

St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church & School

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Pentecost/Graduation + + + May 23 & 26, 2010

Prayer “O Holy Spirit, grant us grace, That we our Lord and Savior, In faith and fervent love embrace, And truly serve Him ever, So that when death is near at hand, We at His cross may firmly stand, And there find our salvation.” Amen. (Hymn #185, v.1)

The Common Service
(The Hymnal, page 15.)

The Hymns: 183 – 184 – 171, v. 6 – 176/188 – 185.
Organist: Linda Nottling.

The Old Testament Reading: Genesis 11:1-9 (sermon text).

Psalms 51b, page 87.

The Second Reading: Acts 2:1-21 – We hear the account of the first Pentecost. Enabled by the Holy Spirit to speak foreign languages, Peter and the other apostles used this gift to point the people to Jesus and to God's faithful Word.

The Gospel Reading: John 15:26,27 - The Spirit is our “Counselor.” He leads us to Jesus and into the truths of God's Word. The Spirit also helps us share Jesus and His Word with others.

Confession of Faith: As we celebrate the Holy Spirit's work in us we will confess our faith with Luther's explanation to the Third Article of the Apostles' Creed:

“I believe that I cannot by my own thinking or choosing believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him.

“But the Holy Ghost has called me by the gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

“In this Christian Church He daily and fully forgives all sins to me and all believers.

“On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead; and He will give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

“This is most certainly true.”

The Sermon: Genesis 11:1-9 -

Thank God for Pentecost

I. See the mess sins makes.

II. See the change the Holy Spirit works.

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	4:30 p.m.	Confirmation Class
	7:00 p.m.	Worship/Graduation Service
		Holy Communion; PK-Grade 7 sing
Friday	9:00 a.m.	Closing Service/Carnival
Sunday	8:00 & 9:30 a.m.	Worship

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Our greeters are Art and Carol Schmocker (early); John and Claudine Lehman (late).

Last Week: 199 (88+111- no Wednesday service since we had a guest preacher) gathered around God's Word to grow in their faith and praise their Savior. 19 came to Sunday School. Offerings received:

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Budget year to date</u>
Needed:	\$7,574	\$348,434
Received	\$5,871	\$316,976

This includes \$300 for school tuition and \$220 for our debt fund. We also received \$40 for Wisconsin Lutheran Child and Family Services, \$100 for our Carillon Fund and \$369 door collection for our guest preacher Steve Neuman.

Hospitalized: Please keep in your daily prayers Bob Jenkins (VA - Madison).

Today is the last day of Sunday School and Bible class until next fall. We thank our Sunday School teachers and substitutes for their faithful work: Debbie Zimmerman, Linda Nottling, Sarah Theander, Chad Minnema and Craig Theander.

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

Time change: We will begin our Sunday summer schedule of 8:00 and 9:30 a.m. next Sunday.

Calls Received: Sarah Nottling was called to teach Kindergarten - 2nd grade and play organ at Trinity Lutheran Church in Minocqua. Rachel Nottling has received a call to establish and teach kindergarten at Christ the King Lutheran Church in Palm Coast, Florida. Steve Neuman (our guest preacher) was called to be pastor of the St. John/St. Matthew Lutheran churches in Kendall/Ontario, Wisconsin.

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1. We will use the hymns, Scripture readings and liturgy from Sunday.
2. Grades PK-7 will sing between the epistle and gospel readings.
3. The sermon will be on Isaiah 40:30-31 -

Those Who Hope In The Lord Will Gain New Power

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- II. The promise of power from God.

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5. The presentation of diplomas will take place after the benediction. Graduating this year:

Colton Elliott	Emily Steinhorst
Clay Pausma	Abaigeal Theander
Allison Pickhardt	Samantha Wellnitz
6. After the services you are invited to a light reception in the fellowship hall.

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In Heaven: God graciously called to Himself in heaven the soul of Susan Steinbrenner, the mother of our student teacher Rachel Steinbrenner. If you would like to send Rachel a card her address is: 85 Monroe Street, Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin, 53538-1701.

The Winnebago Lutheran Academy spring choral concert will be tonight at 7:00 p.m.

June Calendars are in your mailboxes.

Greeters are needed for June and July. Please write your name in where you can help on the sign-up sheet in the entry-way.

(please see other side)

Flower Beds: We can use YOUR help this summer weeding and taking care of our church flower beds (by the car-port and the sign). There's a sign-up sheet in the entry-way. Thanks ahead of time for YOUR help (if YOU don't help WHO will?).

Voters' Notes: The voters approved the 2010-11 budget as presented. They also authorized the Board of Education to use \$20,000 from the Sam Lidtke estate for new playground equipment (to be installed this summer).

Roof Project: Through more investigation we found that we cannot replace the flat roof with pitched steel roofs. The committee is looking at other options for the flat roof. We're still intending to replace the church roof and gym roof in the near future. There is no need to replace the flat roofs for a couple years.

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