



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 and 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:

- Pastor's News
- Church News
- Church Council Minutes
- Financial Report
- Youth and Family
- Preschool News

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MAKING SPACE FOR GOD

Now that summer's nearing an end and we're moving toward an exciting fall, I've been thankful to see the progress that our midweek worship service has made. Our numbers confirm that more and more of you are taking advantage of that Wednesday worship opportunity since its inception in May of 2013:

Time period	Average worship attendance
2013 summer	23.5
2014 summer	21.1
2015 summer	29.3
2013 fall	48.3
2014 fall	74.8
2014 winter	45.5
2015 winter	67.5

Key: Summer = May-August, Fall = September-December, Winter = January-April

The numbers speak for themselves! I do, however, feel that even more of you can take advantage of this second worship opportunity of the week. I realize that many of you are habitual Sunday worshipers, but when you are gone due to recreation or work, that worship opportunity is thus sacrificed. Don't forget about Wednesday!

We will now move to a 6:45 pm worship start time on Sept. 2 to get you on your way by 7:30 on most Wednesdays. With the exception of Advent and Lent, my sermon remains the same (or darn close!) from Sunday. Holy Communion will be offered just like Sunday.

When you make plans to be away on Sunday morning, don't forget to prioritize your faith enrichment by putting God in the #1 slot of your life. When we added the second worship service, leadership talked about having two on Sunday morning, but elected to offer a midweek experience so that families could have options on separate days. For those of you already taking advantage of this option, thank you. If you haven't attended a Wed. worship experience, come check it out!

Pastor Martin

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Bible Basics



August 2

In today's Old Testament reading, God provides manna from heaven in the morning. What meat did God provide in the evening?

- A. Chicken
- B. Goat
- C. Lamb
- D. Quail

August 9

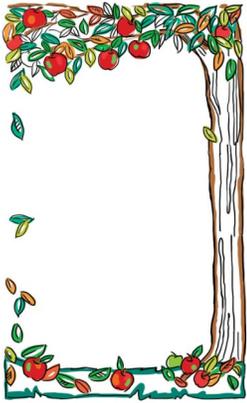
Ephesians 4:32 is the passage a famous camp song is based on. What is it's central message?

- A. Be kind, one unto another
- B. Saved by grace
- C. Lord, I lift your name on high
- D. I just want to be a sheep

August 16

Today's Old Testament passage is from the 9th chapter of Proverbs. The author recommends this to the senseless:

- A. Eat and drink his bread and wine
- B. Make sacrifices to God
- C. Listen to your mother
- D. By all means, get some sense knocked into you!

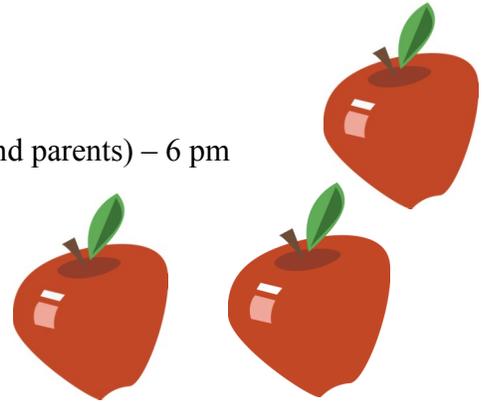


Mark your calendars!

Sept. 2 – change in worship to 6:45 pm

Sept. 9 – Confirmation orientation (grades 6-8 and parents) – 6 pm
Worship at 6:45 pm

Sept. 16 – Supper at 4:45 pm
Faith Formation at 5:30 pm
Worship at 6:45 pm



Quilting

Tuesday, September 15th
1:00-4:00 p.m.



Are you looking to be on one of St. John's committee's? Please consider joining the fellowship committee. The next meeting will be Wednesday, September 2 at 6:15 p.m.

If you have questions about what the fellowship committee does please contact Tom Buchner 715-568-2778 or Pauline Stertz 715-568-3416.



St. John's is in charge of serving Agnes Table on September 3rd. We need 4 people to come at 3:00pm to do the cooking and prep work. We will need 12 - 14 people to serve and clean up. We need people to bake cakes and to donate tomatoes. The sign-up sheet is in the back of the church.

Questions: contact Art Klingenberg or Pauline Stertz.

Thanks for your help!



BINGO will be returning in October. Please watch the bulletin, newsletter or Facebook for a date.

BINGO				
15	28	37	51	73
6	17	32	45	61
9	15	★	60	70
12	26	44	52	66
7	22	34	48	72

FALL PLANT SALE

Fall is the perfect time of the year to divide and plant perennials. I have had many requests to let people know if I will be having a perennial sale. The sale be Saturday, September 19, 2015 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.. All proceeds benefiting St. John's bathroom fund.

Thanks, Tom Buchner

If you are interested in donating quality perennials please contact Tom Buchner. 715-568-2778



Women's Bible Study

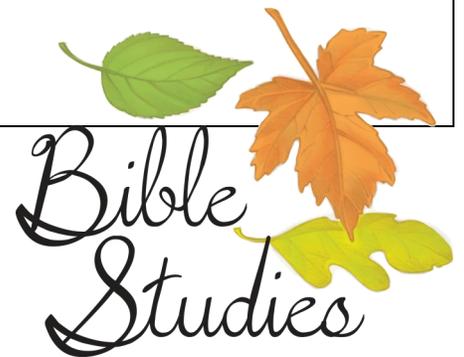
Every Friday at 12 pm in the library

All women are invited to participate in the twelve session small group Bible study, Twelve Women of the Bible. The DVD study was written by Lysa TerKuerst, Elisa Morgan, Jeanne Stevens and other leaders focusing on the spiritual lessons learned from twelve biblical women and what they mean for your life today.

We'll learn about the triumphs and failures of Mary Magdalene, Rebekah, Hannah and nine other women, studying their lives and learning how to: Apply biblical lessons to their own modern day struggles, live through their failures as well as successes, draw near to God in a world filled with trials, find lasting contentment, and overcome rejection and insecurity and much more.

You'll also discover lessons from each of these women that will help you persevere through the circumstances you are facing today. The study guide features discussion questions, background information on each character, and space to write down your thoughts.

Contact Marla Paulson @ 715-565446 #12 for more info.



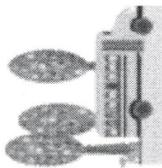
Congratulations to Chuck and Amanda Richardson on the baptism of their son Gavin Michael Richardson!

Congratulations to the sponsors, Joseph Gutowski and Katie Young!

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SEPTEMBER 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 9:00 AM Worship Service	31 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM Bible Study	1  First Day of Preschool 11:00 AM Staff Meeting	2 6:15 PM Fellowship Committee Meeting 6:45 PM Worship	3 6:00 PM Preschool Board Meeting	4 12:00 PM Women's Bible Study in Library	5
6 9:00 AM Worship Service	7  No Bible Study Office Closed	8 6:30 PM Church Council Meeting	9 6:00 PM Confirmation Orientation 6:45 PM Worship	10 1:30 PM WELCA	11 Newsletter Article Deadline 12:00 PM Women's Bible Study in Library	12
13 10:00 AM Rally Day in the North Park	14 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM Bible Study	15 11:00 AM Staff Meeting 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Quilting	16 4:45 PM Wednesday Night Meal 5:30 PM Youth Faith Formation 6:45 PM Worship	17	18 12:00 PM Women's Bible Study in Library	19
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Council Meeting August 11, 2015

Meeting called to order: by President Rod Johnson at 6:35p.m.

Opening Devotion and Prayer: given by Alice Zinsmaster

Agenda Amendment: add discussion of church policies and committee lists to old business.

Agenda Approval: Motion made by Alice Zinsmaster to approve amended agenda, seconded by Janice Naset. Motion carried.

Approval of July council meeting minutes: Motion made by Pat Boettcher to approve minutes, seconded by Ellyn Hudacek. Motion carried.

Council member concerns: Concerns of building maintenance.

Committee Reports:

- ◆ **Youth and Family Committee:** Rally Sunday scheduled for September 13, 2015
- ◆ **Property Committee:** Mirror will be mounted in area where Tracey in main church office will be able to view incoming/outgoing visitors entering the building.

Pastor's Report: Via email and read by President Rod Johnson

- ◆ Member update: *New members by affirmation of baptism:* Rob Schwarzenberger and Jessica Marrow. *Transferred members to Church Triumphant:* Eileen Henneman
- ◆ Visits- in Colfax, led worship at Maplewood/Hetzel's on July 15th. Looking to do Bloomer visits upon my return.
- ◆ ELCA God's Work, Our Hands Day is September 13th/Rally Sunday Day. Would like to consider working at Luther Park, possibly with the synod council who is scheduled to work on Saturday, September 12th. Need to assemble a task force to help make plans.

Financial Report: Motion made by Alice Zinsmaster to accept financial report, seconded by Kathy Faschingbauer. Motion carried.

Old Business:

- ◆ Completed pastoral reviews were collected by President Rod Johnson from council members.
- ◆ Pauline Stertz will follow up on church policies and confirm that they have been updated.
- ◆ Pauline Stertz will follow up on any updates on committee lists and their members.

Council Meeting

New Business:

- ◆ Setting Priorities: Council discussed the issue of program priorities for St. John's including stewardship both monetary and member involvement.

Motion made to adjourn meeting by Janice Naset, seconded by Ellyn Hudacek.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00p.m. and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Pauline Stertz, secretary

Attendance: Rod Johnson, Lynette Pank, Pauline Stertz, Ellyn Hudacek, Tom Buchner, Janice Naset, Kathy Faschingbauer, Alice Zinsmaster, Trey Baker, Pat Boettcher. Absent: Pastor Martin, Adam Ewings.

Financial Report - 2015

	2014	2015	BUDGET 2015
Beg. Balance - Jan. 1	\$ 7,513.00	\$3,150.00	
Income -August	\$142,469.00	\$143,923.00	\$156,222.00
Expenses - August	\$139,434.00	\$149,023.00	\$156,222.00
Balance	\$10,548.00	\$(1,950.00)	
Loan - Security Financial	\$87,747.00	\$74,754.00	
Loan - Security Financial		\$2,500.00	



A message from the Property Committee:

As you can see the progress continues on the basement bathrooms. The sheetrock is up and hopefully when you read this article the taping, texturing and painting will be completed, too. Thank you to everyone for putting up with the inconveniences of construction; the mess, the noise and having the outside water turned off for so long. We are happy to let you know, though, that the outside faucet is working again!

Down to Earth Landscaping has come and replaced the landscape fabric and put the rock back in place around the plants by the new sidewalk at no cost to the church, so we thank them also.

In other committee news, a security mirror has been installed so that Tracey will be able to see when someone enters the church. It is a good safety measure with the Preschool in the basement. And the suggestion box that was mentioned in a past newsletter will be put out soon in the front entry.

Thank you all for your support!
Nadine Bresina, Chairperson

The flowers outside by the front steps need a forever home.
Please contact Tom Buchner if you are interested. (715) 568-2778

Here is a little information on what Mandevilla's like. They are okay to stay outside until a chance of frost comes, then they should be put in a southern window or where they will receive eight hours of light to continue blooming. You should also fertilize them when they are in the blooming stage.



FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULES

Sunday: 10:15am-11:25am

Preschool: Ages 3, 4, & sometimes 5
Rotation Workshop: Kindergarten through 3rd Grade

Wednesday: 5:30pm-6:30pm

Preschool: Ages 3, 4, & sometimes 5
Rotation Workshop: Kindergarten through 2nd Grade
3rd Grade: Explorers
4th & 5th Grade "Bible 101"
Confirmation: 6th, 7th & 8th Grade

Sr. High Youth: To be announced

RALLY DAY SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13



10:00 am Worship @North Park

POT LUCK MEAL
(Bring your favorite dish to share)

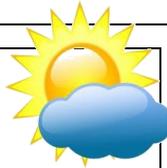


ACTIVITIES & GAMES
For all ages



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.



4th GRADE BIBLE PRESENTATION

Sun. Sept. 20 @ 9 am Worship
Wed. Sept. 23 @ 6:45 pm Worship



FAITH, FAMILY, & FRIENDS

QUALIFICATIONS: Hearts filled with faith & love for children & youth

BENEFITS: Hugs, smiles, new friends & more.

FRIENDS IN FAITH (teacher/mentors) to share time with a group listed in FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULES. Contact Marla at 715-568-5446 ext. 12 or email stjohnsl-marla@bloomer.net.

CONFIRMATION ORIENTATION

6th, 7th, & 8th GRADE PARENTS & YOUTH
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

Dessert: 5:45 pm Conversation Begins: 6:00 pm



MEET & GREET FRIENDS IN FAITH MENTORS CHILDREN & PARENTS & ADULT MEMBERS INVITED

Sunday, Sept. 20 @ 10:15 am in Dining hall
Wednesday, Sept. 23 @ 5:40 pm, Preschool-3rd through 5th Grade in Sanctuary





FOOD—FELLOWSHIP—FAITH

Who: Sr. High Youth & Friends

Where: St. John's Lutheran

When: Time & Date to be determined



MISSION TRIP

Sr. High Youth and parents, plans are being made for a mission trip during summer of 2016. This trip will be open to this year's 8th grade youth through graduating Sr. high youth.

More info concerning place, dates, cost, etc. coming soon.

Interested in being part of the planning team?
Contact Jordyn & Heidi Keller or Marla to volunteer.

LUTHER PARK BIBLE CAMP

MIRACLES OF JESUS RECHARGE: GRADES 3-12

OCTOBER 16-17, NOVEMBER 6-7, 2015

JANUARY 8-9, MARCH 4-5, 2016

Cost per participant is \$75.00

Registration info available online or hard copies during Meet & Greet September 20 & 23

GODSTOCK SR. HIGH YOUTH GATHERING

November 9-12: Grades 9-12

Place: Metropolis Hotel, Eau Claire, WI

Cost: \$85.00 plus room and food

YOUTH ENCOUNTER RETREATS

Minneapolis, MN Quake/Zone: April 1-3

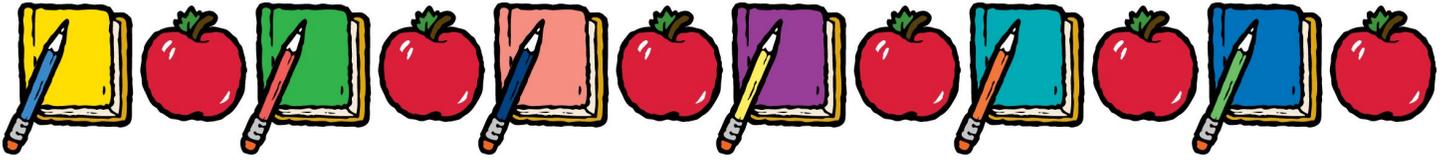
Wisconsin Dells, WI Quake: February 19-21

Wisconsin Dells, WI Quake/Zone: April 1-3

Grade levels and cost to be announced



So many things to do and not enough hours in a day to get it done. Make each day count by running on God's time, sharing time with church family and friends. Building relationships and growing in faith will provide that extra support to get through each day. Become involved in Faith Formation for children, youth and adults. Run on God's time. You'll be glad you did. Blessings, Marla



Preschool News

Classes begin again on Tues. Sept. 1st! We held orientation for current families, along with an open house for prospective families on Aug. 10th & 11th. We still have room in each of the classes to accept more students. We're also interested in having children join us once they turn three, as the school year progresses. Thanks for helping us spread the word!

Thank you to Rod Schmidt, MaryAnn Lambert and David Lambert who recently directed their Thrivent Choice Dollars to the preschool. We appreciate your support very much!

Watch upcoming newsletters and the bulletin, for information on our fall fundraiser. Participation from the congregational members in the past has been such a blessing, and we hope you'll consider participating again this year. It helps us keep up with the cost of things such as programming, materials and continuing education for staff, while keeping tuition at a reasonable rate. We value your partnership!

