



WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH!

In Jesus' name we welcome you to worship today. May God bless you through his Word of grace and give you the peace and joy that come only from Jesus! Hearing assistance units and large print materials are available from the ushers.

Guests, we ask that you do us the honor of completing a "Welcome to Worship" card (found in pew racks) to leave us a record of your visit with us. Should you desire any further information about St. John's, our pastors will be happy to speak with you after the service.

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 5 & 7, 2010

SUMMER SERIES: THE LIFE OF FAITH

Today's Focus: Christian Humility The Christian's life of faith is a life of true humility. There is no room for arrogance and pride in the Christian heart. Today's lessons encourage both humble reverence before God and humble service toward others. God tells us today that those who exalt themselves on earth will be humiliated for eternity, but those who humble themselves now will be exalted.

WELCOME & GREETING

OPENING HYMN

♪ "Son of God, Eternal Savior"

CW 492

LITURGY

8:00 & Monday

Service of the Word

Page 38 of *Christian Worship*

9:30

Service of Holy Baptism

Page 12 of *Christian Worship*

Ethan Julius Zuberbier, infant son of Robert & Abby Zuberbier, will be welcomed into the Lord's Kingdom through the washing of Holy Baptism.

FIRST LESSON

Proverbs 25:6,7 (pg. 1022)

⁶ Do not exalt yourself in the king's presence, and do not claim a place among great men;

⁷ it is better for him to say to you, "Come up here," than for him to humiliate you before a nobleman.

PSALM 18

CW Page 69

Minister chants first line of each verse, congregation chants second line; all join in singing the refrain and "Glory be.."

SECOND LESSON

James 2:1-10 (pg. 1881)

¹My brothers, as believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ, don't show favoritism. ²Suppose a man comes into your meeting wearing a gold ring and fine clothes, and a poor man in shabby clothes also comes in. ³If you show special attention to the man wearing fine clothes and say, "Here's a good seat for you," but say to the poor man, "You stand there" or "Sit on the floor by my feet," ⁴have you not discriminated among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts?

⁵Listen, my dear brothers: Has not God chosen those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and to inherit the kingdom he promised those who love him? ⁶But you have insulted the poor. Is it not the rich who are exploiting you? Are they not the ones who are dragging you into court? ⁷Are they not the ones who are slandering the noble name of him to whom you belong?

⁸If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, "Love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing right. ⁹But if you show favoritism, you sin and are convicted by the law as lawbreakers. ¹⁰For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it.

VERSE OF THE DAY

♪ Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

These words are written that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Stand

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 14:1,7-14 (pg. 1621)

¹One Sabbath, when Jesus went to eat in the house of a prominent Pharisee, he was being carefully watched.

⁷When he noticed how the guests picked the places of honor at the table, he told them this parable: ⁸“When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take the place of honor, for a person more distinguished than you may have been invited. ⁹If so, the host who invited both of you will come and say to you, ‘Give this man your seat.’ Then, humiliated, you will have to take the least important place. ¹⁰But when you are invited, take the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he will say to you, ‘Friend, move up to a better place.’ Then you will be honored in the presence of all your fellow guests. ¹¹For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

¹²Then Jesus said to his host, “When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or relatives, or your rich neighbors; if you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid. ¹³But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, ¹⁴and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: ♪ Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

♪ “O Fount of Good, for All Your Love”

CW 524

SERMON — Proverbs 25:6,7

Rev. Kirk Lahmann

“The Great Sin of Pride”
In Attitude & Action

Stand

APOSTLES’ CREED

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.

Be seated

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us;

Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.

HYMN

♪ "Lord Jesus Christ, My Savior Blest"

CW 362

CLOSING HYMN

♪ "One Thing's Needful"

CW 290, st. 3

Wisdom's highest, noblest treasure, Jesus, can be found in you.
Let me find in you my pleasure; Make my will and actions true,
Humility there and simplicity reigning, In paths of true wisdom my steps ever training.
If I learn from Jesus this knowledge divine, The blessing of heavenly wisdom is mine.

Preacher
Presiding Minister
Organist

Rev. Kirk Lahmann
Rev. Terry L. Laabs
Marion Getka

SENIOR SUNDAY

Senior Sunday will again be celebrated on September 19, 2010. Pastor Victor Prange will be our guest preacher for our Sunday & Monday services.

The OWLS (Organization of WELS Lutheran Seniors) will host a potluck luncheon at 12:00 pm. A sign-up sheet will be available on September 5th & 12th for indicating what you will bring for the luncheon.

Following the luncheon Rev. Prange, who was on the committee for *Christian Worship*, will answer any question about the hymnal.

All seniors and friends are invited to attend this special time for honoring the senior members of our congregation.

Bible classes for all ages start September 12 at 9:15am

Nursery care is available in the gym for the smallest children during Bible class time.

Sunday School — Pre-K through 6th Grade

Dedicated teachers will use sound, Lutheran teaching materials and age-appropriate activities to engage children in Spirit-blessed interaction with God's Word. Every lesson, every week, offers the clear message of forgiveness, life, and salvation that comes only through Jesus.

GRADE	MEETS HERE	TEACHERS
Pre-K & Kindergarten	Kindergarten room	Megan Sorensen / Tierney Miller / Kim Van Patten
1st — 3rd Grade	3rd Grade room	David & Terri Edmundson / Laura Lee Gentele / Laurie Jensen
4th — 6th Grade	7th & 8th Grade room	Dan & Cathy Borchardt / Terry & Sarah Daubner / Sarah Lahmann

Teen Bible Class — 7th through 12th Grade

Delving into the doctrines of Scripture will be the focus of this exciting topical study of the Bible. Teens can expect to take their elementary knowledge God's Word to a new level while growing in faith at the same time.

The class meets in the **Resource Room** and is led by **Pastor Paul Prange** and **Julie Speidel**.

New Life in Christ

Both life-long Lutherans and those new to the faith will benefit from this course on basic Christian teachings and faith-life. The course is divided into two main sections:

Christ Our Life – what God has done to create us, redeem us from sin, call us to faith, and keep us in faith through Word and Sacrament.

Living For Christ – how the Christian responds to God's grace in Christ through prayer, Bible study, discipleship, worship, and service.

The class meets in the **School Workroom** and is led by **Pastor Terry Laabs**.

Catholicism Today

The Burlington area is very Roman Catholic. Some of us have Catholic neighbors; some have Catholic friends; some even come from a Catholic background. It's difficult to fully understand Lutheranism and the truths of Scripture without understanding the principles of Catholicism. This class will take an in-depth look at the official teachings of the Roman Catholic Church, offer a scriptural appraisal, and confirm God's truth in our hearts. The better we understand Catholicism, the more we will appreciate Lutheranism.

The class meets in the **Meeting Room** and is led by **Pastor Kirk Lahmann**.

FLOWERS IN CHURCH

The flowers that beautify our chancel area today are placed there in loving memory of Curt Gonsky by his family.

THANK YOU

Dear St. John members,

I want to thank all who sent cards, called and visited me while in the hospital and rehab after my back surgery.

Also thanks to the ladies that provided me with meals upon my return home. They were all enjoyed and helped so much in my recovery.

A special thank you to Pastor Laabs and Pastor Lahmann for their visits and prayers.

May God continue to bless St. John and all it's members.

Sincerely,

Roberta Edmundson

SERVICE TIME CHANGE

This weekend marks the end of our summer service worship times. **Beginning next Sunday, September 12th, we will again return to our Sunday service times of 8:00 & 10:30 am.**

FALL BIBLE STUDIES & SUNDAY SCHOOL

Mark September 12th on your calendars as the first day of our new season of Bible classes. Sunday School, Teen Bible class, and Adult Bible classes all begin that day. The adults will gather in the meeting room for a new class taught by Pastor Lahmann called "Catholicism Today." Pastor Laabs will also teach "New Life in Christ" in the Faculty Room. Teens will meet for Teen Bible class in the Resource Room (down the school hallway). Sunday School classes meet in the school classrooms. Classes run from about 9:15 to 10:15am, Sunday mornings, between services. Nursery care will also be provided in the classroom behind the stage in the gym. Please plan to bring the whole family for the Bible class hour. Check out the Bible study listings on page 10 for all new Fall Bible studies.

JESUS CARES MINISTRY

Jesus Cares Ministry, our outreach ministry for members of our church & community with developmental disabilities is moving their meeting times to Thursdays. They will now be meeting on the second & fourth Thursdays of the month, beginning September 10th from 6:00—7:30 pm.

TRIP TO HOLYLAND

Pastor Lahmann will lead a study tour to Israel this spring. See the display in the narthex and speak with Pastor for more details.

"B4D"

The weekend of October 3rd, St. John's will host the "B4D" and the "B4D4X4BT." Curious? See page nine for all the details!

MEALS

Throughout the summer we have had a wonderful group of volunteers willing to make meals for individuals or families who are experiencing sudden illness or injury or recuperating from surgery. Many thanks go out to these people who give of their time and food to make this program possible. We are again looking to add to our number of cooks as requests for our services continue to come in. All we are looking for are people who are willing to make a meal approximately once a month for either an individual or family. If this sounds like an opportunity for service that you might be interested in, please contact Angie Zilisch at 767-9855.

NEW SEASON FOR CHOIRS

A new season of the senior handbell choir will begin with their first practice on Thursday, September 16th at 6:30 pm. This year we are in need of an additional ringer. If you are interested in joining bells, please come to our first practice or contact choir director, Bill Baker (763-2602).

The Senior Choir will begin their practices on Wednesday, September 8th from 7:00—8:00 pm. All confirmed members of the congregation are welcome to join the choir!

BIRTHDAYS

9/5—Collin Wanser

9/6—Jennifer Amborn, Dave Rouce

9/7—Mark Bieneman, Debbi Kroening, Melissa Stein

9/8—Eric Gerber, Margaret Scheunemann, Paula Uttech

9/9—Mike Morby, Audrey Peterson, Joseph Reda, Robert Wollmer

9/10—Joyce Auberger, Eva Baker, Sarah Edgington

ANNIVERSARIES

9/5—Todd & Michelle Halkowski (12)

9/9—Richard & Cathy LaBadie (22)

James & Karin Schuttenhelm (15)

9/11—Tony & Karen Velardo (28)

FREE CONCERT

Mt. Calvary, Waukesha invites you to join them for a Concert on the Hill on September 11th from 3:00pm—6:00pm. This FREE, outdoor concert will feature Mike Westendorf, Isaiah 62 (Mt. Calvary's praise band), and Reflections (Mt. Calvary's contemporary choir). Invite your family, friends, and neighbors, as well. Bring blankets & lawn chairs and a picnic dinner to the church's soccer field at 1941 Madison Ave. and make it an evening of Christian music and fellowship. Food will also be available for purchase. There will be a handicap accessible area and signing for the hearing impaired. Need directions or have questions? Call 262-547-6720 or visit www.mountcalvarywaukesha.org. In case of rain, the concert will be held in the church.

NEWS FROM THE SEMINARY

Sponsored by the Seminary Auxiliary, **Friends of the Seminary Day** offers a wonderful opportunity to WELS men and women to visit the campus and learn more about the seminary's work. Scheduled for Saturday, October 2nd, the day begins with a coffee and sweets registration hour at 8:00 am and an opening service at 9:00 am. Morning activities include presentations by students and faculty members that share interesting and personal information about our world mission fields. Following a noon meal, guests may visit and view the seminary's beautiful buildings and campus either on their own or with a student guide. To reserve a place send a \$10 registration fee to Lori Guse, 11831 N. Seminary Dr., Mequon, WI 53092 or call the seminary at 262-242-8104.

The annual district Reformation Service will be held on October 31st at 4:00 pm in the seminary auditorium. Preaching for the service will be Prof. Richard Gurgel. Special music will be offered by the choirs of Wisconsin Lutheran High School and Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School and organ and instruments.

The seminary is located in Mequon on Buntrock Ave. which intersects with Mequon Rd. between Highway 57 and 76th St. Parking is available on the campus grounds.

Come Visit the Church Library in September...

these books are located on the "People's Bible" shelf in the library

Christian Concerns

Paperback book written by Rev. David Kuske and published by Northwestern Publishing House. This book covers doctrinal concerns such as fellowship, angels and devils, God's role for women and adiaphora.

Don't Check Your Brains at the Door

Authors Josh McDowell and Bob Hostetler mix clarity with humor to expose common myths about God, the bible, religion and life to show how Christianity stands up to the test of fact and reason.

The Cross and the Common Man

This book presents the entire theology of the cross in a language that the common man can understand and in a manner that is soundly biblical as well as intellectually stimulating.

Christ

Paperback book from the "People's Bible Teachings" series.

PRESCHOOL POWER HOUR

Come join us for Bible stories, music and fun in the gym for ages 1-4 and their families.

Our Fall session starts Wednesday, September 15th & meets on the first & third Wednesdays of the month from 9:30—10:30 AM.

The cost is 15 per family per semester.

Call the school office at 763-2377 to register or for more information.



What is B4D all about anyway? And what is B4D4x4BT?

Many, if not most of you, know Dean Fleming. Dean is a son of our congregation, and a former WELS pastor. He has not only worked for the National Pioneer Office, but has volunteered many hours to our Pioneer group here at St. John's, and to Pioneers in the local district. Since Dean left full time ministry, he has been a fixture at St. John's, helping in everything from Pioneers, being the "guest" pastor for Church services, choir, school, and providing us with video from Synod and our School.

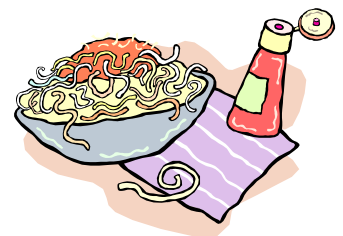
Many of you also may know that Dean has had some pretty severe health problems as of late. These health problems have not only affected Dean's ability to volunteer, but have also affected his ability to work. Dean's medical bills are also quite extensive.

So B4D stands for Benefit for Dean! This event is being sponsored by the Lutheran Pioneers of St John's, and a number of volunteers from our congregation. B4D4X4BT stands for Benefit for Dean 4 on 4 Basketball Tournament.



The Basketball Tournament will be on October 2nd, and is open to anyone over 16 years of age. We are currently looking for team captains. See Bob Edgington or Randy Dauffenbach for more information.

The Benefit will continue with a **Spaghetti Dinner, Music, and a Silent Auction on October 3rd**.



More information will be coming next week! Watch for the flyers, and mark your calendars. This event will not only be great fun, but will also benefit someone we all know, someone who has given so much to our church and our community, Dean Fleming.

BIBLE STUDIES AT ST. JOHN'S

"Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." (2 Peter 3:18)

Sundays

Sunday School (Preschool - 6th grade) — 9:15 AM

School Classrooms

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Teen Bible Class (grades 7 - 12) — 9:15 AM

School Resource Room

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Adult Bible Class — 9:15 AM — *New Life in Christ*

Faculty Room

This basic Christian doctrine and discipleship course provides new members the opportunity to explore the Bible's basic teachings and to learn what membership at St. John's is all about! Current members are also welcome to attend this class as a review.

Adult Bible Class — 9:15 AM — *Catholicism Today*

Meeting Room

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Tuesdays

Breakfast Bible Study — 6:00 AM — *Revelation*

Lucky Star Restaurant, Burlington

Of all the books in the New Testament the Book of *Revelation* is the one that puzzles most readers today. The mysterious figures and cryptic symbols are far removed from the experience of most readers today. But the basic message of *Revelation* is still relevant today: no power on earth can ever threaten the rule of God and his Messiah. God's lordship over the world is secure, and he reigns now and forever. Come explore this fascinating book with us. Led by Pastor Laabs

Wednesdays

Morning Bible Study — 8:45 AM — *1 Samuel*

Meeting Room or Faculty Room

God called Samuel, even as a child, to be a prophet and judge for the Israelites, who wanted a king. The books of Samuel outline the history of Israel's first kings, Saul and David. Through many acts of deliverance and forgiveness, God kept safe the line of the King of kings, our Savior Jesus Christ. Led by Pastor Lahmann

Preschool Power Hour — 9:30 AM

Meeting Room

This class is geared for children ages 18 months to 4 years of age and their parents. It offers Bible stories, music, & playtime. **Preschool Power Hour meets the first & third Wednesdays of the month.**

Men's Bible Study & Fellowship — 8:00 PM — *1 Samuel*

Faculty Room

Next class on September 8th. Led by Bob Edgington

Thursdays

Jesus Cares — 6:00 PM

Meeting Room

St. John's outreach ministry for members of our church & community with developmental disabilities. **Jesus Cares meets on the second & fourth Thursdays of the month.**

OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

“St. John’s Lutheran Church exists to BUILD UP THE BODY OF CHRIST so that we might know Christ and make Him known.”

We Love Him Because He First Loved Us

ATTENDANCE (week of August 29)

8:00	167
10:30	167
<u>Monday</u>	<u>65</u>
Total Attendance at Worship Services	399
Breakfast Bible study	9
Wednesday Bible study	14

How to Contact Your Staff

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Those Who Serve

GREETERS FOR TODAY

Monday—Roger & Myrna Borchardt

GREETERS FOR NEXT WEEK

8:00—Open 9:30—Open

See the greeter sheet in the church entryway to sign up to greet for a service or call the church office.

COUNTING TEAM for September 7

Team #2: Brenda Maxwell, Dorothy Krueger, Sharon Lorfeld, Heather Wollmer

USHER SCHEDULE for September 12

8:00 AM - Team D: Larry Rouce, David Fleming, Dean Fleming, Dan Jensen, John Jensen, Dave Rouce, Tom Solofra

10:30 AM - Team G: Tom Sorensen, Dale Lorfeld, Brian Pesick, Mark Stein, Harvey Beaster

SEPTEMBER ALTAR GUILD

Laurie Jensen (763-3471), Jamie Luedtke (534-3566) & Denise Laabs (534-7371)

Please call one of the women listed if you would like to have flowers placed in the church in memory of a loved one or to honor an event. Please contact the church office if you would like the flowers listed in the bulletin.