

The Evangelical Lutheran Church of St. John
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This Sunday is an exciting day for two young members of our church. It is Confirmation Sunday. For the last three years they have been studying God's word and looking closely at the gift of faith in Christ first planted in them at their baptism. Faith in Christ isn't about simply believing that Jesus is God or that He exists. Martin Luther wrote this about faith in his commentary on the book of Romans:

Faith is a work of God in us, which changes us and brings us to birth anew from God. It kills the old Adam, makes us completely different people in heart, mind, senses, and all our powers, and brings the Holy Spirit with it. What a living, creative, active powerful thing is faith! It is impossible that faith ever stop doing good... Faith is a living, unshakable confidence in God's grace; it is so certain, that someone would die a thousand times for it. This kind of trust in and knowledge of God's grace makes a person joyful, confident, and happy with regard to God and all creatures. This is what the Holy Spirit does by faith. Through faith, a person will do good to everyone without coercion, willingly and happily; he will serve everyone, suffer everything for the love and praise of God, who has shown him such grace.

This is the faith these two confirmands will confess on Sunday. God grants this faith to them. And he directs his Church to nourish it. So, on Sunday we're going to talk about how these two young ladies have not finished their journey but are just beginning it. We will be looking at Psalm: 71:17-18. The theme for this Sunday is; **"Don't forget the filling!"** They should continue to be filled with the Holy Spirit through the word, here in Church. And we are to help them on that journey.



Our Bible Study is called **"Grand Themes & Key Words"** This Sunday we are having Confirmation so we will not have Bible Study. We will look at **"Persecution"** on May 14th. Please come and join us for this study at 9:00.

Pastor Daniel Sargent

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

CW 449 - Children of the Heavenly Father

STAND

INVOCATION

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Let us confess our sins to God and ask for his forgiveness.

C: Almighty God, merciful Father, I confess to you that I have not loved you with all my heart. In what I have done and left undone, I have pursued my ways instead of your ways. I have not loved my brothers and sisters as myself. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. I am truly sorry for my sins. I repent of them. I beg for your mercy, O Lord.

Silence for meditation.

M: Forgive us for the sake of Jesus Christ who suffered and died for us.

C: Cleanse me from my sins. Release me from my guilt. Grant me your Holy Spirit to amend my sinful life.

M: The almighty God has been merciful to us and has sent his Son to die for all. For his sake, God forgives our sins and calls us from darkness to his marvelous light. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

SALUTATION

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

M: Father of lights, every good and perfect gift comes from you. Inspire us to think those things that are true and long for those things that are good, that we may always make our petitions according to your gracious will; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BE SEATED

FIRST LESSON**PSALM 71:17-18**

17 Since my youth, God, you have taught me, and to this day I declare your marvelous deeds.

18 Even when I am old and gray, do not forsake me, my God, till I declare your power to the next generation, your mighty acts to all who are to come.

Psalms 91 (page 100)

STAND

GOSPEL**Luke 24:33-50**

36 While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." 37 They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. 38 He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? 39 Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have." 40 When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. 41 And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" 42 They gave him a piece of broiled fish, 43 and he took it and ate it in their presence. 44 He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms." 45 Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. 46 He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, 47 and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. 48 You are witnesses of these things. 49 I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." 50 When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. 51 While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. 52 Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. 53 And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.

After the Gospel:

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ. (Spoken)

BE SEATED

HYMN**CW 452 - Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus****SERMON TEXT****PSALM 71:17-18**

THEME: DON'T FORGET THE FILLING!

(Remain Seated after the sermon)

RITE OF CONFIRMATION

The Confirmands Come Forward.

(Confirmation is a public profession of the Christian faith, following a period of instruction, by one who has been baptized in the name of the Holy Trinity. It is a rite by which a person is recognized as one who is properly prepared to receive Holy Communion)

M: Dear brothers and sisters in Christ: Our Lord Jesus said to his disciples, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I will be with you always, to the very end of the age."

In obedience to the Lord's command, you have been baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. You have been taught the precious truths of the Christian faith as confessed by the Evangelical Lutheran Church. You know what God has given you by his grace and what he expects of you as his dear child. You can now exercise the privilege of partaking of Holy Communion.

You are here to make a public profession of your Christian faith. The Apostle Paul writing to the Romans says: "If you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved ... For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

Therefore, lift up your heart to the God of all grace and joyfully answer these questions:

M: Do you this day in the presence of God and of this congregation acknowledge that in Baptism, God gave you the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation?

(C: Confirmands Answer)

C: I do.

M: Do you reject the devil along with all his lies and empty promises?

C: I do.

M: Do you believe in God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit?

C:
I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,

**the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

M: Do you believe all the books of the Bible to be the inspired Word of God?

C: I do.

M: Do you believe that the teaching of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, as you have learned to know it from Luther's Small Catechism, is faithful and true to the Word of God?

C: I do.

M: Do you intend to continue steadfast in this teaching and to endure all things, even death, rather than fall away from it?

C: I do and I ask God to help me.

M: Do you intend faithfully to conform all your life to the teachings of God's Word; to be faithful in the use of the Word and Sacrament; and in faith and action remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, as long as you live?

C: I do and I ask God to help me.

M: Since it is God alone who enables us both to will and to do his good pleasure, it is right for us, dear friends in Christ, to call on him on behalf of our confirmands, that he would graciously complete the good work which he has begun in them. Let us, therefore, bow our heads and pray.

M: Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank and praise you for your great goodness in bringing your servants to the knowledge of your Son, Jesus Christ, and in giving them both the heart to believe and the mouth to confess your saving name. Enable them to bring forth the fruits of faith and to continue steadfast and victorious until the day comes when all who have fought the good fight of faith shall receive the crown of righteousness, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen. (Spoken by Confirmands and Congregation)

(The Confirmands kneel while the Pastor pronounces the blessing)

(STAND)

M: Your church now invites you to partake of the Sacrament of the Lord's body and blood. Accept this invitation with deep reverence and holy joy. Regard your communing at the Lord's Table as a precious privilege given you by God through his church; receive this sacrament thankfully and often. The almighty and most merciful God: Father, Son (†), and Holy Spirit, bless and keep you.

PRAYER

M: Gracious Father, you have adopted these young men and women through Baptism and anointed them with your Holy Spirit. Renew and strengthen them by that same Spirit so that they may continue to grow in faith and boldly confess you before others. Move them to faithfully hear your Holy Word and joyfully receive your Sacrament that they may again and again be assured of your gracious love and forgiveness. Keep them faithful and holy so that they may inherit eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

BE SEATED

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you. (Spoken)

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord. (Spoken)

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is good and right so to do. (Spoken)

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who rose from the dead in glorious triumph to bring forgiveness to the world and everlasting life to all who believe.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

DISTRIBUTION

This year's Confirmation Class will be ushered forward to receive the sacrament first.

A Special Note to Visitors Regarding Holy Communion

The Bible tells us that those who take Communion together must:

1. Recognize that Christ's true body and blood are present in the Sacrament (1 Cor. 11:29),
2. Examine themselves (1 Cor. 11:28)
3. Be perfectly united in faith with the congregation with which they commune (1 Cor. 1:10; 10:17). For these reasons, we ask:
 1. That only communicant members belonging to either this or another congregation within our (WELS or ELS) fellowship come forward to commune with us.
 2. That all who come forward be properly prepared to receive the sacrament. (See page 156 in the front of our Christian Worship Hymnal as an example of such preparation.)

If you are interested in learning more about our teaching and practices, or want to join our fellowship, please speak to the pastor after the service.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN**CW 310 - I Come, O Savior, to Your Table****PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

M: Blessed are you, O God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. By his victory over the grave, our Savior declared death's reign ended, the door to heaven open, and the payment for sin complete. We celebrate with joy the glorious resurrection of your Son. We marvel at the depth of your love. We stand in awe of your power. We are humbled by the compassion you have shown our fallen race. Lead us to rejoice in the pardon offered and sealed in this Sacrament and to live a life worthy of your name. The Lord Jesus lives! Alleluia.

C: Amen.

LORD'S BLESSING

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN**CW 514 - Lord, Help Us Ever To Retain****Confirmation**

Today our Confirmands were confirmed in their faith. We ask that you keep them in your prayers as they live their life for the Lord.

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2023 Confirmands

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Addison Hartwig

Mara Inghram

Confirmation Sunday
May 7, 2023

Pastor Daniel Sargent

Jim Seefeldt

Aaron & Erin Pape, Joel & Laura Rohde

Hymns

Lesson

Psalm of the Day

Gospel Lesson

Confession of Faith

Sermon Text

Worship Theme

Pastor

Organist

Counting Team

449, 452, 310, 514

Psalm 71:17-18

Psalm 91 (page 100)

Luke 24:33-50

Nicene Creed

Psalm 71:17-18

"Don't Forget the Filling!"

OFFERING If you wish to give an offering, it can be placed in the plates on the usher table in the narthex.

Welcome to All Thank you for joining us in worship today, and a special welcome to our guests who are with us. May the Word and promise of our Lord's love for us in Jesus fill your heart and soul with his peace. If you are a guest with us today, please sign our guest book in the entrance area.

Large Print Bulletins Large print editions of today's bulletin and Scripture lessons are available from one of the ushers. Please request one if it is needed.

Communion Announcements Those who desire to attend the Lord's Supper are asked to announce by having the ushers sign up for you. We follow the Bible based practice of communing those who are communicant members of our congregation and those who are members of a congregation in fellowship with the Wisconsin Synod. If you have any questions about attending the Lord's Supper with us, please ask to speak with our pastor before the time of service.

NOTE: VISITORS, PLEASE FILL OUT A CARD IF RECEIVING COMMUNION SO WE CAN LET YOUR HOME CHURCH KNOW OF YOUR ATTENDANCE. THANK YOU!!

Prayer Requests Please remember the following in your prayers:

◇ The two members of this year's confirmation class, Addison Hartwig and Mara Inghram.

◇ Birthday and wedding anniversary celebrations this week for members and loved ones.

Please contact Pastor Sargent for any prayer requests and to inform him of any family members entering the hospital.

Also, if you would like a special prayer put in the bulletin, please contact Brenda Polzin or email the request to stjohngrover@gmail.com by Wednesday afternoon.

Vacation Bible School -Volunteers Wanted Some of you may have fond memories of attending

Vacation Bible School as a child, there were always fun songs and exciting crafts, thrilling Bible stories and tasty snacks! Yes, VBS is a fun time for our younger children and we are looking for volunteers to help make it happen! We need all sorts of help with this year's VBS, we are looking for station leaders who can lead activities like crafts, snacks games, music and more. We also need guides who can take the kids to their next station. If you have a heart for VBS, please come to our volunteer meeting at St John's Lutheran School on Tuesday May 23rd at 6:30pm. With God's help and your service, we can make VBS 2023 excellent!

Flowers The altar flowers are given in thanks to the Lord of the Confirmation Class.

New Calendar The May, 2023 calendar is available on the pedestal.

Prelim Budget Meeting This Saturday, May 13, we will be having our preliminary budget meeting. Council members are asked to attend if they are available. It will be held at 9:00 am in the school.

Concert Choirs from Bethany Lutheran College (ELS) in Mankato, Minnesota will be giving a concert at First Trinity Lutheran Church (ELS), 920 Wells Street in Marinette, next Sunday, May 14 at 6:30 PM. Everyone is welcome to join us. There is no cost for admission. A freewill offering will be gathered. More information in on the bulletin board.

Greeters We are looking to start up the Greeter Program again. We are looking for volunteers to serve as our Church Greeters on Sunday mornings. Please sign the sheet on the bulletin board by May 14 if you are willing to serve so we can implement it by June 1. If you have any questions, please contact Brenda Polzin (920-660-5801).

Installation Sunday On May 21, at 4 pm, Pastor Mielke will be installed as the new Pastor at Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church in Crivitz (716 Henriette Ave). Pastor Cole will be preaching for the service. Following the service a meal will be provided in the Fellowship Hall. Please consider joining us as we welcome our new Pastor. Any questions and/or reservations for the meal can be sent to Grace Lutheran Church at gracecrivitz@gmail.com.

LWMS The 60th Annual LWMS Convention is scheduled for June 22-25, 2023 in La Crosse, Wisconsin. The convention center is near the Mississippi River, which is perfect for the theme: Peace Like A River. The LWMS (Lutheran Women's Missionary Society) Annual convention will be offering informative workshops, keynote speakers informing us of the work happening in Latin America, Africa, East Asia, and within Wisconsin. Plus, we will hear music by Christian music artist Stephen Bautista, and there is much more on the schedule. For more information, please see Eunice Kamps to obtain copies of the schedule and registration form, or visit www.lwms.org to register online.

Bible Study There is no Bible Study this Sunday because of Confirmation Questioning. We will continue our Bible Study called "**Grand Themes & Key Words**" next Sunday with a look at "**Reconciliation**". Please come and join us for this study at 9:00.

Seroogy Candy Bars St. John Lutheran Youth Group is selling Seroogy candy bars at the cost of \$1.50 each.

*****SEROOGY'S HAS INCREASED THEIR PRICES OF FUNDRAISER CANDY BARS. AT THIS TIME WE STILL HAVE SOME LEFT AT THE OLD PRICE. BUT WHEN THOSE ARE GONE, WE WILL ORDER MORE AND HAVE TO CHARGE \$2.00 PER CANDY BAR.*****

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!

Homebound/Shut-ins Please take note of our members who are not able to be with us at our Sunday services. Remember them in your prayers and if you are able, reach out to them with a card or a letter.

"We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ." (1 John 1:3)

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Livestream Volunteers We are still in need of volunteers to help with the live-streaming. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Sargent.

2023 Altar Flowers Sign Up A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board to donate flowers for special dates in memory of a loved one or for another special occasion.

Weekly Bulletins You can now find the weekly bulletins on our website(stjohnpeshtigo.org). Go to the website, click on "weekly bulletins", then click on the link for the bulletin.

Changes To better help us keep our records up to date (address changes, landline disconnection, cell phone numbers, family members move, etc), it would be greatly appreciated if you could fill out a form which is located in the rack in back of church. You may return to any usher, Brenda Polzin, or Pastor.

Worship & Daily Devotions on WOCO The worship broadcast on WOCO AM 1260 today (11:00 am) is hosted by *St. John, Grover*. The daily devotions on WOCO AM (1260) & FM (107.1) this week (Monday-Friday at 9:05 am) are hosted by *Calvary, Abrams* by *Pastor Matthew Stuebs*.

Last Week at St. John Ev. Lutheran

Those Who Joined Us in Worship 4/30/2023	131
Live Stream Service 4/30/2023 (Households)	10
Sunday School/Bible Study 4/30/2023	19/10
Average Sunday Attendance for the Year (18 weeks)	152

This Week at St. John Ev. Lutheran

Monday	6:00pm Church Council
	6:30pm Zion Service
Friday	8:15am School Chapel Devotion
Saturday	9:00am Preliminary Budget Meeting @ School
Sunday	9:00am Sunday School/Bible Study
	10:00am Worship Service

Next Sunday's Counting Team: Team "A" - Dan Maedke, Randy & Brenda Polzin, Lisa Sargent

Offerings for the Lord's Work

General Fund Income for 4/16/2023	\$ 4,123.75
General Fund Income for 4/23/2023	\$ 4,556.75
General Fund Income for 4/30/2023	\$ 4,450.75
Total General Fund Income (44 weeks)	\$269,152.71
Budget Needs Weekly at \$6,000.00 (44 weeks)	\$264,000.00
Total Church Offering Goal SURPLUS	\$ 5,152.71
Tuition/School Choice (projection-\$188,632)	\$35,307.50/\$111,286.75

Included in General Fund Income Total:

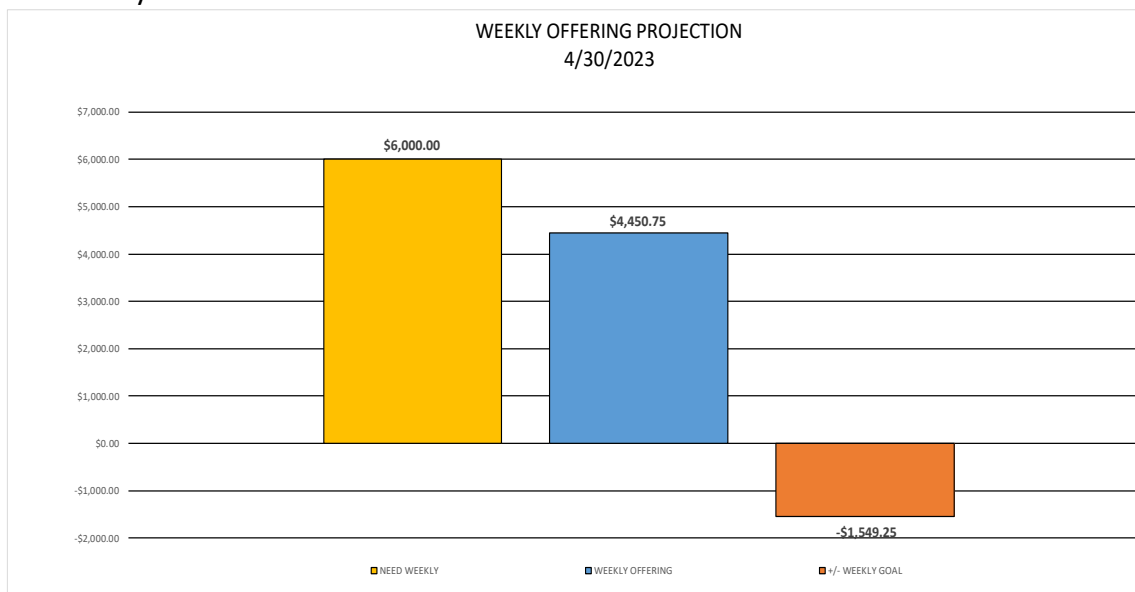
E-giving - \$1,592.75;

Special Gifts & Offerings

CMO - \$250; Sunday School Missions - \$49.75; School Missions - \$41.50; Hot Lunch - \$76

Memorials & Special Gifts Received:

CMO - In memory of Gloria Buelteman from Barbara Dumke



School News

- ⇒ We would like to wish our Confirmands the Lord's richest blessings on their Confirmation today. May you continue to grow in your faith and wisdom, letting God's Word always be your guide.
- ⇒ Our school Track Day will be held on Friday, May 19th with Trinity, Marinette. We are in need of volunteers to help make the day run smoothly. If you are interested in helping, either in the morning or afternoon, please contact Mrs. Sargent in the school office.
- ⇒ Please keep our students and faculty in your prayers as we enter the last month of this school year. As the weather gets warmer and the days a bit longer, help us all to remain focused on the work before us, and to faithfully complete the tasks the Lord has given us.

St. John Ev. Lutheran Church & School

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Office hours @ St. John School
Wednesday 7:30am-2:30pm
Thursday 7:30am-2:30pm

LADIES NIGHT OUT SUMMER SCHEDULE 2023

THURSDAY, MAY 18TH
LUIGI'S IN PESHTIGO (4:30PM)

THURSDAY, JUNE 15TH
BAVARIAN INN IN LENA (5:00PM)

THURSDAY, JULY 20TH
DOCKSIDE NEAR OCONTO (4:30PM)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17TH
IRISH GREENS NEAR OCONTO (4:30PM)

Anyone questions, please call Marquita at 715-582-3304
Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board!!