



The Dual-Parish Review

We welcome our new Pastor Pastor Michael J. Mathey

A little bit about our new Pastor and his family



Pastor Michael (Mike) Mathey was born and raised in the south suburbs of Chicago where he attended Lutheran schools beginning in the third grade. In 1996 he graduated from Concordia University in River Forest, IL., and began serving in the LCMS as Director of Christian Education in Minnesota's Twin Cities. It was there that the Lord brought Debra (Deb) into his life, and they were married in the Spring of 1999. Not long after they were married, Mike began his studies for the Office of Holy Ministry at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis. He graduated in 2005, and was ordained on August 27th that same year. While serving at his first Call in Dexter, Missouri, the Lord blessed them with the gift of a son, Timothy in 2006. In 2009, the family moved to Pickerel, Wisconsin where they lived for 8 years, adding Kelly to their family in 2010. They have been living in Marinette, Wisconsin since 2017. Mike enjoys time with his family, traveling, movies and books, singing, watching hockey and football and playing games.



"We all belong, first and foremost, to God. His creative and redemptive acts bring value and meaning to our lives. Because we belong to Him, He provides all we need. Our lives also belong to each other, and because we are connected through the body of Christ, we are not alone. We are necessary to each other as we serve through our vocations." *Michelle Bauman, director of Y4Life – A Life*
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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@stjbeth.org
Dual Parish Website:
www.stjbeth.org

St. John Church Council

August 9th 2022

The meeting was called to order by Doug Brown and opened with prayer. Attending were Doug Brown, Cathy & Stephan Schneider, Jeff Werner, Kay Christiansen, Mel & Sharon Niemann.

Minutes were accepted, seconded and passed from the last meeting.

No elders report.

Outreach reported that St John blood drives will be Oct 21st 9am-1pm and Dec 28 9am -1pm.

The LCMS cross will be added to the directional sign. The major work will look much like our banner that we just had done for the June parade.

The Board of Education sent word to Doug that installation of the Sunday School staff will be on September 11th and the first day of Sunday School will be on the 18th.

The treasurer's report showed a light total offering for the month of July. We need to step up our offerings to get the monthly total amount needed to cover the expenses we will have soon with a full staff.

Trustees sent word that during VBS, Dean Pehlke flew his drone around the church steeple. He saw bubbles on the caulk and we may have new leaks. We recommended that someone like Kulp of Stratford or someone else locally be asked to go up and give us a professional opinion.

The parsonage windows are being repaired. Sacristy work is being continued.

All reports were accepted and approved.

No old business.

New business. Pastor Mathey requested a laptop computer. It would cost \$975. We approved our share.

October 1st annual harvest dinner was discussed. Additional sign-up jobs are being put out Sunday to determine the availability of workers. We suggested the pole of the meat choice between beef and ham.

October 9th is the LLL meeting here at St John at 1pm. It will begin with a potluck luncheon and then have a hymn sing event.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Sharon Niemann

Recording Secretary

STJ Vacation Bible School 2022

God's Wonder Lab



Where Jesus does the impossible!

Vacation Bible School was held at St John July 25 -29. And we explored God's Wonders, The miracles Jesus did, The beautiful world he created and the marching orders that we have to go now and tell of His saving love.

24 students gathered each morning, about half of them non-members, for Bible Stories, Bible challenge, games, snacks, and music. We had a drone come over and take our VBS group picture, very exciting! Our mission for 2022 was the Lutheran Heritage Foundation, providing catechisms in their own language, to the Ukrainian refugees. Thanks everyone for all your time, work, joy, and love,
Traci Pehlke
VBS Director

Martha Mission 2022



During Bible challenge, we learned about our world. Some fun we can have with God's created things. Quiet explosions in a jar, 2 teams of kids,(one teacher and a rope) can't pull the team closer; oil and alkaselzer and water, the Bible verses, hidden in plain sight.... Then, we learned about Lutheran Church in the Ukraine. They also us display Luther's seal but it is just a little different to what we are used to seeing. Check out the VBS display in the carport entrance.

The most profound moment for me was in the day before VBS began and our congregation voted to support VBS with a cash donation of \$500 toward the Lutheran Heritage Foundation to sponsor the VBS mission project. This year it was Luther's small Catechism for the refugees from the Ukraine. Then, on the last day, an anonymous envelope marked "VBS catechisms for Ukraine", was found taped to the church door. Inside was cash in the amount of \$360. We had never had that happen before. Our offerings were very generous throughout the week and we were well blessed. Never did we imagine that by the end of July we were able to send the Lutheran Heritage Foundation a total of \$2404. That will pay for 240 Luther's Small Catechism books. I was told once; **"You Can't Outgive God"** and, now look, what He has done. We pray that these will be a blessing to the hurting people from the Ukraine.

Bethlehem-Vacation Bible School 2022



'Hooked on Life—Fishing for Jesus'.

VBS was held on the week of July 11th with an average of 22 children attending. The theme centered around Matthew 4:19, 'Follow Me and I will make you fishers of men.'

Fishing for Jesus





L.L.L. Circuit 10 will sponsor a Hymn Sing on October 9th from 2pm to 3pm at St. John. There will be a potluck at 1:00 pm, and a short business meeting. Come at 1:00 or come at 2 for singing.

Mae Morien has moved to Three Oaks for Rehab the address is:

Mae Morien Room W-142

Three Oaks Health Services

209 Wilderness View Dr.

Marshfield, WI 5444

Phone number is 715-389-6079 visitors welcome

St. John's Sponsorship for "The Lutheran Hour" has been rescheduled for October 28th.

Two by Four Quilt Club, (Arabella, Sharon, Gerry, and Elvira) sew year round for Orphan Grain Train. 72 more quilts got delivered to St Mark's in Wausau on August 17th. St Mark's is a packing station for the Orphan Grain Train. Quilters make connections throughout our district.

Harvest Dinner: The votes are in and counted St. John will stay with the beef dinner this year. And thanks for all of those who signed up for work so far. But we are still in need of a few more people in order to make the dinner happen.

LWML had a brat and pie sale at Dorchester Corners together with several other societies in Central Wisconsin. Bethlehem, Trinity of Athens and our own St Johns did an outstanding job of baking pies for this event on July 29. We did this for missions just for the North Wisconsin District and cleared \$2000.50. God is so good. Many thanks to all who helped with this event. We are starting to be known as "the Lutheran Women who really know how to bake."



Bethlehem Sunday School:

-September 11th (9:15a to 10a) Start Up

-September 19th - Sunday School Staff installation

St. John Sunday School:

Installation of Sunday School Staff - September 11th

Sunday School Starting - September 18th 9:15am



Save the Dates: St John blood drives will be October 21st from 9am-1pm and December 28th from 9am -1pm.

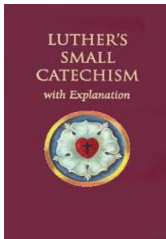
North Wisconsin District Adult Gathering.



Make plans now to attend the NWD Adult Gathering on Tuesday, October 18, 2022 at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, Weston. Registration morning refreshments begin at 9:30 a.m. with the program from 10:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. A catered lunch will be served at noon. Devotions will be led by Rev. Dr. Dwayne Lueck, president of the North Wisconsin District. Keynote speaker, Rev. Dr. Dale Meyer, president emeritus and professor emeritus of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, will share the message "Yet to Come the Mystic Close". Cost is \$30 which includes morning refreshments, program & lunch. Registration deadline is October 10th. An offering will be collected at the event to support the Labor of Love Million Dollar Campaign, which will help eliminate the educational debt of called church workers in the North WI District (more details are included in the brochure). Registration forms are available in the narthex and on the NWD homepage at www.nwdlcms.org under 'Events and Info'

- Keynote Speaker - Rev. Dr. Dale Meyer, president emeritus and professor emeritus of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis.
- Devotion Leader - Rev. Dr. Dwayne Lueck, president of the North Wisconsin District
- Information will be shared regarding the offering designation which will support the Labor of Love Million Dollar Campaign to help eliminate the educational debt of called church workers in the North WI District (more details are included in the brochure).

Brochures on the event and Registration forms are available in the Church office



The Lords Prayer

The Lord's Prayer: The Seventh Petition
But deliver us from _____.

What does this mean?

We pray in this petition, in summary, that our Father in heaven would _____ us from every evil of body and soul, possessions and reputation, and finally, when our last our comes, give us a blessed end, and graciously take us from this valley of sorrow to Himself in heaven.

The Lord's Prayer: The Conclusion

For thine is the _____ and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

What does this mean?

This means that I should be certain that these petitions are _____ to our Father in heaven, and are heard by Him; for He Himself has commanded us to pray in this way and had promised to hear us. Amen, amen means "yes, yes, it shall be so."

Agnus Day by James Wetzstein

HYPOTHETICALLY. DO YOU THINK THAT SHEPHERDS ACTUALLY DO THAT? LEAVE ALL THEIR SHEEP JUST TO FIND **ONE**? THAT SEEMS **IRRESPONSIBLE!**

MAYBE IT IS. BUT THE GOOD SHEPHERD ALWAYS SEEKS YOU.

OH, THAT'S NOT **NECESSARY!** I WAS JUST ASKING FOR A FRIEND!



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LUKE 15:1-10

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Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." So he told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. "Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents." —



Birthdays

Pastor Mathey	9/01	Pastor Mathey	9/01
Ballerstein, Roger	9/01	Buss, Shirley	9/01
Niemann, Melvin	9/02	Johnson, James	9/01
Schulz, Kay	9/06	Graun, Cynthia	9/05
Wussow, Doris	9/07	Freimund, James	9/06
Callies, Carrie	9/09	Weiler, Brenda	9/06
Syring, Benjamin	9/12	Wittlinger, Judith	9/06
Kunkel, Kent	9/13	Yessa, Madelyn	9/07
Hahn, Carolyn	9/19	Wittlinger, Verlyn	9/16
Held, Chayse	9/17	Kosik, Aleah	9/16
Ballerstein, Sharon	9/20	Thomas, Lane	9/18
Wendtland, Spencer	9/20	Thurman, Beth	9/21
Pehlke, Colin	9/26	Kunze, Ashley	9/21
Punke, Dennis	9/26	Carlson, Lydia	9/24
Niemann, Sharon	9/28	Schafer, Loretta	9/24
Streit, Walter	9/28	Underwood, Brigitte	9/24
Wendtland, Sandra	9/29	Kilty, Carston	9/25
Niemann, Kaysley	9/30	Kirchner, Wyatt	9/26
		Kunze, Philip	9/26
		Parker, Deana	9/27

Anniversaries

Adam & Marya Viegut	9/6
Randy & Christina Cook	9/13
Bart & Brittany Schreiber	9/22
Joe & Gloria Cornelius	9/25
Dale & Nancy Ploeckelman	9/25
James & 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

BETHLEHEM GREETERS SCHEDULE

Acolyte and Greeter Schedule for September

Month/Date	Acolyte	Greeter
September 4th	Evan Strack	Dick, Lois Niemi
September 11th	Braxton Kilty	Loretta Schafer, Natatasha Cornelius
September 18th	Isaac Kosik	Lori, Alan Schmitt
September 25th	Caelynn Cook	Bart, Brittany Schreiber & Family

If you are unable to do your duty for the week you are scheduled, please find an alternate to fill in for you or switch dates with someone. Thank You



Lutheran Hour Sermon Schedule

September 4

"Count the Cost"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
Jesus offers a gracious buyout, even as He speaks of counting the cost of following Him.
(Luke 14:25-35)

September 11

"Lost and Found"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
When Jesus told stories about lost sheep and lost coins, He was really talking about lost people.
(Luke 15:1-10)

September 18

"Fresh Start"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
(Luke 16:9)

September 25

"Take This Personally"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
(Luke 16:19-31)

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!

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

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.



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