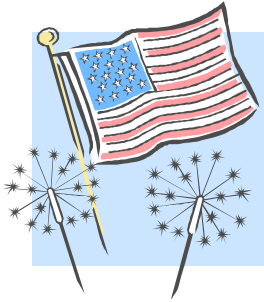


# St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church



## July 2009

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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.

## Reflection Sunday, July 12th

The congregation takes this opportunity to honor the members of St. John who have reached the age of 80 years and more! Special attention will be given to our 26 "Seniors 80+" during and after the 9:30 AM services. Families and extended families are invited to participate in this celebration!

Come, celebrate with our "Seniors 80+", enjoy their company and share their memories while everyone takes a look back to yesteryear and hopes for the future! You are welcome to share pictures and memories from the past. We have been blessed to have these 26 "Seniors 80+" as part of our church family for many years!

The **entire congregation** is invited to attend the Reflections Brunch following the worship service. Bring a dish-to-pass and join in the celebration! The pot-luck Brunch will be hosted by the Ladies Evening Guild, but is open to the **entire church family** of St. John. Please notify the church office if you know of anyone 80+ years of age and are not on the list below:

Chuck Behn	Loleta Hofschild	Howard Schuldt
Alice Benner	Helen Jensen	Hugh Stanton
Harriet Brandt	Neil Knoll	John Tomesek
Grace Gilman	Ernie Neinfeldt	Marion Swen
Harriet Hanneman	Laura Neinfeldt	Alice Timm
Robert Hanneman	Elaine Punzel	Charlotte Wick
Eva Helke	Lester Rabska	Lydia Wittman
Florence Helke	Gladys Sawaska	Fred Zimmerman
Gilbert Hofschild	Helen Schoenick,	

Please note: Since Independence Day falls on a Saturday we will not be having services on that date. Instead we will have services on Thursday, July 2 at 6:30 PM and Sunday July 5 at 9:30 AM.



## New In The Library

The church library is a great resource for your summer reading and video enjoyment. Take a minute and see what we have that may be of interest to you. Two new items just added to the library include:

### Fireproof (DVD)

At work, inside burning buildings, Capt. Caleb Holt (Kirk Cameron) lives by the old firefighter's adage: Never leave your partner behind. At home, in the cooling embers of his marriage, he lives by his own rules. His job is to rescue others. Now Caleb Holt is ready to face his toughest job ever...rescuing his wife's heart. Filled with action this inspirational is a must see.



### The Shack (Book by Wm. P. Young)

Mack Philip's youngest daughter, Missy, has been abducted during a family vacation and evidence that she may have been murdered is found in an abandoned shack deep in the Oregon wilderness. Four years later, in the midst of his depression, Mack receives a suspicious note, apparently from God, inviting him back to that shack for a weekend. What he finds there changes his world forever. A good read and a book that will give you a lot to think about concerning where God is in a world so filled with pain.

## Door Collection

The door collection for the parking lot renovations will continue through the end of July. Donations may be placed in the "Church" in the narthex after the services. Thank you!

## Personal Essentials Pantry

During the month of May the Personal Essentials Pantry collected 1700 items and served 240 families. The need is great and we encourage everyone to continue making donations throughout the summer.

The Personal Essentials Pantry is a community outreach program that helps people in Wisconsin Rapids and surrounding areas.

**Items needed include:** toilet paper and facial tissue, laundry detergent, dish washing detergent, all-purpose cleaner, paper toweling, combs and brushes, dental floss, deodorant, toothbrushes & toothpaste, razors & shaving cream, garbage bags, hand lotion, sanitary napkins, shampoo, baby shampoo and hand soap.

A box for donated items is located in the narthex. There will also be a small collection can available if you would prefer to give a monetary donation. Thank you!—The Human Care Board

**-FREE-**

### LIFE SKILLS SESSION

Thursday, July 9

1:00-3:00 p.m.

Centralia Center's Riverwalk Area

### A Variety of Information & Displays Available:

Cooking for One

Balancing Your Checkbook & Reading Bank Statements

Home Safety Measures to Prevent a Fall

Home Convenience Products

...And Many More Interesting Topics!

**Come anytime between 1:00-3:00 p.m. to attend as many or as few topics as you like.**

Sponsored by the Lowell Center and the

New Beginnings Committee.

**For more information, call: (715) 421-1051**

## Letter From Melanie

Hello friends,

It's now been 10 months since we've begun this journey. We can't believe how quickly the time has flown by!

We have enjoyed so many blessings this year. Four of them included visits from friends and family from home. Our friend Pat was here in March, Michelle, in May, and our sons, Ryan and Trevor, just left Jeju Island this last Monday. We loved having them each here with us to experience Jeju culture in our daily lives.

Riding around the island on scooters was one thing they all experienced. Temple visits, walking along the beach, hiking, visiting the 5 day market, using public transportation (bus and taxi), eating out, sitting in on Todd's classes, and church in Korea are all things we have thoroughly enjoyed sharing with our friends and family.

We appreciate the efforts of Austin and Aaron of St. John's, Drew of St. Luke's, and several students of Grove Elementary School who helped us in an attempt to make some connections through pen pals with our young Korean friends in order to help them improve their English.

The children here have school until mid July. Their days start and stop at different times depending on their grade level. School is held every weekday and every other Saturday. Most students have classes after the public school day is over. These are private lessons that the families pay for in order to help their child get ahead. These are held daily from afternoon into evening. My 14 year-old friend Peter has classes every day and often stays up until midnight studying. I volunteer 2 hrs. on Saturdays to help him practice his English. We often play board games and card games for something fun to do. Michelle even joined us when she was here for a couple games. His parents own/operate a restaurant and only have 1 day off per month. The Korean school year has 2 breaks, 1 for summer and 1 for winter vacations. Many students continue private lessons during this time. Todd has, and will, teach 1 week of "English Camp" at each of his schools during the upcoming summer break.

Our attached pictures show the purchases we made with the money sent to us from St. John's. The items will be used to enhance English education and Korean camaraderie. Our friend, Young Won, teaches English to young people 3 nights a week at our neighborhood church with the books and movies. Sunday school students use these tools as well. The photos of the 2 children are brother and sister and some of the youngest church members. The young lady, Ga Gyong, is Austin's pen pal.

We are grateful for your gifts which allowed us to share your interest and our time with the people we have met and encounter daily. It has definitely helped us bring a piece of Central Wisconsin to Northeast Asia. Thank you, parishioners of St. John's, for your prayers and correspondence.

In His Grace,

Todd and Melanie Peterson

P.S. for more pictures, please click on website below.

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



**Note: Pictures that came with this letter are available by e-mail. If you would like to see them please e-mail the church office and we will forward them to you.**

## Charity House Raffle

The Family Center is sponsoring a Charity House Raffle. All raffle proceeds go to the Family Center and Love Lights UW Cancer Center Riverview. Grand prize is a home valued at \$230,000 located at 4535 River Rd., Plover. Nine runners up will receive prizes valued at \$1,000 each. The raffle will be drawn at this year's Fish Fest in Wisconsin Rapids on July 18 at 8 PM. Winners need not be present. Winners are subject to all house raffle rules. Visit [familyctr.org](http://familyctr.org) for a copy of official rules and further details. Tickets are \$100 each and can be purchased at the following businesses in Wisconsin Rapids, Stevens Point and Plover. Mark Motors, American Family Agencies, Roman and Roman Associates, J. R. Siewert Realty/Coldwell Banker, Bull's Eye Credit Union, Dick Neville Pontiac, Daly Drug, River Cities Bank, Hillestad Insurance or at the Family Center during regular office hours.

## Camp Luther

**DO YOU KNOW A KID WHO IS ALREADY BORED?** Even though summer camps have started, there is still room at Camp Luther in many of our weekly and weekend camps. We are still taking registrations!! Join the more than 1500 children attending summer camp at Camp Luther this summer! There are still spaces open in **IMPACT Leadership Camp, Explorer Camp, Father/Son Camp and even in some weeks of Youth Camp!!** Check availability at our website, [www.campluther.com](http://www.campluther.com) and click on Summer Camps. Or call 1.877.264.CAMP.

**4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY FAMILY RETREAT! Hurry!!** There's still time to register for Camp Luther's 4<sup>th</sup> of July Family Retreat, **June 28-July 3**. This retreat is a unique way to share special time with the family and be re-energized for life at home. Included is housing in the Retreat Center, 3 full meals each day in the dining hall, daily Bible study and Christian growth, plenty of programmed activities, or time to just relax, plus campfire devotions each night. Register online at [www.campluther.com](http://www.campluther.com) or call our camp office at 1.877.264.CAMP.

**GIVING TO CAMP LUTHER IS FUN!!!** Visit our website, [www.campluther.com](http://www.campluther.com) for exciting ways to give to Camp Luther. Buy a paver in our courtyard, give to the Campership scholarship program, volunteer your time, and the list goes on! In the Giving to Camp section at [www.campluther.com](http://www.campluther.com) you can donate online and your gift of \$100 or more will help us reach our goal of 1000 New Partners in Ministry by the end of 2009! **In other giving news:** The Golf Challenge in June had 52 golfers (8 more than in previous years) and raised over \$12,000. Thank you to all who participated and to MCL Industries, once again, for sponsoring the event!

**JOIN US FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP AT CAMP LUTHER!** If you'll be picking up or dropping off a child or grandchild at camp this summer, why not plan on attending our Sunday Worship? Services are held in the Outdoor Chapel (or in the Fellowship Hall in inclement weather) at 10:15 a.m. each Sunday through August 16. The weekends KinderCampers or Explorer Campers provide special music and a guest pastor provides the sermon. You are also welcome to join us for a picnic lunch that follows in the picnic shelter. Tickets for lunch are available in the office prior to the worship service for \$6.00. Feel free to phone the Camp Luther with questions. 1.877.264.CAMP.

**LADIES** have fun at Camp Luther in these upcoming events. Share Bible Study, fun and fellowship with other women at the **Womens Weekend Out (September 18-20)** or craft and quilt with other women and share fellowship and Bible study also at the **Womens Craft Weekend (October 23-25)**. It is not too early to register, or get a group together. Visit [www.campluther.com](http://www.campluther.com) for more details, including online registration. Hope to see you and a friend there!

**FATHER/SON CANOE RETREAT (July 17-19)** Here's a great opportunity to enjoy the great outdoors with your son(s). Join us for a weekend of fun on the Flambeau River. You'll spend Friday night at Camp Luther, and then head out for a four-hour canoe trip ending in a camp-out right on the river. The weekend will also include some activities at Camp Luther, devotions and Bible study, and plenty of time to spend with your son(s). Register online at [www.campluther.com](http://www.campluther.com) or call 1.877.264.CAMP for more information.

**LABOR DAY WEEKEND FAMILY RETREAT (September 4-7)** This retreat offers a very flexible schedule with a variety of activities. Play together, or let each family member choose what interests them. The weekend features age appropriate Bible studies, with discussion based on Sacrifice. What does Christ's sacrifice mean for us on a daily basis? During the rest of the weekend, you can join in activities led by our staff or just enjoy the beach. Visit [www.campluther.com](http://www.campluther.com) to learn more.

**COUPLES RETREAT (September 25-27)** Camp Luther has big plans for our fall Couples Retreat geared towards married couples of all ages. Pastor Todd and Heather Biermann will lead "*Marriage in God's Way*", sharing valuable information for bringing you closer to each other and closer to God! The weekend's studies will be based on John 15, where Christ commands us to love one another as I have loved you. Activities will include couple time, a fall colors bike trip, winery tour, optional trip to Bond Falls, drive-in movie night, and much more! Meals will include two Breakfast in Beds, a picnic lunch and a romantic candlelight dinner.

## Adoption Information Meeting

Lutheran Social Services of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan, Inc. is excited to present an Adoption Information meeting on our Independent, Domestic and Inter-country programs. Those interested may attend the following time. Wednesday, July 22, 2009—5:30-7:00 PM (Pre-registration deadline of noon, July 22, 2009). The meeting will be held at: St. Stephen Lutheran Church, 512 McClellan St., Wausau, WI 54403. Please pre-register at 715-849-3344 by the above deadline.