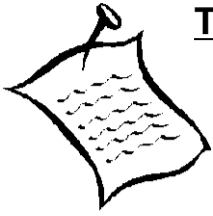


Weekly Announcements

for Bethlehem and St. John Evangelical Lutheran Churches
September 21 – September 28



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
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 gr)
10:15 a.m. (E) Divine Service at St. John
11:15 a.m. (E) Servant Recognition Potluck at St. John
2:00 – 4:00 p.m. (M) 6th Grade Confirmation Class

Tuesday: 1:00 p.m. (E) St. John Board of Parish Education meeting

Wednesday: 9:30 a.m. (E) Midweek Bible Study – *book of Isaiah*
6:00 p.m. (M) 7th/8th Grade Confirmation Class
7:45 p.m. (E) Midweek Bible Study – *book of Isaiah*

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

Christian Education News

AS LUTHERAN CHRISTIANS... Come join us!
Open your Bible and join us in exploring the richness of God's Word for your life. And don't worry... it's not "hard!" If you want to sit and listen silently, that's all right, too. We are studying the book of Isaiah.

One note: because no a single member from Bethlehem is attending either the morning or evening studies, the location will switch to Edgar for both times. The new times and places are Wednesdays at: 9:30 a.m. (E) & 7:45 p.m. (E)

SUNDAY SCHOOL NOTES– Today's Sunday School lesson "The Bronze Serpent" is one of the more challenging stories in the Old Testament. Just as the bronze serpent was lifted up to heal and save the Israelites, Christ was lifted up on the cross to heal and save us from sin, death, and the devil. Ask students, "How did God rescue people bitten by the serpent? How does God rescue you?"

CONFIRMATION CLASSES– The very first session of 6th Grade Confirmation class is TODAY, September 21st from 2– 4 p.m. This one-a-month Sunday afternoon class will meet 8 times over the course of the school year.

Weekly Prayer Corner

Beth./St. John Members who Need Your Prayers



Ed & Laura Mielke, Delbert & Maxine Ballerstein, Leonard Bornowski, Lois Umnus, Dorothy Wenzel, Mae Morien, Gene Rodman, Del Denzine

Our Friends in Need of Your Prayers

Orville Yessa

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.

Carol Krampien (842-1786)

Colonial Manor Center
1010 E. Wausau Street
Wausau, WI 54403

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 not celebrated this morning. The next opportunity to receive the Sacrament of the Altar will be next Sunday, the fourth Sunday of the month: Sunday, Sept. 28th at both churches.

'TABLE TALK' DEADLINE— the deadline for submissions to the office secretary for the October newsletter is this Tuesday, Sept. 23rd.

PORTALS OF PRAYER— The fourth quarter devotional booklet "Portals of Prayer" is here and available for you to take and use as an aid in your daily devotions. These continue to be provided by the Ladies' Aid Societies of Bethlehem and St. John (member auxiliaries of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League).

PANCAKE DINNER— Sunday, Sept. 28, 10:30am to 1:30pm at St. John Lutheran in Spencer.

Items for Bethlehem members

IN SERVICE TODAY: September 21, 2008

Greeters: Adam & Marya Viegut
Acolyte: volunteer
Organist: Gloria Cornelius
Elder: Adam Viegut

IN SERVICE NEXT WEEK: 9-28-08

Greeters: Rick & Wanda Venzke
Acolyte: volunteer
Organist: Gloria Cornelius
Elder: Shane Hammel

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.

BETHLEHEM WEEKLY FINANCE REPORT — from 9-14-08. Needed each week: \$1,207, received last week: \$1,380. Short Year-to-date: \$5,798.

Items for St. John members

IN SERVICE TODAY: September 21, 2008

Greeters: Jim Clark & Amy Wilhelmi; Nadine Callies; Carrie Callies
Acolyte: Amanda Syring
Ushers: volunteer; John Yessa
Elder: Kevin Koch

IN SERVICE NEXT WEEK: 9-28-08

Greeters: Jennifer Wussow; Amanda Koerner; Kristina Apfelbeck
Acolyte: George Marshall
Ushers: Bud Mortvedt, John Yessa
Elder: Kevin Koch

COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP HOUR— has resumed

in the Narthex at St. John. Coffee (and sometimes snacks) are available each Sunday morning during the 30-60 minutes before the start of service. You are welcome to join us.

There is a sign-up sheet if you can bring some treats to go along with our coffee.

ST. JOHN WEEKLY FINANCE REPORT— 9-14-08

General Fund: needed per week to get our deficit caught up by year's end: \$1,978. Given last week \$1,672. Amount behind YTD: \$7,060.

Missions: needed per week \$317. Given last week \$243. Amount behind YTD \$2,902.

SERVANT RECOGNITION SUNDAY— Your St. John Elders are planning our first annual "Servant Recognition Sunday" for **TODAY!** It will take place both *IN* the service and continue after with a **potluck**. This event is held as an opportunity to thank all those who have given of their time and talents in the past year. Since we can't mention everybody by name, we will recognize six individuals who have given generously the past year; they will serve as representatives from three different age/gender groups.

ANNUAL HARVEST DINNER— Donation slips are being handed out today. All confirmed members are invited and encouraged to bring items. This dinner will be used to benefit our general fund, currently in deficit. If you are able to help, there are tasks for Saturday, October 4th and Sunday, October 5th. Whatever time works for your schedule. Sign up today on the work sheets in the narthex (by the carport).

Also, to accommodate those who must work during the Divine Service on the Sunday of the Harvest Dinner (and anyone else who wishes to come), there will be a special worship service the night before:

Saturday, Oct. 4th Worship at 7:30pm

The hymns, liturgy, and hymn will be identical to the Sunday morning service.

Next Week in our Worship Service:

SERMON THEME will be "*Why Will You Die?*" based on Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

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