



The Dual-Parish Review

HIGHER THINGS® REFLECTIONS

“Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.” (Luke 10:19-20)

In the Name of Jesus. Amen. Did you know that as believers, you have nothing to fear from Satan and his army of fallen angels? That is what Satan and, indeed, all demons are: fallen angels. Did you know that when you were clothed with Christ in Baptism, Satan lost any power or claim that he had on you? Did you know that because you have been marked as a child of God, demons actually fear you? This is not a matter of Christians being especially intimidating in a manly or warrior-like fashion. Indeed, Satan and his minions retain a special fear of women, for it was through a woman that God promised to bring forth the savior. Power and authority over demons— that is a pretty exciting thing, and it’s a reality for Christians. This needs to be kept in mind in the face of popular Christian fiction that depicts believers as helpless pawns in some ongoing cosmic battle between God’s angels and Satan’s angels. Not to spoil anyone’s reading for entertainment, but the battle is over. It’s not ongoing. As Revelation 12 reminds us, war broke out in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back. But he was not strong enough, and they lost their place in heaven. This does not describe some future battle that we need to pick sides for but speaks of a past battle, one that is already over. Satan and God should never be seen as equals caught up in a struggle that we somehow can tip one way or the other. Satan needs to be seen for what he is defeated and cast down from heaven and trying to take anyone down with him that he can. As exciting as this is, power over Satan and his fallen angels isn’t even the main thing. This is not why we gather for worship on a Sunday. We do not gather to celebrate our authority over Satan and his demons; we do not gather to impress each other with new and painful wrestling holds with which to torture them, although that might make for a popular youth activity. We gather, as always, to receive the forgiveness of sins that Christ won for us on the cross. We gather to receive God’s Gifts. We gather for the strengthening of faith. We gather because Jesus has called us. We gather because our names have been written in heaven. In the Name of Jesus. Amen.



**Bethlehem
Lutheran Church**
233500 County Road E
Milan, Wisconsin 54411
Sunday Worship at 8:00 a.m.
Sunday Bible Study at 9:15 a.m.
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Pastors Office Hours @ BETH.
Tues. 9am-5pm
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Pastors Email:
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Office Secretary Email:
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**St. John “High Steeple”
Lutheran Church**
119415 Huckleberry Road
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Sun. Bible Study at 11:45am
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St. John Church council

9-20-2024

Present were Kay Christiansen, Linda Mueller, Traci Pehlke, Steve Schneider, Jeff Werner, Doug Brown, Mel Niemann, Pastor Mathey, and Sharon Niemann.

Linda called the meeting to order and Pastor opened with a prayer.

Minutes were accepted as corrected.

Pastor reported that he would attend the Pastor's conference Oct. 21 -23. Wednesday. Confirmation and Life Light Bible classes will begin next week. Oct. 13'th, Vicor Paul Mroczenski will visit our congregation before entering his studies in Puerto Rico. Nominations are being sought for the nomination committee for the 2028 convention. Watch for the coming workshop to be held about safety on the internet. More details will be coming.

Elders had no report.

Out reach reported that their summer trip to the Brewer's game was successful. Dual picnic was well attended and promotion for the harvest dinner is beginning. Doug will do an ad in the Shopper.

Board of Ed. will be starting Sunday School on the 15'th. Christmas program is being planned, Youth group will meet grades 7 and older on Wed. evening. Traci will be co-superintendent for the Sunday School.

Treasurer gave the report as printed.

Finance committee is going well.

Trustees had no report.

Cemetery is still looking for someone to work on the stones yet this fall. The church sign has new dirt all around to fill in the holes and the growth has been trimmed away down to highway 97.

All reports were accepted and approved.

Old business: A motion was made to bring forward a proposed amendment to the Bylaws : If an office has no candidate available, the person serving in that office may continue to serve a temporary extension year by year as a new officer is diligently searched for. This person would be on the regular ballot and must be approved by the voters at election. The motion to bring this forward to the voters assembly was seconded.

Linda will research the cost of hiring out a treasurer duty person should we need to secure someone outside of the congregation.

New business: A request for quarterly statements has been made and these will be available to anyone upon request. You may call Jeff Werner at 715-352-2597 if and when you need a statement.

Each board member and committee member is asked to review their duties as given in the bylaws of the constitution ASAP.

Our next meeting is Tuesday Oct. 8, 2024

Meeting was adjourned and we closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Sharon Niemann Recording Secretary



Reinhart, Jayden	10/01
Cook, Randy	10/02
Reinhart Joshua	10/07
Freimund, Dee	10/08
Ortman, Tammy	10/09
Thomas, Tripp	10/11
Strack, Evan	10/12
Kunze, Tyler	10/18
VanLuven, Ray	10/20
Viegut, Adam	10/20
Gumz, Bruce	10/21
Schreiber, Brett	10/23
Cornelius, Gloria	10/26
Kosik, Megan	10/26
Thomas, Shey	10/26
Johnson, Kylee	10/29
Molthen, Clarence	10/30
Scherr, Doris	10/03
Pehlke, Christian	10/05
Brown, Janice	10/09
Schulz, Jonathan	10/12
Rathsack, Joanne	10/17
Hartwig, Matt	10/20
Hartwig, Annabelle	10/25
Wenzel, Loren	10/25
Koerner, Jill	10/28
Rodman, Cody	10/29
Rodman, Wade	10/29
Koepke, Neal	10/30



Mike & Sue Rohde	10/18
David & Katie Telschow	10/21
Michael & Lisa Thompson	10/25
Verlyn & Judith Wittlinger	10/02
Del & Michelle Schwarting	10/05
Thomas & Louise Geisking	10/06
Shane & Patricia Hammel	10/17
Bruce & Brenda Weiler	10/18
Bruce & Geanna Denzine	10/29
Scott Deana Parker	10/31

St. John Harvest Supper:

Today is the last day to volunteer for the Harvest Supper. There are many opportunities still available. Commitments are needed for delivery drivers, line workers, pie cutters, filling cranberry containers, and floaters. Even if you are only able to help for a short time during the day or for clean-up, it all makes a difference. The more help we have, the easier it is for everyone. I have placed a tentative schedule on the bulletin board showing times and volunteers, please review and let me know if I have any errors. You can find order blanks and sign up sheets on the coffee bar in the carport area at St. John. At Bethlehem find order blanks on the table by the side entrance in front of the church. Please call me at 715-352-7060 or Mary at 715-352-2603 if you have any questions. You may start placing your meal orders, so we can plan ahead. Please keep our Harvest Supper workers in your prayers for a successful turnout. Thank you

.District News:

The LCMS North Wisconsin District is looking for nominations for the District Board of Directors, 2028 Nomination Committee, and District Secretary,

If you are interested in being nominated for any of these positions please call the District Office @ 715-845-8241 ext. 103 for more information and to obtain forms. All nomination forms must be submitted by October 31, 2024.

Quarterly Giving Report Requests: You can obtain a copy of your current contribution statement by contacting the Financial Secretary, Jeff Werner, at 715-352-2597. This is available upon request throughout the year.

St. John: Oct. Quarterly Voters Meeting:

It has been increasingly difficult, over the past several years, finding candidates for our elected positions at St. John. Our Nominating Committee continues to work diligently to get volunteers for these offices.

As discussed at the last voters meeting a committee has reviewed the by-laws for the term limits, and will be making recommendations for changes at the next voters meeting.

Changes to discuss will include that a term will be 2 years instead of 3 years; but could now serve 3 consecutive terms (total of 6 years which has not changed).

They will also be recommending that the following statement be added to the Bylaws. " If an office has no candidate available, the person serving in that office may continue to serve a 1 year temporary extension with yearly voter approval until a new officer is elected

Some offices require a higher skill set than others, specifically the treasurers and Financial Secretary positions. If there are no candidates for these specific offices, we may have to look into the possibility of making this a paid position, and hire an outside source if needed.

We will also be discussing changing just the title Board of Evangelism to The Board of Outreach.

God has blessed all of us with unique talents and experiences. He tells us we are to use these talents for His glory and to serve each other. We ask that you keep all of this in prayer and attend the next voters meeting. Thank You St. John Council Members

St. John Sunday School will be doing a Reformation- Martin Luther event on Oct 27,2024. Come and join us to celebrate the Reformation. 9:15 am

October 6

"Fit to Be Tied" [Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler](#)

Lutheran Hour Speaker: A strong knot in the right place holds everything together. God made Jesus to be the "Master Point" to bind all people to Himself through faith. (Genesis 30:8)

October 13

"Difficult People"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: [Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler](#)

With God, all things are possible, even how to deal with that difficult person in your life.

(Genesis 31:6-7)

October 20

"Children of God--No Longer Losers"

Guest Speaker: [Rev. Dr. Leopoldo Sanchez](#)

God turns lost losers into forgiven sons and daughters. Through Christ, we too become children of God's kingdom, members of His household. (Hosea 12:2-6)

October 27

"God-Struggles"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: [Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler](#)

It's been said, everyone you meet is fighting an unseen battle. God calls us to enter the struggle of those around us because, in Jesus, God has entered our struggle. (Genesis 38:28)

Lutheran Hour Radio Broadcasts

Lutheran Hour Ministries ~ God has called all laypeople 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.

In this time of uncertainty, don't find yourself feeling isolated. HE is always with you! Discover FREE resources for your entire household and continue enriching your faith even when we can't gather together. Visit lhm.org/covid-19 and explore all of the ways you can hear God's Word, equip yourself in outreach, and provide Gospel-centered activities for the kids!

Internet Resources:

Worship Anew is an online ministry put out by Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne available to view on the Internet. The current week's program can be found on their homepage at Worshipanew.org/program.

Moments of Comfort is an online video ministry of Worship Anew which speaks to the sufferings we face in this life with the comforting message of God's Word.

They have a list of archived programs listed on the site.

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





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.



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To Reserve the Fellowship Hall or Schedule an Activity call the Church Office at 715-352-2888

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <p>Bethlehem Milan St. John High Steeple</p>		<p>1 STJ: LifeLight Bible Study 10:30am</p>	<p>2 BETH: LWML/ Ladies Aid 10am Beth: Youth BibleStudy 6pm Beth: Confirmation 6pm. Beth: LifeLight Bible 7PM</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5 Harvest Supper 4:30pm to 6:30pm</p>
<p>6 BETH Worship 8:00am Worship Sunday School 9:15am Adult Bible Study 9:15am STJ Worship 10:30am Worship St. John Sunday School 9:15am Adult Bible Study 11:45am</p>	<p>7 STJ: Bethesda 1pm</p>	<p>8 STJ: LifeLight Bible Study 10:30am STJ: Elders 6:00 pm STJ: Council 7:00 pm</p>	<p>9 Beth: CWIA 1pm Beth: Bethesda 10am -1pm Beth: Youth BibleStudy 6pm Beth: Confirmation 6pm. Beth: LifeLight Bible 7PM</p>	<p>10 BETH: Bethesda 10am-1pm</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>
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 <p>YOUTH GROUP News</p>	<p>Come Join Us Sunday Oct. 6th Information Mtg Higher Things Conference 2025 At STJ 6:00pm</p>	<p>Please Take Note The Office Secretary Email Has Changed New Email is - secretary@stjbeth.org</p>	<p>If you or a family member is Hospitalized please contact the Church Office 715-352-2888 Or Pastor Mathew @715-330-5599 Do not Text This is Not a cell phone # leave a message</p>	<p>Pastor: Rev. Michael Mathew 715-352-2888 after hours 715-330-5599</p>	<p>Bethlehem Lutheran 233500 County Road E Milan, WI 54411 715-654-5436</p>	<p>St. John Lutheran "High Steeple" 119415 Huckleberry Rd. Edgar, WI 54426 715-352-2888</p>
				<p>Office Hours: Mon. thru Fri. - 1:00pm to 4:00pm Office Phone: 715-352-2888 Office Email: Secretary@stjbeth.org</p>		



October 5, 2024 4:30 - 6:30PM

**ALL orders DELIVERY AND PICKUP
FREE Delivery Service is available in**

Edgar, Athens, & Stratford

To RESERVE FIRST 350 MEALS

**Call the church office M, Tu, W, or Fri
between 1pm and 4pm, orders must be
in by 4pm Friday, October 4, 2024**

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