

May 2018



Pastor's Message

Dear Friends in Christ,
You know how doctors or judges sometimes "play God"? Well, I got to "play God" the other day in a small, life-and-death way: I stopped on Highway NN, at slight risk to myself, to help a painted turtle across the road, which was a sitting duck for the many cars that were bearing down on it at 60 mph.

I don't often picture myself as "playing God", but as a kid I did aspire to be a hero! I pictured myself carrying someone out of a burning building or some daring act like that. So far, I haven't had to do that. But, you and I often have the chance to throw someone a lifeline. You and I have the opportunity to take risks for the sake of others. You and I have been taught to value human lives and to value all of God's creation in a way that not everyone has. And when others-including those who are supposed to lead -turn their backs on "the least of these" we get to step in. We get to speak up. We get to pray. We get to be advocates. We get to interrupt what we're doing, and do the Christ-like thing.

And in the midst of that, we are not so much "playing God" as we are *representing God*, and carrying on the work of the Risen Lord, which is always life-saving and life-giving and life-affirming. Thank you for doing what you can do to care for others; to care for neighbors; to care for "the least of these"; and to care for this good earth! These are concrete ways we help others see Jesus, so that they too might experience life in his name!
- Pastor Paul

St. John's Question Box

Our Ministry Planning Team has put a Question/Suggestion Box on the resource desk in the Gathering space. You're welcome to ask a deep faith question or a simple "how can I find out about" question, and we'll refer it to the ones who are best equipped to respond. If you include your name, that helps us get back to you-especially to learn more about your particular question or suggestion!

Upcoming Events

Craft Fair – May 12th
Lunch Bunch – May 16th
Spring Clean-up – May 19th
Confirmation – May 20th

Updates 2018

+YTD General Fund

Receipts: \$ 48,778
Expenses: \$ 54,260

+YTD Building Fund:

Receipts: \$ 19,509
Expenses: \$ 20,638

+YTD ELCA Benevolence:

\$ 3,202 Goal for 2018: \$15,000

+YTD Missionary Sponsorship:

\$ 1,494 Goal for 2018: \$6,000

+YTD Average Attendance:

2018: 180/week; 2017: 185/week

We have several electronic giving options. Talk to Wendy Wolf for more information!

Thank you for your regular attendance and offerings!

Plant Certificates

Our youth group will be selling plant certificates to Groth's Country Gardens for a spring fundraiser. Certificates are \$10 and will be sold after services and at our Craft and Vendor Fair.

**Lunch Bunch – May 16th 11:00
with potluck to follow!**

We received a suggestion that we "not have Bible study/discussion after the sermon in the service". Jess Eisenhauer from our Worship Committee responds:

As an introvert myself, I am often uncomfortable speaking in front of others. When Pastor Paul would come out from behind the pulpit to encourage participation from the congregation, I used to cringe inside because it can be uncomfortable to speak when we are used to listening. However, I have come to enjoy these times of interaction because we can learn from them, and might be able to relate to something someone shares. These conversations may push some of us outside of our normal comfort zone, but I think it is important that we hear and learn from each other, as well as from Pastor. We are a church family with a diverse background of faith stories and each person's story and perspective matters.

And a brief response from Pastor Paul: *It would help to know more about this request...is this a 'time' concern? Is it hard to hear when others speak? Or does this seem to impact our worship of God in a negative way? Or _____? I welcome conversations on how we can make worship count for members, newcomers, children, and guests!*

Card Making Group

Starting Thursday, May 3 at 1:00 and every Thursday after a group of us will get together to make birthday, get well, and thinking of you cards to send to members and shut-ins. We'll have some supplies so you can just come and make cards or if you're a card-maker bring enough for others to make cards too. Talk to Wendy Wolf if you have questions!

St. John's Craft & Vendor Fair – May 12

Saturday, May 12th from 9am – 3 pm St. John's will host our 2nd annual craft and vendor fair. We have 30 vendors that will be selling their wares in our church basement! You can find some nice gifts for Mother's or Father's day! We'll also be selling food for lunch and will have a scrumptious bake sale too! Check out our silent auction items from our vendors! Proceeds will go to Family Promise of Washington County and St. John's Youth Group. Our Youth Group will be selling plant certificates and holding a car wash! Tell your neighbors and friends!



Confirmation Day is May 20

Nicolaus Cefalu, Sawyer Dueno, Lucas Hansen, Hannah Hellesen, Ryan Liberatore, Ashlyn Muller, Amanda Novotny, Ella Pickart, Owen Pickart, and Ava Warren are affirming their faith. On Wednesday May 9th at 7:00 we ask you to come and engage them in conversation about their faith and their role in the life and mission of the church!

Noisy Offerings

Noisy offerings are collected each week from the kids at Children's Time and collected from the whole congregation on the 1st Sunday of the month. The offerings for February-June will be given to Crossways Camping Ministry. They operate three ACA-Accredited outdoor ministry sites: Imago Dei Village in Clintonville, Pine Lake Camp in Waupaca, and Waypost Camp in Hatley, as well as a traveling day camp ministry. Check out the bulletin board for some needs of the camps. Pick a slip, put it in with your offering to support Crossways!



Outdoor Spring Clean-up Day – Saturday, May 19

Join us for a day to take care of God's house! This is not only God's house, it's our house too! And just like your own home, it needs tender loving care, and regular maintenance and cleaning.

It's time to do some deep cleaning outside the church. We have projects for all ages! Come Saturday, May 19th from 8am to noon. Come when you can and leave when you must

St. John's will host Family Promise families – June 3-10

St. John's has been hosting families for 2 weeks per year for the last couple of years. We are hosting the week of June 3 – 10. We are looking for volunteers to make dinner meals, host dinner from 5-7pm, and stay overnight from 7pm-7am. If you have any interest at all in helping out this host week please sign up at the Welcome Desk. Please talk to Wendy Wolf if you have any questions.

Crossways Day Camp @ St. Luke – Slinger – June 18-22

St. Luke's Lutheran Church – 4860 Arthur Rd., Slinger (corner of Hwy 144 & NN)

Crossways Camp will be back again for summer 2018 with their awesome staff that will lead us in day camp. It'll be a week full of fun, crafts, laughter, songs and so much more.

Camp will run from June 18th-22nd, from 9:00am-3:00pm. The cost is \$45 and ages from finished Kindergarten-5th Grade can attend.

Not only do we want your kiddos involved with this great ministry but St. Luke's needs YOU to help. Opportunities To Help -House a Camp Counselor for the Week -Help Provide Snacks & Refreshments Each Day. Contact Marie if you can help with serving and volunteering! marieleafblad@gmail.com

Our Saviors Day Camp

Our Saviors Lutheran Church – 1044 S. Silverbrook Dr., West Bend, will hold day camp from Monday, June 11 – Thursday, June 14, from 9am-3pm. The cost is \$40 per child; due at registration Family max of \$115

Camp is open to all children who have completed Kindergarten - 5th grade. Join us for 4 day magnificent days of fun and exploration as we discover new ways to care for God's creation by exploring the world around us. One day will be spent in the great outdoors learning about aquatic life, bugs, seeds, and plants; and one morning enjoying water activities at the local YMCA.

Talk to Wendy Wolf if you're interested. Registrations need to be mailed by **May 20**. Please make checks payable to Our Savior's Lutheran.

Faith & Family Lakeshore Chinooks Game! Sunday, July 22

Join us for a day of fun at the Lakeshore Chinooks baseball game. The day kicks off with live music at 11:30, a comedy show at noon and the game at 1:35. Tickets are \$15 per person and include the above as well as your reserved seat, and a Chinooks baseball cap! Please contact Wendy Wolf in the office if you are interested soon, there are limited amount of tickets! 677-3176 or email officestjohns@nconnect.net



Called to Serve

Readers

(8:00 Service)

5/6 Nicole Seatz
5/13 Dianne Liberatore
5/20 Scott DeChant
5/27 Liam Mickie

(9:45 Service)

5/6 Reuben Heidtke
5/13 Susan Heidtke
5/20 Confirmation Student
5/27 Beth Mittermaier

Ushers

(8:00 Service)

5/6 Staci & Kassidy Bohling
5/13 Paul Stahl, Scott Novotny
5/20 John Breest, Jackson Liberatore
5/27 Kevin Gierach, Joel Heidtke
Uhlig

(9:45 Service)

5/6 Rich & Cindy Uhlig
5/13 Dick & Karen Uhlig
5/20 Keith Heidtke, Jim Kurtz
5/27 Scott Adams, Peter Uhlig

Communion Assistants

(8:00 Service)

5/6 Amanda Reinemann, Dianne Liberatore
5/20 Darleen Wanta, Joel Wolf

(9:45 Service)

5/6 Gary & Kathy Zirtzloff
5/20 Confirmation Students

Greeters

(8:00 Service)

5/6 Joel & Wendy Wolf
5/13 George & Dianne Liberatore
Susnik
5/20 Skip & Laura Bartelt
5/27 Paul & Pam Stahl

(9:45 Service)

5/6 Joel & Wendy Wolf
5/13 Gale Loehrl, Linda
5/20 Skip & Laura Bartelt
5/27 Gary & Sue Kielisch



MAY ANNIVERSARIES!

May 3 Mark & Connie Hornburg – 43 years
May 8 Gerald & Darleen Wanta – 19 years
May 14 Dennis & Cindi Hankes – 41 years
May 15 Duane & Linda Plath – 47 years
May 19 Matt & Eden Luedtke – 6 years
May 20 Jesse & Dawn Seltrecht – 18 years
Kevin & Melanie Gierach – 12 years
May 21 Randy & Susan Hollister – 24 years
May 24 Bob & Kelly Luce – 32 years
May 25 Johnathan & Danielle Friess – 5 years
May 27 Gordon & Karen Kraemer – 51 years
May 31 Tom & Melody Spencer – 38 years
David & Jessica Frank – 15 years

If we missed your special day please let us know.

May Birthdays!

May 2 Dan Bartelt
Keaton Hansen
May 3 AJ Beuscher
May 4 Val Heidtke
Darleen Wanta
May 6 Samantha Schwefel
May 7 Ann Glorioso
Sharon Ziemer
Christy Abt
Steve Korneli
May 8 Hannah Hellesen
May 9 Romelle Worth
Darrel Counard
Laura Scheunemann
Kassi Wolf
May 10 Doug Sharpley
May 11 Melissa Staller
May 12 Mark Brodesser
Darick Prost
Alex Parchim
Will Strnad
May 13 Allegra Groth
May 15 Ellen Devoe
Laura Bartelt
Abigail Dalton
Kassidy Bohling
May 16 Charlie Parchim
Sarah Corlett
Eduardo Inchaurregui
May 17 Violet Juech
Michelle Schneider
Noah Abt
May 18 Jenny Brandt
Rich Uhlig
May 19 Susan Kerr-Noll
Grady Lauterbach
Ken Parchim
May 20 Linda Susnik
Brandon Bukovic
May 21 Pam Stahl
Josh Kasubaski
May 22 Eric Olafsson
May 23 Scott Adams
Lee Goodman
May 25 Cheryl Toll
May 27 Heidi Hellesen
Jessica Eisenhauer
May 28 Ray Fischer
Jaycee Mozdzen
May 31 Greg Canard
Scott Trick
Trisha Dhein

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At St. John's we're privileged and challenged to *Welcome, Worship, and Witness* in Christ's name. Thank you for being part of this faith community and for the serving you do to the glory of God!

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Office hours: M-F 9:00am-1:00pm

Worship Services: Saturday 5:00pm, Sunday 8:00 am & 9:45 am

Sunday School 8:30 am - 2nd Service Children's Church 10:00

Holy Communion is celebrated on the 1st, 3rd, & 5th weekends each month.

