

# St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church



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## April 2012

**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.

### Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday Communion Service

April 1 at 9:30 AM

"Voices in the Temple" • Mark 11

Weekday School Children Sing

### Holy Week Services

#### Maundy Thursday Communion

April 5 at 10:30 AM & 6:30 PM

"The Voice of Pilate"

John 18:28—19:16

Please join us after the Maundy Thursday morning service for a soup and sandwich luncheon sponsored by the Ladies Aid. Free will donation.

#### Good Friday Service

April 6 at 1:00 PM & 6:30 PM

"The Voice of Innocence" Seven Last Words

#### Easter

April 7 Vigil Communion 6:30 PM

April 8

SonRise Communion 6:30 AM

Festival Communion 9:30 AM

"The Voice of the Tomb" Luke 24:1-12

The Evening Guild will be serving Easter breakfast starting at 7:45 AM--Egg bake, toast, assorted rolls, coffee, milk and juice. Tickets will be available at the door.



### Fellowship Sunday

No Fellowship Sunday on Easter but we have lots of openings available for the rest of the months in 2012. If you are interested in serving bars or cookies and coffee (the 2nd Sunday of each month) please sign up on the sheet located on the north bulletin board.

#### Attention: All Crafters & Knitters

The knit and crochet group would like all crafters to join us. Do you stamp, scrapbook, cross stitch or whatever, PLEASE JOIN US! Due to Easter weekend we will not meet on our usual 1st Saturday in the month, but on April 14 from 10 AM until 3 PM. Coffee will be provided. Please come to relax, work on our projects but most of all HAVE FUN!

### Library Contest

Congratulations to Elizabeth Weiland and Jill Weiland our winners for February! They have been awarded the February cash prize of \$30.00.

April will be our last month for the library contest and the age groups will be 5th through 8th grade. More information for this age group will be coming soon in our April bulletins along with the announcement of our March winner.

When checking out library items sign and date card found in item pocket and place card in library card file box. When you are finished place book in "return basket." Remember, to receive credit for the contest record your name and item title on the contest sheet.

## LWML Spring Rally Invitation

Dear Friends in Christ,

The S.A.L.T. (Serving and Loving Together) Group of Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church at 3210 Maple Dr., Plover invites you to join us for the LWML Spring Rally of Zone 17. The rally will be held on Saturday, April 14, 2012, beginning with registration and coffee at 8:30 AM. There will be a noon luncheon. A registration fee of \$5.00 will cover the lunch and materials.

The speaker is Lee Belmas who retired from North Wisconsin District LCMS in October of 2011. Lee was an elementary school teacher for 12 years, a principal for 3 of those years as well as being a coach for a number of sports. In 1983 he changed careers, went back to Concordia--St. Paul and became a Director of Christian Education in 1985. His first and only call was to the North Wisconsin District LCMS. Lee worked with Jr. and Sr. High youth for 21 years along with the media library, Care ministry, Building maintenance man and adult ministry. Over the last 5 years he worked in the areas of Ministerial Health and Wellness, building maintenance, Family and the "Every Kid to Camp" ministry. Lee had a life-saving/changing/transforming liver transplant on January 31, 2007. Lee will share his story and how it has changed his outlook on life and ministry. He will also share how the Lord is still using him to help kids build a stronger foundation of faith in Jesus Christ through a summer camp experience at Camp Luther.

The Christian Life topic of "The Emperor's New Clothes: A Parable on Blind Pride and Anointed Vision" was written by Pastor Selle and will be presented by Chris Voelker.

Childcare is available if needed. Please pre-register children by emailing Maria at [beautifulsaviorpl@sbcglobal.net](mailto:beautifulsaviorpl@sbcglobal.net) or call 715-341-2898 before April 7, 2012.

Our ingathering Gifts of the Heart will be for St. Paul's Food Pantry. Please bring non-perishable items. Please be mindful that these items are healthy and not outdated.

Remember to bring your Stamps for Missions and beverage tabs for the Ronald McDonald house.

Serve the Lord with Gladness,

Joan Belmas, President

S.A.L.T. of Beautiful Savior

## Fight Cancer Pledge Walk

On Wednesday, April 18 the **W e e k d a y S c h o o l** children will be participating in a community service project. This event will be a forty minute walk and participants will be asking for pledges from family and friends. All the proceeds will go to our local cancer center. Students will be encouraged to invite parents, relatives and friends to participate in the walk also.



The second event will be a church wide event scheduled during Vacation Bible School with date pending in June.

The students are excited to help "fight cancer" and help others. Hopefully, we also can show our support to their commitment.

## Board of Education Brat Fry

To fund this year's Vacation Bible School the Board of Education will be holding their annual brat fry at Picket Fence on Sunday, May 6 from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM. VBS will be held the week of June 18th from 5:30 to 7:30 PM Monday - Thursday.

## Skate City Fun Night

The Weekday School children completed a wonderful goal of donating over 200 items, mainly books, to the Boys and Girls Club Mead location. The children are going to be working on memory work during the month of April and as a way to wrap up the end of this year we are going to be having a St. John Lutheran night at Skate City on May 9 from 6:00-9:00 PM (children will be supervised by Weekday School staff from 6:30-7:30 PM). The Board of Education would like to invite anyone in the congregation to join us as we will have the whole place to ourselves. A signup sheet will be available in the narthex closer to the date. The cost is \$6.00 per person and includes admission, quad roller skate rental (inline skate rental \$1), facility just for your group for 3 hours, 1 hour all you can eat pizza & soda buffet, professional staff and disc jockey. The children with memory work completed and as a thank you for the wonderful donations to the Boys and Girls club will have their admission paid for.



## Thank You

Thank you to all who sent thoughts, prayers, and cards during my stay in the hospital. Also, thanks to Pastor Ader for his visits. Blessings to you all. Ron Doescher & family.

## Thank You

Thank you to our generous congregation of St John for the giving response to a call of a need for a donation of help, hotdish, salad, dessert etc. to a funeral. The families are so very grateful for your caring. Also thank you to Marlyn Alft and Sharon Dix, (co-chairpersons of group I of the funeral groups) for their organization, set-up, and serving of the food. Also to the volunteers that helped. The many hands make a BIG job a shared task. The family of Ernie Neinfledt expressed much appreciation.

## Women's Retreat at Marquette

Gather a group of friends, load up your car and head north--north to Marquette, Michigan, for "On Solid Ground," a women's retreat. The retreat will take place at Redeemer Lutheran Church on Friday & Saturday, April 20-21, 2012. The event will be filled with music and fun, fellowship and activities, and most importantly Bible study. The featured Bible study teacher will be Donna Pyle from Spring, Texas. Donna is an engaging speaker and Bible study leader. Her newest Bible study "Your Strong Suit" was produced in partnership with the LWML and Artesian Ministries. The cost for this event is \$25 plus \$10 for lunch. Registration deadline is April 11, 2012. For women registering late, lunch may not be guaranteed. Childcare is also available on-site at no additional cost. The event begins at 7:00 PM on Friday, and will conclude by 3:00 PM on Saturday. For more information contact the church office at 906-228-9883. Registration forms and the option to pay online are available by accessing the church website [www.redeemermqt.org](http://www.redeemermqt.org).

## Bethesda Thrift Shop

Big News at Bethesda! We have expanded our Thrift Shop in the Rapids Mall to the two adjoining vacant stores to make room for increased items for sale. Our increased emphasis will be in NEW

furniture including sofas, love seats, recliners, chairs, dining/chair sets, end tables etc. Another section will be dedicated to increased stock in NEW mattresses and box foundations in all sizes. The current store has been completely redesigned for better shopping. The back work room is also being enlarged to make more space available for donation and better convenience for our volunteers. We spent a lot of volunteer time to make our store a better place to shop. Please stop by soon and check us out. Easter items will be available at 50% discount. Thanks for your support to help us grow!

## God's Great "Yes!"

"For I the Lord do not change", spoke our Lord through the prophet Malachi in chapter 3, verse 6. This statement is confirmed by Paul who wrote these words in 2 Corinthians 1: 19-22: "For as the Son of God, Jesus Christ, Whom we proclaimed among you. Silvanus and Timothy and I, was not Yes and No, but in Him it is always Yes. For all the promises of God find their Yes in Him. That is why it is through Him that we utter our Amen to God for His glory. And it is God Who establishes us with you in Christ, and has anointed us, and Who has also put His seal on us and given us His Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee." God does not change His mind about His promises to us. All that God has promised us has been or will be fulfilled through His only Son Who has taken our sins in His body on the cross and Who has risen from the dead, guaranteeing that we, too will rise from the dead and will live forever with Him in Heaven. We respond with the great "Amen!" "Yes! Yes! Yes! It shall be so!" We offer our honor and praise to God through His Son as we rejoice at the empty tomb. We offer our lives and our resources in thanksgiving to the One Who loves us with an incomprehensible love. In Christ alone, God fulfilled all His Old Testament promises of redemption. In Christ, we stand unwavering in faith. In Christ, we are His own. In Christ, we look forward in hope and joyful anticipation to seeing our Savior face to face! We live as redeemed people of the victorious Lamb of God. As that Lamb came seeking us who were lost (Luke 19:10), we now continue that work, for our will is that of "God our Savior, Who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth" (1 Timothy 2:4).

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## Writers in the Bible

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| DARIUS   | ISAIAH   | PETER     |
| DAVID    | JEHU     | PILATE    |
| ELIJAH   | JEREMIAH | REHUM     |
| EZEKIAL  | JESUS    | STEPHANAS |
| EZRA     | JEZEBEL  | TERTIUS   |
| GOD      | JOHN     |           |
| HABAKKUK | JOSHUA   |           |
| HAMAN    | JUDE     |           |



Where is the longest recorded prayer of Jesus?

John 17

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#### VOLUNTEER AT CAMP LUTHER!

Join us for a Spring Workbee Weekend, April 27-29 or May 18-20 or just call to set up another time to volunteer. Workbees are great fun for adults and families. Workbee runs from Friday evening through Sunday lunch. It's FREE, and it's a great way to give back as a family and help children learn about Christian service. Join us this year! Register at [www.campluther.com](http://www.campluther.com).

#### GRANDPARENTS!!

When was the last time you had meaningful one-on-one time with your grandchild? Spend that special time away at Camp Luther this summer at GrandKids Camp, June 22-24 or August 10-12. Register online at [www.campluther.com](http://www.campluther.com).

**GET YOUR FOURSOME TOGETHER FOR A GREAT DAY OF GOLF!** The Camp Luther Golf Challenge is set for June 8 at the Northwood Golf Club in Rhinelander. NEW this year, Competitive Division and Hackers Division! Great prizes and lunch provided. Free housing at camp. Each foursome is asked to raise \$800 for camp. Proceeds to retire the mortgage at camp. Register at [www.campluther.com](http://www.campluther.com).

**SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION IS OPEN!!** Visit [www.campluther.com/summer](http://www.campluther.com/summer) to register online or watch our video!! Camp Luther has an exciting summer planned for children K-12. Registrations are pouring into Camp, so register now to get the village you want on the week you want. "Witness" from Acts 1:8 is our theme for this summer!! *Struggling financially this year? Ask about our Campership program (online: "Summer Camps" - "Summer Camp Corner").*

## S'more about Camp Luther

#### CAMP LUTHER 2012 CALENDAR - On Sale Now!!

The 2012 Camp Luther calendar contains 12 gorgeous photos of Camp Luther taken by photographers competing in our 2nd annual photo contest. Calendars are available NOW, the cost is \$5 each, plus \$2 for shipping/handling. Send your check to 1889 Koubenec Road, Three Lakes, WI 54562 or order online through the link on the homepage at [www.campluther.com](http://www.campluther.com). Quantities are limited, so order today. Calendar months go through January 2013, so you still get almost a full year's worth!! Thank you to everyone who contributed photos.

#### GET AWAY WITH THE GUYS FOR A GREAT WEEK OF FISHING AND GOLF!

The retreat is May 15-18—3 nights in a cottage, 7 meals, guest speakers and plenty of time for fishing and golfing. Register and get more details at [www.campluther.com](http://www.campluther.com). Only \$135—even lower if you come with a group of 4 or more!

#### FATHER/SON AND MOTHER/DAUGHTER CANOE ADVENTURES!

Relish some one on one time with your child this summer and experience an adventure together in the process. Camping, devotions, fun and fellowship plus time away from the distractions of life. Join the canoe adventures August 9-12. Register at [www.campluther.com](http://www.campluther.com).

#### YOUTH GROUPS SERVING AT CAMP LUTHER TOGETHER!!

This retreat is a perfect service opportunity for your youth group and is a wonderful way to strengthen faith through service. There are fun and meaningful projects to complete at Camp, plus devotions and activities lead by Camp Luther staff. Bring your youth group to meet others at the Side by Side Retreat - May 4-5.

#### CHOOSE CAMP LUTHER WITH YOUR THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS!!

It's easy and it benefits Camp Luther and Every Kid to Camp! Log on to [www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice) or call 800-THRIVENT (800-847-4836) and get started TODAY!! Eligibility is established by Thrivent and by your premiums, account values and volunteer leadership! You simply go online and they do the rest. THANK YOU for giving to Camp Luther!!

#### JOIN US ON FACEBOOK!!

We now have over 1750 likes on Facebook, so join us there to hear what's happening at Camp, to share memories and to spread the word about the ministry and joy that is Camp Luther.



*Camp Luther is a ministry of the North Wisconsin District-LCMS. Our mission is to build up the Body of Christ for service to the church and witness to the world.*

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## Evangelism Puzzle Answers

