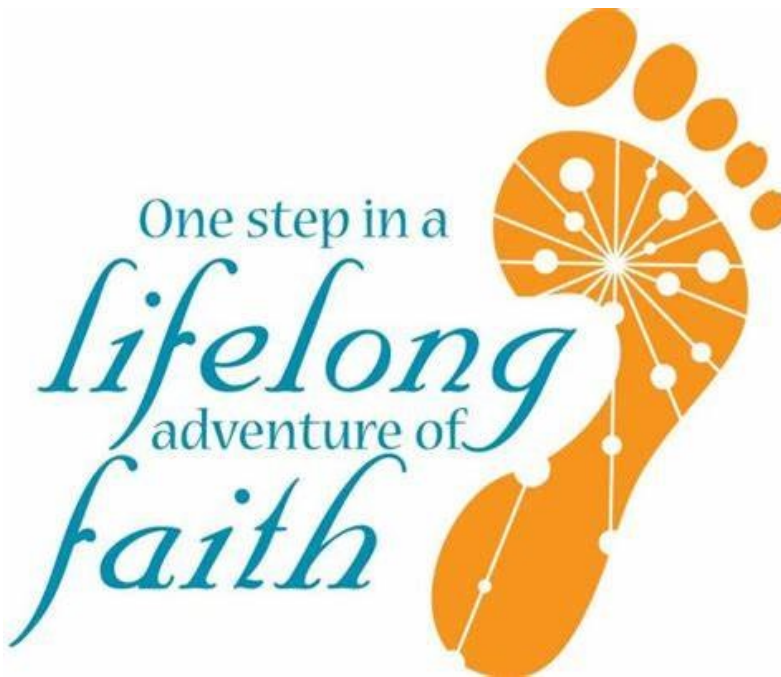




The Dual-Parish Review

Confirmation Class



Bethlehem -St. John Confirmation classes

will be at Trinity Lutheran starting Wednesday,
September 1 - at 6:00pm.

Pastor Schwalenberg would like to meet with all the
parents on Wednesday, September 1 at 7:30pm at
Bethlehem.



2021

Bethlehem

Lutheran Church

233500 County Road E
Milan, Wisconsin 54411
Sunday Worship at 8:00 a.m.
Office Secretary Email:
secretary@stjbeth.org

**St. John "High Steeple"
Lutheran Church**

119415 Huckleberry Road
Edgar, Wisconsin 54426
Sunday Worship at 10:30 a.m.
*Sec. Office Hours: M, T, W, F,
1pm to 4pm*
Dual Parish Office:
715-352-2888
Office Secretary Email:
secretary@stjbethstj.org
Dual Parish Website:
wwwstjbeth.org

St. John Church Council Minutes

August 10, 2021

Present were Stephan and Cathy Schneider, Doug Brown, Melvin Niemann, Kay Christiansen, Jeff Werner, Pastor Giebel, and Sharon Niemann. Doug Brown opened with prayer.

Past meeting minutes were approved.

Pastor Giebel reported that all was going well. He will be using Devine Service 4 on occasion.

Elders reported that we have gone back to the former style of communion and full tables with kneeling welcomed will continue. A third microphone is being checked out for the alter area to improve the sound for our services.

Outreach reported that a blood drive is coming up in October. The church sign wanted for the corner of Huckleberry and 97 now has the signed permission of the land owner and the office of planning and zoning is insisting on a formal survey of the sign location. A motion was made and seconded that we go ahead with the survey.

The banners used in parades for our church and the VBS are both out of date. A motion was made and seconded to have both replaced now so we are ready to go with new ones that can be used for upcoming parades.

Treasures report continues to show positive numbers and we need to maintain that in order to prepare for moving costs for a new pastor.

Finance committee still is in need of two counters.

Trustees had no report. The parish hall floor is being refinished this week. The LED bulbs are being installed throughout all the building and some insulation is being added to the canister light areas.

Cemetery reports that it is too wet to do anything at this time.

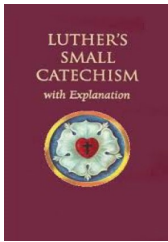
Motion was made and seconded to approve all reports.

Old business was that we need to move into budget meetings to include the known expenses and estimate those unknown at this time.

No new business. & Meeting was adjourned. Pastor closed with Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Niemann, Recording Secretary



Sacrament of Baptism

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism: The First Part

What is Baptism?

Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God's command and combined with God's word.

Which is that word of God?

Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."
Matthew 18:19

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism: The Second Part

What benefits does Baptism give?

It works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare.

Which are these words and promises of God?

Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Mark: "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned."
Mark 16:16

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism: The Third Part

How can water do such great things?

Certainly not just water, but the word of God in and with the water does these things, along with the faith which trusts this word of God in the water. For without God's word the water is plain water and no Baptism. But with the word of God it is a Baptism, that is, a life giving water, rich in grace, and a washing of the rebirth in the Holy Spirit, as St. Paul says in Titus, chapter three:

"He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by His grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. This is a trustworthy saying."
Titus 3:5-8

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism: The Fourth Part

What does such baptizing with water indicate?

It indicates that the Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new man should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.

Where is this written?

St. Paul writes in Romans chapter six: "We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life."
Romans 6:4

Agnus Day by James Wetzstein



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Bethlehem

Birthdays

Buss, Shirley	9/01
Johnson, James	9/01
Graun, Cynthia	9/05
Freimund, James	9/06
Weiler, Brenda	9/06
Wittlinger, Judith	9/06
Yessa, Madelyn	9/07
Kosik, Aleah	9/06
Wittlinger, Verlyn	9/16
Kosik, Aleah	9/16
Thomas, Lane	9/18
Thurman, Beth	9/21
VanLuven, Ashley	9/21
Carlson, Lydia	9/24
Schafer, Loretta	9/24
Underwood, Brigette	9/24
Kilty, Carston	9/25
Kirchner, Wyatt	9/26
Kunze, Philip	9/26
Parker, Deana	9/27

Anniversaries

Adam & Marya Viegut	9/06
Randy & Christina Cook	9/13
Bart & Brittany Schreiber	9/22
Joseph & Gloria Cornelius	9/25
Dale & Nancy Ploeckelman	9/25

St. John

Birthdays

Ballerstein, Roger	9/01
Niemann, Melvin	9/02
Schulz, Kay	9/06
Wussow, Doris	9/07
Callies, Carrie	9/09
Ellis, Lincoln	9/10
Syring, Benjamin	9/12
Kunkel, Kent	9/13
Held, Chase	9/17
Hahn, Carolyn	9/19
Ballerstein, Sharon	9/20
Wendtland, Spencer	9/20
Pehlke, Colin	9/26
Punke, Dennis	9/26
Niemann, Sharon	9/28
Streit, Walter	9/28
Wendtland, Sandra	9/29
Niemann, Kaysley	9/30

Anniversaries

Jim & Dorinda Durkee	9/02
Alan & Nancy Witucki	9/03
Dale & Sue Karl	9/09
Daniel & Jill Koerner	9/10
Bill & Marge Streit	9/13
Edward & Jill Mielke	9/15
Roger & Phyllis Spindler	9/15
Neal & Anna Koepke	9/16

Baptism

Welcome - Carson Michael VanHoy

Date of Birth: April 19, 2021

Date Of Baptism: August, 15, 2021

Parents: Mark, Stacey VanHoy

Sponsors: Bruce Brown, Emma Brown,
Beverly Schwantes

Church News

All

The Call Committee has received the names and information on the Pastors willing to accept a call. There are ten Pastors on the list. Everyone can come to the office and look over the information if you wish. You cannot take them out of the church.

If you would like to arrange a time to view them call Sharon at the church office 715-352-2888 . Secretary hours are Mon, Tue, Wed, and Fri from 1am to 4pm.

Bethlehem

Bethlehem Vacation Bible School 2021: Our Vacation Bible School included the participation of 28-30 children and teen helpers, not only from our congregation but friends & relatives from the community & neighboring churches. We were also blessed with many adult volunteers. The time included a Bible lesson, a snack (many thanks to Doreen), a craft, games & activities & we all sang lots of children's Bible songs. It was exciting to share God's message of love with the children. Thank you to everyone who played a part in making our VBS 2021 such a success!

BETHLEHEM SUNDAY SCHOOL START UP INSTALLATION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL STAFF

~September 19th, 1st day of Sunday School - opening for all children @ front of church immediately after service- then to assigned classroom (snacks in classroom)

~September 19th, Installation of all Sunday School Staff (this includes substitute teachers & helpers)

Looking forward to a faith-filled Sunday School year for 2021-22!!!!

St. John

St. John Sunday School Staff Installation : Sunday School Staff will be installed at St. John on Sunday, Sept. 12th. Sunday School will begin on Sept 19th

St. John Sunday School: Sunday School starts on Sunday September 19th at 9:15am

LWML Brat Fry and Pie Sale Fundraiser: A Big Thank You goes out to everyone who worked for the LWML fundraiser in July. We did the Friday Brat and pie sale together with Zone 4, Gathered together 45 pies, plus muffins, and quick breads. Pies were sold as individual pieces and as whole pies. Then, we sold Hot Dogs and Brats right off the grill. It was at the Cenex on the corner of Hwy 13 and Hwy A from 10am - 4pm. After expenses we cleared \$2085. These profits go to fund the mission activities of the 2023 convention in Milwaukee. We thank the Lord for blessing this event with the cooperation of such amazing bakers and workers from more than 10 churches.



Lutheran Hour Sermon Schedule

September 5

"Living, Mighty, Active Faith"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

An elephant is a living, mighty, active thing. So is the faith of Jesus. (Isaiah 35:4-7)

September 12

"Who is my Neighbor?"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

We can't build a more hopeful neighborhood if we don't know who our neighbors are and we go out of our way to avoid them.

Luke 10:25-37)

September 19

"Scrapped Gifts"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

God saves our scraps and regifts them with Easter possibility.

(James 1)

September 26

"Seek the Welfare of the Neighborhood"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Jason Broge

We can start to make the world a better place by seeking the welfare of the neighborhoods into which God has placed us. (Jeremiah 29)

Lutheran Hour Radio Broadcasts

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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
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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

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Immediately after service. Installation of Sunday School Staff including help-
ers will be during service on the 19th.



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