

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.

Facing the Cross

A Series of Special Services for Lent

When the days drew near for him to leave this earth, Jesus "set his face" to Jerusalem to encounter the pain of the cross on our behalf (Luke 9:51).



In the same way in this Lenten series, we set our faces on the cross of Christ that lies before us. As we face the cross during these Lenten days, we also face certain aspects in our lives which are not always in line with the cross. We come to terms with them in this series through the cross of Christ—who came to save us that we might see him face-to-face in heaven.

Ash Wednesday – February 13

"Facing Our Sins" • Romans 3:23-24

We come to terms with our sinfulness and rejoice in Christ's forgiveness.

Week 1 – February 20

"Facing Temptation" • Hebrews 4:14-15

We acknowledge that we give in to temptations at times, but rest on the power of Christ to resist the devil.

Week 2 – February 27

"Facing Our Fears" • Isaiah 41:10

Recognizing what strikes fear in our hearts helps us to grab on more tightly to Christ.

Week 3 – March 6

"Facing Our Worldliness" • Matthew 6:19-21

Accepting we are often all too dependent on worldly goods opens the door to seeing the value of everlasting blessings.

Week 4 – March 13

"Facing One Another" • Ephesians 4:31-32

Confessing that we have not always treated each other in a Christlike manner helps to build better relationships.

Week 5 – March 20

"Facing Suffering" • Romans 8:18-19

Enduring suffering in this world connects us to Christ and points us to the joy to come.

Palm Sunday

"Facing The Road" • Matthew 21:7-9

Maundy Thursday

"Facing Denial" • Luke 22:54-62

Good Friday

"Facing Death" • John 19:17-30

Easter Sunday

"Facing The Future" • Matthew 28:1-10

Lenten Devotionals

The Lutheran Hour Ministries Lenten devotional booklets "From the Cradle to the Empty Grave" will be available in the narthex the weekend of February 2 & 3.

Lutheran Hour Sunday

Lutheran Hour Ministries partners with individuals and congregations from communities across the U.S. and around the world to provide the resources and encouragement needed to proclaim Christ's name in the public square. Join us on February 2 & 3 as we learn about and celebrate this vital outreach ministry! To learn more about Lutheran Hour Ministries, visit:

www.lhm.org/lhmsunday.

New Member Welcome

New members will be welcomed at the 9:30 AM church services on Sunday, February 10. Refreshments will be provided by the Stewardship Board. Members welcomed will include: Tammy Koch; Chris, Kristin, Jordan, Kiara, & Kendra Ashenberg; and Troy, Tamera, Hope & Faith Jepson.

SWCEPS Collection

There is an increasing need by the South Wood County Emergency Pantry Shelf (SWCEPS) for non-perishable food items. The Human Care Board will place a basket in the Narthex to collect your generous donations over the next couple of months. The Human Care Board

Door Collection

Last December Larry and Joseph Jokipii (Son and grandson of Dr. Bruce and Sandra Gordon) lost their trailer home to fire. We would like to ask the congregation to participate in two door collections for their benefit. The collection will be held on the weekends of January 26-27 and February 2-3, 2013. The Human Care Board

Volunteer Needed

We are in need of a volunteer to send letters to our visitors. If interested please call the church office.

Fire Extinguisher Demonstration



On February 14 at 5:45 PM we will have a fire extinguisher demonstration. Whether at church or at home it is important to be prepared! All members are invited to come for this demonstration.

Large Print Bulletins

Large print copies of the weekend services are available for those who need them. Pick one up from the table located under the window by the Portals of Prayer. We also have several large print hymnals which include the text for all the hymns along with a large print liturgy insert. Please pick these up from the elders cupboard in the narthex and return to the cupboard after the services.

Ladies Aid Pie Sale

The Ladies Aid will be selling their delicious homemade pies after the February 16 & 17 services. Thanks for your support!



Annual Statements

Please pick up your 2012 financial statements in your mailbox downstairs.

Please note because we are using new computer software when entering weekly offerings, all entries are made by name only. There are no numbers on offering envelopes only a space for your name. We appreciate your help in making sure your **first** and **last** name is on **all** offering envelopes. Write it in the space provided or use up all those "free" address labels that everyone gets in the mail. **If there is no name on the envelope the offering will go in the general fund.** If you have questions or concerns please call either Bonnie James (715) 451-8924 or Jerry Swen (715) 423-9087.

Thank You—

True meaning is found in the little acts of kindness that spring from the heart. For all the ways you give and care, and make such a difference, thank you so much. From a family you helped for Christmas through Hope's Door--Human Care Board.

Thank you to Pastor Ader and all members of St. John for the prayers for my daughter Barbara Jean Tio. She suffered a massive heart attack at Apache Junction, AZ. She is doing quite well now but will have months of rehab. Keep her in your thoughts and prayers. Thank you again--Laura Neinfeldt.

Thank you to Marion Oleson for making and donating the pretty valance for the kitchen service counter. When you are downstairs take a peek.

Scrip Scrap Corner

New to Scrip —We now have The Store \$50 & \$100 at 5% profit and Chat-R Box Café \$25 at 5 % profit. Need something to keep your Scrip cards organized? We have Cascading Card Files \$3 each at 25% profit. Our profit total for January was \$158.50. Also—enclosed in this newsletter is a flyer explaining Scrip for you to pull out and save. Thank you for helping our church by purchasing Scrip!!

Bethesda Thrift Shop

February is a big Clearance Sale month at Bethesda and a chance for you to save on some great merchandise! Our Valentine items will be 50% off to 75% off and our green tagged clothing and shoes will be 50% off from February 4-16. Special sales will be available at the Mall Sidewalk Sale on February 6 to 8. Our season-ending Clearance sale will feature 50% off on all clothing and shoes from February 18-23. On Feb 22-23 we will have our bi-monthly 50% off on almost everything in the store sale. Our semi-annual \$8.00 Bag Sales begin February 25. Wow... what a savings! Also consider getting some new furniture or mattresses with you tax refund money. Thanks for shopping at Bethesda.

Camp Luther

SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION OPENED JANUARY 1!!

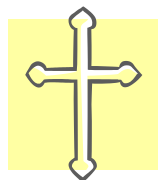
Visit www.campluther.com to register online or to watch our NEW video. Camp Luther has an exciting summer planned for children K-12, and some for adults, too! This summer's theme is "LIVE LOVE[D]" and is based on 1 John 4:10-11. Register now to get the village you want on the week you want. Summer brochures were mailed to households at the end of December and to churches/schools in January. If you need information, please visit the website or call us for a brochure 1-877-264-CAMP. If there's a need, don't let that hold you back - ask about our Campership Program.

WINTER YOUTH CAMP!! March 1-3!

It is all the fun summer camp only with snow and no mosquitoes! Your 4th-6th grader will have an exciting winter adventure, make friends and grow in their faith! There will also be broomball, tubing, snow shoeing, x-country skiing, snow angleball, Bible study, devotions and so much more. Hope to see you there!! It's not too late to register; sign up NOW!

COTTAGE RETREATS--Enjoy a cottage retreat at Camp Luther this winter. Our cottages have everything you will need for a relaxing getaway in the midst of God's beautiful creation. A time to

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enjoy the blessings of being separated from the stresses of your everyday life. You could also spend time cross-country skiing, snow-shoeing, ice fishing, and tubing or settle into a comfy chair next to your fireplace. Camp Luther is currently offering a special rate that is 30% off of our regular rate of \$130-140 per night! This offer is good through March! Call the Camp office to take advantage of this excellent value. 1-877-264-CAMP

REGISTER FOR GRANDKIDS CAMP TODAY AND YOU TOO WILL BE ABLE TO SAY.... "It was a very special weekend with my grandchild." We offer this very unique and meaningful opportunity to spend some quality time with your grandchild **June 21-23** or **August 9-11**. This special weekend will reap benefits all year long. Register online at www.campluther.com.

DO YOU SHOP ONLINE?? WOULD YOU LOVE TO HELP CAMP LUTHER FINANCIALLY??

Go to www.goodsearch.com and join both Good Shop and Good Search, so that whether you are searching or shopping, you will be giving to Camp Luther. Add Camp Luther as your charity and that's it. Just by using Good Search after that, you will be giving to Camp Luther. It's a win-win. There are coupons for you too!!

BRICKS FOR MORTGAGE REDUCTION!!

Leave your mark as part of the legacy that is the ministry of Camp Luther. You can support the effort to reduce and remove the mortgage and also leave a remembrance on a brick in Camp's beautiful courtyard. Your gift of \$500 or more makes a difference!! Go to www.campluther.com to learn more.

CHOOSE CAMP LUTHER WITH YOUR THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS!!

Thrivent Choice is easy and it benefits Camp Luther and Every Kid to Camp! Log on to 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!!

Pancake Breakfast ~ Thank-You:

When we prayed Sunday morning, "Come, Lord Jesus. Be our Guest.
Let Thy gifts to us be blessed. A-men."

The Lord blessed us with great nourishment to our bodies through a
successful Pancake Breakfast.



To all our Guests that morning in sharing your support for
"Journey To The Cross" along with your fellowship with one another.
Words can't express the success of the morning. Without all of YOU and
including those who were unable to attend and gave with a monetary
donation this wouldn't have been possible. (\$415.00 profit after cost of \$230.00)

To ALL the workers who gave of their time and talents to this first time
Pancake Breakfast you all were appreciated and THANK-YOU for the
giving OF your time. When clean-up came I also noticed many of our
Guests helping in many ways to get the task of cleaning up complete
they didn't go unnoticed.

To Pastor Ader, when I talked to you last spring after
"Journey To The Cross" event had happened and I asked you how would a
person go about raising money for this event, you responded with a
Pancake Breakfast and upon further talking January was the month with not
much activity, many thanks for the guidance and gift of that conversation.

Most of all I want all of you to know how much this events success is
appreciated: whether you supported the breakfast, take part in *"Journey To
The Cross"*, or attend the event itself. You all are a part of making this
happen. **He said to them "Go into all the world and preach the good
news to all creation. Mark 16:15**

Thank-You, Mike & Sandra Sweeney



Spaghetti Supper



St. John Lutheran Church

8020 South Park Road

*Stone Church on the corner of South Park Road
and 80th Steet (Downtown Kellner)*

Sunday, February 10th

Serving 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Adults/Seniors \$7.00 Children 6 to 10 \$3.50

Under 6 Free

Dinner served at your candle-lit table includes:

Fresh Garden Salad

Spaghetti with Homemade Meat Sauce

Italian Garlic (or plain) Bread

*Dessert Cart featuring an assortment of homemade
pies, cakes, cookies & other desserts.*

Hot or Cold Beverage





What Is Scrip?

Scrip is a term that means “substitute money”. When you purchase scrip, you’re purchasing negotiable gift certificates and prepaid cards that are used just like cash. You can use scrip to purchase everyday expenses like food, clothing, and other essentials, and with every purchase, you earn revenue for our church.

How scrip generates revenue

The Great Lakes Scrip Center acts on behalf of churches, schools and other non-profit organizations to purchase large amounts of scrip from grocery stores, department stores, and other retailers. Because the scrip is purchased with cash up front, the participating retailers offer a substantial discount. Our church buys the scrip from Great Lakes Scrip Center at a discount, and re-sells the certificates to families like yours for full face value. The discount - from two to fifteen percent or more – is our church's revenue.

Scrip is "shopping cart fundraising"

Scrip is a popular fundraiser because families don't have to sell anything. Our church members produce revenue by making regular household purchases they would make anyway. Groceries, clothing, toys, gifts, even gasoline can be purchased with scrip.

Find Out More

Watch future bulletins and newsletters for more information. Then put your shopping dollars to work for our church-St. John Lutheran!

Scrip Coordinator-- Judy Monje at 715-342-0117

Scrip is sold after the Saturday and Sunday services and on Wednesdays before Weekday School. You may also purchase Scrip at the church office on Tuesday and Wednesday from 9 AM to 2 PM.