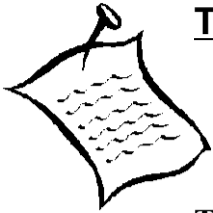


Weekly Announcements

for Bethlehem and St. John Evangelical Lutheran Churches

August 24 – August 31



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

Tuesday: 8:00 p.m. (M) Bethlehem Board of Evangelism meeting

Friday: at Dorchester Corners . . . Bethlehem Brat Fry Fundraiser

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

Christian Education News

MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY— takes its annual August break. The first class of the Fall session (in which we will continue studying the Book of Isaiah) will be September 10th at 7:30 p.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL COUNT-DOWN— Only two weeks away from Sunday School Rally Day 2008.

Rally Day will take place at the Dual-Parish Picnic, Sunday, September 7th at 10:00 a.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 3 through adult)
- 9:15 a.m. at Bethlehem (age pre-K to 8th)

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). Although WVLHS has granted generous scholarship assistance to the Marshalls and the tuition has been much reduced, several thousand dollars still need to be raised. If you wish to help with their 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.



Weekly Prayer Corner

Beth./St. John Members who Need Your Prayers



Laura Mielke, Delbert & Maxine Ballerstein, Leonard Bornowski, Lois Umnus, Robert Ballerstein, Dorothy Wenzel

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.

Arline Natzke

InnCare of Abbotsford
100 S. 4th Ave
Abbotsford, WI 54405

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 today at both 8:15 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. The next opportunity to receive the Sacrament of the Altar will be:

September 7th at the Dual-Parish Picnic (10 a.m. at Cherokee Park).

DUAL-PARISH PICNIC— September 7th, 10 a.m. at Cherokee Park. Featuring a Divine Service with Holy Communion, Sunday School Teacher Installation, and Sunday School Rally Day (Kick-off). Potluck lunch (BBQ, hot dogs, and drink will be provided). Afterward, stick around for children's games and Yard games.

Please bring **lawn chairs** (for seating during the worship service) and a **dish to pass**.



'TABLE TALK' DEADLINE— the deadline to submit articles is TOMORROW! for the September newsletter: Monday, August 25th.

FALL FESTIVAL AT ST. JOHN, WITHEE— St. John LCMS in Withee, WI invites you to their Fall Fest at the Lion's Pavilion in Withee. Sunday, September 7, 2008 7:00 a.m. to noon. All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast/Brunch. Adults - \$5, Children 6-12 - \$4 and preschool free.

"HORSE TALES" BY REV. MARK NICOLAUS— Copies of Pastor Nicolaus' new book "Hose Tales" are available in the church office for \$15. Please see Marge if you would like a copy.

Items for Bethlehem members

IN SERVICE TODAY: August 24, 2008

Greeters: Verlyn & Judy Wittlinger
Acolyte: Michael Knetter
Organist: Gloria Cornelius
Elder: Adam Viegut

IN SERVICE NEXT WEEK: 8-31-08

Greeters: Irvin Wellman; Elaine Underwood
Acolyte: volunteer
Organist: Gloria Cornelius
Elder: Shane Hammel

BETHLEHEM BRAT FRY— We will be holding a brat fry at Dorchester Corners on Friday, August 29th. Workers needed. A sign-up sheet is posted.

A NOTE FROM YOUR BD. FOR EVANGELISM— Back in May, the Evangelism Committee hosted our first ever "Pre-Evangelism Kick-off" an event after church designed to help us foster an "atmosphere of friendliness in the congregation" (Bylaw 7.10.4) It was well-attended and the responses from attendees has been very warm and

encouraging.

We had planned on having our second one this coming Sunday, August 31st, but no one has turned in any Information forms. Please turn in your forms (extras available in back) if you're interested so that we can have another fellowship and introduction of families ship and introduction of families. The thinking goes that if are able to become more friendly with one another, that helps us to be friendlier as a whole, especially to visitors.

BETHLEHEM SUNDAY SCHOOL— Bethlehem has sufficient volunteers to teach Sunday School classes. Now we are looking for individuals willing to serve as *substitute* teachers in the event a regular teacher cannot be in Church one Sunday. Please see Gloria Cornelius for questions or to volunteer.

Items for St. John members

IN SERVICE TODAY: August 24, 2008

Greeters: Rhonda Wolff; Perry Wolff; Bruce & Doris Wussow
Acolyte: Hannah Mueller
Ushers: Don Pilgrim; Ron Hahn
Elder: Mel Niemann

IN SERVICE NEXT WEEK: 8-31-08

Greeters: Troy & Kelly Sue Wussow; John & Kelly Yessa
Acolyte: Ray Yessa
Ushers: Carrie Callies; Ron Hahn
Elder: Roger Ballerstein

ST. JOHN WEEKLY FINANCE REPORT— 8-17-08

General Fund: needed per week to get our deficit caught up by year's end: \$1,978. Given last week \$1,719. Amount behind YTD: \$6,693.

Missions: needed per week.\$317. Given last week \$244. Amount behind YTD \$2,736.

SERVANT RECOGNITION SUNDAY— Your St. John Elders are planning a "Servant Recognition Sunday" for September 21st. To take place in the service and continuing with a potluck, we plan on thanking everyone who has donated time and talents to the building of God's kingdom here at St. John in the past year. Since we can't mention everybody by name, we will recognizing representatives from three different age groups. We will recognize two individuals (one male, one female) in the following age groups: 30 and under, 31–60, and 60+.

Next Week in our Worship Service:

SERMON THEME will be "*Behind Me, Satan!*" based on Matthew 16:21–28.

Also, next Sunday will be a Fifth Sunday of the month, so we will use the Order of Matins and will have a Children's Sermon.

