



# 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 29<sup>th</sup>, but one festival in particular is important to us as Lutherans and that is celebrated on June 25<sup>th</sup> 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 Melancthon, 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**

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

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www.Stjbethorg



**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.

## LWML Plant Sale

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 have \$1133.75 for missions. All praise be to God.



**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.



## Brewers Trip:

Wednesday June 25th

1:10 game time vs Pirates

Pick up: 8 am St. John's parking lot

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

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.





### 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!

### NEWSLETTER

#### *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.*

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY



The just man walks in his integrity:  
his children are blessed after him.

Proverbs 20:7

JUST LETTING YOU KNOW

## PHYLLIS DIEDRICH

is MOVING

### NEW ADDRESS

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

### NEW PHONE NUMBER

715-218-2930




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

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



## St. John Anniversaries

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](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 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
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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

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

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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 self-centered 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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