

St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church



October 2023

IT'S NOT TO LATE:

There's still time to bring in your books, CD's and DVD's (in good working order) for our book sale. Place them in the blue bin in the library. Please no magazines, newspapers, cassette tapes, or VCR tapes. The sale will be from 9 AM-2PM on Saturday, October 28th. If anyone is interested with the set up in the morning (starting at 9 AM) on Thursday, October 26th or helping the day of the sale it would be much appreciated. Thanks for your support!



Sand County Players

Don't Hug Me (a love story with singing and stuff) is coming to Sand County Players on Friday, November 3, 2023. The meal is a Buffet Dinner at 6 p.m. and the show at 7:00 p.m. Dinner and Show Ticket cost is \$30.00 per person. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Sign-up and Place Payment in Envelope provided! Payable to Judy Shepard before October 10, 2023. Car pool leaves **St. John Parking Lot PROMPTLY at 4:30p.m.** If driving on your own, call Judy Shepard at (715) 423-2071 or (715) 347-8242 before Wednesday, November 1

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.

October 1 "The Way Through the Maze"
Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dean Nadasdy
When life becomes a bewildering maze, Jesus is our way through and our way out.
(Psalm 25:4-5)

October 8
"Whatever and Wherever, Thank You, Lord!"
Guest Speaker: Pastor Keith Habersock
"The Lord is my Shepherd..." That's how the 23rd Psalm begins. It goes on to describe the ways in which our Good Shepherd leads, comforts, and protects the sheep of His flock. Every line gives us a reason to be thankful.
(Psalm 23)

October 15
"Help the World Rejoice"
Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
A musical about a choir of nuns led by a lounge singer provides the setting for Dr. Michael Zeigler's message, based on Psalm 80.

October 22
"Matching Pace"
Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
Hear about the Savior Who walks beside us, at our pace, and teaches us to walk with others. (Psalm 96:13)

October 29
"TBD" Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

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.

October 1, 2023 – Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost Psalm 25:1-10; Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32; Matthew 21:23-27 “By What Authority” – Sermon Text: Matthew 21:23 – Rev.

Shayne Jonker By what authority? Jesus' own words and works gave witness to His authority. He told the religious authorities as much. If you don't believe His words, then look at His works. Healing the sick, casting out demons, stilling storms, walking on water, raising the dead. These are the works that God does, and only one who is authorized by God can do these kinds of things. The Words and miracles of Jesus are His badge of authority. **October 8, 2023 – Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost Psalm 80:7-19; Isaiah 5:1-7; Matthew 21:33-46 “Faithful Vinedressers” – Sermon Text: Matthew 21:33-46 – Rev. Paul Shoemaker**

In the parable of the wicked vinedressers Jesus recounts how God's chosen people, Israel, were unfaithful to their calling. The Christian Church, which is the New Israel, is to be faithful to God's calling by grace through faith in Jesus Christ. **October 15, 2023 – Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost Psalm 23; Isaiah 25:6-9; Matthew 22:1-14 “Kingly Love” – Sermon Text: Matthew 22:1-14 – Rev. William Mueller**

During His earthly ministry Jesus loved telling parables about banquets and parties. These parables are great ways to teach the truths of

His kingdom. The truth we discover in the Parable of the Wedding Banquet is that attendance and participation in His banquet is on His terms. And His terms are lovely and gracious! **October 22, 2023 – Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost Psalm 96; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22 “Turned to God” – Sermon Text: 1 Thessalonians 1:9-10; Psalm 96:1 – Rev. Dr. Thomas Ahlersmeyer**

Jesus Christ's sacrificial death and resurrection turns our lives from sin's despair and certain death to a living hope that awaits His return. We wait with a “new song” in our hearts and on our lips, a “song” of love for God and our neighbors whom He has entrusted to us. Yes, we are people who, through the Gospel's power, are **TURNED TO GOD!**

October 29, 2023 – Reformation (Observed) Psalm 46; Revelation 14:6-7; John 8:31-36 “The Eternal Gospel” – Sermon Text: Revelation 14:6-7 – Rev. Paul Shoemaker

Our God is consistent in all that He says and does. He has given to us an eternal Gospel. We know that this eternal

Gospel, the Good News of Jesus Christ, is an unchangeable truth promising the reward of life in heaven.

Scrip Scrap Corner

Fall has arrived! Where has the year gone. It's time to start thinking about the upcoming holidays. Scrip gift cards are great gifts and also great to use to

purchase your grocery needs for the holidays. Please consider purchasing scrip gift cards.

Our profit total for September was \$163.20



Back by Popular Demand !
"Theme Basket Raffle"
at the Church-wide
Fall Harvest & Bake Sale

October 28, 2023

The church-wide
Fall Harvest and Bake Sale Committee
is asking all groups/organizations,
families/circle of friends or individuals
with-in the St. John family to create a

Theme Basket

to be raffled at the Fall Harvest and Bake Sale.

We invite your group/organization or circle of friends
to be a part of this fun project!

Baskets may be centered around your groups mission
or activities or may reflect another interest of the group.

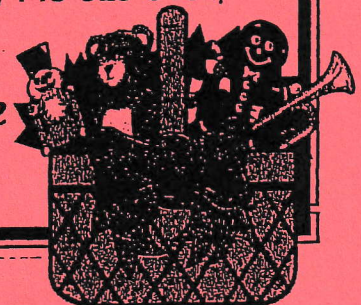
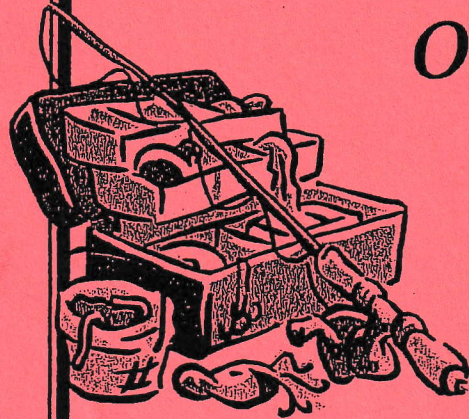
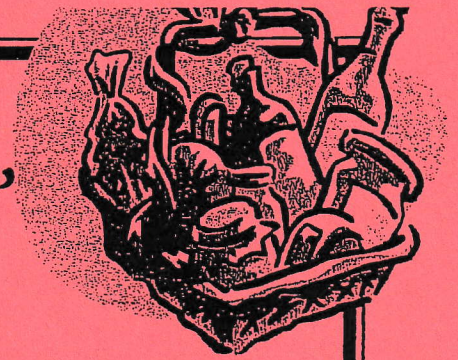
Deliver Baskets to church by Sunday, October 22.

Monies raised from the *Theme Basket Raffle* will be
used for church-wide activities and projects.

Question on preparing a *Theme Basket* ? Contact one of the Fall Harvest
Committee members: Judy Shepard, 715-423-2071 or 715-347-8242;
Cindy Johnson, 715-213-2699; Sharon Coley, 715-423-3054 or 715-572-7425;
Elaine Polansky, 715-325-3312 or 715-213-0929, Betty Spurlock, 715-323-3104;
Marilyn Knoll 715-213-8010.

*Your participation in this church-wide
activity is greatly appreciated!*

Baskets for you to fill are available in the lower level storage area.



Fall Harvest & Bake Sale

Saturday, October 28, 2023

9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

What a busy year...

...and now it is time

for the 55th annual

Church-wide Fall Harvest and Bake Sale.

Lutheran Women In Mission ladies coordinate the Fall Harvest and Bake Sale, but it is for the benefit of the **entire** congregation. Your contributions are **greatly** appreciated and **all** proceeds will be used to the glory of God and His work in the Kingdom.

The emphasis is on our **top quality homegrown produce, canned and frozen fruits and vegetables, jams and jellies, dried fruits and vegetables and of course St. John congregation's delicious and famous home-baked goods! Homemade soups and stews would also be a welcomed donation!**

Fall and Holiday decorations and crafts of all kinds have always been attractions at the Fall Harvest Sale.

A **Bar-B-Que Luncheon** will be available, complete with **homemade pie!**

A **Used Book Sale** will also be held. If you have books, CD's, DVD's, etc to donate, please bring them to the church and place them in the Blue Bin in the Library area. (No magazines, please).

A "**Theme Basket Raffle**". All groups/organization, families/circle of friends, anyone—children and adults are invited to be a part of this fun activity! Baskets may be centered around your groups mission or activity or may reflect another interest of your family or group. **Please** deliver Baskets to church by Sun., Oct. 22nd. Baskets for you to fill, are available in the lower level storage area.

If you would like to donate any of the suggested items (or any others you may choose) please bring them by **Thursday evening, October 21 at 5:00 p.m.** (Please bring Baked goods **early** Saturday morning).

Questions or suggestions--contact one of the Fall Harvest Committee members:

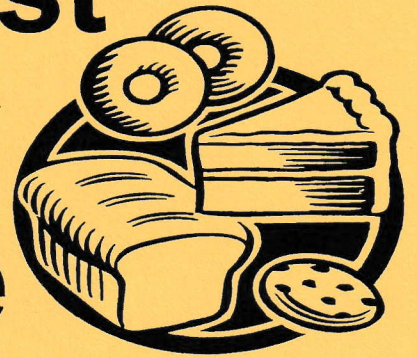
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Fall Harvest and Bake Sale



Saturday, October 28, 2023

9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**St. John Lutheran Church
Kellner**

Corner of 80th Street South and South Park Road
(The Stone Church on the corner by South Wood County Park)

Bar-B-Que Luncheon Served

“Theme Basket” Raffle



Some Items Include:

Quality Homegrown Produce

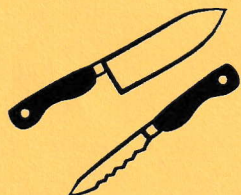
Canned Vegetables

Used Book Sale

Decorations and Crafts

Kitchen Knives and Accessories.

**Our famous Baked Goods
and much, much more!**





Coffee with Friends

All Ladies and Gentlemen of the Congregation and Community
are invited to gather on the:

**3rd Thursday of each month
9 a.m. to 11 a.m.**

Plan to attend



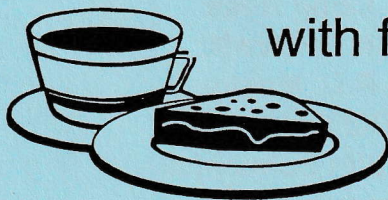
Thursday, October 19

**Come meet a new friend...
renew an old friendship...
bring a friend with you!**

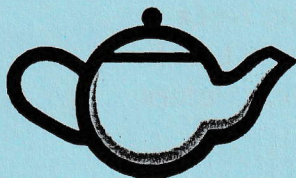


Enjoy a cup of Coffee (or Tea) and Sweet Treats!

This casual gathering is an opportunity to
share a time of fellowship
with friends you have known for years,
re-connect with old friends,
or create new friendships.



Enjoy a "get acquainted" time along
with an inspiring devotion.



Come for a short stay or
enjoy the company of friends,
old and new, for the entire time.



Sand County Players

the 2023 Fall Production at the Dellwood Pavilion



“Don’t Hug Me”

A love story with singing and stuff

Book & Lyrics by Phil Olson. Music by Paul Olson

Don't Hug Me takes place in Bunyan Bay, Minnesota. Cantankerous bar owner **Gunner Johnson** wants to sell the business and move to Florida. **Clara**, his wife and former Winter Carnival Bunyan Queen, wants to stay. **Bernice Lundstrom**, the pretty waitress, wants to

pursue a singing career. Her finance', **Kanute Gunderson**, wants her to stay home. It's a battle of wills, and when a fast-talking salesman, **Aarvid Gisselsen**, promises to bring romance into their lives through the "magic" of karaoke, a lot of fun breaks loose! Featuring the songs: "I'm a Walleye Woman in a Crappie Towne", "My Smorgasbord of Love", and "Upside Down in My Pickup"!

It's "Fargo" meets "The Music Man" (without the blood or the trombones)

“Don’t Hug Me”

Friday, November 3, 2023

Buffet Dinner at 6 p.m.

Show at 7:00 p.m.

Dinner & Show Ticket

cost is **\$30** per person

Sign-up sheet in the Narthex

Sign-up and Place Payment in the Envelope provided!

Payable to Judy Shepard **before October 10**, 2023!

Please DO NOT place reservation or payment in my mailbox! Thank You!

Car Pool Caravan leaves St. John parking lot

PROMPTLY at 4:30 p.m.

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before Wednesday, November 1. Thanks!