

# St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church



## December 2011

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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.

### Mid-Week Advent Services

Wednesday's at 10:30 AM & 6:30 PM



Nov. 30-Proclaim the Wondrous Birth "John the Baptist"

Dec. 7-Proclaim the Wondrous Birth "Samuel"

Dec. 14-Proclaim the Wondrous Birth "Isaac"

### Christmas & New Year's Eve Services

#### Children's Christmas Program

Sunday, December 11 at 4:00 PM

"John Peter's Christmas Pox"

#### Christmas Eve Service

Saturday, December 24 at 4:00 PM and 6:00 PM

Proclaim the Wondrous Birth "Jesus"

#### Christmas Day Communion Service

Sunday, December 25 at 9:30 AM

Proclaim the Wondrous Birth "Christian's"

#### New Year's Eve Communion Service

Saturday, Dec. 31 at 6:30 PM

### Advent Devotions and Coin Folders

"Transforming This Christmas" is the title of this year's Advent devotionals from Lutheran Hour Ministries. Copies of the devotional are available in the narthex. Advent coin folders are also available. Please return them to the drop off box in the narthex.

### Cookie Walk



**St. John  
Lutheran Church  
Kellner**

Corner of 80<sup>th</sup> 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



All members of the congregation are invited to prepare their favorite cookies and candies for sale by the pound. Donations are to be at the church by Friday, December 9th. The Ladies Evening Guild organizes the Cookie Walk, but the Cookie Walk is a "Church-wide" event. The proceeds are donated to a variety of church projects. Doors will open at 9 a.m. for the public as well as members to purchase "**cookies and candies by the pound.**"

## St. John Hosting LLL



On December 2 at 6:00 PM we will be hosting Lutheran Laymen's League here at St. John. The dinner will be roast beef and the program will be Christmas Carols lead by Mary

Counnoyer on the guitar. Cost is \$7.50. For reservations call Duane Steinke at 715-423-2716 by Tuesday, November 29.

## Ladies Aid Christmas Party Potluck

The Ladies Aid will be having their Christmas Party Potluck on Thursday, December 1 at noon at the church. Please bring a dish to pass and a \$5.00 gift exchange. All ladies of the congregation are invited.



## Evening Guild Christmas Party



The Ladies Evening Guild Christmas Party will be on Tuesday, December 6 at Conley's. Social hour at 6:00 PM with dinner at 7:00 PM. Secret Pals will be revealed. Guests are welcome.

## Fruit Baskets

The Ladies Aid will be preparing fruit baskets for members who are 75 years or older. You may pick up your basket the weekend of December 17 & 18 after the services.

## Poinsettia Orders

All poinsettia orders are due in the office by Sunday, December 4.



## Holiday Cards and Napkins

Stop by the display in the narthex for your holiday cards and napkins. Cards are sold by the box. If you need assistance, ask one of the Evening Guild members.



## Offering Envelopes

Your 2012 offering envelopes are in the narthex. Envelopes are on the table in alphabetical order. Thank you for putting your first and last name on your envelopes. Your cooperation is appreciated! If you didn't get envelopes last year and would like envelopes for 2012, please call the church office. **Do not use your new envelopes until January 1, 2012.**

## Lutheran Witness Subscriptions

The Lutheran Witness is your magazine, written and provided especially for the lay people of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. Inserted in every issue is The Messenger, news from the North Wisconsin District. By subscribing to The Lutheran Witness, members of the North Wisconsin District become aware of the mission and ministry of both District and Synod. Each subscription is \$21.65 per year. (11 issues-- June/ July is a combined edition) Please make your check out to St. John Lutheran Church and on the memo line write "Lutheran Witness." Mail or drop your payment off at the church office by Monday, December 19. New subscriptions will begin in March 2012.

## Annual Report Deadline

Annual reports from all boards and organizations need to be brought or e-mailed to the church office by Wednesday, December 28.



## News From the Human Care Board

### Hope's Door

Here is a little information about the charity for which we work with for our Christmas Family Giving Tree. They are the former Resource Center located in the RCH Enterprises building (the old Preway plant). They take all sorts of used, but in good condition items year round. This time of year, hats, mittens and scarves are really appreciated. These people do an incredible job making Christmas special for many needy families. Last year they delivered Christmas gifts to 700 families. This year they have limited resources and volunteers and are open only three days a week, so they will only deliver to 347 families. They are open Monday through Wednesday 9AM to 4PM. Call them at 715-421-2622 for questions about donations or see their website at [www.hopesdoor.info](http://www.hopesdoor.info)



### Boys and Girls Club

Thank you for participating in the October collection for the club. The monetary collection from The Ladies Evening Guild and two church members was used to purchase apples, bananas, sliced cheese and bread (grilled cheese sandwiches), and stick and string cheeses. We also purchased fruit cups, granola/fruit bars, and a few miscellaneous items and a large package of toilet paper. Also, thank you for the other snacks, housekeeping items and games. They were very grateful.

### Thanksgiving Dinners

Thank you Ladies Aid for your generous donation. We purchased three Copp's certificates through Scrip and delivered them along with three turkey coupons, to Hope's door for our three Christmas families. They should have enough to purchase their entire Thanksgiving dinner. Thanks ladies!

### Family Gift Tree Christmas Dinners

Thank you Ladies Evening Guild for your generous donation for gift certificates for these three families. Along with the monetary gifts we are receiving from the congregation, they will have an amazing Christmas dinner and then some. Thanks ladies!

### Community Day Coupon Booklet Sales

Thank you for your participation in the coupon booklet sales again. Thanks to you, we raised \$320.00 for our church and will soon receive a check in the amount of \$220.91 for **bonus** money, so you see how important your purchase really is. This money will go against the loan principal for the Kester home.

### Ladies Quilting Group

These busy ladies just finished a huge number of quilts for Orphan Grain Train, but found time to make three beautiful quilts for our three Christmas Families. Thank you so much. We are sure the families will be thrilled to receive these. There is nothing like a homemade quilt to snuggle up in.

### Flower Chart

The 2012 altar flower sign up chart is on the north bulletin board. If your flowers are for a special occasion please indicate that as well or call the church office by the Wednesday before the weekend you have chosen. Then your special occasion can be noted in the bulletin.

### Bulletin Chart

If you would like to donate \$15.00 for the cost of printing the weekly bulletin please sign up on the chart on the north bulletin board. You may make you donation in honor of a birthday, anniversary or memorial. More than one person can be signed up for the same date. Please enclose payment in an envelope marked "Bulletin" and place in the offering plate. You may also mail or drop it off at the office. If you would like it published in the bulletin enclose your name and personal message.

### Thank You

To the wonderful members of St. John: Thanks for the many cards and gifts after my surgery. Your prayers and friendship are deeply appreciated

—Toni Hamann



## Office Thank You

Thank you "volunteers" for all your help in the office this past year. Thanks also to all those who donated paper or sponsored the weekly bulletin. A special thank you to our Ladies Evening Guild for their generous monetary gift that was used for paper and other office supplies. Thank you Ron and Marcia Doescher for all you do to keep our church clean and for picking up our paper recycling. Thank you Doug and Karen Ross for being our after office hours parcel pick up. Christmas Blessings to all!

## Cancellation Notices

In the event that a service would need to be cancelled due to severe weather, cancellation notices will appear on River Cities Community Access (Solarus Channel 3, Charter Channel 967), WAOW Channel 9 Wausau, WFHR AM 1320 and WGNV FM 88.5.



### *Christmas Tree Lane*

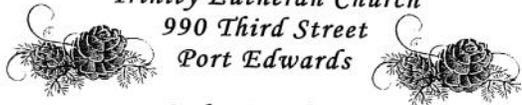
### *God's Eternal Gift*

*Sunday, December 4, 2011*

*Trinity Lutheran Church*

*990 Third Street*

*Port Edwards*



#### *Performing Choirs*

- 12:00 - St. Luke's Adult Choir*
- 12:30 - Trinity Adult Choir*
- 1:00 - Faith Reformed Adult and Mens Choirs*
- 1:45 - St. Alexander and Sacred Heart Adult Choir*
- 2:15 - Central Wisconsin Choristers*
- 2:45 - Bethlehem Adult Choir*
- 3:15 - Assumption High School Choir*
- 3:45 - Port Edwards Middle School Choir*
- 4:15 - Trinity Kingdom Ringers Bell Choir*
- 4:45 - Port Edwards High School Choir*

*Horse Drawn Wagon Rides - 12:00-3:00*

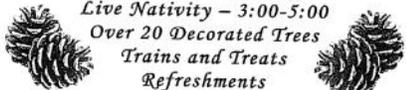
*(Weather Permitting)*

*Live Nativity - 3:00-5:00*

*Over 20 Decorated Trees*

*Trains and Treats*

*Refreshments*



*Free Admission - Monetary Donations Will Be Accepted*

## Evangelism



### **A Christmas Prayer**

By Robert Louis Stevenson

Loving Father,  
Help us remember the birth of Jesus,  
that we may share in the song of the angels,  
the gladness of the shepherds,  
and worship of the wise men.

Close the door of hate  
and open the door of love all over the world.  
Let kindness come with every gift  
and good desires with every greeting.  
Deliver us from evil by the blessing  
which Christ brings,  
and teach us to be merry with clear hearts.

May the Christmas morning  
make us happy to be thy children,  
and Christmas evening bring us to our beds  
with grateful thoughts,  
forgiving and forgiven,  
for Jesus' sake. Amen.

## Bethesda Thrift Shop

December is a good shopping month with many special sales. At the Bethesda Thrift Shop in the Rapids Mall we will offer several 50% off sales and some 75% off sales on Christmas items. Watch your weekly bulletin for special announcements. We also have some new items that would make good Christmas gifts. Our furniture department has NEW mattresses, sofa, love seat and recliners. We are open on Sundays through the 18<sup>th</sup> from 11:00a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and on Christmas eve day from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. We would like to end the year on a high note in sales. Please come in and support the folks at Bethesda that really need our help. Thanks for supporting us all year.