

Weekly Announcements

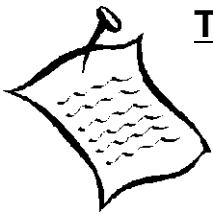
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for Bethlehem and St. John Evangelical Lutheran Churches

October 19 – October 26



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). St. John Quarterly Voters' Assembly meeting
2:00 p.m. (M)..... 6th Grade Confirmation class

Monday: 7:30 p.m. (M). . . . Bethlehem Church Council 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*

Thursday. November 'Table Talk' articles due

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Christian Education News

BIBLE STUDY– Ongoing Bible studies continue each Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. and 7:45 a.m. at St. John. Newcomers from both churches welcome.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NOTES– Gideon's amazing victory over the enemies of God's people recorded in Judges 6–7 was the subject of today's Sunday School lesson. Christ, the light of the world, overcomes the darkness of sin, death, and the devil, even as God overcame Israel's enemy while the light streamed from the lamps of Gideon's men. Discuss with your children, "What do you think was the most amazing part of Gideon's victory? Why is it important that Jesus won the victory over sin and death?"

CONFIRMATION CLASS MEMORY WORK– for all Confirmation students, remember to work daily on your memory work.

6th graders: by next class, October 19th, you should have the order of all the books of the Bible memorized. We will test this memory work with fun and varied games.

7th graders: by next class (Oct. 22nd!), you should have memorized the Introduction and First Petition of the Lord's Prayer.

8th graders: by next class (Oct. 22nd!), you should have memorized Matthew 7:7–8 and Martin Luther's Morning and Evening prayers.

Weekly Prayer Corner

Beth./St. John Members who Need Your Prayers



Ed & Laura Mielke, Delbert & Maxine Ballerstein, Roger Ballerstein, Lois Umnus, Dorothy Wenzel, Mae Morien
✱ family of Leonard Bornowski ✱

Our Friends in Need of Your Prayers

none

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 W. 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 not celebrated this morning. The next opportunity to receive the Sacrament of the Altar will be Sunday, October 26th at Bethlehem and St. John.

YOU ARE INVITED— You are invited to join Church and Joanne Luther (and their family) to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on October 18th at Colby Lions Shelter, 2–4 p.m.



LWML RALLY— The Fall LWML Rally will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church in Medford, on October 28th with 9:00–9:30 a.m. registration. More information and details are posted on the bulletin boards.

SOUP SALE— The Bethlehem Ladies will again have their annual Soup-by-the-quart sale on November 9th. Chili and chicken dumpling soup will be available. Please sign up for the quantity desired. Volunteer help is always appreciated on November 7th & 8th, 9–12 a.m.

OTHER LOCAL EVENTS:

Polka service, Trinity Athens
October 19th, 9:00 a.m. followed by pasta luncheon 10:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Soup & Pie Sale, St. John Withee
October 29th, 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Germanfest, Zion Stratford
Sunday, Nov. 2, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Pancake Supper, Trinity Athens
Friday, Nov. 7th, 4:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Pancake breakfast, Colby Lions Pavilion
Nov. 9th, 7:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Items for Bethlehem members

IN SERVICE TODAY: October 19, 2008

Greeters: Wally & Dorothy Sprotte

Acolyte: volunteer

Organist: Gloria Cornelius

Elder: Shane Hammel

IN SERVICE NEXT WEEK: 10-26-08

Greeters: Nate Sprotte; Virgil Swacker

Acolyte: Joseph Marier

Organist: Gloria Cornelius

Elder: Joe Cornelius

VOTERS' ASSEMBLY REMINDER: our quarterly meeting will be NEXT Sunday, Oct. 26th, immediately after service.

Items for St. John members

IN SERVICE TODAY: October 19, 2008

Greeters: Jenny Showers; Sue Gehrke; Angeline Campbell

Acolyte: Hannah Mueller

Ushers: Kelsey VanDerLeest, Mel Niemann

Elder: Ron Hahn

IN SERVICE NEXT WEEK: 10-26-08

Greeters: Charles & Thea Hamann;
Ralph & Mary Hamann

Acolyte: Ray Yessa

Ushers: Don Pilgrim, Mel Niemann

Elder: Ron Hahn

COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP HOUR— every Sunday morning in the narthex (by the carport) before church. Please join us. Also, sign up if you wish to bring treats to go along with coffee some Sunday.

ST. JOHN WEEKLY FINANCE REPORT— 10-12-08

General Fund: needed per week to get our deficit caught up by year's end: \$1,978. Given last week \$2,080, plus \$2,152 from the Harvest Dinner fundraiser. Amount behind YTD: \$4,447.

Missions: needed per week. \$317. Given last week \$419. Amount behind YTD \$2,937.

THANK YOU— Thank you to everyone who made this year's Harvest Dinner fundraiser a very profitable project. Thank you to all who donated food, helped on Saturday and on Sunday. Many hands make small work. \$2,152 was raised for our debt-reduction, with \$400 matched from Thrivent.

ST. JOHN LWML OFFERING— Thank you for all who gave to our mission offering. \$115 was raised.

VOTERS' ASSEMBLY REMINDER: our quarterly meeting is TODAY immediately following service. Correction on slate of nominees (*published in the October Table Talk*): remove (I) from Dwight Tolck— he is not currently an elder. Add Doug Brown to the list of accepted candidates for Trustee.

"BRING-A-FRIEND TO CHURCH" SUNDAY— By now, hopefully everyone is thinking and praying about who to invite to church on November 2nd. Invite a friend, family member, or co-worker to come with you for this very special Sunday.

Invitations are in your church mailboxes today to assist you with making that invitation.

Invite someone in person, but use the invitation as a tool/reminder when you do so. Remember, we are God's tools for growing His kingdom. To God on high be glory! Amen.



Next Week in our Worship Service:

SERMON THEME will be "*Be Holy... As God is Holy*," based on Leviticus 19 and Matthew 22.