

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.

Independence Day Observation at St. John

We will be marking Independence Day with a special service on Sunday, July 5, at 9:30 am. Prior to the service we will be having a patriotic song fest, an opportunity to join in singing some of our favorite patriotic songs. This will start about 10 minutes prior to the start of service, about 9:20 am.



Please Note: We will not be having worship service on Saturday, July 4th and the Church Office will be closed on Monday, July 6th.

Reflections Brunch

On Sunday, July 12 we will celebrate our Reflection Sunday at the 9:30 AM service. We will be honoring all of our members age 80 and over. Following the service there will be a brunch hosted by the Ladies Evening Guild. Everyone is invited!



If anyone has turned 80 and is not on the following list, please notify the church office.

Jeanine Arneson, Mabel Behn, Joanne Behrend, Lee Bottensek, Flora Bottensek, Harriet Brandt, Jan Bremmer, David Cook, Dorothy Cook, Doreen Cook, Ronald Geiger, Grace Gilman, Robert Hanneman, Eva Helke, Dick Kertis, Arlene Knoll, Lorin Lutz, Laura

Neinfeldt, Diann Peotter, Lester Rabska, Gladys Sawaska, Helen Schoenick, Howard Schuldt, Karon Sharpe, John Tomesek, William VerVoort, Dorothy Zimmerman.

See you on Sunday, July 12 at 9:30 AM!

Ladies Aid Picnic

The Ladies Aid will be having their picnic on Thursday, July 2 at noon in the church basement. Please bring a dish to pass and a small bingo prize. All ladies of the congregation are invited.



Memorial Day Celebration

The Memorial Day Celebration for the veterans of St. John was held May 24 & 25. It was well attended. We were blessed with many visitors, who eagerly expressed how impressed they were with their experience at St. John. Pastor Ader had an exceptionally moving homily regarding remembrance. The roll call for current veterans and those we remember followed. The honor guard from American Legion Post 9 entered and after a brief, but inspiring reading, the gun salute and Jerry Strack playing Taps. It was very emotional for many, as we thought of all the veterans who



have suffered for us and given their lives for our freedom. One can only imagine what they have endured and done for all of us! Saturday night we served sloppy joes to approximately 36 people and Sunday we served IGA chicken for 86 people. We thank you all who attended. It was a wonderful time for fellowship. Bill Coley and Gene Timm are responsible for starting our celebrations for our veterans and because of their efforts and leadership it only gets better every year. Thank you! We wish to thank American Legion Post 9 for their presence! A very big thank you goes out to Elaine Polansky for baking the most delicious apple bars ever! Thank you also to all that donated food and a very big thank you for those who helped with the clean up on Saturday and Sunday!. It was amazing to see so many get busy – washing dishes, putting things away, etc. Their efforts, given without asking, show the true spirit of St. John. We care about, not only the veterans, but each other as well. On a personal note: I was very happy to have a part in the celebration, it was a heartwarming and fun time, also an honor to serve our veterans! St. John has been blessed by our Lord and Savior in many, many ways... but especially by all those who work at making St. John an even better place to come for fellowship and worship. – Sue Helmuth

Appointment of Board Members

Hear are the names and titles for Board Positions who were installed on Sunday, June 14: Chuck Bossingham – Vice Chairman; Board of Finance – Gene Timm & Lydia Greening; Trustees – Gary Getzloff unable to serve at this time; Brian Swen will fill in on board. Elders – Jerry Strack, David Lutz and Chuck Bossingham; Board of Education – Kristina Miller, Chris & Kristin Ashenberg and Lisa Dixon; Board of Stewardship – Sue Helmuth; Human Care – Jeanine Arneson.



Scrip Scrap Corner

Don't feel like cooking in the hot summer months or are you so busy having fun in the sun you don't have time? How about helping St. John earn some extra money and buy scrip from places such as Applebee's, Culvers, El Mezcal, Grace's, McDonald's, Olympic, Panda Express and Subway. Please help out St. John and consider purchasing Scrip. Our profit total for June was \$179.91



Thank You

A special Thank You goes out to Dick Kertis for keeping our lawn and snow equipment in tip-top shape for so many years. I would also like to thank Don Hess for donating and planting our little Christmas/anything tree. Also I would like to thank Bobby Obernberger for donating a push lawn mower to the church. Thank you Guys! – Bill Coley – Outside Custodian



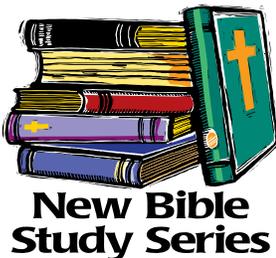
Potluck Thank You

Thanking all the congregation members who joined us for our second potluck luncheon on Sunday, June 14. The food and fellowship was a welcomed time with one another. The money donations collected for the General Fund will be counted and recorded by the Finance Board and after our December luncheon our total will be made known from all. A special thanks to the members who helped clean up afterwards, many hands made less work. Next potluck date Sunday December 6, 2015.



Adult Bible Study

While we are enjoying some time off from Bible Class for the summer months, I would like to share some information concerning some of the plans I have for our classes once we resume again in September.



The **Monday afternoon** class will continue to meet at 1:30 pm as per our consensus when we concluded in April. We will resume our study of Mark, and I will be putting out the sign-up list in early August as we will need to order our second study guide.

The **Sunday morning** class will still meet at 8:05 am. We will undertake an ambitious 3 year study through the entire Bible. Utilizing *The Gospel Project® Chronological*, we will embark on a chronological, Christ-centered journey through the storyline of Scripture. Participants will encounter God's plan of redemption in Scripture through study of Bible narrative, the essential doctrines of the faith, and the call to join in God's mission locally and globally. Mildly curious? There will be a sample available on one of the tables in the narthex, also appearing in August. Can't wait until then, or have questions, just speak with Pastor Ader.

Worship for Shut—Ins

Worship for Shut-Ins (WSFI) is a thirty-minute Christian worship experience featuring classic hymns, the Apostles' Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and a 10-minute message by Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod pastors. Beginning on June 28, 2015, RCCA will begin airing WSFI on Solarus Cable Channel 3 and Charter Cable Channel 985 on Sunday mornings at 6:30 am and Wednesday mornings at 8:00 am.

WSFI can also be seen on Stevens Point Community TV (Charter Cable Channel 984) at the following times: Mondays 12:30 pm, Tuesdays 2:00 pm, Thursdays 2:30 pm, Fridays 10:30 am and Saturdays at 11:00 am.



Sermon Summaries

June 28, 2015 – Mark 5:21-43

“There’s Always Hope by Rev. Paul E. Shoemaker, Emanuel Lutheran Church~New Haven, IN

Severe illness and death can challenge our faith in God and our relationships with those we love. A father comes to Jesus to plead for his daughter who is dying. A woman interrupts them because she is seriously ill. Both are looking to Jesus with hope. In times of trial we, too, can look to Jesus with hope for healing, both physical and spiritual.

July 5, 2015 – Mark 6:1-6

“Amazing!” by Rev. Dr. Thomas R. Ahlersmeyer, Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, IN

Stubborn unbelief takes offense and refuses to hear or see Jesus Christ in the ordinary, less-than-perfect conditions of life. Listening to the words of eternal life, words and actions that point to the amazing grace of Jesus, creates amazing faith in people, amazing because of its dependence upon Jesus.

July 12, 2015 – Mark 6:14-29

“Humility, Submission, and Trust” by Rev. James L. Elsner, Prince of Peace Lutheran Church~Stroh, IN

Is it hard to be humble? To submit? To trust? Then come and see faith under fire in John the Baptist.

July 19, 2015 – Mark 6:30-44

“Spiritual Food” by Rev. Paul E. Shoemaker, Emanuel Lutheran Church~New Haven, IN

From five loaves of bread and two fish, Jesus uses His divine power to provide food for 5,000 men, not counting the women and children. Jesus not only has power to nourish our bodies, but He has the power to nourish our souls.

July 26, 2015 – Mark 6:50

“Jesus Overcomes All Evil” by Rev. William Brege, Former regular pastor on Worship for Shut-Ins

Jesus says to you and me, “Do not be afraid. I am with you.”

