

St. John's Parish Paper

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Rally Day: regular schedule resumes on Sunday, September 7

We return to our regular schedule of worship and educational activities on the Sunday after Labor Day, September 7. “Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy,” commands the Lord. For us this means worshipping on Sunday morning, as well as taking part in the educational programs that will help us grow in faith and knowledge.

We gather every **Sunday for worship at 8:00am and 10:30am**. While both services follow the classic liturgical format of the Lutheran Church, the early service features a variety of settings and more contemporary music, while the later service uses Setting Three and hymns as printed in hymnal. The lessons and sermon are the same at both the early and late services. Communion is offered at all Sunday and Holiday services.

Sunday school begins at 9:15am on September 7. All children and youth aged three to high school are invited to attend. Special activities for the entire Sunday school are planned for Rally Day. Summer birthdays will be recognized (bring your pennies—one for each year of age). Everyone will meet their teachers and find out what room their class will be in.

This year the Sunday school will be raising funds to purchase farm animals for families in developing nations. During the first week or two of the fall session the students and their teachers will work together to set their goal for the year. Perhaps they will aim for one big animal (like a water buffalo). Or maybe they will decide to finance lots of small creatures (like ducks, chickens or rabbits). Either way life will improve for subsistence farm families in African, Asian or South & Central American countries.

More information about memory work, the Thanksgiving display, the Christmas program, and everything else that you need to know about will be distributed at appropriate times through out the school year.

Educational activities for adults also resume in September. The *Thursday morning study group reconvenes on September 4.* We will continue our study of the “little letters” of the New Testament by continuing with our foray through the letters to Timothy. After that we will dive into the three letters of John. *The Sunday morning study group meets at 9:15 in the conference room.* We will finish up our study of Paul’s first letter to the Corinthians. After that we can tackle the second letter to the Corinthians, or we can move on to a new topic if the group would rather do that.

Confirmation instruction for our middle school students (grade seven and eight) starts with an orientation meeting on Wednesday, September 10 at 6:30pm. Classes commence the following week, Wednesday, September 17 beginning at 5:30pm and dismissing no later than 7:00pm.

First Communion Preparation for children in 1st grade (and older elementary students who have not yet participated in the communion preparation class) is scheduled for two Sunday evenings in September – the 21st and the 28th, both at 6:00pm. A reminder letter will sent to the parents of all eligible children in early September. Older elementary and middle school students who have not been prepared for their first communion may schedule individual sessions with Pastor or they will be prepared as part of their catechetical studies in 7th grade.

130th Anniversary – September 28, 2014

We celebrate the 128th anniversary of the founding of St. John’s on Sunday, September 28 this year. At our worship services that day we will give thanks for our longevity and we will pray that the Lord would empower us to continue serving in the name of Christ for many more years to come.

Everyone is invited to join us for worship. Our choir will sing. And after the late service a congregational dinner is served. If you plan to bring a dessert—pies are suggested. Serving groups 1 and 2 will be in charge of the set up and clean up for the day. (Should there be a funeral before the end of September, serving groups 3 and 4 will take charge.)

Kingdom Come board member needed

We are in need of a member of St. John’s to serve on the Kingdom Come board. Every member congregation is asked to provide two board members. The person volunteering for this position will assume the seat previously held by **Tracey Vandever**. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Heykes or a member of the church council. If you have questions about the position, contact **Gloria Schindel** (our continuing board member) or **Elaine Thomas** (a past board member).

Sunday school staffing

Most of our Sunday school staff for 2014-2015 is in place, but we are still looking for a lead teacher, or team of co-teachers for our nursery/preschool group. If you feel the calling to serve in our Christian Education program, please contact our Superintendent **Tammy Burr**. No previous Sunday school experience is necessary. The curriculum is easy to use and we will provide any help or training necessary.

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<p><i>Summer Schedule Ends Today</i></p> <p>9:30 Worship</p>	<p>1</p> <p><i>Labor Day</i> Office Closed</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Communion Calls</p> <p>10:00 Adult Class</p>
<p>7</p> <p><i>Rally Day Monthly Fellowship Fall Schedule Begins</i></p> <p>8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 9:15 Adult Class 10:30 Worship 11:45 Hall Reserved</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p> <p>9:30 Conference Pastors at First American</p> <p>6:30 Confirmation Orientation Mtg 7:00 Council</p> <p>10:00 Adult Class</p> <p>Harper Baptists</p>
<p>14</p> <p>8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 9:15 Adult Class 10:30 Worship</p>	<p>15</p> <p>7:30 Choir</p>	<p>16</p> <p>5:30 Confirmation 6:30 WELCA Mtg 7:00 Bible Study</p> <p>10:00 Adult Class</p>
<p>21</p> <p><i>Bible Presentation</i></p> <p>8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 9:15 Adult Class 10:30 Worship 6:00 1st Communion Prep</p>	<p>22</p> <p>7:30 Choir</p>	<p>23</p> <p><i>• Newsletter Material due</i></p> <p>5:30 Confirmation</p> <p>10:00 Adult Class</p>

Anniversary Sunday

8:00 Worship
9:15 Sunday School
9:15 Adult Class
10:30 Worship
11:30 Anniv. Dinner
6:00 1st Communion Prep

• Regular Sunday Schedule as of 9/7 •
 • **Worship at 8:00am & 10:30am •**
 • **Sunday School at 9:15am •**
 • **Adult Class at 9:15am •**

September Birthdays & Anniversaries

September 2	Rodney Baumgarten Mikken Soucek	September 15	Kendra Gohr
September 3	Rick Hudson Ryan & Stephanie Wijas	September 16	Elroy Peters
September 4	Mark & Carolyn VanDonsel	September 17	Richard Delzer Andy & Sherri Rottier
September 5	Leroy & Lorraine Holl Zachary Bunn	September 19	Mindy Kesler
September 7	Richard & Heidi Delzer	September 20	Mark Van Donsel Ron & Linda Rowell Robbie Uelmen
September 8	Sonia Pautz	September 21	Dana & Matthew Gaulke
September 9	Dennis Gohr	September 23	Carrie & Craig Dryja
September 10	Adalyn Naparalla	September 25	Bill Winkler Tyler Stachura
September 11	Chad Bulkowski	September 26	Pastor Heykes Gene Albers Carissa Gohr
September 12	Richard Mueller	September 28	Calvin & Pat Gohr
September 13	Jennifer Steichen	September 29	Herb Aprill John & Beverly Wolf
September 14	Robert Wolf Scott Rosenberg Eric Gohr Joann Mueller Jeremy & Stephanie Busch	September 30	John Wolf

News items. . .

Confirmation classes resume in September

Our catechetical classes for students in seventh and eighth grade will get underway in September. The orientation meeting for students and parents will be held on Wednesday, September 10 at 6:30pm. Attendance is required of at least one parent. If you cannot make it as scheduled, you may schedule an appointment to meet with pastor at an alternate time. Students are expected to be at the orientation too, but if school activities interfere they may be excused providing the parents attend. The session lasts about 30 minutes.

Confirmation classes for the 2014-2015 school year begin on Wednesday, September 17 at 5:30pm. Except during Lent, classes are dismissed by 7:00pm (though students who finish their daily work promptly may depart once it is done and handed in.

Choir practice: September 15 & 22

The choir will present its first anthem of the year on Sunday, September 28 which is our 130th Anniversary. To prepare, the choir will rehearse on Mondays, September 15, and September 22, both beginning at 7:30pm. In addition to the anthem for our Anniversary celebration, we will also begin leaning new pieces for Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas. Returning choir members please make every effort to attend. New voices are always welcome – just come to any rehearsal and we will get you started. Please contact our director Carolyn VanDonsel or the church office if you need more information or have any questions.

Weekend to Remember – marriage enrichment retreat

Jobs, kids, activities and life in general can overwhelm a couple's marriage relationship. Before one knows it these things end up taking priority and adversely affecting a couple's relationship. One way to make a change for the better is to attend a Weekend to Remember marriage getaway. **John & Sara Kempky** recently did and they recommend it highly to their fellow members of St. John's.

Upcoming getaways in our area include one in Appleton from March 20 to 22 and another in Madison from March 27 to 29. Early registrants can get a special "buy one—get one" free discount if they register by September 15.

Visit www.familylife.com for more information including locations, cost, etc. To receive the discount enter the group name "Inspire." John or Sara would be happy to answer your questions. Call 920-826-7371

Serving this Month

Communion Helpers. . .

September 7 – 8:00	Leon Gohr 10:30 David Dunst
September 14 – 8:00	Nancy Heykes 10:30 Craig Clark
September 21 – 8:00	Chris Drella 10:30 Linda Rowell
September 28 – 8:00	Laurie Bulkowski 10:30 Verna Peterson
October 5 – 8:00	Burt Dunst 10:30 Patti Konkle

Lectors. . .

September 7 –	Melissa Winkler
September 14 –	Elaine Thomas
September 21 –	Sheila Uelmen
September 28 –	Nancy Heykes
October 5 –	Diane Schliep

Greeters. . .

September 7 – 8:00	Ken Pott 10:30 Dorothy Petka
September 14 – 8:00	Barb Kasch 10:30 Diane Schliep
September 21 – 8:00	Sara Kempky 10:30 Sonny & Alvina Sivert
September 28 – 8:00	Dave & Melissa Winler 10:30 The Stenders
October 5 – 8:00	Lorraine Sell 10:30 The Muellers

Confirmation Snack. . .

September 17 –	Nic Hudson
September 24 –	Maryisa Green-Prokopovitz
October 1 –	Barret Gohr

Monthly Fellowship. . .

September 7 –	Potluck
October –	Hosts Needed
November –	The Delzers

St. John's Leadership

President –	Tim Birr – 848-8199
Vice President –	Dave Winkler – 846-4273
Secretary –	Brenda Clark - 848-8323
Treasurer –	Deanne Hytinen - 846-8808
Council Member –	Diane Schliep - 826-5799
Council Member –	David Behrend - 848-2028
Sunday Sch. Sup. –	Tammy Birr - 848-8199
WELCA President –	Sherry Stender - 899-3354
Sexton –	Sue Steinfeldt - 619-7075
Groundskeeper –	Dennis Delzer – 822-5571
Snow Removal –	Bob's Service – 899-3616
Choir Director –	Carolyn Van Donsel – 639-3498
Organists –	Destin Wernicke – 822-1065 Lester Blaser – 899-3373
Pastor –	Rev. Paul F. Heykes – 899-8742 Cell – 920-858-6650 Office – 846-3453

Pastoral Acts and Notes



Tracey Rae Vandevveer died in a Green Bay hospital on Thursday, August 7 of complications due to her MS. Funeral services were conducted here at St. John's on Saturday, August 16. Burial followed at Greenwood Cemetery in DePere. We express our deepest condolences to **Elaine Thomas** and Tracey's daughter **Sigourney Vandevveer**, and all the rest of her family and fiends. May the promise of resurrection to life eternal sustain all who grieve her death.

Congratulations to **Jeremy & Stephanie Busch** upon the birth of their first child, a girl named **Cali Janice**. We join them in giving thanks to God for the gift of new life.

Two babies were baptized in August. On Wednesday, August 6, **Sierra Amelia Rosalie Kars** was baptized by her aunt, the **Rev. Sherry Van Lishout**. Sierra is the child of **Steven & Rachel Kars**. On Sunday, August 10 in the afternoon in the lake at Jaworski Park, Pastor Heykes baptized **Evan Michael Sievert**. Evan is the child of **Michael & Amy Sievert**. May the Lord bless each of these newly baptized children with a faith that grows stronger throughout their lives.

Kelsey Shadick and **Riley Jantz** were united in Holy Marriage at the home of the groom on Friday, August 14 with Pastor Heykes officiating. (Pastor was Kelsey's diving coach at Pulaski High School for many years.) May the Lord richly bless Kelsey and Riley in their new life together as husband and wife.

Our prayer list heading into the month of September includes a number of members and friends with ongoing needs. Please keep the following folks in your prayers: **Savannah Davies, Betty Mae Bitters, Carol Schroeder, Beatrice Kennin, Beatrice Rehn, Dolores Schroeder, Robert Sponenburg, Barbara Hudson, Savannah Block, Connie McDermid, Marvin Schlorf, Carol Rasmussen, Florence Baranczyk, Betty Hudson, John & Mavis Leitzke, Gene Albers, Jake Towne, Dustin Lindholm.**

Thanks to **Chris Drella** for serving as worship leaders on Sunday August 3 while Pastor was away on vacation. We are especially grateful when our members volunteer to lead worship since the money that would have been paid to a supply pastor is instead deposited to our scholarship fund.

Thanks to everyone who returned their Lutheran World Relief Kits since the first of August. If you have yet to return yours there is still time to do so. At the moment we are out of school kit bags. You can return your school kit items in a plastic or paper bag and we will transfer them into a school bag as soon as the new shipment arrives. We have not learned the exact date when our shipment will go out this year, so for now we will aim to have all items ready to go by September 15. We may adjust this due date once we learn this year's shipping date.

We will present Bibles to our third grade students (and any new students who have not yet received a Bible) on Sunday, September 21 at either of our worship services. Thanks to the Women of the ELCA group for donating the Bibles for our Sunday school students.

First Communion Preparation Classes for the children of the parish will be conducted on Sunday, September 21 and Sunday September 28, both evenings at 6:00pm. First Communion Sunday will be October 5. A reminder letter will be sent to all eligible children and their parents early in September.

There are several open dates on the monthly fellowship calendar, and not long from now we will start scheduling fellowship hosts for 2015. Our hosts take charge of making coffee and other beverages, providing some items to eat, in addition to setting up and cleaning up afterward. Team up with family members or church friends and it's an easy task. Add your name to the calendar posted by the kitchen. We could also use a couple of volunteers to set up and take down the coffee pot in the entryway at all other services. Look for a sign up sheet on the counter in the entryway if you can help from time to time.

Mission Statement - St. John's of Morgan

As baptized members of the body of Christ, called by Jesus to "Let our light shine," it is our mission and purpose to share the Gospel and serve everyone who lives near St. John's of Morgan through worship, witness, hospitality, education, service, fellowship and love.