
ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



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Confirmation Sunday-November 2

St. John will have three young adults confirming their Christian faith before the congregation on Sunday, November 2 at 9:30 AM.

Darren Jackson

Dominique Rainville

Chelsea Timm

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



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

Hunter's Service

Thursday
November 20
6:30 PM

Thanksgiving Eve Service

Wednesday
November 26
6:30 PM

Fellowship
&
Pumpkin Pie

Weekday School Mission Project

The Mission Project for Weekday School is ready to begin with your help. Melanie Peterson has contacted us and the first need is for Todd's school. He is teaching English and they are in need of Primary Readers, the cost of which are \$4.00 each. We will be sending notes home with the girls and boys of Weekday School, as well as posting the project in the bulletin and newsletter.

If you would like to contribute to this Weekday School Mission Project, there will be a basket in the Narthex until Sunday, November 16. At that time we will be purchasing as many Primary Readers as we can. They hope to have the Readers in Korea in January to begin using them.

Please prayerfully consider helping us with this mission project for the Korean children. As we receive more information from Melanie, we will be sharing it with the congregation.

Weekday School thanks you for your participation!

Lutheran World Relief

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Semi Loading

Saturday
November 8
8:30 AM to 1:00 PM

Rapids Mall
Parking Lot
adjacent to Wendy's

Items needed:

Blankets, Quilts, Personal
Hygiene Items, Soap,
Layettes, and
School, Health & Sewing Kits

Sorry, No Clothing
of any kind!

Bethesda Thrift Shop

The Bethesda Thrift Shop in the Rapids Mall will begin to provide tons of Christmas gifts and decorations beginning the first week of November. The Mall will be celebrating a Christmas Open House on November 8. Stop in and shop and take advantage of the various sales throughout the month. Bethesda provides Christ-centered services and training to children and adults with developmental disabilities nationwide. Your support through the thrift store is greatly appreciated.

Thank You So Very Much!

We would like to express our sincerest thanks and appreciation to the members of St. John Congregation, Council, Evening Guild and Ladies Aid for the wonderful gift to Whitehaven Bed and Breakfast. We look forward to being able to enjoy the time of relaxation it will provide us. We also want to thank you for all the kind expressions of your appreciation for us throughout the year. It is our honor, privilege and blessing to serve and be a part of St. John's family.

Thank you again—Pastor & Susan Ader.

Community Day Booklet Sales

Younkers Community Day Event is Saturday, November 15. St. John is selling coupon booklets for \$5 which includes a coupon for \$10 off any single item that day, as well as eight 20% off coupons. **It's not to late**—booklets are still being sold after the services in the narthex. This is a great fund raiser for St. John and you get \$10 for spending \$5.

Daylight Saving Time Ends-November 2
Set your clocks back 1 hour



Camp Luther News



ALL NEW WINTER YOUTH CAMP!! Can't wait until summer to come to Camp Luther? Why wait? On January 2-4, Camp Luther will be hosting its first ever Winter Youth Camp. This event is just like summer camp, only shorter, colder and no bugs! During their time at Camp Luther, campers will enjoy downhill tubing, broomball, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, giant bonfires on the lake and great Bible studies and devotions by our staff. Speaking of staff, some of our counselors from last summer will be back to lead this exciting weekend. You can register your grade 4-6 child at www.campluther.com or call to have a registration form mailed to you. The cost for the weekend of Winter Youth Camp is \$105. Registration began on October 1st and ends December 15th. There will only be room for 100 kids, so hurry and register now. We look forward to seeing you at camp this winter!

WINTER COTTAGE SPECIAL-40% OFF JANUARY-APRIL! Camp Luther has seven modern and fully furnished two and three bedroom cottages available year-round. Four of the cottages have wood-burning fireplaces! Cottages are available for one or more nights, a whole week or longer. Enjoy snow tubing, ice fishing, cross-country skiing on wooded trails, peace and quiet or observe wildlife right on camp property. There is also hunting and snowmobiling trails available in the nearby Nicolet National Forest and surrounding area. Plus, local attractions including specialty shops, antiques, a winery (offering free tours and tasting), children's museum and more! Phone 1-877-264-CAMP to reserve your Camp Luther cottage.

FYRE UP YOUR YOUTH OR SUNDAY SCHOOL MINISTRY! Camp Luther staff is hitting the road for CampFYRE (Family, Youth Retreat Experience) visits around the district. If you would like a Camp Luther staff member to visit your church to lead a youth night, family night or be a part of Sunday worship, please give us a call to arrange a time that works. Most CampFYRE visits consist of singing, devotions, games, activities and fellowship. If you have something else in mind, please let us know. We look forward to visiting your church!

Please remember the Camp Luther staff is always at your disposal to help plan an event, consult on any range of topics, or just to provide a sounding board for you. We can also help coordinate circuit events and connect you with other area youth leaders. This program is absolutely FREE! Please contact Quik at 715.546.3647 or quik@campluther.com to schedule a visit from Camp Luther. We are looking forward to hearing from you!

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 27, 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 and through other donations. Reservations are requested and will be taken starting Monday, November 10. 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.

Letter From Melanie Peterson

Hello to my friends at St. John's,

It's been over 7 weeks already since we've left the states. I promised I'd stay in touch and apologize for not writing sooner. As I told my Dad, I'm not sure what's newsworthy for you? We've just learned that the W.R. Daily Tribune just ran a story on us in the 10/07 issue. (Todd wrote that up before we left for "The Neighborhood Table" newsletter.) I think they may be continuing updates on us as Todd sends pictures. I know, as I am corresponding with some of you, how important staying connected is. I appreciate the efforts you've made and hope this letter keeps the rest of you informed. We live on Jeju Island, South Korea. Todd has been hired by the Korean Government to teach English as a second language. He had orientation on the mainland in Seoul for 9 days with over 400 other teachers. (I sat in on most of his classes, they were very informative) I think there was only 1 other spouse, like me, that was on campus, that wasn't a teacher. We were treated very well and always welcome to all orientation events, such as a Field trip to a Korean Folk Village where we saw traditional houses and living culture. This included Farmers' music and dance show, horseback riding performance, tightrope walking, seesaw shows, and a traditional wedding. It was awesome.

On Aug. 29th we were flown to the Island. The flight took just under an hour. About 20 other teachers going to Jeju Island were with us. Each teacher was assigned to their schools, introduced to their Korean Co-teacher, who was to take us under their wing for a couple weeks. We were blessed with a young lady named Mi Keong. She speaks English very well. She has helped us find housing, took us to Immigration, bank, school, etc. until we were comfortable on our own. Todd has 2 elementary schools. He works 9-5, M-F. Mi Keong helped us to get housing on a beach, located between the 2 schools. M-W, Todd commutes to a city school in Donam, and Thurs. & Fri. he goes out to a country school in Bukchon. He is contracted to teach 22 hours, a week. When he's not teaching, he works on lesson plans. He has already picked up after school classes for extra income. The students' school day ends at different times for different grades, the latest is 2:30, so he's always done by 5. Korean schools run Mon. thru Sat. (Saturdays only till 1PM) It seems to us the students put in long days. Many take after school classes to get ahead. There are also English teachers that work for private schools called Hogwans. We know of a couple neighbors that teach at them. They typically work 1-9PM shifts, but many high school students are out until as late as 10PM getting private lessons in English and other subjects to get ahead. We live up on the 4th floor of a furnished apartment/motel. It has 4 rooms. We are very comfortable. The patio/kitchen has a view of the Sea and the bedroom and living room windows face the mountains. (Todd says "We're not in Kansas anymore") I still can't believe we're here sometimes. Today it is 77 degrees with a nice breeze. As there are no clothes dryers here, I have laundry hanging around on drying racks. We have a washing machine, t.v. microwave, rice cooker, refrigerator, and 2 burner gas stove top. (no ovens here either) Furnished metal chopsticks and spoons are the only utensils we use. The food is tasty for the most part. (We've never left a restaurant still hungry yet) Besides my domestic household duties, I spend most mornings on the computer either by talking through skype to family and friends or e-mailing back home. I have been walking a lot, looking around, and meeting people. Until recently, I haven't conversed with many Koreans except for greeting. We can only say 3 things in Korean, "Hello, Thank-you, and I'm sorry"). This has been challenging at times but it always works out. Koreans are very kind and forgiving. We've had some approach us speaking enough English, to ask us where we're from, what we do, etc., and some that we approach, like in stores, if they don't speak English, they find someone that does or even make phone calls to get someone that speaks English. Everybody has a cell phone here....but us. We do fine without. Nice change, actually. I now have a Korean friend I've met out by the Sea. Her name is Young Won. She speaks English pretty

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well. She is 60 yrs. old, and she doesn't work, we sometimes hang out in the afternoons. She's taken me on a hike in the mountains, sea shore fishing, and comes to visit. Her brother owns an orchard so she always brings us tangerines. She is married to a Baptist minister and last week they hosted a couple Baptist missionaries from Nashville, TN. She brought them over a couple times to visit me. (It was so nice to have native English speakers to converse with for a change) Then, head over to the beach afterwards to find locals to do their mission work. Since we have been here, I've attended a few services at a Presbyterian Church with the landlord's wife, Mrs. Park. Todd found a Catholic parish he attends regularly. This Sunday, I've been invited to join Young Won's parish as one of the missionaries will be preaching. My next letter will include my church experiences. If anyone wants to contact us, our e-mail is petersonte62@yahoo.com. We also have a website set up that includes many pictures of our adventures. Check it out at:

<http://picasaweb.google.com/toddandmelaniepeterson>

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In God's Grace,

Melanie



Give Thanks To The Lord

The Pilgrims had a custom of putting five kernels of corn on each empty plate before a dinner was served. In many old Plymouth families, the custom is still followed today. It is done Thanksgiving Day, or on December 21 (the anniversary date of the Plymouth landing).

The five kernels were chosen because prior to the first harvest, things were so bad that the daily ration was five kernels of corn per person per day. Before you eat your Thanksgiving meal, think about this custom of the Pilgrims and reflect upon your blessings.

Everyday Is Thanksgiving

Not just today, but every day
Should be Thanksgiving Day.
Time should be spent in retrospect;
There should be time to pray

And thank the Lord for blessings sweet,
For his great loving care
That overshadows every day;
And in that little prayer

You should include your thankfulness
For kin and friends so true,
For this great land in which we dwell,
For skies so clear and blue,

For little birds bursting with song,
For babies sweet and small;
For blessings such as these we should
Be thankful for them all.

Thanksgiving Day comes once a year,
And this is why I say—
Not just today, but every day
Should be Thanksgiving Day!

St. John Lutheran Church

14th Annual Cookie/Candy Walk

Saturday, December 13, 2008

9 a.m.

What is a cookie walk...?

How do we get involved...?

Why should we get involved...?

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 12. On Saturday morning the **Holiday Cookies & Candy** will be sold "By-the-Pound". **Holiday Cookies and Candies** can be purchased individually, or by two's or three's or whatever...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.

It past years the **Cookie/Candy Walk** was a huge success! Everyone who participated last year is eager to purchase cookies and candy again this year. 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!

Remember to have you **HOLIDAY COOKIES & CANDY** to the church by Friday, December 12, and the **SALE** will be on **Saturday, December 13, at 9 a.m.**

For more information contact Deb Sandberg 424-2432; Bonnie James at 335-6731; Mona Heindl 423-3962; Toni Hamann, 325-3033 or Judy Shepard at 423-2071,