

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.

Adult Bible Class Update

The Sunday Morning Adult Bible Class will resume on Sunday, April 7th. We will be starting a new study of the Letter to the Hebrews. Copies of the study guide will be available in the narthex, and also on the piano in the church basement. We meet starting at 8:05 am, and there is always room for you to join us.



The Monday Evening Adult Bible Class will resume on Monday, April 8th. We will be starting a new study looking at some of the basic teachings of some of the world's religions like Hinduism, Buddhism, and Scientology to name just a few. In addition to studying the basic teachings, we will also be looking at some of their religious writings upon which they base their teachings. Copies of the study guide "One God, Many gods, One Word, Many Writings" will be available in the narthex, and also on the piano in the church basement. We meet starting at 6:30 pm and generally go until 8:00 pm, and there is always room for you to join us.

North Wisconsin District Lutheran Malaria Initiative Sunday – April 14th

One child in Africa dies every 60 seconds from malaria. In a single 24-hour period— one day— 1,440 people in Africa will succumb to this disease. Lutheran Malaria Initiative Sunday is an opportunity to raise awareness of the devastating effects of this disease and encourage people to join in the worldwide effort to end malaria deaths in Africa by 2015. There will be special inserts and information available in the weekend bulletin on April 7 so that you may bring your gifts to LMI with you on April 14.

Weekday School News

Thank you to everyone that donated to the Wisconsin Rapids Food Pantry. Your donations are sure to make a child happy.

St John VBS will be held this year June 10-13 from 5:30-7:30 PM with a servant event on Thursday, June 14 at Lunch by the River. Registration information will be sent home with children in April or by calling the church office. Please register by May 31.

The Board of Education will be holding its brat fry annual fund raiser Sunday, May 5 from 11 AM-2 PM in the church basement or at the Picket Fence. Proceeds will go toward the materials for VBS.



Please join us for family fun night Wednesday, May 8 from 5:30 to 8:30 PM. \$6 for anyone that would like to join the children of St John Weekday School. Price includes a pizza/snack bar and skate rentals.

Thank You



St. John Choir would like to extend their personal thank you to those persons who donated monies to the Memorial Fund in memory of their loved ones. The Memorial Committee chose undesignated funds to purchase the Music Folders for the Choir. One of the Choir Music Folders is on display in the Narthex. Again thank you to St. John Memorial Committee for their generous gift!

Hope's Door

St. John Church has volunteered to fund Hope's Door (formally The Resource Center) for the month of May. Hope's Door is at 1430 2nd Street North, Wisconsin Rapids and services about 600 families in the area. They offer used clothing, household appliances, and furniture free of charge to the families that meet their requirements.

A year or so ago the United Way changed their policy for financial support and the Resource Center was unable to keep their funding. Therefore, the name was changed to Hope's Door and various ways of funding explored. They are asking the local churches to each take one month a year to provide the funding to keep the center open. Jeanette Ostrum manages the center. She and all the staff volunteer their time and talents to keep the center open. They are now only able to be open three days per week, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 9 am to 4 pm.



We at St. John want to raise the \$1000 for the month of May needed for their operating expenses. We are asking for our St. John Congregation to help us raise the money and

volunteer their services to assist the staff at Hope's Door the days they are open the month of May. Watch the bulletins for further details.

Jeanette Ostrum, from Hope's Door will be speaking at the Ladies Aid meeting April 4th at 1:30 pm. Please come for more information about Hope's Door and its importance to our community.

—The Human Care Board

LWML Zone 17 Spring Rally

On Saturday, April 20 the ladies of St. Paul Lutheran Church Stevens Point will be "Serving the Lord with Gladness" at the North Wisconsin LWML Zone 17 Spring Rally.

Registration will begin at 8:30 AM with the rally starting at 9:00 AM and concludes with a noon luncheon. Registration fee is \$5.00.

The Christian Life Topic "Cinderella: A Parable of this Life and the Life to Come" written by Reverend Robert Selle, will be presented by Chris Voelker.

Suzie Umbel from Hudson, WI will be our guest speaker. She is a singer, speaker/teacher and writer with a passion for the Word of God. Her topic will be "QUENCHED? IF NOT, WHAT IS MISSING?" which will focus women on how they can find that peace that we all long for in this world.

Our Gifts of the Heart will be "Cupboards for Christ" food pantry at St. Paul. Needed items include: canned goods, pasta, tuna, cereal, hamburger helper and mac and cheese.

Remember to bring your Stamps for Missions.

Knit Group-Change Of Day And Time

Due to frequent Saturday commitments, we have decided to meet the 1st Monday of every month at 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM at church. We are hoping that this time will work out better for everyone. Our group will continue to knit for Hope's door and also knit lap prayer robes for the Compassionate Friends group. Some come just to knit their own projects and enjoy the fellowship. If you do not knit and wish to learn--we can help you. All crafters are welcome, also! Please join us at our new time. Bring a friend. Refreshments provided.



St. John Rocked Community Days Coupon Sales

REALLY BIG, HUGE (even bigger) thanks to all of our St. John team who helped with the sale of the Community Days Coupon books at Younkers the last 6 weeks. I am thrilled to report that a total of 314 coupon books were sold and with some donations along the way (can you believe some folks actually told us to "keep the change"?), we were able to bring \$1,635.00 back to our church! I wish I could give each of you an appropriate reward, but a call-out will have to do: Betty Spurlock, Laurel Zager, Judy Van Ert, Sue Helmuth, Lydia Greening, Toni Hamann, Deb Sandberg, JoLynn Winkels, Jeanine Arneson, Jerry Swen, Doug Ross, Bonnie James, Judy Shepard, Lois VerVoort, Sharon Dix, Rhonda Knoll and, last (but surely not least) my hubby, Ray, for being there with behind-the-scenes help and for putting up with me every day of the sale.

Yes, this season's sale is over, but I WILL BE BACK IN THE FALL, asking again for your help. My hope is that you will see what we have accomplished by working together as a team (\$2,695 presented to OUR church as a result of the current sale and the one this past November). Imagine what we could do with a few more members on our team....Judy Monje

Scrip Scrap Corner

It's not too early to put in your Scrip order for Mother's Day. Your mom deserves the best! Whether she would love a day at the spa, an evening at her favorite restaurant, a new outfit, or home accessories, we have Scrip for everything you need to make her day special! Applebee's, Bed Bath & Beyond, Coldwater Creek, Kohl's Macy's, Target, Yonker's and many more. If we don't have it we will order it for you. Order forms are available in the narthex for your use. Scrip is sold after the Saturday and Sunday Services and before Weekday School on Wednesdays. You may also purchase Scrip at the church office on Tuesday and Wednesday from 9 AM to 2 PM. Our profit total for March was \$399.02.

Recipes Needed For 150th Anniversary Cookbook

We need your recipes for the St. John Cookbook that the Ladies Aid is putting together. We want to have it ready for sale the year of our 150th Anniversary. We hope to collect lots of recipes from everyone in the congregation. Bring your favorite recipes and put them in the basket in the kitchen or narthex. It will be a very good cookbook as St. John has the BEST cooks in the country!!! Thank You-St. John Ladies Aid.



Thank You

My son and I thank you for your extreme generosity. It could not have come at a better time. Your gift of money has meant a great deal to us. It was completely unexpected and greatly appreciated. My son and I will try to pass on the good will and try to help those who need it like you have. Thank you--Larry and Joseph Jokipii.

Dr. Bruce and Sandra Gordon express their gratitude. "To the wonderful church family of St. John Lutheran Church: Thank you for the gift of money and the beautiful quilt that you gave to our son and grandson (Larry and Joseph) who lost all their personal belongings in the house fire. Please keep them in your prayers."--Bruce and Sandra Gordon

Library Sale Donations

Have you started your spring cleaning yet? If so, consider donating those books, CD's and videos that you no longer want. The library will accept donations throughout the year. Bring them in a bag marked "Book Sale" and place them in the library area. Items donated will be sold at the bazaar in the fall. The money from this sale allows us to make new purchases for the library. Thank you!

Fellowship Sunday

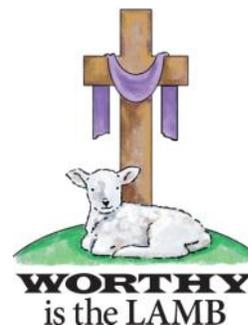
If you are interested in serving bars or cookies and coffee for Fellowship Sunday please sign up on the sheet located on the north bulletin board. At present all months starting with May are open for 2013 except for July.

Bethesda Thrift Shop

It's April and it's spring! It's a great time to get your spring and summer clothing from the Bethesda Thrift Shop – choices are great! Also check out our new furniture selections and new mattresses at discount prices. Seniors (55+) and veterans receive a 25% discount on Wednesdays. A 2-day 50% clearance sale will be held on April 26-27. We are back to our normal store hours, 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturdays and closed on Sundays. Thanks for helping the people with disabilities serviced by Bethesda.

After

After is every Christian's middle name. In his autobiography *A Song of Ascents*, missionary E. Stanley Jones tells of an African man who changed his name to After immediately following his conversion. Because all things were new and different and important after he met Christ, the man wanted to reflect that new reality in his name as well as in his thinking. Easter is what makes us After Christians. After Easter, nothing in life is ever the same again.



Journey To The Cross ~ Thank You

God Blessed Us All with a beautiful day,
as the snow was around us the sun was warm upon us.

I would like to THANK ALL of our guests who visited *Journey To
The Cross* on Saturday March 23, 2013. A Thank You To:

Dick Kertis & Richard Manke for cleaning away unwanted snow!

Lois VerVoort for the handling of the mailings to area churches.

Jon Sandberg for 3 beautiful murals to bring alive some of our sites.

Marion Oleson for the making of all the time period costumes.

Rhonda Knoll, JoLynn Winkels & Laurel Zager for the
making of the Passports. Mike Sweeney for bringing the donkey.

Brian & Jerry Swen setting up all of the tent & the x-tra hands that
were needed in places of help. David Lutz as a floater that helped all
over. Jerry Strack for filming & making of the CD.

Food Prep people on Friday AM: David Lutz, Ray & Judy Monje, and
Nancy Reese. Greeters: Sharon Dix, Rhonda Knoll, & Craig Timm.

Customs Officials: Diane Flick, Carol Pierce, Jerry Swen, &

Gene Timm. Tour Guides: Jan Bremmer, Bonnie James, Chuck
Rein, Deb Sandberg, Tom Simons, Betty Spurlock, Kylie Swen,

Lois VerVoort, JoLynn Winkels, & Jean Zeman.

Characters: Station 2: Lydia Greening & Anissa Rosenthal.

Station 3: Mike & Sandra Sweeney. Station 4: Cody Kiedrowski &
Dylan Rosenthal. Station 5: Dr. Bruce & Sandy Gordon.

Station 6: Cindy Lau, Karlie Helmuth, & Ally Roquet.

Station 7: Chuck Peters, Emily Saeger, & Anita Westfall.

Station 8: Sue Helmuth & Darleene Swen. Station 9: Bill Coley &
Evan Swen. Station 10: Chuck Bossingham & Larry Shepard.

Station 11: Judy Shepard & Judy Van Ert.

Station 12: Susan Ader & Jeanine Arneson. &

Our little floater Carter Swen ! Props & Set Ups: Sue Helmuth,
Darleene & Jerry Swen, Mike & Sandra Sweeney, & Ann Collar.

Pastor Ader: All of your support and prayers, making of posters, verbal
announcements, and your knowledge in making *Journey To The Cross*
happen. St. John Congregation: All of your prayers & support and
using 50+ people to make this great out reach community event.

If I have overlooked anyone it is not intentional.

We look forward to *Journey To The Cross*

Saturday April 12, 2014 ~ 11:00AM – 2:00PM ~ Sandra Sweeney

Cemetery Beautification Project

A generous donation has been received towards the new fencing at the Cemetery, but additional funds are needed to complete the Cemetery Project.

Costs of those items are listed below. If you would like to donate to the Cemetery Project, envelopes are on the table in the Narthex or you may place your donation in an envelope (with your Name) in the Offering and designate your contribution to the "Cemetery Project"

100' Fence at \$10.00 per foot	\$1,000.00
750 Stone Edging Bricks at \$1.35 each	\$1,012.50
36 Yellow Day Lilies at \$3.00 each	\$ 108.00
16 Sprinkler Heads at \$30.00 each	\$ 480.00
14 Yards of 1 ½" Cream Rock at \$38.00 per yard	\$ 532.00
Weed Barrier Fabric	\$ 150.00

Cash Donations in any amount are gratefully appreciated.

Individual items or any combination of items may be purchased.

Your donation could purchase items in these Suggested Donation Packages:

Package #1:

1 foot of Fencing	\$ 10.00
4 Edging Bricks	\$ 5.40
1 Day Lily	<u>\$ 3.00</u>
Total #1 Pkg.	\$ 18.40

Package # 2:

1 foot of Fencing	\$ 10.00
1 Sprinkler Head	\$ 30.00
8 Edging Bricks	<u>\$ 10.80</u>
Total #2 Pkg.	\$ 50.80

Package #3:

2 Yards of Rock	\$ 76.00
1 Sprinkler Head	<u>\$ 30.00</u>
Total #3 Pkg.	\$106.00

Package #4:

10 foot of Fencing	\$100.00
10 Edging Bricks	\$ 13.50
2 Day Lilies	\$ 6.00
1 Sprinkler Head	\$ 30.00
2 Yards of Rock	<u>\$ 76.00</u>
Total #4 Pkg.	\$225.50

Package # 5:

Weed Barrier Fabric	\$150.00
2 Yards of Rock	\$ 76.00
1 Sprinkler Head	<u>\$ 30.00</u>
Total #5 Pkg.	\$256.00

Package #6:

20 feet of Fencing	<u>\$200.00</u>
Total #6 Pkg.	\$200.00

Package #7:

20 Edging Bricks	\$ 27.00
1 Sprinkler Head	<u>\$ 30.00</u>
Total #7 Pkg.	\$ 57.00

Package #8:

5 foot of Fencing	<u>\$ 50.00</u>
Total #8 Pkg.	\$ 50.00

Package #9:

20 Edging Bricks	\$ 27.00
1 Yard of Mulch	<u>\$ 38.00</u>
Total #9 Pkg.	\$ 65.00

Package #10:

10 Day Lilies	<u>\$ 24.00</u>
Total #10 Pkg.	\$ 24.00

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150th Anniversary

The 150th Anniversary of St. John congregation is fast approaching.
Now is the time to begin planning the celebration.

Please take a few moments of your time to share your suggestions for the celebration activities.

Celebration for: 1 Day 1 Weekend (Saturday & Sunday) Several Weeks Several Months

Guest Speakers: Synod and/or District representatives. Former Pastors.
 Sons of the congregation (members of St. John who became Pastors).
Suggested names _____

Meal(s): Saturday Picnic Catered Sunday Dinner or Both
 Free to those attending Pre-paid Dinner * Reservations would be a must for either meal.

Committees are now being formed—if you would like to be a part of any Committee(s)
please indicate your preference(s).
Additional suggestions are always welcomed!

Formal Celebration Committee: This would include contacting, scheduling, and co-coordinating the Guest Speakers, Former Pastors, Organists, Musicians, Choirs (Adult and Children's), Hand Chime Ringers, and working with the Pastor to produce the celebration the service(s).

Dinner/Picnic: Committee: This Committee would plan and present the meal(s) for the celebration and be responsible for the decorating and set-up of the Dining Rooms.

History Committee: The responsibility of this Committee would be to write and produce an update of the history of St. John congregation. Publishing a 150th Anniversary History Booklet.

Photo Directory Committee: This Committee would produce a Photo Directory of persons and organizations and activities at St. John. Would need to choose photographic publishing company, set photo schedules, and oversee production of the Directory.

Facility Preparation Committee: This Committee would oversee any preparations necessary for the celebration. Could include painting, decorating, re-carpeting, and lawn and garden needs, etc.

Publicity/Invitations Committee: Prepare invitations and send information to former members. Inform Synod and District as to the celebration. Contact local media (radio, newspapers, TV, etc) for news stories and advertisements for the event.

Recipe/Cookbook Committee: This Committee is already under way. All members are asked to contribute their favorite Recipe(s) or Recipes from the past history of our families and congregation.

Entertainment / Program Committee: This Committee would work with the Formal Celebration Committee to coordinate some activities. This could include displays promoting the congregation's organizations, (Ladies Evening Guild, A-men Group, Ladies Aid, Adult Choir, Children's Choir, Knitting Club, various Bible Studies., and more). May also include activities designed especially for the 150th Celebration: A 1865 Men's and Women's Costume Style Review, a Beard/Mustache growing contest, etc.

YES, my family/myself would enjoy being a part of the 150th Anniversary Planning Committee(s)
Names: _____
