



# The Dual-Parish Review

## *Message from Pastor*

### Read the Catechism

#### **Sunday**

Before Divine Service -

Christian Q & A

After Divine Service -

Table of Duties

#### **Monday**

The Ten Commandments

#### **Tuesday**

The Creed

#### **Wednesday**

The Lord's Prayer

#### **Thursday**

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

#### **Friday**

Confession

#### **Saturday**

The Sacrament of the Altar

#### **Every Morning**

Luther's Morning Prayer

#### **Every Night**

Luther's Evening Prayer



**Catechism**

**August  
2025**

**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:

Pastors Number:

715-352-2888 Or 715-330-5599

**Not a cell phone.**

**Please leave a message**

Pastors Email:

lcmsrevmike@gmail.com

**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:

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**Dual Parish Office: 715-352-2888**

Email: [secretary@stjbeth.org](mailto:secretary@stjbeth.org)

Dual Parish Secretary Hours:

Tues.—Fri 9 am—12 pm

Dual Parish Website:

[www.stjbeth.org](http://www.stjbeth.org)



### Bethlehem Birthdays

George Erickson	8/01
DuWayne Gumz	8/08
Jason McKee	8/08
Bayden Bender	8/09
Dennis Venzke	8/15
Bailey Schreiber	8/16
Tammy Kunze	8/23
Jeffrey Geisking	8/26
Poise Schumacher	8/29
Amber VanLuven	8/29
Wallace Sprotte	8/31

### Bethlehem Anniversaries

Robert & Maria (Kena) Strack	8/5
Cory & Amy Broeske	8/9
DuWayne & Susan Gumz	8/16
Jason & Tammi McKee	8/17
Ray & Samantha Yessa	8/24

### St. John Anniversaries

James & Judy Ulrick	8/6
Amy Wilhelmi & James Clark	8/6
George & Charlotte Murkowski	8/11
Peter & Lisa Kroening	8/12
Peter & Patricia VanDerLeest	8/20

### St. John Birthdays

Peter VanDerLeest	8/04
Bruce Wussow,	8/06
Tyler Koepke	8/07
Michael Schneider	8/08
Cade Koch	8/08
Sandra Schafer	8/10
Jill Mielke	8/14
Mark VanHoy	8/14
Ross Mueller	8/18
Mike Rohde	8/19
Christopher Schneider	8/20
Lexie Noller	8/22
Maryn Schafer	8/25
Phyllis Diedrich	8/27
Cale Koch	8/27

### Acolyte and Greeter

### Schedule for August



### Bethlehem

Aug. 3—Aubree Kirschner
Aug. 10—Isaac Kosik
Aug. 17—Madalynn Johnson
Aug. 24—Aleah Kosik
Aug 31—Evan Strack

### St. John

Aug. 3—Lauryn Hartwig
Aug. 17—Ben Hartwig
Aug. 24—Kassidy Thompson
Aug 31—Isabelle Kramp

### Bethlehem GREETERS

Aug. 3—Clarence & Arlette Molthen
Aug. 10—Carissa Schumacher & Joann Luther
Aug. 17—Bruce & Jolene Gumz Family
Aug. 24—Bruce & Geanna Denzin
Aug 31—Dick & Lois Niemi



## Edgar Parade 2025

The St. John Youth Group and Outreach team did a float in the Edgar Parade featuring the VBS theme, Epic Australian Adventure. We handed out treats and flyers inviting everyone to our VBS.



- ♦ **Dual- Parish Picnic** The second Sunday of August has been designated as the Dual Parish Picnic day with church service at 10 am at alternating congregations. Mark your calendar for this year and upcoming years. See back of newsletter for all the important details!
- ♦ **First Annual Dual Parish Sunday School Rally Picnic**  
**When:** September 14th at 12:30  
**Where:** Milan Ball Diamond  
**What:** A potluck followed by a family friendly game of kickball. Hosted by the Dual Board of Education Let's kick off the Sunday School year!
- ♦ **Confirmation**—Confirmation classes will start on September 10th at St. John at 6 pm.
- ♦ **Life Light Bible Study**—Hebrews will be starting September 17th and 18th. Bible Study will be on Wednesday nights at 7 pm at St. John and Thursday mornings at 10:30 am at Bethlehem. Watch for sign up sheets and more information to
- ♦ **Deadline for September Newsletter**  
Monday August 25



## **Bethlehem Lutheran Church Outreach Team BUS TRIP**

***What:*** "Christmas in the Dells Dinner Show"

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

***Date:*** Saturday, November 15, 2025

***Cost:*** \$105 per person includes bus & dinner show

If interested contact Marlene Schreiber at 715-383-0259

Pickups will be at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, and

The Shell Station (east side). Pick up times TBD.



**Thrivent Choice \$**

can be directed to  
St. John either by  
phone or online.

### *Skin Care and Facial Party*

*Girls night out!*

**When:** Friday August 8 at 6:00pm

Come join us for free facials & skin care routine with a Mary Kay lady, Nancy Castro. Join us for a fun evening and a little make over! No pressure on buying anything, just come for the fun!

Snacks & drinks will be provided! RSVP by Sunday August 3rd to Deb by calling 715-216-6634 or signing up on the sheets provided at each church!



**St. John's Harvest Supper** is scheduled for October 4, 2025. Please consider donating your time to prepare for this event. There are many jobs to complete prior to the big day including advertising, obtaining banana boxes, taking phone orders, prepping corn, carrots and apple pies. Contact Nancy Witucki at 715-352-7060 or Mary Schultz at 715-352-2603 .

**The medical supply closet is open again.** It is located behind the Edgar Community Church. The closet will loan out equipment for free, including items such as wheelchairs, crutches, walkers, and toilet risers. The closet also accepts donations of good-condition items. Questions about the loan program can be directed to Edgar Community Church, 715-997-4827, extension 105.



For the full article please see The Record Review June 18, 2025, Volume 63, No. 24.



## BETHLEHEM VBS RECAP & BOARD OF EDUCATION UPDATE

VBS was July 14th and 15th with 16 kids attending to go along on Joseph's journey from the pit, to the prison to the palace. Thanks to everyone who donated their time and talents, items needed or any other donations and for keeping us in your prayers. Sunday School kickoff will be September 14 with Sunday School following the church service and then a dual parish potluck at the ball diamond in Milan. Anyone interested in teaching or helping with Sunday School, please reach out to Patti Hammel, Janessa Thomas or Tammi McKee.

## St. John's VBS 2025 Recap

We had over 20 children ranging in ages 3 through those going into 6th grade. We had a wonderful group of over 10 youth helpers, and about 20 adult workers. We enjoyed learning about Jesus being the perfect Son so that we may be called children of the Father, reminding us that He loves us and that we are called to be His own. There was fellowship, activities, wonderful snacks, creative crafts, singing, and a lot of fun. It is wonderful to see everyone working together, enjoying the craziness of all the children, and sharing God's love with the youngsters.



During our Bible lessons, we talked about "Jesus calls us" with Mose's story of exodus, "Jesus Leads Us" with Joshua leading the people through the Jordan River, "Jesus Teaches Us" with the parable of the good Samaritan, "Jesus Saves Us" as Peter and John raced to the empty tomb on Easter morning and "Jesus Sends Us" telling us to go and share His message.

### **Mission Fundraisers**

This year we collected food for local area food pantries, Athens, Edgar, and Stratford. We collected **186 Food Items** during the week and the kids and staff delivered the grocery bags to the 3 local Circle of Joy drop offs at VBS closing on Friday. We focused on items needed the most: Canned Meats: (Chicken, Ham, Tuna, Spam) Canned Pasta with Meat, Canned Fruit, Cereal. All Non-perishable items were accepted.

Our second mission was Texas flood relief, in conjunction with Thrivent. Thrivent is matching donations for flood relief efforts, providing \$1 for every \$2 donated, up to \$250,000, to support those affected by the floods in Texas.

**We collected over \$ 3,200 from VBS with the congregation's help!**

**With Thrivent's match of \$ 1,600 our total donation will be over \$ 4,800**

We closed VBS with an evening church service on Friday, followed by a picnic style supper in the parish hall. The kids enjoyed showing off their new songs to families and friends.

Praise be to God! Thank you to all the children and families that made this possible.

Traci Pehlke, VBS Director

## St. John Church Council July 8, 2025

The meeting opened with a prayer. Attending were Linda Mueller, Danni Seibert, Jeff Werner, Dean Pehlke, Ronda Durkee, Doug Brown and Pastor Mathey. Linda asked that minutes from the last meeting be reviewed. Motion was made to accept them, seconded and approved.

Pastor gave his report. Pastor will be on vacation from 7/19 – 7/30. Elders will be conducting service on 7/20 with no communion. Pastor Mark Schwalenberg will be guest pastor on 7/27. The elders and church office will have contact phone numbers for an on-call pastor in case of an emergency. Eli Kopplin was baptized on 7/6. Larry and Sandy renewed their vows on 7/5. Confirmation class will tentatively start on 9/10. LifeLight Bible Study on Hebrews will start 9/17. LifeLight Bible Study will be Wednesday nights at St. John and Thursday mid-morning at Bethlehem. Pastors conference is scheduled for 10/20-10/22 in Eau Claire.

No Elder's report.

Board of Ed reported they are still looking for volunteers for VBS. VBS mission will go to the food pantries and they are still looking for a second mission project.

Treasurer's report was given and complete.

Finance and Cemetery committees had no concerns and everything is going well.

Outreach committee reported there was a positive response to the float in the Edgar Parade. Brewers game has been rescheduled to 8/28. They will be emailing and advertising in local churches and businesses. The bus leaves at 8 am and is back around 9 pm. The committee is working on scheduling a blood drive with the Red Cross.

Motion was made and seconded to accept all reports.

Unfinished business: None

New business:

Discussed the new insurance premiums. Linda will look into seeing if the cemetery is covered.

Linda will be appointing a nominating committee soon.

A letter from the secretary was read and is included on the back side.

Voted and approved that birthday cards will be sent out to all parishioners starting 9/1/25

Motion was made to adjourn, and we closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next Meeting 8/12/25

Linda Muller

Church President

Linda called the meeting to order and opened with a prayer. The minutes of the January meeting was reviewed and approved.

Pastor's report was written and read to the assembly. Confirmation classes will begin again in September, with a tentative start date of the 10'th of September at St. John. Classes run from 6-7. First year students have a year of Bible review. Second and third year students study the Small Catechism with pastor. This year's class will cover some of the Creed, the Sacraments, the Lord's Prayer, & Confession.

Sunday morning Adult Bible classes begin on September 21<sup>st</sup> after both services.

Life-light Bible Study will begin on September 17'th and 18'th studying the book of Hebrews. Wednesday evenings will meet at 7pm at St. John and Thursday mornings will meet at 10:30am at Bethlehem. The cost for the books is \$10 this time because of a CPH sale.

The Fall Pastor's Conference is scheduled from October 20'th -22'nd in Eau Claire. Current shut-ins are Audrey Telschow, Burt Wolff, Bruce and Dory Wussow. Two funerals were held. Oscar Held and Selma Miessner.

Elders and Outreach had no reports.

Board of Education will have a dual meeting at the end of July. Sept. 14'th is rally day at Milan probably at the ball diamond.

The treasurer had a complete report.

The trustees are looking for snow plow bids. People considering putting in a bid must have their own liability insurance.

Motion was made to accept all reports as given. This was passed.

Unfinished business: The gift of \$5000 from Wisconsin Valley Lutheran was discussed. A motion was made to put 2/3 of the money toward the church renovation here at St John and 1/3 to Vicar Mroczenski's ministry fund. There was a second and it was accepted.

The new insurance company for the entire property had to be secured since Church Mutual made a steep increase in our premium and gave notice of a near future cancelation due to the age of our building. This company only does churches.

We will need to form a safety committee to meet the insurance requirements. Linda will appoint this committee.

A dual parish picnic will happen at Bethlehem Church with a 10am service. This will also commemorate Pastor's anniversary of ordination into the ministry.

New Business:

The plans for a full refresh and cleaning of the Sanctuary with repairs to ceiling and walls as needed was presented by the committee. Church Interiors Inc did a complete estimate including cleaning of the paintings, LED lights in the gothic style, and new wood around the baseboards. Stencils similar to what we have and the gold stencil will be cleaned and painted around. We are looking at a project of just under \$130,000. The company said we would be out of the sanctuary for 3 weeks. The assembly voted to accept the bid and move forward with the project.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer,

Respectively submitted by Sharon Niemann, Recording Secretary



## Lutheran Hour Sermon Schedule

**August 3**

### "Proclaim His Glory"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer

Of course, we should search the Scriptures, but we search them for Jesus, the One to Whom the Scriptures point. (John 5:30-47)

**August 10**

### "Writing Him Off"

Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus

After Jesus claimed the Old Testament was written about Him, the people of His hometown wrote Him off. (Luke 4:21-32)

**August 17**

### "The Stuttering Man of Destiny"

Guest Speaker: Dr. Oswald Hoffmann

Archives August--Dr. Oswald Hoffmann recounts the story of

Moses.

(Exodus 4:10-12)

**August 24**

### "Gideon, the Farmer General"

Guest Speaker: Dr. Oswald Hoffmann

Archives August--Dr. Oswald Hoffmann recounts the story of Gideon, an unlikely military leader. (Judges 6:1-8:27)

**August 31**

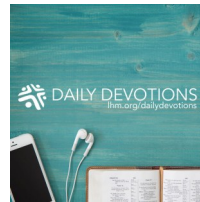
### "Life Narrows Down"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer

"Life narrows down and crisis comes. There, in the narrow place stands Jesus." (John 1:6-8, 19-28)

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# Dual Parish



# Picnic

**and  
Church Service  
August 10, 2025  
Hosted by Bethlehem**

**Divine Service will be in the  
Sanctuary at Bethlehem at 10  
am. Potluck lunch to follow.  
Bethlehem will provide the  
entrée and desserts.  
St. John is to bring salads.**

**We will be commemorating  
Pastor's 20th anniversary of  
ordination into the ministry.**

**Hope to see you all there!**

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