

OUR LIFE TOGETHER FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 12, 2011

SUN.	9:00 AM	Worship
MON.	7:00 PM	Church Council
TUES.	8:00 AM	Men's Group/Quilting Ladies
	7:00 PM	AA
WED.		
THURS.	3:00 PM	Girl Scouts
FRI.		
SAT.	9:00 AM	New Member Orientation
	5:00 PM	Worship - Festival of the Holy Trinity
	7:00 PM	Narcotics Anonymous
SUN.	9:00 AM	Worship - Festival of the Holy Trinity

**Office Phone
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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.

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

June 11/12, 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 to enjoy together. (Volunteer staff will return in fall 2011.) 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.

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Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
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TODAY

PENTECOST

With the rushing of wind and the appearance of tongues like fire, the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples. All were filled with the Spirit's power and gifts, and the church was born. This story, which takes place just days after Jesus ascended into heaven, is at the heart of our Pentecost celebration. The Holy Spirit is our inheritance today, too, and we pray for the Spirit's coming among us in new and glorious ways.

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION—JUNE 18

Ready to learn more about this congregation? Interested in making a commitment to the life and ministry of St. John's Lutheran Church? Join us for a one-time 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 to RSVP.

CONGRATULATIONS to JR Crans and Melanie Bolden, married here at St. John's on June 11. Proud parents of JR are Jim and Rhonda Crans. God bless you as you begin your married life together!

The flowers beneath the cross are from the wedding, celebrating with us this important event.

SERVING US IN WORSHIP THIS WEEKEND

Accompanist (Sat):	Becca Poock
Accompanist (Sun):	Catharine Fellows
Assisting Minister:	Sue Reese
Projectionist:	Tammy Pomplun
Reader (Sat):	Montana Leggett
Reader (Sun):	Ken Reese
Communion Servers:	Ann Schoenenberger, Phyllis Hull
Greeters:	Carl and Krista Korfmacher, LaVonne Craven, Vonnie Hatlen
Acolytes:	Brennan Banks, Aleeyah Gober
Usher Team:	Ken Johnson's Team
Sound (Sun):	Butch Beedle
Altar Guild:	Ann Schoenenberger
Worship Steward:	Carolyn Butts

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WORSHIP IN THE PARK SUNDAY, JULY 3, 9AM

The upper pavilion at Lake Leota Park will be jamming with the praise of the Lord on July 3 at 9am. St. John's joins Oak Grove Church for a worship that celebrates our freedom and our unity in Christ. Mark your calendars and invite your friends for a great time outdoors.

CHRIST IN OUR HOME

This daily devotional resource is a great way to read the Scriptures and grow in faith. The new July-September edition is available for you at the welcome station in the gathering area or from an usher. Whether by yourself during a quiet moment or for use with your family, let these one-page readings be a guide for our prayer and reflection. Our weekly offering makes this faith resource available to all.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF LAYETTIES FOR JUNE

In June we are collecting items for layettes (now called Baby Care Kits). We have put together many kits already and can do many more if we receive donations of the following:
Ivory Soap, Receiving blankets, Diapers, Sweaters

Do the world a favor: toss these items in your cart, or pick them up at local garage sales. Then drop them by the church office. Your contribution matters!

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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. 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 do 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!

ANNIVERSARY CHOIR

Come and lend your voice to a special anniversary choir! We'll rehearse on two occasions:

Wednesday, June 22, at 7pm

Wednesday, July 6, at 7pm

Invite your friends. This is a one-occasion commitment to make a joyful choral noise for God's glory!

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!! Contact Becca Poock at beccapoock@gmail.com for scholarship information.

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 John Almond
LaVerne Krueger Janet Wienke

Friends

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

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? To pay the bills? Yes, and so much more. Our financial contributions help us 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: June 4/5 = 190

Offering: \$5,402.81