

St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church



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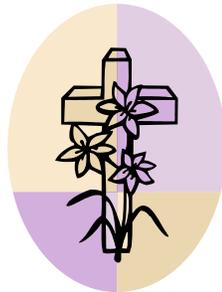
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Mission Statement: We are called by God to be the light of the world. We are to go forth and show Jesus' love and forgiveness through loving care for all God's creation.

Facing the Cross

During March we continue our Series of Special Services for Lent

Wednesdays at 10:30 AM & 6:30 PM



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

Saturday, March 23

Sunday, March 24/Children Sing

Maundy Thursday

“Facing Denial” • Luke 22:54-62

March 28 at 10:30 AM & 6:30 PM

Soup & Sandwich at 11:30 AM

Good Friday

“Facing Death” • John 19:17-30

March 29 at 1:00 PM & 6:30 PM

“Facing Death” • John 19:17-30

Easter Sunday

“Facing The Future” • Matthew 28:1-10

March 30

Easter Vigil Communion at 6:30 PM

March 31

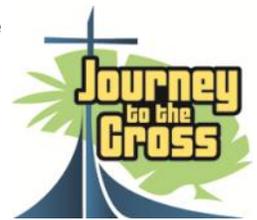
Easter SonRise Communion at 6:30 PM

Easter Breakfast at 7:45 AM

Easter Festival Communion at 9:30 AM

Journey to the Cross

If you are unable to attend the day of Journey to the Cross we will take a group of up to 15 people through on Friday, March 22. Call the church office to be put on the first



come first basis list. One tour will leave at approximately 6:15 PM that evening!

LLL at St. John-Kellner

Lutheran Laymen's League will meet on Friday, March 8 at 6:00 PM at St. John-Kellner. Dinner will be Corned Beef and Cabbage and the program will be a video. Cost is \$7.50. For reservations call Duane Steinke at 715-423-2716 by Tuesday, March 5.

Scrip Scrap Corner

Shopping with gift cards is an easy way to support our church every time you shop. We offer a variety of brands in addition to your weekly gas and grocery purchases. From dining and entertainment to home improvement and beyond, we have all your shopping needs covered! 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. For large orders or special pre-paid orders forms are available in the narthex for your use. If you are writing a check please make it out to St John Lutheran Church. Our profit total for February was \$319.12.

SWCEPS

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



Memorial Committee Update

A bid has been accepted for the replacement of the fence at the Cemetery. Work will begin in the spring using Cemetery Fund donations. Discussion and approval of the following projects from designated and undesignated Memorial Fund donations: metal storage shelves in each of the three furnace rooms for storage of non-flammable items; purchase of twenty (20) music folders for the choir; adding storage space under the counters in each of the three (3) bathrooms for janitorial supplies; and purchase and installation of flags (United States and Missouri Synod) and poles. One set to be put up by the church sign and the other at the cemetery by the sign. A specific donation request toward the purchase of padded folding chairs for the bible study/meeting area in the basement has been received. Researching manufacturers and costs. Discussion and approval of a specific area to display memorial plaques for donations of specific items. The display will be located in the basement on the wall near the storage area in the bible study/meeting area.

Spaghetti Supper Thank You

Despite the "wintry" weather on Sunday, February 20, 2013 the annual Spaghetti Supper was a success. The Lord blessed us with a terrific turnout in the worst of conditions.

Thanks to all who contributed your time, provided delicious homemade desserts and to those who came to enjoy this Valentine dinner. A HUGH THANK YOU to the youth of our congregation who came and helped with serving desserts, bussing tables, waitressing and helping out wherever they were needed. Also a special thank you to the men of the congregation who so generously help out each year with this event. The event would not be a success without the help of all of you who so willingly give of your time and talents! Thanks again for supporting the Evening Guild to make this event so enjoyable.

We would also like to thank the local funeral homes who were so willing to sponsor our ads in the Daily Tribune: **Herman Taylor Funeral Home and Ritchay Funeral Home.**

A special thanks to the local businesses who generously donate their marquee advertising: **Country Tots Child Development Center, Bancroft State Bank-Kellner and Wisconsin Rapids Chamber of Commerce.**

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.

Thank You

Thank you to our generous congregation for donations to the door collections for Larry and Joseph Jokipii who lost their trailer home to fire in December. They are the son and grandson of Dr. Bruce and Sandra Gordon. We will be able to give them a check for \$1000 plus a quilt made by the sewing group. Thank you again—The Human Care Board

Thank you to our generous congregation. The Ladies Aid made \$425 from our pie sale last week-end—The Ladies Aid

A very special thank you to Pastor Ader, who pre-sided over the funeral of my son & brother Kenneth R. Zeman. Also, thank you to the Ladies Aid and Evening Guild for your special cards and prayers. Thank you.

—Pearl Zeman & Sharon Nieman

Thank you to Dick Kertis for pushing the snow back in our parking lot. Your help is much appreciated!

Hit the Road!

That day of the Resurrection, two friends were walking along the road to Emmaus. They didn't know, though, that it was Resurrection Day. That's why they were walking along with downcast faces. Along comes Jesus. "Hi," He says, "What's up? What are you talking about?"

"Don't you know?" they ask incredulously. "Where have you been? Under a rock? We're talking about Jesus. He's dead. We counted on Him for everything, but our hope is gone. He's dead."

"No, no, no," Jesus responds. "Haven't you read your Bible? Don't you know this was all planned out before the world began?" And He starts at the beginning and patiently explains the prophecies of Scripture and how they have been fulfilled in the past few days. Finally, as they eat together, as Jesus takes bread, gives thanks, breaks it, and gives it to them, their eyes are opened. Can't you imagine? Their eyes are wide open. It's safe to say their mouths were probably hanging open too as Jesus disappeared from their vision – from their physical sight, but not from their hearts and minds, and they return to Jerusalem with a new message: *"The Lord has risen indeed..."* (Luke 24:34).

We have our opportunities, too, to explain Scripture to the downcast, the bewildered, the confused. We can come alongside our friends on their "road to Emmaus" and ask, "Hey, what's up?"

Many people, even those who claim to be Christian, still base their beliefs on what they think, what they conceive to be logical, and what others have said. Like Jesus, we can turn their thoughts to Scripture. We can invite them to church where they might receive Christ's body and blood and have their spiritual eyes opened.

We have opportunities, also, to give our money to support pastors, teachers, and missionaries as they preach and teach the Risen Christ. As we use the resources and gifts God has given us to further His Kingdom, the Holy Spirit will cause the sure hope of salvation to cause the hearts of many to *"burn within [them]"* (Luke 24:32).

Bethesda Thrift Shop

During the month of March, the Bethesda Thrift Shop features Clearance Sales for winter clothing, and a transformation into Spring. Our semi-annual BAG SALE (all the clothing and shoes that fit into a grocery bag for \$8.00 or less) will run from February 25 through March 9. On March 11 the store will be completely restocked with spring and summer clothing. Come early for best selection. The store also offers numerous Easter items, new mattresses and a variety of NEW furniture (good place to spend your tax return). We continue to thank you for your support of Bethesda's mission.

Christ in the Passover

What do the Jewish Passover and Jesus' last supper have in common? Peter Blitshteyn, with Jews for Jesus, will answer that question as he, presents *"Christ in the Passover"* at **Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church located at 3210 Maple Drive, Plover on Monday, March 18, 2013 at 6:30 PM.** You'll gain wonderful insights on how the pieces of God's Plan of salvation fit together, and you'll remember this visual display of the Passover Pageantry for years to come. Join us for Christ in the Passover from Egypt to Calvary to what it means for us today. For more information call Beautiful Savior at 715-341-2898.

Celebration Auction/FunFest

Immanuel Lutheran School is excited to announce its Celebration Auction/FunFest weekend. The Celebration Auction will be held on Saturday, March 9 starting at 4:30 PM at the Ridges Banquet Facility and the Funfest will be Sunday, March 10 from 11:00 AM-3:00 PM at Immanuel Lutheran School. For more information check the poster on the north bulletin board.

An Easter learning experience



Journey to the Cross



Smell, taste, touch, hear, see, and experience Holy Week in new ways. Grab your passport and travel through sites Jesus visited from Palm Sunday through Easter.

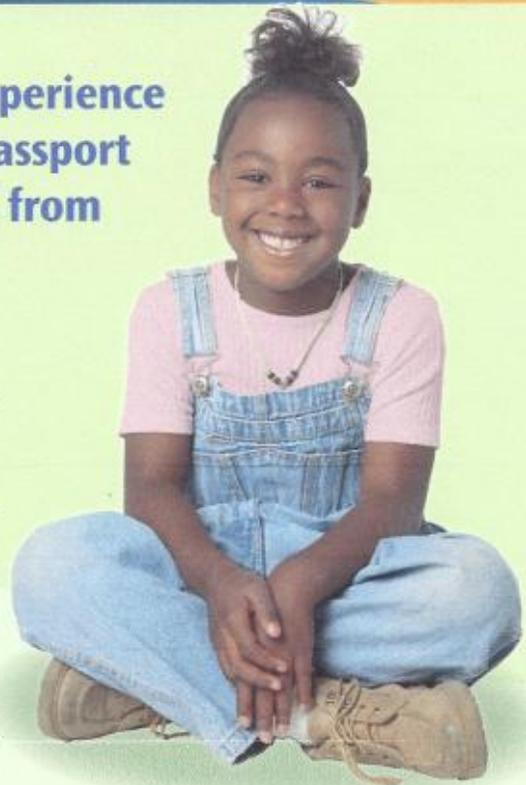
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Time: 11 am - 2 pm (rain or shine)

Place: St. John Lutheran - Kellner

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Journey to the Cross

An old spiritual song asks this question: "Were you there when they crucified my Lord?" In all honesty, we have to say no, but soon our church could have a different answer to that question.

St. John Lutheran - Kellner will be hosting *Journey to the Cross*, an Easter learning experience on March 23rd.

As a traveler, you have the opportunity to walk in Jesus' footsteps during Holy Week. Smell the aroma of anointing perfume, taste Passover food, feel a crown of thorns, and so much more. You will hear about Jesus from Bible witnesses and be a part of the Passion experience.

Please save March 23rd from 11 am to 2 pm on your calendar. Come join us rain or shine for a 60 to 90 minute walking tour at 8020 South Park Road Wisconsin Rapids. Dress appropriately for the inside and outside travels on your Journey. Tours begin about every 5 minutes. For more information please call the church office at 715-423-7788.

Please pray for all those involved—volunteers and journeyers—so that the Holy Spirit may truly bless our experience together.