

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.

Neighborhood Table

If you have signed up to bring desserts for Neighborhood Table please bring them to church on Wednesday, July 31 or no later than 10:00 AM on Thursday, August 1.

Cemetery Restoration Project

On Monday, August 5 there will be a work day at our cemetery. If you can help with laying weed barrier, putting in edging stones, planting, etc. please join us at 7:00 AM. Any questions call a member of the Memorial Committee.



School Supplies Collection

This year we will be assisting Grant Elementary with their need of school supplies for the 2013-2014 school year.

We will be collecting the following:

Colored pencils, crayons, glue sticks, rulers, pencils, loose leaf notebook paper (wide line-3 holes), folders, pencil boxes, markers, red pens, black pens, and back packs.

A drop off spot for your donations will be located in the narthex. Thank you—The Human Care Board

Reading Program

The Human Care Board is looking for volunteers to help children at Grant School improve their reading skills. We are looking for anyone that might have a half hour one day a week to listen to the students read their books to you on a one to one basis. Also requested is someone to help upper graders with math or other subjects on a one to one basis. Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex. If you have any questions contact Mona Heindl at 715-423-3962. Thank you—The Human Care Board

Pillowcase Dresses

It's time to make pillowcase dresses again to send to the little girls in Haiti. Our next shipment of dresses will be sent sometime this fall. Watch your bulletins and newsletter for the announcement to pick up the pattern and kits in the narthex. For those of you that haven't made them in the past....they are easy and fun to do!

Compassionate Friends

Available and willing to visit all in need.

Contact:

Church Office

715-423-7788

Fill out pew card

or

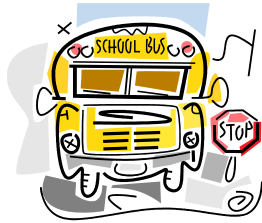
Call Lois Ver Voort

715-421-2787



Scrip Scrap Corner

From basics like pencils to big-ticket items like computers, parents have plenty of supplies to buy this back to school season! Now is the time to stock up on Scrip for school supplies both big and small. Scrip cards are available for many of your favorite school supply retailers. Place your order for the Scrip brands you'll need for new backpacks, and everything that goes inside!



Amazon.com, Barnes & Noble, Best Buy, Dell, Eddie Bauer's, Jo-Ann fabrics, Lands' End, L.L. Bean, Office Depot, OfficeMax, RadioShack, Staples, Target, Walgreens, Walmart and more. Place your Scrip order today for school supplies for fall!

Our profit total for July was \$ 188.92.

A BIG Thank You To Our St. John Congregation!

We signed a pledge to Hope's Door to support them financially for the month of May. Our goal was met through door collections and donations for the \$1200 they need to remain open for one month. We were able to present them a check for the \$1200. Also thank you to the several people that donated their time to work at Hope's Door as volunteers for a shift or two..

THANK YOU volunteers: Sue Helmuth, Jerry Swen, Darleene Swen, Deb Sandberg, Toni Hamman and Tom Eckels. Hope's Door volunteers said you were very much appreciated and pitched in and worked well with them. Some of the volunteers stated they had their "eyes opened" to the need for the services provided by this organization in the Wisconsin Rapids area. Hoping we can do the same next May. The Human Care Board.

Fellowship Sunday

If you would like to serve for Fellowship Sunday after church services (The 2nd Sunday of each month) please sign up on the sheet located on the north bulletin board. Please bring bars or cookies and serve coffee. Lots of months to choose from starting with August 11.

No Council Minutes

Due to no Council Meeting in July the June Council minutes will not be approved until the August meeting. Council Minutes for June will be published in the September newsletter.

Thank You

Thank you to our generous congregation for your donation of hot dishes, salads, cheese trays, deserts, and all the other food you brought in for Fred Zimmerman's funeral. Thank you to Gail Bossingham and Sharon Dix the co-chairman of group 1 and Cindy Knorr and Marion Oleson the co-chairman of group 2 for coordinating the meal. Thanks kitchen helpers! Also thank you to Gary Getzloff and his two granddaughters and Les Heindl for help in setting up the tables. The Zimmerman family expressed their appreciation and gratitude to the two groups and the fine job they did in serving the meal.

Thank You

Thank you to our generous congregation for your donation of salads, cheese trays, deserts, and any other food you brought in for Elaine Whitrock's funeral. Thank you to Anita Westfall and Jean Zeman, the co-chairman of group 4 for coordinating the meal. Thanks kitchen helpers! Also thank you for help in setting up the tables.

Thank You

Bill Whitrock and daughters Tracy Eklund and Patty Mews would like to extend their sincere appreciation to Pastor Ader together with the friends and funeral committee of St. John for their kindness and comfort during this time of loss. Elaine deeply cherished her St. John church family.

Recipes, Recipes, Recipes

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 narthex. It will be a very good cookbook as St. John has the BEST cooks in the country!!! Thank You-St. John Ladies Aid.




Bethesda Thrift Shop

August begins with a 50% off sale on green-tagged clothing and shoes. Then we move on to our semi-annual clearance sale – 50% off almost everything in the store August 19-24 and our seasonal Bag Sale begins August 25. A great time to pick up some great school clothes. College kids – lots of clothing and dorm items are waiting for you! We have new mattresses and furniture available. Shop locally – Shop at the Bethesda Thrift Shop in the Rapids Mall and help many needy and intellectually and physically handicapped folks.

Luther Hostel

"Joyfully Aging!" is an education and fellowship opportunity for adults 55 and older and will take place on October 5-8, 2013 at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO. Information on speaker, registration, and other event details are available on the table in the narthex. Registration deadline is September 13.



PUZZLE

GOD'S LIGHT

Summer's long days can remind us of our Creator, who made the sun and wants us to live in his light.

Directions: First, write the opposite of each word in parentheses. Then use the Word Bank words, in order, to complete 1 John 1:5-7, NIV.

WORD BANK: is in is at if in as is in with

God _____; _____
(dark) (her)

there _____ness _____ ...
(yes) (light) (none)

But _____ we _____ the _____,
(run) (dark)

_____ the _____,
(she) (dark)

we have fellowship _____ one another. ...

1 John 1:5-7, NIV

Answer: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. ... But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another. (1 John 1:5-7, NIV)



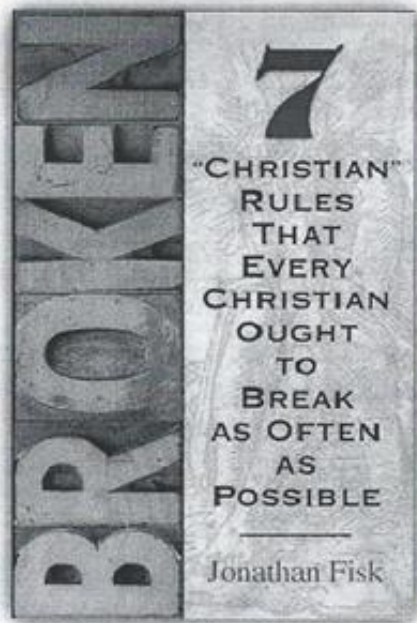
Sometimes we resist the light of Christ. But when his light touches us, we can then share it with others. Play this fun game on a summer night to remember how Christ's light shines in the world.

What you need:

- Friends
- Safe open space outdoors
- A flashlight for each player

How to play:

1. Choose one person to be the Tagger, known as the Light. Only that person can have his or her flashlight on.
2. The Light tries to shine his or her flashlight on other players, who run around and try to hide in the darkness.
3. Once players have been touched by the Light, they turn on their flashlights and join in, trying to shine on others.
4. Play until everyone has been tagged by the Light. Repeat, giving everyone a turn to be the Light.



**REAL ANSWERS. REAL RELIGION.
REAL HOLY SPIRITUALITY.**

There are only two kinds of spirituality in the world. One is false, and one is true. One is the manifestation of the old evil foe who has sent many false spiritualities out into the world, and the other is the holy spirituality found only in faith in the one true God. One is a lie, and one is real.

But which is which?

Broken: 7 "Christian" Rules That Every Christian Ought to Break as Often as Possible examines seven teachings, taught as if they were Christian doctrine, but which are nothing more than the traditions of men.

Author Jonathan Fisk shows how, under the cross of Jesus, you will find that your mind, heart, and

hands, your reason, emotions, and sense of mercy, are the very things that our Lord has redeemed. In the resurrection of Jesus, in His fulfillment of the Law, in the essence of His Gospel, in the pure Word of God, you will find the truth.

"For any reader who is not afraid of having their practice challenged, their thought process tweaked, or their whole approach to Church adjusted—I recommend this book. For those who are afraid—it is a must read."

Rev. Dr. Brian Saunders
President of Iowa District East

If you know people, young or old, who are burnt out from churches and on the verge of giving up on Christianity (or if you yourself are), get them this book! Quickly!"

Gene Edward Veith
Provost & Professor of Literature, Patrick Henry College

Join us Monday evenings beginning in September.

Book Cost: \$17.00

To pre-order books, please contact the church office, or sign-up by August 15th.