

St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church & School

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Pentecost 6/Independence Day

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July 4 & 7, 2010

Prayer: Christ, by heav'nly hosts adored, Gracious, mighty, sov'reign Lord, God of nations, King of kings, Head of all created things, By the Church with joy confessed, God o'er all, forever blest, Pleading at Your throne we stand: Save Your people, bless our land. Amen. (Hymn #617, v.1)

The Service of Word and Sacrament

(The Hymnal, page 26.)

The Hymns: 617 – 618 – 492, v. 4 – 397/620 – 619.

Organist: Donna Schmitz.

The Old Testament Reading: Daniel 3:14-18, 26-28 – We owe our government honor, respect, obedience, loyalty, our prayers. Our highest allegiance, however, belongs to God alone. We are reminded, too, what a blessing separation of church and state is.

Psalm 33, page 79.

The Epistle Reading: Romans 13:1-7 – As Christians we recognize our government as “established by God.” The government has the God-given responsibility of providing law and order, peace and protection. Note that Paul wrote this about the heathen Roman government. What a blessing from God to live under our American constitution!

The Gospel Reading/Sermon: Matthew 22:15-22 -

God Blesses America (a Country)

I. As we “give to Caesar what is Caesar’s.”

II. As we “give to God what is God’s.”

For our Prayer after the offering we will use the responsive Prayer for the Nation on page 130 in the front of the hymnal.

Holy Communion will be celebrated today. Since the Sacrament is also a public declaration of a unity of faith we practice Communion Fellowship. We ask that only members of our congregation or the Wisconsin Synod receive the Sacrament. Thank you.

This Week at St. John's

Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	Worship (Holy Communion)
Thursday	6:30 p.m.	Council Meeting
Sunday	8:00 & 9:30 a.m.	Worship

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Our greeters are Shirley Parks (early); Chelsea Kok (late).

Last Week: 186 (87+83+16) gathered around God's Word to grow in their faith and praise their Savior. Offerings received:

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Budget year to date</u>
Needed:	\$7,574	\$393,878
Received	\$4,305	\$358,250

This includes \$55 for our debt fund.

Our offering hymn for July is #492, verse 4.

Hospital Report: Please keep in your daily prayers Bob Jenkins (West Allis Select Specialty Hospital). Ginny Phelps, Rod Schumacher and Ken Vande Berg are home.

Church Council: Please note that we will meet this Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

Vacation Bible School: Mrs. Boerneke will no longer be heading up our VBS. If you are willing to help organize and co-ordinate VBS please contact Pastor or Mr. Schlavensky. No definite dates have yet been set for VBS this summer.

Concert: “Canticum Novum” – a group of 24 singers who are former Martin Luther College and Wisconsin Lutheran College students – will present a sacred concert at St. Stephens, Beaver Dam this Saturday at 7:00 p.m. More information is on their website at www.canticumnovum-wels.org. “Canticum Novum” is Latin for “A New Song” (cf. Psalm 98:1 – “Sing to the LORD a new song.”)

Dishes: On the kitchen counter is a collection of various dishes that have been left here at church/school. Please check if any are yours. If you see some you like check back next week and it's yours if no one has claimed it.

Attention All Teens! (8th-12th grade and young adults) Grace Lutheran Church in Waupun invites you to play volleyball (or kickball) every Monday (tomorrow) through August 16th at 7:00 p.m. When it gets dark they will have a campfire and refreshments. Please let them know approximately how many to expect so they're sure to have enough to eat and drink! \$1.00 per person would be appreciated to help cover the cost of refreshments. Please call Charlotte at 920-346-5124 or e-mail at char_schears@hotmail.com

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“**Meditations**” are available in the entry-way. The new issue starts May 30. The cost is \$3.00. Please remember to return your old ones so they can be used for prison ministries.

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