

June 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

June 18 Coffee with Friends

June 18 Elders & Council Meetings

June 25 Lutheran Women in Mission

St. John Lutheran – June 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 1:00 PM – Bible Study	2	3 6:00 PM – Midweek Worship Service	4	5	6 4:00 PM – Saturday Worship Service
7 9:30 AM – Sunday Morning Worship	8	9	10 6:00 PM – Midweek Worship Service	11	12	13 4:00 PM – Saturday Worship Service
14 9:30 AM – Sunday Morning Worship	15	16	17 6:00 PM – Midweek Worship Service	18 6:00 PM – Elders Meeting 7:00 PM – Council Meeting 9:00 AM – Coffee with Friends	19	20 4:00 PM – Saturday Worship Service
21 9:30 AM – Sunday Morning Worship	22 1:00 PM – Adult Bible Study	23	24 6:00 PM – Midweek Worship Service	25 1:00 PM – Lutheran Women in Mission	26	27 4:00 PM – Saturday Worship Service
28 9:30 AM – Sunday Morning Worship	29 1:00 PM – Adult Bible Study	30				

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: Darwin Lamb 715-423-7109

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St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church

June 2026

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

The Lutheran in Mission meeting will be on June 25th at 1:00 PM

Rev. Paul G. Mueller's Funeral Information

June 18th 4pm – 7pm visitation at Herman Taylor Funeral Home.

June 19th St. John Lutheran Church, visitation at 10am until funeral. Funeral/Committal at 11am and lunch to follow.

BOOK SALE DONATIONS: We are currently accepting donations for our October 2026 book sale. Please bring them to the church library and place them in the blue bin. We will take books, CD's, and DVD's in good working order. Please no magazines, newspapers, cassette tapes, or VCR tapes. Thank you!

Thank You to all who participated in the Sand County Players recent production. It was a very enjoyable time for all! Now it is time to mark your calendar for the Fall Production: ***"The Miss Magnolia Senior Citizen Beauty Pageant"*** Scheduled Dates for friends and family from St. John to attend are: Friday, November 6 (evening) and Sunday, November 15 (afternoon). More information will be shared as it becomes available.

June Organ Fund Update

Thank You! Thank You! to all who have so generously donated to the Organ Fund. The total balance remaining is approximately \$ 13,455.

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!

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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June 7

"Peter's Restoration—and Ours"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Chad Lakies

Jesus forgives and restores us and He sends us out to offer this restoration to others, in His name.
(John 21:1-19)

June 14

"Journey Through Anxiety"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Anxiety is like a "Check Engine" light for the soul that leads us to take all our concerns to the Lord in prayer.

(Matthew 6:25)

June 21, 2026

"Journey Through Depression"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Depression can feel like being "stuck," but we are never truly alone. God meets us with His care and provision.

(1 Kings 19:7)

June 28

"Journey Through Ambition"

Guest Speaker: Pastor Ryan Tinetti

You don't have to worry about making a name for yourself. In Christ, God has already given you His.

(Matthew 25:21)

The Table of Duties: Faith That Has Somewhere to Go

When people think of the Small Catechism, they usually think of the Six Chief Parts: the Ten Commandments, the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, Baptism, Confession, and the Sacrament of the Altar. Those are the heart of the Catechism. But Luther also included something else at the end: **the Table of Duties**.

Recently, we have started looking at the Table of Duties during our Wednesday night midweek worship services. It is worth spending time with, because it teaches us something we easily forget: the Christian faith is not something that floats around in the air. It lands somewhere. It takes shape in the places God has put us.

The Table of Duties is a collection of Bible passages for Christians in their various callings. It speaks to pastors and hearers, rulers and citizens, husbands and wives, parents and children, employers and workers, young people, widows, and all Christians.

That may not sound very exciting at first. It sounds a little like a list of rules for different categories of people. But that is not really what it is. The Table of Duties teaches us that the Christian life is lived in vocation. God calls us to faith in Christ, and then He places us in particular stations where our neighbor needs us.

God does not call most Christians to live extraordinary lives in the eyes of the world. He calls us to live faithfully in ordinary places: in the home, in the congregation, at work, in the community, as neighbors, as citizens, as fathers and mothers, as sons and daughters, as pastors and hearers.

That is where love happens.

It is easy to talk about loving mankind in general. It is harder to love the actual people God has placed right in front of us. It is easy to speak about serving God in big, impressive ways. It is harder to be patient with your children, faithful to your spouse, honest at work, respectful toward authority, diligent in your responsibilities, and forgiving toward the person who has sinned against you.

But these ordinary callings are not beneath the Christian life. They are where the Christian life is lived.

The Table of Duties reminds us that God is not only at work through miracles, pastors, missionaries, and church programs. He is also at work through fathers changing diapers, mothers teaching children to pray, workers doing honest labor, citizens acting with integrity, pastors preaching the Word, hearers receiving it gladly, and neighbors bearing with one another in love.

Of course, the Table of Duties also exposes us. It shows us how often we have failed in the very places where God has put us. We have not always honored those in authority. We have not always served those entrusted to our care. We have not always spoken well of our neighbor. We have not always been faithful, patient, diligent, or kind.

So the Table of Duties is not a ladder by which we climb up to God. It is not a program for proving our righteousness. It is God's Word applied to our lives, and therefore it shows us our sin. But it also drives us back to Christ.

Jesus fulfilled every duty perfectly. He honored His Father. He submitted to authority, even unjust authority. He served His neighbor. He loved His bride, the Church, and gave Himself up for her. He bore the burden of sinners who had failed in every vocation. And by His death and resurrection, He gives forgiveness to people who have not lived as they should.

Then, forgiven in Christ, we are sent back into our callings. Not to earn God's favor, but because we already have it in Christ. Not to make ourselves holy by our works, but because God serves our neighbor through the works He has given us to do.

That is the beauty of the Table of Duties. It teaches us that the Christian life is not mainly lived somewhere else, by someone else, doing something more impressive. It is lived here: in this home, in this congregation, in this town, among these people, with these responsibilities.

God does not need our good works. But our neighbor does.

So come join us on Wednesday nights as we continue working through the Table of Duties. Read it at home. Teach it to your children. Let it examine your life. Let it send you back to Christ for mercy. And then, in Christ, see the ordinary duties of your life for what they are: holy callings from God, places where faith is active in love.

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Church Council Meeting, May 21, 2026

Call to Order by Chairman, Craig Timm at 7:02 p.m., with 9 members present.

Additional Consent Agenda Items: Wednesday Meals and Trail Life, both by Kaitlyn Federwitz.

Opening Devotions: None.

Consent Agenda: Minutes from April 16, 2026. Motion Made by Doug Ross, seconded by Jim Schoenick, to accept the printed Minutes. Motion Carried.

Membership Changes: Deaths:

Anita Westfall on April 27, 2026, Service on May 8, 2026 with Burial at St. John Parish Cemetery

Nancy Saeger on May 10, 2026, Service on May 22, 2026 with Burial at St. John Parish Cemetery.

No Baptisms or Transfers.

All members should be working on the "300 Visitors by September" Board in the Narthex.

Old Business:

Car Port Repair. Pro-Seamless was chosen to do the repairs for \$1,120.00 including the South Gable. **Elevator Repair:** Kone repaired and elevator is working at this time.

Generator: Company is investigating the problem.

Cemetery Sign: A sign was purchase from Rapids Sign for a cost of \$320.00, and is now in place thanks to Rollie Ashbeck.

Piano Recital is scheduled for Tuesday, June 9th. All are welcome to attend.

Wednesday Meal Money totaled \$565. \$365.00 will be given for Kitchen Supplies and the remaining \$200.00 will be used as start-up money for the meals in the fall.

Trail Life Fund Raiser Monies of \$330.00 will be given to Board of Education.

VBS : \$150 given to Immanuel for the St. John students attending.

Organ Fund Balance due is approximately \$ 10,773.56 as of May 1.

Roofing Fund Balance on hand is \$6,100.00 as of May 1

Reminder: Funeral for Rev. Paul Mueller will be held at St. John on Friday, June 19.

New Business:

Vacation: Pastor Lorfeld will be on vacation from June 2 to the 16th.

Coffee with Friends will be held Thursday, June 18, 2026 from 9 to 11 a.m.

All ladies are invited to share in treats, fellowship and devotion.

Adjournment: The May 21, 2026 Council Meeting closed with Prayer.

Next Elder and Council Meeting will be held June 18, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith H. Shepard

Congregational Secretary