would like to invite you to attend the LWML Zone 17 Fall Rally. The rally will be held on Thursday, September 22, 2011, beginning with registration at 4:30 p.m. A registration fee of \$5.00 includes a meal which will be served with continuous seating from 4:30 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. Music will be provided at 5:45 p.m. with opening devotions at 6:00 p.m., led by Pastor Daniel Bohn. The Christian Life topic will be "The Gingerbread Man: A Parable of Rebellion and Restoration," written by Rev. Bob Selle and presented by Chris Voelker. Rev. Carl Selle, retired Pastor of Peace Lutheran Campus, Stevens Point, will be our guest speaker. His presentation will be on Campus Ministry—"Touching Hearts: A Ministry of Joy." Hear firsthand about his ministry of reaching out to college students. Gifts of the Heart will be donated to Peace Lutheran Campus in Stevens Point. (See wish list below) Remember to bring your Stamps for Missions and beverage tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. We look forward to seeing you.

Serving the Lord with Gladness,

The Ladies of Trinity LWML



Peace Lutheran Campus Ministry

Andrew L. Weden, campus pastor

Shower Goods for International and American Campus Ministry

Paper Goods

- ❖ Bowls (small "Dixie" paper bowls)
- ❖ Heavy duty 8" paper plates
- ❖ 8 oz. paper cups (hot or cold)
- ❖ Paper Towels
- ❖ Kleenex tissues
- ❖ Toilet paper
- ❖ 33 gal. garbage bags

Staples

- ❖ Coffee (decaf and caffeinated) individual packets or 3 or 1# cans
- ❖ Assorted flavored tea, coffee & cappuccinos
- ❖ Flavored creamers
- ❖ Apple cider or hot chocolate in individual packets
- ❖ Soda crackers
- ❖ Dried fruit packets
- ❖ Granola bars
- ❖ Individual soup servings

Incidentals

- ❖ Dishcloths and towels
- ❖ Business #10 envelopes
- ❖ Stamps
- ❖ Reams of 24# white paper
- ❖ Funds for new banners for the Peace sign (\$120 each)
- ❖ Mittens, scarves and hats. (Homemade items are fine. Fleece mittens are the best!)
- ❖ Indoor board games

Cookies and Bars

- ❖ Homemade cookies and bars are always a priority and good for Bible studies and worship times! Pack them in plastic ice cream buckets for "freezer keeping"

Homemade is a wonderful reminder for students of their own homes. They love the cookies!

Prayers

We are always in need of prayers for the ministry at Peace. Pastor Andy Weden and the students deeply appreciate the prayers. Please pray for:

- ❖ Wisdom in career choices
- ❖ Overcoming temptations students confront
- ❖ To clearly see mission opportunities
- ❖ Meaningful worship times
- ❖ Eagerness to share Jesus

Special Needs

- ❖ \$400 for a new STIHL FS 56 weed-eater/trimmer
- ❖ \$600 for a computer and printer for secretarial work
- ❖ \$170 for a 1000+ watt microwave

Peace Lutheran Campus Center,
Stevens Point, WI, is a ministry of the
North Wisconsin District – LCMS
among American and international students.
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Evangelism Puzzle Answers



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

This is (a mos)t re(mark)able puzzle. It was found by a gentleman in an airplane seat pocket, on a flight from Los Angeles to Honolu(lu, ke)eping 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 ban(jo. El)aine 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 s(he brews) a cup of tea to help her nerv(es. Ther)e will be some names that are easy to spot. That's a f(act. S)ome people, however, will soon find themselves in a (jam, es)pecially since the book names are not necessarily capitalized. T(ruth)fully, f(rom ans)wers we get, we are forced to admi(t it us)ually takes a minister or a scholar to see some of the(m at the w)orst. 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 lemon)ade 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) Huma(na hum)bly puts it, t(hose a)ble 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 nor(mal. A chi)pper attitude will help you to com(pete r)eally 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 lur(king s)omewhere in this paragraph, waiting to be found. God Bless.

1. Amos 2. Mark 3. Luke 4. John 5. Joel 6. Judges 7. Job 8. Hebrews 9. Esther 10. Acts.
11. James 12. Ruth 13. Romans 14. Titus 15. Matthew 16. Genesis 17. Philemon 18. Chronicle
19. Daniel 20. Nahum 21. Hosea 22. Lamentations 23. Revelation 24. Timothy 25. Samuel
26. Numbers 27. Malachi 28. Peter 29. Exodus 30. Kings

Bethesda Thrift Shop

The Bethesda Thrift Shop in the Rapids Mall will conclude its summer Clearance Sales in early September with a Bag Sale from August 29 through September 10. Come in and fill a grocery bag with clothing and shoes for only \$8.00 per bag! A great time to stock up. We will also have clearance sales on books, furniture and other items. We will be closed Labor Day. On September 12 we will be fully stocked with fall and winter clothing. Come in early for best selection. We are always in need of new volunteers and your donations. Thanks for supporting the mission for our intellectual and physically handicapped folks at Bethesda.

Evening Guild Meeting

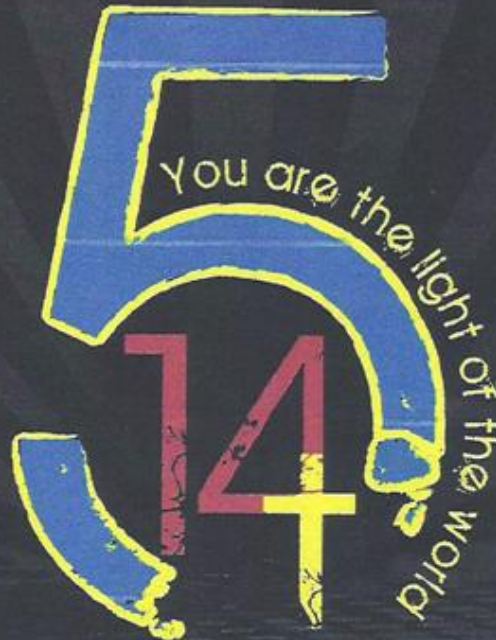
Guest Speakers September 22, 2011

Todd and Melanie Peterson will be joining us to share the experiences of their year in Korea. Melanie also made a return visit recently. Everyone in the congregation is welcome to join us. Please watch the bulletin for more information!!!!





LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES
People Of Christ With The Message Of Hope



**YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS
THIS LIFE-CHANGING EVENT!**

**This is a FREE event for ALL teens 14 to 19
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2011**

**PATRIOT CENTER
10101 MARKET STREET
ROTHSCHILD, WI
9AM TO 4:30PM**

**Inspiring speakers, Christian Rock band, snacks and
lunch all provided Free. Registration requested but
walk-ins welcome.**

**Go to www.nwd-ill.org and click on youth event or
Phone 715-544-4854 or email 514youthevent@gmail.com
also check out www.whatsfive14.com for more details**

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