



The Dual-Parish Review

Made For Life

by Pastor Michael Salemink

You and I are made for life, abundant and everlasting.

It seems rather important to distinguish between living and not.

It also seems quite instinctive and simple. Kindergartners can typically tell the difference. But we age, and confusion sets in: Medical experts disagree about whether an embryo or an incapacitated hospital patient qualifies as alive, at least alive yet or alive anymore.

Biological science has long since settled on consensus criteria. When an entity undergoes respiration, metabolizes energy from nutrients, grows and reproduces, and adapts to the environment, we categorize this as life. (The embryos and patients obviously constitute living human beings.)

Christian truth and faith understand it even better.

“In him [the Word made flesh] was life, and the life was the light of men” (John 1:4).

“Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life’” (John 14:6).

“Because I live, you also will live” (John 14:19).

“Your life is hidden with Christ in God” (Colossians 3:3).

“It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me” (Galatians 2:20).

This definition sets humankind apart. This dimension distinguishes Adam’s and Eve’s race even from animals and plants. It categorizes us instead in connection to God. Life’s worth consists not in bodily attributes or abilities alone but in gracious relationship with Christ Jesus. The species He creates with His breath, redeems by His incarnation, and calls into His family shares His life with a nature and to a degree that the other creatures do not.

Life—real life and full life—has as its purpose more than merely thinking and feeling or choosing and doing. It means receiving from the Almighty Maker, rejoicing in the Heavenly Father, and reigning with the Lord and Savior.

You and I are made for life, abundant and everlasting. And this Gospel is made for all our neighbors, every genetic member of humanity.

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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.

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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, F:

9am to 5pm

Pastors Number:

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St. John Church Council

June 11, 2024

Present were Steve Schneider, Jeff Werner, Kay Christiansen, Linda Mueller, Dean Pehlke, Mel & Sharon Niemann, and Pastor Mathey.

Pastor Mathey opened with a prayer.

Minutes from the April meeting was not available.

Pastor noted that Rev. Owen would be doing the July 14th sermon. New member class will start in late summer.

Elders had no report.

Outreach reported that the Planning and Zoning had given us the ok for the sign as it is. Mel was asked to contact the town of Wein to cut down the tree and brush growing up in that ditch area.

Board of Ed asked to up the Camp Luther scholarship to \$100 per student. Also, they are asking that the High School scholarship now include Northland High School. For college scholarships for church workers, we are looking at \$500 per year or \$250 per semester for non-tuition expenses. Grade school scholarships are K – 8 \$300.

Treasurer's report showed all expenses are currently met. Motion was made to sent \$1000 to LERT's National Synod's fund since we have used no money since the fund was started. Seconded and passed. Motion was made to contact LCEF to start the process to borrow funds to finish the parsonage renovation. Seconded and passed. We hope to have the representative from LCEF at the next Quarterly meeting.

Finance Committee is doing fine.

Notes of work needing attention should be left in their mailbox in the Secretary's office.

Cemetery committee looked at 9 stones with the restoration part of Marshfield Monument Company. An estimate of the work will be coming soon. Motion was made to check for liability insurance on the cemetery. Seconded and passed. Linda will call Church Mutual.

All reports were approved.

Old business: none

New business: Nominees will be sought for the NWD District office of President next year. Here, in our congregation we will need a slate of officers as well. Treasurer, Finance Secretary, Elder, & Trustee.

Watch for a suggestion box to appear near the mail boxes. Your opinion matters. Only signed suggestion will be considered.

Next Meeting is July 9th.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.



Holidays, Observances & Awareness
JULY

Schwarting, Kara	7/02
Gumz, Aaron	7/06
Kosik, Beth	7/10
Carlson, Ray	7/16
Denzine, Robert	7/19
Krebsbach, Evan	7/24
Orth, Debbie	7/25
BenderTreyslyn,	7/25
Koch, Timothy	7/03
Pehlke, Dean	7/11
Schulz, Emily	7/11
Myszka Jayme	7/11
Weiler, Jamie	7/13
Wendtland, Gary	7/14
Telschow, David	7/17
Karl, Stephanie	7/18
VanDerLeest, Patricia	7/24
Hartwig, Tabitha	7/25
Krebsbach, Randall	7/27

- Just wing it” – **International Chicken Wing Day** (July 1st)
- “It’s our...” **World UFO Day** (July 2nd).
- “Fireworks (July 4th) “Let Freedom Ring!” – **Independence Day** (July 4th)
- **Tell the Truth Day** (July 7th
 “Chocolate makes everything better.” – **World Chocolate Day** (July 7th)
- “We’re not kitten around” – **National Kitten Day** (July 10th)
- “Pretty please, with cherries on top?” – **National Cherry Day** (July 16th)
- “Show us your ink!” – **National Tattoo Day** (July 17th)
- “We’re listening” – **World Listening Day** (July 18th) .
- “It’s okay, you can wine about how cheesy we are.” – **National Wine and Cheese Day** (July 25th)
- “Save for a rainy day” – **Rain Day** (July 29th) .



Joshua & Erin Bernt	7/07
Galen & Marlene Schreiber	7/22
Virgil & Brigitte Underwood	7/26
Gary & Val Wendtland	7/10
Randall & June Krebsbach	7/24
Verne & Dawn Mortvedt	7/28
Randy & Darla Syring	7/27
Todd & Tara Strack	7/27





Please join us on our
Jungle Journey with God Vacation

Bible School for kids ages 3 through 5th grade on July 8th and 9th from 4:30-7:00 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Milan. We will be exploring how we can be kind and caring towards others, just like elephants, as we hear the story of The Good Samaritan. We'll also explore how we can be patient like monkeys as we hear the story of Joshua. There will also be games, crafts and music and food will also be provided. A registration form is included that can be filled out ahead of time or you can register when you arrive. We hope you can join us on this exciting jungle journey!

St. John VBS 2024

REGISTER CHILDREN FOR VBS 2024

This year we are *Digging into the Apostles' Creed.*

We will be working on understanding Law and Gospel, Salvation, and the wonder of the Holy Trinity.

We will discuss how God claims us as His own children in Holy Baptism and that the catechism encourages us to remember our Baptism daily with the Word of God and the sign of the cross that the pastor made. We will hear about another baptism, the baptism of Jesus! And as we begin to dig in, we will look at the Trinity, God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit in our first lesson!

Registration is open for ages 3 through those going into 6th grade, who will attend VBS from July 22 through July 26th, 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 dig into the Apostles' Creed, sing songs, do creative crafts, eat scrumptious snacks, play group games, and fuel the faith of our younger generation. Join us! Cannot wait to see you there! To register, give a registration form to the church office, or email secretary@stjbeth.org. Traci Pehlke, VBS Director

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.

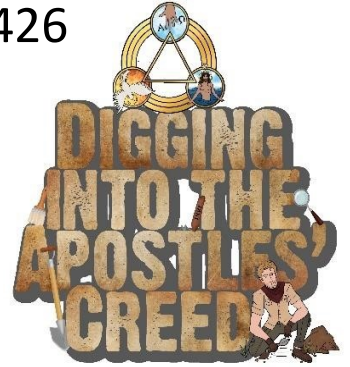
CONGREGATION SUPPORT

We appreciate your prayers for Digging into the Apostles' Creed VBS, being held on July 22-26th. 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.

St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church (High Steeple)

119415 Huckleberry St, Edgar, WI 54426

- VBS Registration Form -



Monday, July 22 – Friday, July 26, 2024 9:00am - 12:00pm

Kids ages 3 Years – going into 6th Grade

One Form Per Family

Name: First and Last

Birthdate

Age

Grade Completed

_____	___/___/___	___	___
_____	___/___/___	___	___
_____	___/___/___	___	___
_____	___/___/___	___	___

Parent/Guardians: _____

Complete Address: _____

Home/Cell Phone: (____) _____ Cell/Work Phone: (____) _____

Home Church: _____ -

Any Allergies Children Have: _____

Medical Issues/Special Needs: _____

Emergency Contact (Name, phone #): _____

Extra Information: _____

Medical Release: I give my permission for the VBS staff to administer basic first aid to my child(ren) (named above) in the event of an injury. I understand that the VBS staff will contact emergency services in the event of a significant injury and all expenses for such emergency services will be paid by me.

Photo Release: I hereby grant the above named church permission to copyright and use photographs/videos taken at VBS of the minor(s) designated above in any manner or form for any purpose lawful at any time. I waive any right that I may have to inspect or approve the finished product or written copy, that may be used in conjunction therewith, or the use to which it may be applied.

Permission to Attend: I give permission for my child(ren) (named above) to attend the Vacation Bible School (VBS) listed above.

Parent Signature

Date



Bethlehem Lutheran Church
Vacation Bible School
July 8 & 9, 2024

VBS REGISTRATION FORM (one per family)

(Please Print)

Parent/Guardian Names _____

Phone _____ Alternate Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Child's Name _____

Birth date ____/____/____ Age _____ Grade entering in the fall _____

Allergies and/or other special needs/conditions _____

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Who may pick up your child at the end of each VBS day?

Name _____ Relationship _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

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Schedule for July

Bethlehem

- July 7th Evan Strack
- July 14th Bailey Schreiber
- July 21st Isaac Kosik
- July 28th Kelly Mathey

St. John

- July 7th Ben Hartwig
- July 14th Delayna Noller
- July 21st Kelly Mathey
- July 28th Colin Pehlke

St. John VBS Mtg. on Sat. July 13 at 9:30am.

VBS staff and anyone else interested in helping out.

St. John Closing Program-Everyone is invited!

We will have our VBS closing on Friday, July 26 at 6:00 pm. The kids will share our message for the week, sing songs, and give a mission update. There will be a light lunch following the program. All are welcome! Plan on coming and seeing what all happened during the VBS week.

Dual Parish Service

St. John will be hosting the Dual Parish Service on Sunday August 11, 2024.

Watch for further information in the coming weeks.

AFTER EDEN by Dan Lietha



For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

2 Corinthians 5:21





Lutheran Hour Sermon Schedule

July 7

"My Pastor"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: [Rev. Zeigler](#)

Like sheep that need a shepherd, followers of Christ need pastors who will come looking for them when they stray.

(Acts 20:28)

July 14

"Words of Grace Build Us Up"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Daniel Paavola

The gracious words of God change our lives for the better, tell us of our inheritance, and remind us that we are part of a much larger family.

(Acts 20:32)

July 21

"Unhindered"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: [Rev. Dr. Zeigler](#)

Dr. Jeff Gibbs and podcaster Jessica Bordeleau join Dr. Michael Zeigler to talk about St. Paul's harrowing journey to Rome. (Acts 27 & 28)

July 28

"Thus and So Spoke the Girl from Israel"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: [Rev. Dr. MZeigler](#)

Jesus is making His people into a light for a world that's crying for help. He came to make God's light shine on us so that all people might see the face of God. (2 Kings 5:4)

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

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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