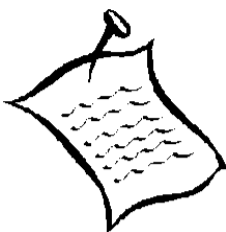


Weekly Announcements

for Bethlehem and St. John Evangelical Lutheran Churches
January 6 – January 13, 2008

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This Week at our congregations

Location key: (M) = at Bethlehem in Milan
(E) = at St. John in Edgar

Today: 8:15 a.m. (M) Bethlehem Divine Service
9:00 a.m. (E) St. John Sunday School (pre-K to adult)
9:15 a.m. (M) Bethlehem Sunday School (pre-K to 8th grade)
10:15 a.m. (E) St. John Divine Service
6:30 p.m. (M) Youth Group Meetings

Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. (E) Quilters
7:30 p.m. (E) St. John Church Council meeting

Wednesday: *Annual Report articles due*
10:00 a.m. (M) Bible Study – first session
6:00 p.m. (E) 7th Grade Confirmation class
7:00 p.m. (E) 8th Grade Confirmation class
8:00 p.m. (E) Bible Study – first session

Next Sunday: 7:00 a.m. (M) Bethlehem Board of Elders meeting
8:15 a.m. (M) Bethlehem Divine Service
9:00 a.m. (E) St. John Sunday School (pre-K to adult)
9:15 a.m. (M) Bethlehem Sunday School (pre-K to 8th grade)
10:15 a.m. (E) St. John Divine Service

Christian Education News

MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY– New Topic: Jehovah's Witnesses (the Watchtower Society).

Our first class will be this Wednesday:

- 10:00 a.m. at Bethlehem, Milan
- 8:00 p.m. at St. John, Edgar *or*

During the brief four weeks of this study (*before Lent begins on Feb. 6*), we will be studying the teaching of the Jehovah's Witnesses, with ample discussion in how best to witness effectively to Christ when they make a visit.

ADULT INSTRUCTION CLASSES are available anytime– call Pastor for more information..

SUNDAY SCHOOL NOTES– Today's Bible story is the visit of the Magi, as told in Matthew 2. It teaches us that the Savior came into the world for the salvation of all people. Just as the Magi came to Bethlehem to see the Savior, so we come to church to see the Savior in His Word and Sacraments. Discuss how in our sin we are like Herod and do not want to worship Jesus. Talk about the details of the story and see how they compare with "tradition"

Youth News

NEXT MEETING – The Youth group meets tonight, at 6:30 p.m. at Bethlehem, Milan. We will make Bingo prizes.

SLEIGH RIDE– Youth Group Sign Up Sheets for the January 20th Sleigh Ride are on the Youth Group board at both churches. **DEADLINE TO SIGN UP: JANUARY 13th.**

BINGO AND FUN– at the Continental Manor on

Saturday Feb. 9th. We will leave Bethlehem at 1:30 and be back by 4:00 Sign-up sheets are on the Youth Group Board at both churches. **DEADLINE TO SIGN UP: January 27TH.**

Weekly Prayer Corner

Beth./St. John Members who Need Your Prayers



Laura Mielke, Del Ballerstein,
Leonard Bornowski, Carol Krampien,
Penny Jennejohn, Arlette Molthen,
Larry Marshall, Robert Ballerstein

Our Friends in Need of Your Prayers

Carl Werner, Arla Luetschwager

Remember Shut-ins with Prayers, Cards & Visits

One shut-in is listed each week to encourage us to support our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ.

Anna Haderlein

Our House Assisted Living
220 W. Campus Drive
Wausau, WI 54401

Prayer Requests–

Public (at services) Call Pastor or Marge at 352-2888

Confidential (Prayer Chain): call Eunice at 352-2597

Pastoral visits: When a pastoral visit is desired, call Pastor Matthew at the office (352-2888).

Other Matters of Importance



THE LORD'S SUPPER is celebrated today because today is a major festival in the Church Year. It will continue to be offered on 2nd & 4th Sundays according to our established schedule.

ANNUAL REPORT ARTICLES— are due *this Wed., Jan. 9th*. For this important communication tool, what is requested is a brief article sharing 1) what was accomplished in the past year; 2) what is currently being worked on; and 3) what future plans are in the works. Seeking reports from:

- ▶ Boards of Elders— Bethlehem & St. John
- ▶ Boards of Evangelism— Bethlehem & St. John
- ▶ Boards of Education— Bethlehem & St. John
- ▶ Boards of Trustees— Bethlehem & St. John
- ▶ Sunday School— Bethlehem & St. John
- ▶ Ladies' Aids— Bethlehem & St. John
- ▶ Mission Guild— St. John
- ▶ Altar Guild— Bethlehem & St. John
- ▶ Christian Women in Action— Bethlehem
- ▶ Centennial Committee— Bethlehem
- ▶ Financial Secretary— Bethlehem & St. John
- ▶ Treasurer— Bethlehem & St. John
- ▶ Building Committee— Bethlehem
- ▶ Vacation Bible School
- ▶ Church Presidents— Bethlehem & St. John
- ▶ Family Fun Night/Fellowship Club— St. John
- ▶ Cemetery Committees— Bethlehem & St. John
- ▶ Investment Committee— Bethlehem
- ▶ Fund-Raising Committee— Bethlehem
- ▶ Quilters
- ▶ Dartball— Bethlehem & St. John
- ▶ Youth Groups

THANK YOU FROM PASTOR & MAGGIE! A very special thank you to all who gave Christmas cards or presents to our family. We appreciate all your prayers and kind wishes and wish you all God's blessings.

QUILTING— anyone interested in quilting is invited to come to 2008's first quilting session: **Tuesday, Jan. 8th at 9:00 a.m.** Bring a sack lunch. Quilting is a joint service project of Bethlehem and St. John.

PART-TIME POSITION AVAILABLE— WI Valley Lutheran High is seeking a qualified, certified, faith-filled, caring teacher to fill the part-time position of upper-level math teacher. If interested, please call Board President Dwayne Maroszek at 302-1303 (cell) ASAP.

LLL MEETING— January 13, 1:00 pm at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Rural Colby. Potluck to follow.

Items for Bethlehem members

IN SERVICE TODAY: January 6, 2008

Greeters: Jack & Barb Ortman
Organist: June Krebsbach
Elder: Adam Viegut

IN SERVICE NEXT WEEK: 1-13-08

Greeters: Richard & Lois Nimi
Organist: Gloria Cornelius
Elder: Shane Hammel

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS AT BETHLEHEM—

Installed into office this morning in the service (immediately before the prayers) are: Connie Venzke, Financial Secretary; Nathan Sprotte, Trustee, Shane Hammel, Elder; Adam Viegut, Elder (filling out a one-year term for Verlyn Wittlinger who resigned as elder due to scheduling conflicts); Robin Carlson, Bd of Education.

POINTSETTIAS AT BETHLEHEM— Members who brought poinsettias to decorate the church this Advent and Christmas season: Dick and Lois Niemi in memory of their Loved Ones; Verlyn and Judy Wittlinger in memory of their Parents; Buss Family in memory of Cheryl and Gary; Randy and Sandy Reynolds in memory of Brother, Mother and celebration of their Wedding Anniversary; Ladies Aid; CWIA; and Bethlehem Youth Group.

Items for St. John members

IN SERVICE TODAY: January 6, 2008

Greeters: Charles & Thea Hamann
Ralph & Mary Hamann

Acolyte: Hallie Werner

Ushers: George Marshall
Roger Ballerstein

Elder: John Yessa

IN SERVICE NEXT WEEK: 1-13-08

Greeters: Karl & Karen Heiden

Acolyte: Amanda Syring

Ushers: George Marshall; Roger Ballerstein
Elder: John Yessa

THANK YOU! Special thanks to Mary Schultz and to everyone who worked so hard to make St. John's snowstorm-delayed Sunday School Christmas program a success. And thanks to all who came!

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS AT ST. JOHN— Installed into office this morning (immediately before the prayers) are: Kevin Koch, Elder; Roger Ballerstein, Elder; Jim Christians (with Randy Krebsbach as backup), Treasurer; Peter VanDerLeest, Trustee; Darla Syring, Bd of Education; Sharon Ballerstein, Bd of Evangelism.

BETHESDA WORKERS FROM ST. JOHN for January will be working on Friday, January 11th from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. They are Sharon Niemann, Arabella Syring and Arlene Kroening.

ST. JOHN WEEKLY FINANCE REPORT— 12-30-07

General Fund: needed per week: \$1,705. Given last week \$2,211. Amount behind YTD: \$2,878.

Missions: needed per week. \$317. Given last week \$2068. Amount behind YTD \$578.

In Faith We Grow: needed per week: \$535. Given last week \$300. Amount behind YTD \$2,493.

Next week in our Service:

Next Week Sunday in the Church calendar is the Baptism of Our Lord (1st Sunday after the Epiphany) Our theme: "Holy Baptism— How God Intervenes." based on Matthew 3:13–17.