

St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church & School

(Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod)

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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 Service of the Word

(The Hymnal, page 38.)

The Hymns: 183 – 176 – 489, v. 3 – 186 – 185.

Organist: Linda Nottling.

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

Psalm 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.

The Sermon: Genesis 11:1-9 –

Thank God for Pentecost!

- I. See the mess that sin makes.
- II. See the change the Holy Spirit works.

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 Spirit 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.”

This Week at St. John's

Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	Worship
Friday	3:00 p.m.	Wedding
Sunday	8:00 & 9:30 a.m.	Worship (Holy Communion)

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Our greeters are Dale and Nancy Belter (early); Mike, Desirae, Nathan, Zachary, Caleb and Ashlynn (late).

Last Week: 172 (98+55+19) 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:	\$7,941	\$389,109
Received:	\$8,134	\$366,008

This includes \$118 for school tuition and \$150 in debt envelopes. We also received \$117 for Madison chaplains, \$75 for Wisconsin Lutheran Child and Family Services and \$30 for the Lutheran Military Support Group.

In Heaven: God graciously called to Himself in heaven the soul of our sister Lois Zumm last Sunday. May God comfort her family with His promise of eternal life in heaven through faith in Jesus.

Invitation: You are invited to attend the wedding of Ruth Nottling and Seth Pahmeier this Friday at 3:00 p.m.

Available: The “old, old” digital piano (bought in 1990) is available to the highest bidder. You can check it out in the fellowship hall. It would be a good practice piano at home. It has different sound options but doesn't record anything. The Church Council is asking a minimum bid of \$50. June 30 will be the last day to make a bid (there's a clipboard sign-up sheet for bids by the piano).

Open Forum: Our Church Council and Board of Education will host open forums on Sunday, June 30, after the second service and on Thursday, July 18, at 6:30 p.m. The purpose is to brainstorm ideas and suggestions about our school and staffing needs for the future. Our enrollment this fall will be in the upper 30s to low 40s. Please give this your prayerful attention and please attend one of the meetings. The Church Council wants your input before making any plans or recommendations.

Can You Help? On the cabinet in the fellowship hall is a sign-up sheet to help take care of the church flower beds (by the sign and the carport) – weeding, watering, as needed. You sign up for a two week period. Thanks for YOUR time and help!

New Treasurer: John Lehman, our current treasurer, will be “retiring” at the end of this fiscal year (June 30) so we will need a new church treasurer. The treasurer (man or woman) is appointed by the Church Council and ratified by the voters for one year terms. The treasurer is responsible for writing the checks and paying the church’s bills (the school has its own treasurer). A monthly treasurer’s report is submitted to the Church Council. Payroll, withholding for taxes and tax forms are handled by Peters Accounting. If you (or someone you think might be) are interested, please see Jeff Schepp, our president, or Pastor. John will work with the new treasurer to help make the transition.

Save the Date: On Sunday, August 25, we will be having a Church Picnic – fun for all! More details to follow closer to the date. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the fellowship hall for those who’d like to serve on the picnic committee.

EHV Bibles: The complete (Old and New Testaments) Holy Bible: Evangelical Heritage Version (EHV – the one we’ve been using for the Scripture readings) will be available for purchase July 1. The cost is \$22.99 but if we order 10 or more there are various discounts available. There is a sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall. The print size will be the same as that of the New Testament (you can see one in the hall). To learn more visit www.nph.net/ehv to explore the features of the translation or download a sample. Or visit wartburgproject.org to gain a deeper understanding of the EHV translation principles and approach, to read answers to frequently asked questions, and to download lectionaries, verse of the day and other worship resources.

St. Stephen's OWLS will meet this Tuesday, June 11, beginning with a potluck meal at noon. Our guest speaker, Mrs. Andrea Dorn, will share information on the class trip to Washington DC last April. She served as one of the chaperones for the eighth grade students who joined other schools in this exciting experience. If time allows, other social activities may follow including board games. We look forward to having you join us for a time of fellowship.

Book Offer: “Prepared to Answer” and “More Prepared to Answer” are two best-selling books from Northwestern Publishing House that equip you with God’s Word for when you encounter objections to and questions about your faith in your daily life. With your Savior’s guidance, you are prepared! Copies of the books to look at are on the cabinet in the fellowship hall. The cost is \$17.99 each for either book, but if we order 6 or more there is a 10% discount.

Can You Help? Help is needed installing new playground equipment at the Crocker Street Park tomorrow from 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Volunteers must be 18 or over. For more information call Becky Bussian at 920-210-4958.

Golf Outing: Winnebago Lutheran Academy will host its “Tee It Up for WLA” golf outing at Whispering Springs Golf Club in Fond du Lac on Friday, June 28, starting at 11:00 a.m. Proceeds go to tuition assistance. They are currently looking for sponsors and groups to play. More information is on the bulletin board in the hallway.

WELS Night at Miller Park will be Friday, July 12 at 7:10 p.m. against the San Francisco Giants. For tickets and more information, please see the flier on the bulletin board in the hallway.

Greeters are needed for June and July. There are still many open spaces! A sign-up sheet is on the table in the Fellowship hall. Please sign-up where you can help!

