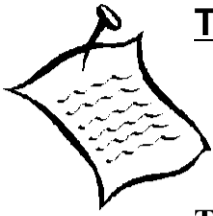


Weekly Announcements

for Bethlehem and St. John Evangelical Lutheran Churches
August 3 – August 10



This Week at our congregations

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

Today: 8:15 a.m. (M) Divine Service at Bethlehem
10:15 a.m. (E) Divine Service at St. John

Thursday: 1:30pm (E) St. John LWML meetings
7:00 p.m. (E) St. John Board of Elders meeting

Next Sunday: 8:15 a.m. (M) Divine Service at Bethlehem
10:15 a.m. (E) Divine Service at St. John
11:30 a.m. (E) Bethlehem Quarterly Voters' Assembly mtg
6:30 p.m. (E) Youth Group meeting

Christian Education News

MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY– takes its annual August break. We will continue studying the Book of Isaiah the first Wednesday after Labor Day.

SUNDAY SCHOOL COUNT-DOWN— Mark your calendars now for Sunday School Rally Day, at the Dual-Parish Picnic, Sunday, September 7th at 10:00 p.m. at Cherokee Park. This is the annual kick-off event for Sunday School, with regular classes **resuming** the following Sunday, **September 14th**.



Classes this year will be the same times:

9:00 a.m. at St. John (age 2 through adult)

9:15 a.m. at Bethlehem (age pre-K to 8th)

ADULT INSTRUCTION CLASSES are available anytime– for more information, contact Pastor Matthew (office 352-2888, home 352-3532).

SEEKING SPONSORSHIPS FOR LUTHERAN SCHOOL— We are again looking for members of our church family to help sponsor students to attend Wisconsin Valley Lutheran High. By your generosity last year, George Marshall was able to attend Wisconsin Valley. This year he will be a junior and will be joined by his younger sister Greta (9th grade). Between generous scholarship assistance from both St. John and Wisconsin Valley, the tuition has been much reduced, but several thousand dollars still needs to be raised. If you wish to help by pledging toward George Marshall's high school tuition, please place donations in the Sunday offering plate and mark them "*Marshall Tuition.*" If you wish to pledge an amount to be given later, please let Pastor Matthew know. God bless you!

Youth News

YOUTH GROUP – First meeting for the 2008-2009 year will be next Sunday, August 10 at St. John's at 6:30pm. We will have a short meeting followed by outside games. Bring anything you would like to play. Remember this is open to all 6-12th grade students and anyone interested in attending.



Weekly Prayer Corner

Beth./St. John Members who Need Your Prayers



Laura Mielke, Delbert & Maxine Ballerstein, Leonard Bornowski, Lois Umnus, Robert Ballerstein, Lloyd Pilgrim, Shirley Buss, Dorothy Wenzel, Justin Geisking

Our Friends in Need of Your Prayers

no names submitted

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.

Del Ballerstein

Marshfield Care Center
814 West 14th Street
Marshfield, WI 54449

Prayer Requests:

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

Confidential (Prayer Chain) call Eunice at 352-2597

Visitations: If you desire a visit from Pastor or from Carolyn (our Parish Nurse), call the office at 352-2888. Leave a message if no one answers. You may also call Pastor Matthew at home (352-3532).

Other Matters of Importance



THE LORD'S SUPPER is celebrated at both Bethlehem and St. John today. Next opportunity to receive the Sacrament of the Altar: August 10.

BETHESDA THRIFT STORE ANNUAL MEETING and Lunch will be held Mon., Aug. 11, 2008 at 12 noon at Rib River Ballroom, Marathon WI. \$5 will be collected **at the door** for each active volunteer (\$10 if you haven't volunteered during the last year). Call Joanne Rathsack at 443-6417 no later than Sun. Aug. 3rd if you wish to attend.

COLOR VISION VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION EVENING— You are invited to attend a Volunteer Appreciation Evening hosted by Color Vision Printing: August 5, 2008, 5–9p.m. at the Rib River Ballroom. They would like to take this time to "thank you" for your assistance in our work projects. Your valuable time is very important to us. We hope you can join us for a night of hors d'oeuvres, bingo, card games, prizes, and fireworks.

FRIENDS OF CONCORDIA FISH BOIL— You are invited to attend the Northwest Region 8th Annual Fish Biol on Friday, August 8th, 2008. There will be continuous serving 4:00 - 7:00 p.;m. at Christ Lutheran Church, 308 West Linden St. in Abbotsford. All You Can Eat!!!! No tickets required. Adults \$9, children 6-12: \$5, 5 and under FREE. Menu: White fish or lasagna, red potatoes, baked beans, onions, cole slaw, rye bread, dessert bars, and beverage. All proceeds go to support Concordia University Wisconsin Pre-Seminary Students in our Northwest Region. Funds raised will be supplemented by Thrivent.

Can You Help Us?

STEAMSHOW FUNDRAISER— It's that time of year again and the youth of the Bethlehem/St. John Youth Group are asking for your help in completing their main fundraiser of the year. The Youth Group will be taking admission at the Steam & Gas Engine Show on August 22-24. We are looking for people to volunteer for 4 hour shifts that including taking admission and watching exit gates. Please sign up on the bulletin board at Bethlehem or in the Narthex at St. John. You may also call Fay Niemann at 352-3728. Please also note that there will be a meeting on August 17 following church at St. John to go over the expectations of the Steam Show committee. If you can't make the meeting, please let Fay know so she can schedule something with you.

Items for Bethlehem members

IN SERVICE TODAY: August 3, 2008

Greeters: Janice Bunkelmann; Russ & Sheri Bunkelman
Acolyte: volunteer
Organist: Gloria Cornelius
Elder: Adam Viegut

IN SERVICE NEXT WEEK: 8-10-08

Greeters: Delores Wittlinger; Nancy Westfall
Acolyte: Nathan Kunze
Organist: Gloria Cornelius
Elder: Shane Hammel

BETHLEHEM WEEKLY FINANCE REPORT – from 7-27-08. Needed each week: \$1,207, received \$913. Short Year-to-date: \$5,051.

BETHLEHEM BRAT FRY— Bethlehem will be holding a brat fry at Dorchester Dorners on Friday, August 29th. Workers needed. A sign-up sheet will be posted. Monetary donations are welcome.



Items for St. John members

IN SERVICE TODAY: August 3, 2008

Greeters: Gary & Gail Wendtland; Alice Werner
Acolyte: George Marshall
Ushers: Chris Schneider; Ron Hahn
Elder: Mel Niemann

IN SERVICE NEXT WEEK: 8-10-08

Greeters: Jeff Werner; DuWayne Werner; Eunice Werner; Matt Witucki
Acolyte: Michael Schneider
Ushers: Mark Niemann; Ron Hahn
Elder: Mel Niemann

LWML ANNUAL PICNIC MEETING— You are invited to the potluck luncheon picnic organized by the Ladies Aid LWML. Everyone in the congregation is invited. Please bring a dish to pass and a favorite picture that you can tell a story about. It can be funny or serious or just a special memory.

ST. JOHN WEEKLY FINANCE REPORT— 7-27-08

General Fund: needed per week to get our deficit caught up by year's end: \$1,978. Given last week \$1859. Amount behind YTD: \$6,788.

Missions: needed per week. \$317. Given last week \$143. Amount behind YTD \$2,279.

Next Week in our Worship Service:

SERMON THEME will be "*Walking on Water*," based on Matthew 14:22–33.

WE CONTINUE LEARNING THE ORDERS OF SERVICE— Today we learned the first half of the second setting of the Divine Service. Next week we will learn the Service of the Sacrament as well.