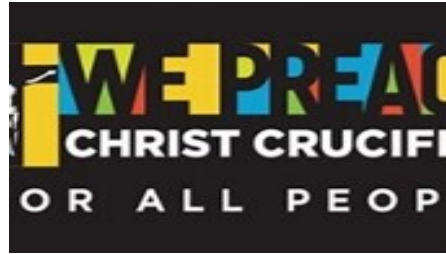




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2023

Bethlehem

Lutheran Church

233500 County Road E

Milan, Wisconsin 54411

Sunday Worship at 8:00 a.m.

Sunday Bible Study at 9:15 a.m.

Pastor: Rev. Michael Mathey

Pastors Office Hours @ BETH.

Tues. 9am-5pm

Pastors Number:

715-330-5599

Pastors Email:

lcmsrevmike@gmail.com

Office Secretary Email:

secretary@stjbeth.org

St. John "High Steeple"

Lutheran Church

119415 Huckleberry Road

Edgar, Wisconsin 54426

Sun. Worship at 10:30 a.m.

Sun. Bible Study at 11:45am

Pastor: Rev. Michael Mathey

Pastors Office Hours: M, W, T, :

9am to 5pm

Pastors Number:

715-352-2888

Or 715-330-5599

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Dual Parish Office:

715-352-2888

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secretary@stjbeth.org

Dual Parish Website:

www.Stjbeth.org

St. John Council Meeting

July 11, 2023

Call to order and opened with a prayer led by Pastor.

Attending were Kay Christiansen, Jeff Werner, Sharon Niemann, Mel Niemann, Doug Brown, Steve Schneider, and Pastor Mathey.

Review of Minutes found no additions or correction and they were approved.

Pastor's report: The church picnic is Aug. 6 at Cherokee Park at 10 a.m. for the service. Bethlehem will do the main entree' and side salads. St Johns is asked to bring desserts. Elders from both congregations will assist with the service.

Pastor will be gone August 13'th and Rev. Owen will fill in for him at that time.

Outreach report: Good feedback on the Edgar parade. We may want to dress the hay wagon up a bit more for next year. We should look for new ideas for the float as well. The bus for the Brewers game has some room yet. Advertising will go into the shopper and on Facebook this week. Church sign is being discussed. The design will go in front of the voters at the quarterly meeting.

Board of Ed: VBS starts on the 24'th

Treasurers report: We are paying the bills, but giving is 1/3 less than the budget needs to cover in expenses. Our weekly average is \$2017. We need \$2945.

Trustees: A parking lot light is being replaced (northwest corner of the building) and there is new lighting going into the Sunday School area.

Cemetery Committee: Several stones need to be straightened and we need to contact the company who helped us out before.

Old business: Three elders volunteered to head up a safety committee for a church. This would involve all things from CPR, AED (Should we purchase one), security concerns, and the like.

New business: Motion was made to bring up to the congregation the need to purchase an AED. This should be a dual size for child through adult. This was seconded and passed. The need to purchase will be brought to the congregation at the quarterly voters meeting on Sunday.

Motion was made to adjourn.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer,

Sharon Niemann, Recording Secretary

St. John Quarterly Voters Meeting

July 16,2023

Eighteen members signed in and the meeting was called to order by President Doug Brown. An opening prayer was given by Doug. The previous quarterly meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.

Pastors report was given. Aug. 6 is Joint service at 10a.m. at the Cherokee Park. Our congregation is asked to bring a dessert. The meal will start right after the service. Everyone is asked to bring their lawn chair. Elders from both churches will serve.

Aug. 13, Pastor Owen will serve as in Pastor Mathey's absence.

Elders nothing new. They continue to review church policies.

Outreach needs a few reservations for the Brewers Ball game trip. Please see Stacy VanHoy if you are interested. The date is Aug. 23'rd. The committee thanks everyone who made an effort to work on the float for the Edgar parade. It was well received by the community.

The church sign has been designed. Each voter had a copy. Motion was made to accept the design. Motion passed. The sign location may be a problem with planning and zoning. This will be explored further and another motion was made to move the location to the west side of the intersection should it need to be moved. This removes the loss of crop land by the farm owner. Motion was seconded and passed.

Treasurer reviewed the income and expenses. The big downpayment for the steeple repair has been made. We continue to fall short of the income needed to meet budget. Our budget needs \$ 960 more per month.

Trustees: Work has been progressing on the steeple. A new light has been installed in the parking lot's west side. Also new lights are now in the Sunday School areas. Work will be needed to winterize the parsonage windows and siding insulation.

Finance Committee had no report.

Cemetery committee is looking for two volunteers to serve. See Doug if you are willing to help.

All reports were approved as given.

Old business: A motion was made to form a committee of the 3 elders who have already volunteered along with others who may be interested in Church Safety. This committee will deal with all safety concerns from CPR, fire extinguishers, security, an AED and all training needed. Pastor Mathey will sit with this committee and advise as needed. There was a second and motion carried.

The LWML offered to pay for the AED when one was found to fit the needs of a child and an adult.

New Business: There was none.

Motion was made to Adjourn and we closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Sharon Niemann, Recording Secretary



Teen Service Trip: On June 17th, 13 youth and two adult leaders, from Trinity Athens, Lillian Pehlke, Nick Pehlke, Colon Pehlke, Ben Hartwig and adult leader Dean Pehlke from St Johns, left Wisconsin heading towards Niagara Falls for a youth mission trip. They worked in conjunction with Youth Works, a youth organization that is nationwide. The theme this year was “You Are Here”. Every evening during club time they heard more about discovering the unique places, in the midst of all their experiences, gifts and relationships.

It's about taking hold of the opportunities God has given us here and to know our Creator and to love and serve others.

Niagara Falls had a boom in the mid-20th century, but as the industry left in the following 50 years, the population dropped from 102,000 to its current amount of less than 50,000. Now the city's main industry is tourism but it continues to struggle economically with high unemployment. The groups worked in different areas of town, helping individuals and communities with cleaning, painting, organizing, and yard work. They cleaned a lot of different stuff, sorted clothes, and helped prepare for the community BBQ hosted by the Salvation Army. Everyone was surprised at the people they came in contact with, people who had experienced hardship and were living monuments to God and his amazing power.

As the week went on, they were able to find purpose in the places they were in and hope and pray to continue seeing the light on the road ahead. Each day had a specific focus. Monday, you are here to Love. Tuesday, you are here to Share. Wednesday, you are here to Unite. Thursday, you are here To Go.

During the weeklong mission trip they were in a spot that prioritized service, community, and love. And they realize that going home doesn't need to take them away from that place. Wherever they go, they are still “Here”-in the midst of opportunities to follow Jesus and care for others. So, whatever “Here” they find themselves in, they are able to remember:

You are here to....

LOVE, when we lean into God's love our capacity to love others increases.



SHARE, God shares good things with us so we can share them with others.

UNITE, God made us to stand out so we could better team up.

GO, where we are is a launchpad for where God is inviting us to go.

The group returned to Wisconsin on Saturday, July 24 via the SS Badger ferry across Lake Michigan. Everyone was tired out and ready to go home.



Youth NEWS

Calling all youth in grades 7-12!!
Youth group is starting up again!
All those who attend Bethlehem, St John,
friends, youth in the community are welcome to join us!

Kick off Fellowship Night

- * Sunday, Aug 27th
- * 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM
- * Pastor & Deb's House:
119417 Huckleberry Rd - Edgar
- * Food and A LOT of FUN!!

Youth Bible Class on Sunday Mornings!!

- St. John Youth Class
1st & 3rd Sunday's EVERY MONTH
In the Fireside Room
During the Sunday School time beginning at 9:00 AM
- Bethlehem Youth Class
2nd & 4th Sunday's EVERY MONTH
In the Balcony Classroom
During the Sunday School time beginning at 9:15 AM

**Any questions, suggestions, input, concerns?
Talk to Pastor or Deb. We want your input..... This is YOUR GROUP!!!**

SHHHHH!!! It's a SURPRISE!!

DON'T SAY ANYTHING TO PASTOR!!

WHAT: Pastor Mathey's 50th Surprise Party (his birthday is Sept 1st)
WHEN: Sunday, Sept. 3rd
3:00PM - 7:00PM
To be a part of the surprise arrive by 2:45PM
Where: Wien Town Hall
Corner of Cty Rd M & N just outside Edgar
224130 County Rd M
Edgar, WI 54426

RSVP to Deb by Sunday, Aug. 27th - Please call, text, email or FB messenger.

Deb's cell #: 715-216-6634 Deb's email: lcmsdcedeb@gmail.com

SURPRISE!!

REMEMBER—It's a SURPRISE!!! SHHHHH!

Happy Birthday

Happy Anniversary

Anderson, Colton	8/08	VanDerLeest, Pete	8/04
Gumz, DuWayne	8/08	Wussow, Bruce	8/06
McKee, Jason	8/08	Koepke, Tyler	8/07
Bender, Bayden	8/09	Schneider, Michael	8/08
Venzke, Dennis	8/15	Koch, Cade	8/08
Schreiber, Bailey	8/16	Schafer, Sandra	8/10
Kunze, Tammy	8/23	Mielke, Jill	8/14
Anderson, Haley	8/25	VanHoy, Mark	8/14
Geisking, Jeffrey	8/26	Mueller, Ross	8/18
Ballerstein, Lynn	8/27	Rohde, Mike	8/19
Schumacher Rosie	8/29	Schneider, Chris	8/20
VanLuven, Amber	8/29	Noller, Lexie	8/22
Sprotte, Wallace	8/31	Schafer, Maryn	8/25
		Diedrich, Phyllis	8/27
		Koch, Cale	8/27

Robert & Maria (Kena) Strack	8/05
Cory & Amy Broeske	8/09
DuWayne & Susan Gumz	8/16
Jason & Tammi McKee	8/17
Ray & Samantha Yessa	8/24
James & Judy Ulrick	8/06
George & Char Murkowski	8/11
Peter & Lisa Kroening	8/12
Pete & Tricia VanDerLeest	8/20



Thank You from the Family of
Virgene (Bibbles) Martens

Thank you so very much for all the visits over the years by Pastor, elders, Lloyd & Mary Schultz, Carolers, ect. And for the mail from the Sunday School sent to her.

Thank you Pastor for the wonderful service, the singing was so beautiful, and thank you to the Ladies for the service at the lunch.

St. John will always be part of our lives.

We would like the memorial money to go towards the Steeple project.



St. John Sunday School Rally Day Sept. 10th Parents, Grandparents and students! 9:15 A.M. Installation of staff will be during the Divine Service. See you there!



NEW SAFETY AND CARE COMMITTEE

Please consider attending an introductory meeting on **Tuesday, August 15 at 7:00pm**. The Elders are looking for volunteers that would consider joining a planning committee covering such topics as worship service protection, first aid preparation, and community disaster relief.

This committee will be brainstorming, organizing and supervising various policies and actions in preparation for potential emergency situations that may develop

We would like to discuss if and what preparations should be made for events like an attack on a worship service, a health emergency during church activities, and response to a local community disaster like a fire or flood (LERT). First aid, CPR, and AED training; locking building doors during services; and storage of bedding, clothes, food, and hygiene items may become part of our discussions. This committee may then supervise action subcommittees specializing in an individual area.

If you have an interest and/or experience in any of these response areas, please join us.

In Christ
Stephan Schneider, Elder



Lutheran Hour Sermon Schedule

August 6

"Who is Jesus?"

Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: [Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus](#)

Jesus never needed to take a poll to figure out who He was or what He should do. (Matthew 16:13b-16)

August 20

"The Latest Polls"

Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: [Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus](#)

What people think about something--that's a poll. What that something actually is--that's the truth. (Matthew 21:8-11 and Luke 23:23-25)

August 13

"How Well Does Jesus Know Me?"

Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: [Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus](#)

The God who knows everything about you is also the God of grace who forgives on account of Christ. (John 1: 48-51)

August 27

"Raising the Praise"

Guest Speaker: [Rev. Dr. John Nunes](#)

Every day and everywhere they go, the followers of Jesus bring the "echo" of Easter with them. (1 Peter 1:3)

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They have a list of archived programs listed on the site.

Station City, State Freq. Day Time

WDLB	Marshfield, WI	1450 AM	Sun	8:00am
WRVM	Marshfield, WI	91.3 FM	Sun	10:00am
WRVM	Medford, WI	98.7 FM	Sun	10:00am
WRVM	Wausau, WI	101.3 FM	Sun	10:00am
WSAU	Wausau, WI	550 AM	Sun	8:30am
WSAU	Wausau, WI	99.9 FM	Sun	8:30am
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