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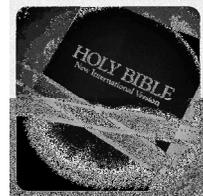
## St. John Eagle

### ANNUAL REPORT

Items will be due on Friday, Feb.

**Lutheran Witness Subscriptions are due on Feb. 22nd**

The Circuit Bible Institute (C.B.I.) is February 8th



Please plan to attend and learn more about our faith.

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**LENT BEGINS**

Ash Wednesday

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Rena Norwood

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**MONTHLY WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

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**Saturday Services**

**6:00 p.m.**

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*Holy Communion*

*1st and 3rd Weekend*

*of each month*

**Sunday Services**

**9:00 a.m.**

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**Radio Broadcasts...**

9:00 a.m. on 2nd Sunday

of each month

KAYL 101.7FM.

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**Lutheran Hour Ministries**

**KAYL 8:00 a.m.**

**Every Sunday**

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**SUNDAY MORNING— FAITHBUILDERS AND BIBLE CLASSES**

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**Faithbuilders**, for ages 3 years thru 8th grade, and the **High School Bible Class** both meet at 10:15 a.m. on the 2nd Floor.



*Be in the Word*

**Adult Bible Classes** meet at 10:30 a.m. in the Fireside Room (led by V. Winterhof) and in the Library (led by Pastor Lesemann).

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## Message from Pastor Lesemann

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*“...because your heart was penitent, and you humbled yourself before the Lord...I also have heard you, declares the Lord.” 2 Kings 22:19*

Do you remember the movie *Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade*? In that movie they searched for the Holy Grail, the supposed chalice Jesus used when He instituted the Lord's Supper. It led them to a hidden monastery, Petra, where they had to face three challenges in order to find the Grail. The first major test in reaching the Holy Grail was coming to an understanding of this clue: “Only the penitent man will pass.” After several others lost their heads, it became clear to Indiana Jones that he had to kneel to get past the deadly traps that were set. So is that all there is to it? Does simply kneeling make one penitent?

Many in this world also do not understand what true penitence is all about. Even worse, many people have little or no knowledge or understanding of sin, let alone any feeling of genuine remorse over it. In fact many today have dismissed the concept of sin as archaic. And through repeated sinning, many have deadened their consciences so that they feel little or no sorrow over their transgressions of God's Law. Needless to say they are not penitent.

The penitential season of Lent will soon begin where we will reflect on sin and its consequence. We will meditate on what Jesus Christ suffered for us because of our sins and what His perfect obedience to the Father, even unto death on the cross, means for us.

To help us also better understand penitence our midweek Lenten series this year will use the seven Penitential Psalms of the Bible. My prayer is that these services will help us trust and rejoice all the more in God's gracious deliverance from the punishment for sins through faith in His Son Jesus Christ.

And even though being penitent is first to despair over sin, in repentance we can immediately remember and be comforted with the wonderful Gospel news of Jesus! He took our sins to the cross, died and rose again! Through penitence and faith we are forgiven, having victory over death and the grave, with the gift of eternal life waiting for us!

In His grace,  
Pastor Bruce H. Lesemann

# Circuit Bible Institute

The Storm Lake Circuit Churches invite you to attend  
the 5th Annual Circuit Bible Institute!

This year's event takes place at  
St. John's Lutheran Church (Galva)  
from 2:00—5:30 pm  
on Sunday, February 8, 2015

The Following Topics will be presented for the 2015 CBI

## **TOSS the WENCH!**

In the early 1980's, as a college student at UNI, I walk into an LCMS pastor's office and share with him that my Roman Catholic girlfriend and I have recently become engaged. He says, "Roman Catholic? Break up with her." And then he dismisses me from his office. Cool. God loves all people and calls you to do the same, ESPECIALLY all your brothers and sisters in Christ. In this breakaway, a Lutheran looks at Christians in our LCMS & other Christian denominations with the purpose of intentionally loving them as we delight in the full counsel of God.

~Reverend Paul Egger, Galva

## **The RULE of FAITH**

Why do we need creeds? Are we bound by what they say? What standard regulates our creeds? What is the Athanasian Creed and why do we need something like this? In this breakaway, learn about our creeds and their place in the faith.

~Reverend John Schmidt, Hanover

**TRACES of RACES in Holy Scriptures and World History**

This breakaway explores and answers a number of questions, including: From whence comes the human race? How many races exist today? What is racism?

~Reverend Theodore Letzring, EM

**JOINING JESUS on His MISSION**

Have you ever thought about joining Jesus on His mission? Have you ever wondered how His mission could be a part of your everyday life? His mission is not so much about what YOU do but more about recognizing where Jesus is ALREADY at work in those around you, those people in your neighborhoods, workplaces and schools. Joining Him in His mission is about seeing what is ALREADY being done. This breakaway asks, "What opportunities is He placing in your path today?"

~Reverend Bruce Lesemann

The 2015 Schedule for CBI

1:30 - 2:00 pm Registration

2:00 - 2:15 pm Opening Devotion

2:30 - 3:45 pm First Topic

3:45 - 4:00 pm Coffee Break

4:00 - 5:15 pm Second Topic

5:15 - 5:30 pm Closing Devotion

5:30 pm Soup/Sandwich Supper (free will donation)

The 2015 Registration Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

First Topic: \_\_\_\_\_

Second Topic: \_\_\_\_\_

\* Give registration to your pastor.

\* If you forget, please still attend.



**CIRCUIT BIBLE INSTITUTE** is just around the corner. Make plans to attend this annual event now by filling out the registration on the previous page.

**THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT** - Missionaries Rev. Peter & Bethany Haugen have received \$1,386.00 from St. John in support of their work in Papua, New Guinea.

**SUMMER INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES** - The LCMS Foundation is pleased to announce Marketing and Business Internships for 2015. Both paid positions are full time for 9 weeks (June through August). For more information, please contact the LCMS Foundation (800-325-7912).

### **LUTHERAN WITNESS SIGN UP SHEET**

If you already receive *The Lutheran Witness*, now is the time to renew your subscription. If you do not receive it and would like to begin a subscription, you may do so at this time, also.

Please fill out the form below and return it to the church office by Feb. 22.

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I want to receive the Lutheran Witness in 2015.

\_\_\_\_\_ No, I do not want to receive the Lutheran Witness in 2015.

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**The cost for a 1 year subscription is \$22.01.**

**Please make the check out to St. John Lutheran Church.**

**CFS NEWS** - Members of the Christian Fellowship Society and guests enjoyed the movie, "God's Not Dead" at the regular meeting of the group on Sunday, January 25th. We were impressed by the courage exhibited by the film characters as they witnessed to their faith in Jesus as the Savior in "unfriendly" circumstances.

Harlan Matasovsky opened the meeting with devotions. The program for the coming year was distributed. Snacks were served by Lois Lytle and Donna Truelsen.

**THRIVENT MEMBERS:** Have you heard about **Action Teams**? If you are a benefit member of Thrivent, you can create an Action Team to help an organization or needy person. First, you must determine the group you want to help, and enlist the assistance of others to make the "team." (Ex: hold a soup supper to raise funds for a food pantry, clean up a community "eyesore," make pillowcase dresses for missions, etc.) You will be given a \$250 Visa gift card to be the "seed money" to buy the necessary supplies. One of the regulations is "One Action team – one Project;" multiple teams cannot do the same project. Applications are made on-line. You have 90 days to complete the project and file the proper reports. Each Thrivent member is allowed the opportunity to do two projects a year. If you have further questions, you may contact Thrivent advocates in the congregation: Deb Matasovsky, Suzanne Winterhof, or Donna Dose.

**SOW Your HEART in the Heartland!!** Be sure and learn all about the planning and preparation of the 36th Biennial LWML Convention in Des Moines from June 25-28 by reading the Host Committee Convention Newsletter Bountiful Blessings, or the winter edition of the Lutheran Woman's Quarterly. Invite and encourage family and friends to enjoy the planned events, sights and sounds of Des Moines. Pray for continued blessings upon the efforts of all involved in the preparation of this national event. Have you considered signing up for the Convention Choir? The Music Chairman is Julia Dlouhy. Be a contributing voice, make a joyful noise and be blessed. "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Matthew 6:21).

**ANNUAL REPORT ITEMS** are due in the office on Friday, February 6th.



**LENTEN SERVICES** will begin on Ash Wednesday, February 18th with worship and Holy Communion at 7:00 pm. The weekly services will continue at 12:30 and 7:00 pm on the following Wednesdays: February 25, March 4, 11, 18, & 25.



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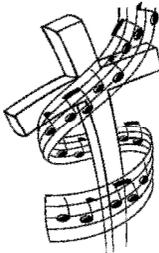
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### **Special Music**

You are invited to share your musical talents in our worship services here at St. John.

The choir rehearses at 7:30 pm on Wednesday evenings.



**WE WELCOME YOU TO  
JOIN US FOR WORSHIP!**

### **February Worship Assistants**

**Altar Guild:** Lori Dicks & Renae Norwood

**Greeters:** **Saturday**  
Still available

**Sunday**  
Dewey & Denise Betts

**Bell Ringers:** **Saturday, 6:00 p.m.**  
Henry Hardt

**Sunday, 9:00 a.m.**  
Dave Stille

**Acolytes:** **Saturday, 6:00 p.m.**  
Addy Hogrefe

**Sunday, 9:00 a.m.**  
Gabriel Lesemann

The KAYL Broadcast for this month has been sponsored anonymously.

### **ALTAR FLOWERS**

1 - Richard & Tounh Zwemke's anniversary

8 - In memory of Marie Mack

15 - Lois Lytle's birthday

22 - Dusty Lussman's birthday