

St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church



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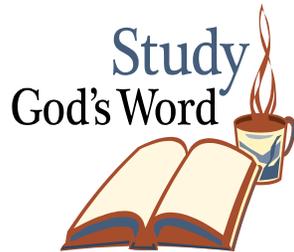
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January 2018

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 will resume on January 7 with Session 6 and Monday afternoon Bible Study will resume January 8 as we begin *Hallmarks of Lutheran Identity*; please read the Forward, Introduction and Chapter 1 (pp. 6–24). Tuesday evening Bible Study will resume on January 9. We will be following Jesus on his last trip to Jerusalem, his crucifixion and resurrection as recorded in Matthew.



we had from Random Acts of Kindness (old Hope's Door). We were able to take wonderful presents to each family member. Plus, we were able to give each family a \$25 gift card to help them purchase meat for their Thanksgiving meal. Also, we were able to give each family \$125.00 in Scrip to purchase food for their Christmas meals and more. Each family was also given a beautiful handmade bed quilt made by Marion Oleson. Thank You Marion! Human Care Board

Many, Many Thanks!

First, many thanks to everyone who made our Advent and Christmas season so special: decorating committee and altar guild; organists, choir and musicians; Elders and ushers; Weekday School staff, students and parents; and all who participated as we worshiped "Together in Advent" and "Together at Christmas" Second, thank you for the many cards and gifts which you've blessed me with again this season. Your kindness is very much appreciated. Blessings – Pastor Ader



Memorial Committee

Beginning in 2012 we have been receiving memorial donations for the lighting of the Steeple Cross. It is with great joy and appreciation we announce that through the many generous and specific memorial donations to this project, it will be completed as soon as the weather permits. The Lord has truly blessed us. Thank you.



Giving Tree Thank You

The generosity of our St. John Congregation is very impressive! This year you responded with enthusiasm to the needs and wishes of the three families



Rural Christian Women's Conference

If you are attending the Rural Christian Women's Conference on January 20, 2018 in Wautoma and are interested in car pooling to the event please meet in the church parking lot by 6:45 a.m. on the 20th. Any questions please call Darleene Swen at (715) 423-9087

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.

January 7, 2018 – The Baptism of Our Lord

Psalm: 29; Epistle: Romans 6:1-11; Gospel: Mark 1:4-11

“The Gospel Unfolds” - Sermon Text: Mark 1:4-11 – *Rev. Dr. Daniel Brege*

The Gospel unfolds as God appoints a man (John the Baptist) to introduce the Gospel. This Gospel is directly linked to forgiveness. At Jesus' Baptism, the Gospel begins to unfold, identifying Jesus as the Christ, the Son of God, the One who pleases the Father. The Gospel now unfolds for each of us in our Baptism.

January 14, 2018 – Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Psalm: 139:1-10; Old Testament: 1 Samuel 3:1-10; Gospel: John 1:43-51

“Come and See!” - Sermon Text: John 1:46 - *Rev. Dr. Thomas Ahlersmeyer*

God ought to reveal Himself in people and things that are larger-than-life, dramatic, and bombastic – right? Wrong! He invites us to “**Come and See**” Him in the insignificant, mundane, and humble. Our worship this week will help us to “**Come and See**” God in the simple Word-made-flesh, Jesus Christ.

January 21, 2018 – Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Psalm: 113; Old Testament: Jonah 3:1-5, 10; Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

“Fishers of Men” - Sermon Text: Mark 1:14-20 - *Rev. James Elsner*

Fishing is a favorite sport for many. Casting and reeling a hook to lure the fish. “Fishing” for people? It's better done with a net. And the net of the Gospel of God's love in Jesus is best.

January 28, 2018 – Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

Psalm: 111; Old Testament: Deuteronomy 18:15-20; Gospel: Mark 1:21-28

“A New Teaching!” - Sermon Text: Mark 1:21-28 - *Rev. William Mueller*

Jesus isn't what the people of Capernaum were expecting – and how wonderful that is! Are we guilty of making assumptions about Jesus – only to discover how wrong we were? Praise God Jesus is far, far more than was ever expected!

Human Care Board

The board welcomes any ideas you have and any help you can give. We want to continue our work in our community. We try to budget wisely: Veterans meals: \$400.00, Lenten meals: \$148.00, Bazaar baskets & Christmas Shoe box: \$70.00, Pamphlets & Materials: \$110.00, Items for Care bags for Cancer Center: \$540.00, Student packages: \$37.00 and Grand Rapids project: \$26.00 We received \$300 in donations which were greatly appreciated. None of this could be accomplished without the help of our board members and others. We thank our Lord and Savior for all our blessings and we



dedicate our work to Him and pray we can continue to do more in His name. Respectively submitted – Sue Helmuth – Chair Person.

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.

January 7

"Breaking News!"

Guest Speaker: Rev.

Dr. Dale A. Meyer

Epiphany calls us to believe that the Light has come into the

world. A New Year's message about confidence, if you'll believe it!

(Isaiah 60:1-6 ("Arise, shine, for your light has come."))



January 14

"How Well Does Jesus Know Me?"

Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev.

Dr. Ken Klaus

It's nice to have someone know and understand you. Today the Lutheran Hour asks, "How do you feel about Jesus knowing you?" (John 1: 48 -51)

January 21

"Meeting Millennials Where They're at"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer

Robots can't produce disciples. How can we mentor those who don't know Jesus, or don't know Him well enough?

(Mark 1:14-20 (Jesus calls His first disciples.))

January 28

"Cause I Said So"

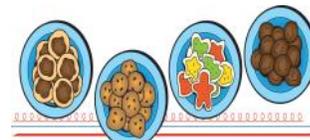
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Many have pretended to be the Messiah. In today's text, Jesus authority is recognized and obeyed by His competition. (Mark 1: 21-28)

Cookie Walk Thank You

The day dawned a bit "crispy" at 20 degrees and a few snowflakes on Saturday, December 9th—Cookie Walk Day!!



The cool temperatures and snow did not slow

down the traffic for the 23rd Annual St. John Cookie and Candy Walk. The sale began at 9:00 A.M. with many shoppers waiting at the door! In a short time the tables were being emptied, and by 11:00 A.M. it was time to close the 2017 Cookie and Candy Shoppe!! Truly a success. A special **Thank you** to those who baked and cooked goodies for the sale, both at home and in the church basement! A huge **Thank you** to all who came to help set-up and takedown for the event. This event would not be the great success it has become without the generous donations from the entire congregation!! St. John family has always been a caring and giving congregation and was once again demonstrated for the Cookie Walk. The Monies, \$1,937.30 from the sale will be used for a church-wide project, to be decided at the Annual Congregational meeting on January 14, 2018. Thank you again to all who were involved in this Christmas-time sweet event! **The St. John Cookie and Candy Shoppe** will again be open on **Saturday, December 8th, 2018**. Start choosing some new favorite recipes for the 2018 Christmas season. Winner of the Door Prize supplied by the Ladies Evening Guild was Kristen Spencer!

Scrip Scrap Corner

Thank you for supporting scrip in 2017!. We had the biggest participation this year for the holiday gift cards that we have ever had. **Our profit total for December was \$307.25. Our profit total for 2017 was \$2399.26.** Lets keep up the good work and continue to support the Scrip Program for the year 2018!!!!

