

# 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.

### Reflection Sunday Brunch



On July 10 at the 9:30 AM service all members who have reached the age of 80 years or older will be honored. The Ladies Evening Guild will be hosting a potluck brunch after the service.

Families, friends and all members of the congregation

are invited to join us in this celebration!

To assist us in updating our honoree guest list please notify the church office if you know of anyone 80 years of age or older who is not on the following list:

Chuck Behn, Mabel Behn, Harriet Brandt, Grace Gilman, Robert Hanneman, Laura Hanneman, Eva Helke, Florence Helke, Gilbert Hofschild, Helen Jensen, Neil Knoll, Ernie Neinfeldt, Laura Neinfeldt, Elaine Punzel, Lester Rabska, Harold Rickman, Gladys Sawaska, Helen Schoenick, William Schoenick, Howard Schuldt, Willis Sharpe, John Tomesek, Marion Swen, Pearl Zeman, Fred Zimmerman, Dorothy Zimmerman.

Thanks for your help.

### New Member

Welcome....Tara Spurlock !!!  
As a new member at St. John we look forward to getting to know you better as we worship and work together in serving the Lord.



### Ladies Aid Picnic

The Ladies Aid will be having their picnic on Thursday, July 7 at noon in the church basement. Please bring a dish to pass and a small bingo prize. All ladies of the congregation are invited.



### Interest In Youth Group

Some interest has been expressed for a youth group here at St. John's. The focus of the group will be to provide a Christian environment where the youth of St. John's can gather to socialize, serve their church and also help their community. Anyone interested and wishing to become involved with the group may call the church office or contact Sue at 715-423-8022.



Submitted by Sue Helmuth chairperson of the board of stewardship.

### Orphan Grain Train

The collection for Orphan Grain Train has been dropped as they no longer need the items they requested.

### SWEPS

A basket is in the Narthex for any non-perishable food items you wish to donate.

## Evangelism

### Love of God

Have I loved God above all else, or have I allowed other things--money, popularity, image, success--to motivate me and have primary place in my heart?

Are there areas in my life that I am holding back from God? Secret parts I don't want to expose to his light and his love?

Have I been faithful in my commitment to prayer and reading Scripture, to nourish my relationship with God?

Have I been faithful in honoring the Lord on the Sabbath?

Have I shown disrespect for God's name by misusing it in anger or frustration? By hesitating to mention God in appropriate situations? Have I avoided revealing my faith in certain situations?



### Notice to all Boards and Members

In order to keep things running smoothly and to know if bills are legitimate please remember to fill out an expense purchase report when purchasing or ordering items for church use. Expense purchase reports are available on the table in the narthex or in the church office. Thank You.

### Thank You

To Members of St. John: I attended your Mother Daughter Banquet and want to thank everyone involved. Their time and work is very much appreciated. It is always an enjoyable evening. I know a lot of work goes on "behind the scenes" and often goes unnoticed. Know it is appreciated even though maybe not expressed. Yours is a wonderful church. God bless each and every one of you. Sincerely--Sue Kromenaker.

### Thank You

Dear Pastor, Members of St. John's Lutheran Church, and Ladies Aid Society: I would be remiss if I put off this heartfelt thank you any longer. Thank you for all you did to help remember Mom (Lee Wood) in such a warm and loving manner...but especially thank you for giving mom's last years a deeper and more meaningful purpose to replace the one she lost when dad died. I am forever thankful for her peaceful passing and for the love and friendship she received from you all.

With regards--Karen

## Thank You

Dear St. John Lutheran Church: Thank you so much for your \$547 gift towards the tornado relief efforts. I am pleased to let you know that Trinity and St. John members did not suffer serious medical injuries although Luther Memorial Church in Gleason did suffer structural damage. However, I have spoken to 30+ Trinity members who have experienced damages ranging from trees down in their yards to 5 families who lost their homes completely.

Although news coverage has focused on other devastating storms clean up continues in our area. I am pleased to share with you that the only organized volunteer teams that are active in Merrill are coordinated through the LCMS churches in Merrill. Ron Kautz, a member of St. John, continues to provide hands on help to the entire community on behalf of Jesus Christ.

Your donation will help provide immediate support to families through meeting basic needs such as food, water, and portable restrooms in the short term as well as longer term assistance with recovery expenses for needy families.

Thank you again for all your prayer support and financial assistance to these families.

Sincerely,

Rev R. Brian Stolarczyk  
Trinity Lutheran Church-Merrill, WI

## Thank You

Rev. Kevin & Congregation: Thank You! You are awesome! Thank you for making us feel so welcome for the past few weeks that we have had the privilege and services with you. We will be spending the majority of our weekends in WI Rapids while we remodel and work on our home on Wazeecha Ave. that we intend to move to permanently when we retire from our jobs in the future. We are so happy to have found a church that we feel so at home in--it makes our new home that much more special for us. We will love to join your congregation in the very near future. --Earl & Julie Vis.



Have a Safe and Blessed  
Independence Day !!!