

St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church & School

(Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod)

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Prayer: “Father, draw us to Your Son, We with joy will follow on, Till the work of grace is done, There to live with You.” Amen. (Hymn #436, v. 4)

The Service of Word and Sacrament (The Hymnal, page 26.)

The Hymns: 402 – 715 – 126, v. 5 – 114/123 – 345.
Organist: Linda Nottling.

The Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 43:16-24 - Israel had a glorious history of God acting for them. That, however, would pale compared to what God had in store for them (and us!). The Savior would come with rich blessings for His needy people.

Psalm 73, page 94.

The Epistle Reading: Philippians 3:8-14 (sermon text).

The Gospel Reading: Luke 20:9-19 – With this parable Jesus asks “What will you do with Me?” Every person must answer this question. Those who reject Christ will be rejected by God. But those who build on Christ by faith build their hope of heaven on the solid foundation that cannot be shaken.

The Sermon: Philippians 3:8-14 –

It's Neat To Be a Christian!

- I. And to have Jesus' righteousness.
- II. And to know the power of Jesus' resurrection.

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

Today	11:30 a.m.	Sisters in Faith meeting after 2 nd service
Wednesday	4:30 p.m.	Public School Confirmation class
	3:15 & 7:00 p.m.	Lenten Vespers (Jr. Choir sings early; Choir sings late)

Thursday	6:30 p.m.	Choir practice
Sunday	8:00 & 10:30 a.m.	Worship
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School/Bible class

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Last Week: 189 (121+68) gathered around God's Word to grow in their faith and praise their Savior. 17 came to Sunday School and 47 came to Bible class. Offerings received:

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Budget year to date</u>
Needed:	\$7,941	\$317,640
Received:	\$6,962	\$299,099

We also received \$50 for Winnebago Lutheran Academy.

Please be sure to pick up a Christian Worship – Supplement on your way into church. Hymn #715 is in the supplement.

Our offering hymn until Easter is now #126, verse 5.

Financial Note: At last week's Church Council meeting our treasurer reported that he had to borrow \$5,000 from the bank to keep current on our bills and that we remain two months behind on our mission offering to the Synod (a total of \$4,786). This winter's weather took its toll on attendance and offerings and also gave us some higher bills (plowing, etc.). Please give this your personal and prayerful attention and seriously consider an additional offering to help us get caught up. Thank you!

Lenten Vespers: 88 (66+22) people used our Lenten Vesper services to gather at the foot of our Savior's cross. There is room for even more – for ALL – even as Jesus died for us ALL. May we ALL use these special opportunities to grow closer to Him who loves us so much.

Membership Changes: At last week's Church Council meeting we welcomed into membership Alyssa Woodley by profession of faith. God grant that we be blessings to each other as together we grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus. Shirley Knaack was transferred to St. Stephen's, Beaver Dam, and Jesse Nummerdor was released at his request.

Camp Phillip: Today we will take a door collection to support the work of Camp Phillip. By doing this, our members also receive a discount from Camp Phillip. Brochures for Camp Phillip programs are on the cabinet in the fellowship hall (by the Meditations).

Sisters in Faith: We will meet today after the second service to do some more planning.

Easter Lilies/Plants: If you have an Easter lily or plant that we can use for our Easter altar, please have it here the day before Easter (by 1:00 p.m.).

Bingo: Our ladies will be hosting the bingo party at Continental Manor next Monday at 1:45 p.m. Anyone is invited to help!

Easter Breakfast: On the cabinet in the fellowship hall are sign-up sheets for items needed for our Easter breakfast. Please look over the list and indicate how YOU will help. There are also sheets to sign up on to help prepare for the breakfast (Saturday at 9:00 a.m.) or on Easter morning with serving and cleaning up

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday and the start of Holy Week. Plan now to attend the following services:

Palm Sunday (4/14)	- 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
Maundy Thursday (4/18)	- 3:15 & 7:00 p.m. Communion Services
Good Friday (4/19)	- 1:00 p.m. Communion Service
Easter (4/21)	- Festival Worship at <u>7:00</u> and <u>9:30</u> a.m. (Choir sings early; Jr. Choir sings late). Easter breakfast is between the services. No Bible class or Sunday School.

Koine Concert: For those that signed up for the Koine concert, we will meet this Thursday at 4:30 p.m. in the church parking lot to figure out carpooling. If you have any questions, call Sarah Theander at 920-306-0644 or Chris Edwards at 920-296-7845.

St. Stephen's OWLS will be hosting a program on our mission outreach in Thailand with Sarah Zondag (a former St. John's student!) as the guest speaker next Tuesday, April 9, for seniors 55 and older. The program begins at noon with a potluck meal (please bring a dish to pass); followed by the presentation.

Piano Fundraiser: Our school's CPT group has decided to start a fundraiser to raise money to purchase a new piano for the church & school. The current piano has had some issues and it's 12 years old. Right now it is working but we don't know when it will decide to stop working again. Because of its age, we are not easily able to get replacement parts any longer. The piano is used for choirs to prerecord music, as well as the Sunday school and school children to sing. It is also used frequently for weddings, which we have a few planned for this year already. The total cost with a piano mover is \$5,600. There will be a graph put up in the fellowship hall to show how much money is raised towards the piano! There will be wish tags put on the Wish Tree and any donations towards the fund can be given to Desirae at the scrip table! Thanks for your help!

A greeter's sign-up sheet is in the fellowship hall for April and May. Please take a moment to write your name in where you can.

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