

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.

- ✚ WLS Vicar Assignments – May 16th at 7:00 pm
- ✚ WLS Assignments – May 18th at 10:00 am
- ✚ WLS Concert – May 18th at 7:00 pm
- ✚ WLS Graduation – May 19th 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 21st. 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 3rd – 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 31st – Aug 23rd, 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

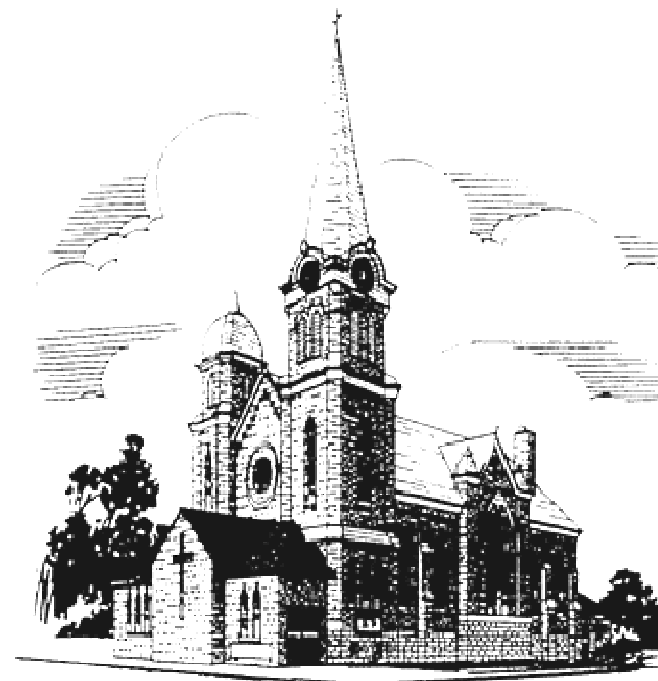
Mark June 4th on your calendars. It may not seem proper to eat ice cream BEFORE lunch, but you certainly don't want to miss the chance!!!

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 – 10:15 am



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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:

10:15

- Greeters:** Rozanne Bohrtz
Mary Fritsch
Nichole Meyers Barb Verbeten
- Ushers:** Josh Bohrtz
Ralph Bohrtz
Chris Lemke
Kenny Lemke
Ryan Lemke Ed Maass
- PowerPoint:** Carol Just
- Altar Guild:** Lou Ann G, Courtney S, & Janet W

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

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

Today (14th)	7:45 am	Worship
	9:00 am	Sunday School (____) Adult Bible Class (Welcoming Worship)
	10:15 am	Worship (public examination of the 2017 confirmands)
	6:00 pm	FVLHS Spring Concert (bands and choirs)
Mon (15th)	6:30 pm	Endowment Committee Meeting
Wed (17th)	6:45 am	Breakfast & Bible Study (Augsburg Confession)
	7:30 pm	Choir Practice
Thu (18th)	7:00 pm	Handbells Practice (at Trinity, Kaukauna)
	7:30 pm	Board of Ed. Meeting
Sat (20th)	7a-12p	Children's Fun-Fest / Concessions / Brat Fry
	9:00 am	St. John 1k/5k Color Run / Walk
Sun (21st)	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 th grade confirmation)
Mon (22nd)	9:30 am	Pastors Circuit Meeting (at St. John, Center)
	7:00 pm	Elders Meeting
Tue (23rd)	7:00 pm	FVLHS General Board Meeting
Thu (25th)	7:00 pm	Joint Ascension Service (w/ desserts following)
Fri (26th)	9:30 am	St. John LES Closing Service (at church)
Tue (30th)	7:00 pm	Long-Range Planning Meeting
Sat (6/3rd)	11a-3p	St. John Fishing Extravaganza (at Mueller Park)
Sun (6/4th)	11:00 am	Sundae Sunday

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 & Absolution

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.

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.

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.

Gospel Lesson Luke 24:13-35 (EHV)

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



C Glo-ry be to you, O Lord! Glo-ry be to you, O Lord!

¹³Now, on that same day, two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. ¹⁴They were talking with each other about all of these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing this, Jesus himself approached and began to walk along with them. ¹⁶But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷He said to them, "What are you talking about as you walk along?" Saddened, they stopped. ¹⁸One of them, named Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only visitor in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" ¹⁹"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. ²⁰The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be condemned to death. And they crucified him. ²¹But 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. ²²Also some women of our group amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning. ²³When 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. ²⁴Some 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." ²⁵He said to them, "How foolish you are and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶Did not the Christ have to suffer these things and to enter his glory?" ²⁷Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself. ²⁸As they approached the village where they were going, he acted as if he were going to travel farther. ²⁹But 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. ³⁰When he reclined at the table with them, he took the bread, blessed it, broke it, and began giving it to them. ³¹Suddenly their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. Then he vanished from their sight. ³²They 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?" ³³They got up that very hour and returned to Jerusalem. They found the Eleven and those who were with them assembled together. ³⁴They were saying, "The Lord really has been raised! He has appeared to Simon." ³⁵They 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!

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

Sermon 1 Peter 1:17-21

We're Strangers to This World.

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.

Public Examination of the 8th Grade Confirmands

Mercedes Kussow	Kane Schmidt
Alexa Leick	Levi Schmidt
Dakota Otten	Grace Taylor

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.

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.