

July 2026

Saturdays: 4pm Divine Service

Sundays: 9:30am Divine Service

Wednesdays: 6pm Worship Service (Divine Service w/communion every 1st & 3rd Wednesday)

Bible Study – Mondays 1:00 PM

July 16 Coffee with Friends

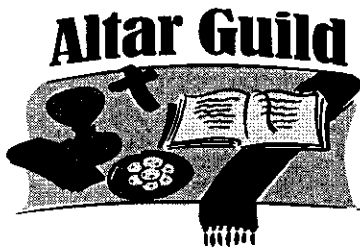
July 25 9AM – Brat Fry at Baker Dr. Quality Foods

No Elders and Council This month

St. John Lutheran – July 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 6:00 PM – Midweek Worship Service	2	3	4 4:00 PM – Saturday Worship Service
5 9:30 AM – Sunday Morning Worship	6 1:00 PM – Adult Bible Study	7	8 6:00 PM – Midweek Worship Service	9	10	11 4:00 PM – Saturday Worship Service
12 9:30 AM – Sunday Morning Worship	13 1:00 PM – Adult Bible Study	14	15 6:00 PM – Midweek Worship Service	16	17	18 4:00 PM – Saturday Worship Service
19 9:30 AM – Sunday Morning Worship	20	21	22 6:00 PM – Midweek Worship Service	23	24	25 9:00 AM – Brat Fry at Baker Dr. Quality Foods 4:00 PM – Saturday Worship Service
26 9:30 AM – Sunday Morning Worship	27	28	29 6:00 PM – Midweek Worship Service	30	31	

The Lord's Supper is offered every Saturday and Sunday and, on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month.



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Office hours: Mon-Thurs 9am-2pm

Office Phone:

715-423-7788

Head Elder:

Chuck Peters

715-451-4834

Altar Guild:

Kaitlyn Federwitz

715-570-7459

Birthdays	Anniversaries	Elder Schedule
1 st Mitch Zimmerman	13 th James & Elaine Eberhardt	Wed. 1 st Chuck Peters
1 st Sue Primeau	25 th Roland & Patricia Ashbeck	Sat. 4 th Doug Ross
7 th John Mortenson	26 th Fred & Patricia Lumby	Sun. 5 th Bill Coley
8 th Matthew Lorfeld		Wed. 8 th Scott Federwitz
8 th Owen Reynolds		Sat. 11 th Jim Schoenick
9 th Sandy Gordon		Sun. 12 th Doug Ross
9 th Foster Rosenthal		Wed. 15 th Chuck Bossingham
10 th Lucas Inhof		Sat. 18 th Jeff Gellerman
11 th Robyn Plante		Sun. 19 th Chuck Peters
12 th Linda Hamm		Wed. 22 nd Lew Porter
14 th Ezekiel Lorfeld		Sat. 25 th R. D. Manke
17 th Richard Lau		Sun. 26 th Chuck Peters
17 th Wendy Rosenthal		Wed. 29 th Darwin Lamb
20 th Judy Shepard		
21 st Sharon Dix		
21 st Greyson Dupee		
23 rd Aryana Bonilla		
23 rd Ardis Fredick		
28 th Marlene Sauriol		
28 th Mattea Twinn		
28 th Ashtyn Doescher		
28 th Nathanel Lorfeld		

St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Mission Statement: Our mission is to proclaim Christ crucified and worship the Holy Trinity.

Purpose Statement: By the work of the Holy Spirit we are gathered together in Christ to proclaim the good news of Jesus and mercy of God to all people in our community. We do this through historical, biblical, Christ-centered worship and teaching.

Lutheran Women in Mission will be having a picnic at St. John in the basement on July 25th at noon. All women are invited to attend.

FUNERAL COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENT:

After seven years, I have decided to step down as chairperson of the funeral committee. I am looking for someone to prayerfully consider taking over this position by September first. If you are interested, please call me and I will tell you what the position entails.

I would like to thank all of you who have unselfishly given of your time and served these past seven years. You are truly a blessing to the bereaved families in their time of need.

Thank you all.

Gail Bossingham

(715) 344-6306 or (715) 498-4439

Join your friends at the **Fall Sand County Players** presentation: "**The Miss Magnolia Senior Citizen Beauty Pageant**". We are scheduled to attend the evening of **Friday, November 6th** (Opening Night) or **Sunday, November 15th**. This is billed as a knee-slapping, side-splitting night (or Sunday afternoon) of live theatre and a delicious Buffet Meal. More information will be shared as it becomes available.

July Organ Fund Update

Thank You! Thank You! to all who have so generously donated to the Organ Fund. The total balance remaining is approximately \$9771.30

Donations have been received from MANY individuals along with donations from ORGANIZATIONS within St. John Church.

Donations may be made by using the "Organ Fund" envelopes on the Thermometer board, placing your donation in the Offering Plate or you may use your own envelope— (PLEASE note "ORGAN FUND" and your name on the envelope). Donations may also be placed in the Church Office or mailed to

St. John Ev. Lutheran, 8020 South Park Road, Wisconsin Rapids, WI. 54494.

We are getting closer to the goal...we can almost hear the music!

Thank You again to ALL who have made Organ Fund donations!

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Council Meeting. Thursday, June 18, 2026

Call to Order: by Chairman Craig V. Timm at 7:06 p.m. with 8 members and Pastor Lorfeld present.

Additional Consent Agenda Items: Mr. Timm had one addition.

Consent Agenda: Minutes from May 21, 2026 and the Financial Reports were reviewed. Motion made by R.D. Manke and seconded by Jeff Zimmerman to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried.

It was noted that the Organ Balance due is \$9,771.30 at the end of May.
The Roofing Fund has \$6,600.00 on hand.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Lorfeld stated that there have been no Membership changes. He is working with some candidates for membership. The congregation continues to work on the Project of 300 visitor contacts before September 30th.

Old Business: The **Financial Review** is ongoing.

The **Investment Group** continues to work on the project at hand.

Focus Meal (Neighborhood Table) is scheduled for **Thursday, August 6th**.

Reserve time in your schedule to help for this Community-wide event.

Sign-up sheets will be in the Narthex

12 Table servers are needed. 3-4 Food Table preparers are needed along with 2-3 Beverage/Dessert Table workers.

Workers need to be at the dining site before 3:50 P.M. on the day of the event.

New Business: A letter of resignation was read from Gail Bossingham. She has served as the Funeral Luncheon organizer for 7 years and feels it is time for someone else to take the position by September 1, 2026. A big **Thank You** goes out to Gail and all the Volunteers.

SATURDAY, JULY 4TH, SERVICES WILL BE HELD AS SCHEDULED AT 4:00 P.M.

Adjournment declared at 7:24 p.m. ending with Prayer and Benediction.

Respectfully Submitted, **Judith A. Shepard**, Congregational Secretary

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.

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July 5

"Bloom Where You're Planted"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Blessing, in a Biblical sense, means God's favor in any circumstance, no exceptions, because there is no place or circumstance in which God does not belong.

(Genesis 39:21)

July 12

"Knight, Death, and the Devil"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Jesus has triumphed over all the powers of death and hell and He has pledged Himself to be your protector and the armor that you wear.

(Ephesians 6:12)

July 19

"From Groans to Glory"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Glenn Nielsen

A day will come when the grief will end, the groans will be silenced. Jesus will return and the dead in Christ will arise with bodies glorified.

(Romans 8: 21-27)

July 26

"Worth the Wait"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

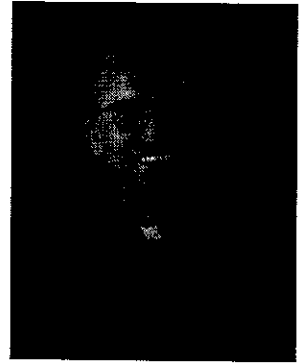
The certainty that Jesus offers is not theoretical or experimental. It's the certainty of a promise, of a secure relationship.

(Matthew 13:44)

From our District President: Gary and The Ten Commandments

"Our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord, Jesus Christ" (Philippians 3:20).

Summer is my favorite season. Yet for years, I have wondered what it was like for Gary's mother, Adelia, to wait for the VFW chaplain to announce her son's name at the Memorial Day program: "Gary Westphal." Gary went to Vietnam. His name is read among the fallen. As I write this devotion this morning, I am thinking of a few nights ago, when I had the privilege of bringing the Word of the Lord to this summer's Camp Luther staff—approximately 45 to 50 mostly college-aged young people. I told them that Gary did not live long enough to experience many of the things they now look forward to in their own lives. The room grew quiet. Being a citizen of the United States of America is an undeserved gift from God—a privilege purchased at a price.



Dr. Biermann was the speaker at our North Wisconsin District Spring Pastors' Conference May 19-20. He called attention to the Bible verse when Pilate confronted Jesus. Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world." No, it is not. Our Father is creating another kingdom for us. You and I belong to Him. Therefore, we are citizens of His eternal kingdom, not merely of a free and beautiful country.

God gives us frequent reminders of His almighty power to help us remain certain of His eternal kingdom and that we need one. On May 27 came one of those reminders. The rain was pounding with large drops making that thump-splat sound when they hit the windows and rooftop of the district office building. The sounds kept getting louder. I went to the office entryway for a closer look outside. Hailstones were falling, bouncing, and clacking on impact, some of them the size of marshmallows. Somewhat excited, I said to Lori, my assistant, "It's like The Ten Commandments!" She smiled and nodded. She knew I was not referring to the stone tablets or catechism, but to the seventy-five-year-old movie, the ten plagues, and the hail pounding down on the balcony floor of the Pharaoh's palace.

The LORD God who sent the plagues upon Egypt—and in the final plague allowed death to strike the firstborn throughout the land—is the same LORD who guards our lives and keeps our faith secure against every foe. He has the power to keep every promise He makes. He promised deliverance to the Israelites, and He kept that promise. He brought them out of slavery in Egypt and led them toward the land He had prepared for them.

Remembering the fallen, like Gary, does not diminish the joys of summer. It leads us to appreciate them more. Their sacrifice helps us value our freedom to work, play, worship, and serve. The joys of freedom and summer point beyond themselves, too. The LORD has also given us a greater remembrance. He, too, gave His Son. The God whose power was seen in Egypt and whose voice echoes in storm and hail is able to keep His promise to create anew an everlasting kingdom for us.

Later today, Nancy and I are heading north for three days to visit friends. Along the way, I expect to see in the beauty of the outdoors small glimpses of the joy that awaits all who belong to Christ. Such moments are gifts from God, reminders that this world, for all its beauty, is not our final home. Our citizenship is in heaven, and we wait with confidence for the day when our Lord returns and brings His people into His eternal kingdom. Enjoy and give thanks to God for the gifts He gives to us now and for all that is to come.

Rev. Timothy J. Shoup

District President, North Wisconsin District LCMS