

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.

Ash Wednesday & Lenten Services



"Broken Hearts Restored" • Joel 2:12-14
*Our hearts are broken in sorrow over sin;
Christ restores our hearts through his forgiveness.*

Lenten Services

10:30 AM (Traditional)

6:30 PM (Informal Family)



LENT BEGINS

March 12

"Broken Vessel Restored" • Mark 14:1-9
*A broken vessel holds costly perfume;
we are broken vessels restored when Christ pays
the price for us on the cross.*

March 19

"Broken Trust Restored" • Matthew 26:14-25
*Judas breaks his trust with Jesus by betraying him;
our broken trust is restored through the sacrifice of
Christ.*

March 26

"Broken Bread Restored" • John 6:48-58
*Bread is broken at the Last Supper; we are
restored through the Bread of Life, Jesus.*

April 2

"Broken Promises Restored" • Matthew 26:69-75
*Peter's broken promises to never deny Jesus are
restored by the surpassing love of Christ.*

April 9

"Broken Justice Restored" • 2 Corinthians 5:20-21
*A broken justice system put Jesus on the cross; we
are restored when by his death we are declared not
guilty.*

Lenten Devotionals & Coin Folders

The Lutheran Hour Ministries Lenten devotional booklets "My God, My God, Why Have You Forsaken Me?" and the Lenten Coin Folders are on the table in the narthex. Please return your Lenten Coin Folder to the drop off box in the narthex.

Life Circles-March 20

Please note date change for meeting! Pam recently became a "Mom" to ten puppies, so she has been busy, but will be able to share her time with us on Thursday, March 20. We will leave church at 9:00 AM, arrive at the center at approximately 10:00 AM, tour dog rescue center and "doggie day care" and meet Pam and her dogs. Pam Collar, breeder of Portuguese water dogs, will demonstrate how dogs are presented in show ring, agility training, and how dogs are trained so they are ready for their forever family. Pam shows four of her own dogs and her dogs have been sold all over the USA and won many honors in the show ring. Lunch at Monk's Restaurant at noon. After lunch you are on your own—shopping mall is close by, antique and craft barn and also downtown shops. I would appreciate an R.S.V.P if possible so I can alert Monk's. Call Sue at 715-423-8022 if able to attend.



Recognition Of New Members

Our new members will be welcomed at the 9:30 AM Sunday, March 9 church services. Please join us downstairs in fellowship after the service. Refreshments will be provided by the Stewardship Board. Members welcomed include: Lee & Flora Bottensek & Ricky Lutz. We look forward to getting to know you better as we worship and work together in serving the Lord.

Think Summer!

Camp Luther recently visited St John's weekday school and showed the kids the great activities and experiences they can have during summer camp.



Enrollment has begun for anyone interested. Also available is scholarships from the Board of Education and proceeds from the cookie walk that the Ladies Guild donated. Please ask Kylie Swen or Brenda Prange for an application. Deadline for the scholarship is March 12th.

Vacation Bible School

The Board of Education is looking for help from anyone that wishes to contribute some time and assistance to this year's VBS. June 9th – 12th from 5:30 to 7:30. Please contact the church office.

A Big Thank You For Hearts For Jesus

Thank you to all that donated to this year's Hearts for Jesus. We collected over 150 items to donate to the Family Center.

Wounded Warriors Project

The elders of St. John will be running a campaign to collect monies for the Wounded Warriors Project of America. This will be a week to week project and ending on Memorial day. If you are so inclined to donate now, please put your donation in an envelope from the pew and mark it Wounded Warriors.

Veterans Of St. John

The elders of St. John would like to honor our (St. John) veterans by having a plaque made up with the names of all the members of our congregation still presently with us or since deceased. The only problem is that we do not know who they are. There will be a sheet on the table in the Narthex to sign up anyone you know of that has served in the military. Please respond to this plea by signing up your family or friends who you know have served in the military.



Compassionate Friends

I would like to provide an update on what our group has accomplished and our future plans.

Our group is comprised of nine individuals who have made many visits to shut ins, sent cards and said many prayers.

Our members are: Lois VerVoort, Deb Sandberg, Darleene Swen, Sharon Dix, Judy Monje, Toni Hamann, JoLynn Winkels, Judy Shepard and of course Pastor Ader. If you have any questions, requests or comments, please contact anyone of them or call the church office.

I would like to remind you that nothing is too small or too big for us to pray about, send a card, make a visit or give out a prayer lap robe/shawl. Our concerns are about all people—not only our church members.

We started visiting ten shut-ins and we now see four. We have sent out seventeen grief support booklets, eight illness coping booklets and have given out thirteen prayer lap robes/shawls.



We are currently checking to see if tapes of our church services can be used at nursing homes and assisted living homes in our area.

Please continue to use the Pew cards for any concerns. Fill out and place in collection plate or give to Elder. It seems we all know at least one or more friend or relative that may need a prayer! Maybe they are ill, lonely, having a bad day, traveling or it could be a prayer for praise!

Thank you to all who have worked so tirelessly making sure visits are made and prayers and cards sent. Also, to all who have made prayer lap robes or shawls. Your efforts have helped others and touched many people's lives!

Compassionate Friends are doing God's work and with His continued blessings and help we will continue to help those in need.

--Submitted by Sue Helmuth

Quilt Raffle Ticket Sales

Thank you to everyone who participated in the quilt raffle. \$561.00 has been sent to the Beringer Adoption Fund from our whole congregation.

Scrip Scrap Corner

Despite the snow and cold outside it's not too soon to shop the latest spring fashions for the entire family. Purchase Scrip and watch the rebates add up for St. John! With top brands for adults, teens and kids, you'll be ready in no time for Spring and Easter! Our profit total for February was \$ 231.91.

Attention

Due to a shortage of food at the SWEPS, please continue to bring in your generous donations for the SWEPS (South Wood County Emergency Pantry Shelf). Thank you—The Human Care Board.



Lutheran Hour Broadcast

Please note that The Lutheran Hour will no longer be airing locally on WFHR 1320 AM. Tune in each Sunday at 8:30 am on WSAU 99.9 FM (Wausau) and at 10:00 am on WRVM 91.3 FM (Marshfield) or 94.3 FM (Stevens Point).

Bethesda Thrift Shop

It's CLEARANCE SALE time at Bethesda as we try to clear out our winter clothes to get ready for our spring and summer stock. All clothing and shoes will be 50% off through March 1 and then our BAG SALE (\$8.00) for all clothing and shoes will be from March 3 to 15. That's a great time to stock up on some very nice clothing. On March 17 we will restock the entire store with our spring and summer selections. We will be celebrating our 10th anniversary as a store in the Rapids Mall on Saturday, March 22. Get ready for some great sales that day! Now's the time also when tax refunds are coming and we suggest you stop by and see our great selection of NEW furniture and mattresses. Thanks for shopping locally and supporting the mission of Bethesda.

Immanuel Lutheran Celebration Auction

Immanuel Lutheran School's 8th Annual Celebration Auction will be held Saturday, March 22, at the Ridges Banquet Facility. There will be a Silent Auction beginning at 4:30 pm, Dinner at 5:30 pm, and Live Auction beginning at 7:40 pm. Cost is \$25.00 per person; registration deadline is Friday, March 14. For more information or to make a reservation you may contact the Immanuel School office at 715-423-0272.

Immanuel Lutheran School Information

2014-2015 School Registration

Current school families have been given a re-enrollment packet to sign up for the 2014-2015 school year. Immanuel is also looking for any new families to have the opportunity for Christian Education. If you know of a new family in our community that could benefit by a Christian Education please guide them to the Website at www.immanuelrapids.com or call the school office and provide a name and phone number contact so we may provide them with the information about the benefits of Immanuel. Immanuel has a dedicated staff that can provide a strong academic foundation and character development in a Christian learning environment.

Parental Choice Program

Free Tuition-Now that I have your attention that is correct. Families can enroll their children to participate in the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program. If they are selected they have the option to attend Immanuel Lutheran School for **FREE**.

What Can You Do?

The open enrollment period is February 1-April 21 in which parents need to enroll their child. The online application can be found at: <http://sms.dpi.wi.gov/wpcp-statewide>

The online application process is simple and if you would like help call the school office to schedule a time to assist you in this application.

Immanuel Lutheran School currently has 10 students who are part of the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program. Due to our involvement this year we will also be part of this program for 2014-2015. In order to add more students and families to this program we need your help by completing the application process to grow the program at Immanuel. More information can be found at:

http://sms.dpi.wi.gov/choice_programs

You can also look at Wisconsin School Choice website that has more information about this program located at:

<http://www.schoolchoicewi.org/>

If you need help or have more questions please call the school at 715-423-0272.

PLAIN & *Simply* Just Pancakes



The Children of St. John invite you
to an Ash Wednesday Evening Supper
of **Just Pancakes** with a Topping Bar.

Wednesday March 5, 2014

4:00 – 6:00 PM

Eat before church – or come back if you went to church in
the morning.

Your Free Will Donation will support the Youth of St. John.

This will not be a yearly event.

Rather **PLAIN** & *Simply* only if
Ash Wednesday falls in the month of March.



Just a friendly reminder to all that participated in
Journey To The Cross last year.

You will remember that we as a group decided that if you had a part in it ~
such as Character, Tour Guide, Custom Official, that you would make your intent
known by Ash Wednesday by signing up once again in the back of church. If you are a
new comer and are eager there will be a sheet for you stated New Comers,
if interested please make your intent known that you want to participate-
what becomes available will be your choices.

~The Holy Spirit seems to Guide us through because it always works out ~

As we all know not everyone returns from the year before
but this gives the chance to all those who participated last
year to have their same parts - first.

This year's event will be
Saturday April 12,
2014 - 11:00am -
2:00pm -
Rain or Shine

