

St. John's Epistle

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A Newsletter of

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THE BEATITUDES

*“Rejoice
and be glad,
for your reward
is great in
heaven.”*

Matthew 5: 12, ESV



When and Where

Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, He asked him to put out a little from the land. And He sat down and taught the people from the boat. (Luke 5:3)

When, and where, is the right time to speak about Jesus? When we look at the ministry of Jesus, it's anytime and anyplace. God's Word shows our Lord teaching wherever He was. He taught on the lakeshore, from boats, in the wilderness, and on the mountainside. He also made it His goal to preach weekly in Synagogues and temple courts. (Mark 12:37) Jesus said, **“I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns as well, for I was sent for this purpose.” And He was preaching in the synagogues of Judea.** (Mark 4:43-44)

Jesus dealt with people where they lived or when they came to Him. Peter, who was with Jesus, said this as recorded by Luke in Acts, **“You yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.”** (Acts 10:37-38)

Wherever Jesus was, He proclaimed the kingdom of God. He called for repentance and faith in the

forgiveness of sins. He taught about His death and resurrection. Jesus said, **“The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill Him. And when He is killed, after three days he will rise.”** (Mark 9: 31)

Jesusøministry teaches us that we can witness to the world anywhere we are. At work, or on vacation, we can share the good news of Jesus Christ! Itø a blessing, through which the Holy Spirit works, to give people faith so they too can believe in Jesus as their Lord and Savior. Amen.

In Christ,
Pastor Craig S. Zandi



Notification of Pastor When in the Hospital

There has been some confusion when people check in or go to the hospital. The hospital will **not automatically** inform your church, or pastor, that you are there unless it is specifically stated in your records. Furthermore, inform your family members to call your pastor. They can also contact the chaplainø office at the hospital and give them the information. Again, donø assume the hospital will do it, because they wonø. You must be proactive to make sure your pastor is informed if you want him to come see you. Many times people are in the hospital and he has no idea they are there.

ASSISTING FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

Acolytes: *Ushers*

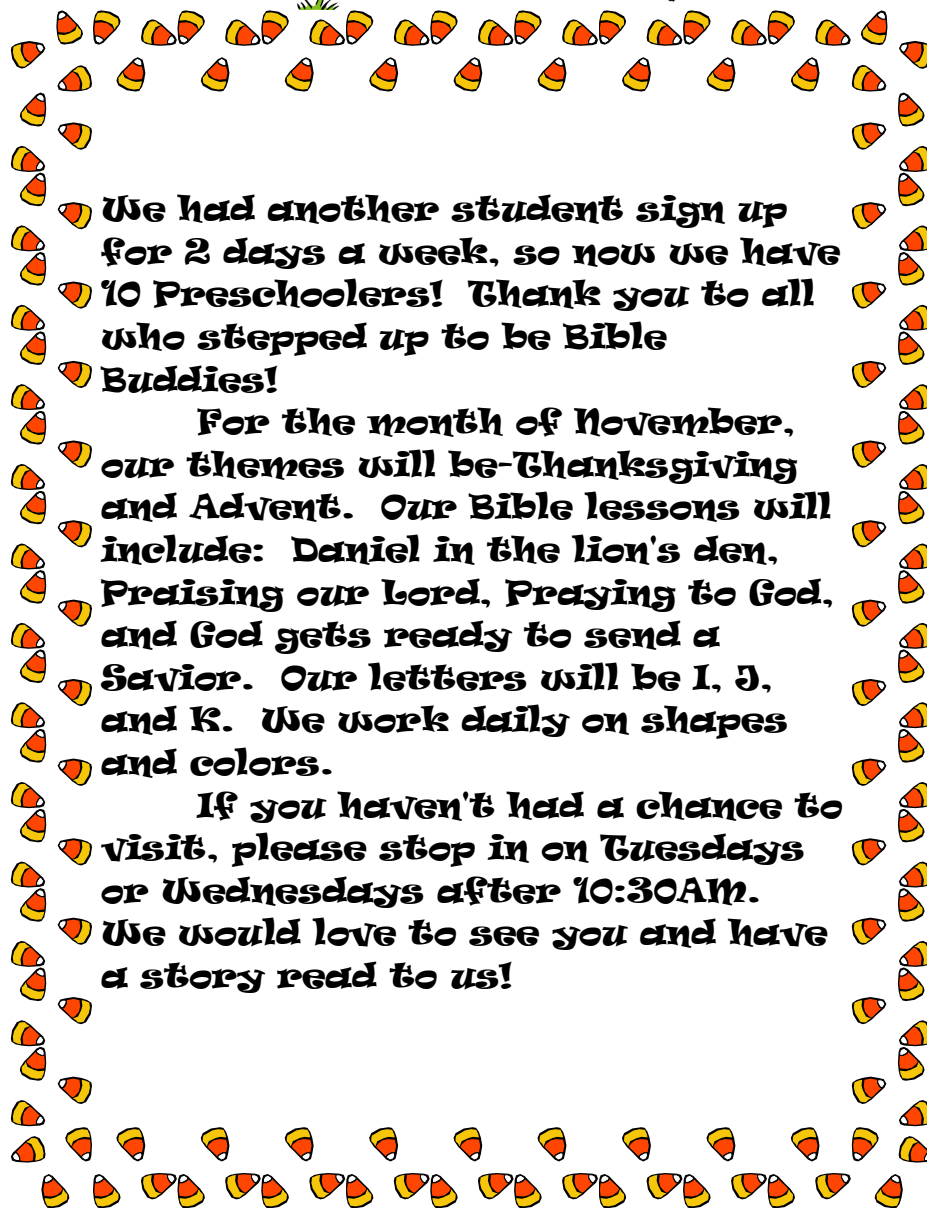
Altar Guild: *Dave & Jamie Werner*

Finance: *Jim Kuchta & Tom Rosolowski*

Worship Assistants for November

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| Sunday, Nov 5

 | Elder: Randy Scott
Greeters: Janice Zandi
Ushers: <u>Team 5</u>: Jim Kuchta-Captain,
Gary Drohman, Don Josi, Dave Thompson,
Russ Thompson |
| Sunday, Nov 12
<i>Caring & Sharing</i> | Elder: Darrell Kuchta
Greeters: Gary & Deb Drohman
Ushers: <u>Team 1</u>: Dave Scott-Captain,
Dave Kuchta, Tom Rosolowski,
Vic Plockelman, Stu Pask |
| Sunday, Nov 19
<i>LWML</i>
<i>Mites In</i>
<i>Gathering</i> | Elder: Tom Rosolowski
Greeters: Jane Burch
Ushers: <u>Team 2</u>: Dave Kmosena- Captain,
Terry Schar, Mike Kuchta, Jim Rodd,
Lee Purdy |
| Wednesday, Nov 22 | Elder: Sam Barg
Ushers: <u>Team 3</u>: Dennis Flater-Captain,
Bob Hauser, Alden Hook, Ray Tousey,
Kurt Harris |
| Sunday, Nov 26
<i>Stewardship</i> | Elder: Tim Dolan
Greeters: Gene & Debbie Zillmer
Ushers: <u>Team 4</u>: Chuck Perenchio-Captain,
Sam Barg, Dave Werner, John Monnier,
Gene Zillmer |



We had another student sign up for 2 days a week, so now we have 10 Preschoolers! Thank you to all who stepped up to be Bible Buddies!

For the month of November, our themes will be Thanksgiving and Advent. Our Bible lessons will include: Daniel in the lion's den, Praising our Lord, Praying to God, and God gets ready to send a Savior. Our letters will be I, J, and K. We work daily on shapes and colors.

If you haven't had a chance to visit, please stop in on Tuesdays or Wednesdays after 10:30AM. We would love to see you and have a story read to us!

What is happening in The Divine Service?

Our Lord is the Lord who serves. Jesus Christ came into the flesh not to be served, but to serve and to give His life as a ransom for many. On the cross He offered Himself as a spotless sacrifice for the sin of the whole world. Through His perfect life and death, He accomplished forgiveness and salvation for all before the Father in heaven. By His empty tomb and ascension into heaven, He declared His victory over sin and death to all the world. Seated now at the Father's right hand, He graciously serves His church with the gifts of salvation. On the Last Day, He will come again to gather His elect from every nation to celebrate the feast that will have no end.

Our Lord serves us today through His Holy Word and Sacraments. Through these means, He comes among us to deliver His forgiveness and salvation, freeing us from our sins and strengthening us for service to one another and to the world. At Holy Baptism, He puts His name upon us, pours His Holy Spirit into our hearts, and rescues us from sin, death, and the devil. Through Holy Absolution, He pronounces His forgiveness again and again. With His Holy Word, written in Scripture and preached into our ears, He daily proclaims His abiding love for us through all the joys and sorrows of life in this world. In His Holy Supper, He gives us His own body and blood to eat and drink as a priceless gift to nourish and strengthen us in both body and soul.

The Lord's service calls forth our service-in sacrifices and praise and thanksgiving to Him and in loving service to one another. Having been called, gathered, enlightened, and sanctified by the Holy Spirit, we receive His gifts with thankfulness and praise. With psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, we joyfully confess all that God has done for us, declaring the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light. Our song joins with the song of every saint from every age, the new song of Christ's holy people, declaring: "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" (Revelation 5:12) (Lutheran Service Book: Introduction p. viii)

Crafty Stitchers

We have decided to sponsor the hat/mitten tree again this year. This is usually located in the fellowship hall. Let's see if we can fill it up with hats, mittens, scarves and even socks! Some teachers have told us that it is sometimes helpful to have extra socks on hand. Let's all help keep our local school children toasty warm this winter!



Quilting News

Thank you to Dave and Jamie Werner for delivering our quilts to Rice Lake again this year! We were able to send 70 quilts, which is 20 more than last year. Thank you to all who helped make this possible. We still have some very pretty quilts available. Maybe a special birthday or Christmas gift? Or if you know of someone in need, let us know.





Bake Sale
Rada Knives
Grannies Attic
Christmas Cards
Greeting Cards
Quilts & Crafts

Lunch
Soups and Sandwich
Homemade Pies
Coffee
Milk

Fall Bazaar



Saturday, November 4, 2023
From 9 A.M. to 2 P.M.

St. John's Lutheran Church
515 College Avenue
Ladysmith, WI 54848

Monday, November 27th

Starting at 4pm

*Join in the fun as we decorate the church for the
upcoming Advent/Christmas season*

Potluck supper to follow



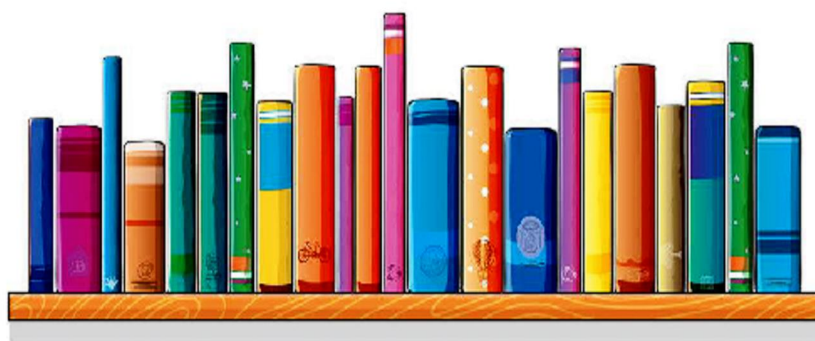


The LCMS ðAdopt-a-Chapö program provides opportunities for a congregation to ðadoptö a LCMS Armed Forces chaplain, form a relationship with him and support him in prayer. These partnerships promote mutual support and growth, as congregations and chaplains encourage and learn from each other in ministry. St. John's has been paired with Chaplain (Lieutenant) Tim Evans and his wife Teresa presently stationed at Ft Carson, CO. Please keep an eye out for more information to follow and remember this couple in your prayers as they are on their first mission.




EXCITING NEWS!

The Board of Christian Education is excited to share that we will soon have a CPH RESOURCE CENTER available for our members to purchase amazing Lutheran reading materials. Books, Bibles and other materials will be available for purchase. We will also sponsor a book fair from time to time when members can purchase books at a discounted rate.



The publisher of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod (LCMS) dedicated to spreading the Gospel message of Jesus Christ

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Everything is subject to change. Please check our website (www.stjohnsladysmith.org), Facebook, and/or phone the Church office 715-532-5780.			1 8:30-11:30AM Preschool	2 8:30-11:30AM Preschool	3	4 9:00-4:00PM Fall Bazaar 
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St John's Volunteers serve meals at the Senior Center Meal Site this week						
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SHARE GOD'S LOVE THIS CHRISTMAS

Members of St. John's have been blessed with the opportunity to sponsor a CareNet Pregnancy Resource Center family this Christmas. This family consists of a father, mother and their 10-month-old baby boy.

Praise God that they chose LIFE for their child.

Donation Ideas include but are not limited to the following...

- Bath Items (shampoo, soap, lotions, etc.) for mom, dad and baby
- Socks
- Gloves
- Gift cards: Kwik Trip gas card, Walmart Amazon, area restaurants, Grocery Store
- Christian devotion book
- Fleece blanket
- Fuzzy slippers
- Bath towels
- Candles
- Puzzles/games
- Baby boy clothes for 12 months and above
- Diapers – larger sizes
- Age appropriate toys for baby
- Outdoor wear for baby

A collection box is located in the fellowship hall. Items do not need to be wrapped. Please have all donations to church no later than Sunday, November 12.

Thank you for sharing the love of Jesus and for making this family's Christmas a little more special this year.



A Night to Remember

“The Best Night of All”

Friday, December 1st

Doors open at 5:15pm - Dinner at 6:00pm

St. John's Lutheran Church

Cost: \$5.00

Ladies, join us and bring your friends for a relaxing evening of food
and fellowship focused on the Nativity of our Lord Jesus

*Sign-up sheet located in the fellowship hall. Contact Shelley Barg or Jaclyn Dolan for
additional information or to purchase tickets. Ticket sales begin Sunday, October 29 – seating is limited*

**The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod Newsletter Article –
November 2023**

Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart!

Our Father in heaven has claimed us as His own. By the shedding of His Son's blood, by His death for our sins and His resurrection for our justification, God the Father has received us back into His family. By water combined with His Word, promise and name, the Holy Spirit has taken up residence in us. We belong to Father, Son and Holy Spirit. He is in us, and we are in Him. And being in Him, all things are ours. In Him, we are richly and abundantly blessed.

Our true treasure and wealth is that we belong to the most holy Trinity and everything that is His belongs also to us: righteousness, peace, eternal life. Even our temporal treasures are gifts from His fatherly, divine goodness and mercy.

We receive our treasures from Him, and thus, as good stewards of His varied grace, we manage them in such a way that they may be returned to Him. We bring them to Him, hallowed through prayers of thanksgiving and God's Holy Word, as a sacrifice. Thus all our possessions, as gifts from God, are also sacrifices to Him, from which we eat to nourish our bodies and share with our family, neighbors and fellow Christians, with the poor and even our enemies, as holy things given by our holy God. His temporal gifts are blessings to and for us, and bring blessing upon us even as they are pressed into His service for His kingdom and the souls that receive them.

Thus we place all that we have into God's hands. He never fails to remember us and pours out the fullness of His promises upon us. We give thanks for all that He has done, is doing and will continue to do. We give thanks by not taking for ourselves, but giving to all even as our heavenly Father has given to us.

As we prepare for Thanksgiving celebrations, may we all give thanks continually for all that we are and all that we have because of God's providential care. And may we be all the more diligent in bringing everything that we have received from God to Him, so that He may bless it and employ it for the good of all - even for us. For to the one who has, more will be given, and he will have an abundance.

From Past Newsletters:

Funny How

Funny how - one hundred dollars looks so big when you take it to church, but so small when you take it to the mall.

Funny how - it takes so long to serve God for one hour, but how quickly a team plays 60 minutes of basketball.

Funny how - long a couple of hours spent at church are, but how short they are watching a movie

Funny how - we can't think of anything to say when we pray, but don't have difficulty talking to a friend for hours

Funny how - we get thrilled when a baseball game goes into extra innings, but get upset if the sermon goes on a little longer than usual.

Funny how - hard it is to read a chapter in the Bible, but how easy it is to read 100 pages in a best selling novel.

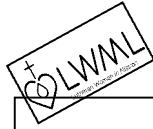
Funny how - people want a front row seat for a game or concert, but want a back seat at church services.

Funny how - we need 2 or 3 weeks to work a church activity into our schedule, but could get loose to go to a game or concert with a few hours notice.

Funny how - hard it is for people to learn a simple gospel well enough to share it with others, but how simple it is for the same people to understand and repeat gossip.

Funny how - we believe what a newspaper says, but question what the Bible says.

Funny how - everyone wants to go to heaven, as long as they don't have to believe, say, or do anything.



November 11, 2023; 10:00AM

Ladies Bible study. The Bible study is entitled "Mission of Love", copies can be found in the LWML mailbox at the lower right hand corner of the mailboxes. All the women of St. John's are invited to attend.

November 11, 2023 at 11:00AM Lutheran Women in Mission business meeting.



Showering Love on the Least of These — Mercy Holistic Ministry, CA \$100,000

Mercy Holistic Ministry (MHM) is a Sacramento, California based organization, established in 2010, that provides dignified holistic services to restore and transform the lives of the homeless community in and around the city. They offer the opportunity to speak with someone who can pray for them, provide active listening, and give referrals to other services, such as shelters. Bible and prayer books are shared. This grant will enable MHM to offer an additional day per week of service and to purchase and retrofit a mobile closet trailer for clean clothing and hygiene kit storage.



Happy Thanksgiving



Let us give thanks!



**The *Next* Caring and Sharing Sunday
is **November 12th****

**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.**



Mites are collected on the third Sunday of each month! Simply deposit your donation in the large mite box when you come to worship. These mites continue to fund district and national mission projects. Check the LWML bulletin board for details on some of those projects. Please let Amy Tousey or Paula Hook know if you have any questions.

Rada Knives

If you are interested in purchasing Rada Knives, please contact Lorraine Flohr at 715-532-5095

All proceeds go to the St. John's Ladies Aid.

Orders are processed quickly! *They make great Christmas and wedding gifts.*

Ladies! Birthday lunches aren't just for birthdays; of course birthdays for the month are celebrated, but also it gives us an informal excuse to get together with our sisters in Christ to form bonds and friendships. No invitation needed!

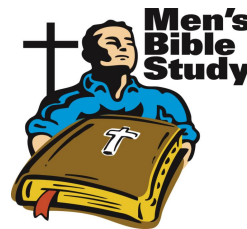


Birthday Mondays!

Monday, **November 6th** at 11:30 a.m. at the Ladysmith Family Restaurant.

All are welcome!

Men's Bible Study will be on Thursday, **November 9th** 7:00AM at the Ladysmith Family Restaurant.



ONGOING COLLECTIONS

- ◆ Aluminum cans for Preschool
- ◆ Canceled Stamps (LWML)
- ◆ Greeting cards
- ◆ Used eye glasses
- ◆ Soft eyeglass cases



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

JOYFUL RESPONSE

JOYFUL Response (e-giving program) is run through VANCO and LCEF. It is now available for use by St. John's members, free of charge to you, as long as the money is taken out of your bank account (no credit cards). This account is for General Operating offerings only, no designated funds. The information and application to enroll are on St. John's website (www.stjohnsladysmith.org). As the Financial Secretary of St. John's, Nancy is the contact person for this program. An account has been set up at LCEF for your offerings to be deposited. Nancy will receive a statement when your offering is received at LCEF so she can enter it on your St. John's offering account. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy.



Submit Your Information!

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: stjohnladysmith@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!**



1	Vic Plockelman
4	Alice Mogensen
5	Tony Bernard
6	Don Josi
9	Paul McEathron
11	Gavin Boehmer, Jane Burch
13	Millie Baxter
16	Bradley Bernard
17	Ross Stout
19	Elijah Srnek, Gene Zillmer, Andy Zunker
20	Lindsey Elton
22	Shuree Zehner
23	Shelley Barg
27	Svea Nazarenius, Dave Scott
28	Brooklyn Dailey
30	Kaelyn Grotzinger, Naomi Much



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS



NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

8	Kathleen & Myron Reeves
11	John S. & Robin Kmosena
21	Dennis & Debbie Flater
23	Gene & Debbie Zillmer

PUZZLE



THANKS-FILLED GIVING

The virtues of gratefulness and generosity are connected.
When we're truly thankful for all God provides, we want to sow
generous seeds in other people's lives. What will be the harvest?

*Directions: Solve the clues associated with each picture. Then write the
words in the correct spaces to complete 2 Corinthians 9:10-11, NIV.*

This becomes a plant _____



Willing to give _____

The result of planting seeds _____



The act of gratitude _____

Food made from wheat _____



Now he who supplies _____ to the sower and _____ for food will also



supply and increase your store of _____ and will enlarge the _____



of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way so that you can be

_____ on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result



in _____ to God. 2 Corinthians 9:10-11, NIV



Answers: seed, bread, harvest, generous, thankful, giving