

OUR LIFE TOGETHER FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 5, 2011

SUN.	9:00 AM	Worship/Baccalaureate
MON.	6:30 PM	Magnolia 4H
TUES.	8:00 AM	Men's Group/Quilting Ladies
	3:00 PM	Immunization Clinic
	7:00 PM	AA
WED.		
THURS.	3:00 PM	Girl Scouts
FRI.	5:00 PM	Wedding Rehearsal
SAT.	3:00 PM	Wedding/Crans & Bolden
	5:00 PM	Worship
	7:00 PM	Narcotics Anonymous
SUN.	9:00 AM	Worship/Pentecost

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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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EVANSVILLE, WI

The Epistle



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

The Weekly Parish Announcements

June 4/5, 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

ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

Forty days after Easter Sunday the church marks the ascension of our Lord Jesus into heaven. That puts the commemoration always on a Thursday. In worship this weekend we celebrate that Jesus ascended into the heaven and is Lord of all.

CONGRATULATIONS, GRADUATES!

Worship this Sunday is a Baccalaureate service, in which we celebrate the accomplishments of our graduates and pray for their future. Sincere congratulations on achieving this milestone! May God bless your next steps into the world.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

After worship this Sunday take time to congratulate our graduates and share in fellowship snacks by the ladies of St. John's.

DOUBLE QUARTET

In Sunday worship we welcome eight talented high school singers, some of whom are familiar St. John's faces: Lydia Eager, Carmen Rehfeldt, Collin Rehfeldt, Shaun Hamilton, John Robinson, Jacob Wollinger, Emily Schlangen, and McKenzie Baumberger. Thanks for sharing your gift of music with us!

SERVING US IN WORSHIP THIS WEEKEND

Accompanist (Sat):	Melanie Greenleaf
Accompanist (Sun):	Sharon Magee
Assisting Minister:	Nancy Nelson
Projectionist:	Dan Drake
Reader (Sat):	Brenna Rosser
Reader (Sun):	Collin Rehfeldt, April Pomplun
Communion Servers:	Sydney Westrick, Christa Muchow
Greeters:	Rachael Bromley, Logan Schoenenberger, April Pomplun
Acolytes:	McKenzie Carlson, Lindsay Jacobson
Usher Team:	Allan Crocker, Casey Moseley, Kyle Zee
Sound (Sun):	Scott Brummond
Altar Guild:	Ann Schoenenberger
Nursery:	Katie Bergum
Worship Steward:	Carolyn Butts

LIFE TOGETHER

FLOWERS BENEATH THE CROSS are given by Ken and Sue Reese in celebration of their 40th Wedding Anniversary. May the love you share continue to grow with each passing year.

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 to RSVP.

OUR CONDOLENCES TO Joan Norby and her family as they grieve the death of her husband Howard. Funeral services for Howard took place at St. John's on June 1. May God comfort you as you grieve.

CONGRATULATIONS to Stefanie (Abey) and Nathan Ula, married here at St. John's on May 21. Proud parents of Stefanie are Tonto and Pam Abey. God bless you as you begin your married life together!

PENTECOST is celebrated next weekend in worship. Wardrobe suggestion: wear red to worship, the color associated with tongues of fire and the Holy Spirit!

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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 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!

ANNIVERSARY CHOIR

Come and lend your voice to a special anniversary choir! We'll rehearse in advance of the worship celebration on two occasions.

Wednesday, June 22, at 7pm

Wednesday, July 6, at 7pm

Invite your friends. This is a one-occasion commitment only 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 Pooock at beccapooock@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
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Friends

Neil Kuenzli Julee Devlin Claire Renz
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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 28/29 = 207

Offering: \$2,549.51

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.