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

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Pentecost 6/Independence Day

+ + + July 1, 2018

<u>Prayer</u>: Christ, by heav'nly hosts adored, Gracious, mighty, sov'reign Lord, God of nations, King of kings, Head of all created things, By the Church with joy confessed, God o'er all, forever blest, Pleading at Your throne we stand: Save Your people, bless our land. Amen. (Hymn #617, v.1)

## The Service of Word and Sacrament

(The Hymnal, page 26.)

**The Hymns:** 617 – 618 – 492, v. 4 – 389/620 – 619.

Organist: Donna Schmitz.

The Old Testament Reading: Lamentations 3:22-33 (sermon text).

**Psalm 33**, page 79.

<u>The Epistle Reading</u>: 2 Timothy 1:8-14 – God in pure grace has given us Jesus to be our Savior and trusting in Jesus we are promised eternal life in heaven. There's no need for us to be ashamed of Jesus or embarrassed about being Christians. Rather, we are to boldly share our Jesus because all need Him.

<u>The Gospel Reading:</u> Mark 5:21-24, 35-43 – With this familiar incident we are invited to journey through life with Jesus. As we walk with Him Jesus tells us, "Don't be afraid, just believe." We need not fear whatever life brings for our Savior is in control, working all things for our good. Nor will our trust in Him ever be disappointed, for He always delivers whatever He promises.

The Sermon: Lamentations 3:22-33 -

## As Christians We Always Have Hope

I. Because of God's great love and faithfulness.
II. As we wait quietly for the Lord.

<u>For our Prayer</u> after the offering we will use the responsive Prayer for the Nation on <u>page</u> 130 in the front of the hymnal.

<u>Holy Communion</u> 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.

<u>Altar flowers</u> are to the glory of God in thanksgiving for John and Lois Schwefel's 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

This Week at St. John's

Today 10:30 a.m. Church Council meeting

Wednesday

Thursday-Wednesday

Pastor gone

Sunday 8:00 & 9:30 a.m. Worship

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<u>Last Week</u>: 166 (98+48+20) gathered around God's Word to grow in their faith and praise their Savior. Offerings received:

<u>Last</u> <u>Week</u>		<u>Budget year to date</u>		
Needed:	\$7,802	\$397,902		
Received	\$5,900	\$390,977		

We also received \$397 in Randolph Piggly Wiggly receipts and \$10 for the Madison chaplains.

As our country celebrates Independence Day this weekend, our hymns, Scripture readings, and prayers speak of our responsibilities as Christian citizens of the United States and ask God's blessings (and forgiveness!) on our country.

Our offering hymn for July is #492, verse 4.

<u>Hospital</u> <u>Report</u>: Please remember in your daily prayers Sophie Kircher (Central Wisconsin Center for rehab). Jim Zimmerman is back home.

**Scrip Note:** During July Scrip will only be sold on July <u>8</u> and <u>22</u>. Please plan accordingly and thanks for your continued support!

<u>Pastor</u> will be gone <u>this Thursday</u> through <u>Wednesday</u>, July <u>11</u>. He's helping his daughter Ruth move to the Miami, Florida, area. If emergency pastoral care is needed while he's gone, please call Pastor Dan Schumann from Friedens, Randolph at 326-5134.

<u>Guest Preacher</u>: With Pastor gone we will have a guest preacher next Sunday. As is our custom we will take a <u>door collection</u> to thank him for his services.

Invitation: Friedens Lutheran Church invites you to a special presentation on Medical Ethic, 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 there ever be a bad reason for deciding to have more children? What happens to the souls of babies who are aborted? Are some forms of birth control less moral than others? Please join us on <a href="Saturday">Saturday</a>, July <a href="14">14th</a> from <a href="1:00-3:15">1:00-3:15</a> p.m. Fellowship and light refreshments to follow. Please see the sign-up sheet in the Fellowship hall.

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