

St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church



November 2023

Attention Veterans:

All Veterans and Active Military Personnel are invited to join with the members of St. John

Congregation to honor our military veterans on Sunday, November 12th during the 9:30 a.m. worship service. A presentation of Flags along with the hymns from the individual service branches will be included. The names of fallen comrades will be read. Men and Women of the United States Military served so we may enjoy many privileges every day, including the right to worship as we choose. Veterans are asked to share any memorabilia they treasure-Photos, Uniforms, Quilts of Valor, Honor Flight items, Recognition Awards, etc. with the congregation. You are asked to have your items to the church by Wednesday, November 8th. Items will be on display the weekend of November 11th and 12th.

Questions??? Contact Bill Coley at 715-423-3054 or 715-323-7482 or Judy Shepard at 715-423-2071 or 715-347-8242



55th Annual Fall Harvest and Bake Sale

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Thank You!

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Raffle Baskets prepared by individuals, organizations and families of the congregation were also a popular item! Lots of happy winners!

Shoppers were invited to partake in the **Bar-B-Que Luncheon** with a new item... home-made potato salad! The delicious pies prepared by the ladies of the LWIM (Lutheran Women In Mission) completed the meal!

The Used Book Sale in the Narthex will provide many hours of reading and listening enjoyment!

Special Thanks to Mortenson Brothers Farms for their donation of beets and the Herman Taylor Funeral and the Ritchay Funeral Home for their sponsorship of advertising in the City Times!

Thank You again, whether you donated items, purchased goods, distributed information to your friends and neighbors or placed information on a bulletin board or marque, or posted information in the work place, **your support is greatly appreciated!**

Thank you to all who helped set-up, host the event and clean-up afterwards!

Monies raised at this event will be used in many forms to enhance the Lord's work in our congregation, the community, the nation and the world!

Working together doing God's work,
The LWIM Fall Harvest and Bake Sale Event

Need a Greeting Card? A new selection of cards have arrived! There are cards for many special occasions including Weddings, Anniversaries, Birthdays for men, ladies and children, Thank You cards, Sympathy cards, Thinking of you cards and many more.
A nice selection of **Thanksgiving cards and Christmas cards** are also available.

Kitchen Cutlery is also available, including knives for all uses as well as accessory pieces.
Great hostess gifts and gifts for the home chef for the upcoming holidays.
Contact Carol Pierce or Judy Shepard or an LWIM member.

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.

November 5, 2023 – All Saints' Day Observed
Psalm 149; Revelation 7:9-17; Matthew 5:1-12
"Our True Hope" – Sermon Text: Matthew 5:1-12 – Rev. Jeremy Swem
In the midst of hardships, struggles, and persecution it is easy to lose hope and falsely believe that God has abandoned us. He has not. John in his Revelation provides us the sure and certain hope that our Savior brings us through all these things finally giving to us His victory.

November 12, 2023 – Twenty-fourth Sunday After Pentecost
Psalm 17; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13 "Last Day Hope" – Sermon Text: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 – Rev. Dr. Walter Maier III
We learn from the Apostle Paul about Last Day realities, which mean for us present-day hope. These truths about that Day move us to encourage one another now as brothers and sisters in Christ.

November 19, 2023 – Twenty-fifth Sunday After Pentecost
Psalm 146; Zephaniah 1:7-16; Matthew 25:14-30 "Good and Faithful Servants" – Sermon Text: Matthew 25:14-30 – Rev. Thomas Eggold
In Christ, God's wrath has been satisfied and we have been liberated from sin and freed to serve; freed to use the talents God has given us; freed to be the people Christ died to create. And in Christ, the Master call us "good and faithful servants" as we carry out His work in the world.

November 26, 2023 – Twenty-sixth Sunday After Pentecost
Psalm 95:1-7a; Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Matthew 25:31-46 "Sheep and Goats" – Sermon Text: Matthew 25:32 – Rev. Shayne Jonker
The sheep go to the right, the goats to the left, but take note of the terms of separation. They are sorted on the basis of what they are, not what they do. And this is precisely what the apostle Paul means when he says that we are justified by God's grace through faith in Christ apart from works of the law. Final Judgment is made not on the basis of what you did, but on the basis of what you are

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.

November 5

"Times of Mourning, Times of Blessing"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. John Nunes

We will all go through times of mourning, but we don't all necessarily face it the same way.
(Matthew 5:4)

November 12

"Again and Again and Again"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

(Matthew 18:1-4)

November 19

"Until that Day"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Anthony (Tony) Cook
(1 Thessalonians 5:1-11)

November 26

"Loving Mercy"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dean Nadasdy
(Matthew 25:34-40)

A Walk Through Bethlehem St. John Children's Christmas Experience 2023

Walk Through Bethlehem is a FREE live, interactive event set in the village of Bethlehem at the time of Jesus' birth. Please plan to join us and invite your friends and family to experience A Walk Through Bethlehem with the St. John Youth on **December 13th at 6:30, after the evening church service at 6:00**

You'll be immersed in an ancient city's sights, sounds, and smells, eventually making your way to the same discovery that the shepherds made that first Christmas night—Jesus, the Savior, lying in a manger. Costumed characters and interactive sets help the youth to recreate Bethlehem at the time of Jesus's birth. Visit the merchants and shopkeepers, sample the food, pass through the crowded inn, and find Mary and Joseph with baby Jesus in the manger.

Activities are provided in the village shops for children to have hands-on experiences.



November already. Before we know it Thanksgiving will be over and Christmas will be here. It's time to start thinking about purchasing



gift cards from our Scrip Program to help out our church. They make good stocking stuffers and also is an easy way to purchase something for the hard to buy for person. We have Shell, The Store, and Kwik Trip for gas cards and we have Salmart, Kohls, Target, Amazon, Ace Hardware, Menards, Fleet Farm, and also have Pick-N-Save and IGA for grocery shopping. We have Four Star, Applebee's, Olympic, Culvers, Danny K's, Grace's I-Hp, Panda Express, Panera Bread, Papa Murphy, Subway and Italia.

Our profit total for October was \$119.31

Trail Life Open House

There will be an Open House on Tuesday, November 7 at 6 PM for parents and boys interested in joining Trail Life. Trail Life USA is a Christ-centered, boy-focused mentoring program that engages boys in service & outdoor adventure to develop godly & courageous leaders.