

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.

Adult Bible Class

The **Sunday morning**

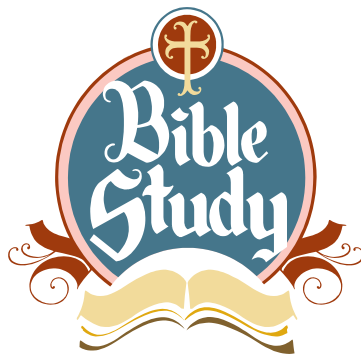
Bible Class lead by Pastor meets at 8:05 a.m. in the church basement. We are continuing our Gospel Project Chronologic study; there are still some study guides available if you would

like to join us. The **Monday afternoon** Bible class lead by Pastor meets at 1:30 p.m. in the church basement. Beginning in February we will start a study of the Parables. There are no study guides to purchase, but Pastor will have a study sheet for you to use as you prepare for each week. We will take a break during March/April to perhaps do a Lenten study and then will continue with the Parables after Easter.

The **Tuesday afternoon** Bible Class lead by Marge Rumble continues to meet at 12:30 p.m. in the church basement. They are continuing the study on Stressed-less Living. The **Tuesday evening** class that meets at Ross's home will be working through a study of the Gospel According to Matthew, and begins at 7:00 p.m.

Lent Begins March 1

Many of those involved in the story of the Passion of Christ came to a crossroads and had to decide which way to go. Some chose well, some did not, and the stories of each of



these experiences at various crossroads helps us to know what to do and what not to do when we encounter similar crossroads in our own lives. In the end, each service in the series reveals in some way how Christ and his cross help us to decide which path is in line with God's will for us. **At The Crossroads** will be our theme for this year's Lenten Midweek Series. Services will again be at 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday. A complete listing of each week's theme will be included in the March newsletter.

Spring Tea Meeting

Organization of Spring Tea will be on February 2 at 10:00AM. A time of organizing ideas for the tea. If you are unable to attend this first meeting please reply regrets to church office with Sharon.



Ladies Aid Pie Sale

The Ladies Aid will be selling their delicious homemade pies after services on February 18 & 19. Thank you for your support



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.

February 5, 2017 – Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Psalm: Psalm 112:1-9; **Epistle:** 1 Corinthians 2:1-12; **Gospel:** Matthew 5:13-20

“On Being Salty” - Sermon Text: Matthew 5:13-20 by Rev. Paul E. Shoemaker, Emanuel Lutheran Church ~ New Haven, IN

Did you ever forget to add the salt when cooking? Did the lights ever go out when it was dark outside? Salt enhances flavor and light enables us to see. Christ enhances our lives as we reflect the light of His love which caused Him to fulfill the Law for us.

February 12, 2017 – Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

Psalm: Psalm 98:7-9; **Epistle:** 1 Corinthians 3:1-5; **Gospel:** Matthew 5:21-37

“Matter of the Heart” - Sermon Text: Matthew 5:21-37

by Rev. James L. Elsner, Prince of Peace Lutheran Church ~ Stroh, IN

“We were only teasing!” How many people have been hurt because it was “only teasing”? Our actions reveal our motives – and whose we are. What’s in your heart?

February 19, 2017 – Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

Psalm: Psalm 94:3-5; **Epistle:** 1 Corinthians 3:18-20 **Gospel:** Matthew 5:38-48

“Two Kinds of Wisdom” - Sermon Text: 1 Corinthians 3:18-20 by Rev. Dr. Walter A. Maier III, Concordia Theological Seminary ~ Fort Wayne, IN

Two kinds of wisdom confront us. One leads to eternal life; the other to eternal death. What are these two kinds of wisdom?

February 26, 2017 – The Transfiguration of Our Lord

Psalm: Psalm 2:6-12; **Epistle:** 2 Peter 1:16-21; **Gospel:** Matthew 17:1-9

“A Final Transfiguration” - Sermon Text: Matthew 17:1-9 by Rev. Dr. Lawrence R. Rast, Jr., Concordia Theological Seminary ~ Fort Wayne, IN

Our lives are constantly changing—nothing remains the same. But Jesus’s transfiguration provides a sure and solid foundation for our lives today and always. Because he died and rose again, we know that we, too, shall be raised at the last day. And this enables us to live in confident hope even today.

Spaghetti Dinner

The entire congregation and families and friends are invited to attend the Spaghetti Supper on Sunday, February 12th from 4 to 6 PM. Come join us for a great supper of salad, spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic bread, topped off with the best selection of St. John famous desserts. The event is hosted by the Ladies Evening Guild. Adults \$7.00, children under 6 \$3.50



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.

February 5

"Nothing But Jesus!"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz
Amid life's commotion and clamor, what will give us peace? Nothing but Jesus!
(1 Corinthians 2:1-16)

February 12

"Here's to Life!"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz
Even as the world becomes a meaner, angrier place, God calls us to share His life with others.
(Deuteronomy 30:15-20)

February 19

"Love Your Enemies--Jesus Does!"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz
God calls us to love and forgive our enemies the way He loves and forgives us. (Matthew 5:38-48)

February 26

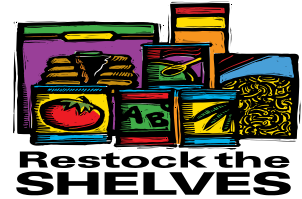
"Guilt's Gone"

Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus
A guilty conscience accuses; a forgiving Savior brings peace to troubles hearts.
(1 Corinthians 6:9-11)



SWEPS Collection

Just a reminder that we are collecting nonperishable food items for the South Wood County



Emergency Pantry Shelf (SWEPS) all year due to the need in the area. Thank you in advance for your continued generosity to help others meet the need to keep their families fed. The basket for the collection is in the Narthex.

Scrip Scrap Corner

Dining out is the perfect way to spend time with your sweetheart. We have Applebee's, Chat-R-Box, El Mezcal, Olympic, Grace's, Danny K's, Perkins, Rocky Rococo's, Panda Express, Panera Bread and many more. If we don't have the restaurant you want we can special order it for you. Scrip also works great for other Valentine gifts as well. Shop with Scrip for your Valentines needs and help out St. John. Our profit total for January was \$277.87

Bethesda Thrift Shop

February... time to pick up some Valentine items from the store – also this month (believe it or not) we are beginning our winter Clearance Sale. Feb. 1-11 25% off green-tagged clothing & shoes; Feb. 13-23 50% off ALL clothing & shoes; Feb. 24-25 50% off almost everything in the store; Feb. 27-March 11 Bag Sale. Our Winter Hours are 10-6 M-F, 10-5 on Sat. and closed on Sunday. As promised, here is our 2016 annual report: Gross sales \$338,408.89 (+7.9% over last year) (1st full year we took in \$100,938.00 – grown every year since.) 125 volunteers worked 18,311 hours; 37,270 customers (+3.5%); 5,853 donations. Our profit margin is 70.4% (Of the total money we take in 70.4% goes directly to support the mentally and physically disabled folks we serve. Our store's profit margin is #1 of all the 19 Bethesda stores – thanks to all the volunteers who operate the store.) Come and shop at Bethesda this month – great deals and a great cause!



Hearts for Jesus

“The Big Catch”

February 1st through February 22th

St. John Lutheran Church will be collecting non-perishable tuna for our local pantry.

Please bring in your cans of tuna to put in the Net of Hope.



On February 22nd we will celebrate our food drive accomplishment with an Ice Cream Social

Please help our children make this a big success!

Stay tuned as we watch our Net of Hope grow.



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 1, 2017
5:00 - 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.

*Come and treat yourself
by creating your own special pancakes with our topping bar.*

Walt and Gertrude Schoenick's wedding anniversary is February 14th.

This would be their 89th, and the Schoenick family has a winter reunion to celebrate every year.

They were also related to original members of St. John Church's of Kellner and Siegel.

Our family will be celebrating February 19th at St. John Church, with a pot luck lunch after church.

We would like to invite family, friends and members to join us, and also share family tree information.