

OUR LIFE TOGETHER FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 25, 2011

SUN.	9:00 AM	Worship/Baptism
	10:15 AM	Educational Hour for All Ages
MON.		
TUES.	8:00 AM	Men's Group/Quilting Ladies
	7:00 PM	AA
WED.	8:00 AM	Bible Study at Donnie's Restaurant
	6:00 PM	Confirmation
	7:30 PM	Sweet Wednesdays for High School Youth
THURS.	6:30 PM	Befrienders Meeting
FRI.		
SAT.	5:00 PM	Worship
	7:00 PM	Narcotics Anonymous
SUN.	9:00 AM	Worship
	10:15 AM	Education Hour for All Ages

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Parish
Office Hours

Monday
thru
Thursday

8:00 AM - 1:00 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

September 24/25, 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 during 9am Sunday worship. Activity Bags are available in the narthex (the gathering area) 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

THE RITE OF HOLY BAPTISM



Emersen Elizabeth Butts, daughter of Jayson and Courtney Butts, comes to the waters of baptism this Sunday. Her sponsors are Chad Butts, Ashley Golz, and Jamey Booze. We give thanks to the Lord for publicly claiming Emerson as God's child, and pray that she grows strong in her relationship with Christ.

FLOWERS beneath the cross are given by the Steindl family in celebration of Tristan's 6th birthday. Wishing you a very blessed birthday, Tristan, and many more! **Flowers on the organ** are in celebration of Emerson Butt's baptism.

MUSIC DIRECTOR NEEDED!

Our church family is growing and so is our need for music leadership. We need a director to lead the choir and the Praise Team. We also need accompanists who could play our lovely grand piano and/or our pipe organ. Would you please spread the word and help us find some one? This would be a great job part time position for a musician. For a complete job description, go to our website at www.stjohns-lc.org. Then click on Our Church and scroll down to "Now Hiring!" Contact Pastor Matt or Kitty Ver Kuilen (882-6775) for more information.

SERVING US IN WORSHIP THIS WEEKEND

Accompanist (Sat):	Becca Poock
Accompanist (Sun):	Amy Eager
Assisting Minister:	Keith Miller
Projectionist:	Tammy Pomplun
Reader (Sat):	Cheryl Hanson
Reader (Sun):	Jeff Farnsworth
Communion Servers:	Becca Poock, Phyllis Hull
Greeters:	Vonnie Hatlen; Jon, Kim and Annabelle Senn
Acolytes (Sun):	Annika Lehman, Zack Reese
Usher Team:	Ken Johnson's Team
Sound (Sun):	Jeff Herbers
Altar Guild:	Donna Johnson, Deb Nelson
Worship Steward:	Carolyn Butts
Nursery:	Angie Waidley, Aubrey Rinehart

TODAY

EDUCATION HOUR FOR ALL AGES officially begins this Sunday morning, 10:15-11:15am.

- Sunday school for K-5th graders in the basement.
- Youth group for 6th-12th graders meets in the main floor "choir room".
- Adult Education will meet in the library. With Rob Bells' provocative video "Kickball", we'll consider what it means for our lives if God is good and if God is worthy of our trust.

SUNDAY MORNING FELLOWSHIP

Make fellowship part of your Sunday morning experience at St. John's. Grab a treat and a cup of coffee. Greet an old friend and meet a new one. Then we'll all head off to learning hour.

CONDOLENCES to Sean Greenleaf and family as they grieve the death of Sean's mother Patricia. Patricia has been on our St. John's prayer list. Our prayers for her health and well-being are answered now through Christ's promise of new life beyond death. May the Holy Spirit enfold you in peace.

NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to JR and Melanie Crans on the birth of their daughter Ava Mae on September 15. Proud grandparents are Rhonda and James Crans. May your new baby grow in God's grace and be strong in Christ's love. We rejoice with you!

LIFE TOGETHER

RESPONDING TO THOSE IN NEED

Our world is not short on disasters and tragedies these days—flooding, hurricane, drought. To learn more and find ways you can help, visit www.elca.org/disaster.

BEFRIENDERS MEETING

Interested in being a Christian caregiver? Join us this Thursday at 6:30pm in the fellowship hall.

ATTENTION MUSICIANS

The Praise Team of St. John's provides musical leadership for worship twice a month. If you would like to be a part of this group, talk to Pastor Matt or Kitty Ver Kuilen. We want you to add your voice or instrument to help us all lift our praises to God!

CONFIRMATION MINISTRY is exploring the New Testament this year. Wednesday's topic: The Good Samaritan. Guests are welcome to learn with us, 6:00pm-7:30pm.

SWEET WEDNESDAYS for high school youth is a time to connect, have fun, and consider our faith. Every Wednesday 9th-12th graders meet at 7:30pm for an hour or more. Friends are welcome. The dessert is delicious.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

You are invited to join the Wednesday Morning Bible Study group which meets at 8:00 a.m. at Donnie's Restaurant on Main St. All are welcome. Hope to see you there!

CHRIST IN OUR HOME

This daily devotional resource is a great way to read the Scriptures and grow in faith. The new October-December 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.

IN OUR 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

Jeff Hanson Ron Carlsen

Friends

Neil Kuenzli	Julee Devlin
Claire Renz	Gorden Whipple
Al Langmeier	Lori Mortensen
Randy Rinehart	Pat Schmidt
Cynthia Burnside	Lauren Delegge
Tim Dowden	Bennett Barelmann
Esther Brodsky Mutter	Brad Petterson
Tim Coutier	Orlo Espeland

Serving Our Country

Jesse Rice, Curtis Langer, Chet Heacox, Joe Hunt

IN REVIEW

WE HAVE A CHOICE

Every day we make a huge number of decisions—what to eat, what to wear, what to say, how to act, who to think about first. We also make daily choices with our money—where to shop, what to buy, how to use the dollars we've been given. Whether it's spending, saving, or giving, some of our choices honor God more than others. How can you use all your money in ways that most pleases God? How can we spend, save, and give that tells the world what we love and value?

Attendance: September 17/18 = 220

Offering: \$ 3611.71

Weekly Budget Need: \$ 4312.94

LOCAL COLLECTIONS ARE A SUCCESS

AWARE would like to thank everyone for their donations to the Food for the 4th and School Supply drives. Low-income residents were very grateful. The generosity of our community continues to amaze me. -Julie Hermanson