



Bethlehem Lutheran Church
5484 County Road E
Athens, Wisconsin 54411
Sunday Worship at 8:15 a.m.
Wednesday Gathering at 7:30 p.m.
Dual-Parish Office
Office Hours: M, T, W, F: 1:00pm to 4:00pm
Dual Parish Office: 715-352-2888
Dual Parish Email: secretary@bethstj.org
Dual Parish Website: www.bethstj.org

St. John "High Steeple" Lutheran Church
W1145 Huckleberry Street
Edgar, Wisconsin 54426
Sunday Worship at 10:15 a.m.
Wednesday Gathering at 1:30 pm.
Rev. Frank Giebel - Vacancy Pastor
Pastor's Cell: 715-295-2050
Pastor's Office: 715-352-2888

Journey IN Faith

Why do we give? Is it simply because God commands us to? Or is there more to it? To be sure, the instruction and Word of God in the Bible says we should give, and this is sufficient to encourage us to give (Luke 6:38; Acts 20:35; 1 Cor. 16:2; 2 Cor. 8:7; Gal 6:6).

But there's more to it than just obligation. We're not just trying to fulfill a work of the Law. We are bearing fruits of the Spirit given to us by our Father in heaven through His Son our Lord Jesus Christ. In other words, we're not just doing what our Father said, we're also doing what He did.

Children emulate their parents. When they grow up they often carry many of the same mannerisms and characteristics as their parents, but there is more to it than that. Children copy their parents even on a more mundane level. They watch how their parents cross their legs, how they fold their hands, how they stand and sit and walk, how they do and say most everything.

And children try to copy it, which can be quite humorous when parents wish they wouldn't. It can be uncomfortable and embarrassing if a child copies or repeats something less than polite that they learned from a parent. Sitcoms thrive on these situations. It only happens because children emulate their parents because they want to be like them.

We are the children of God, by grace, through faith. In Holy Baptism, God the Father declares of us what He declared of Jesus at His Baptism in the Jordan: "You are my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." God the Father claims us as His own. He takes away all our sins, and in exchange He gives us His righteousness, His purity, His holiness, and His Spirit, by which we cry out, "Abba, Father."

We are born again, born from above, born of water and the Spirit, to a new life in Christ as His children. We are sons of God in Christ, through Baptism. And since we are sons, we are heirs – heirs who share in the glory of the Son of God. The inheritance is ours because of the Father's grace and mercy, His generosity in sending His Son in time to save us for all eternity.

And this is why we give generously of our income to the work of the church. We want to be like our heavenly Father. We want to emulate His generosity by being generous ourselves. We give to the work of the Church because we have witnessed the generous giving of our Father in heaven.

More than that, we are recipients of it. It is because we have received God our Father's gifts that we desire to give ourselves. And His gifts are not just spiritual. They are temporal and earthly as well. As the Small Catechism teaches in the Fourth Petition of the Lord's Prayer:

"Give us this day our daily bread." *What does this mean?* God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving. *What is meant by daily bread?* Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self-control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like."

In other words, God gives us everything we need for the care of both body and soul. His generosity knows no bounds. Therefore, we sit down at the beginning of the year, the beginning of the month, or the beginning of the week to set aside a generous portion of God's daily bread for His work in the Church.

We don't do this simply because He has commanded us so to do; it is because we, as His children by grace, want to emulate His generosity in our own lives. He is our Father; we are His children. And children want to be like their parents.

North Wisconsin District Adult Gathering: Make plans now to attend the next NWD Adult Gathering

Theme: "A Blessed Life: A Fresh Look at the Beatitudes"

Keynote Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dean W. Nadasdy, former President, Minnesota South District

Devotion Leader: Rev. Dwayne Lueck, President, North Wisconsin District

When: Tuesday, October 30, 2018 - 10:00am to 2:00pm.
(registration begins at 9:30am)

Where: Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, 6205 Alderson St. Weston, WI.

Cost: \$20.00 includes program, breaks, and lunch. Registration forms are available at the church office or on the NWD homepage at www.nwdlcms.org under "Events and Information".

Participants are encouraged to bring their Bibles.

Bethlehem Items:

Reaching out with Jesus Christ, Building our Community, Teaching all to Love and Serve one another.

Cemetery Decorations: If you have decorations on gravesite you would like to save at the Milan Cemetery they must be removed before the end of October.

St. John Items

In joyful response to God's grace, our calling is to be strengthened by the Word and Sacraments to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with all people.

Cemetery Decorations: If you have any decorations on gravesites you would like to save they must be removed by November 1.

NOTICE - 2 PARTS MISSING -

The Kitchen Works Model 308

Multipurpose Appliance was brought to our May THRIFT SALE It is a beautiful Appliance, unfortunately two parts are missing, if by chance you know if we could locate the two parts, it could be used. It is no longer made. We have printed the pictures of the parts and also the book on the bulletin board . Thanks

Dual Parish Items:

Announcements: The deadline for information submitted to the office to be placed in the weekly bulletin announcements is Noon on Wednesday. Bethlehem's information is picked up on Tuesday's at 12:30pm. Information for the November Newsletter **must be in no later than Noon on Wednesday, October 23.**

Calendar Information: Since Pastor Jeff has left, the office has lost the go between for information to be published in the newsletter or on the monthly calendar. So it is vital that if anyone has important information, dates of meetings for Church Council, Elders, Committees, or upcoming events to be added to the calendar or newsletter that you inform Sharon at the church office. Sharon will post a calendar for the upcoming month at both churches so you can write the time and dates on the calendar. The calendar will be picked up the third Tuesday of the month from Bethlehem and St. John. You can also E-mail the office at secretary@bethstj.org

Pastor & Laura's New Address and Phone Numbers:

Rev. Jeffrey and Lara Lambrecht
10230 Eighth Avenue
Pleasant Prairie, WI 53158

Pastor's Number 1-224-243-1790

Lara's Number (Pastor's Old #) 715-212-5032

Hospital Visits: Marshfield Hospital will no longer give the names of congregation members hospitalized. If you or a family member are hospitalized or a new parent, please call, leave a message to let the Church office know so that we can arrange for someone to visit during this time if needed. **Office 715-352-2888.**

Zone 10 Gathering: The Lutheran Laymen's League is inviting everyone to their Fall Rally, October 14 at 1:00pm. The gathering is at the "Fence House" on Fence Road - The Wil & Dee Country Estate.

Neil & Sandy M. will share missionary insights from Cindy Wrucke, and will share updates and information on the Orphan Grain Train.

There will be a short meeting to follow.

Starks Annual Golden Ladle Soup Contest: Come Join Us at Stark's Floral -- 109 W Redwood St. Edgar, WI. for our **ANNUAL GOLDEN LADLE SOUP CONTEST & CAKE BINGO** Doors open for judging at 4:00pm - Contestants please have your favorite soup & lists of ingredients in by 3:00pm . Call 715-352-2577 or 715-212-9269

Cake Bingo - please bring in variety of cakes, cookies, & anything sweet.

Tickets: \$8.00 - Advanced (pick up at Stark's)
\$10.00 at the door. Soup makers are free

All proceeds go the Edgar Holiday Parade, November 4 at 1:00pm

North Wisconsin District LWML Fall Zone 10 Rally Christ Lutheran Church, Abbotsford, WI Saturday, October 20, 2018

Registration and coffee will be 9:00am in the church narthex. Coffee and snacks will be served. The noon meal will be provided. Registration fee is \$5.00. The Rally will start in the church proper at 9:30am.

The Christian Life Bible Study Topic, "Overwhelmed: A Bible Study on Baptism," will be presented by Marilyn Mueller. Katie Scheel, Director will give a presentation on the Christ Lutheran Daycare. Our "Gifts from the Heart" will be items from the list printed, or monetary gifts to fund this. Please remember to bring the items you have collected: such as Box Tops for Education, eye glasses, used ink cartridges, old cell phones, pull tabs, and postage stamps with 1/4 inch around.

We encourage you to bring along a friend, former members or other church ladies. We are looking forward to seeing you.

Needs List for Christ Lutheran Daycare Child Care List

Glue Sticks or Bottles	Construction Paper	Washable Paint
Watercolors	Tissue Paper	Felt Pieces
Finger Paints	Glitter	Washable Markers
Puzzles (Floor or Wood)	Animal & Vegetable Stampers	
Washable Plastic Stencils	(Animals, Garden, Transportation)	
Flannel Board Stories	Scrap Paper	Pipe Cleaners
Yarn	Board Books	
Children's Songs (CD'S)	Pom-Poms	Ribbons
Tongue Depressors	Craft Sticks	Feathers
Dress up cloths	Sequins	Rhinestones
Stickers	Wiggly Eyes	Foam Stickers
Bleach	Small Paper Cups (Dixie)	
Large Colorful Buttons	Bingo Dabbers	Egg Cartons
Toilet Paper	Paper Towels	Cotton Balls
Paper Plates	any item to make crafts	



Harvest Supper

Invite a friend

or neighbor

to the

Harvest Supper

October 6, 2018



In Service This Month

Happy Birthday

St. John

St. John Greeters:

10/7 Pete, Trish VanDerLeest
 10/14 John, Sandee Schafer
 10/21 Dean, Traci Pehlke
 10/28 Pete, Lisa Kroening

St. John Elder of the Month:

Lloyd Schultz

St. John Readers:

10/7 Sharon Niemann
 10/14 Lloyd Schultz
 10/21 Steve Schneider
 10/28 Pete VanDerLeest

St. John Acolytes:

10/7 Natalie Thompson
 10/14 Katie Wussow
 10/21 Alex Thompson
 10/28 Lillian Pehlke

St. John Ushers:

10/7 Dean Pehlke, Volunteer
 10/14 Dean Pehlke, Carrie Callies
 10/21 Dean Pehlke, Mike Thompson
 10/28 Dean Pehlke, Jared Reis

St. John Altar Guild:

Caroline Hahn, Anna Koepke

St. John Counters:

Randy Krebsbach,
 Christopher Schneider

Bethlehem

Bethlehem Greeters:

10/7 Virgil, Bridgette Underwood
 10/14 Donna Solchenberger,
 Lynn Ballerstein
 10/21 Brentin, Talyer Bender
 10/28 Volunteer

Bethlehem Elder of the Day:

10/7 Bart Schreiber
 10/14 Del Schwarting
 10/21 Virgil Underwood
 10/28 Bart Schreiber

Bethlehem Readers:

10/7 Brenda Schmidt
 10/14
 10/21 Jill Penk
 10/28 Bart Schreiber

Bethlehem Acolytes:

10/7 Ashley VanLuven
 10/14
 10/21 Alexis Gumz
 10/28 Olivia Hammel

Projection Operator:

10/7 Ashton Hammel
 10/14 Luke Carlson
 10/21 Olivia Hammel
 10/28 Alexis Gumz

Bethlehem Counters

Dan, Jane Becker
 Tayler Bender

Bethlehem

Cook, Randy 10/2
 Freimund, Dee 10/8
 Anderson, Morgan 10/9
 Kohnhorst, Sharon 10/12
 Strack, Evan 10/12
 Denzine, Delbert 10/17 102 yrs.
 Kunze, Tyler 10/18
 VanLuven, Ray 10/20
 Viegut, Adam 10/20
 Gumz, Bruce 10/21
 Schmidt, Kirk 10/21
 Schreiber, Brett 10/23
 Cornelius, Gloria 10/26
 Kosik, Megan 10/26
 Harder, Crystal 10/27
 Johnson, Kylee 10/29
 Molthen, Clarence 10/30

St. John

Wussow, Thomas 10/2
 Wussow, Troy 10/2
 Scherr, Doris 10/3
 Pehlke, Christian 10/5
 Brown, Janice 10/9
 Schulz, Jonathan 10/12
 Serwe, Adam 10/14
 Rathsack, Joanne 10/17
 King, Amanda 10/18
 Bornowski, Doris 10/21 94yrs.
 Koch, Grace 10/24
 Wenzel, Loren 10/24
 Koerner, Jill 10/28
 Rodman, Cody 10/29
 Rodman, Wade 10/29
 Koepke, Neal 10/30

Please contact the church office if your Birthday or Anniversary are not listed, listed incorrectly, or you would like it removed.

Happy Anniversary

Bethlehem

Verlyn & Judith Wittlinger 10/2
 Delbert & Michelle Schwarting 10/5
 Thomas & Louise Geisking 10/6
 Denney, Natasha Woodward 10/14
 Shane & Patricia Hammel 10/17
 Bruce & Brenda Weiler 10/18
 Russell & Sheri Bunkelman 10/20
 Bruce & Geanna Denzine 10/29

St. John

Patrick & Amber DeRosier 10/8
 David & Katie Telschow 10/21
 Michael & Lisa Thompson 10/25



Lutheran Hour Sermon Schedule

October 7

"God Created"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Perry Hart
 Life is a precious gift. Guest speaker, Rev. Perry Hart warns against our culture's devaluation of life and calls us to see ourselves and others as precious people, created by God, redeemed by Christ.
 (Genesis 1:27)

October 14

"We Will Not Fear"

Guest Speaker: Dr. Oswald Hoffmann
 Dr. Oswald Hoffmann says, "Fear is a fact of life ... but faith in God harnesses fear and points it in the right direction."
 (Psalm 46)

October 21

"We Preach Christ Crucified"

Guest Speaker: Dr. Oswald Hoffmann
 In a classic message from 1955, Dr. Oswald Hoffmann talks about all the things that change-and the God Who doesn't.
 (1 Corinthians 1:23-24)

October 28

"Stranger Than Fiction"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
 God is the Author Who becomes part of the story--our story. The Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler presents his first message as Lutheran Hour Speaker
 (Romans 3:19-28)



Lutheran Hour Sermon Schedule

Station	City, State	Freq.	Band	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



A scenic landscape at sunset or sunrise. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm, golden glow across the sky and reflecting on a body of water in the foreground. The sky is filled with soft, wispy clouds, and the mountains in the background are silhouetted against the bright light.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

St. John (High Steeple)

Fall leaves are beautiful,

Gods Blessings

are Breath-taking!