

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.

Ladies Aid Picnic

The Ladies Aid will be having their picnic on Thursday, July 11 at noon in the church basement. Please bring a dish to pass and a small bingo prize. All ladies of the congregation are invited.

Reflection Sunday

On Sunday, July 14 we will celebrate our Reflection Sunday at the 9:30 AM service. We will be honoring all of our members age 80 and over. Following the service there will be a brunch hosted by the Ladies Evening Guild. Everyone is invited!

If anyone has turned 80 and is not on the following list please notify the church office.

Jeanine Arneson, Mabel Behn, Joanne Behrend, Harriet Brandt, David Cook, Grace Gilman, Robert Hanneman, Laura Hanneman, Eva Helke, Florence Helke, Gilbert Hofschild, Neil Knoll, Laura Neinfeldt, Elaine Punzel, Lester Rabska, Donna Rickman, Gladys Sawaska, Helen Schoenick, Howard Schuldt, Willis Sharp, John Tomesek, Carol Warren, Pearl Zeman, Dorothy Zimmerman

Please Note



Due to the increased need we will continue to collect for SWEPS until the end of summer.

Youth Opportunity Act of Kindness

On Thursday, August 1, 2013 our congregation (St. John Lutheran) will be serving guests at the Neighborhood Table.

This event is a great opportunity for our youth **“to help serve”** in various ways.

Neighborhood Table takes place at:

St. John Episcopal Church
320 Oak Street
(Across from the post office in Wis. Rapids)

Time Frame:

3 PM Set-up
4:30 PM-5:00 PM Serve
Afterwards-clean up help where you can



Who Is My Neighbor?

This event is open to children going into 5th grade and up. Small children are welcome to help as long as parent supervision stays with them.

Pillowcase Dresses

It's time to make pillowcase dresses again to send to the little girls in Haiti. Last year we were able to send 310 dresses. So to all of you who made such beautiful dresses the last few years we are asking for your help again this year. 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! The Sewing Group

Walk For Riverview Hospital Cancer Center

The last day of VBS was a busy time for the children. Pledges for the cancer center were brought in and they were eager to fulfill their part by walking to and from the park. While at the park the children gave out water bottles to thirsty campers, played games and sang songs. Everyone enjoyed their time and an amazing amount of money was collected! \$600.28 was the total!

Thank you to the children for their part, all those who pledged money and all who helped make it a great experience for the children.

Our children are learning first hand that it feels good to help others in need.

This money will be very much appreciated at the Riverview Hospital Cancer Center and will be put to good use!

Thank you all--Sue Helmuth
Board of Stewardship



Collection For Hopes' Door

We have gotten off to a great start by providing gently used clothing to Hopes' Door!

They could not have been any happier when a "car fully loaded" and a truck appeared. The items were quickly sorted and put out.

While there, I couldn't help but notice a young couple who were thrilled to have macaroni & cheese, soup and a few other grocery items--also clothes for their three month old baby girl and a blanket. Afterwards, I found out they had been homeless until that day. Both were humbled and felt truly blessed to get those items and when more were offered, declined, saying, "We don't want to take too much, others need it too."

By giving of our excess to Hopes' Door, St. John is making a great difference in people's lives.

Thank you, thank you for your contributions--we will continue to collect all summer.

Sue Helmuth--Stewardship Board

Just A Reminder...

In order to be reimbursed for purchases you have made for the church, YOU MUST fill out a reimbursement form. The forms are located in the church office and on the long table in the narthex. Thanks--Cindy Knorr.

Life Circle's Group

Life Circle's group ended our season with an awesome trip to the theaters in Minneapolis! Lois Ver Voort did a great job planning our trip and making sure we all had a problem free trip. It could not have been any better and every one had a wonderful time! Thank you Lois and all who were on the trip for making it so much fun! Our group will meet again the 2nd Thursday of September. Watch the newsletter and bulletin for updates. We are looking forward to next year and hope more of you join us. Our group is open to the community...no need to be a member at St. John. See you in Sept. and have a safe and happy summer!--Sue Helmuth Life Circles

Knit Group

St. John's knit group will reconvene the 1st Monday of September. Thank you all for the lovely items you made for Hopes' Door and lap robes/shawls (prayer) for Compassionate Friends.

Hopes' door has a need for baby layettes, baby blankets, sweaters and hats. They always need hats, scarves and mittens and are very thankful for all items brought in. Please keep these in mind while knitting this summer.

Our group welcomes all crocheter's, knitters and crafters. Please join us next fall for an afternoon get-a-way. We have a great time. See you next September!

--Sue Helmuth/Toni Hamann

Scrip Scrap Corner

We now have Ace Hardware \$25 at 4 % profit and BP \$50 & \$100 at 1.5% profit.

We are looking for substitutes to sell Scrip after the services. If you are interested in being a sub and would like more information please call Judy Monje 715-424-0285 or the church office 715-423-7788. Thank you!



Our profit total for June was \$ 264.25