

## News & Notes

### MLC & WLS Events

This past week, graduates of **Martin Luther College** received divine calls to their first teaching assignments. See the list posted on the bulletin board – maybe you'll recognize a name or two. Various year-end events at **Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary** will also be streamed live this week. Links are at [wels.net/events](http://wels.net/events).

- ✚ WLS Vicar Assignments – May 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm
- ✚ WLS Assignments – May 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am
- ✚ WLS Concert – May 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm
- ✚ WLS Graduation – May 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am

### New Church Fund

Per voter resolution, a portion of the proceeds from the land sale, as well as a recent memorial, have been placed in a new "**Capital Building Fund.**" Members are able to donate monies to this fund if and as they wish.

### Apple Valley Food Pantry

The May collection date is **NEXT SUNDAY**, May 21<sup>st</sup>. Needed: paper towels; canned meats; crackers; cookies; canned fruits; cake mix & frosting; cereal; hamburger helper. **Please use the specially marked grocery bags that you can pick up in the entryway.** Thanks!

### Events – This Saturday!

This weekend is the village-wide garage sale, and our church and school are hosting events. You can still participate in the 1k/5k **Color Run / Walk**. Online registration is closed, but you can just show up and register on event day. You'll probably want to wear clothing that you don't mind getting sprayed with colors. A free and supervised **kid area** will be open throughout the morning. And **concessions** will be available at the church, along with a lunchtime **brat fry**.

### St. John Fishing Extravaganza

Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> – save the date! No license is needed, as that's one of the Wisconsin Free Fishing Weekends. Speak with Richard Patton for more information or if you have questions.

### GriefShare @ St. Matthew, Appleton

Adults who've recently experienced the death of a loved one are invited to attend the next session of GriefShare at St. Matthew – 129 S. Mason St., Appleton; May 31<sup>st</sup> – Aug 23<sup>rd</sup>, 6:30 – 8:00 pm. GriefShare is a weekly Bible-based, Christ-centered support group for men and women who've experienced the death of someone close. You'll learn valuable info. through a series of videos and discussions on how to deal with the emotions and challenges that come when a loved one dies.

### Builders for Christ Project

This WELS group of (mostly retiree) volunteers is assisting at Bethel, Menasha during the summer. Most stay in their own RVs, but some housing is needed, as well as several lunches. See Ron Zahn or Pastor for info on how you might help.

### Sundae Sunday

Mark June 4<sup>th</sup> on your calendars. It may not seem proper to eat ice cream BEFORE lunch, but you certainly don't want to miss the chance!!!

### Summer Sunday Morning Bible Study

We simply must share the good news of Jesus! It's his commission to us, and the world needs to hear. Make plans to attend the adult class on Sundays during the summer to learn how to better share Jesus with friends and family.

## Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 14, 2017 – 7:45 am



### St. John Ev. Lutheran Church & School

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**Welcome!**

We extend a very warm and friendly welcome to all who've joined us for worship today. We pray that the God of grace, who sent his Son to save you and who proved his love for you by raising him from the dead, will fill your heart with joy in knowing that your salvation has been made sure through Jesus. May God bless your worship!

If you're a guest with us this morning, please sign the Friendship Register in your row, checking any applicable boxes. If you need assistance of any kind, don't hesitate to ask one of the ushers. If you'd like to learn more about St. John congregation or the Bible's teachings, please speak with Pastor Mike Gehl. And if you don't already have a church-home, feel free to return and worship with us again at your earliest convenience.

Our restrooms are located downstairs (through the entryway). Activity bags to help keep children occupied are on a hanger in the entryway. We love having your children sit with you during the service, but if you feel that your infant or toddler is getting a little too fussy, you may briefly step out of the sanctuary until they're ready to come back in.

Today's order of service is displayed on the screen and printed out in the worship folder (with music notes) for your convenience. Hymns are found in the red book in front of you.

St. John also operates an all-day preschool and a full-day kindergarten through eighth grade Lutheran Elementary School. We're a member of the Fox Valley Lutheran High School federation. If you are interested in hearing more about these opportunities for Christian education, please speak with Pastor Gehl or Principal Tim Raddatz.

**At Your Service Today:**

**7:45**

- Greeters:** Michelle Bruecker      Carroll Treptow  
Becke Pennenberg  
Ralia Pennenberg
- Ushers:** Jacob Bruecker  
Bryce Herlache  
Noah Pennenberg  
Monty Reynolds  
Don Treptow                      Dave Treptow
- PowerPoint:** Zaine Gehl
- Altar Guild:** Lou Ann G, Janet W, & Courtney S

**Mission and Purpose**

St. John Lutheran Church exists as part of the Holy Christian Church on earth. We engage in the continuing development of disciples of Jesus Christ by **GATHERING** for worship, education, and fellowship in order to **GROW** in faith and knowledge of our Lord and Savior. By God's **GRACE** we **GO** to proclaim Christ and his Word with our lips and lives. We realize that it's only through the **GOSPEL** in Word and Sacraments that one can be equipped for discipleship and bringing **GLORY** to God.

**Last Week's Stewardship of the Means of Grace  
and the Means for His Work**

**Worship** 134; 104 LS                      **ABC:** 19    **SST:** 6    **YSS:** 14

	<u>LW</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>YTD Goal</u>
<b>Church Offerings</b>	\$3,784	\$232,292.58	\$246,207.15
<b>St. John LES Tuition</b>	\$0	\$33,500	\$60,576.75
<b>Synod / Missions</b>	\$85	\$13,567.49	\$15,576.75
<b>Fox Valley Luth. HS</b>	\$85	\$8,631	\$8,653.95

**The Week+ Ahead as We Live in God's Grace**

<b>Today (14<sup>th</sup>)</b>	7:45 am	Worship
	9:00 am	Sunday School (____) Adult Bible Class (Welcoming Worship)
	10:15 am 6:00 pm	Worship (public examination of the 2017 confirmands) FVLHS Spring Concert (bands and choirs)
<b>Mon (15<sup>th</sup>)</b>	6:30 pm	Endowment Committee Meeting
<b>Wed (17<sup>th</sup>)</b>	6:45 am	Breakfast & Bible Study (Augsburg Confession)
	7:30 pm	Choir Practice
<b>Thu (18<sup>th</sup>)</b>	7:00 pm	Handbells Practice (at Trinity, Kaukauna)
	7:30 pm	Board of Ed. Meeting
<b>Sat (20<sup>th</sup>)</b>	7a-12p	Children's Fun-Fest / Concessions / Brat Fry
	9:00 am	St. John 1k/5k Color Run / Walk
<b>Sun (21<sup>st</sup>)</b>	7:45 am	Worship w/ Holy Communion
	9:00 am	Sunday School (____) Adult Bible Class (Why So Many Churches?)
	10:15 am	Worship w/ Holy Communion (8 <sup>th</sup> grade confirmation)
<b>Mon (22<sup>nd</sup>)</b>	9:30 am	Pastors Circuit Meeting (at St. John, Center)
	7:00 pm	Elders Meeting
<b>Tue (23<sup>rd</sup>)</b>	7:00 pm	FVLHS General Board Meeting
<b>Thu (25<sup>th</sup>)</b>	7:00 pm	Joint Ascension Service (w/ desserts following)
<b>Fri (26<sup>th</sup>)</b>	9:30 am	St. John LES Closing Service (at church)
<b>Tue (30<sup>th</sup>)</b>	7:00 pm	Long-Range Planning Meeting
	<b>Sat (6/3<sup>rd</sup>)</b>	11a-3p

## Closing Prayer and Blessing

Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart, that being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and [✠] give you peace.

Amen.

## Closing Hymn ..... "Stay with Us" (CWS 780)



1 Stay with us till night has come: Our praise to  
2 Walk with us, our spir - its sigh: Hear when our  
3 Walk with us; the road will bend: Make all our  
4 Talk with us till we be - hold A joy - ful  
5 Stay with us till day is done: No tears nor



you this day be sung. Bless our bread; O - pen our  
wea - ry spir - its cry. Feel a - gain Our loss, our  
weep - ing, wail - ing end. Wipe our tears; For - give our  
life you will un - fold: Heal our eyes To see the  
dark shall dim the sun. Cheer the heart; Your grace im -



eyes: Je - sus, be our great sur - prise.  
pain: Je - sus, take us to your side.  
fears: Je - sus, lift the heav - y cross.  
prize: Je - sus, take us to the light.  
part: Je - sus, bring e - ter - nal life.

*Service Theme for the Fifth Sunday of Easter: Hope Restored. The certain hope of eternal life with God is founded on the sacrificial death and victorious resurrection of Christ. God had promised this ancient hope in the Garden at the dawn of time. God had carried this ancient hope in his Word through the ages. How did the disciples fail to anticipate the resurrection? How did the teachers and people of Israel fail to see the Messiah God had promised and delivered? They let their wants and cultural expectations color their view of Scripture, and hope was lost. But God restored this ancient hope by raising Jesus from the dead and pointing his people back to his promises.*

## Divine Service I

### Opening Hymn..... "This Joyful Eastertide" (CW 160)

#### Greeting

In the name of the Father and of the Son [✠] and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

#### Confession of Sins

Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

#### Lord, Have Mercy.....(Kyrie)



**C** Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy



on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us. A - men.

#### Absolution

God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son [✠] and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

*In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.*

**Glory to God..... (Gloria in Excelsis)**

**C** Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth. Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry! Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. You are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer, re - ceive our prayer.

**Sermon..... 1 Peter 1:17-21**

**We're Strangers to This World.**

**Create in Me**

**C** Cre - ate in me a pure heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with - in me. Do not cast me a - way from your pres - ence or take your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold, up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

**Free-Will Thank-Offering**

*These offerings are used to support the ministries of our church, both locally and worldwide. Our guests should not feel compelled to give an offering, but may do so if they desire.*

**Prayer of the Church**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

these days?"<sup>19</sup> "What things?" he asked them. They replied, "The things concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet, mighty in deed and word before God and all the people."<sup>20</sup> The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be condemned to death. And they crucified him.<sup>21</sup> But we were hoping that he was going to redeem Israel. Not only that, but besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened.<sup>22</sup> Also some women of our group amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning.<sup>23</sup> When they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive.<sup>24</sup> Some of those who were with us went to the tomb. They found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him."<sup>25</sup> He said to them, "How foolish you are and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken!"<sup>26</sup> Did not the Christ have to suffer these things and to enter his glory?"<sup>27</sup> Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.<sup>28</sup> As they approached the village where they were going, he acted as if he were going to travel farther.<sup>29</sup> But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, since it is almost evening, and the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them.<sup>30</sup> When he reclined at the table with them, he took the bread, blessed it, broke it, and began giving it to them.<sup>31</sup> Suddenly their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. Then he vanished from their sight.<sup>32</sup> They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was speaking to us along the road and while he was explaining the Scriptures to us?"<sup>33</sup> They got up that very hour and returned to Jerusalem. They found the Eleven and those who were with them assembled together.<sup>34</sup> They were saying, "The Lord really has been raised! He has appeared to Simon."<sup>35</sup> They themselves described what had happened along the road, and how they recognized him when he broke the bread.

...this is the Gospel of our Lord.

**C** Praise be to you, O Christ! Praise be to you, O Christ!

### The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit; the Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Hymn of the Day....."I'm But a Stranger Here" (CW 417)

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on  
earth. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the  
Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the  
Ho - ly Spir - it in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.  
Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on  
earth. Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God!

### Prayer of the Day

*The Lord be with you.*

**And also with you.**

*Let us pray.*

*O God, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world from the despair of death. By his resurrection to life, grant your faithful people gladness of heart and the hope of eternal joys; through your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

**Amen.**

**First Lesson .....Acts 24:10-21 (EHV)**

*After his arrest at the temple, Paul stood before the Sanhedrin. The session erupted into a brawl when Paul asserted his belief in the resurrection, a divisive issue for Pharisees and Sadducees, and the Roman officer had to remit Paul to the regional governor. In this lesson, Paul is on trial in Caesarea before Governor Felix. The Sanhedrin had hired the lawyer Tertullus to accuse Paul of leading the Nazarene sect. In Paul's reply to Tertullus he asserts that Christianity is no sect, but agrees with all that is written in the Law and the Prophets. It is the Pharisees and the Sadducees that abandoned Scripture and became a sect without hope. We hold to the ancient hope of Scripture: the resurrection of the dead.*

<sup>10</sup>When the governor motioned to him to speak, Paul replied, "Because I know that you have been a judge over this nation for many years, I gladly make my defense. <sup>11</sup>You can verify for yourself that it was no more than twelve days ago when I went up to worship at Jerusalem. <sup>12</sup>They did not find me arguing with anyone in the temple or stirring up a crowd in the synagogues or anywhere else in the city. <sup>13</sup>And they cannot prove to you the accusations they are now making against me. <sup>14</sup>But I do confess to you that I worship the God of our fathers according to the Way, which they call a sect. I believe everything written throughout the Law and in the Prophets; <sup>15</sup>and I have the same hope in God that these men have, that there is going to be a resurrection of both the righteous and the unrighteous. <sup>16</sup>This is the reason I continue to do my best to have a clear conscience toward both God and people. <sup>17</sup>After several years, I came to bring my people gifts for the poor and to present offerings. <sup>18</sup>While I was doing these things, they found me ceremonially purified in the temple, without a crowd or disturbance. <sup>19</sup>But there are some Jews from the province of Asia who ought to be here before you and bring charges, if they have anything against me. <sup>20</sup>Or let these men here state what crime they found in me when I stood before the Sanhedrin, <sup>21</sup>unless this is about the one thing I shouted while standing in their presence: 'It is concerning the resurrection of the dead that I am on trial before you today.'"

**Psalm of the Day .....Psalm 67 (EHV)**

*May God be gracious to us and bless us.*

**May his face shine on us—**

*So that your way may be known on earth,*

**Your salvation among all nations.**

*May the countries be glad and sing for joy,*

**Because you rule the peoples justly and you guide the countries of the earth.**

*The earth will yield its harvest.*

**God, our God, will bless us.**

*God will bless us,*

**And all the ends of the earth will fear him.**

*May the peoples praise you, God.*

**May all the peoples praise you.**

**Second Lesson ..... 1 Peter 1:17-21 (EHV)**

*Peter's first epistle is a letter of hope in the midst of suffering. He wrote to believers elected by God but persecuted for their faith. Trials and grief try to choke out our hope. But how empty life would be if we followed the way of the world! We would have nothing but a short life in this world of pain with no hope for a better future. Our hope is restored when we remember that we were bought by the blood of Christ, and that one day we will join our glorious Savior in our heavenly home. Until that day, we live in this world as strangers who are focused on going home.*

<sup>17</sup>If you call on the Father who judges impartially, according to the work of each person, conduct yourselves during the time of your pilgrimage in reverence, <sup>18</sup>because you know that you were redeemed from your empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, not with things that pass away, such as silver or gold, <sup>19</sup>but with the precious blood of Christ, like a lamb without blemish or spot. <sup>20</sup>He was chosen before the foundation of the world but revealed in these last times for your sake. <sup>21</sup>Through him you are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

**Verse of the Day .....Luke 24:32 (EHV)**

Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. Our hearts were burning within us while he was speaking to us along the road, and while he was explaining the Scriptures to us. Alleluia

**Gospel Lesson ..... Luke 24:13-35 (EHV)**

*For these two disciples on the road, it was a day of great puzzlement, sadness, and disillusionment. They left the Holy City having heard the report of the women and Peter and John. But their understanding of God's plan of salvation was deficient: they weren't expecting a resurrection! John puts his finger on the disciples' problem. "They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead." (John 20:9). Their sight, logic, emotions, and expectations had led them to abandon what Scripture said. But our gracious Lord comes and identifies the problem: they are not believing all that the prophets have spoken. They chose only to believe those parts of Scripture that met their preconceived notions of what the Messiah should be. Our Lord addresses the problem by explaining all the Scriptures that showed the Christ had to die and rise. How well did they learn the lesson? They marveled at how he opened the Scriptures to them and restored that ancient hope!*

*Today's Gospel reading is recorded in the 24<sup>th</sup> chapter of the Gospel according to St. Luke, beginning at the 13<sup>th</sup> verse.*

A musical staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. Below the staff, the lyrics are written: "Glo-ry be to you, O Lord! Glo-ry be to you, O Lord!".

<sup>13</sup>Now, on that same day, two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup>They were talking with each other about all of these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup>While they were talking and discussing this, Jesus himself approached and began to walk along with them. <sup>16</sup>But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup>He said to them, "What are you talking about as you walk along?" Saddened, they stopped. <sup>18</sup>One of them, named Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only visitor in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in