

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.

Awards and Cookout



The children will be singing and Teacher Appreciation and Student Awards will be handed out at the 9:30 AM Sunday service on May 1. Then join the Board of Education for a brat or burger at Picket Fence from 11 to 3 as they raise funds for Vacation Bible School.

Weekday School Fun Night

Weekday School Fun Night will be May 4. Join us for a year end evening of fun and to win prizes for memory work.

Vacation Bible School Registration

VBS will be held June 20th-23rd from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM in the church basement. Registration will go through the end of May. Forms will be sent home with kids as well as being available in the narthex. This will be a great week for both younger and older students with activities for all ages to learn about how great God is!

Sunshine Club

Anyone interested in the start-up of a group consisting of volunteers of women **and** men to visit our members in the hospitals, nursing homes, assisted living facilities and shut-ins in their homes, please call Sharon Dix at 715-424-2297.



Mother-Daughter Banquet

The Mother-Daughter Banquet will be on May 11 at 6:00 PM. Menu will be turkey, potatoes, vegetable, dessert and beverages. Mark your calendars and plan on joining us for a fun evening!



Door Collection

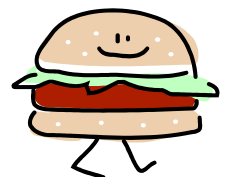
The Human Care Board will have a door collection after the services April 30/May 1 and May 7/8 for the families who lost their homes in the recent tornado in Merrill.

Volunteers Needed For Clean Up In Merrill Area

Besides monetary donations volunteers are always needed, especially for the long-range clean-up in the Merrill area. Volunteers should call the District Office between 8 and 4 PM (715-845-8241, ext. 23) if they wish to volunteer. The District Office will give callers a number to call to see what help is needed, when it is needed, where you will stay if you need overnight lodging, and what projects need work. That number may change from time to time so call the district office first (don't just show up at the work-site...call first) Your support is greatly appreciated.

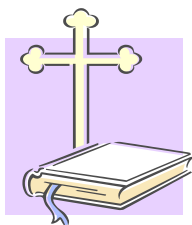
Evening Guild Cookout

Stop over at Wal-mart on May 13 for the Evening Guild Cookout. Your support is appreciated!



9 AM—2 PM

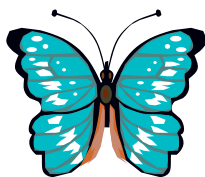
New Memorial Banners



Two new banners have been given to St. John Church, by the family of Alice Timm, who passed away November 11, 2009.

The rose on the banner, "Well Done, Good and Faithful Servant" denotes consolation at times of sadness and congratulations at times of joy. The cross reminds us of Christ's triumph over death. While it is disappointing to think we will never see our departed love ones again in this life, our grief turns to joy as we realize they have reached their highest goal--going where there will be no more sadness, just joy. We, too, can look forward to joining them there one day.

On the banner "Behold...All things are new Again," we see the tree of life sprouting little leaves, the sun coming up on a new day, shining on fresh flowers, being watched over by a newly emerged butterfly, all beside the Empty Cross. These remind us of God sacrificing His Son so that we cannot only have everlasting life, but that we can start each day, forgiven and renewed.



Please feel free to request the use of these or any other banners for events in your life.

SWEPS Thank You

Thank you all so much for your generous donations for SWEPS (The Food Pantry). We delivered 12 bags of food, 2 cartons of soup and also a monetary gift of \$20.00. You are so generous and SWEPS is very grateful. Donations are put on the shelves almost immediately because of the great need. In January they filled 107 food requests and 78 in February. A basket will be kept in the Narthex for the rest of the year for any donations you wish to make. Thank you again....Human Care Ministry.

Thank You

I would like to thank everyone who sent me such beautiful cards and for all your prayers and concerns before and after my surgery. Also thank you Pastor Ader for your visit at the hospital and for your prayers. God Bless You All—Barb Lundquist.

Thank You

To all of the wonderful people who sent/cooked the delicious foods. Casseroles were so good and all the hard work put into preparing the meal. I remember mom helping often and at the end telling her to rest! There is a saying.. "People will forget what you did..They may forget what you said...But they will never forget how you made them feel." Your kindness is deeply appreciated and will always be remembered.

--The family of Alice Benner.

Bethesda Thrift Shop

We hope spring will be here soon – our sales have been less than expected. We encourage you to check out our store in the Rapids Mall. I am sure we have a lot of what your are looking for. Right now we have NEW twin and queen size mattresses with foundation for a very reasonable price. We continue to have a wide variety of clothing for boys and girls, men and women. Also check out our books, knick-knacks, glassware, kitchen items, craft items, athletic apparel and much more. Check your bulletin announcement for special sales coming in May. The folks at Bethesda appreciate your business and donations.

DAVID



Fireside Theater in Ft. Atkins, WI
Sat, July 30

Bus leaves St. Luke's at 2:30 pm

Dinner at 5:30 p.m., show at 8 p.m.

St. Luke's is sponsoring a bus trip to the Fireside Theater on Saturday, July, 30. We will enjoy a new Christian musical on the life of **David** by the creators of the Rock & the Rabbi & The Child. We have a Lamers Coach bus for our transportation - \$89 covers show, bus, and dinner. Deposit to reserve your ticket is \$20. Meal is orchard salad, fresh baked breads, Chicken Vienna, sweet potatoes & asparagus, and Lemon chess tart.

Final payment of \$69 is due July 1st. Contact Martha Strong for more info at the St. Luke's office:
715-423-5990

