



The Dual-Parish Review

The Pastor's Message

Every three years, each district of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, meets in convention. During these conventions officers are elected to conduct the business of their particular district by delegates from each member congregation of the district. Every congregation or dual parish is allowed to send one pastoral delegate and one lay delegate to cast their votes for the elections and to make decisions on district business brought to the convention. On June 1st and 2nd, the convention of our North Wisconsin District was held at the Central Wisconsin Convention Center in Rothschild, and Roger Ballerstein and I attended as representatives for Bethlehem – St. John.

This year's convention met under the theme of "Alive," and as every convention does, opened with a Divine Service. The president of our district for the past 12 years, Rev. Dwayne Lueck, presided over the convention proceedings for the final time after announcing his retirement last year. President Lueck has served our district faithfully during his tenure, and was unopposed each time he was re-elected over his last 3 terms. The delegates gave thanks to God for his years of service, and wished him God's continued blessings in his retirement.

The election of a new District President was the first order of business to be conducted by the convention, and the names of 5 candidates were put before the assembly for nomination: Rev. Donald Engebretson (Polar, WI), Rev. David Karolus (Antigo, WI), Rev. Travis Kleinschmidt (Shawano, WI), Rev. Preston Paul (Eleva, WI), and Rev. Timothy Shoup (Bonduel, WI). On the fourth ballot, a majority of the delegates selected Rev. Timothy Shoup from St. Paul Lutheran Church & School in Bonduel to be our new District President.

Pastor Shoup is 64 years old and has been a part of our North Wisconsin District since 1998 when he was first called to St. Paul in Bonduel. He also served at a congregation in Ohio, and at another one in Minnesota. Pastor Shoup has been a Vice-president in our district since 2018, and he has served in various other roles over the years. In 2019, Concordia Publishing House published his book of devotions titled *Praise & Honor: Hymn-Inspired Devotions* which takes 14 different hymns from our hymnal, *Lutheran Service Book*, and provides insightful and rich commentary to help the reader in their Christian life. The hymns are selected by different categories such as "Resisting Temptation," "Baptism," "Confirmation," "Comfort," and "Daily Praise." We give thanks to God for providing our District with a new President, and please remember to keep President Shoup in your prayers as he begins his new calling this month.

Other offices were filled during this year's convention as well. Three vice-presidents were chosen to assist with the district's work. The first Vice-President who represents the central region of the district is Pastor Donald Engebretson (Polar, WI). He has served the past several years as District Secretary. The second Vice-President is Pastor Preston Paul (Eleva, WI) who is re-elected to represent our western region of the district, and the third Vice-President representing the eastern region of the district is Pastor Ryan Fehrmann (Bonduel, WI). The rankings of the vice-presidents simply determine an order of succession should something happen to the District President. Several other positions were elected to serve our district including a new District Secretary (Pastor Travis Kleinschmidt, Shawano, WI) who is responsible for keeping records, examining congregational constitutions, and updating the District constitution as needed.

District conventions also consider and vote on whether or not to adopt resolutions that congregations and other entities bring before it. This year, the convention delegates approved 9 resolutions during their meeting, including one to give thanks to God for the many years of service from President Lueck and his wife, Cheryl. If you have any questions about these resolutions or anything else related to our North Wisconsin District Convention, feel free to ask me or Roger Ballerstein. Thanks be to God for all that He continues to do in North Wisconsin! – *until next month! Pr. M.*



Bethlehem

Lutheran Church

233500 County Road E

Milan, Wisconsin 54411

Sun. Worship at 8:00 am

Sun. Bible Study at 9:15 am

Sept. thru May

Pastor: Rev. Michael Mathey

Pastors Office Hours @ BETH.

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 am

Sun. Bible Study at 11:45 am

Sept. thru May

Pastor: Rev. Michael Mathey

Pastors Office Hours: M -Th:

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: Tues.—Fri.

9 am—12 pm

Dual Parish Office:

715-352-2888

Office Secretary Email:

secretary@stjbeth.org

Dual Parish Website:

www.stjbeth.org



Bethlehem

Kara Schwarting	7/02
Aaron Gumz	7/06
Beth Kosik	7/10
Aubree Kirchner	7/17
Debbie Orth	7/25
Treyslyn Bender	7/25

St. John

Timothy Koch	7/03
Dean Pehlke	7/11
Emily Schulz	7/11
Jayne Myszka	7/11
Jamie Ziegel	7/13
Gary Wendtland	7/14
David Telschow	7/17
Stephanie Karl	7/18
Patricia VanDerLeest	7/24
Tabitha Hartwig	7/25
Randall Krebsbach	7/27

Bethlehem

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

St. John

Gary & Val Wendtland	7/10
Randall & June Krebsbach	7/24
Randy & Darla Syring	7/27
Verne & Dawn Mortvedt	7/28

Internet

Resources



Worship Anew:

www.worshipanew.org

North WI District LCMS :

www.nwdlcms.org

Lutheran Church Missouri Synod:

www.lcms.org

LWML:

www.lwml.cph.org

Concordia Publishing House:

www.cph.org



Thank you to Pete and the window crew

The STJ Congregation would like to extend their heartfelt appreciate for all the hard work that went into the window project.

We would especially like to thank Pete for heading up this project, We know that you spent countless hours researching, planning and implementing this project. We are so blessed to have you as a Brother in Christ!



BRATS, HOT DOGS, PIES AND BAKED GOODS SALE

Sponsored by LWML of
area Lutheran Missouri Synod Churches

Friday, July 18th

10:30 pm to 3 pm

At Cenex Hwy 13 Dorchester

Come out, enjoy a treat and support our local LWML

If you would like to donate pies or baked goods,
please have them to St. John Lutheran Church by 3
pm on July 17th so they can be packaged.



All the dates for 2025 to sponsor the
Lutheran Hour broadcast over WDLB-
1450AM/98.7FM have been filled.

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Thank you all for your support in this worth-
while mission of "Bringing Christ to the
Nations - And the Nations to the Church"
through radio. I could not have
accomplished this great task without all of
you.

We are accepting sponsorships for 2026 if
anyone inquires.

May God richly bless your day.

In Christ,

Lisa Snorheim

Lutheran Hour Coordinator

**Bethlehem Lutheran Church Outreach Team is planning
another bus trip!**



WHAT: "Christmas in the Dells Dinner Show"

Family style all you can eat Christmas Feast. Wisconsin's
Largest and most Spectacular Christmas Show

WHEN: Saturday, November 15, 2025

COST: \$105 per person includes bus and dinner show

If interested contact Marlene Schreiber at 715-383-0259 ASAP

Pick ups will be at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Milan and The Shell Station (east side).
Pick up times TBD.



Acolyte Schedule for July

Bethlehem

July 6th Evan Strack
July 13th Kelly Mathey
July 20th Bailey Schreiber
July 27th Kylee Johnson

St. John

July 6th Isabelle Kramp
July 13th Christian Pehlke
July 20th Cale Koch
July 27th Lexie Noller

St. John VBS Planning Meeting

Date: Sat. July 12th

Time: at 9:00 am

St. John VBS Decorating

Date: Sat. July 19th

Time: at 9:00 am

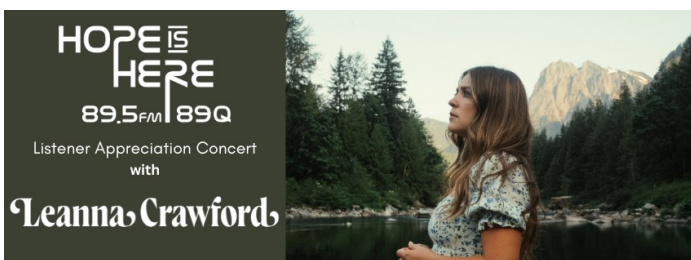
After church on July 20th if needed for VBS staff and anyone else interested in helping out.



St. John VBS Closing Picnic

Everyone is invited!

We will have our VBS closing program and picnic on Friday, July 25 at 6:00pm. 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.



89Q is thrilled to invite you to not just one, but TWO special 89Q Listener Appreciation Concerts with Leanna Crawford – and both are absolutely FREE!

Monday, July 14 – Wisconsin Rapids

Faith and Family Night with the Wisconsin Rapids Rafters Witter Field – 521 Lincoln St, Wisconsin Rapids, WI

Tuesday, July 15 – Wausau

Listener Appreciation Concert at The 400 Block

Bring your lawn chairs, your family, and your friends for an unforgettable evening of faith, fun, food, and live music under the summer sky.



The LWML has given grants to professional church workers studying to become Pastors, Teachers, or Directors in church work. This past year we decided to donate \$30,000 to that fund with \$15,000 to be paid out each year of 2025 and 2026. Supporting our future church workers helps ensure that we will continue to learn and grow as his people. We Serve the Lord with Gladness. Ps 100:2



Reflections

Since 2005, Higher Things® has provided free daily devotions, called *Reflections*, for youth and families. These *Reflections* are centered in the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and are based upon texts from the one-year lectionary and Luther's *Small Catechism*.

Reflections are available in multiple formats! You can subscribe to the daily email, subscribe to the *Reflections* podcast, or download the entire season in booklet form.



From The Record-
Review Issue Dated
April 2025

2000 – High Steeple Church (once again)

Western Marathon County landmark St. John's Missouri Synod Lutheran Church was well known as the "High Steeple" church until a June 25, 1998 storm blew the spire off. This past week, crews used cranes to lift and reattach a replacement 112foot steeple to its original lofty position.

THE RECORD-REVIEW ARCHIVES



ESTUDIO BIBLICO

Paul has been busy leading services, preaching, and teaching estudio biblico (Bible study). The congregation in Ponce is currently working through Genesis on Sunday's. Paul has led three of those classes, with many more to with many more come. We also have a Psalm's Bible study every Wednesday night led by Pastor Neuendorf .

"MRO CZENSKI MISSIONARY MONTHLY"

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Our outreach efforts, especially among young

Blessings upon Paul's preaching and teaching in Spanish, that the Lord would use him to deliver God's truth and grace.

Good weather and safety as hurricane season approaches.

Lutheran Hour Sermon Schedule

July 6

"A Little Light, Reading"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
The Book of Job is not light reading, but Christians read it in the Light of Christ.
(Job 1:8)

July 13

"Fearless and Endless Growing"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Daniel Paavola
God's Word grows like a perfect garden, bearing fruit in every season.
(Colossians 1:1-14)

July 20

"God's Plan = Jesus"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
God's plans for us are not me-centered; they are Christ-centered. Dr. Zeigler talks with "Soul Surfer" author, Bethany Hamilton.
(John 16:33)

July 27

"Getting the Talk Started"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
God's Law-talk prepares us for God's Gospel-talk. Author Tim Carter (The Executioner's Redemption) is featured.

Lutheran Hour Radio Broadcasts

Lutheran Hour Ministries ~ God has called all lay people 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.

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



Daily Devotions

Daily Devotions from LHM will help strengthen and encourage your faith as you do the same for others. Have them delivered right to your inbox, podcast the audio devotional, access them on your mobile device through the FREE app, or listen with Spotify, iHeartRadio, Alexa, or Google Home.

Issues, Etc.



Christ-Centered Cross-Focused Talk Radio
www.issuesetc.org

Issues, Etc. is a ten-hour weekly syndicated radio talk show and podcast. 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.



August Newsletter Deadline
is July 28th.

Joseph's Journey - From Pit to Prison to Palace



Get ready for TWO incredible evenings of adventure, learning and fun as we journey with Joseph. Dates are July 14th and 15th from 4:30- 7:00 for kids age 3 through 6th grade at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Milan. Joseph was the favorite son and endured hardships, but God was always with him. We will follow Joseph as he goes from the pit, to prison, and finally a palace in Egypt. We are reminded to trust God and know He is always with us. There will be Bible lessons, food, games, crafts and music. A registration form is included in the newsletter that can be filled out ahead of time or you can register when you arrive. We hope you can join us as we go along on Joseph's journey. If you have any questions, please contact Patti Hammel at 715-613-6319



Bethlehem Lutheran Church
**Vacation Bible School—From Pit to
Prison to Palace**

July 14 & 15, 2025

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 _____

(1) Child's Name _____

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

Allergies and/or other special needs/conditions _____

(2) Child's Name _____

Birth date ____/____/____ Age ____ Grade Entering in the fall ____

Allergies and/or other special needs/conditions _____

(3) Child's Name _____

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

Allergies and/or other special needs/conditions _____

(4) 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.

___ 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.



At Epic Australian Adventure VBS 2025, kids will learn how Jesus calls, leads, teaches, saves, and sends us to share the Good News with others. As they journey through God's Word, they'll discover that Jesus is the way, and the truth, and the life!

Registration is open for ages 3 through those going into 6th grade, who will attend VBS from July 21 through July 25th, 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 journey through God's word, 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 Epic Australian Adventure VBS, being held on July 21-25th. 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 21– Friday, July 25, 2025 9:00 am to 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: _____

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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 & St. John Lutheran Churches
119415 Huckleberry Road
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715-352-2888



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