

News & Notes

Metal Chairs Available – FREE TODAY

We used remaining memorial funds to purchase 65 new chairs for the fellowship hall. Several metal chairs are in the church garage and are FREE for the taking. Act quickly, since they'll be taken to recycling tomorrow.

Usher / Greeter Signup

Please make any additions or subtractions on the sheets in the entryway. Current volunteers don't need to do anything if they wish to keep serving in these ways.

Greeters – either gender, 6th grade and up

Ushers – confirmed men, young and old alike

WELS Events in the Valley

See the sheets on the bulletin board for more info regarding these and other events...

Reformation Vespers (music and meditation): Oct 31st at 6pm at Mt. Olive, Appleton – a look at several of Luther's Theses and hymns

DivorceCare: Surviving the Holidays

GriefShare: Surviving the Holidays

Veterans Day Remembrance: Letters of a WWI Veteran – Nov 8th at the **Wrightstown Library** at 6:30 pm. A story about WWI draftee, John W. Deno of Kaukauna (a member at St. John in Woodville). Letters read by grandson Dale Deno.

Veterans Day Program – Bethlehem, Hortonville

OWLS – Naomi Plocher presents on "Katie Luther." Nov 14th, 12pm at Pizza Ranch, Darboy.

Deer Hunters' Service – Bethlehem, Hortonville

Church Movie Night – Nov 11th

This fall's semi-annual get-together includes a showing of "I'm Not Ashamed," based on the journals of Rachel Scott, the first victim of the 1999 Columbine HS tragedy. The movie will be displayed on "the big screen" in the church.

Water and popcorn will be provided by the Events Committee. Feel free to bring blankets / seat cushions to make yourself comfortable.

Church Cleaning Day – Nov 18th

All our members are invited to help in any way they can – either indoors or outside. Please bring along any cleaning supplies or yard tools if you're able.

FVLHS News and Updates

8th Grade Student / Parent Welcome Night – Monday, Oct. 30th, from 5-7 pm. Students enjoy fellowship activities and pizza while parents learn about programs, co-curriculars, and tuition assistance. Food is also provided for parents. Register at fvlhs.org.

Annual Veterans Day Breakfast and Service – Friday, Nov. 10th, from 8-10 am. Veterans from the FVL Federation and their family members are invited. Registration by Nov 3rd is required for planning purposes – online at fvlhs.org or by phone. A special worship service follows.

The annual **FoxFest Dinner Auction** has moved to spring. Save the date of Apr. 20th to celebrate "The Roaring Twenties" Gala at Liberty Hall in Kimberly.

A **Building Expansion Groundbreaking Service** will be held Sunday, Nov. 5th at 2pm. All are invited. More info is available at fvlhs.org.

**Mission Festival
October 29, 2017**



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:

	<u>7:45</u>	<u>10:15</u>
Greeters:	Lois Baumgartener Tammy Olp Janet Wierschke	Tina DeMerritt Diane Laabs Joan Zahn
Ushers:	Randy Kluess Eric Olp Elliot Olp William Olp Carl Uitenbroek	Zaine Gehl Dale Laabs Doug Otten Jeremy Uecker
Organist:	Deb Schaeuble	Deb Schaeuble
PowerPoint:	Amy VandeHey	Carol Just
Altar Guild:	LouAnn B, Mary F, Aura Lee G	

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: 116	ABC: 17		
		<u>Oct 22</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Church Offerings		\$3,385.50	\$116,134.56
			<u>YTD Goal</u> \$142,171.34

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

Today (29th)	7:45 am 9:00 am 10:15 am	Worship: Mission Festival Presentation: WELS Ministry to the Hmong Worship: Mission Festival
Mon (30th)	5:00 pm	8 th Grade Welcome Night (at FVLHS)
Wed (1st)	6:45 am 8:15 am 3:30 pm 7:30 pm	Breakfast & Bible Study (The Augsburg Confession) St. John Chapel (at the church) 6 th -8 th Grade Catechism Class Choir Practice
Thu (2nd)	7:00 pm 7:30 pm	Handbells Practice (at Trinity, Kaukauna) Board of Christian Education Meeting
Sun (5th)	7:45 am 9:00 am 10:15 am 2:00 pm	DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS – TURN CLOCKS BACK AN HOUR Worship w/ Holy Communion Sunday School (topic) Adult Bible Class (topic) Worship w/ Holy Communion Building Expansion Groundbreaking (at FVLHS)
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Fri (Nov 10th)	8:00 am	Veterans Day Breakfast (at FVLHS)
Sat (Nov 11th)	6:30 pm	Church Movie Night: I'm Not Ashamed
Sat (Nov 18th)	8:00 am	Indoor/Outdoor Church Cleaning Day
Sun (Nov 19th)	6:00 pm	FVL Schools & HS Combined Band Concert (at FVLHS)
Wed (Nov 22nd)	6:30 pm	Thanksgiving Eve Worship (pie social afterwards)
Wed (Nov 29th)	8:30 am	Christmas Tree Setup / Decorating
Sat (Dec 2nd)	12:00 pm	Wrightstown Christmas Parade (church/school float)
Sun (Dec 3rd)	all morning	Silent Auction (church fellowship hall)
Sat (Dec 16th)	time TBD	Adult Christmas Party & Ornament Exchange
Sun (Dec 17th)	10:15 am	LES / SS Children's Christmas Service

Prayer of the Church

Please refer to the screen for the responsive prayer.

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, grant to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ’s holy people, so that we may serve you in steadfast faith and confess your name as long as we live, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Blessing

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 “Lift High the Cross” (CW 579)

Holy Baptism / Divine Service I

Opening Baptismal Hymn..... “Dearest Jesus, We Are Here” (CW 295)

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism..... Dane Matthew Schisel

Please follow along on the screen for this part of the service.

Dane’s middle name is that of Courtney’s brother, who now enjoys heaven in keeping with the blessings conveyed to him through his own baptism.

[After the baptism, the service continues...] In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

Hymn of Praise “Baptized in Water” (CW 297)

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. Lord God of our salvation, you have called us to be witnesses of the good news that in Christ the world has been reconciled to yourself. Inspire our witness that all may know the power of his forgiveness and the hope of his resurrection; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

First LessonJonah 3:1-10 (CSB)

¹ The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time: ² “Get up! Go to the great city of Nineveh and preach the message that I tell you.” ³ Jonah got up and went to Nineveh according to the LORD’s command. Now Nineveh was an extremely great city, a three-day walk. ⁴ Jonah set out on the first day of his walk in the city and proclaimed, “In forty days Nineveh will be demolished!” ⁵ Then the people of Nineveh believed God. They proclaimed a fast and dressed in sackcloth—from the greatest of them to the least. ⁶ When word reached the king of Nineveh, he got up from his throne, took off his royal robe, put on sackcloth, and sat in ashes. ⁷ Then he issued a decree in Nineveh: By order of the king and his nobles: No person or animal, herd or flock, is to taste anything at all. They must not eat or drink water. ⁸ Furthermore, both people and animals must be covered with sackcloth, and everyone must call out earnestly to God. Each must turn from his evil ways and from his wrongdoing. ⁹ Who knows? God may turn and relent; he may turn from his burning anger so that we will not perish. ¹⁰ God saw their actions—that they had turned from their evil ways—so God relented from the disaster he had threatened them with. And he did not do it.

Hymn: SS & LES Children / Congregation “Built on the Rock” (CW 529)

Please refer to the screen. The congregation is invited to sing verses 2 and 5.

Second Lesson Romans 10:8-15 (EHV)

⁸ But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart," that is, the word of faith that we are proclaiming. ⁹ Certainly, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For it is with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and it is with the mouth that a person confesses, resulting in salvation. ¹¹ For Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame." ¹² So there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, because the same Lord is Lord of all, who gives generously to all who call on him. ¹³ Yes, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." ¹⁴ So then, how can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one about whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without a preacher? ¹⁵ And how can they preach unless they are sent? Just as it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news of peace, who preach the gospel of good things!"

Gospel Lesson Matthew 9:35-38 (EHV)

Today's Gospel reading is recorded in the 9th chapter of the Gospel according to St. Matthew, beginning at the 35th verse.

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

³⁵ Jesus traveled through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every sickness. ³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he was moved with compassion for them, because they were troubled and downcast, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. ³⁸ Therefore pray that the Lord of the harvest will send out workers into his harvest."

...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.

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day..... "I Hear the Savior Calling" (CW 560)

SermonJonah 3:1-10

Go with God!

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.

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.