

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.

Fall Bible Study Preview

Our Monday evening Bible class will be studying *Noah: The Man, The Ark, The Flood* video study put out by Men's Network and Lutheran Hour Ministries.



The Sunday morning Bible class will be studying *Liturgy: Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow*; a 12 session series on our Lutheran Liturgy presented by Dr. Arthur Just, professor at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN. Dr. Just will lead us through our liturgical heritage and its Scriptural origins.

Watch for further details in the September newsletter and the weekly church bulletin.

Thank You

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, and Mona Heindl. 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

Cleaning And Kitchen Supplies

St. John will now have our kitchen and cleaning supplies delivered from Worzella Supply in St. Point. This includes paper plates, cups, napkins, placemats, dish detergent, sponges, etc. They will do an automatic refill check every six weeks. These supplies are available for the entire congregation's use! Any person or group that prefers a special colored plate or napkin will have to purchase them with their own funds and will not be reimbursed by the church. Any leftover personal items are not allowed to be stored in church storage area or kitchen. We feel that the church supplies are all needed items and we have a limited storage area. If a large event is planned, we may order extra supplies ahead of time so we do not delete our entire supply. Also, if specialty items are needed for an event, we can order ahead. We still have a few supplies we will not be ordering or using in the future, so please use them before using new items. A list of all supplies available will be posted in storage area. If any one sees a need for a new item or has a problem with any item please let us know. This is a new undertaking, so we can anticipate a need to tweak or completely change something. That is why your input is so important! The initial investment will be high but we feel it will benefit all who use the kitchen area, provide cookouts and put on functions. It will eliminate shopping and the use of personal funds. It also will eliminate each group storing and buying items for their use only. We thank St. John for supporting our efforts to serve our congregation, encourage use of our beautiful kitchen and provide fellowship. Any questions or concerns, please notify me, Sue Helmuth Chairperson of Board of Stewardship. 715-423-8022.



School Supplies Collection

This year we will be assisting Grant Elementary with their need of school supplies for the 2014-2015 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. Last year we were able to send 310 dresses. So to all of you who made such beautiful dresses the last years we are asking for your help again this year. The kits, instructions and patterns are ready to be picked up 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

Thank You

I would like to thank everyone for their prayers and cards and Pastor Ader for his visits during surgery. I appreciate it very much—Jim Eberhardt

Thank You To Everyone At St. John

I thank you so much for all your prayers and visits. It is such a blessing to have friends like you. Thank you Pastor for all the visits. They really did help a lot. I'm slowly getting better. With the help of God it will continue. I sure had a lot of good support in the hospital and in the nursing home. Thank you so much. God Bless-Darlene Schuldt

Lutheran Hour Broadcast

If you would like to sponsor the Lutheran Hour on WFHR 1320 AM at 9:00 AM please call the radio station at 715-424-1300 and ask for Bob or Chuck. Previously we had announced that WFHR would no longer be broadcasting the Lutheran Hour. As we become informed about the situation we will include updates.

The Lutheran Hour will be on the following radio stations on Sunday: WAXX 104.5 FM at 6:30 a.m.; WDLB 1450 AM at 8 a.m.; WDUX 92.7 FM at 8 a.m.; WSAU 99.9 FM at 8:30 a.m.; and WRVM 91.3 FM, 94.3 FM or 101.3 FM at 10 a.m.

August 3

"Food for Hungry Souls"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz

We're spiritually hungry and yet we often try to fill ourselves up with everything but God. Faith in Jesus is food for souls that hunger.

(Matthew 14:13-21)

August 10

"Will You Believe?"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz

The Savior who walked on water still comes to us in our time of need. (Matthew 14:22-30)

August 17

"A Savior Who Goes Where No One Has Gone Before"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz

Jesus is the Savior who goes where no one else could go in order to rescue, heal, and save us.

(Matthew 15:21-28)

August 24

"The Answer to Life"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz

Many regard Jesus as an urban legend, a cultural myth, or just another teacher. Jesus won't let you have this opinion of Him. (Matthew 16:13-20)

August 31

"God's Plan"

Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Ken Klaus Life seldom goes as planned. However, by God's grace things can turn out better than we deserve.

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(Matthew 16:21-23)

Scrip Scrap Corner

Don't forget to pack the scrip when you travel! Shop for hotels, cruise lines, popular places to eat, rentals, gas to get you there & back, and any items you left behind. Our profit total for July was \$226.22. Thank you for buying scrip and supporting our church.

Bethesda Thrift Shop

It's August and at the Bethesda Thrift Shop in the Rapids Mall it means Clearance Sales to get ready for fall items. We begin with a 50% off green-tagged clothing and shoes sale from August 4-16, followed by a 50% off almost everything in the store from August 18-23. Our semi-annual Bag Sale (clothing & shoes) for \$8.00 begins August 25. Seniors (+55) and Veterans discount days are every Wednesday. We also carry a nice variety of NEW furniture and mattresses. Please shop locally – shop Bethesda.

Immanuel Lutheran Child Care

Immanuel Lutheran Child Care is currently taking applications for an afternoon staff person to work with children over the age of 2 ½ beginning the end of August. This position will follow the school year calendar as the child care is closed when school is not in session. Applicants must meet the requirements for a “teacher” level as outlined by the state child care licensing regulations. For more information, please contact Dian Schlichtmann at 715-423-0272 ext 20 or at

dschlichtmann@immanuelrapids.com Applications are available at the Immanuel Lutheran Church and School office (111 11th St N, Wisconsin Rapids).



Love makes our friends a little dearer.
Joy makes our hearts a little lighter.
Faith makes our paths a little clearer.
Hope makes our lives a little brighter.
Peace brings us all a little nearer.

Author Unknown

Happy Sunshine Cupcakes

Psalm 144:15 says,
“Blessed [or happy] are the people
whose God is the LORD.” Make these
bright cupcakes to remember all the
ways God makes you happy.



What you need:

- Adult help
- Cake mix
- Cupcake liners
- White frosting
- Yellow food coloring
- Black frosting or tube gel
- Candy corn

What you do:

1. Make cupcakes by following directions on the box. Let them cool completely.
2. Stir yellow food coloring into white frosting, making it as yellow as the sun. Frost the cupcakes.
3. Using black frosting, make a happy face on each cupcake.
4. Around each cupcake, place candy corn with points out to resemble sun rays. Enjoy!

Cookbooks:

Hear ye! Hear Ye! The cookbooks, "St. John Lutheran Church, 150 year Anniversary Cook Book, Proclaiming His Story from Generation to Generation" have arrived! They are packed up and ready to be picked up after this weekend services. A big thank you to everyone in our congregation," known as the best cooks anywhere", who shared their favorite recipes printed in this cookbook. Thanks, St. John's Ladies Aid who have been collecting recipes for this book for several years, and to the cookbook committee who spent MANY hours reading and compiling this beautiful memorial cookbook. Thank you to the committee: Gail Bossingham, chairman, Marion Oleson, Diann Peotter, Jeanine Arneson, Judy Monje, Barb Kasten, Donna Rae Polansky and Mona Heindl.

A 90-10 split

When the weather prediction is for a 10 percent chance of rain, do we sigh and grumble and stay indoors? Or do we go ahead and picnic, golf or hike because the chance of bad weather is so low?

When doctors say our child has a 90 percent chance of full recovery from a deadly illness, don't we rejoice at the great prognosis? We quickly decide we can live with the slight chance of some impairment.

When a really tough exam comes back with a 90 percent grade, aren't we glad to have done well?

When a politician runs for office, 90 percent of the vote would be considered an overwhelming mandate.

Why then, when God gives us 100 percent of our material blessings, are we so horrified at the thought of giving him 10 percent back?

Party time

My mother's 100th birthday party was definitely an occasion to celebrate. We invited relatives and neighbors, prepared favorite foods and helped her pick out an elegant outfit. After all, she'd been anticipating this milestone for a long time.

Mom was excited about her party, yet not much else interests her anymore. When I visit, I notice that her daily routine has slowed to a crawl. It's lackluster and tedious. She waits for someone to call, for dinner or bedtime. The details and problems that were once a big part of Mom's life are no longer important.

There's one thing, though, that Mom does anticipate: her homecoming with God sometime soon. She knows an amazing celebration will occur when she arrives. She'll wear another lovely outfit, too. This time it will be a garment of salvation and righteousness that Jesus purchased for her. It will be the best party of her life.

—MaryAnn Sundby

**Neighborhood Table
Thursday, August 7, 2014**

St. John Lutheran congregation
will be serving our guests on
Thursday, August 7th
at St. John Episcopal Church
(across from the Post Office)

The Menu:

Spaghetti Dinner
Noodles with Meat Sauce
Garlic Bread
Tossed Salad
Dessert
Selection of Beverages

Approximately 350 meals will be prepared and served

Your **physical help** is needed
to prepare the meal, serve the meal, and clean-up duties.
Sign-up sheets are on the table in the Narthex

Your **culinary help** is needed
to bake dessert bars and cookies
Sign-up sheets are on the table in the Narthex

Your **financial help** is needed
to help defray the food cost expenses.
Donation envelopes are on the table in the Narthex.

Thanking you in advance for your willingness to help
those less fortunate than ourselves

**Church-wide
BAKE SALE
at
St. John Lutheran Church, Kellner
during the
TOWN of GRANT
150th year Celebration
Saturday, August 9th
8 a.m. to 10 a.m.**

Members of the congregation are asked to create baked goods for the sale.

Pies—Cakes—Cookies—Bars—Candy—Breads (plain or fancy)!

Goodies of all kinds are good sellers!

St. John Cooks and Bakers are known for their top-quality “Sweet Treats”

Join in the Town of Grant celebration!

Please have baked goods to the church on Friday August 8th
Place your “goodies” on the tables in the Annex by the Refrigerators

Thank You!

All monies earned from this BAKE SALE will be used for the
St. John Lutheran Church 150th Anniversary Celebration
October 10 & 11, 2015