

St. John's Epistle

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A Newsletter of
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Chosen

“This is the day that the Lord has made let us rejoice and be glad in it. Save us, we pray, O Lord! O Lord, we pray, give us success! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. We bless you from the house of the Lord. The Lord is God, and he has made his light to shine upon us. Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar! You are my God, and I will give thanks for you; you are my God; I will extol you. O give thanks to the Lord for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.” (Psalm 118: 24-29)

We have so much to be thankful for! One of those blessings is that we have been chosen by God to be His children. The apostle Paul wrote, **“Blessed be the God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, so that we should be Holy and blameless before him.”** (Ephesians 1:3-4) As Israel was once God’s chosen people (Deuteronomy 4:37; 14:2), the Christian church is now chosen. (Romans 9; 1 Peter 2:9-10) Although God chose us before the foundation of the world, His choice was not arbitrary. He chose us to be saved by Christ and be in union with Christ, who Himself is God’s “Chosen One.” As Peter wrote, **“As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men in the sight of God chosen and precious, you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. (1 Peter 2:4-6).**

God chose us in love, not anger or judgment; Paul spoke of us being chosen for redemption. Paul wrote, **“For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called, he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then shall we**

say to these things? If God is for us; who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect. (Romans 8: 29-33)

The truth is, God chose us because He loves us. The Apostle Paul wrote, **“But God being rich in mercy, because of the great with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ-by grace you have been saved-and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming of ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.** (Ephesians 2:4-7)

How blessed we are to be able to say that we are one of God's children. How blessed we are to be redeemed by Jesus Christ and share in His death and resurrection. What a blessing it is to be a chosen child of God. For that reason, we can say every day, **“This is the day that the Lord has made let us rejoice and be glad in it.”** (Psalm 118: 24)

In His Service,
Pastor Craig S. Zandi

What Luther says:

The Son of God, sent by God the Father came to preach the good news of grace in and through Himself, says Luther in a sermon delivered in 1522 on Matthew 11:2-10.

But these promises of grace are all based on Christ from the beginning of the world, so that God promised this grace to no one in any other way than in Christ and through Christ. Christ is the messenger of God's promise to the entire world. This is also the reason why He came and let the promise go out through the Gospel into all the world; but before that time He always proclaimed it through the prophets. Therefore it is vain for anyone to expect the divine promise apart from Christ. Everything centers and terminates in Christ. The man who does not hear Him hears no promise of God. For just as He recognizes no law except Moses' Law and the writings of the prophets, so He gives no promise except through Christ alone. (WLS, p. 604)

ASSISTING FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

Acolytes: *Ushers*

Altar Guild: *Stu & Clara Pask*

Finance: *Stu Pask & Tom Rosolowski*

Fellowship: *LWML*

Worship Assistants for October – Sunday Services at 9AM

Sunday, Oct 7	<p>Elder: Mark Grabowski Greeters: Jan & Neal MacLachlan Ushers: <u>Team 1:</u> Dave Scott, Captain, Dave Kuchta, Tom Rosolowski, Vic Plockelman, Stu Pask</p>
Sunday, Oct 14 <i>Caring & Sharing</i>	<p>Elder: Darrell Kuchta Greeters: Sam & Shelley Barg Ushers: <u>Team 2:</u> Gary Hahn, Glen Hoople, Dave Kmosena, Mike Kuchta, Jim Rodd</p>
Sunday, Oct 21 <i>LWML Mites In Gathering</i>	<p>Elder: Sam Barg Greeters: Donna Howard & Mary Ann Riegel Ushers: <u>Team 3:</u> Dennis Flater, Captain, Bob Hauser, Alden Hook, Bill Myers, Ray Tousey</p>
Sunday, Oct 28 <i>Charity of the Month</i>	<p>Elder: Randy Scott Greeters: Lorraine Flohr & Elsie Tomasovich Ushers: <u>Team 4:</u> Sam Barg, Dave Werner, John Monnier, Chuck Perenchio, Gene Zillmer</p>

St. John's Lutheran Church invites your
child/children to



The title 'GAME NIGHT' is displayed in a playful, colorful font. 'GAME' is written in large, bold letters on a banner, with 'G' in red, 'A' in blue, 'M' in green, and 'E' in orange. To the left of 'G' is a blue pawn, and to the right of 'E' is a red knight. Below 'GAME', the word 'NIGHT' is written in smaller, brown letters on a banner, with 'N' in red, 'I' in blue, 'G' in green, 'H' in orange, and 'T' in red. To the left of 'N' is a blue pawn, and to the right of 'T' is a red knight.

Saturday, October 13, 2018

5:30pm - 7:30pm

St. John's Lutheran Church

Ladysmith, WI

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*Pizza and Pop will be served  
Games, Crafts and LOTS of FUN*

Take your spouse out for **DATE NIGHT** while your  
children enjoy fun with their friends at **GAME NIGHT**

*RSVP 715.532.5780*



## Preschool News

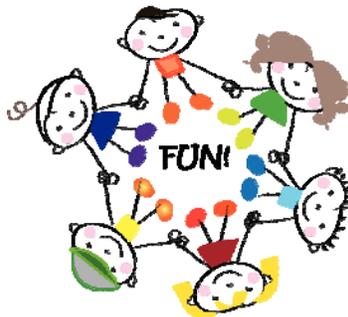
What a busy start of school! We are blessed to have 21 eager students this year!

We are busy practicing using a pencil and scissors. Our letters have been A, B, & C. We practice colors and shapes every day too!

We spent a week discovering different apples. We sampled apples, apple butter, and we even made applesauce! It was delicious!

Our Bible lessons have been about Creation and Abraham. We've learned that God loves us so much and He takes care of us all the time.

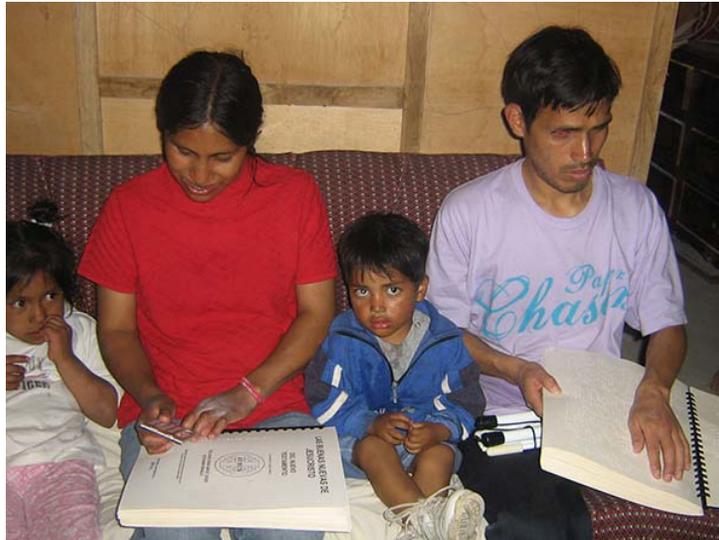
We are eager for our Bible Buddy Program to begin. Please stop in to say hi or read us a story!





## Laborers of Love

2017–2019 Mission Grant 14 — \$100,000



LBW's ministry lovingly reaches out to people who are visually impaired to create a connection to the Word of God and His church. As messengers of the gospel, we walk hand-in-hand with faith that love works.

Lutheran Braille Workers (LBW) has been providing God's Word to the visually impaired since 1943, utilizing the New International Version of the Bible for the past 25 years. With the use of the English Standard Version (ESV) by the LCMS, LBW desires to offer people with visual disability the opportunity to worship and study with the same translation of the Bible as sighted people of the Church. These funds will assist in the cost of the production of the zinc plates for each Braille Work Center along with producing the ESV Bible in large print.



### Let's Build Kits of Care!

Saturday, October 6, 2018 at 10 am we will be packing the student kits to be sent to the Lutheran World Relief. Helpers are needed. We would especially like to invite the school age children of the congregation to come to help. We will be ordering pizza's for lunch. A sign up sheet will be in the fellowship hall so we know how many pizza's to order.



Monday, October 15, 2018 at 4:30 pm is the LWML Bible Study "Grace Upon Grace" found in the Lutheran Women's Quarterly Fall Issue on page 16. If you do not receive this magazine, there is a copy of the Bible Study in Paula Hook's mailbox. The Bible Study is also found at [www.LWML.org](http://www.LWML.org) check out the Lutheran Women's Quarterly. All the women of the congregation are invited to attend.

See the LWML bulletin board for an article about Charlotte (Svoma) Hamilton found in the Fall issue of the Lutheran Womens Quarterly. Some of the members of St. John's may remember her.



**Ladies Bible Study:** Join us for a 5 week study that will look at how "Every Picture Can Tell God's Story". There is no cost for the materials for this study. Please sign up on the sheet in the fellowship hall. This study will meet on Monday 9/24, 10/1, 10/8, 10/22 & 10/29 @ 6 p.m. in the church library. If you have any questions please see Amy Tousey.



The ladies of St. John's Lutheran Church are invited to attend the Zone 4 LWML Fall Rally on October 20, 2018.

Registration begins at 9:30am

Program starts at 10 am

Bible Study: "Overwhelmed" a study about baptism

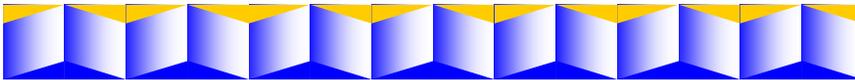
Speaker's Topic: "Word of Faith" about Evangelism presented by Rev. Bill Metter

Gifts of the Heart will be donated to Abiding Care Resource Center in Medford, WI.

They could use small baby items, like baby shampoo, baby soap, baby laundry detergent, pacifiers, small baby toys, etc.

Also general office supplies including copy paper, stamps, paper towels and toilet paper"

**We will meet at church at 8:45 to carpool to Gilman .**



With fall upon us, St. John's Ladies Aid is again planning their annual bazaar, which will be held November 2nd and 3rd. We again are looking for donations of household goods, knick knacks, books, jewelry, kitchen items, etc. for **Grannie's Attic**. As you do your fall cleaning, sorting, organizing, etc. please keep us in mind. Remember, your trash may be someone else's treasure. No clothing or furniture, please. Items should be brought to the church by Thursday, November 1st. We will also be looking for donations of baked goods and craft items. Thank you for whatever you can donate.



# OCTOBER 2018

| SUN                                                                                                                                                                                                  | MON                                                                                                                                       | TUE                                                                                                                                                                   | WED                                                                                                                                   | THU                                                                                                                                                                              | FRI                                             | SAT                                                                                  |
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|                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <b>1</b><br>8:30-11:30AM Preschool<br>12:30-3:30PM Preschool<br>6:00PM Ladies Bible Study<br><i>"Every Picture Can Tell God's Story"</i>  | <b>2</b><br>8:30-11:30AM Preschool<br>9:00AM Quilters<br>12:30-3:30PM Preschool<br>5:30PM Board of Christian Education/Youth Ministry                                 | <b>3</b><br>8:30-11:30AM Preschool<br>12:30-3:30PM Preschool<br>6:30PM Confirmation                                                   | <b>4</b><br>8:30-11:30AM Preschool<br>10:00AM Thrift Store – Rice Lake<br>12:30-3:30PM Preschool                                                                                 | <b>5</b>                                        | <b>6</b><br>10:00 School Kit Work Day                                                |
| St John's Volunteers serve meals at the Senior Center Meal Site the week of October 1st                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                 |                                                                                      |
| <b>7</b><br>8:15AM Finance Meeting<br>9:00AM Worship<br>10:00AM Fellowship<br>10:30-11:30AM Bible Study<br>10:30-11:30 Sunday School<br>11:30AM Board of Elders                                      | <b>8</b><br>8:30-11:30AM Preschool<br>12:30-3:30PM Preschool<br>6:00PM Ladies Bible Study<br><i>"Every Picture Can Tell God's Story"</i>  | <b>9</b><br>8:30-11:30AM Preschool<br>9:00AM Quilters<br>11:30AM Birthday luncheon<br>12:30-3:30PM Preschool<br>6:15PM Evangelism-Stewardship meeting                 | <b>10</b><br>8:30-11:30AM Preschool<br>12:30-3:30PM Preschool<br>1:00PM Ladies Aid<br>7:00PM Choir Practice                           | <b>11</b><br>7:00AM Men's Breakfast & Study<br>8:30-11:30AM Preschool<br>12:30-3:30PM Preschool                                                                                  | <b>12</b><br>12:00-6:00PM Red Cross Blood Drive | <b>13</b><br>10:00-12:00 Crafty Stitchers<br><br><b>5:30-7:30PM Youth Game Night</b> |
| <b>14 Caring &amp; Sharing</b><br><br>9:00AM Worship+ HC<br>10:00AM Fellowship<br>10:30-11:30AM Bible Study<br>10:30-11:30 Sunday School                                                             | <b>15</b><br>8:30-11:30AM Preschool<br>12:30-3:30PM Preschool<br>4:30PM Ladies Bible Study<br><i>"Grace Upon Grace"</i>                   | <b>16</b><br>8:30-11:30AM Preschool<br>9:00AM Quilters<br>12:30-3:30PM Preschool<br>5:00PM Officer Grassman Church Security Presentation<br>Council meeting to follow | <b>17</b><br>8:30-11:30AM Preschool<br>12:30-3:30PM Preschool<br>1:00PM Rachel Circle<br>6:30PM Confirmation<br>7:00PM Choir Practice | <b>18</b><br>8:30-11:30AM Preschool<br>10:00AM Thrift Store – Rice Lake<br>12:30-3:30PM Preschool<br>7:00PM Bible Study<br><i>Lesson 3: Silencing the Old Testament Critics.</i> | <b>19</b>                                       | <b>20</b><br><br>LWML Fall Rally in Gillman                                          |
| <b>21 LWML Mites Ingathering LWML SUNDAY</b><br>8:45AM Pre-service Hymn Sing<br>9:00AM Worship<br>10:00AM Fellowship<br>10:30-11:30AM Bible Study<br>10:30-11:30 Sunday School                       | <b>22</b><br>8:30-11:30AM Preschool<br>12:30-3:30PM Preschool<br>6:00PM Ladies Bible Study<br><i>"Every Picture Can Tell God's Story"</i> | <b>23</b><br>8:30-11:30AM Preschool<br>9:00AM Quilters<br>12:30-3:30PM Preschool<br><br><b>NEWS LETTER ITEMS DUE TODAY!</b>                                           | <b>24</b><br>8:30-11:30AM Preschool<br>12:30-3:30PM Preschool<br>6:30PM Confirmation                                                  | <b>25</b><br>7:00AM Men's Breakfast & Study<br>8:30-11:30AM Preschool<br>12:30-3:30PM Preschool<br>1:00PM Deborah Circle At Church                                               | <b>26</b>                                       | <b>27</b>                                                                            |
| <b>28 Stewardship Charity of the Month- LWML REFORMATION SUNDAY</b><br>9:00AM Worship + HC<br>10:00AM Fellowship<br><b>10:30-11:30AM Voter's Meeting</b> No Bible Study<br>10:30-11:30 Sunday School | <b>29</b><br>8:30-11:30AM Preschool<br>12:30-3:30PM Preschool<br>6:00PM Ladies Bible Study<br><i>"Every Picture Can Tell God's Story"</i> | <b>30</b><br>8:30-11:30AM Preschool<br>12:30-3:30PM Preschool                                                                                                         | <b>31</b><br>8:30-11:30AM Preschool<br>12:30-3:30PM Preschool<br>6:30PM Confirmation                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                 |                                                                                      |

## Cheerful Givers September Update

This summer I asked Pastor if we could start a group called Cheerful Givers with the goal of eliminating his student debt. **Pastor did not ask for this help**, I saw it as a way of showing “love thy neighbor as thyself” Mathew 22:39 by eliminating his debt burden. Who wants to be burdened down with student debt as you get older? **It should be noted that this is a voluntary program, if you cannot afford to contribute that is OK.**

I asked, “is this a proper course of action for the congregation to take”? We found that synod states the following regarding Education Debts.

“Many pastors are graduating from seminaries and colleges with significant educational debts. They have undertaken these debts in order to be equipped to serve. A congregation may give consideration to assisting these pastors in the repayment of these debts. Such assistance is regular income for the pastor and subject to IRS taxation.”

We are off to a good start having received cards from 7 families pledging \$6,200. These cards will be kept on the altar and once a month we will pray for the successful outcome. Already \$7,290 cash has been received which will be applied to Pastor Zandi’s student debt reduction. I trust the Lord will enable more families to become Cheerful Givers so that we can reach our goal.

“Nevertheless, the one who receives instruction in the word should share all good things with their instructor.” Galatians 6:6

Respectfully,

Jim Rodd

### **How We Got The Bible**

**Please join in the study of “How We Got the Bible.” This study will be five lessons included a DVD and discussion.**

Sixty-six books, more than 1,100 chapters, an astounding 30,000 verses, a mind-boggling 700,000 words—it’s no wonder it’s the world’s most fascinating book. See how it was all put together in “How We Got The Bible”, featuring Dr. Paul L. Maier.

Joining Dr. Maier are Joel Lampe, manager of The Bible Museum, an extraordinary repository of printed texts, ancient manuscripts, and rare Bibles housed in Goodyear, Arizona. Additional commentary and insight are provided by Bruce Wurdeman, executive director of Lutheran Hour Ministries and Dr. Jeff Kloha, associate professor of exegetical theology at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis.

Lesson 3: Silencing the Old Testament Critics.

Lesson 4: Did the Church make Jesus Divine?

Lesson 5: The High Price of an English Bible.

Please check the weekly bulletin for date and time!



**The Next Caring and Sharing Sunday  
is **October 14th****

**This is your opportunity to show you care  
for the hungry in our community by making a donation to  
the Hope Food Pantry or show your concern  
for the hungry children in our community by making  
a donation to the  
Back Pack Program.**



### Quilting News

Our small but very dedicated group of quilters has been busy! We continue to meet every Tuesday morning. In August, we gave three quilts to a local Red Cross volunteer. She has them available to give out when going to a house fire. She mentioned how comforting it is to be able to give a quilt to someone who may have lost everything.

We would like to say thank you to Joyce Juergens and Chuck Mathias for the donation of fabric. We will be able to make several tops using this material.

We will be sending many boxes of quilts to Rice Lake soon to be given to Lutheran World Relief. We will let you know how many we send next month!

## Crafty Stitchers

On September 15<sup>th</sup>, members of Crafty Stitchers attended the Knitting and Crochet Extravaganza in Frederic. Amy, Clara, Roberta and Sarah attended this fun-filled day. Below are pictures from our day.



Amy and Clara next to donations display. This year the attendees were encouraged to make bears for children in Haiti and hats for Click for Babies. In the picture below, Sarah is reading about the period of purple crying as part of the explanation of Click for Babies.



Roberta and Sarah crocheting and knitting throughout the day. We are encouraged to do so, even during the presentations! 😊

Amy sharing her beautiful log cabin knitted afghan during the style show! Everyone was surprised that she has only been knitting a short time. 😊





*All God's creatures have a  
place in the choir and*  
**St. John's Choir needs YOU!!!**

Starting September 19<sup>th</sup> practices will be held on  
Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm. They are filled with  
30-45 minutes of smiles and laughter while making a  
joyful noise to our Lord.



## STEWARDSHIP

*A godly attitude in using our time, talents,  
and treasures for Christ and His Kingdom.*

**October Charity of the Month**—On October 28th, our charity will be **LWML**. Please use the designated envelope from your packs and mark on them the charity for that month. Only monies that are specifically designated will go to that charity.

If you have any questions about the Charity of the Month, please speak with a member of the Stewardship Board. Members are:

Dana Woebeking                      Marie Perenchio  
Debbie Flatter

**Birthday Tuesdays!** The October birthday luncheon will be on Tuesday, **October 9th**, 11:30 a.m. at the Ladysmith Restaurant. **All are welcome!**



## *Men's Breakfast and Study*

Backdoor Café

*Thursdays, **October 11th & 25th***

*At 7:00 AM*

# Submit Your Information!

**Respect the  
Deadline!**



ITEMS FOR BULLETINS are due on **Tuesday** by close of day each week (unless indicated otherwise in bulletins due to holidays).

**Newsletter items are due** in the office no later than close of day on the

**Tuesday** preceding the last Sunday of the month.

E-mail to: stjohndlady.smith@centurylink.net (preferred method).

Don't forget that **LARGE PRINT** bulletins and **newsletters** are available for those who need them.

**Contact the office to get your name on the list!**

Please, leave only aluminum cans! We cannot take aluminum foil, plates, etc.; aluminum cans only! Thanks for your assistance.

## ONGOING COLLECTIONS

- ◆ Aluminum cans for Preschool
- ◆ Canceled Stamps (LWML)
- ◆ Paper for recycling
- ◆ Greeting cards
- ◆ Milk Moola™ caps and bag tops
- ◆ Used eye glasses



## RECYCLING PAPER

We have an ongoing paper recycling project for the congregation with help from the Deborah Circle. Items to be recycled:

Stationery, envelopes, mail, notebook paper -

**no newspaper material!**

**Bundle or bag magazines.**  
**Paperback books are also recyclable.**

Keep magazines separate from the other paper items.

*Thank you for helping!*



- 1 Lillian Balko, Bernice Hebard
- 2 Melinda Wagner
- 3 Bonietta Bruner, Lisa Howe
- 4 Richard Baker
- 5 Cliff Kibellus
- 6 Madison Plath
- 8 Robert Reidner
- 12 Neal MacLachlan
- 14 Robert Patrick
- 16 Barry Reidner
- 19 Darlene Larson
- 21 Cassandra Drohman
- 22 James Trcka
- 24 Bonnie Plockelman
- 25 Dave Werner
- 28 Kayla Nazarenus, Dianna Thummel
- 29 Donald Stiernagle, Ray Yurko
- 31 Janet Otto, Colleen Wold



- 3 Kathy & Al Boehmer  
Melissa & Keith Holman
- 6 Jan & Andy Antczak
- 7 Terry & Aileen Jafolla
- 8 Albert & Diane Hoecherl
- 10 Andy & Valerie Zunker
- 14 Bob & Lynn Fry
- 24 Miles & Lori Witt
- 29 Darrell & Cheri Kuchta



# From the heart

We all need people who share godly wisdom with us.

*Directions: First, unscramble the bold letters to spell another word for "pal." Write that word in the first empty row. Then move the words under each bold letter to that letter's new column. The result will be Proverbs 27:9, NIV.*

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| Perfume  |       |          |         |         |              |
| of       | the   | the      | and     | heart,  | pleasantness |
| the      |       |          |         |         |              |
| advice.  | their | a friend | from    | springs | heartfelt    |
| A friend |       |          |         |         |              |

Answer: F R I E N D; Perfume and incense bring joy to the heart, and the pleasantness of a friend springs from their heartfelt advice. Proverbs 27:9, NIV