

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.

Recognition Of New Members



Please join us on Sunday, May 11 at the 9:30 AM service as we welcome our new members:

Paul & Star Anacker, Paul & Tari Heineck, Steven Heineck, Erin Heineck and John Garbalaytys. Refreshments provided by the Stewardship Board will be available downstairs in the fellowship area after the services. We look forward to getting to know our new members better as we worship and work together in serving the Lord.

Hope's Door Collection

St. John church has pledged to fund Hope's Door (1430 2nd Street North, Wis. Rapids--formally The Resource Center) for the month of May. They serve about 600 families in the area and offer used clothing, household appliances, and furniture free of charge to the families that meet their requirements. Karolyn Weber is president of the center. She and all the staff volunteer their time and talents to keep the center open on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 9 am to 4 pm. We at St. John want to raise the \$1200 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.

DOOR COLLECTIONS for Hope's Door will be each weekend in May, starting May 3-4, and ending May 24-25, 2014—The Human Care Board

Scrip Scrap Corner

Tackle Projects BIG & small. Find Scrip for paint, hardware, supplies, storage, décor and anything else you need for your home improvement's this spring. Our profit total for April was \$362.99.

Mother Daughter Banquet

Plans are being made for the Mother Daughter Banquet which will be held Wednesday, May 14 at 6:00 PM. A signup sheet is in the narthex. We are also looking for Evening Guild Auxiliary Men to help in the kitchen and serve during our Banquet.

Please call Rhonda Knoll 715-421-2418, Jean Zeman 715-421-5243 or Fran Kostyn 715-424-0797 for questions. Tickets will be sold at the door.

Mother & Daughter Banquet



Go Tell It On The Mountain Vacation Bible School

This years VBS will be held June 9th-12th from 5:30-7:30 PM. Forms will be sent home from Weekday School or can be found in the church narthex. Please register children by May 30. You may leave them with the church office or contact Kylie Swen or Tina Miller.

Life Circles

Life Circles will be going to visit the Amish at Pardeeville on Wednesday, May 7. We will meet at church at 7:45 and leave by car caravan at 8:00 AM. We will visit greenhouses, the general store and the bakery and of course stop for lunch. All are invited and we hope you will join us for a fun day of fellowship!

Wounded Warriors Project

The elders of St. John, Immanuel and St. Luke's will be running a campaign to collect monies for the Wounded Warriors project of America. This will be a week to week project beginning in April and ending on Memorial Day (May 26th). If you are so inclined to donate now, please put your donation in a 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.



Kellner Area Rummage Sale

We got some junk in our truck.

Do you have any junk to sell from your trunk?

On Saturday, May 31 from 8 AM-3 PM we will give you a great opportunity to sell junk from your car trunk.

A five dollar donation will get you two parking spots in the church parking lot. This will allow you to bring more items to sell.

We will be selling: Walking Tacos, Baked Potatoes with toppings, Pigs in a Blanket on a stick, Rainbow Fruit Kabobs, Chocolate Cookies and Beverages. Porta Potti on site.

Reserve your spot on the "map" on the table in the narthex. Any questions call Sandra Sweeney 715-886-4864 or Sue Helmuth 715-423-8022.

The monies earned will go towards the Boards of Stewardship and Evangelism for upcoming events during our 2015 anniversary year. Tell family & friends! We have the space-the food-the "junk"-We just need your trunks!

Bethesda Thrift Shop

It's May and summer is almost here. Check out the Bethesda Thrift Shop in the Rapids Mall for a wide variety of spring and summer clothing, swimwear, and other summer odds and ends. Bethesda also carries a nice variety of NEW furniture, mattresses and frames, bed sheets, socks etc. Special sales include the weekly (Wednesday) Senior and Veterans discount days and a 50% off BLUE TAG sale on clothing and shoes from May 5 through 17. Please come in and support our mission to enhance the lives of intellectually and physically disabled people. Thanks for shopping at Bethesda.

Volunteers Needed

The Bethesda Thrift shop is in need of some new volunteers to help sort and price donated items or be a cashier or helper at the front desk. Try to get a group of 3-4 together to help us out once or twice a month for a 4-hour shift. It's fun and you will be blessed. It won't take a lot of your time, but a few new groups would help us tremendously. We need you! Please call Chuck (715-421-3477) or stop at the store.

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.

May 4-"Live Life, Traveling Well"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz
When God makes a way possible where there is no way, you can trust Him that you will finish the journey well. (1 Peter 1:17-25)

May 11-"Doing Good"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz
God calls us to be good-doers, rather than do-gooders. (1 Peter 2:19-25)

May 18-"God's Presence + God's Promise = God's Peace"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz
God's presence in Christ plus God's promises through Christ equals God's peace with Christ, forever. (John 14:1-14)

May 25-"Remembering"

Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Ken Klaus. As we remember those who died to preserve our freedom, we remember the Savior who died and rose to save us from eternal death.



"Seek and you will find."
- Matthew 7:7, NIV

Journey To The Cross ~ Thank You

A comment was made to me by a guest. "It's so real- it made me feel like I could have been there." So with those words I want to say God's Blessing to all those that I will list for their Faithfulness in bringing Jesus' Story to life to our Kellner Community.

It does take a large commitment on St. John to make this happen, everyone has an important role. I would like to THANK ALL of our Guests who braved the weather!

People who did Food Prep on Friday: August +Emily Henke, Allan + Judy Ontl, & Nancy Reese & Sandra Sweeney. Journey To The Cross Cast:

Passports: JoLynn Winkels-

Greeters: Sharon Dix, Jon Sandberg, + Craig Timm.

Custom Officials: Diane Flick, Carol Pierce, Jerry Swen, & Gene Timm.

Tour Guides: Jan Bremmer, Tracy Fitzgerald, Toni Hamann, Chuck Rein, Nancy Reese, Deb Sandberg, Betty Spurlock, Lois VerVoort, & JoLynn Winkels.

Time Period Characters: Station 2: Tammi, Faith & Hope Jepson- Station 3: Mike & Sandra Sweeney- Station 4: Mitchell Prange & Dylan Rosenthal- Station 5: Darleene & Carter Swen- Station 6: Brenda Prange, Karlie Helmuth, & Ally Roquet- Station 7: Chuck Peters, Anita Westfall, & Marion Oleson- Station 8: Gail Bossingham & Lydia Greening- Station 9: Jim Schoenick & Evan Swen- Station 10: Larry Shepard & Chuck Bossingham- Station 11: Judy Shepard & Judy Van Ert- Station 12: Sue Helmuth & Jeanine Arneson-

Snow Removal: Richard Manke- Advertisement & Seeking Sponsorship: Sue Helmuth, Sandra Sweeney & JoLynn Winkels- Making of Posters & Reminders to Congregation/verbal announcements & Prayers of support: Pastor Ader-

Props & Set Up: Sue Helmuth, Ann Collar, Mike & Sandra Sweeney-

Set Up of Tents: Brian & Jerry Swen, Chuck Bossingham, & Mike Sweeney-

Loading of Donkey w/Mike: Seth Sweeney am. – Tom Winkels pm.

Filming and making DVD Journey to the Cross 2014: Jerry & Donna Strack

Businesses that Sponsored half page Ad in Buyers Guide:

Cha-R-Box Café, Conley's In Kellner, Studios Eighty Eleven, Country Tots, Dog Start Resort, A-1 Services, Happy Days Day Care Center, Herman Taylor Funeral Home, & Feldner/Ritchay Funeral Home-

St. John Congregation: All your Prayers & Support for this outreach event.

Cast Pizza Party was paid by those who attended - NO monies that have been raised for Journey To The Cross were used for this part of our day.

All Cast Members agreed that- We look forward to *Journey To The Cross* Saturday March 28, 2015 ~ 11:00Am – 2:00PM

If there was an oversight of a name it wasn't intentional ~ Sandra Sweeney

Life Circles

June 4 & 5, 2014

Life Circles of St. John is happy to announce another 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: "The Last Potluck" and "The Little Mermaid." And yes, believe it or not "The Little Mermaid" is for all audiences!

The Chanhassen Dinner Theatre is proud to present the Midwest Premiere of "The Little Mermaid." In a magical kingdom beneath the seas, a beautiful young mermaid, Ariel, longs to leave her ocean home to live in the world above. This Disney classic is based on Hans Christian Anderson's enchanted fairy tale.

The Plymouth Playhouse original cast of church basement ladies is now performing their last potluck which is sure to hilariously entertain all of us. (They are not as organized as the ladies at St. John's.)

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 serve yourself breakfast (included) in their lovely dining area on Thursday morning.

On Wednesday noon we will enjoy lunch at Bachman's. Please indicate your choice when making your reservation. Choices are: Turkey Sandwich, Roast Beef Sandwich, Ham and Cheese Croissant Sandwich, or Quiche Lorraine (all are served warm and accompanied by a side salad.)

*The cost for the two days includes transportation, lodging, tickets for both shows, and four meals (dinner, breakfast and two lunches) are as follows:
Single \$263.00, Double \$215.00, Triple \$199.00, and Quad \$191.00.*

Please mail your check payable to Lois VerVoort, 4211 Ridgeview Lane, Wisconsin Rapids, 54494 to save your spot. A complete itinerary will be returned with your receipt.

**Although this tour is being offered to all church members first, we will open it to friends if space is available after April 30th.*

We look forward to you joining us!