

OUR LIFE TOGETHER FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 29, 2011

SUN.	9:00 AM	Worship/Baptism
	5:00 PM	Evansville 4H Jr. Leaders
	8:00 PM	Scouts
MON.		Memorial Day—Office Closed
TUES.		Visionotes Deadline for June/July
	8:00 AM	Men's Group/Quilting Ladies
	7:00 PM	AA
WED.	9:30 AM	Chapel at Evansville Heights
	10:30 AM	Chapel at Evansville Manor
THURS.	3:00 PM	Girl Scouts
FRI.		
SAT.	5:00 PM	Worship
	7:00 PM	Narcotics Anonymous
SUN.	9:00 AM	Worship—Baccalaureate Service

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Parish
Office Hours

**Monday
thru
Thursday**

7 AM - 12:00 PM
Closed Fridays

Mark your calendar! St. John's will celebrate our **75th anniversary** with festival worship and community celebration on **Sunday, July 10 (worship procession begins at 8:30am at the Post Office)**. Plan to stay through the morning and into the afternoon. Bring blankets and lawn chairs for lunch.

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SAINT JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

EVANSVILLE, WI

The Epistle



"Epistle" from the Greek: a message or letter, especially concerning matters of faith.

The Weekly Parish Announcements

May 28/29, 2011

*Saint John's Lutheran Church is a community of believers in Jesus Christ gathering:
To reach up in worship, To reach out in evangelism, and
To reach within for spiritual growth.*

**Welcome, Guests, to
St. John's Lutheran Church!**

We rejoice in your presence with us for worship and hope the experience is meaningful for you. **Help us to remember your visit by completing the black registration book at the end of your pew.** We also have a "guest book" in the narthex that we'd appreciate you signing. Please share your name with those around you and with the pastor. Whether you are here for only one service or are seeking a permanent place to worship, please feel at home among us!

Children are encouraged to participate in worship. Should the need arise, there is a nursery room off the fellowship hall that is available for parents and children. Volunteers also help to staff the nursery. Activity Bags are available in the narthex on the coat rack.

Children's Bulletins are available from ushers.

Restrooms are located in the hallway next to the kitchen. An accessible restroom is located in the nursery just off of Fellowship Hall.

Holy Communion

We believe that Jesus Christ is truly present in the bread and wine, and he invites all people to his table to join the feast together. **Christ is the host of this meal, and all are welcome.** White grape juice and gluten-free wafers are available on request for those who prefer. Those not prepared to receive the Sacrament may come forward for a blessing from the pastor or communion assistant. *Indicate a desire for a blessing by crossing the arms over the chest.*

In the Lutheran tradition, Holy Communion is known by many names. Among them include Sacrament of the Altar, The Eucharist, The Lord's Supper, and the Holy Meal. By whatever name is used, we believe that in this sacrament God renews our faith, forgives our sins, and fills us with the hope of life everlasting.

For news, pictures, sermons, articles, and more information, visit us online at

www.stjohns-lc.org

Epistle Deadline: 8:00 a.m. on Wednesdays.

TODAY

SEASON OF EASTER

Christ is risen! Alleluia! For 50-days after Easter Sunday we rejoice that Christ has conquered the grave. What does this mean for us? We, too, have victory over death, and we are raised to new life everyday by the power of the Holy Spirit.

THE RITE OF HOLY BAPTISM



Beau Michael Hauri, son of Jessica Halvensleben and Scott Hauri, comes to the waters of baptism this Sunday.

Beau's sponsors are Danielle Schaaf, Nathan Richards, and Michel Sullivan.

We give thanks to the Lord for publicly claiming Beau as God's child, and pray that he grows strong in his relationship with Christ.

GRATITUDE FOR CATHARINE FELLOWS

This weekend we give thanks to God for the music ministry of Catharine Fellows at St. John's. With her fingers flying over the piano and the organ, Catharine has uplifted our praise and revived the St. John's choir. We'll see more of Catharine in the future, but this Sunday is her last regularly scheduled on the bench. Please join us for a fellowship afterward in celebration. Praise God for Catharine Fellows!

SERVING US IN WORSHIP THIS WEEKEND

Accompanist (Sat):	Melanie Greenleaf
Accompanist (Sun):	Catharine Fellows
Assisting Minister:	Carolyn Butts
Projectionist:	Tammy Pomplun
Reader (Sat):	Karen Krajeck
Reader (Sun):	Bob Olsen
Communion Servers:	Dee Leader, Pam Abey
Greeters:	Kevin and Jennifer Stokstad, John Haakenson, Carol Golz
Acolytes:	Andy Forster, Spencer Hennig
Usher Team:	Doug Soetaert's Team
Sound (Sun):	Collin Rehfeldt
Altar Guild:	Kaye Crocker and Diana Crans
Nursery:	Amber and Jason Reinstad
Worship Steward:	Carolyn Butts

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WORLD HUNGER APPEAL

The first 1,000 days of a child's life, from pregnancy through age two, are the critical window in which to tackle under-nutrition. A proper diet in this period can protect them from the mental and physical stunting that can result from malnutrition.

This weekend we receive our monthly offering to alleviate hunger. Watch for the wicker baskets coming your way (after the plates for general offering).

FLOWERS BENEATH THE CROSS

Flowers are given by Tom and Grace Pooch and Mike and Ruth Martin, grandparents of Eleanor Grace Pooch, in celebration of her birthday. Wishing you a very blessed first birthday, Miss Eleanor!

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION—JUNE 18

Ready to learn more about our congregation? Interested in making a commitment to the life and ministry of St. John's Lutheran Church? Join us for membership orientation on Saturday, June 18, from 9-11am. Refreshments will be served, and childcare is available upon request. Sign up at the welcome desk, or email the church office at secretary@stjohns-lc.org to RSVP.

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CALLING ALL GRADUATES

High school, college, and technical graduates are invited to participate in Baccalaureate Sunday at St. John's on June 5. Please call the church office with the name of one of our college/tech grads.

PROJECTION TEAM MINISTRY

Got some computer skills? Willing to serve? St. John's is seeking individuals to join our team of projectionists, who operate the computer during worship. Interested? Contact the church office.

BIG JUNGLE ADVENTURE: Vacation Bible School



August 1-5, 2011, 9:00 am—Noon

Registration is open for ages 3—5th grade. Sign up table is in the Narthex.

Also needed are Site Leaders and Tribe Leaders. Come explore Bible stories, take Bible challenges, make crafts, eat yummy snacks, play fun games, sing awesome songs, and more! Return registration sheets (see May Visionotes) and \$10 per child (max. \$20 per family) to the church office. Questions may be directed to Vonnie Hatlen at 882-4707.

CONGREGATION CELEBRATION ON JULY 10

What does a scavenger hunt, delicious catered food, nerf rockets, and great memories have in common? Make your plans now to be at St. John's for worship and fellowship on Sunday, July 10! We're turning 75 years old! Party for all ages!

NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING

JULY 18-22, 2012, NEW ORLEANS, LA

All youth entering 9th, 10th, 11th, or 12th grades in fall 2012 – and 2012 high school graduates – are invited to attend the ELCA Youth Gathering. This incredible event only happens every 3 years and is a week to remember forever. We're going!!

To be considered for a financial scholarship through the national church, contact Becca Pooch now at 515-230-8286 or beccapooch@gmail.com. This is an excellent resource to supplement the fundraising we will do over the next year.

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

HOSPITAL VISIT AND PRAYER LIST

If you or your family member is in the hospital, or planning to be in the hospital, please notify the church office. If you or someone you know is especially in need of prayer and would like to be included on the prayer list, contact the church office.

St. John's Members

Wanda Johnson Barbara Patterson

Friends

Neil Kuenzli	Julee Devlin	Claire Renz
Deb Olsen	Ken Day	Mandy Lust
Patricia Greenleaf	Lori Mortensen	Ryan Persons
Randy Rinehart	Lauren Delegee	

Serving Our Country: Jesse Rice, Curtis Langer, and Chet Heacox.

IN REVIEW

GIVING IS GOOD FOR THE HEART

Why do we give offering to the church? Yes, financial contributions help us pay the bills, serve others, and meet our priorities. But, giving is also good for our *own* hearts. *Giving benefits the giver.* Giving increases our love for the one to whom we give. When we give to others, and when we give to God, we love God and others more. Giving connects to loving. Giving is a spiritual thing.

Attendance: May 21/22 = 336

Offering: \$3,096.95

CHOICE DOLLARS RECEIVED FROM THRIVENT

Thank you to St. John's people for sharing your "Choice Dollars" with our congregation. Unless specified, your dollars support our general ministry fund. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.