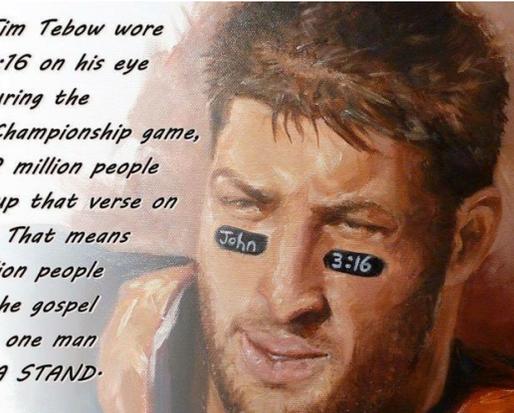


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*When Tim Tebow wore  
John 3:16 on his eye  
black during the  
2009 Championship game,  
over 92 million people  
looked up that verse on  
Google. That means  
92 million people  
heard the gospel  
because one man  
TOOK A STAND.*



Dear St. John members,

It was the 2012 AFC Wild Card matchup between the Denver Broncos and the Pittsburgh Steelers. A closeup picture of quarterback Tim Tebow during warmup drew your attention to the black paint under his eyes. There written for all to see was John 3:16. This game became legendary not only because Tim Tebow threw an 80-yard touchdown on the first play of overtime, but because of 3 **major game statistics that lined up with the digits 3-1-6**

**316 passing yards** by Tim Tebow

- **31.6 yards per completion** by Tebow

A key interception thrown by Ben Roethlisberger on **3rd and 16**

There are many famous Bible verses, and maybe you know some of them by heart. But I suspect, if I put you on the spot and asked you to recite any verse from the Bible, that you would choose this one: ***“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.” John 3:16.*** It is considered the most well-known and popular Bible verse in the world. Often called "the Gospel in a nutshell," it is the most searched verse online, receiving over 2 million searches per month globally. People will carry signs that read "John 3:16" to sporting events. Or put "John 3:16" on their license plate. The California burger giant "In'N'Out" prints "John 3:16" on their cups. This verse is famous. But do people really know what it means? Come along with me this Sunday as we meet Nicodemus and learn exactly what Jesus means when he said the words of John 3:16.

**Bible Study:** We will continue with our study of 1 John this week. We meet in front of church at 9:00 am.

The members of the **“Gather and Grow”** Team are continuing the Stewardship Emphasis have sent out a Newsletter and handed out a Devotion Booklet at church last Sunday. If you did not receive this please ask the ushers for them this Sunday. Also please sign up for a Presentation. In the near future, you may also receive a phone call from someone on the Leadership Team encouraging you to confirm a reservation for one of the workshop presentations. **Please be open to their invitation.**



- **Newsletter**
- **Devotion Booklet**
- **Sign-up sheets are on the table in the narthex.**
- **Leadership Team members are there to assist.**

**You're invited!**  
Learn more about the  
Gather and Grow project at  
a **Group Presentation:**

Sunday, Mar. 8, 11:00 am  
Thursday, Mar. 12, 6:30 pm  
Sunday, Mar. 15, 11:00 am  
Thursday, Mar. 19, 6:30 pm  
Sunday, Mar. 22, 11:00 am  
Monday, Mar. 23, 10:00 am

*Sunday presentations follow  
the church service*

Pastor Daniel Sargent

**Second Sunday in Lent  
March 1, 2026**

**Pastor Daniel Sargent**

**Becky Marotz**

**Paul Marquardt & Jeff Behnke**

**Dan Maedke, Randy & Brenda Polzin,**

**Lisa Sargent**

**Pastor**

**Organist**

**Greeters**

**Counting Team**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY** Almighty God, you see that we have no power to defend ourselves. Guard and keep us both outwardly and inwardly from all adversities that may happen to the body and all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

<b>Order of Service</b>	<b>Setting One(Blue Hymnal, page 154)</b>
<b>Hymns</b>	<b>402, 570, 665, 668, 723(All blue hymnal)</b>
<b>First Lesson</b>	<b>Genesis 12:1-8</b>
<b>Psalm of the Day</b>	<b>Psalm 90(Red Hymnal, Page 99)</b>
<b>Second Lesson</b>	<b>Romans 4:1-5, 13-17</b>
<b>Gospel Lesson</b>	<b>John 3:1-17</b>
<b>Confession of Faith</b>	<b>Nicene Creed</b>
<b>Sermon Text</b>	<b>John 3:1-17</b>
<b>Worship Theme</b>	<b>“John 3:16!”</b>

**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.

**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.



**Prayer Requests** Please remember the following in your prayers:

\*God's Richest Blessings for Cliff and Barbara Anderson's 30th Wedding Anniversary

\*Birthday and wedding anniversary celebrations this week.

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 [stjohn-grover@gmail.com](mailto:stjohn-grover@gmail.com) by Wednesday afternoon.

**New Calendar** The March, 2026 calendar is available in the racks before entering church



**Lenten Services** We will continue with our Mid-week Lenten Service this Wednesday at 2:00pm. We are exchanging pulpits with area churches with Pastor Myslik preaching at St. John.

Other area Lenten church service times are:

Zion, Peshtigo 6:30pm (Dinner at 5:15pm)

Christ, Menominee 6:30pm

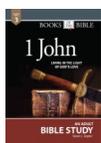
Calvary, Abrams Thursday 6:30 PM  
Trinity, Coleman 6:00pm (Dinner at 5:00pm)  
Our Savior, Lena/St Mark, Spruce 6:30pm  
Grace, Crivitz 12:00pm and 6:00pm  
Trinity, Marinette 3:30pm



**LWMS** The 63rd Annual LWMS Convention is scheduled for June 25-28, 2026 in Madison, Wisconsin. This LWMS (Lutheran Women's Missionary Society) Annual convention is at the Monona Terrace Community and Convention Center and will be offering informative workshops, keynote speakers, along with inspirational missionary stories and updates from the Home and World Mission Fields.

See the bulletin board for more information and details, visit [63.lwms.org](http://63.lwms.org), or see Eunice Kamps to obtain copies of the schedule and registration form.

**Mom's Bible Study** Our next Bible Study will be Tuesday, March 3 at 9:00am in St. John Church basement. Children are welcome. Activity/toys and light snack will also be provided for children. Please let Erin Pape know if you are able to attend or interested in future meetings (262) 352-8762.



**Bible Study** This Sunday we are studying **1 John**. We will be meeting in the front of the church at 9:00 am. Please come and join the study.

**Necklaces** There are handmade necklaces for sale at \$5 each with 100% proceeds going to the School/Church building addition fund. Please consider purchasing one for a child or loved one. Thank you!!!



**Seroogy Candy Bars** St. John Lutheran Youth Group is selling Seroogy candy bars once again at the cost of \$2.00 each.

## 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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**2026 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](http://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 *St. John, Grover by Pastor Daniel Sargent*.

**Last Week at St. John Ev. Lutheran**

Those Who Joined Us on Ash Wednesday 2/18/2026	138/17
Those Who Joined Us in Worship 2/22/2026	166
Live Stream Service 2/22/2026(Households)	21
Sunday School/Bible Study 2/22/2026	17/15
Average Sunday Attendance for the Year (8 weeks)	173

**This Week at St. John Ev. Lutheran**

Monday	6:30pm Zion Service
Wednesday	2:00pm Lenten Service(Myslik)
	4:30pm Confirmation Class(4:30-6pm)
	6:30pm Lenten Service @ Zion
Thursday	5:30pm PreK-K Open House (5:30-6:30pm)
Friday	8:15am School Chapel Devotion
Sunday	9:00am Sunday School/Bible Study
	10:00am Worship Service
	11:00am “Stewardship Emphasis” Presentation
Next Sunday’s Counting Team: Team “F” - Joel & Laura Rohde, Gup & Melissa Gannigan	

Next Sunday's Greeters: Rod & Adie Robins

***Offerings for the Lord's Work***

General Fund Income for 2/8/2026	\$ 5,695.75
General Fund Income for 2/15/2026	\$ 6,545.44
General Fund Income for 2/22/2026	\$ 6,858.06
Total General Fund Income (34 weeks)	\$226,624.99
Church offering Goal: weekly @ \$6,270 (34 weeks) (Projection-\$326,040)	\$213,180.00
Total Church Offering Goal <b>SURPLUS</b>	\$ 13,444.99
Tuition/School Choice (Projection-\$367,125)	\$46,450.00/\$163,155.00

***Included in General Fund Income Total***

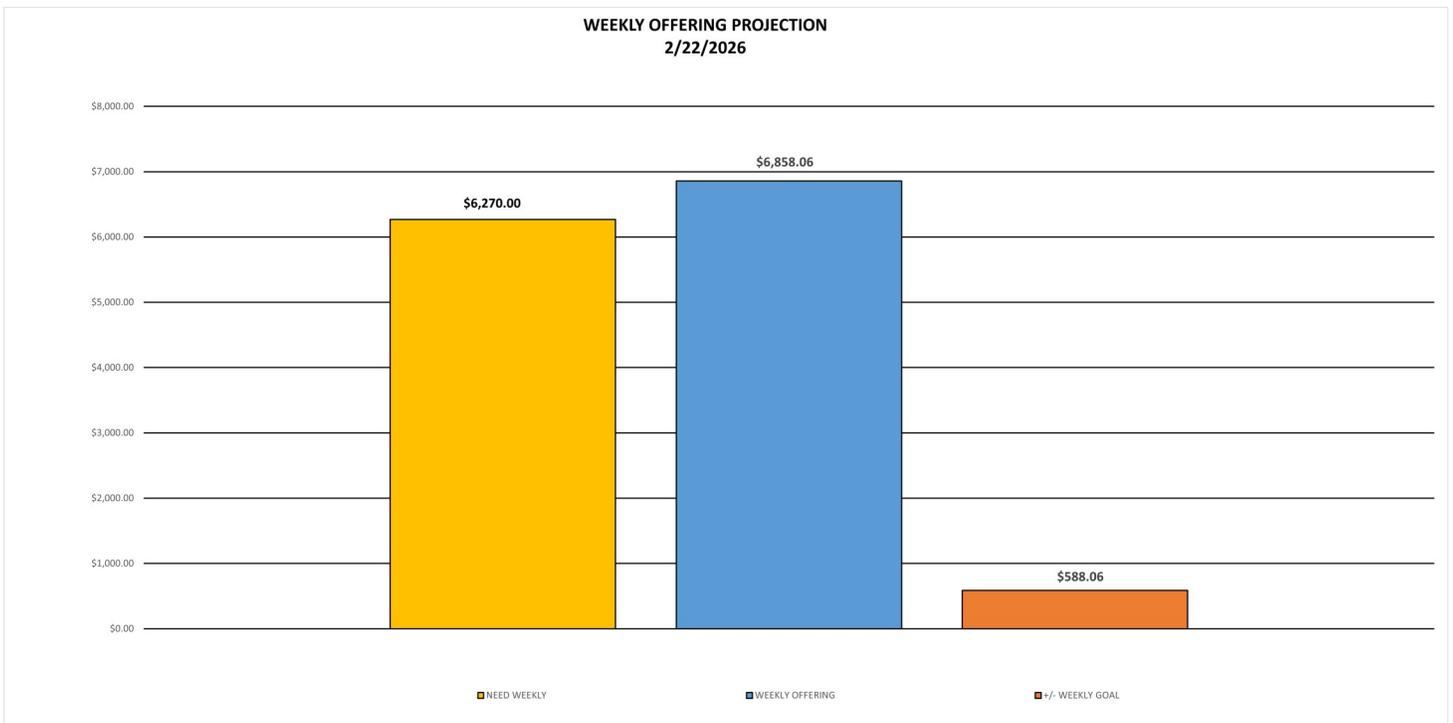
E-giving - \$1,932.06

***Special Gifts & Offerings***

Sunday School Missions - \$2; Gym/Fellowship - \$73; CMO - \$5; Future Church Workers(WELS Extension) -\$35.44

***Memorials & Special Gifts Received***

General - In memory of Ken Martin from Karen Bintz



## School News

- ⇒ The children in Kindergarten through Grade 8 presented their Social Studies Fair projects to friends and families this past Friday, February 27. Many of the students dressed up as the person they chose as they gave their presentations. Well done to everyone!
- ⇒ Our annual Preschool and Kindergarten Open House will take place this Thursday, March 5, 2026 from 5:30 - 6:30 pm. We are excited to meet these precious lambs and their parents who will be joining us for the upcoming school year.
- ⇒ Our St. John PTA is once again holding a Seroogy Candy Bar Sale. The money raised will go towards the installation costs for our recently purchased playground equipment. Many of our students and their families will be selling these candy bars for \$2 each. We are grateful for their support and effort for this goal.
- ⇒ Our joint St. John/Trinity basketball team will be heading to Luther Prep in Watertown to play in the annual grade school basketball tournament on March 13 and 14. To show our school spirit and support for our team, our students will have a Spirit Week this coming week, with different themed dress up days. The classroom with the greatest participation throughout the entire week will earn an ice cream party for showing their school spirit!

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Office hours @ St. John School

Wednesday 7/7:30am-2/2:30pm

Thursday 7/7:30am-2/2:30pm



ST. JOHN LUTHERAN  
CHURCH & SCHOOL

### **OUR MISSION:**

*St. John Lutheran Church exists to nurture our congregation with God's Word and Sacraments, share the Gospel in our surrounding communities and the world, and serve others in Christian love.*

**Link to Electronic giving page.  
Just scan with your phone.**



**FIRST LESSON****GENESIS 12:1-8**

Now the LORD said to Abram, “Get out of your country and away from your relatives and from your father’s house and go to the land that I will show you. 2 I will make you a great nation. I will bless you and make your name great. You will be a blessing. 3 I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse anyone who dishonors you. All of the families of the earth will be blessed in you.” 4 So Abram went, as the LORD had told him. Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. 5 Abram took Sarai his wife, Lot his brother’s son, and all the possessions they had accumulated and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to travel to the land of Canaan. Eventually they arrived in the land of Canaan. 6 Abram passed through the land until he came to the Oak of Moreh at the place called Shechem. The Canaanites were in the land at that time. 7 The LORD appeared to Abram and said, “I will give this land to your descendants.” Abram built an altar there to the LORD, who had appeared to him. 8 He moved on from there to the hill country east of Bethel and pitched his tent there, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. There he built an altar to the LORD and proclaimed the name of the LORD

**PSALM OF THE DAY****PSALM 90 ( RED HYMNAL, PAGE 99)****SECOND LESSON****ROMANS 4:1-5, 13-17**

What then will we say that Abraham, our forefather, discovered according to the flesh? 2 If indeed Abraham had been justified by works, he would have had a reason to boast—but not before God. 3 For what does Scripture say? “Abraham believed God and it was credited to him as righteousness.” 4 Now to a person who works, his pay is not counted as a gift but as something owed. 5 But to the person who does not work but believes in the God who justifies the ungodly, his faith is credited to him as righteousness. 13 Indeed, the

promise that he would be the heir of the world was not given to Abraham or his descendants through the law, but through the righteousness that is by faith. 14To be sure, if people are heirs by the law, faith is empty and the promise is nullified. 15For law brings wrath. (Where there is no law, there is no transgression.) 16For this reason, the promise is by faith, so that it may be according to grace and may be guaranteed to all of Abraham’s descendants—not only to the one who is a descendant by law, but also to the one who has the faith of Abraham. He is the father of us all. 17As it is written: “I have made you a father of many nations.”

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16)

**GOSPEL**

**JOHN 3:1–17**

There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a member of the Jewish ruling council. 2He came to Jesus at night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these miraculous signs you are doing unless God is with him.” 3Jesus replied, “Amen, Amen, I tell you: Unless someone is born from above, he cannot see the kingdom of God.” 4Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? He cannot enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born, can he?” 5Jesus answered, “Amen, Amen, I tell you: Unless someone is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God! 6Whatever is born of the flesh is flesh. Whatever is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7Do not be surprised when I tell you that you must be born from above. 8The wind blows where it pleases. You hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” 9“How can these things be?” asked Nicodemus. 10“*You are the teacher of Israel,*” Jesus answered, “and you do not know these things? 11Amen, Amen, I tell you: We

11 speak what we know, and we testify about what we have seen. But you people do not accept our testimony. 12 If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things? 13 No one has ascended into heaven, except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man, who is in heaven. 14 "Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, 15 so that everyone who believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. 16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish, but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

## HAVE A BLESSED WEEK

**Alleluia:** Historically, Christians do not sing Alleluia starting the first Sunday in Lent. On Ash Wednesday we began the season of Lent. It is a time for repentance and reflection. We don't sing or say the Alleluia during Lent because the joyfulness of the Alleluia doesn't fit it. During Lent we are waiting for the kingdom to come, not the kingdom having come. That is reserved for the Easter "Alleluia", which actually means "Praise God". Don't worry though, the Alleluia makes a triumphant return at Easter, and it's better than ever!





## Little Lambs Program



Inviting all our "Little Lambs" to join our friendly volunteers in the Church Basement for some fun and much needed playtime while parents and guardians participate in the Lord's Supper!

Available to children ages approx. 18 months to 3-4 on communion Sundays, during the regular school year.

Pastor will announce that children are invited to accompany the supervising adult(s) to the basement just prior to the start of hymn of the day.

Families are welcome to keep their children with them in the pews, send them to the basement to enjoy some playtime or accompany their children in the basement while the service is livestreamed.

Families are asked to immediately pick up their children at the end of the service.

(For more information about this program please contact Tanya Gonzalez at 715-701-2732.)

2026 WELS YOUTH RALLY

# CHRIST THROUGH US

2 CORINTHIANS 5:18-20

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# WELS NIGHT AT THE HERD




**Saturday, March 21 | 7:00 PM**  
Oshkosh Arena | 1212 S Main St., Oshkosh, Wis.

Join us for **WELS NIGHT** with the Wisconsin Herd as they take on the Motor City Cruise!

**Group experience includes:**

- High five tunnel for all WELS kids
- Post-game group photo plus free throws on court
- Congregation shoutout on the video boards



To sign up, scan the QR code or visit [gofevo.com/WELSHerd](http://gofevo.com/WELSHerd)

WITH QUESTIONS, CONTACT:  
TREVOR KROLL @ 920.744.0263 OR  
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## A WORKSHOP FOR MILITARY VETERANS & FIRST RESPONDERS

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**May 9, 2026 | 9am - 2pm**  
St. Paul Lutheran Ministries | Appleton | WI  
Register at [www.LutheranMilitary.org](http://www.LutheranMilitary.org).






# Winter Olympics Bible Camp



Bible Lessons  
Bobsled Hill  
Hockey  
Biathlon  
Refreshments  
Craft  
Closing Medal  
Ceremony



**Saturday, March 7**  
1-5 p.m.  
716 Henriette Ave., Crivitz  
Ages 4-12



Scan the QR code  
to register  
your child!

No cost to attend. Come and bring a friend! Contact Minister Dan (262-305-9483) for more information.



**What:** Grief Share is a support group to give help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member or friend. It consists of a video seminar led by grief recovery experts, truths from the Bible, small group discussion, and a personal workbook with daily exercises.

**Where:** Grace Lutheran Church (716 Henriette Ave., Crivitz, WI 54114)

**When:** Meets weekly on Tuesdays starting on Tuesday, Feb. 25 (5:30-7:00 p.m.)

**Who:** For anyone who could use help and encouragement to navigate the grieving process.

**Contact Information:** You can call/text Minister Dan (262-305-9483) to enroll or to request more information.



## **Monday**

Loving Father, our Rock and Redeemer, bless your servants everywhere. Give us pure hearts filled with love of your Word. Strengthen our resolve to do your will. Give us the desire to learn of you, to have a closer walk with you. Thank you for your Spirit, your protection, and for the gift of your Word and the Sacraments. Forgive our sins, hear our prayers, and give us your Spirit's strength to serve you with our whole hearts. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

## **Tuesday**

Precious Lord, sometimes in Scripture you showed us that your people trembled with awe and reverence in fear when they approached you. Today, we thank you that you kept your promises and removed the fear of the barrier of our sins by your Son's sacrifice. We know that we can come to you as our dear Father, trusting that you will generously give us those things that match your perfect will for us. Help us to have the same reverence as your people of old, but also the comfort that you have removed our sins forever. We truly are your own dearly loved children. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

## **Wednesday**

Dear Heavenly Father, thank you for our church family at St. John, our pastor and teachers, and the blessings you have given us over the years. As we begin a new year, draw us closer to you and to one another in love and unity. Renew our commitment to your church and guide our work, that you alone may build this expansion project for your glory. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

## **Thursday**

Dear Lord, we know that every good and perfect gift comes from you. Thank you for providing for us and caring for us in our every need. Fill us with your Spirit and grateful hearts, as you help us devote our time and resources to your church and kingdom. We place all our cares in your hands, trusting in your constant care. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

## **Friday**

Dear Father in heaven, thank you for making us your family and gathering us here at St. John. Thank you for making us sons and daughters of you, the King! Bless our shepherds and their families, filling them with your Spirit, encouragement, and care. As we work and wait together, grant us an extra measure of your Spirit of love and unity. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

## **Saturday**

Gracious Father, not unto us be glory, but to your name be praise. Unto you be all the honor given for your matchless mercy, forgiveness, and grace so rich. Your love is so wide, so high, so deep, so costly to you, but freely given to us. Abide with us until our traveling days are done, our pilgrim feet leading us Home to you, Lord. Amen.

