

St. John Lutheran Church

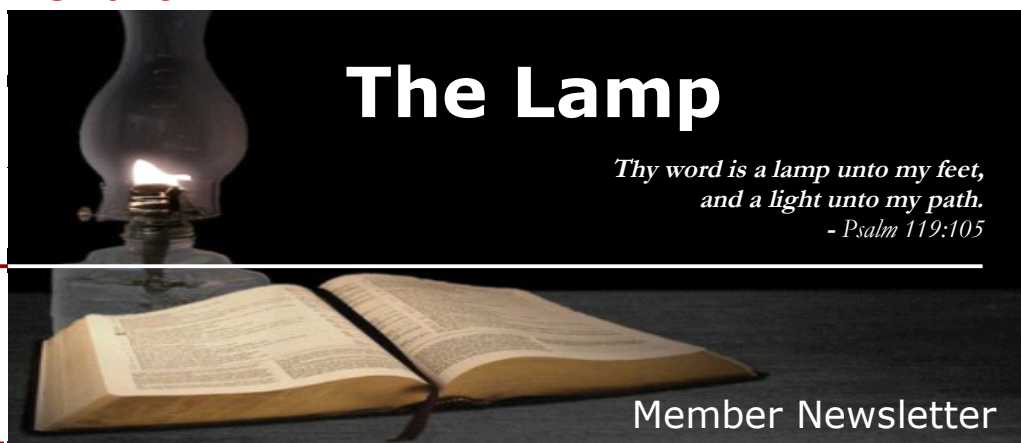
Random Lake, WI

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2010 Theme

"Every Soul A Treasure"



From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On the night before Jesus died, He asked numerous questions of the people around Him. Each question was meant to cut to the heart of those who heard it. These questions should resound in our ears as we consider how we might answer Jesus personally. I will be using six of those questions to form the basis of our Lenten Sermon Series for 2010. The series is entitled: "Life and Death Questions". Below is the full schedule along with other information regarding our plans for the Lenten suppers that begin each Wednesday at 5:30 P.M. in the School Gymnasium. We then gather in church for a weekly Lenten hymn sing that begins at 6:45 P.M. following by the worship itself at 7:00 P.M.

February 17, Ash Wednesday "Question of Understanding"

1) John 13:12 ESV When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, "**Do you understand what I have done to you?**"

Lenten Supper served by members of the Boards of Education and Stewardship.

Special Music: Adult Choir

February 24 "Question of Provision"

2) Luke 22:35 ESV And he said to them, "When I sent you out with no moneybag or knapsack or sandals, **did you lack anything?**" They said, "Nothing."

Lenten Supper served by Church and School Staff.

Special Music: 5-8th Grade Choir

March 3 "Question of Sacrifice"

3) John 13:38 ESV Jesus answered, "**Will you lay down your life for me?** Truly, truly, I say to you, the rooster will not crow till you have denied me three times.

Lenten Supper served by the Youth Group.

Special Music: Junior Handbells

March 10 "Question of Prayer"

4) Matthew 26:40 ESV And he came to the disciples and found them sleeping. And he said to Peter, "So, **could you not watch with me one hour?**"

Lenten Supper served by the Boards of Elders and Trustees.

Special Music: Select performers from the SALSA Music Festival

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Missouri Synod

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March 17 "Question of Promise"

5) Matthew 26:54 ESV **But how then should the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must be so?"**

Lenten Supper served by Senior Choir, Senior Handbells and Evangelism Committee.

Special Music: 1-4th Grade Choir

March 24 "Question of Faith"

6) John 18:4 ESV Then Jesus, knowing all that would happen to him, came forward and said to them, **"Whom do you seek?"**

Lenten Supper served by the Parent Teacher League.

Special Music: Soloist

See you in worship!

In service to Christ,

Pastor Greg Laska



The Many Expressions of Love

Love is silence—when your words would hurt;

Love is patience—when your neighbor is curt.

Love is deafness—when a scandal flows;

Love is thoughtfulness—for others' woes.

Love is promptness—when stern duty calls;

Love is courage—when misfortune falls.

Sheboygan Co. Chaplaincy

Fundraiser

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TASTE HOW MUCH WE CARE.™

Culver's of Plymouth

2318 Eastern Ave.

Friday, February 19, 2010

From 5pm to 8pm

10% of ALL SALES from 5pm to 8pm

Benefit the Sheboygan County

Chaplaincy Ministry

DECORATING COMMITTEE

The Board of Elders is looking for someone who would be interested to be in charge of the Decorating Committee. We are also looking for members who would be willing to assist on the Committee. This Committee is responsible for the year-round and seasonal decorations that beautify our church for our worship services. Please prayerfully consider this and if you are so moved, call Jack Schigur at 920-946-9035 or the

THE CLAUSON FAMILY MUSIC SHOW

CHAPLAINCY MINISTRY BENEFIT CONCERT

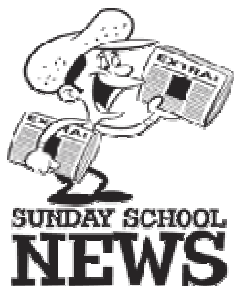
SUNDAY, MARCH 14, 2010—1:30 pm at the Weill Center

Sheboygan Theater - \$20.00 General Admission

(12—under \$10.00)

We have tickets available. Call Sandy at the

Church Office at 994-2228



“Arctic Antics” has been the unit for Sunday School. The Bible verse for this series of lessons was; “Be devoted to one another in brotherly love.” Romans 12:10. Through Bible stories and object lessons, children were reminded how family members are to care for one another, especially those who are members of God’s family in Christ. Some of the discussions included: The 4th Commandment, sharing the Good News with others, praying for one another, and sharing. The Memory Maker for this month was a penguin twisty puzzle.

During the month of February the children will be exploring the theme of giving to the next generation. They will also be taking part of a special outreach project, by making Valentines for college students. Whether your child is able to attend every week or occasionally, he/she is always welcome to join us at Sunday School.

Please keep the Sunday School team and children in your prayers throughout the upcoming month.

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CELEBRATION SATURDAY

St. John will be offering a Celebration Saturday Worship Service at 6:00 PM. Bring a friend and come celebrate the love and mercy of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, through Word, Sacrament, and music led by a praise band. This service is designed for those who are seeking to worship in a contemporary style. The first service will be held Mar. 13th.

Attendance — December

Sunday 8:00 AM Worship	414
Sunday 10:30 AM Worship	225
Wednesday Evening	111
Special Christmas Services	728

TOTAL for December **1478**

February Adult Bible Study Opportunities

Sunday Morning

Pastor Laska will be teaching a new study that is entitled: “The Big Picture”. The class meets each Sunday from 9:15 A.M. to 10:15 A.M. in the Friendship Room. This is a basic study of the major stories in the Old Testament. Those who are long time students of God’s Word will appreciate how this study puts together the basic story line of Bible History. Those who have never been in a Bible study will appreciate that this class will help to answer many questions that may have been on their minds. Bring a friend or spouse or neighbor and join us!

Thursday Morning Men’s Bible Breakfast

This study and format enables men to feed on the Word of God while they are being fed breakfast. Men of all ages are invited to meet in the back dining room at Midway Restaurant on Highway 57 from 6:30 A.M. to 7:30 A.M. on Thursdays with Pastor Laska as the leader. After ordering breakfast off the menu we will have a 45 minute study while we eat. Our current study is “The Life of the Apostle John”. We will be studying his life as an Apostle and some of his major writings. Bring a friend and let’s have a good time of fellowship as we study God’s Word!

Thursday Morning Mid Week

Pastor Laska is leading this ongoing joint study this month with members of St. John and Emmanuel. This month the class will meet in the Friendship Room on Thursdays from 9:15 A.M. to 10:15 A.M. We will be studying the Scripture readings for the upcoming Sunday. This is a refreshing way to prepare for worship. Men and women of all ages are welcome to attend.

Women’s Bible Study

The women of our congregation gather each fourth Thursday of the month for Bible study and support of missions in our LCMS. Join in with them on February 25 in the Friendship Room at 7:00 P.M. Women of all ages are encouraged to attend.

New Life Groups

We have two New Life Groups established that meet in the homes of our members so that not only can we study God’s Word but also we can have opportunity for informal fellowship. Both groups are studying the same topic so that attending one of the sessions each month will keep you up with the overall study for the year. We are studying how prayer can change our lives and our daily walk with the Lord. Plan on joining in with the Monday New Life Group at the home of Ron and Joan Vorpahl at W4782 Vorpahl Road on Monday, February 22 at 7:00 P.M. or the at the home of Jason and Connie Vorpahl at W6239 County Road SS, on Tuesday, February 9 at 7:00 P.M. Call them if you need directions. Pastor Laska will be leading each of these groups.

Birthdays

The members of St. John Lutheran Congregation pray that all those who are celebrating birthdays and anniversaries during the month of February will continue to be blessed by the Lord in all ways. He is the source of all that we need and has richly supplied us with the gifts of family, friends and faith. May each of you celebrating in February enjoy your special day in good health and by giving honor and glory to God.

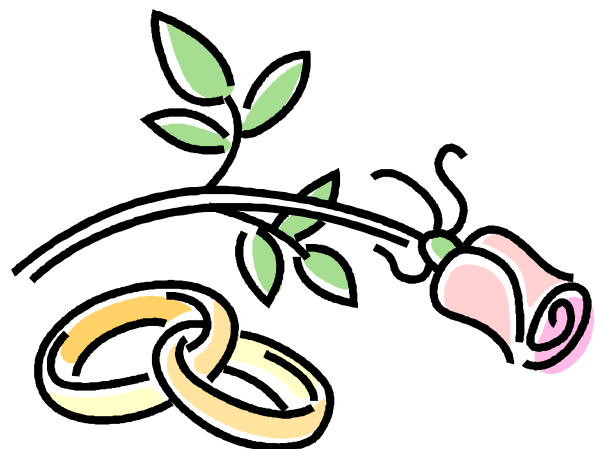
February 1 Brenna Winter
February 3 Ronald Jentsch, Pamela Lawrenz
February 4 Irmgard Arndt, Greg Kohler
February 5 Kevin Pfeifer
February 8 Sandra Huston
February 9 Emmett Huston
February 10 Justin Fay
February 12 Norman Winter
February 14 Ken Witte
February 15 Pastor Laska, Daniel Huston



February 16 Walter Winter
February 17 Michael Vojnovich
February 18 Sylvia Horn, Kevin Risse, Bethany Laska, Alexandria Nytes, Audrey Jagow
February 19 Sandy Preder, Colton Kraus, Abbie Blecher, Nora Brooks
February 20 Sharon Kohler, Lisa Kohn, Amy Anderson
February 25 Curt Diener
February 26 Dan Hartmann, Frederick Wilk
February 28 John Parker
February 29 Dean Fenske

Anniversaries

February 14 - M/M Richard Wegner
February 20 - M/M John Tarr
February 21 - M/M Curt Diener



Stewardship and Missions

Mission of the Month - Our MoM for the month of February is the LCMS World Relief and Human Care effort to help the people of Haiti. Checks should be made out to "St. John Lutheran Church" and placed in your February missions envelope. Offerings will be promptly forwarded to LCMS World Relief. Thrivent members are able to have their monetary gifts matched by Thrivent on a \$1 to \$2 basis by going directly to Thrivent.com/helping Haiti and giving to LCMS World Relief and /Human Care. Thrivent has pledged to do \$1 million in matching.

We are developing a list of missions for each month of the year. Our mission for March is tentatively set to be Lutheran High School. Please let the board know if you have other suggestions for MoM.

Board Elections - Board officers will be staying the same for this transition fiscal year from now through June 30, 2010. They are: Don Pfeifer, Chair; Kate Schmitz, Vice Chair; and Chris Pannier, Secretary.

Offering Envelopes - the remaining envelope boxes were distributed at the joint boards meeting to be personally delivered. If you have not received an offering envelope box contact Don Pfeifer 994-4983.

Year-round Stewardship Programs

Adopt a Highway - will now be continued by our Youth Group.

Aluminum Collection - this project is also turned over to the Youth Group as a fundraiser. Please continue to support their efforts in raising funds for the 2010 LCMS National Youth Gathering.

Food Drive - Beginning this in 2010 a different food group will be emphasized each month. February is **canned fruit** month - any variety will do. As always, any donations are greatly needed. Please continue to keep this effort in your hearts and prayers. Anne Rosso from our board will now be delivering our donations to the pantry in Adell and also volunteering her time there along with Sophie Horn from our Congregation.

Greene's Fundraiser - just a reminder to use your yellow St. John's card when getting a fish fry at Greene's Bar & Grill on Friday nights. John will donate \$1 from each dinner to our congregation.

**Christian Stewardship is the FREE and JOYOUS activity
of the child of God and God's family, the Church,
In managing all of life and life's resources
For God's purposes**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

We have three young people, Luke Reseburg, Laura Mueller and Austin Sveom, receiving scholarship aid for full-time church workers. Here is a letter of appreciation from one that demonstrates how important our support has been.

This letter has two purposes, first to update you on my past 3 1/2 years at Concordia University Mequon and secondly to update you on my future plans.

As many of you are aware, I am attending Concordia University Mequon. Again this year, 2009-2010, I will be attending on full-time basis. My major remains secondary education in religion and history. My academic challenges so far have been addressed with much hard work and I have achieved an upper ranks status in my class with a grade point average of 3.63 out of a possible 4.000. Last semester I had all A's in all classes. With this achievement I have been placed on the Scholastic Honors List.

These past 3 1/2 years have been the best years of my life.

I want to thank you all, my congregation members, Pastor and friends for the past financial support you have provided to me and other students from our congregation who are enrolled in Christian Education. Your support is greatly appreciated. I have spent the funds you gave me very conservatively. Any additional financial support you can provide for my second semester of this school year again will be greatly appreciated.

God's Continual Blessings to you all.

Luke R. Reseburg

BOYS' TOURNAMENT SILENT AUCTION

St. John Lutheran School is sponsoring a Silent Auction at our Boys' Basketball Tournament February 12th & 13th..

The Silent Auction will run Friday night 4:00 PM to 8:30 PM and Saturday starting at 9:00 AM.

The Auction will close at 5:00 PM that day, Saturday, February 13th. The person with the highest bid will be notified, if not present. We will notify you by phone and arrangements will be made for you to pick up your items.

Sample of items up for Auction at the Boys' Tournament are:

Dinner Packages

Boys' Gift Package

Golf: The Bull—two 18 holes

Blackwolf Run—two 18 holes

Leaf Blower

And much more.

Please come to support our school. Thank you.