



# St. John's Lutheran Church

St. John's Lutheran Church is a community of people united to God and to each other by faith in Jesus Christ, called by the Holy Spirit to bear witness to the love of God and the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Our Love of witness, proclamation, nurture, service, and outreach at home abroad will occur through faithful use of the scriptures, the sacraments, and prayer. We are motivated by our gratitude to God for his abundant gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation.

## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- LSS
- Bowl-A-Thon
- Parents Nite Out II
- Lifetouch
- Council Announcements
- Financial
- Calendar
- Weddings & Baptisms
- Youth and Education

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## LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES

Barb Solsaa, Lutheran Social Services representative, will stop by St. John's on Nov. 17 and 20. We have extended an invitation to our pulpit for worship on both dates where she will help inform our church about the important ministries of LSS. As a church that supports LSS through our annual budget each year, it is important that we give Barb a warm welcome and show a strong presence at each of those worship services as we seek to build on our outreach efforts!

## ST. JOHN'S PRESCHOOL BOWL-A-THON

As I went bowling with the Tuesday preschool class, I was still ruminating about my sermon title from Sunday, *Giving out of Gratitude*. In front of me was the challenge – for every strike that they would bowl more than me (bumpers included), I would offer \$10/strike to our beloved St. John's Lutheran preschool. Without a warm up throw, I was quite shocked at my first result – a strike! As my ego rejoiced, my heart sank... How in the world would these 3 and 4 year olds possibly beat me if I'm on my game?

“Hey Michelle (Gasper)! So we're currently tied at one strike each through 4 frames. Maybe we should take the difference between each mark (strike or spare).” “Deal.” Suddenly the preschool caught fire while I cooled off. “Hey Michelle, so how about I keep the \$10/strike and offer \$5/spare. That would make a good compromise, right?” “Sounds good.”

	Spares	Strikes	Final Score
Pastor Martin	4	1	131
Preschool	17	8	1,399
Difference	13	7	1,268
Total \$	\$65	\$70	\$135

I was so grateful to spend my time with the children and volunteer parents. The generosity of St. John's raised \$523.63 to make each strike worth \$10. Practicing what you preach – important. Seeing others practice what you preach – priceless... Thanks for your partnership St. John's Lutheran!

# Pastor's News

## PRIORITIES

I've often told families that you can tell your priorities simply by looking at your calendar and your check-book. Where do you spend your time? Where do you spend your money? These resources are a great place to look when identifying your lifestyle and where you put your time and energy.

If you were to do this exercise, what would you find out? Even before you do this exercise, what would you want the results to be? Do they match reality or a dream?

As many of you know, Melinda and I enjoy tracking our finances so that we can truly see where our priorities are and if we need to shift anything. I remember last year wondering how that first year would add up when it came down to all of our living expenses as compared to our giving. I am thankful that God has graced us with a great first year. It's been a bit different this year giving to two different places now that we serve two different churches, but we know that giving to the church is still a priority for us.

As you look at your giving, does it reflect your priority for church? If you were to look at the following normal expenses, would your commitment to God be higher or lower?

- Eating out
- Cable/Internet/Phone
- Household items
- Clothing
- Subscriptions
- Leisure events

Yes, this is a challenging issue. But we grow when we are challenged. When Melinda and I discuss our giving for the year, we start there. Instead of seeing what is left at the end, we make sure that our churches are primary and leave things like the above list secondary. When we start with God, everything else gets put into perspective.

I'd like to close with a challenge for you. When you consider your giving to the church, figure out what percentage of your income you are currently giving and add one percent to that for next year. You may find that something needs to be sacrificed, but isn't that how God treats us? You might be surprised to see what a difference you can make by giving more. You also might be surprised to see how much more you'll grow in your faith!

## PARENTS NITE OUT II

Looking for a healthy getaway from the family? Hoping to find some mutual support in your parenting? Then read further about this new young family ministry at St. John's!

The following dates will feature Parents Nite Out, where you can bring your child(ren) in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade and under to church for quality childcare and a meal while you head out with other young parents to a local restaurant for dinner! The recommended donation is \$5/child for the evening, which is quite a deal for childcare from 5-7:30 pm!

- November 16
- December 7



# Church News



## November Wednesday Night Meals



### **Wednesday, November 6, 2013**

Italian Pasta Casserole, Vegetable, Salad, Dessert, and Beverages

### **Wednesday, November 13, 2013**

Chicken Sandwiches, Cheesy Potatoes, Vegetable, Dessert, and Beverages

### **Wednesday, November 20, 2013**

Meatballs, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Vegetable, Dessert, and Beverages

### **Wednesday, November 27, 2013**

No Meal



Quilting will be November 16, 2013

from 9 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Everyone is welcome to attend .



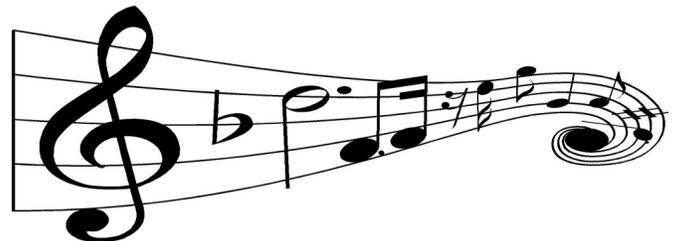
Distressed Mediterranean Pecan

### **To give away: Lowrey Jubilee with Genie organ**

This organ with bench is located in the dining hall of the church. It works fine, but it is old (uses transistor tubes).

Please contact the office for directions on moving it out of the church.

First come-first serve!



# Church News



Please be a part of our new family directory program—we need YOU to make our new family album complete!

Let's put names with faces. We have chosen to partner with Lifetouch for professional photography that will connect our members and tell our story.

### Convenient

Lifetouch will photograph at our location.

In your one-hour session you will:

- Check-in
- Be professionally photographed
- Immediately view your portraits
- Have an opportunity to purchase additional portraits

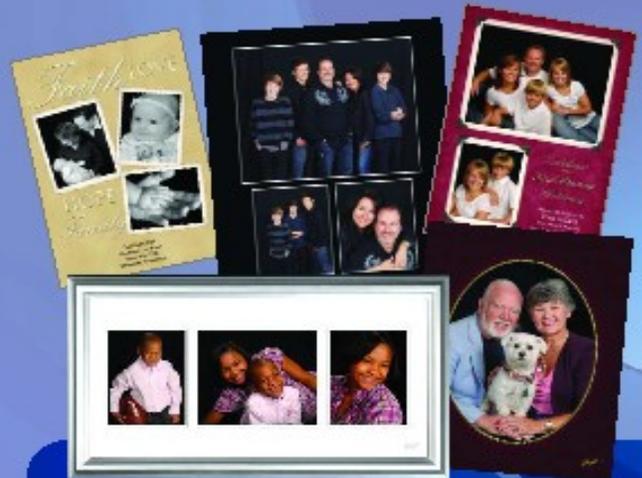
When was the last time you or your family had a professional portrait taken?

Portraits are valued family keepsakes. Watch for more information coming soon about the opportunity to schedule your portrait session.

We look forward to seeing you!



Each family will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait and directory for participating



Exciting products turn your portraits into cherished memories

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# Church News



## Our Church Photography Dates:

**Thursday – Saturday January 2 – 4**

*Weekday Photo Hours – 2:30 – 9:00 PM Saturday Photo Hours 10:00 – 4:30 PM*

**HELP FEED THOSE IN NEED AND GET A DISCOUNT ON PORTRAITS!!**

Lifetouch will donate \$1.00 for each sitting that we photograph!!

Please help us help others by coming in for a portrait!!

Also - drop off any food item at church between now and picture day and get a

\$5 coupon to use if you decide to order portraits!

## ***HOW DO I SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT?***

You can sign up 2 ways:

1) **Sign Up at Church:** Before or after services

2) **Online Sign-ups:** at our website [www.stjohns-bloomer.org](http://www.stjohns-bloomer.org)

### **YOU SHOULD TAKE THIS PERSONALLY!**

Lifetouch encourages you to bring something that says who you are to your portrait session. Perhaps a hat... pin... scarf... musical instrument... Bible... sports gear... whatever it is that's important to you!

Lifetouch also does generational photography. It's a great opportunity to get all the family together for one big portrait! Capture the

### ***Have Input on your sitting!!!***

Lifetouch has tips for what to wear and what to bring to your sitting.

Watch for your Portrait Guide at signups!

*There is no sitting fee - just for participating, you will receive a complimentary 8"x10" portrait and a free church directory! And... Lifetouch has promised us that there will be no pressure to order additional portraits!*

### **We Need Photos!!**

If you have photos of any church activities/events from the last few years - please drop them off at the office. We may use them for the activity pages at the beginning of our new directory.

We can't promise to return them, so be sure to keep a copy!



### ***Don't Forget...To Bring Your Pet!***

Do you have a special little furry friend at home? We want to encourage you to bring him/her with you for your portrait session!

## ***HELP US MAKE THIS DIRECTORY COMPLETE!***

***IT WON'T BE THE SAME WITHOUT YOU!***

We want to make this a complete representation of our church family -PLEASE be a part of it!

## How much do you know about the ELCA?

# ELCA Quiz

### Oct. 6

In 2011, the average giving per confirmed member across the ELCA was \$659.30/year. Was the average giving per confirmed member at St. John's higher or lower than the ELCA average?

In 2011, the average giving per confirmed member at St. John's was \$372.58. Since 2005, the highest level was \$509.68 in 2010, which is when 119 confirmed members were lost from 2009.

### Oct. 13

With an attendance of 6+ people today, our running total surpassed the total attendance from all of 2012. Our average weekly worship attendance is now at 186. What percentile does that place St. John's in the ELCA attendance totals?

- A. 50-60%
- B. 61-70%
- C. 71-80%
- D. 85-90%

Only 14.6% of ELCA churches worship more than 151-200 people. The 50<sup>th</sup> percentile is around 80 people worshipping each week.

If we continue to average 175 each week, we will surpass the 2011 total as well!

### October 20

It has been six months since we have experienced our new worship liturgy. The green hymnal (Lutheran book of Worship) had 3 liturgies (2 of which St. John's is familiar with). The blue hymnal (With One Voice) supplement has 3 more. How many liturgies are in the new cranberry hymnal (Evangelical Lutheran Worship)?

- A. 6
- B. 7
- C. 8
- D. 9
- E. 10

The new ELW includes the two LBW liturgies that St. John's is familiar with, none from the WOV, and 8 new liturgies, one of which we have been using since April!

### October 27

Which of the following statements is false with regard to Martin Luther?

- A. The congregation remained standing while he preached
- B. He wrote several books about his dinner conversations with friends and students
- C. He knew at an early age that he'd enter the monastery and become a monk
- D. He never joined the Lutheran Church

## Council Meeting October 8, 2013

### Committees

#### WORSHIP

-Janice Naset  
Chair/Liaison  
-Lisa Goettl  
-Janet Helgeson  
-Kathy Geissler  
-Janelle Yeakey

#### FELLOWSHI

-Lyn Pank  
-Pauline Stertz  
Liaison  
-Sue Zwiefelhofer  
-Sue Seibel  
-Nylah Gust  
-Heidi Morning

#### SOCIAL

-Art Klingenberg  
Chair  
-Pauline Stertz and  
Jordyn Keller  
Liaisons  
-Heidi Keller  
-Jeff Cole  
-Gregg Anderson

#### YOUTH & EDUCATION

-Adam Ewings  
Liaison  
-Michelle Ruffedt  
-Kelly Custer  
-Marla Paulson

#### DISCIPLESHP

-Kathy Faschingauer  
and Alice Zinsmaster  
Liaisons  
-Michelle Gasper  
-Alice Zinsmaster  
-Sue Nehring  
-Carrie Anderson  
-Terri Bohl

#### PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

-Tom Buchner  
Liaison  
-David Lane  
-Stub Naset  
-Pete Zeman  
-Val Rubenzer  
-Dennis Rubenzer  
-Nadine Bresina  
-Rod Schmidt  
-Shelly Lane

President Pat Boettcher called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

Pauline Stertz opened the meeting with a devotion and prayer.

- ◆ **Motion made by Lynette Pank and seconded by Rod Johnson to approve agenda.** Motion carried.
- ◆ **Motion made by Lynette Pank and seconded by Jordyn Keller to approve the e-mailed September meeting minutes.** Motion carried.

**Council Comments:** Parents of learning education kids aren't sure when learning hour ends and are waiting too long when picking kids up. Pastor Martin will clarify the ending time with Marla.

**Congregational Input:** Request for the use of traditional Lord's Prayer occasionally  
**Committee Reports:**

- ◆ Fellowship & Social-Adult/teen volunteers needed to assist youth during Fashion Show
- ◆ Property-No meeting
- ◆ Worship-Meeting 10/13
- ◆ Youth & Family-9/23 meeting to be rescheduled. Need to finalize confirmation expectations and Fashion Show involvement. Requests to rent or purchase Upwards Basketball equipment have been received. Adam Ewings will check into value of equipment. Council intends to sell the equipment following an e-mail vote by council to determine a price.
- ◆ Discipleship-Stewardship meal to be at 10:00 A.M. followed by dinner at 11:00 A.M. At White Pine.

#### **Pastor's Report:**

- ◆ **Motion made by Shelly Lane and seconded by Lynette Pank to accept membership by baptism of Ava Pielhop, Chase Freid, Christian Erickson and Violet Edin.** Motion carried.
- ◆ **Motion made by Adam Ewings and seconded by Lynette Pank to purchase Portico Gold Standard Package for health insurance for Pastor Martin.** Motion carried.
- ◆ Pastor Martin to be on vacation November 8-10, 2013 and November 17- 20, 2013. Pastor Barb Solsaa from Lutheran Social Services to do the sermon November 17 & 20, 2013.
- ◆ Preschool to hold a Bowl-a-Thon fund raiser
- ◆ Budget requests from the committees needed by the end of October.
- ◆ Youth Pancake Breakfast fund raiser to be held November 17, 2013 with proceeds going to the boiler and roof repairs.

**Audit Report:** None

**Mutual Ministry:** None

**Council Meeting  
October 8, 2013**

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### Financial Report:

- ◆ **Motion made by Lynette Pank and seconded by Janice Naset to have Pat Prill removed from signature card on accounts, but to have access to all account information.** Motion carried.
- ◆ **Motion made by Lynette Pank and seconded by Jordyn Keller to allow any council officer to have signing approval on checks.** Motion carried.
- ◆ Council agrees by consensus, that approval for money that needs to be moved from the contingency fund for a reported purpose can be authorized by the Treasurer or any council officer.
- ◆ **Motion made by Janice Naset and seconded by Rod Johnson to accept Financial Report.** Motion carried

### Old Business:

- ◆ Membership List Update-155 contributing households
- ◆ Wednesday Dinners-Held three times with just under 200 people served, donations of \$705.00 and food costs of \$264.00
- ◆ Parent's Nite Out-10/13 Haley Keller with volunteers Nylah Gust, Marla Paulson, Dorene Turner and Kali Pecha to work
- ◆ God's Work/Our Hands-No updates
- ◆ Imagine Together-10/13 next meeting. Pastor Martin, Debbie Poirier, Marla Paulson, Nylah Gust and Jill Gengler attending.
- ◆ Fund Consolidation-mostly completed
- ◆ Youth Fashion Show with Clothes Closet-See committee reports
- ◆ Insurance coverage-See Pastor's report

### New Business:

- ◆ Roof repairs & boiler replacement-One bid received for rubber roof installation. One bid for replacing 25 yr. old boilers. Shelly Lane to contact Erv Smith for another bid. Both building maintenance issues need to be addressed ASAP due to weather concerns.
- ◆ **Motion made by Lynette Pank and seconded by Tom Buchner to cover expenses for roofing and boiler replacement by accessing Peoples State Bank line of credit of \$25,000.00 and interest rate of 3.33% and undesignated memorials.** Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:36 P.M. With the Lord's Prayer.

Shelly Lane, secretary

Meeting attended by Pastor Martin, Pat Boettcher, Janice Naset, Rod Johnson, Tom Buchner, Pauline Stertz, Lynette Pank, Adam Ewings, Jordyn Keller and Shelly Lane.

# Council Updates

## A message from the Property Committee:

### Roof & Heating Update

One bid was received for the roofing project. Bauman Construction/Eau Claire Roofing was contracted to install a rubber roofing system on the west entrance roof, office roof & small roof to basement access area on the north side of church. The cost is \$15,750.00. The boilers will be getting repaired and not replaced. Due to the time/weather constraints, the council authorized accessing our line of credit at Peoples State Bank and the use of undesignated memorials so we can hopefully get both projects done yet this fall. The bathroom project is currently on hold due to the urgency of the roof & heat. Contributions to these projects will help to keep the borrowed amount down and any donation is greatly appreciated. Thank you in advance for your generosity and patience for any inconvenience during these repairs.

### Landscaping

Check out the landscaping on the south side of the church. Down to Earth Landscaping did another incredible job!

Shelly Lane  
Committee Liason

## A message from the Social Committee:

A **BIG thank you** to all for your support to the Clothes Closet. Your donations through September 1 and October 27 came to a total of \$857.64! At the last committee meeting we discussed the upcoming events in December for St John's which are the **Blood Mobile** and serving at **Agnes Table**. The committee agreed to volunteer St John's to serve at Agnes Table three times in the upcoming year of 2014. We will be meeting again November 10<sup>th</sup> to further plan and organize for these events. Again we welcome anyone who would like to be a part of helping plan and organize social events of St John's. "Many hands make light work."

Jordyn Keller and Pauline Stertz  
Committee Liasons

## A message form the Fellowship Committee...George Whitten, Worthy Devotions

A disgruntled church-goer wrote a letter complaining: "I've gone to church for thirty years now, and in that time I have heard something like three-thousand sermons. But for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. I think I'm wasting my time and the pastor is wasting his by giving sermons at all."

Weeks later someone wrote a letter in reply: "I've been married for thirty years now. In that time my wife has cooked some three thousand meals. For the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this...they nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work..."

It is true that we all need our spiritual nourishment to be able to do the work of the Lord effectively! Corporate worship, **fellowship** with our brothers and sisters and Godly counsel are a great means to get it.

Col 3:16 Let the work of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and exhorting one another with all wisdom, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, all with grace in our hearts to God.

God does not want us to isolate ourselves. Let us not forsake the assembling of ourselves together(Heb.10-25)

Fellowship Committee Liaison  
Pauline Stertz

# Council Updates

## **A message from the Worship and Music Committee:**

We met on Sunday, Oct. 13. Plans were made for worship on Nov. 3 at the White Pine in conjunction with the dinner and Faith Commitment Sunday.

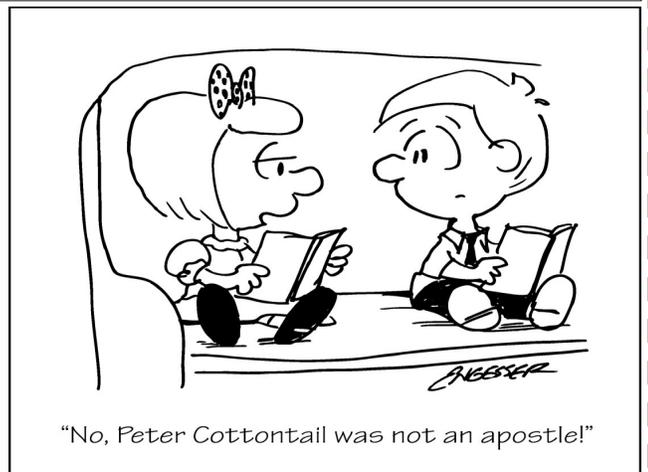
Hymns were selected for the upcoming month. If there is a special hymn you would like to sing, let someone from the committee know.

The committee discussed a suggestion from several people indicating they would like to go back to saying the traditional Lord's Prayer. Starting in 2014, Pastor Martin will use the Lord's Prayer as an opening similar to the ELCA anniversary questions and answers. This will be an interesting way to learn more about the Lord's Prayer and why we say it in many different ways.

We also talked about Advent and Christmas services.

***The Committee is still looking for help during the worship services. There are sign-up sheets in the narthex.***

Committee members: Janelle Yeakey, Kathy Geissler, Jan Helgeson, Lisa Goettl and Janice Naset, chair/liason.



## **A message from the Discipleship Committee:**

We seem to all have busy lives but we are trying to get together for a committee meeting. One of the first things on our list is to put the church Time and Talent Survey together and a booklet for newcomers.

Also, the Stewardship Committee is in the process of finalizing the plans for the Commitment Sunday dinner.

Thanks,  
Kathy Faschingbauer  
Committee Liaison

## Financial Comparison

January thru Sept. 20, 2013

	2012	2013	Budget 2013
<b>Beginning Balance – Jan. 1<sup>st</sup></b>	\$ 4,915.00	\$ 20,826.00	
<b>Income – Jan. 1 – Sept. 20</b>	\$ 121,922.00*	\$ 130,270.00	\$ 172,439.00
<b>Expenses – Jan 1 – Sept. 20</b>	\$ 118,879.00	\$ 148,952.00	\$ 172,439.00
<b>Balance</b>	\$ 2,914.00	\$ 2,144.00	
<b>Loan – Peoples State Bank Balance Due 9/1</b>	\$ 115,512.00	\$ 97,344.00	
<b>*Includes Loan of \$6,000</b>			

### AFFIRMATION

I have been thinking lately about Reformation-since that time of the church year is rapidly approaching. At the same time I have been thinking about Affirmation and I think I like the idea of Affirmation better: reformation implies that there will be big changes and affirmation implies that I am affirming my faith and commitment.

We have family friends who have a delightful 13 year old daughter who is named Faith. In order to be parents they had a long, difficult and complicated process of adoption. When she arrived and they announced her name, Faith, they said it just fit her because they believed-they had faith-that she would be part of their family.

So, thinking about faith this is what I know: that faith (and love) kept me by my Mom when she breathed her last; that faith send me to sleep each night knowing that if I would not wake that all would be well; faith brings me into fellowship whether the roads are snow covered or the lake is calling. Faith supports me when life and death seem overwhelming. Faith helps me to celebrate new birth and baptism and reminds me that I, too, am one of God's children. Faith name of a loved family member who maybe sat in the same place when they worshiped. Faith in whether the last years here at St. John's and make us all stronger-and yes, more faithful. That faith means that I commit myself to doing what I can. Not so much because I have so much faith in myself but that I have faith that my decisions and actions are being guided by the Holy Spirit. And the commitment means not only must I do all I can to support the mission of St. John's but also the business of St. John's. Our mission shines through in our preschool, in our learning programs, in our worship services, and in our fellowship. The business of St. John's makes this all possible and like all physical structures must be maintained and taken care of. The business requires that we make it possible to have the people here to make all these things work for our fellowship.

So I guess I have come to terms with the simple fact that faith requires commitment: commitment of my time, my person and my resources whether they are large or small. That way the business of St. John's can be all it should be to bring about the mission of St. John's.

Pat Boettcher

Member of St. John's Lutheran Church



# NOVEMBER 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30



Start Date	Subject	Start Time	End Time	Start Date	Subject	Start Time	End Time
11/1/2013	All Saints Day		11:59 PM	11/14/2013	Preschool Learning Teacher Meeting	6:30 PM	
11/1/2013	All Saint's Party for 5th-8th Gr.	4:00 PM	8:00 PM	11/16/2013	Quilting	9:00 AM	12:00 PM
11/3/2013	Commitment Sunday			11/16/2013	Parent's Nite Out	5:00 PM	7:30 PM
11/3/2013	Daylight-Saving Time Ends		11:59 PM	11/17/2013	Baptism for Tessa Marie Lewis	9:00 AM	
11/3/2013	Dinner and Worship at White Pines	10:00 AM		11/17/2013	Worship Service with Guest Preacher: Barb Solsaa from LSS	9:00 AM	
11/4/2013	Bible Study	8:00 AM	9:30 AM	11/17/2013	Pancake Fundraiser	10:00 AM	
11/5/2013	Staff Meeting	11:00 AM		11/17/2013	Sunday Learning	10:30 AM	
11/5/2013	Pictorial Directory Meeting	5:00 PM		11/18/2013	Bible Study	8:00 AM	9:30 AM
11/6/2013	Frist Wednesday Pizza	1:30 PM		11/19/2013	Staff Meeting	11:00 AM	
11/6/2013	Wednesday Meal	5:00 PM	6:15 PM	11/20/2013	Wednesday Meal	5:00 PM	6:15 PM
11/6/2013	Wednesday Learning	5:30 PM	6:45 PM	11/20/2013	Wednesday Learning	5:30 PM	6:45 PM
11/6/2013	Worship	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	11/20/2013	Worship	7:00 PM	8:00 PM
11/7/2013	Friendship Circle	1:30 PM		11/21/2013	St. John's to hold Pastor's Conference	8:30 AM	
11/7/2013	Preschool Board Meeting	6:30 PM		11/24/2013	Worship Service	9:00 AM	
11/9/2013	Imagine Together Worship Service with Guest Preacher:			11/24/2013	Fellowship Hour	10:00 AM	
11/10/2013	Martha Libersky	9:00 AM		11/24/2013	Sunday Learning	10:30 AM	
11/10/2013	Fellowship Hour	10:00 AM		11/24/2013	Potluck Supper at Our Savior's Church	5:30 PM	
11/10/2013	Sunday Learning	10:30 AM		11/24/2013	Ecumenical Thanksgiving Worship at	6:30 PM	
11/11/2013	Veterans Day		11:59 PM	11/25/2013	Bible Study	8:00 AM	9:30 AM
11/11/2013	Bible Study	8:00 AM	9:30 AM	11/25/2013	Preschool Thanksgiving Mini Feast	10:15 AM	
11/12/2013	Church Council Meeting	6:30 PM		11/26/2013	Preschool Thanksgiving Mini Feast	9:45 AM	
11/13/2013	Bloomer Clergy Meeting	10:00 AM		11/27/2013	No Worship, Learning or Evening Meal		
11/13/2013	Wednesday Meal	5:00 PM	6:15 PM	11/28/2013	Office Closed		
11/13/2013	Wednesday Learning Worship Service with Guest Preacher:	5:30 PM	6:45 PM	11/28/2013	Thanksgiving Day		11:59 PM
11/13/2013	Martha Libersky	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	11/29/2013	Office Closed		

# Weddings and Baptisms

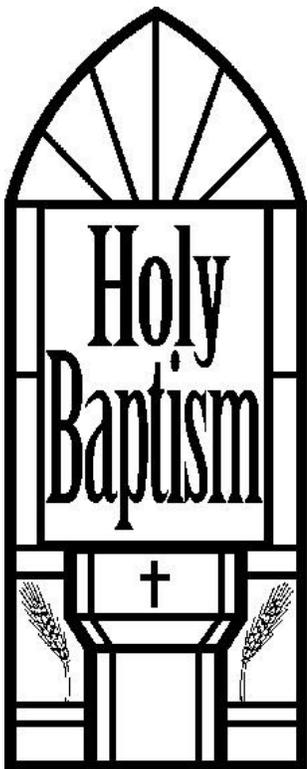
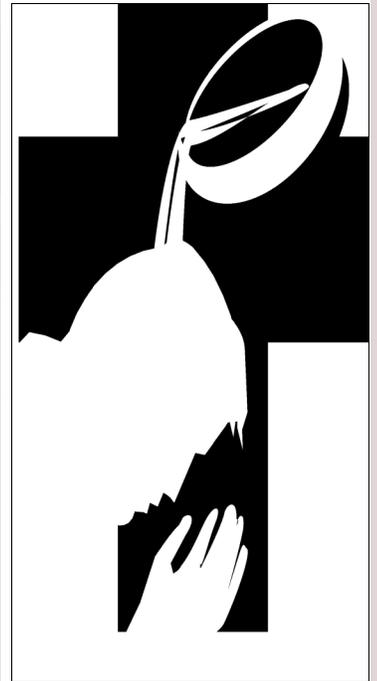
Congratulations to Monty and Jackie (Shadick) Fetting on their recent marriage.



Congratulations to Eric and Brittany (Boese) Ludwigson on their recent marriage!

# Weddings and Baptisms

Congratulations to Crystal Freid & Michael Erickson on the baptism of their son Chase Warren Loew



Congratulations to Crystal Fried and Michael Erickson on the baptism of their son Christian John Erickson!

**RECHARGE YOUR FAITH OUT OF THIS WORLD!**

Where: Luther Park, Chetek, WI  
When: January 10-11, 2014

GRADES 3-5, 6-8, 9-12

COST: \$60

Includes programming from 7 pm Friday until 7 pm Saturday, meals, lodging, and an "OUT OF THIS WORLD" RECHARGE T-SHIRT.



Parent & Youth meeting 6:45 pm  
November 13 in dining hall.

**FAITH TALK LEARNING SCHEDULES**

**Sunday Learning: 10:30-11:30 am**

**Wednesday Learning: 5:30-6:45 pm**

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Confirmation: 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

**Wednesday, November 27:** Learning events for all age levels are not scheduled

**WEATHER ALERT!**



Parents and youth, rule of thumb for St. John's Lutheran, when school is cancelled due to bad weather all learning events, scheduled (preschool, elementary, middle school, & Sr. high) are cancelled as well.

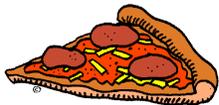
**CHRIST'S CORE**

Save the dates for food, fun & fellowship at its best!

All Sr. High youth & friends invited to first Wednesday pizza, 1:30 pm in dining hall.

Dates are as follows:

**November 6, & December 4.**



**PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

**Sunday, November 17, 2013 at 10 AM**

**Menu:** Pancakes, Sausage, Fruit, Cinnamon Rolls, Beverage

Sponsored by: *St. John's Preschool through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Youth*  
Monetary donations of your choice will be given to building repairs.



**Bethlehem Bound**

Children's Christmas Pageant (starring families)

Saturday, December 14 at 4:00 p.m.  
Followed by a family meal.

**EVERYONE WELCOME!**



**OUT OF THIS WORLD RECHARGE OCTOBER 25-26, 2013**

Come with friends, play games, sing camp songs, stay up late, hear faith stories from counselors, eat, and recharge your faith!

**"OUT OF THIS WORLD RECHARGE AT LUTHER PARK."**

Grades 3-5, 6-8, 9-12. Registration materials available Sunday, Sept. 29 and Wednesday, October 2 in the fellowship area (lower level).

Cost: \$60.00 per camper (check out your fundraising account balance with Marla).

Date & Time: 6:30 pm Friday, October 25-7:00 pm October 26

Register for this weekend retreat at Luther Park for an "Out of this world" faith experience.

# St. John's Preschool News

October has been and continues to be a fun-filled month! Kathy Larson, children's librarian brought story time activities to the Mon/Wed/Fri group on October 23rd. She read several books about frogs, played a hopping game and had the children paint with bingo dobbers.

Our second annual bowl-a-thon will take place on October 28th & 29th. Pastor Martin will join us on the 29th, and is challenging the Tues/Thurs group to a strike contest. Results will be announced at a later date. Thank you to everyone who made a donation to help us reach our \$500.00 goal. As a result, Pastor Martin will personally donate \$10.00 for every strike the preschoolers collectively attain, over the number of strikes he gets. (We conclude that Pastor Martin is a big kid himself, and doesn't want to miss out on any of the fun)! Would you agree?

We have a costume party Oct. 30th & 31st. Our theme of the week is 'Real & Pretend' and it's fun to dress up as someone or something else for the day (and of course, get treats)!

In addition to the bowl-a-thon donors, we'd like to thank Julie and Gregg Anderson for their \$50.00 memorial gift. And thank you to those recently directed Thrivent choice dollars to the preschool: Harley Christianson and Kathleen Stone. \$140.00 was deposited into our account as a result of their choice dollars designations. We truly appreciate your continued support.

Watch for our second annual bake sale, which will be held Dec. 14th in conjunction with St. John's Christmas pageant. There will be goodies galore, available for a donation of your choosing.



**Bowl-a-thon for the Tuesday/Thursday group**

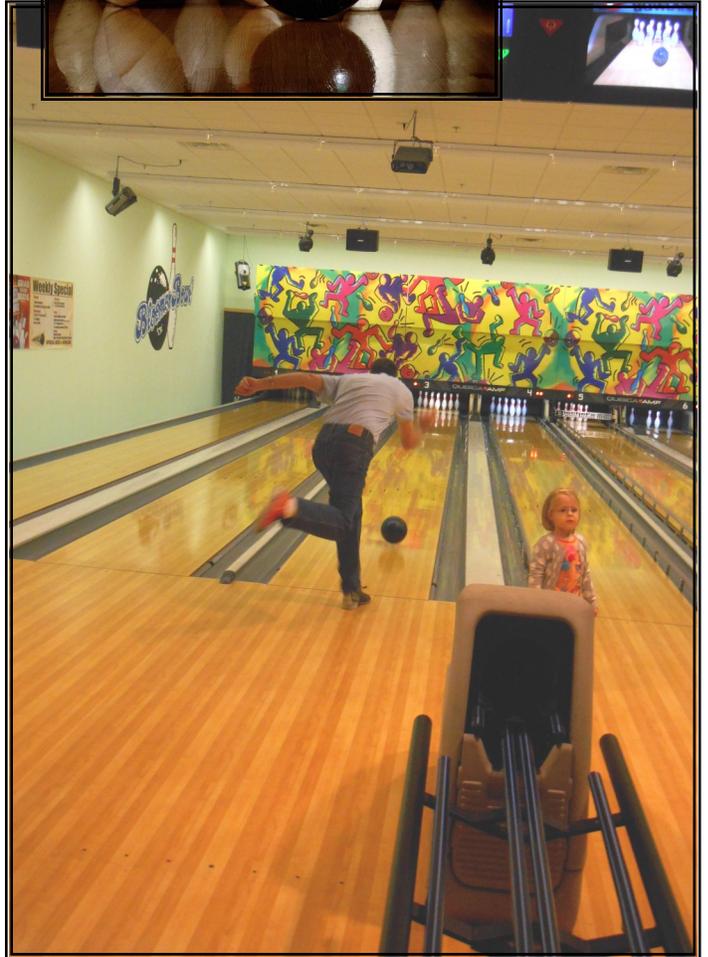


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Pastor Martin getting "nervous" before the BIG game!



The preschool group showing off their skills!

