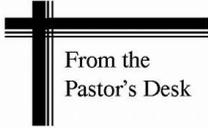




The Dual-Parish Review



February has arrived, and we all know what that means. Love is in the air! Or at least it's in most of the retail stores with their displays of candies and cards to give to that special someone on Valentine's Day. There are those who go "all out" for this particular day with gifts and special dinners, and there

are those who don't even bother because they don't have a special someone to share it with. I suspect that most of us are somewhere in the middle of the road. We might get our spouse or significant other a special treat, a romantic card, or maybe some flowers, but we don't go much further than that to show our love and affection.

Regardless of where you might fall on the spectrum of celebrating Valentine's Day, each of us has our own way and our own time of showing love for the special people in our lives whether they're friends, relatives, or spouses. A husband randomly pitching in to help his wife by doing the dishes or the laundry on just an average day of the week can mean more to her at times than two dozen roses on Valentine's Day. A daughter can show her love for her parents just by picking up her room without them having to yell at her six times to get it done. There are any number of ways that people can show how much they love and care for one another that don't involve giving each other anything tangible as a gift.

But there is one gift that we can give to the people in our lives that will show our love for them in a way that nothing else ever can. It is the most precious and valuable thing that any of us has – greater than any diamonds or gold – and it was given as a free gift to each and every one of us as well. I'm talking, of course, about our faith in Jesus Christ and Him crucified. Ephesians 2 tells us, "But God, being rich in mercy, *because of the great love with which he loved us*, even when we were dead in our trespasses, *made us alive together with Christ—* by grace you have been saved— and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith. *And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God*, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them."

There it is, the greatest gift that you have ever been given or that you will ever receive is spelled out in those verses from Ephesians. God's great love for you is shown in the giving of His Son, Jesus. In Him you are given faith by His grace so that you may have life everlasting. The Gospel of Jesus Christ is the greatest gift ever given to anyone, and God has given it to you with no strings attached. Talk about a precious gift of love!

How can we ever thank Him for such a loving gift as this? That's the best part, you can thank Him for His gift of love by sharing that Gospel gift of Jesus with anyone and everyone in your life so that they can know His love also. What better gift can you give to your kids, your spouse, your relatives, or your friends than showing them the love of Jesus? There is nothing more precious or valuable, and there is nothing greater!

Yes, love is in the air this month, but because of what Christ has done for all people His Love is always there for all. As the season of Lent begins once again on Ash Wednesday, February 18th, God calls you to return to Him to know His abundant and never-failing Love once again. Hear Him and join us for the special services of Lent to learn just how far God was willing to go out of His love for you and for all people. His Love sent Jesus to the cross to suffer and die to save you from your sins because "Greater love has no one than this, that someone lays down his life for his friends." (John 15:13) Jesus calls you His friend, and He calls you to know His Love. – *until next month, Pr. M.*



Bethlehem

Lutheran Church

233500 County Road E

Milan, Wisconsin 54411

Sunday Worship at 8:00 am

Sunday School at 9:15 am

Adult Bible Study at 9:15 am

St. John "High Steeple"

Lutheran Church

119415 Huckleberry Road

Edgar, Wisconsin 54426

Sunday Worship at 10:30 am

Sunday School at 9:30am

Adult Bible Study at 11:45 am

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Bethlehem Birthdays	
Robert Strack	2/03
Gracelyn Bernt	2/03
Kevin Kosik	2/09
Jill Penk	2/12
Braison Bender	2/15
Paxton Schumacher	2/17
Brian Venzke	2/17
Delbert Schwarting	2/20
Debra Mathey	2/28
Maria (Kena) Strack	2/28

St. John Birthdays	
Arabella Syring	2/04
Kassidy Thompson	2/05
Sue Rohde	2/10
Kelsey Schreier	2/11
Randall Syring	2/12
Charlotte Murkowski	2/16
Catherine Schneider	2/21
Sandy Hartwig	2/26
Miriam Wolff	2/28
Deb Mathey	2/29

Bethlehem Anniversaries	
Daniel & Jane Becker	2/17
St. John Anniversaries	
Dan & Sue Gehrke	2/1

Love like Jesus

February

Acolyte Schedule

Greeter Schedule

Bethlehem	
2/1	Bailey Schreiber
2/8	Kylee Johnson
2/15	Aubree Kirschner
2/22	Isaac Kosik

St. John	
2/1	Kassidy Thompson
2/8	Isabelle Kramp
2/15	Lauryn Hartwig
2/22	Christian Pehlke

Bethlehem	
2/1	Tom & Cindy Graun
2/8	Jason & Tammi McKee
2/15	Shane & Patti Hammel family
2/22	Shirley Buss & Olivia Hammel

Lenten Schedule

Ash Wednesday February 18

STJ: 1:00pm

Beth: 7:00pm

Wednesday Lenten Services February 25, March 4, 11, 18, 25

STJ: 1:00pm

Beth: 7:00pm

Palm Sunday March 29

Beth: 8:00am

STJ: 10:30am

Maundy Thursday April 2

STJ: 1:00pm

Beth: 7:00pm

Good Friday, April 3

STJ: 1:00pm “Devotional Service”

Beth: 7:00pm Full Service

Easter Sunday April 5

Beth: 8:00am

St. John: 10:30am

St. John Window Project Help

We hope to replace 5 more windows this summer, but since this is a non-budgeted expense we need your help to do it! If you would like to donate to this project in whole (about \$5000 total) or in part, please see Pete VanDerLeest asap.

We are truly grateful to those who transformed our church and tree for the Christmas season. It was breathtakingly beautiful. Also, heartfelt thanks to those who took down decorations and cleaned up afterwards. It takes a village to keep our sanctuary and hall looking radiant and welcoming.



- St. John member

**Newsletter
Deadline is
February 23rd**

“Happenings in the District” - Check out our district (North WI District) monthly newsletter at www.nwdlcms.org. The website has plenty of church resources as well as event registrations, calendars and more. Each week highlights from around our district are added to the NWD Facebook page at www.facebook.com/nwdlcms



News

The Bethlehem Out-Reach would like to Thank Everyone who came & helped us with the Craft, Soup, & Bake Sale. All your help was greatly appreciated & will not be forgotten. We could not have done it without all your helping hands. The week was very successful & we made \$3,878. Again, thank-you to everyone who helped make this event successful !! God Be with You All.

SAVE THE DATE:

St. John VBS will be

July 20-24, 2026

St. John Sub Sale: Lutheran Hour Ministries will be sponsoring a Sub Sandwich Event on Feb. 8, 2026. The proceeds will be given to the Lutheran Hour. This Gospel message has been on the radio for over 90 years. Order a sandwich to celebrate your favorite football team as it is also Super Bowl Sunday. Free will offering will go to Lutheran Hour. Sign up sheets in the narthex area at St. John and on the bulletin board at Bethlehem.

The "**MRO CZENSKI MISSIONARY MONTHLY**" Newsletter is posted on the bulletin for your viewing. Read about Paul, Courtney and Jacquelin's Christmas while serving the Lord in Puerto Rico.



Upcoming Events

Camp Luther Summer Registration opens:

February 24:

Kindercamp, Quest, & IMPACT

February 26:

Explorer, Pathfinder, Trailblazer, & High School

Register at campluther.com

Camp Luther Men's Retreat

Feb 5th - Feb 8th, 2026

Step Away. Reconnect.

Be Refreshed.

Sign up at campluther.com.

YOUTH GROUP Happenings

Youth Super Bowl Party



All youth are invited to Pastor and Deb's house on Sunday, February 8th at 5:00pm to watch the commercials & the game! Bring a snack or dessert to share. Chili & drinks will be provided!



The Higher Things Youth Group will be hosting suppers

Where and Time: Bethlehem from 5 pm—6 pm.

Dates: Ash Wednesday, *February 18th*: Soup Supper

March 4th : Walking Tacos and Taco Salads

March 18th : Baked Potato Bar

Enjoy a great meal, fellowship and support the youth.

Leave the cooking and cleaning to the youth.



Buckets O' Blarney



Trivia
Contest
Fundraiser

SAVE THE DATE!

Mark your Calendars!

NOW!



FRIDAY
March 13, 2026

St. John Lutheran Church-High Steeple
119415 Huckleberry Rd, Edgar

All proceeds go toward sending our Youth to the Higher Things Youth Conference in June.

The youth heading to Higher Things this summer are asking for your help in spreading the word about the upcoming trivia night and also have some ways you can be involved.

You can spread the word by:

1. Coming to Bucket's of Blarney Trivia Night!
2. Inviting your friends and neighbors to attend.

You can be involved by:

1. Praying for our event to have a good turnout.
2. Attending the event and bringing a friend or two or three....
3. Donating something to be included in our Silent Auction
4. Volunteering to help with setting up for the event or cleaning up after.
5. Volunteering to be an answer judge for the event...yes you will be explained how to do the job!
6. Thanking our youth and their families for all their hard work!

We appreciate all of you for your support in whatever way you choose!

February 1, 2026 "Rotten Tomatoes"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
Boasting gone wrong—it's the rotten fruit of rightful praise. It happens when we forget that everything we have is a gift, even the things we think we've earned and deserved.
1 Corinthians 1: 30-31

February 8, 2026 "Type C"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
In the Bible, the Holy Spirit meets us, gives us the mind of Christ, and leads us back into the world as children of God.
1 Corinthians 2:12

February 15, 2026 "Up and Down the Mountain"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Michael Schutz
Many voices compete for our attention, but above all, listen to the voice of Jesus and hear what He's done for you.
Matthew 17:1-9

February 22, 2026 "As Through Fire"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
To be baptized into Christ, to trust in Him, is to die with Him, to be raised by Him, to pass through the fire under His shelter.
1 Corinthians 3:13

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



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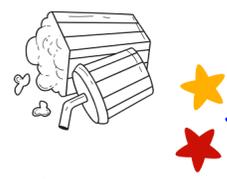
February 15, 2026
Bethlehem Lutheran Church
1:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Suggested donation \$2 per card
100% of proceeds will go to the
Athens Circle of Joy - food pantry



Snacks and drinks
provided.

Prizes awarded!



Reaching Out with Jesus Christ
Building Our Community
Teaching All to Love and
Serve One Another

233500 County Road E
Milan, Wisconsin
(across from the Milan cemetery)