

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.

Bible Studies

Sunday morning Bible Study continues moving through the Gospel Project Chronological materials, focusing on the Gospels and Jesus teaching. We meet beginning at 8:05 a.m. Please note, there will be no Sunday Bible class on Feb. 11 and 18.



The Monday afternoon Bible Study continues its study in *Hallmarks of Lutheran Identity*. Please join us as we discuss key Christian teachings of Scripture and how our understanding of them makes us uniquely Lutheran. We meet each Monday from 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

Lent Begins February 14th, Valentine's Day

We will be offering two series this year during the Lenten Season Worship.



Our Wednesday Midweek Services will follow the theme "Go and Be Reconciled: What Does This Mean?" Lent is the perfect time to reflect upon our being reconciled to God through the life, suffering, death, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. However, that is only one part of the reconciliation message. God also calls us to be reconciled one to another. Each week we will look at one of the six chief parts of Luther's

Small Catechism and learn what it and Scripture have to say concerning the full message of reconciliation. Please join us each Wednesday through Lent at either 10:30 a.m. or 6:30 p.m.

Ash Wednesday – Feb. 14

Be Reconciled to God: Remember Whose You Are? (Baptism)

Lent 1 - Feb. 21

Be Reconciled to God: Repent Before God (Commandments)

Lent 2 – Feb. 28

Be Reconciled to God: Receive God's Forgiveness (Confession)

Lent 3 – March 7

Be Reconciled to Others: Confess to the Other Person (Creed)

Lent 4 – March 14

Be Reconciled to Others: Forgive as God Forgave You (Lord's Prayer)

Lent 5 – March 21

Be Reconciled to Others: Restore with Gentleness (Lord's Supper)

Our Weekend Services will follow the theme "Thy Will Be Done". "Not as I will, but as you will," Jesus prayed to his Father the night before he went to the cross for our salvation. And that is our prayer as well this Lent as we seek to do God's will in our lives, as we draw near to the observance of Christ's suffering, death and resurrection during Holy Week. Written by Rev. Justin Rossow, each service in the series focuses on a different aspect of God's will at work among us. Biblical characters are used as

insightful reference points each week to guide us in following our Lord more nearly day by day. Please join us for worship either Saturday evening at 6:30 p.m. or Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m.

February 11 – God’s Will and God’s Promise

February 18 – God’s Will and My Inadequacy

February 25 – God’s Will and My Dreams

March 4 – God’s Will and My Identity

March 11 – God’s Will and My Worldview

March 18 – God’s Will and My Response

March 25 – God’s Will When We Are Not Willing

March 29 – God’s Will and Joyful Service

March 30 – God’s Will Is Done

April 1 – God’s Will for the New Creation

Worship Anew

Worship Anew 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 4, 2018 – Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Psalm: 103:1-5; Old Testament: Isaiah 40:28-

31; Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

“Like Eagles” - Sermon Text: Isaiah 40:28-31 – *Rev. Dr. Walter Maier III*

At times we are wearied by life’s challenges, and find it difficult to move forward. But there is One who never gets tired, who is almighty, who understands our situation. He loves us, and has saved us, and will renew our strength so that we can soar “like eagles.”

February 11, 2018 – The Transfiguration of Our Lord

Psalm: 50:1-6; Epistle: 2 Corinthians 3:12-13; 4:1-6; Gospel: Mark 9:2-9

“You Sure Look Different” - Sermon Text: Mark 9:2-9 - *Rev. Paul Shoemaker*

When a person’s appearance changes we take note. If it is for the good, we look for good news. If it is for the bad, we look for bad news. Jesus’ appearance changed for the good. What news does Jesus have for us?

February 18, 2018 – First Sunday in Lent

Psalm: 25:1-10; Epistle: James 1:12-18; Gospel: Mark 1:9-15

“Contrasting Adams” - Sermon Text: Mark 1:9-15 - *Rev. Dr. Daniel Brege*

Adam, God’s created son, failed in every way; he succumbed to the temptation of Satan and ate of the forbidden tree, bringing the curse upon paradise...making it into a wilderness. For us God’s beloved Son became the Second Adam; He entered the wilderness of man’s fallen world, He overcame Satan’s temptations, and by obediently going to the tree of the cross and rising from the dead, paradise is restored for mankind.

February 25, 2018 – Second Sunday in Lent

Psalm: 22:23-31; Epistle: Romans 5:6-11; Gospel: Mark 8:27-35

“What’s Your Final Answer?” - Sermon Text: Mark 8:29 - *Rev. Dr. Thomas Ahlersmeyer*
Jesus’ question to Peter is the most important question that people (including us) ever will have to answer. What are the “lifelines” you can go to for answers? What’s your final answer?



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 4

"Lift up your eyes on high and see: who created these?"

There's much in science that witnesses to God. Dr. Meyer says telescopes and microscopes can further evangelism more than soap boxes. (Isaiah 40:21-31 (The almighty God of all creation))

February 11

"Was Blind, But Now I See"

Would you rather be blind or visioned? That's an easy one. But, how does a spiritually blind person become seeing (2 Corinthians 4:3)

February 18

"Pay Attention to What You Hear " (Mark 4:24)

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer
Lent calls us to take deep into our being the life-changing words of God. The result? Obedience, changes in desires, and blessings. (James 1:12-18)

February 25

"Living and Dying"

Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus
Looking at sinful mankind, Jesus found what he was willing to die, and to live for. Are we willing to do the same? (Romans 5:1-11)

Compassionate Friends

Opportunity for helping our members and non-members at St. John. Compassionate friends

has a growing number of wonderful people to visit and we need more help! We meet the 3rd Wednesday of every month, we meet at 9:00 AM at church and then go on our visits. We are generally finished by Noon and we try to do

Homebound
Visitation Team



lunch together as a group. We make our visits in pairs. The visits are fun – the majority of people we see love to have us come and they love to talk and have a good laugh or two. We hand our devotionals to those who want them, may pray with them when needed, but usually we are just friends visiting friends. We are a relaxed group, if a prior commitment occurs – no problem – we work around it. But you will find as we all did, that it is so much fun you won't want to miss out! Current members: Lois VerVoort, Darleene Swen, Judy Shepard, Marilyn Knoll, Judy Van Ert, Sharon Dix and Sue Helmuth. Please consider joining us – you will find that you will be getting more out of this than the ones we visit. You can come on the 3rd Wednesday or you may contact Sharon or any current member.

Ladies Aid Pie Sale

The Ladies Aid will be selling their delicious homemade pies after services on February 17 & 18. Thank you for your support



Funeral Thank You

THANK YOU to the St. John congregation for your generous donations of hot dishes, salads, cheese trays, desserts and all the other delicious food you brought in for the Doris Oleson funeral. Also thank you to Gail Bossingham and Diane Flick (co-chairman of group 1) for coordinating the meal. The Doris Oleson family expressed their appreciation and gratitude for the fine job you did in serving the meal. The Funeral Committee



A Note of Thanks

I wish to thank everyone for your words of kindness and the sympathy cards given to me and my family after the passing of my husband. Your thoughtfulness and support are much appreciated. Linda Lindaas

Thank You

Thank you to all the St John Congregation for all the support during our time of sorrow.

We would like to thank everyone who provided food for the meal, and the many who help prepare and serve the meal. The Schimke family would like to express our appreciation for excellent job done by the Funeral committee.

Scrip Scrap Corner

What a special way to spend Valentine's Day then to take your special sweetheart out to dinner.

We have Applebee's, Chat-R-Box, El Mezcal, Grace's, Danny K's, Perkins, Panda Express, Panera Bread, Pizza Ranch, Rocky Rococo's for your eating pleasure. We also have Kohl's, Shopko, Target and Younker's if you need a gift card for that special sweetheart. We also can special order anything you need. Please consider helping out St. John and purchase scrip cards for your Valentine needs. Our profit total for January was \$240.04.



Spring Tea

Attention Ladies and Girls, Upcoming Spring Tea. Save the Date! Sunday, March 18 from 1:00 pm—3:00 pm.

Guest Speaker, Our very own Hannah Ashbeck; Miss Wisconsin Rapids.



Les & Mona's Decision

Hello Everyone, Les and I have been organizing the funeral meals for many years. We have enjoyed doing it. However, we have decided that March 1, 2018 we will retire. We have enjoyed working with everyone! A BIG THANK YOU TO EVERYONE who helped in any way! Les and Mona Heindl



Funeral Meals

Outside Custodian Position

It is with great regrets that I must tell you I will be retiring from the outside custodian.

With the decision to keep the Kester property I feel the job will be more than I want to handle and I am not getting any younger. When I come to mow the grass as it is now, I spend an hour and a half at the job. With the addition of the Kester property it will just take up too much of my time. I do not want to wait until someone steps up so I am appealing to you now. It has been suggested to me that we have a sign up sheet and that one or two sign up to handle the mowing each week. That might work but the custodian also keeps up the landscaping. The winter job is a little easier but has to be done each time it snows. I hope someone is willing to take over the job. I might add that this is a paid position. Sincerely yours Bill Coley



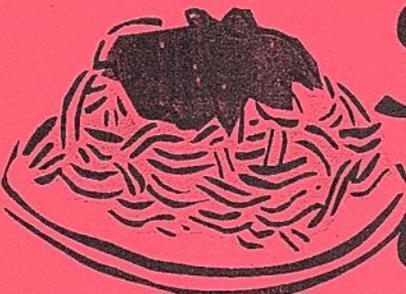
Show your love by making someone this heartfelt snack on Valentine's Day.

What you need:

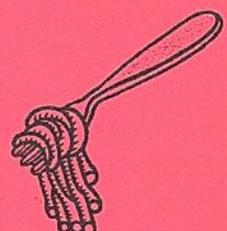
- 2 slices of bread
- 2 heart-shaped cookie cutters (one large, one small)
- Lunchmeat and cheese (or peanut butter and jelly)

What you do:

1. Cut a large heart out of each slice of bread.
2. Cut a small heart from the middle of one big heart.
3. With the small cookie cutter, make several heart shapes out of the meat and cheese. Place between the bread slices.
4. If you're using peanut butter and jelly, spread both onto the large, solid heart. Then place the slice with the small heart cutout on top.



Spaghetti Supper



St. John Lutheran Church

8020 South Park Road -- Kellner

*Stone Church on the corner of South Park Road
and 80th Street (Downtown Kellner)*

Sunday, February 11th

Serving 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

*Adults/Seniors \$7.00 Children 6 to 10 \$3.50
Under 6 FREE*

Dinner served at your candle-lit table includes:

Fresh Garden Salad

Spaghetti with Homemade Meat Sauce

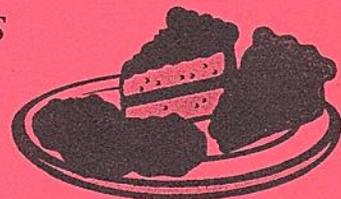
Italian Garlic (or plain) Bread

*Dessert Cart featuring an assortment of homemade
pies, cakes, cookies & other desserts*

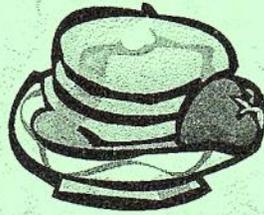
Hot or Cold Beverages



*Join us for a special evening
with your loved ones*



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 February 14, 2018

5:00 – 6:20 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

PLAIN & *Simply*

This has become a yearly event supporting
our Youth

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