

# St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church & School

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**Prayer:** “Let me be Yours forever, My faithful God and Lord; Let me forsake You never, Nor wander from Your Word. Lord, do not let me waver, But give me steadfastness, And for such grace and favor, Your holy name I’ll bless.” Amen. (Hymn #596, v.1)

## The Service of the Word

(The Hymnal, page 38.)

**The Hymns:** 426 – 599 – 171, v. 6 – 597 – 596.

Organist: Donna Schmitz.

**Worship Notes:** In the late service we will omit the second lesson and verse of the day. The Rite of Confirmation will be after the Lord’s Prayer. Our Junior Choir will sing “Everywhere I Go” after the confirmation.

**The First Reading:** Acts 14:8-18 (sermon text/examination).

**Psalm 119b**, page 110.

**The Second Reading:** Revelation 21:10-14, 22, 23 – Do you see what John saw? In this vision God shows us the Church – God’s people – safe and secure, living with Him in heaven. What an encouragement to “be faithful unto death” and so receive the crown of life!

**The Gospel Reading:** John 14:23-29 – We hear Jesus’ promise to send the Holy Spirit. The Spirit leads us to believe and obey God’s Word. He gives us Jesus’ peace of sins forgiven and the sure hope of heaven. May the Spirit ever help us to treasure and be faithful to His Word!

**The Sermon/Examination:** Acts 14:8-18 -

### “We Are Bringing You Good News”

I. The good news of the only true God.

II. The good news of the only Savior from sin and death.

**For our prayer** after the offering we will use the responsive prayer printed on the insert.

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**Altar flowers** are to the glory of God from the confirmation class. The plants are to the glory of God in thanksgiving for Jim and Maxine Ferron’s wedding anniversary.

## This Week at St. John’s

Monday	9:30 a.m.	Circuit Pastors’ Meeting
Tuesday	4:30 p.m.	Softball at Montello
Wednesday	4:30 p.m.	Confirmation Class
	7:00 p.m.	<b>No Worship</b>
Thursday	4:30 p.m.	Softball vs. Faith
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Ascension Service (Jr. Choir sings)</b>
Friday	12:30 p.m.	Grandparents’ Day
	3-6 p.m.	Paper Drive
	7:00 p.m.	School Plays
Saturday	8-11 a.m.	Paper Drive
		WASSAC Softball Tourn. in Mayville
Sunday	8:00 & 10:30 a.m.	Worship (NO Holy Communion)
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	6:30 p.m.	Youth Group at St. John’s

**Our greeters** are John and Kathy Schmid (early); Reinhold and Agnes Zimmerman (late).

**Last Week:** 250 (119+107+24) gathered around God’s Word to grow in their faith and praise their Savior. 157 received Holy Communion. 18 came to Sunday School and 39 came to Bible class:

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Budget year to date</u>
Needed:	\$7,574	\$333,286
Received	\$6,455	\$309,270

This includes \$5 for our debt fund and \$850 for school tuition. We also received \$76 for Madison chaplains, \$50 for Wisconsin Lutheran Child and Family Services and \$85 for Winnebago Lutheran Academy.

**Confirmation:** Having completed instruction in the basic truths of God’s Word and having confessed their faith based on God’s Word we welcome the following into communicant membership through the Rite of Confirmation:

Krystal Bubolz  
Colton Elliott

Abaigeal Theander  
Samantha Wellnitz

**Hospital Report:** Please keep in your daily prayers Bob Jenkins (VA - Madison). Ken Brueggemann is home.

**Large print hymnals** are available for use on the table by the back pew.

**Ascension Day:** Did you remember that this Thursday is Ascension Day? We will celebrate and take comfort in our Lord’s ascension with a special service at 7:00 p.m. (There will be no Wednesday “repeat” service this week.)

**“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.

**Next Sunday** we will have Seminarian Steve Neuman as our guest preacher (Pastor and family will be in Minnesota for Sarah's graduation). As is our custom we will take a door collection to express our thanks and support. NOTE: There will be no "repeat" service on Wednesday, the 19<sup>th</sup>. Holy Communion will be celebrated the week of May 23.

**School Plays:** This Friday at 1:30 and 7:00 p.m. our school children will present their plays "Arf" (Grades K-2) and "Pirates – The Musical" (Grades 3-8). Everyone is invited to attend!

**Our next paper drive** will be this Friday (3:00-6:00 p.m.) and Saturday (8:00-11:00 a.m.). Since the paper ends up being used for insulation (which must be sprayed with a fire retardant) please do NOT bring shiny paper or cardboard. It's also preferred if you don't put your papers in plastic bags (we need to take them out of the bags). Thanks for your cooperation and support! Money from the paper drives is used to cover bus costs of field trips.

**A regular voters' meeting** will be held on Thursday, May 20, at 7:00 p.m. Copies of the budget will be in your mailbox next Sunday.

**Luther Preparatory School** will have their spring band concert today at 7:00 p.m.

**The Winnebago Lutheran Academy** spring choral concert will be on Sunday, May 23, at 7:00 p.m.

**The Winnebago Lutheran Academy** baseball team is sponsoring a day at Miller Park on June 26. Tickets are still available. The loge bleacher seats are \$20 and may be purchased by calling the WLA office (920-921-4930). Join a large group of WLA faithful for a great time at the ballpark. Any questions, email Greg Hoffmann ([ghoffmann@wlvikings.org](mailto:ghoffmann@wlvikings.org)). There are also a few tickets available for the August 7<sup>th</sup> and September 25<sup>th</sup> dates.

**The WLA Let's Celebrate Committee** is looking for help. If you would like to serve our Savior and Winnebago Lutheran Academy on the Let's Celebrate Committee please contact Principal Gregorius ([jgregorius@wlvikings.org](mailto:jgregorius@wlvikings.org), 920-921-4930). The sub-committees needing help are: Children's Activities, Publicity, Tickets, Baskets and Crafts, Secretary, Vice-Chairman and Chairman. There are only 5-6 meetings per year.

**Greeters** are needed for June and July (and 3 more times in May). Please write your name in where you can help on the sign-up sheet in the entry-way.

**Youth Group:** Please check out the bulletin board to sign-up to 1)help for the Brat Fry, 2)go to Noah's Ark on June 16 or 3)participate in Empty Dugout on June 25 and 26.

**Roof Project:** Our flat roofs and church roof will be replaced with steel this July, August and maybe September. A sign-up sheet is on the table in the entryway for volunteers. There will be three different types of work.

### **Prayer for Confirmation**

**M:** Gracious Father, You have adopted us in Baptism and anointed us with Your Holy Spirit. Renew and strengthen us by that same Spirit so that we may continue to grow in faith and boldly confess You before others. Lord in Your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

**M:** Move us to faithfully hear Your Holy Word and joyfully receive Your Sacrament that we may again and again be assured of Your gracious love and forgiveness. Lord in Your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

**M:** Give us the sincere desire to die each day to sin and put on the new self, created to be like You in true righteousness and holiness. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

**M:** Clothe us with the kindness, humility and patience of Christ so we may live at peace with all the members of Christ's body. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

**M:** Protect us from the powers of evil and give us the weapons to fight against the devil. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

**M:** By Your Word keep us faithful and holy so that we may inherit eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord,

**C: Amen.**

