

The Dual-Parish

Message from Pastor

FROM THE PASTOR'S STUDY

As the month of June arrives here in Central Wisconsin, the Christian Church looks forward to a number of special Festivals on its calendar. The first to arrive is the annual celebration of The Holy Trinity. On that day we confess boldly and clearly who it is that we gather to worship every week, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. In spite of what many want to claim, this is not the same God of Muslim or Jewish people because they don't acknowledge a Triune God who is at the same time three persons but one God. Who is "one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity" as the ancient Athanasian Creed confesses.

There are other special Festivals that occur in June, including the Nativity of John the Baptist, but one festival in particular is important to us as Lutherans and that is celebrated on June 25th each year. That day is the anniversary of The Presentation of the Augsburg Confession, one of the key documents that serves as the foundation to what is now called the Lutheran Church. It was presented to Emperor Charles V of the Holy Roman Empire at the Diet of Augsburg on June 25, 1530.

The Presentation of the Augsburg Confession is an event that is as important to Lutherans as the day that Luther posted his 95 Theses. It was a decisive moment in the general history of Christianity. Ever since Luther's bold stand at the Diet of Worms with his declaration of "Here I Stand," those who sided with Luther had grown considerably in numbers. The Emperor had persistently tried to eliminate the religious controversies in his territories because it was believed that religious unity had a direct impact on a nation's unity, and that if one was in question so was the other. Charles needed his territories to be unified as the Turkish Empire threatened invasion on his eastern borders, and the pope could possibly make an alliance with France on his western borders. With these threats on either side, Charles needed to restore peace and order between the two religious factions within his empire.

As the Lutheran party arrived in the city of Augsburg prepared to make a case for the changes that they had made in a number of ceremonies, they discovered that a massive misinformation campaign had been started against them accusing them of nearly every ancient heresy that Christianity had ever condemned. It quickly became clear to them that they would have to show in a plain and clear way that they were holding to the same Christian and apostolic faith that the Christian Church had always confessed. This enormous task was given to Philip Melancthon, Luther's close friend, colleague, and assistant, and he carried it out under great pressure and in an incredibly short amount of time. The entire confession concludes with this bold assertion, "In doctrine and ceremonies we have received nothing contrary to the Scriptures or the Church universal. It is clear that we have been very careful to make sure no new ungodly doctrine creeps into our churches."

So on June 25, 1530, courageous Lutheran laymen confessed their faith and told the emperor and the Roman Church what they believed, taught, and confessed. To be a Lutheran Christian remains to this day to be a confessor of The Augsburg Confession. It was presented as a statement of biblical truth, and a proposal for true unity that the writers desired in the Christian faith. It has never been withdrawn. – *Until next time, - Pr. M.*



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

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Tues. 9am-5pm

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Lutheran Church

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Sun. Worship at 10:30 a.m.

Sun. Bible Study at 11:45am

Pastor: Rev. Michael Mathey

Pastors Office Hours: M, W, T, F:

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Dual Parish Website:

www.Stjbeth.org

REGISTER CHILDREN For St, John VBS

Water, water, everywhere... Join us for “**River of Life**” this year’s Vacation Bible School. Come learn more about the deeper theme that unites the five bible stories: water and God’s plan for your salvation! This VBS also takes you around the world to witness how Christ, the Living Water, is being proclaimed to people in lands thirsty for the Gospel. You’ll visit the Caribbean, the Baltics, Russia, Africa and Asia in only five days! Passports, postcards and “art”ifacts bring this worldwide travel experience to life.

Registration is open for ages 3 through those going into 6th grade, who will attend VBS from July 24 thru July 28th, 9:00 am - noon. We are very flexible with student ages, older children are welcome as VBS students or as VBS youth volunteers. Come along with us as we sing songs, do crazy crafts, eat yummy snacks, play awesome games, and travel worldwide. Join us! Cannot wait to see you there! To register, give a registration form to the church office, or email secretary@stjbeth.org.

RECRUIT VOLUNTEERS

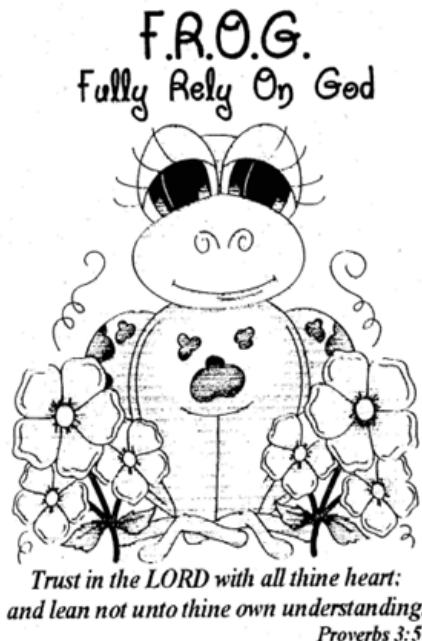
We are getting ready for a great VBS!



Would you prayerfully consider serving at VBS? If you can help full or part time, we have many ways to be involved to suit your schedule and interests. Call Traci Pehlke at 715-352-2269, or email traci.p@pca-it.com for more information.

CONGREGATION SUPPORT

We appreciate your prayers for *The River of Life VBS*, being held on July 24-28th. Ask God to bring children to our program so they can know and grow in Jesus, our Savior! Ask God to provide leaders and helpers for this important mission.



Bethlehem VBS July 11th

Mark your calendar- Vacation Bible School will be July 10th & July 11th –from 4:30 -7:00 p.m. (a light lunch will be served at 4:30). Join us for the fun with Bible stories, crafts, music, games and other activities. This year’s theme is F.R.O.G. (Fully Rely On God). Everyone is welcome, including those who will be in 6th grade in the fall. Older children are welcome to be helpers. Bring a classmate, a neighbor, a friend.



Youth Group Mission Trip

iYouthWorks!

At St. John's we have 4 youth, Ben H, Lillian, Nicholas, and Colin, and 1 adult, Dean Pehlke, that will be going with Trinity Athens's Youth Group to Niagara Falls, NY this June on a mission trip. Leaving Athens on Saturday, June 17th at 8:00 AM, they will be heading to Tallmadge Lutheran Church in Tallmadge, OH. There they will visit Pastor Andy's church, sleeping overnight, and attending Sunday morning worship. After that, they will be back on the road to Niagara Falls, arriving at the Youth Works site on Sunday afternoon. They will be working throughout the week departing Niagara Falls, Friday and returning back to Athens on Saturday June 24th.

The group will come alongside existing organizations to meet ongoing needs through food and clothing distribution, home repair projects, community beautification projects, and youth programming at a local community center. After the service day, you'll learn more about the community by participating in Evening Activities where you'll experience some of the hardships of those living in poverty, visit the beauty of the Falls and share a time of fellowship with partners and community members. YouthWorks has been serving in Niagara Falls since 2003.



When: Wednesday, August 23rd

Game Time: 1: 0pm Brewers vs Twins

Where: Milwaukee

Cost: \$75 to reserve your spot.

Price includes ticket, charter bus, and a sack lunch. We will be stopping to eat on the way home and that is not included in price. It is at your expense.

Contact and pay: Stacey VanHoy @ stacey61917@yahoo.com or 715-506-0207 to reserve your spot. St. John/Bethlehem have first option to reserve . We have opened up the trip to the public.



Lutheran Women's Missionary League

Fund Raiser

Cenex Gas Station, State Hwy 13,

Dorchester, WI

Friday, July 14, 2023

Serving: 10:30am to 4pm

Menu:

Brats & Hot dogs or Brat & Hot Dog Plate with Chips, pickle.

Luscious Homemade Pies, and Baked Goods.

We are looking for donations of homemade pies, or baked goods. Contact Sharon Niemann



LWML Plant Sale: Thank you to everyone who supported the LWML plant sale in May. For missions we gathered over \$1830. Perennials, books, puzzles, and trees were all blessings shared throughout the community.



Kramp, Isabelle 6/01
 Hamann, Mary 6/02
 Schneider, Marion 6/03
 Morien, Mae 6/08
 Mueller, Linda 6/13
 Hartwig, Larry 6/15
 Karl, Sue 6/17
 Rodman, Blain 6/17
 Szymanski, Sharon 6/22
 Thompson, Natalie 6/22
 Wendtland, Madilyn 6/23
 Werner, Jeff 6/23
 Telschow, Katie 6/26
 Pehlke, Traci 6/29
 Wolff, Albert 6/30

 Buss, Warren 6/04
 Johnson, Madalynn 6/04
 Ploeckelman, Dale 6/05
 Johnson, Braiden 6/06
 Kilty, Cheyanne 6/06
 Venzke, Dolores 6/06
 Kirchner, Aaron 6/15
 Marier, Joseph 6/19
 Sprotte, Nathan 6/20
 Niemi, Richard 6/23
 Westphal, Nancy 6/26
 Denzin, Geanna 6/30

Koch, Timothy 7/03
 Pehlke, Dean 7/11
 Schulz, Emily 7/11
 Weiler, Jamie 7/13
 Wendtland, Gary 7/14
 Telschow, David 7/17
 Karl, Stephanie 7/18
 VanDerLeest, Trich 7/24
 Harwig, Tabitha 7/25

 Schwarting, Kara 7/02
 Gumz, Aaron 7/06
 Schmitt, Hannah 7/09
 Kosik, Beth 7/10
 Carlson, Raymond 7/16
 Denzine, Robert 7/19
 Bender, Treyslyn 7/25
 Orth, Debbie 7/25

Michael & Marilee Neumann 6/05
 Roger & Judy Empey 6/07
 Aaron & Christina Kirchner 6/12
 Thomas & Cynthia Graun 6/12
 Thomas & Dolores Venzke 6/15
 Phil & Tammy Kunze 6/25
 Bradley & Ashley Thielman 6/27

 Ron & Carolyn Hahn 6/05
 Dean & Traci Pehlke 6/07
 John & Sandra Schafer 6/08
 Brad & Sandra Wendtland 6/11
 Aaron & Karissa Niemann 6/14
 Mark & Stacey VanHoy 6/20

 Joshua & Erin Bernt 7/07
 Galen & Marlene Schreiber 7/22
 Virgil & Brigette Underwood 7/26

Gary, Val Wendtland 7/10
 Randy & Darla Syring 7/27
 Verne & Dawn Mortvedt Jr. 7/28





Lutheran Hour Sermon Schedule

June 4

"It's All Good--Even When It's Not"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. John Nunes

The key to growing closer to others is by growing closer to God.

(Genesis 1)

June 11

"Strength Out of Weakness"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

The human 'heroes' of the Bible are normal people, deeply flawed and dearly loved by the God Who made them.

(Judges 6:14-16)

June 18

"Just Around the Corner"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Dr. Michael Zeigler discovers a place where God's love is being poured, just around the corner.

(Romans 5:1-11)

June 25

"Tears, Fires, and a Song"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dean Nadasdy

Despite their tears, prophetic Christians are on fire with the Word of God and always have a song to sing. We embody both the deep sadness and the unrelenting commitment of the God we serve, and we never lack a reason for praise.

(Jeremiah 20:7-13)

Lutheran Hour Radio Broadcasts

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In this time of uncertainty, don't find yourself feeling isolated. HE is always with you! Discover FREE resources for your entire household and continue enriching your faith even when we can't gather together. Visit lhm.org/covid-19 and explore all of the ways you can hear God's Word, equip yourself in outreach, and provide Gospel-centered activities for the kids!

Internet Resources:

Worship Anew is an online ministry put out by Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne available to view on the Internet. The current week's program can be found on their homepage at Worshipanew.org/program.

Moments of Comfort is an online video ministry of Worship Anew which speaks to the sufferings we face in this life with the comforting message of God's Word.

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
WAXX	Altoona, WI	104.5 FM	Sun	6:30am

You can also go on line at www...lhm.org or download the free App @ LHM.ORG/APPS



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The program features expert guests, expansive topics, while extolling Christ. The program is hosted by Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod Pastor Todd Wilken and produced by Jeff Schwarz.

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