

The Dual-Parish Review

Message from Pastor

FROM THE PASTOR'S STUDY

As the month of June arrives here in Central Wisconsin, the Christian Church looks forward to a number of special Festivals on its calendar. The first to arrive this year is the annual celebration of Pentecost as we remember the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. The following week is Holy Trinity Sunday. On that day we confess boldly and clearly who it is that we gather to worship every week, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. In spite of what many want to claim, this is not the same God of Muslim or Jewish people because they don't acknowledge a Triune God who is "one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity" as the Athanasian Creed confesses.

There are other special Festivals that occur in June, including the Nativity of John the Baptist and the remembrance of the apostles Peter and Paul on the 29th, but one festival in particular is important to us as Lutherans and that is celebrated on June 25th each year. That day is the anniversary of The Presentation of the Augsburg Confession, one of the key documents that serves as the foundation to what is now called the Lutheran Church. It was presented to Emperor Charles V of the Holy Roman Empire at the Diet of Augsburg on June 25, 1530.

The Presentation of the Augsburg Confession is an event that is as important to Lutherans as the day that Luther posted his 95 Theses. It was a decisive moment in the general history of Christianity. Ever since Luther's bold stand at the Diet of Worms with his declaration of "Here I Stand," the number of people who sided with Luther had grown considerably. The Emperor had persistently tried to eliminate the religious controversies in his territories because it was believed that religious unity had a direct impact on a nation's unity, and that if one was in question so was the other. Charles needed his territories to be unified as the Turkish Empire threatened invasion on his eastern borders, and the pope could possibly make an alliance with France on his western borders. With these threats on either side, Charles needed to restore peace and order between the two religious factions within his empire.

As the Lutheran party arrived in the city of Augsburg prepared to make a case for the changes that they had made in a number of ceremonies, they discovered that a massive misinformation campaign had been started against them accusing them of nearly every ancient heresy that Christianity had ever condemned. It quickly became clear to them that they would have to show in a plain and clear way that they were holding to the same Christian and apostolic faith that the Christian Church had always confessed. This enormous task was given to Philip Melanchthon, Luther's close friend, colleague, and assistant, and he carried it out under great pressure and in an incredibly short amount of time. The entire confession concludes with this bold assertion, "In doctrine and ceremonies we have received nothing contrary to the Scriptures or the Church universal. It is clear that we have been very careful to make sure no new ungodly doctrine creeps into our churches."

So, on June 25, 1530, courageous Lutheran laymen confessed their faith and told the emperor and the Roman Church what they believed, taught, and confessed, even under the threat of severe punishment. To be a Lutheran Christian remains to this day to be a confessor of The Augsburg Confession. It was presented as a statement of biblical truth, and a proposal for true unity that the writers desired in the Christian faith. It has never been withdrawn. – *Until next time*, - *Pr. M.*



Bethlehem Lutheran Church

233500 County Road E Milan, Wisconsin 54411 Sunday Worship at 8:00a Sunday Bible Study at 9:15a Pastor: Rev. Michael Mathey

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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

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Thrift Sale Report - \$1341.00 was taken in. This will be divided between Bethlehem and St. John. Thanks for all the help. This includes all the behind the scenes, set up, take down, And delivery/distributing the extras. We were able to share items with the Open Door, Able Light, Orphan Grain Train and St. Vincent De-Paul.

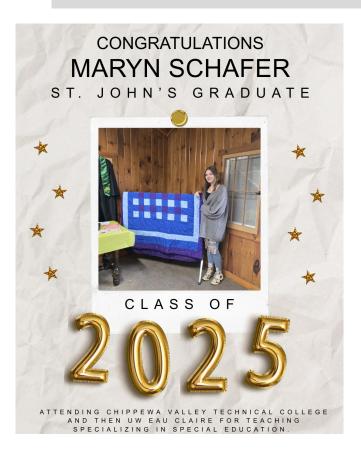
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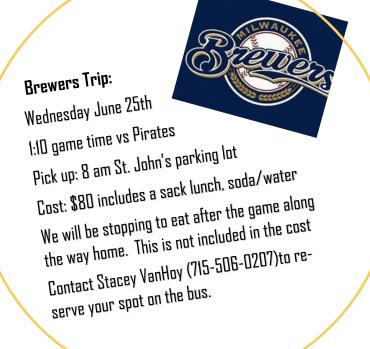
Members from all societies in Zone 10 participated at Unity Memorial Hall. A tornado in the area Thursday night, power outage for two days and heavy rain on Saturday. We were so blessed to

All praise be to God.

have \$1133.75 for missions.

Mission Minute: We are so blessed to have Orphan Grain train at work in our community. A God blessed network that helps all of us connect to those who have such need for the basics of living. Food, clothing and shelter are so abundant to us and we can help in so many ways. Just don't toss those worn-out tennis and other athletic shoes. Put them in the collection box in the carport entrance. They will become playground surfaces and Orphan Grain Train gets paid for them. Happy Summer.







FLOAT HELP NEEDED!

St John High Steeple will have a float in the Annual parade on Sunday June 15, 2025. We will need walkers, riders and help decorating!

Please watch the bulletin for details as to when we will do some planning.

Decorations will be done on Saturday June 14 and the parade is Sunday June 15. We need everyone's help to reach our community with God's Word!

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Grace Commons Living Center W195 N9550 Rolling Meadows Circle Apt 221 Menominee Falls WI 53051



Did you Know?



You can received

your monthly newsletter via email, in your church mailbox or in your mailbox at home?

Please let the church secretary know if you would like to change your mode of delivery for your monthly newsletter or if you are not receiving the monthly newsletter at all.





The family

of Selma Miessner would like to express their gratitude to everyone for their prayers, cards, and visits with her over the past two years, with special thanks to Pastor Mathey. We also greatly appreciate all who helped serve the luncheon after her funeral.

God's blessings to all.

Happy Birthday To Everyone Born in June!

St. John Birthdays

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, Madilyn	6/23
Werner, Jeffrey	6/23
Telschow, Katie	6/26
Pehlke, Traci	6/29
Wolff, Albert	6/30

Bethlehem Birthdays

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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



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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
Bethlehem Anniversaries	
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





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 -

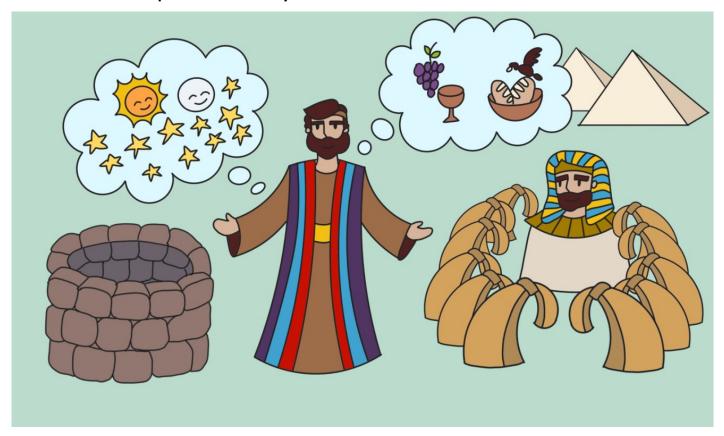
Monday, July 21– Friday, July 25, 2025 9:00 am to 12:00pm Kids ages 3 years—going into 6th grade One Form Per Family

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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 of an injury. I understand that the VBS staff will contact emergency se such emergency services will be paid by me.	basic first aid to my child(r rvices in the event of a sign	en) (name ificant inj	ed above) in the event ury and all expenses fo
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Permission to Attend: I give permission for my child(ren) (named abo	•		

Date

Parent Signature

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



Parent/Guardian Names_

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)

Phone	Alternate Phone
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City	State Zip
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Allergies and/or other special need	ls/conditions
(2) Child's Name	ge Grade Entering in the fall
Allergies and/or other special need	ls/conditions
(3) Child's Name	
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event of an injury. I understand that the VBS expenses for such emergency services will be	
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Lutheran Hour Sermon Schedule

June 1

"God's Gumbo"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

The Church is like a pot of Louisiana gumbo, a diverse stew

bound together by the power of Jesus' love.

(John 17:20-21)

June 8

"Ticket Stubs Turned to Joy"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

The Holy Spirit calls us to turn from the darkness of a selfcentered life and come into the light of Jesus' self-giving love.

(John 16:20)

June 15

"Nothing He'd Rather Be Doing"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Jesus is a tireless Searcher with an affinity for finding lost

people. (Psalm 8:4)

June 22

"Should I Be Worried About the Devil?"

Guest Speaker: Rev. German Novelli Oliveros

The devil is real, but rather than fretting about the evil he can do, we rejoice in all that Christ has done to defeat him.

(Luke 8:26-39)

June 29

"Honest to God"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

The Book of Job can teach us something about prayer and about how we can talk honestly to God, covered by Jesus.

(Job 1:21)

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Jesus Christ Always