

OUR LIFE TOGETHER FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 31, 2011

SUN.	9:00 AM	Worship
MON.	9:00 AM	Vacation Bible School
	6:00 PM	Magnolia 4H Meeting
TUES.	8:00 AM	Men's Group/Quilting Ladies
	9:00 AM	Vacation Bible School
	3:00 PM	Immunization Clinic
	7:00 PM	AA
WED.	9:00 AM	Vacation Bible School
	9:30 AM	Chapel at the Heights
	10:30 AM	Chapel at Evansville Manor
THURS.	9:00 AM	Vacation Bible School
FRI.	9:00 AM	Vacation Bible School
SAT.	5:00 PM	Worship
	7:00 PM	Narcotics Anonymous
SUN.	9:00 AM	Worship/VBS Children Singing

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Parish
Office Hours

**Monday
thru
Thursday**

7 AM - 12:00 PM
Closed Fridays

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

July 30/31, 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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TODAY

THE RITE OF HOLY BAPTISM



Ethan Chad Emerson, son of Chad and Catie, comes to the waters of baptism this Sunday. Ethan's sponsors are Craig Eckstein and Jamie Emerson. We give thanks to the Lord for publicly claiming Ethan as God's child, and pray that he grows strong in his relationship with Christ.

FLOWERS beneath the cross are from Milford and Elaine Frome in celebration of their church family. Flowers on the piano are in celebration of the baptism of Ethan Chad, given by his grandparents Cary and Cindy Eckstein.

ELCA WORLD HUNGER OFFERING

In worship today (as we do every last weekend of the month), we'll receive an offering to benefit World Hunger. Look for the wicker baskets that follow the general offering plates.

LUTHERAN DIGEST

Available at the Welcome Station in the narthex (the gathering area) is the Summer edition of the Lutheran Digest. This faith resource is full of inspiration, hope, and humor, and makes for enjoyable reading at home. Please take one for yourself and for a friend.

SERVING US IN WORSHIP THIS WEEKEND

Accompanist (Sat):	Melanie Greenleaf
Accompanist (Sun):	Sharon Magee
Assisting Minister:	Stephanie Kvalheim
Projectionist:	Dan Drake
Reader (Sat):	Bethany Steindl
Reader (Sun):	Carol Buss
Communion Servers:	Terri Worley, Phyllis Hull
Greeters:	Keith and Mary Hennig LaVonne Craven, Sandy Persons
Acolytes:	Corita and Savannah Wall
Usher Team:	Doug Soetaert's Team
Sound (Sun):	Collin Rehfeldt
Altar Guild:	Carolyn Butts, Karla Wethal

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BIG JUNGLE ADVENTURE: Vacation Bible School Starts this Monday, August 1, 9:00 am—Noon, and continues through Friday, August 5



It's Not Too Late To Join the Adventure! Registration is open for ages 3—5th grade and can be done Monday morning. The fee is \$10 per child (max. \$20 per family), payable to the church office. (Vonnie Hatlen @ 882-4707)

Everyone is invited to be part of VBS in one way or another: volunteer with the children, pray for a safe and faith-filled week, or stop in to see the activity. We meet each day in the sanctuary for worship and songs during the first and last half hours. Don't be shy to come on by!

Next Sunday in worship the children of VBS will share a special song with us from the week.

75TH ANNIVERSARY SPOON REST

In honor of our 75th anniversary, St. John's commissioned a commemorative Spoon Rest from Farnsworth Ceramics. The cost is only \$10. Please consider making this unique—and useful—item part of your home. Spoon Rests will be for sale after worship and from the church office. Limited supply...act now...makes a great gift. You'll always receive an extra gift to go along with it!

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AWARE SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

St. John's is once again teaming up with AWARE and other local congregations to help kids get ready for the return to classes. The School Supply Drive will span the month of August. Get ready to toss a few extra supplies in your shopping cart and bring them to the collection bin at St. John's. This is an important way for us to be good neighbors to lower income families right in our community.

Items Most Needed: spiral notebooks, pencils, glue sticks, folders with prongs, trapper keepers, three-ring binders, backpacks, and scientific calculators. No colors or bottled glue is needed.

LWR SCHOOL KITS

During the month of August St. John's will also collect school supplies for Lutheran World Relief. Check the display on the easel in the fellowship hall for items needed for each kit. And thanks to all who donated sewing kit items in July.

LUTHERDALE FEST QUILT AUCTION

Saturday, August 13 promises to be a fun day for the whole family! You're invited to this beautiful Bible Camp from 9 am to 4pm. Admission and parking are free. Available for your delight: bakery and homemade pies tent, crafts and mums tent, quilters' tent, pontoon rides on the lake, silent auction theme baskets, climbing tower, childcare during auction, door prizes, swimming at the waterfront, and sweet corn! This is a great way to support Lutherdale, become more familiar with the camp, and have loads of fun.

SKAALEN ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Skaalen Home extends a warm invitation to us for a time of fellowship on Sunday, August 21, from 2-3:30pm. Skaalen offers excellent retirement services, grounded in a firm foundation of faith in Jesus Christ. Consider joining in for the event, and bringing a friend along. We're also looking for a few homemade pies to contribute to the event. (Vonnie Hatlen @ 882-4707)

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
Janet Wienke	Milford Frome
John Almond	

Friends

Neil Kuenzli	Julee Devlin
Claire Renz	Gorden Whipple
Mandy Lust	Al Langmeier
Patricia Greenleaf	Lori Mortensen
Randy Rinehart	John Korfmacher
Cynthia Burnside	Lauren Delegge
Esther Brodsky Mutter	

Serving Our Country:

Jesse Rice, Curtis Langer, Chet Heacox

IN REVIEW

THE ABUNDANCE OF GOD

We have all had times when we look at our bank balance and wonder if there is going to be enough. Maybe you're experiencing a lean time right now.

No matter what, we have a choice. We can choose to be afraid that our resources will run out. Or we can choose to trust God with all that we have and all that we need. All the resources on earth belong to God! With God there is more than enough. We can live and give with confidence that the God who takes care of the sparrows will also provide for us.

Attendance:	July 23/24 = 120
Offering:	\$2,692.59