

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.

RESURRECTION REALITIES

A Series of Services for the Easter Season

We invite you to join us during the Sundays after Easter for a special series of services in which we will explore what living in the radiance of the resurrection really means for our everyday lives. Each service focuses on a portion of the Book of 1 Peter and looks at the new approaches St. Peter says we all should have toward realities we still face in this life.

The first service (April 2/3) in the series looks at the reality of suffering and how we look at that aspect of life differently in light of the resurrection of Christ.

The second service (April 9/10) in the series looks at the reality of lifestyle and how the way in which we live changes in light of the resurrection of Christ.

The third service (April 16/17) in the series looks at the reality of relationships and how our interactions with one another change in light of the resurrection of Christ.

The fourth service (April 23/24) in the series looks at the reality of identity and how the ways in which we identify ourselves shift in light of the resurrection of Christ.

The fifth service (April 30/May 1) in the series looks at the reality of evangelism and the how the ways in which we share the Gospel with others reflects the light of the resurrection of Christ.

The sixth service (May 7/8) in the series looks at the reality of Satan and how we deal with him differently in light of the resurrection of Christ.

GOD Connects

A Course in
Christianity



Adult membership class

– We are forming a new adult membership class. It will start Monday, April 11 at 6:00 p.m. Whether you have questions about Christ or want to deepen your faith in Him, this class will explore what the Bible says about our God, and how His love gives direction and meaning to your life today and forever. This class is designed for those who are interested in learning or reviewing the foundations of the Christian faith. Attendance at the class may lead to membership in our church, but there are no obligations.

GodConnects is a video series explaining the Christian faith in a way that makes it easy to invite a friend, family member, or church visitor. Plain language and helpful illustrations present God's work of salvation in a concise manner. This series is ideal for those with questions about sin, judgment, redemption, Jesus, the believer's life, and more. *GodConnects*—an excellent resource for amplifying and sharing key concepts of the Christian faith. Who has God put in *your* life that needs to hear His message?

Go to www.lhm.org/GodConnects to watch an introductory video.

Adult Bible Class

The **Sunday** morning Bible Class meets at 8:05 a.m. and is continuing the *Gospel Project Chronological* study.

We will be looking at the books of Numbers, Joshua, Judges, Ruth, and 1 Samuel. The **Monday** afternoon Bible Class will conclude its study of Church History – *Christian History Made Easy* on Monday afternoons from 1:30 – 3:00 p.m. We will end the season with a couple week study of the Psalms.

Everyone is welcome to join us for these studies.

Students Singing & Reciting the Books of the Bible

Weekday School students will be praising God and warming our hearts on Sunday, May 1st by singing a song of praise during the 9:30 am service. Students in grades 3 – 7 will also be reciting the Books of the Bible.

Presentation of Attendance Awards, Singing Awards, Bibles & Catechisms

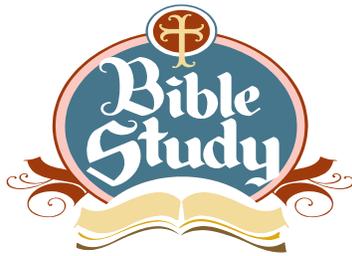
Attendance Awards and Singing Awards will be presented to Weekday School students during the 9:30 am service on May 1st.

Bibles will be presented to Weekday School 2nd graders by their parents during the 9:30 am service on May 1st. The following students will be receiving their Bible:

Dylan Cook	Carson Rosenthal
Marina Piper	Danica Rosenthal

Catechisms will be presented to Weekday School 4th graders by their parents during the 9:30 am service on May 1st. The following students will be receiving their Catechism:

Sara Dixon	Madison Pyburn
Ashlyn Doescher	Carter Swen



Gracie Dotter
Conner Jensen

Elizabeth Weiland

Board of Education Brat Fry

Following the May 1st service, the Board of Ed, along with the Weekday School Students, will be having a Brat Fry in the church basement. All proceeds from the Brat Fry will go towards 2016 Vacation Bible School (VBS) expenses. You can dine in or take your order home. We will serve brats until 1:00 pm or until quantities run out. We hope you stop in and enjoy a delicious brat.

Journey to the Cross Thank You

Thank you to all of our guests that attended Journey on Saturday March 19th. As this was the 5th year in running of Journey, a Thank You to all of the St. John Congregation for all of your support for this Community Outreach Event. Your support with the Pancake Breakfast to the Journey Event on that day. I often have said it takes fifty plus people to do this event, its true—some people have been with us from the very beginning others helped in years that they were able to but, I want **ALL** of the people who helped in any way for this event in all of these years to know **THANK YOU** for making a difference with your witnessing in our Church and Community. We hope we made a difference in someone's life.



No Room at the Inn

Scrip Scrap Corner

Remember to buy Scrip for all of your Mother's Day needs. We have gift cards that will suit your needs for that special mother. Stop over and see what we have and/or what can be special ordered. Our profit total for March was \$216.64



Worship for Shut—Ins

Worship for Shut-Ins (WFSI) 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.

April 3, 2016 – John 20:19-31

“Twin Enemies of Easter” by Rev. James L. Elsner, Prince of Peace Lutheran Church~Stroh, IN

Has Christ truly risen? How can it be? No one comes back from death! What keeps you from believing in a Risen Lord?

April 10, 2016 – John 21:15-17

“Believing Christ’s Word” by Rev. Dr. Daniel J. Brege, St. Paul Lutheran Church~Decatur, IN

Jesus tells Peter, the denier of Jesus, that now he is called to care for Jesus' sheep. Our Lord has promised us in our trials that no matter what our eyes see, the words, promises and commands of the risen Christ remain sure and certain.

April 17, 2016 – John 10:22-30

“You’re In Good Hands” by Rev. Paul E. Shoemaker, Emanuel Lutheran Church~New Haven, IN

“You’re in good hands.” We remember those words from the iconic slogan for Allstate Insurance. We Christians are in the perfect hands of the risen Christ who assures us of



safety from eternal loss and promises the gift of eternal life.

April 24, 2016 – John 16:12-22

“Spotlight on Joy” by Rev. Dr. Thomas R. Ahlersmeyer, Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, IN

The Holy Spirit shines the spotlight on Jesus. When you have Jesus, you possess a joy that no one can take away from you!

Yunker’s Community Booklet Thank You

The Yunker Community coupon sale is over. I tried to keep things simple by using less people and by selling only 2 times per week. Everyone’s personal time is precious. Our profit was impacted, but I think we still did well. I want to thank the eleven people who sold booklets, the many who offered their time and help and all who purchased booklets! Also, a special thank you to Donna Strack for selling booklets at church. All your efforts sold \$800.00 worth of booklets! We also received a check from Yunker’s for \$400.00. The total amount of \$1200.00 will be donated to the carpet fund. Thank you for your patience and support. St. John is a giving church. God Bless.....Sue Helmuth

Bethesda Thrift Shop

Latest comments from customers stated how nice the store looks with all the spring colors. Now is the time to shop for your very nice good quality spring clothing at the Bethesda Thrift Shop in the Rapids MALL. Senior/Veterans discounts days every Wednesday; Special 50% off sale on almost everything in the store on April 29-30. Looking for NEW furniture or mattresses? Spend your tax refund with us. Additional furniture can be ordered for you. Thanks for supporting the mission at Bethesda.



Lutheran Hour Broadcast

The Lutheran Hour can be heard on the following radio stations on Sunday Morning: 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.

April 3

"Blessed Are Believers"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz
By faith in Jesus, you are blessed-even as your struggles continue. (John 20:19-31)

April 10

"Breakfast with Jesus"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz
Jesus shows up and shows us that God is close and God cares. (John 21:1-14)

April 17

"Confidence for Life"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz
Jesus' miracles were signs of God breaking into a sinful world, but the religious leaders saw it as a threat to their kingdoms. (John 10:22-30)

April 24

"One-upmanship"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz
Heaven will be more beautiful than we can imagine; it will rectify our problems and satisfy our most profound longings. (Revelation 21:1-7)



Pot Luck Thank You

Thank You for your delicious dishes to pass and your gift of friendship and fellowship. Along with that we raised \$205.00 to offset expenses for our weekend meal at St. John, to remember and honor our Veterans Memorial Day Weekend. All help given with set-up & clean-up was very much appreciated. A Note: Last year's earnings from March & June raised \$317.00 and was deposited in January 2016 into the General Fund.



PUZZLE
A SPECIAL GIFT

Give thanks to God for this amazing planet, which he filled with people, animals and plants.

Directions: Following the code below, fill in the blanks to complete the Bible verse. Then color the earth.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z

The _____ is _____, and _____, the _____, and _____.

24:1, NIV

Answer: The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it. Psalm 24:1, NIV

TEA TIME & PURSES

Bring your favorite purse



' Saturday April 30th, 2016

10:00AM ~ NOON

At St. John Lutheran Church

All Ladies ~ who live near or far ~ of every age ~
are Invited to our Tea Party.

~Free Will Donation~