

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.

Special Services & Events



We will be having a **Chili Supper** on November 15 at 5:00 PM. Sponsored by the A-Men Group.

Our **Hunter's Service** will be on November 15 at 6:30 PM.

Our **Thanksgiving Eve Service** will be on Wednesday, November 24 at 6:30 PM. After the service we will have a **Pumpkin Pie Social** hosted by the Ladies Aid and Evening Guild.

Weekday School

This year there are 37 students enrolled in Weekday School. We all appreciate the support and assistance we have from the parents and congregation in growing attendance. We have already had some great fun this year and have many events to come.

The children's Christmas program will be Sunday, December 10 at 4 PM. Come join us for a Christmas story in "The Evening News Hour." The practice schedule will be sent home with the children in November.

Reminder no Weekday School on November 21.

Community Days Coupon Booklets

November 4 will be the last Sunday Community Days Coupon Booklets will be sold after the service. Each booklet is \$5.00 and for every book we sell, St. John makes a clear profit of \$5.00. This is a great fundraiser. Please help by purchasing a booklet or two.

School Supply Collection Thank You

Thank you to everyone who participated in the collection of school supplies for Grant School. As usual, the response was terrific. We delivered four big boxes of school supplies. The school staff was amazed by our generosity and was also very grateful. Thank you again, you are so generous--Human Care Board

Advent by Candlelight

Sunday, December 2, 2012

2:00 PM to 4:00 PM

"Light of the World"

Based on John 8:12



Women and girls of the congregation and community are invited to celebrate the beginning of Advent—the preparation for Jesus' birth.

This no-charge "girls" afternoon will begin with a social time in the Narthex, followed by a program in the Church Sanctuary. Included will be musical presentations, inspirational readings, and learning more about Advent and the Advent symbols, along with the sharing of God's Word. The guests will then be invited to the lower level to join the Hostesses for dessert at one of the beautifully decorated tables.

If you and your family member, friend or neighbor would like to attend, sign up on the chart on the table in the Narthex.

If you have questions concerning the event, please contact Lois VerVoort, Darleene Swen, Rhonda Knoll, Deb Sandberg, Terri Lybeck, Marianne Timm, Judy VanErt, or Judy Shepard.

Christmas Families Giving Tree

We have received the names and wish lists for **three** families from Hope's Door (which was the former Family Resource Center) located in the RCH Enterprises building in Wisconsin Rapids. We have helped this organization who helps needy families for quite some time now by buying Christmas gifts and food for their Christmas dinner.



We will have a decorated tree in the Narthex starting the weekend of October 27 & 28. The tree will have ornaments of green trees for Family 1, balls for Family 2 and snowflakes for Family 3. Each ornament will have a family member's name on the front and a requested gift on the back. Two families have parents and four children and one family has parents and five children. We sort through the wishes, but put the "needs" items first.

- Pick an ornament from the tree and find the corresponding gift sheet for that family located on the back table.
- Match the **name of the person and the gift item** on the ornament to the gift sheet, make a check mark next to it so we know it has been taken and write your name on that line.
- Please wrap the gift and use that ornament as the gift tag.
- When you bring the wrapped gift back to church, please put an X through your check mark so we know that gift selection has been completed.
- Please have all gifts wrapped and brought back to church **no later than December 2. Earlier is better so we can double check and ensure families have an equal number of gifts.** Hope's Door also needs time to make deliveries to the many families they serve.
- **Please do not add items on your own as we must keep the gifts evenly distributed. Children are hurt by obvious differences.**

The Human Care Board buys gift certificates in the amount of \$25.00 for the families for Thanksgiving and Christmas for their special meals to buy meat and maybe a few other items. This does not go very far. In the past we collected non-perishable food items, but the selection was so random. In place of

the food items, if you would so graciously agree to do so, a gift of money would be appreciated. The Human Care Board will divide the money evenly for the families, and through Scrip, purchase another gift certificate so families can purchase items to make their favorite side dishes instead.

Someone from Hope's Door accompanies them when shopping so inappropriate items are not purchased. Envelopes for this purpose will also be on the back table. Thank you.

Fruit Basket List

The Ladies Aid will be putting together fruit baskets in December for members 75 years of age or older.



If you or someone you know is not on the list and would like a fruit basket please notify the church office.

Jeanine Arneson, Chuck & Mable Behm, Joanne Behrend, Harriet Brandt, Jan Bremmer, David & Dorothy Cook, Ronald Geiger, Grace Gilman, Robert & Laura Hanneman, Eva Helke, Florence Helke, August Henke, Gilbert Hofschild, Dick Kertis, Jack Kester, Neil Knoll, Lorin Lutz, Ray Monje, Laura Neinfeldt, Diann Peotter, Elaine Punzell, Lester Rabska, Charles & Darlene Rickman, Bertie Rosenthal, Gladys Sawaska, Willis & Karon Sharpe, Helen Schoenick, Ardel Schoenick, Howard Schuldt, John Tomesek, Carol Warren, Pearl Zeman, Dorothy & Fred Zimmerman

Thanks for helping us keep our list up to date.

Scrip Scrap Corner

We are happy to announce the start up of our Scrip Program here at St. John. Now you can put your regular household shopping dollars to work and earn money for our church without spending a single additional penny and you can conveniently purchase it right here in house. **Scrip will be sold every Saturday and Sunday after the services. Scrip will also be sold in the office from 9 AM-2 PM Tuesdays & Wednesdays. Special orders will be available upon pre-paid request.** If you are interested in seeing all of the gift cards that are available please check the list in the narthex or the Great Lakes Scrip website at www.glscrip.com. **Scrip was sold for the first time the weekend of October 27 & 28 with a profit gain of \$57.00.**

Memorial Committee

The church sign near the south entrance of the parking lot is complete. The stone work, shrubs, landscaping and lighting were funded by **designated** and **undesigned** donations made to the Memorial Fund. Thank you to all who donated their time and talents to complete the project.—The Memorial Committee

Quilts

The quilts on display in October were made by the Quilters of St. John congregation for the Orphan Grain Train. The Quilters meet in the church basement one day a month. If you have any material, old sheets or blankets you would like to donate please bring them to church. We are also in need of helping hands. If you would like to help, feel free to come and join us. Any questions please call Mona Heindl at 715-423-3962.

Addresses Needed For Care Packages

The Compassionate Friends and the Ladies Evening Guild are asking for help in locating any first year college students and also anyone serving in the armed services. This is an open invitation to our members and extended church family. We would like to send them "care packages" to help remind them that their church family is thinking of them. Please call the church office at 715-423-7788 with the name and address, or write out information and place in Sue Helmuth's or Darlene Swen's mailbox. Thank you so much for your help. We, again, are asking for ways to help you, your friends and families. It may be something simple, like a card to let them know we are praying for them or a phone call to say hi. No need is too small or too big, we are able to serve and we want to serve! Call the church office or fill out a pew card and put in offering. We thank you for your support!



LWR Semi Loading

November 3 from 8:30-noon

A semi will be here in Wisconsin Rapids to receive blankets and other items, which are sent to areas of need around the world. This year the semi will be in a new location, the First English Lutheran Church parking lot, 440 Garfield St. Wisconsin Rapids. Items needed include: mission quilts, personal care kits, baby care kits, fabric kits, school kits and soap. **Sorry, no clothing of any kind!** Go to www.lwr.org "Get Involved" for more information. For monetary donations, mail to: LWR, PO Box 17061, Baltimore, MD 21297-1061 or go online to www.lwr.org "Donate."

Win A Beautiful Hand Crafted Queen Size Quilt!

Donna Rae Polansky made and donated a beautiful reversible Queen size bed quilt 92" x 108" to St. John to be raffled off for the Bazaar October 27 thru the Cookie Walk December 8, 2012. We will be selling chances to win this quilt at the Cookie Walk, and before and after church services until December 9, 2012. Tickets are 1 for \$1.00 or 6 for \$5.00. Drawing will be after the Sunday am service December 9, 2012. Join the fun and purchase your chances to win this beauty--Mona Heindl

Wow!

The St. John congregation seamstresses did it again! Last Monday we sent 295 pillowcase dresses with Duane Steinke to take to the International LLL Convention at Wausau, WI. Some area LLL personnel wanted to recognize St. John for our mission efforts. We sent several of the dresses for them to display and the remainder were packed and ready to be shipped to Haiti.

We have two seamstresses at St. John that made 120+ pillowcase dresses each!. These outstanding ladies are Marion Oleson and Donna Rae Polansky! Busy Ladies! Thank you! Thank you everyone for the wonderful creations you fashioned for the little girls of Haiti. We are sure they will wear them proudly--St. John Sewing Group



Thank You's

We want to thank Pastor Ader and the congregation for their many prayers and cards of condolences for the recent passing of Marianne's brother, Dave Van Wormer. Your love, thoughtfulness, and concern were all appreciated.
—Gene & Marianne Timm and their families

I would like to thank Pastor Ader for visiting me in the hospital and I would also like to thank Mona & Les Heindl and the Ladies Aid for the nice cards. Thanks again.
—Pearl Zeman

We would like to thank everyone for their prayers. Thanks also to Pastor Ader and to those who donated food and served the luncheon for Charlene Robinson's funeral.
—Jamie & Wendy Bruhn/Ruth and Ed Russell/ Carol and Ryan Pawlicki/Larry Robinson

I want to thank everyone for their thoughtful cards, well wishes and keeping me in your prayers before and after surgery. God Bless.
—Marlyn Alft

Thank you to Pastor Ader for visiting Leonard and for the many, many prayers. Thanks to the Ladies Aid for the nice cards sent.
—Grace & Leonard Gilman.

We would like to thank the congregation for the prayers, support, cards and to Cindy Lau, Brenda Prange, and the seven youth that came to rake leaves. Thank you Pastor Ader for the home visit. It was very much appreciated. God's Blessings to You All.
—Augie & Emily Henke

Ladies Of St. John-Mark Your Calendars

The 2013 Rural Christian Women's Conference is **January 19, 2013** at the Parkside Middle School in Wautoma. Early Registration is \$25.00 and ends *November 20, 2012*. Registration after Thanksgiving is \$30.00. Christian recording artist Laura Story will share her music and her personal walk with the Lord. **WATCH FOR THE SIGN UP SHEET IN THE NARTHEX.** Any questions please call Darleene Swen @ 715-423-9087.

Bethesda Thrift Shop

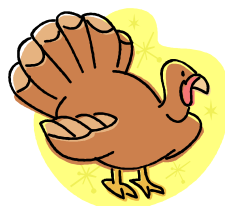
November is an exciting month at the Bethesda Thrift Shop in the Rapids Mall. The store will be packed with hundreds of Christmas decorations and gifts beginning early November. Again, a fully decorated Christmas tree is included in a silent auction. On Saturday, November 17 we will have our annual Christmas Open House with most items on sale from 20 to 70% off. Doors will open early at 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Then on Friday, November 23 we will have our Black Friday sale with door buster sales of 50% off almost everything in the store beginning at 7:00 a.m. We continue to carry NEW furniture and mattresses. Be sure to stop at Bethesda Thrift Shop for your Christmas shopping at very low prices. Starting November 25, the store will be open on Sundays from 11:00-4:00 until Christmas. Thanks for your support.

Thanksgiving Dinner at Peace Campus

Peace Campus Center invites you to our Annual Thanksgiving Dinner on Sunday, November 11, 2012 from 4-7 PM. Come and bring a friend to enjoy a traditional Thanksgiving meal—turkey, potatoes, salads, and pumpkin pie. For more information, call 345-6510 or email awden@uwsp.edu
—Sponsored by Lutheran Student Fellowship

St Luke's Community Thanksgiving Day Dinner

St. Luke's Lutheran Church will be serving a Community Thanksgiving Day Dinner to anyone who may be alone on this day and/or is unable to prepare the traditional meal for him/herself. Serving will be on Thursday, November 22nd, from noon until one PM in the fellowship hall. Home deliveries or transportation to St. Luke's will be available. There is no charge for the dinner as funding is supplemented by Thrivent Financial, Veolia Environmental Services, and other donations. Reservations are requested and will be taken starting Monday, November 12th. Please call the following to make your reservation:
Weekdays-St. Luke's office, 9 a.m-4 p.m. 715-423-5990.



St. Luke's is located at 2011 10th Street South and is handicap accessible.

Evangelism Puzzle

It's That Time

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BEFORE	OBSERVE
BLESSED	OTHER
BLOOD	PAST
BOWED	PLAGUES
CAMP	PURIFIED
CHILD	SEVEN
CITY	SINS
DAN	SMITTEN
DAVID	SUPPLANTED
FINGER	TEN
GROUND	THOUSAND
KEEP	TWO
LEPROSY	WAGES
MANNER	YEAR
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Bonus Trivia

For what strange offense was a prophet killed by a lion?

He refused the request of another prophet to hit him. (1 Kings 20:35-36)

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**18th Annual
Cookie and Candy Walk
Saturday, December 8, 2012
Doors open at 9 a.m.**

**What is a cookie walk...?
How do we get involved...?
Why should we get involved...?**

It's time to look over your favorite **HOLIDAY COOKIE & CANDY** recipes, make a few dozen extra to help make this the "Sweetest" event of the year! Share your baking and candy making talents!

Over the past 17 years the **Cookie and Candy Walk** has been a huge success! Everyone who visited the "Sweet Treat Event" in previous years is eager to purchase homemade cookie and candy again. A good turnout of the finest cookies and candies in the area is expected from all the fine cooks, candy makers, and chefs in our congregation!

All families of St. John Lutheran Church are asked to bring 2 to 4 dozen (or more if you would like), of your favorite **HOLIDAY COOKIES OR CANDY** to the church by Friday, December 7th.

On Saturday morning the **Holiday Cookies & Candy** will be sold "**By-the-pound**". **Holiday Cookies and Candies** can be purchased individually, by two's or three's or whatever...by the ½ dozen, whole dozen or an assortment! Cookies and Candies will also be sold in attractively packaged **Holiday Gift Boxes and Trays**, ideal for your Holiday Parties and Gifts!

The Ladies Evening Guild coordinates the Cookie and Candy Walk, but the event is a "**church-wide**" project with the proceeds to be donated to a variety of church needs.

The sale is open to the Congregation as well as to the surrounding community. Come early..... the goodies sell out quickly!

Have your **HOLIDAY COOKIES & CANDIES** to the Church by Friday, December 7th
The **SALE** will be on Saturday, December 8th, doors opening at 9 a.m.

For more information contact (715) Deb Sandberg, 424-2432; Marianne Timm, 423-1651; Judy Shepard 423-2071; Barb Lundquist 424-2107; Judy Monje 342-0117; or Jeanine Arneson 345-0568.

Compassionate Friends



Do you know of someone who could benefit from a visit, a card, a listening ear, or a prayer?

That's what our Compassionate Friends are waiting to offer to you, your family or friends.

We can't help unless we know of a need.

Compassionate Friends offer care in the following ways:

Visitation: Home illness visits

Shut in's

Hospital visitation

Prayer chain: For comfort, strength, praise

Extended care: Provide cards, notes to those facing long term health issues and to their families.

Encouragement: Encouraging others in times of need and times of joy through cards, notes, phone calls.

Call church office or fill out Compassionate Friends pew request.

All requests confidential.



Puzzle #33

