



# The Dual-Parish Review

## Message from Pastor

“It is a good thing to let prayer be the first business of the morning and the last at night. Guard yourself carefully against those false, deluding ideas which tell you, ‘Wait a little while. I will pray in an hour; first I must attend to this or that.’ Such thoughts get you away from prayer into other affairs which so hold your attention and involve you that nothing comes of prayer for that day.” – taken from “*A Simple Way to Pray*” by Martin Luther

As Christians we are called to pray. God wants it to be a regular part of our life with Him, so much so that He tells us in I Thessalonians 5:17 to “...pray without ceasing...” Prayer is both a command and a privilege for God’s children. Unfortunately, it is something that we sinful humans all too often fail at, just like with every other activity in our lives that would be God-pleasing. The cares and distractions of this world invade our time with the Lord all too easily. It’s for that reason that I often get asked about good resources to help people with their prayer life beyond the favorite quarterly devotional called *Portals of Prayer*. So, I thought that I’d take a moment to share a few helpful resources with you.

One of the best resources to order your prayer life is one that many don’t think much about outside of a Sunday morning, and that is our hymnal. If you have your own hymnal, then there are terrific resources for personal and family prayer and devotion time on pages 294 – 304. There you will find suggestions of what to pray for each day, readings for each day of the year, and some simple and brief orders for praying in the morning, at noon, during the early evening (around dinner time), and finally at the end of your day. Choose one or all of these easy prayer formats for your own times with the Lord. You won’t be sorry!

Another great resource that could be used is called *Treasury of Daily Prayer*. The *Treasury* is a collection of readings, prayers, and orders of prayer for every time of the day, and for every day of the year. It is a comprehensive volume that gives you almost everything you need in one book. In addition to daily Bible readings from both the Old and New Testaments, each day also includes readings from other Christian writings such as the *Book of Concord* and from some of the best Christian scholars throughout history. It may be a bit pricey, but it is well worth it to order your daily time in God’s Word.

A brand new resource from Concordia Publishing House is something that you can get for your phone or tablet. It’s called “InPrayer.” Purchasing a digital subscription through this new app can give you multiple options to use in your prayer and devotional time including the resources available in the *Treasury of Daily Prayer*, and while I am not a big fan of digital books (I like having a hardcopy in my hand) I will admit that having a digital source has its advantages when it comes to using something like the *Treasury*.

There are many other great resources out there for you to use including *Lutheran Book of Prayer*, *The Lord Will Answer: A Daily Prayer Catechism*, and even the newest version of *Luther’s Small Catechism with Explanation* (all available from cph.org). Whatever you already have or whatever you decide to get, just make sure to use it, and use it regularly! Schedule the same time, every day, to sit with your Lord alone, and/or with your family so that you can accept the Lord’s loving and gracious invitation to “pray without ceasing.” – until next month, 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**

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, F:

9am to 5pm

Pastors Number:

715-352-2888

Or 715-330-5599

**Not a cell phone .**

**Please leave a message**

Pastors Email:

lcmsrevmike@gmail.com

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:



### **St. John LWML, Ladies Aid & Mission Guild**

We invite everyone to a special event, Thursday June 13, 2024 at 9:30am (moved from June 6th). We will be hosting two people and the new Director from "Open Door" (the Jail Ministry of Marathon County). St. John has supported this ministry for years. We have a person who delivers items to them. Their greatest needs are regular coffee, and creamers. If you are able please bring one or both. We will be serving beverages and Breads!

### **Thrift Sale Report** - \$1490.00 was taken in.

This will be divided between Bethlehem and St. John LWML. Thanks for all the help.

This includes all the behind the scenes, set up , take down, And delivery/distributing the leftovers. We were able to share items with the Open Door, Able Light/ Bethesda, Orphan Grain Train and St. Vincent DePaul.

**Sunday School report:** St. John Sunday School concluded the year with the mission "Hearts for Jesus" We sent \$137.00 to Labor of Love. Thanks to all our Sunday School. We will have our last classes next Sunday. Enjoy the summer. Worship is at 10:30 A.M. See you there!!

**Bethlehem CWIA** will be having their meetings for June, July and August at 6:30pm on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. All ladies are invited to attend. Come join us, Michelle has given some great Bible Studies.



### **Bethlehem VBS**

July 8th—9th  
4:30 pm to 7:00pm  
Theme "*Jungle Journey with God*"

### **St. John VBS**

July 22nd—26th  
9:00am to Noon  
Theme "*Digging Into the Apostles Creed*"



### **Brewer Trip:**

Wednesday July 31

1:10 game time vs Braves

Pick up: 7:30am St. John's parking lot

Cost: \$80 includes a sack lunch, soda/ water

Seats: section 107 (in shade)

We will be stopping to eat after the game along the way home. This is not included in the cost

Contact Stacey VanHoy (715-506-0207) to reserve your spot on the bus.



**Natalie Thompson**  
**Graduate—Edgar High School**  
**Attending University of Wisconsin - Madison**  
**Animal & Veterinary Bio Science**



**Lillian Pehlke**  
**Graduate -Veritas Scholars Academy**  
**Attending Concordia University of Wisconsin - Madison**



**Tim Mathey**  
**Graduated Northland Lutheran High School**  
**Attending Concordia University of Wis. Mequon**  
**Computer Science**



**Ethan Telschow**  
**Graduated Edgar High School**  
**Will be entering into the Workforce**



**Ashton Hammel**  
**Graduated Abbotsford High School**  
**Will be entering into the Workforce**

**St. John Comfirmants**

**& Colin Pehlke. Benjamin Hartwig, Delayna Noller,** received Lutheran Study Bibles imprinted with their names from St. John congregation. A Milestone gift for their faith lives.



**Bethlehem First Communion and Confirmation Students**



**Receiving their First Communion at Bethlehem**  
**Isaac Kosik, Kelly Mathey and Madalynn Johnson**



**Bethlehem Confirmand**  
**Evan Strack**



Kramp, Isabelle	6/01
Schneider, Marion	6/03
Karl, Sue	6/05
Morien, Mae	6/08
Mueller, Linda	6/13
Hartwig, Larry	6/15
Koerner, Daniel	6/17
Christianson, Kay	6/22
Szymanski, Sharon	6/22
Thompson, Natalie	6/22
Wendtland, Madiyn	6/23
Werner, Jeffrey	6/23
Telschow, Katie	6/26
Pehlke, Traci	6/29
Wolff, Albert	6/30
Johnson, Madalynn	6/04
Ploeckelman, Dale	6/05
Kilty, Cheyanne	6/06
Venzke, Dolores	6/06
Johnson, Braiden	6/06
Kohnhorst, Mark	6/14
Kirchner, Aaron	6/15
Marier, Joseph	6/19
Sprotte, Nathan	6/20
Niemi, Richard	6/23
Westphal, Nancy	6/26
Denzin, Geanna	6/30



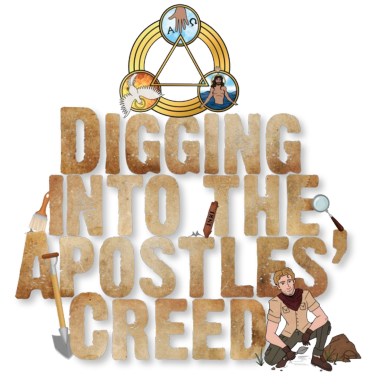
Ronald & Carolyn Hahn	6/05
Ken & Kay Christiansen	6/06
Dean & Traci Pehlke	6/07
John & Sandra Schafer	6/08
Brad & Sandra Wendtland	6/11
Aaron & Karissa Niemann	6/14
Mark & Stacey VanHoy	6/20
Michael & Marilee Neumann	6/05
Roger & Judy Empey	6/08
Aaron & Christina Kirchner	6/12
Thomas & Cynthia Graun	6/12
Thomas & Dolores Venzke	6/15
Phil & Tammy Kunze	6/25
Bradley & Ashley Thielman	6/27
Edwin & Brenda Schmidt	6/30



# 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:secretary@stjbeth.org).

Traci Pehlke, VBS Director

## RECRUIT VOLUNTEERS

We are getting ready for a great VBS!

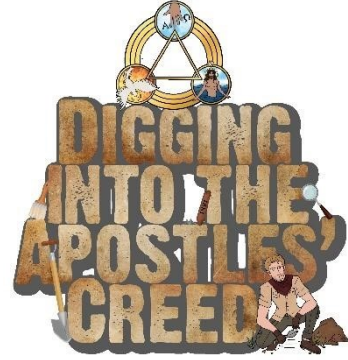
Would you prayerfully consider serving at VBS? If you can help full or part time, we have many ways to be involved to suit your schedule and interests. Call Traci Pehlke at 715-352-2269, or email [traci.p@pca-it.com](mailto:traci.p@pca-it.com) for more information.

## 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.

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



Please join us on our

### Jungle Journey with God Vacation

Bible School for kids ages 3 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade on July 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> 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!



Bethlehem Lutheran Church  
**Vacation Bible School**

July 8 & 9, 2024

4:30 p.m.–7:00 p.m.

## 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 \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Birth date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_ Grade Entering in the fall \_\_\_\_

Allergies and/or other special needs/conditions \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Allergies and/or other special needs/conditions \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Birth date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_ Grade entering in the fall \_\_\_\_

Allergies and/or other special needs/conditions \_\_\_\_\_

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ 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.

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# Lutheran Hour Sermon Schedule

**June 2**

## "Lit Up"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler  
The Law and Gospel light of Jesus is both an exposing searchlight that reveals our shortcomings and a warm grow light that nurtures us. (Acts 11- :24)

**June 9**

## "Selfless Sending"

Guest Speaker: Pastor Jeff Cloeter  
The Christians of ancient Antioch were known for their spirit of selfless sacrifice. The spirit of Antioch continues in the Church today because Christ Himself is with us. (Acts 11:19-30; 13:1-3)

**June 16**

## "Water Power"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler  
God's mission is like water. Without changing what it is, the Good News of God's Kingdom takes the shape of its cultural container, crossing boundaries and barriers. (Acts 16:5)

**June 23**

## "You're Really into This, Aren't You?"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler  
People can be passionate about sports, gardening, video games, or family. All those things can be good, but none of them can save you. (Acts 16:30)

**June 30**

## "An Eager Conversationalist!"

### Lutheran Hour Radio Broadcasts

**Lutheran Hour Ministries** - God has called all laypeople to be powerful witnesses for Christ to their families and communities. At LHM, we strive to create convenient ways for you to connect with Jesus and share your faith with others. Our products are free, easy, and digital so that you can use them in your home, on-the-go, or wherever you may be.

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](http://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](http://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

You can also go on line at [www...lhm.org](http://www...lhm.org) or



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