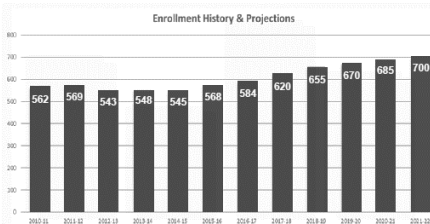


FVL Open Forum

August 30, 2017 – 7 pm

FVL's Growing Enrollment

Only 5 years ago, enrollment appeared to be dropping dramatically. FVL's 2017-18 enrollment is 620, and the projections for 2018-19 are 650+. Key factors in this turnaround include our new Director of Enrollment position, high retention of current students, new course additions including STEM, CAPP, Metals, & Auto as well as the growth in the Wisconsin Parent Choice program



Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach...

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Proposals Presented

At the direction of the General Board and with no upfront cost to the school, preliminary work was done with Somerville as a design firm and Catalyst Construction as a construction management provider. The schematics, renderings, and cost estimates were provided by these resources.



Building Project Highlights

- Classroom addition on the SW corner of current building that would add both a science lab and a Bio-Medical lab along with 4 multi-purpose classrooms and office space.
- A redesigned Bell Tower Entrance that provides a secure entrance for student safety coupled with an office redesign to bring all administrative functions together along with additional conference room space.
- Renovated Academic Resource Center to serve student needs under our new 1-to-1 initiative where every student carries their own laptop computer.
- Renovated team room spaces to provide more faculty offices.
- Dedicated classroom space for the Guided Studies program
- The addition of two large classrooms in the plaza area on the east side of the school that would provide a second Art Room and a multi-purpose classroom that would accommodate Dance practice, Choralier practice, and everyday classroom use.

Open Forum Notes

FVL's Student Body

FVL is driven by God's mission that every student is a precious soul. We are blessed to serve more students and families. Our student body comes from those who share our confession as Federation members and those with whom we seek to share the Gospel. This includes students in our international program and others from the community who either don't know their Savior yet or are seeking a Christian education. All community families take part in pre-enrollment meetings with the Principal and our Religion Department Chairman to share who we are, what we teach, and to discuss if FVL will meet their needs.

Expanding Curriculum

FVL's facility needs are driven not only by "right now" needs, but also how we can best serve our students and families in the future. New STEM Engineering and Metal Shop courses are in place. More Honors and college credit CAPP courses have been presented for approval. Departments are suggesting new elective courses. Last spring the STEM Computer Science pathway was approved.

Another important goal would be the addition of a STEM Bio-Medical Lab program which was approved in May by the General Board. This program would serve a need in our community and better prepare our many students interested in pursuing the medical field. The medical field in Wisconsin has now become the No. 1 job provider in the state.

FVL's Facility Needs

While the auditorium, commons, parking lots, and hall lockers will accommodate our growing enrollment, already this year FVL is short on space. Key needs are an additional science lab, 4-5 additional classrooms for scheduling current classes and a secure front entrance for the safety of our students/staff. A larger classroom is needed for our Guided Studies program, along with conference rooms and office space for faculty/staff. The Academic Resource Center needs to be renovated to meet the needs of today's students as well.

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Cost Estimate & Financial Options

Catalyst Construction estimates the project cost will be in the range of \$5.6M. Current financial options being investigated include conventional bank loans, tax exempt bonds, Thrivent church loans, and the WELS Church Extension Fund. Options to reduce total costs include special gifts in kind and volunteer work offered by Federation members and other friends of the school.

Project Priorities

The most cost effective way to handle a building addition of this nature would be to accomplish this as a single project. Phasing this effort would lead to added construction costs. If the vote would be to phase the project, first priority would be the secure entrance, the science labs, classrooms, ARC update, and faculty/staff offices. The second phase would be the addition on the East plaza with the new art room and the large multi-purpose classroom.



September General Board Meeting

Thanks to all who attended our August FVL Federation Open Forum. We ask that you take this information to the Lord in prayer between now and the time of the September 26 FVL General Board meeting. Please have your church/school leaders discuss and equip your General Board delegates to cast an informed vote. To God be the glory!

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September 24, 2017



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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:

	<u>7:45</u>	<u>10:15</u>
Greeters:	Bea Ambrosius Brenda Pohlman Betty S & Pat V	Faye Patoka Aura Lee Gehl Carol Just
Ushers:	Kevin Vande Hey Chad Schmidt Jesse Schmidt Steve Wierschke Bernie Vickman	Lloyd Patoka Terry Sieker Les Schmidt Bart Reschke Richard Patton
Organist:	Deb Schaeuble	Deb Schaeuble
PowerPoint:	Zaine Gehl	Lou Ann Beard
Altar Guild:	Tina D, Betty S, & Pat V	

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.

News & Notes

CPH Fall Bible Sale – LAST DAY TO ORDER

The sale runs through the end of September, so that means today is the final (Sun)day to place an order. Several Bibles and resources are discounted, and you can view samples and find order forms in the entryway. NOTE that the Bible translation of the *Lutheran Study Bible* is the ESV, not the NIV or the newer EHV.

Red Cross Blood Drive – TOMORROW!!!

Signup sheets for this month's drive are in the entryway (both for volunteers and donors). Scheduling is done online, and our church secretary can assist anyone who doesn't have access to a computer. Questions? Speak with Joan Zahn in person or at 920.336.5965.

WELS Mission to the Children Collection

This year's collection from NE WI congregations, LWMS groups, and individuals is for new children's undergarments (t-shirts, underwear, and socks). Items must be **NEW** and **IN STORE PACKAGING** in order to transport them across the border. The mission serves many children in northern Mexico with services, Bible classes, food coupons, and humanitarian items. Several vehicles will take the items to Tucson in mid-October, so please have your donations in the narthex boxes **no later than Oct 1st**.

FVLHS Updates

Please see the sheet on the bulletin board for info regarding...

- Fall play set construction volunteers
- Nothin' But Net (girls BB) info and signup
- uPlan College Strategies workshop (9/26)
- FVL General Board Meeting (9/26)
- Retirement planning seminar (9/27)
- Grandparents day(s) (10/5 and 10/6)
- FVL Fall Band & Choir Concert (10/8)

Fall LWMS Rally – Oct 14th

The Paperland Circuit's fall rally is planned for Saturday, October 14th at St. Paul, Algoma. Registration begins at 8:00 am and the opening devotion is at 9:00. The rally concludes around 12:30 pm, with lunch and fellowship to follow. Contact Lou Beard for info – 920.532.4980 – and see the bulletin insert for all the details.

WELS United Events at Sister Congregations

Speak with Pastor for any info on the following:

- **Recovery through Christ** (for addicts) and **Peace through Christ** (for friends and family of addicts) at Mt. Olive, Appleton
- **Dave Ramsey's "Financial Peace"** seminar at Immanuel, Greenville
- **DivorceCare** at Immanuel, Greenville and St. Paul, Appleton
- **GriefShare** at Beautiful Savior, Green Bay

You're Invited...

The Trinity, Kaukauna Ladies' Aid invites our members to a presentation by the Kaukauna Police Department's K-9 team: Lucas and Rocko. See the sheet on the bulletin board for info.

Mark Your Calendars

St. John School Silent Auction – Sun, Dec. 3rd

Other Upcoming Local Events

Wrightstown Fire Dept. Open House: Sunday, Oct 1st, from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm; burgers, brats, and hot dogs; Eagle 3 arrives at 11:30.

Pre Deer Hunt Booyah Bash: Saturday, Nov 11th; drive-through starting at 10:00 am until gone; bring your own container.

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

Worship: 132; LS: 109 ABC: 26

	<u>Sept 17</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>YTD Goal</u>
Church Offerings	\$4,946	\$86,614.81	\$100,356.24

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

Today (24th)	7:45 am	Worship (WELS Connection / LWMS Door Offering)
	9:00 am	Sunday School (Moses' Birth) Adult Bible Class (Galatians)
	10:15 am	Worship (WELS Connection / LWMS Door Offering)
Mon (25th)	1:00 pm	Red Cross Blood Drive (until 6:00)
	7:00 pm	Long-Range Planning Meeting
Tue (26th)	8:00 am	Pastors Conference (at St. Paul, Dale, WI)
	7:00 pm	General Board Meeting (at FVLHS)
Wed (27th)	3:30 pm	6 th -8 th Grade Catechism Class
Thu (28th)	7:00 pm	Handbells Practice (at Trinity, Kaukauna)
	7:30 pm	Board of Christian Education Meeting
Sun (1st)	7:45 am	Worship w/ Holy Communion (LWMS Door Offering)
	9:00 am	Sunday School (God Calls Moses) Adult Bible Class (Galatians)
	10:15 am	Worship w/ Holy Communion (LWMS Door Offering)
Tue (Oct 3rd)	9:00 am	Martha's Circle
	7:00 pm	Board of Elders Meeting
Sun (Oct 8th)	1:30 pm	FVL Bands & Choirs Concert (at FVLHS)
Mon (Oct 9th)	7:30 pm	Church Council Meeting
Sat (Oct 14th)	8:00 am	Fall LWMS Rally (at St. Paul's, Algoma)
Mon (Oct 16th)	7:30 pm	Quarterly Voters Meeting
Oct 19th, 21st, 22nd		FVLHS Fall Play – "Vintage Hitchcock: A Live Radio Play"
Sat (Oct 28th)	2:00 pm	Joint Reformation Service (at Fox Cities P.A.C.) – SOLD OUT
Sun (Oct 29th)		Mission Festival: Ministry to the Hmong
Mon (Oct 30th)		FVLHS 8 th Grade Welcome Night
TBD		Trunk or Treat Event
Sat (Nov 11th)	6:30 pm	Church Movie Night

Service of the Word

This service offers the congregation a form of worship that focuses on the proclamation of God's Word, and believers respond to this divine gift with prayer, praise, and thanksgiving.

Opening Hymn..... "Jesus, Your Boundless Love to Me" (CW 479)

The grace of our Lord [†] Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

And also with you.

Confession of Sins

We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

Amen.

Prayer and Praise

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

Hymn of Praise "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" (CW 334)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!**

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. O merciful Creator, your hand is open wide to satisfy the needs of every living creature. Make us always thankful for your loving providence; and grant that we, remembering the richness of your grace, may be faithful stewards of all your good gifts; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.



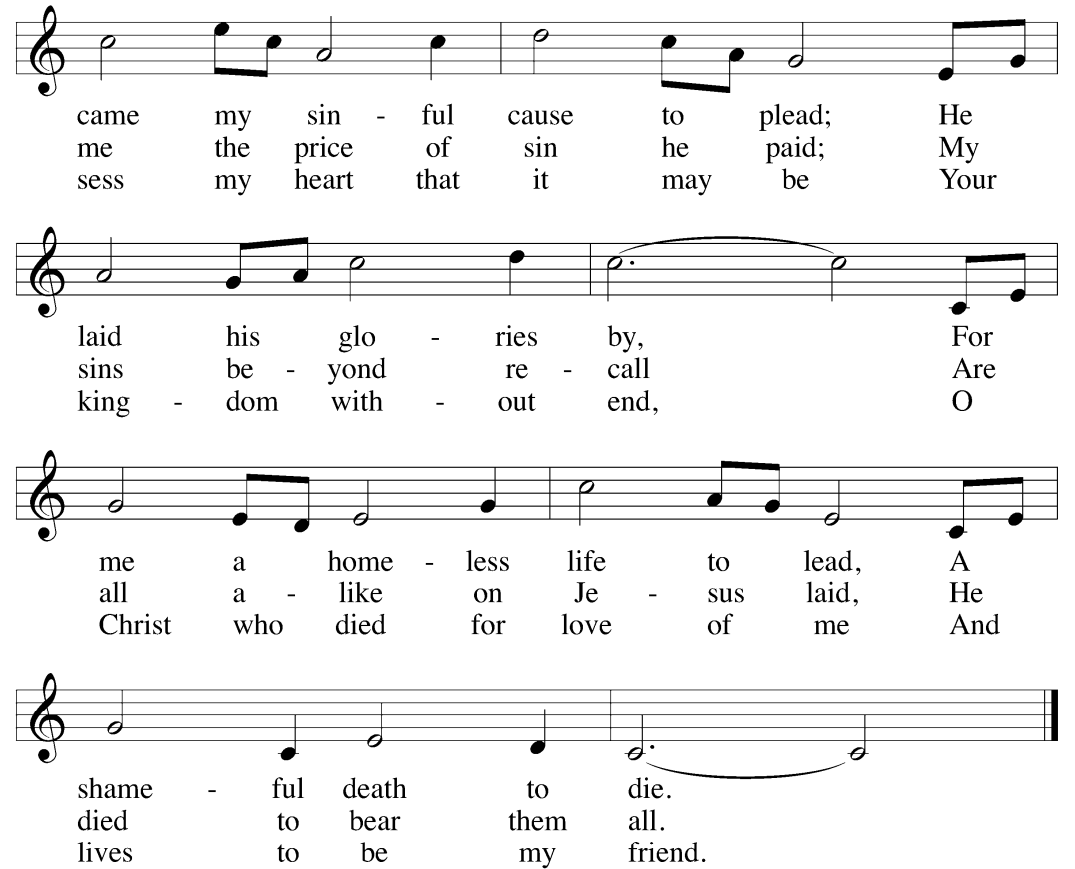
The Word

First Lesson 1 Kings 17:7-16 (EHV)

⁷Some time later the brook dried up because there had been no rain in the land. ⁸Then the word of the LORD came to [Elijah]: ⁹“Get up! Go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there. I have commanded a woman there, a widow, to provide for you.” ¹⁰So he got up and went to Zarephath. He came to the city gate, and there he saw a widow gathering sticks. He called to her and said, “Please give me a little water in a jar, so that I can have something to drink.” ¹¹When she went to get it, he called to her, “Please bring me a piece of bread.” ¹²She said, “As surely as the LORD your God lives, I have no food except a handful of flour in a jar and a little olive oil in a pitcher. See, I am gathering a couple of sticks so that I can go and prepare it for myself and my son, so that we can eat it and then die.” ¹³Elijah said to her, “Do not be afraid. Go and do just as you said. But first make a small loaf of bread for me from the flour and bring it out to me. Then go and make another for you and your son. ¹⁴For this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says. The jar of flour will not run out and the pitcher of oil will not become empty until the day the LORD sends rain to water the surface of the ground.” ¹⁵So she went and did exactly as Elijah said. He and she, as well as her household, were able to eat for many days. ¹⁶The jar of flour did not run out, and the pitcher of oil did not become empty, just as the LORD had said through Elijah.

Psalms of the Day Psalm 33

Refrain



This hymn examines the true nature of God’s grace. While human love is directed toward people and things that bring pleasure, “God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us” (Romans 5:8).

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Blessing

Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

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.



Closing Hymn "The Love of Christ, Who Died for Me" (CWS 749)



1 The love of Christ, who died for me Is
 2 My sins I on - ly see in part, My
 3 O liv - ing Lord of life, for whom The



more than mind can know, His
 self - re - gard - ing ways; The
 heav - ens held their breath, To



mer - cy mea - sure - less and free To
 se - cret pla - ces of my heart Lie
 see, tri - um - phant from the tomb, A



meet the debt I owe. He
 bare be - fore his gaze. For
 love that con - quers death, Pos -



Sing joyfully to the LORD, you • righteous;*
 it is fitting for the upright to • praise him.

For the Word of the LORD is • right and true;*
 he is faithful in • all he does.

By the word of the LORD were the • heavens made,*
 their starry host by the breath • of his mouth.

For he spoke, and it • came to be;*
 he commanded, and • it stood firm.

Refrain

The LORD foils the plans of the • nations;*
 he thwarts the purposes of the • peoples.

But the plans of the LORD stand firm for- • ever,*
 the purposes of his heart through all gener- • ations.

The LORD loves righteousness and • justice;*
 the earth is full of his un- • failing love.

Glory be to the Father and • to the Son * and to the Holy • Spirit,
 as it was in the be- • ginning, * is now, and will be forever. • Amen.

Refrain

Second Lesson 2 Corinthians 9:6-11 (EHV)

⁶This is what I mean: The one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly. The one who sows generously will also reap generously. ⁷Each one should give as he has determined in his heart, not reluctantly or under pressure, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸God is able to make all grace overflow to you, so that in all things, at all times, having all that you need, you will overflow in every good work. ⁹As it is written: He scattered; he gave to the poor. His righteousness remains forever. ¹⁰And he who provides seed to the sower and bread for food will provide and multiply your seed for sowing, and will increase the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹You will be made rich in every way so that you may be generous in every way, which produces thanksgiving to God through us.

Verse of the Day John 1:16 (EHV)

Alleluia. For out of his fullness we have all received grace upon grace. Alleluia.

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Gospel Lesson Luke 18:18-25 (EHV)

¹⁸A certain ruler asked Jesus, “Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ¹⁹Jesus asked him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good, except one—God. ²⁰You know the commandments: ‘You shall not commit adultery. You shall not murder. You shall not steal. You shall not give false testimony. Honor your father and mother.’” ²¹“I have kept all these since I was a child,” he said. ²²When Jesus heard this, he said to him, “You still lack one thing. Sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.” ²³But when the ruler heard these words, he became very sad, because he was very rich. ²⁴When Jesus saw that the man became very sad, he said, “How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵In fact, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.”

...this is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Children’s Message

Hymn of the Day..... “Lord, You Love the Cheerful Giver” (CW 489)

Sermon 2 Corinthians 9:6-11

Joyful Generosity – Abundance vs Scarcity

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.

Thanksgiving

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.

Closing Prayer

Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.