

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.

Students Singing

Weekday School Students will again be warming our hearts by singing songs of praise during the service on Sunday, May 5th.

Awards Presentation

Attendance awards for perfect attendance, 1 absence or 2 absences will be presented to students during the May 5th service.

Bibles will be presented to the following students:

Brian Olds
Carley Whitrock
Chase Jensen
Lucas Prange
McKenzie Pyburn
Nathan Fitzgerald

Catechisms will be presented to the following students:

Aubree Plante
Bailey Twinn
Evan Swen
Faith Jepson
Hope Jepson
McKenzie Pyburn
Mitchell Prange
Nathan Fitzgerald



Board of Education Brat Fry

Sunday May 5th 11-2 pm at the Picket Fence

Also Serving in the church basement directly after church service

All proceeds go towards 2013 VBS program

Come on over, get some lunch and do some shopping at the Picket Fence.

Weekday School Reminders

Family Fun Night at Skate City, Wednesday, May 8 from 5:30-8:30 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.

Vacation Bible School—June 10-13 from 5:30-7:30 PM with a servant event on Thursday, June 14 at Lunch by the River.

Registration information was sent home with children in April or you may register by calling the church office. Please register by May 31.



Thank You

I would like to take the opportunity to thank all of our Weekday School students who faithfully participated on the Singing Sunday's throughout this 2012-2013 school year. Thank you for sharing with us your enthusiasm and beautiful voices.

A thank you to the parents and grandparents as well, for these young students do not drive and you faithfully brought them to participate as a great group.

St. John is blessed to have a great group of young voices *singing and making melody in your heart unto the Lord.* Ephesians 5:19

Watch for announcement in June Newsletter of our 4 winners of Singing Participation Awards.

Give Away Event



As a community outreach, the Stewardship Board would like to sponsor a giveaway event in late August.

We will be giving away coats, boots, hats and mittens and any other clothing items. Also, school supplies and backpacks. These can be gently worn or new.

Please keep this event in mind as you do your spring cleaning or put away your winter items.

A designated drop off area will be available, as will, forms you may use for tax deductions. This is an ideal opportunity to recycle items and make a much needed contribution to those in need. Please watch for further information.



Door Collection For Hope's Door Weekend of May 4 & 5, 2013

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. Please check the table in the narthex for the sign-up sheet for the volunteers.

The Human Care Board

Mother Daughter Banquet

Plans are being made for the Mother Daughter Banquet which will be held on Wednesday, May 15 at 6:00 PM. To make your reservations please call Bonnie James 715-451-8924, Jean Zeman 715-421-5243, or Fran Kostyn 715-424-0797. Tickets will be sold at the door.

Thank You

The Memorial Committee wishes to acknowledge all memorials and donations. Thank you notes were recently sent to donors beginning with August 2011 and forward. It is with deep appreciation that we say "Thank You" to all who have so generously given. Many projects have been completed, others are in progress and others are being considered. We welcome your suggestions for future projects and ask that you please contact the Church Office. The Memorial Committee.

Scrap Scrap Corner

The scrip program is doing very well...thank you all who continue to buy scrip! Due to the volume of sales, we are asking that all orders, 1 to ? need to be on an order from in order to be filled. Forms will be on the scrip table for your use.

We now have available: Papa Murphy-\$10.00 at 8% return and Amazon-\$10.00 at 3% return. If anyone would like any other scrip available, please let the scrip sellers know.

Also...it's almost time to throw those caps in the air! Congratulate your graduates with scrip gift cards to some of the nation's top retailers. From gas to groceries, dorm essentials, and textbooks, send them off with everything they need for their next chapter in life!



And while your at it don't let June 16 sneak up on you! Start thinking about your Father's Day shopping today and browse scrip brands for home improvement, electronics, and other top retailers to find a great gift for Dad. Make him smile this Father's Day!

Our profit total for April was \$ 254.63.

Thank You

A big thank you to Pastor Ader and the congregation for all their prayers. Thank you to all that sent cards, flowers and the phone calls. All has been deeply appreciated. God Bless You--Laura Neinfeldt.



Thank You

I would like to thank the congregation for their many prayers during my hospital stay and my home recuperation as well as for your cards of love and support as I gain my strength back. You are a caring congregation. Love--Augie Henke

Immanuel Lutheran "Golf FORE KICS"

Immanuel Lutheran School is excited to announce its 7th Annual "Golf FORE KICS" (Kids in Christian Schools) which will be held on:

Saturday, June 8 at Bull's Eye Country Club

All proceeds will support student scholarships, student activities and technology which will benefit all students at Immanuel Lutheran School.

Registration opens at 11:00 AM

Noon Shotgun Start

5:00 PM Dinner & Festivities

Entry Fee: \$85.00 per player includes:

18 holes of golf, cart, dinner and range balls

Dinner only with Festivities \$20.00

Registration forms available at:

Immanuel Lutheran School

111 11th Street North

Phone 715-423-0272

Registration Deadline June 1, 2013

Spring Salad Luncheon & Bake Sale

May 14, 2013

Serving from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Bake Sale beginning at 10:30 a.m.

St. Luke's Lutheran Church

2011 10th Street South, Wis. Rapids, WI

Prices: Adults \$7.00, Preschool-Free, Carry outs \$7.00

Fast line for workers on their lunch hour!

Bethesda Thrift Shop

Spring has to come soon and the Bethesda Thrift Shop in the Rapids Mall is loaded with spring and summer clothing for all age groups. Come in now and get a chance at a great selection of some very fine clothing at very low prices. From May 6 through 18 we will have a 50% off sale on all blue-tagged clothing and shoes, and every Wednesday is Senior and Veterans discount day. We also have a wide variety of NEW furniture (Sofa, love seat, recliners, dining tables/chairs, twin bet, bunk bed etc.) and a variety of new mattresses. Come in and support the the mission of providing services for the mentally and physically handicapped folks at Bethesda and thank you!

Foster Care Information Day

On May 4, 2013, Wood County Human Services is sponsoring a Foster Care Information Day at both the McMillan Library and the Marshfield Public Library. Come to the library from 10 a.m. until noon to have your questions about foster care answered and learn how to apply for a foster home license.

Ever-evolving, Ever-loved Hymn

"Eternal Father, Strong to Save," often known simply as "The Navy Hymn," dates back to 1860, when William Whiting wrote it for a student of his about to travel by ship from England to America.

Original verses testified to the protection of God the Father, Christ, the Holy Spirit and the Trinity. In 1940, the U.S. Episcopal Church rewrote the hymn to include travel on land and in the air. Many verses have been written since: for Navy SEALs, submariners, astronauts, military families, ship dedications and more.

The following verse is intended for Memorial Day:

We thank you, God, for loved ones dear

Who clung to faith beyond their fear,

Who served and paid the highest price

For freedom bought with sacrifice.

May they remind us of your Son

Whose death our final freedom won.

—Heidi L. Mann, 2012



Life Circles

June 5 & 6, 2013

Life Circles of St. John is happy to announce the first opportunity for you to travel with your church friends! Please join us as we travel by motor coach to the Twin Cities for two days of fun!*

Our itinerary will include two theatre productions: "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" and a comedy, "Miracle on South Division Street."

As you know, "Joseph" is a secular version of the powerful and beloved historical story of Joseph, who is given a splendid coat of many colors. His jealous brothers throw him in a pit, sell him to slave traders bound for Egypt, and trick Jacob into believing Joseph has been killed by wild animals. This musical is filled with colorful costuming, creative staging, upbeat music and exuberant choreography. (Read Genesis Chapter 39)

"Miracle on South Division Street" is a new comedy about family and adjusting to life's surprises. The Nowak family always thought they were special, ever since Clara's father had a miraculous vision in his barbershop. But 65 years later, a deathbed confession causes the family legend to unravel with unexpectedly hilarious results.

Our lodging will be at AmericInn and you will have time to take a dip in the pool, visit the exercise room, sit in the sauna or whirlpool, or just relax. You will help yourself to breakfast (included) in their lovely dining area on Thursday morning.

When you register for the trip, you will make your meal choice for the included lunch and also receive a complete itinerary. The cost for the two days includes transportation, lodging, tickets for both shows, and three meals (dinner, breakfast and lunch) are as follows:

Single \$240.00, Double \$196.00, Triple \$179.00, and Quad \$171.00.

**Although this tour is being offered to all church members first, we will open it to friends if space is available after May 9th.*

Please contact Sue Helmuth at 715-423-8022, Marge Rumble at 715-423-8612 or Lois VerVoort at 715-421-2787 to make your reservation and payment.

We look forward to you joining us!

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ACTIVITIES PAGE

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ASCENSION CRAFT

Use this craft to remember where Jesus is now and the promise of his return.



What you need:

- An adult to help
- 4 cotton balls
- Blue plastic cup
- Glue
- Scissors
- White paper
- Markers or crayons
- Fishing line (about 14')
- Paper clip

What you do:

1. Set the cup upside down. Pull apart the cotton balls, forming cloud shapes, and glue them around the cup.
2. With an adult's help, poke a hole in the bottom of the cup.
3. On the paper, draw and cut out a Jesus figure. Color both sides.
4. Poke a hole atop Jesus, string fishing line through the hole and tie a knot.
5. String the other end through the hole in the cup. Tie the end to a paper clip.
6. Pull up the paper clip to take Jesus into the clouds.

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LOOKING INTO THE SKY

As Jesus ascended into heaven, two angels had a message for his disciples.

Directions: Underline the word in each group that doesn't belong. Then write it on the line below to complete the angels' message in Acts 1:11, NIV.

1. strange same odd	2. Lazarus Jesus Martha	3. who then there	4. pear been apple	5. taken cat dog
6. sky from earth	7. you work toil	8. desk chair into	9. house hallway heaven	10. can't will won't
11. breakfast come lunch	12. nose back mouth	13. see the hear	14. oval round same	15. way girl boy
16. his her you	17. white have black	18. one seen two	19. go low high	20. sea heaven ocean

" This _____ 1 _____ 2 _____ 3 has _____ 4 _____ 5 _____ 6 _____ 7 _____ 8 _____ 9 _____ 10 _____ 11 _____ 12 in _____ 13 _____ 14 _____ 15 _____ 16 _____ 17 _____ 18 him _____ 19 into _____ 20 ."

Acts 1:11, NIV

"This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven." Acts 1:11, NIV

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