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(Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod)

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Pentecost 18

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Prayer: “God of grace and love and blessing, Yours alone shall be the praise. Give us hearts to trust You truly, Hands to serve You all our days. Lord, bestow Your future blessing, Till we join the heav’nly host, There to praise and serve You ever, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.” Amen. (Hymn #623, v. 4)

The Service of the Word

(The Hymnal, page 38.)

The Hymns: 523 – 486 – 483, vv. 1 & 2 – 491 – 332.

Organist: Donna Schmitz.

The Old Testament Reading: Numbers 12:1-15 – Aaron and Miriam were jealous of Moses and his position as leader of the Israelites. They wanted a share in the “glory.” God doesn’t call us to be the center of attention but to simply and humbly serve others – as we see Moses do just here!

Psalm 31, page 77.

The Epistle Reading: James 3:13-18 – “God gives grace to the humble,” James reminds us – and then he has us examine our own hearts and actions. The one who has been truly humbled by God’s law and his own sinfulness will savor God’s grace and forgiveness in Jesus. That grace also moves us to live wise and peaceful lives.

Special Music: Our Junior Choir will sing “By Faith” in the early service.

The Gospel Reading/Sermon: Mark 9:30-37 –

Be the Greatest Christian!

I. With a faith centered on Christ crucified and risen.

II. With a life of humble service to others.

This Week at St. John's

Monday

8:30 a.m.

4:00 p.m.

Gr. 4K-2nd field trip to Tom Dooley's

Adult Information Class

Soccer: Home vs. Faith Christian

Tuesday

6:30 p.m.

CPT Meeting

Wednesday

8:30 a.m.

SonBEAMS

4:00 p.m.

Cross Country meet at WLA Gr. 1-8

4:30 p.m.

Public School Confirmation class

7:00 p.m.

Worship

Friday

NO School

Sunday

8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Worship

9:15 a.m.

S. School/Bible class

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Last Week: 171 (101+44+26) gathered around God’s Word to grow in their faith and praise their Savior. 17 came to Sunday School. There was no Bible class due to fellowship hour. Offerings received:

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Budget year to date</u>
Needed:	\$7,941	\$95,292
Received	\$4,903	\$93,517

We also received \$100 for Wisconsin Lutheran Child and Family Services, \$55 for Madison chaplains and \$100 for Winnebago Lutheran Academy.

Baptism: After our early service, Amelia Jane Quirk, daughter of Matthew and Tiffany Quirk, will be reborn a child of God through Holy Baptism. “Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved!”

October calendars are in your mailboxes.

Trunk or Treat: We’re moving ahead with our planning for Trunk or Treat in St. John’s parking lot on Saturday, October 27, from 4:00-6:00 p.m. (during Fox Lake Trick or Treat hours). If you would like to volunteer to decorate your trunk and hand out treats, please sign up in the fellowship hall. We’d love to fill the parking lot! Also, if you’d like to donate treats or make a monetary donation to be used toward additional treats or advertising that would be great also. We are looking for greeters as well. Please see Donna Schmitz with any questions.

Project: For its fall rally on October 20, (to be held in Manchester) our Lutheran Women’s Missionary Society circuit is collecting monetary donations and baby items for the New Beginnings Home in Milwaukee. Starting next week there will be a box and an envelope in the fellowship hall if you would like to make a donation. A list of needed items will be attached to the donation box. Thanks for your support!

School of Outreach We are looking for your help. A couple of months ago, we heard about the “School of Outreach” program our synod is sponsoring, and saw the enthusiasm that this program is generating. It’s our turn! Our congregation will be sending representatives to an outreach planning program presented by our synod’s Committee on Evangelism on Saturday, October 6, in Stoddard, WI. The purpose of attending this event is to help our congregation come up with ideas and strategies to do some outreach in Fox Lake and the surrounding area. Some of the sessions for the day will be “Components of an Evangelism Program”, “Locating People who Need Jesus”, and “Connecting with People on the Prospect List”. Later another session will be scheduled with the workshops focusing on “Friendship Evangelism”, “Church Identity in our Community”, and “Improving the Way Guests are Welcomed at Worship Services”. Will you volunteer? Is this a way you could serve? It takes all sorts of people with different backgrounds to reach all sorts of people with different backgrounds. We have a driver with a van, so come along for the ride! Please let Pastor know if you would like to attend.

Sign up for C18 *One-million souls.* That is the goal. To share the gospel with one-million souls prior to and on Christmas Eve. That goal is part of WELS Congregational Services’ C18 program. The only way to achieve that goal is for all WELS members, young and old, to embrace the privilege and responsibility of sharing Christ with unchurched friends, relatives, and neighbors. A simple way to do that – invite them to come with your family to your congregation’s Christmas Eve worship service. A recent survey found that 80% of unchurched adults would seriously consider accepting an invitation, extended by a friend, to attend a Christmas Eve service. C18 walks you through this process step-by-step. For more information and to sign up to receive free weekly materials and encouragement, go to welscongregationalservices.net/c18.

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