St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church & School

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Prayer: "Knowing You and Your salvation, Grateful love dare never cease, To proclaim Your tender mercies, Gracious Lord, Your heav'nly peace. Let us sound the gospel tidings, To the earth's remotest bound, That the sinner has been pardoned, And forgiveness can be found." Amen. (Hymn #577, v. 2)

The Service of the Word
(The Hymnal, page 38.)

The Hymns: 281 – 536 – 492, v. 4 – 541 – 289.
Organist: Linda Nottling

The Old Testament Reading: Ezekiel 2:1-3:4 – Today's readings deal with God's servants and their work of sharing God's Word. Here we have Ezekiel's call to be a prophet. God doesn't hide the facts from His new servant – the work will be hard. All that God asks is that we faithfully proclaim His Word.

Psalm 143, page 118.

The Epistle Reading: 2 Timothy 3:10-4:5 – We hear some of Paul's last words of encouragement to Timothy. Paul's ministry – and life! – were coming to an end. There will be real opposition to God's Word and messengers. But there's also real comfort, encouragement and power to be found in God's Word.

The Gospel Reading: Mark 6:1-6 – What went wrong in Nazareth so that the people rejected Jesus? The people acknowledged Jesus' wisdom and power but they rejected the conclusion of that evidence and the message Jesus brought them. They refused to take to heart what Jesus said and so forfeited God's blessings.

The Sermon: Ezekiel 2:2-5 –

"Ministry According to God"

This Week at St. John's

Wednesday		**No Worship**
Sunday	8:00 & 9:30 a.m.	Worship (Holy Communion)

Last Week: 148 (74+74) gathered around God's Word to grow in their faith and praise their Savior. (There was no Wednesday service due to the 4th of July.) Offerings received:

	Last Week	Budget year to date
Needed:	$7,941	$7,941
Received:	$6,911	$6,911

We also received $130 for the Madison chaplains and $8 for Winnebago Lutheran Academy.

We thank Pastor John Dolan for leading us in our worship today. Pastor Dolan is retired and lives in Montello. During his ministry he served congregations in Portage, MI, Appleton, WI and Eden Prairie, MN. He was also on the faculty of Fox Valley Lutheran High School and our Martin Luther College in New Ulm, MN. As is our custom, we will take a door collection after each service to thank him for his help.

Hospitalized: Please remember in your daily prayers Sophie Kircher (Central Wisconsin Center for rehab).

Pastor will return from Florida this Wednesday. If emergency pastoral care is needed while he's gone, please call Pastor Dan Schumann from Friedens, Randolph at 326-5134.

Attention All Teens (8th grade – Seniors and young adults)! Grace Lutheran Youth Group of Waupun invites you to play volleyball every Monday through August 13th at 7:00 p.m. When it gets dark there will be a devotion, campfire and refreshments. If it rains, they will play games in the fellowship hall. On July 30, they will be attending a "Dock Spiders" game in Fond du Lac, leaving from Grace parking lot at 5:45 p.m. Cost is $8.00. Please call Charlotte at 920-346-5124 or 920-539-0876 or e-mail charschears@hotmail.com with any questions.

Invitation: Friedens Lutheran Church invites you to a special presentation on Medical Ethics, Part Two: **Christian Decision Making** by Rev. Wayne Mueller. Pastor Mueller will be speaking about sexual ethics and end of life decisions. He will be addressing such questions as: Can you find four places in the Bible where God says "Sex is good? When did shacking up become acceptable to Christians? What line in the Apostle's Creed confesses that life begins at conception? Please join us this Saturday from 1:00-3:15 p.m. Fellowship and light refreshments to follow. Please see the sign-up sheet in the Fellowship hall.

Greeters are needed for the remaining services in July. Please write YOUR name in where YOU can help on the sign-up sheets in the entry-way. Thank you for YOUR time and help.