

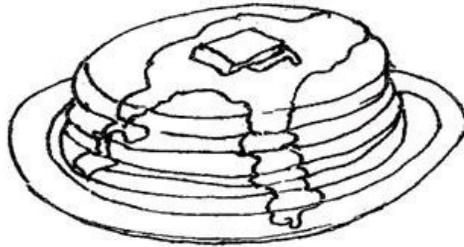
2016

November 2016



YOUR SOURCE OF SPIRITUAL NOURISHMENT
FOR YOUR SOUL THROUGH THE WORD

St. John Eagle



It's Pancake Supper Time!

Sunday, November 13th, 2016

5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Tickets \$5.00

Children 5 and under – Free

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Thanks
BE to
God!

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MONTHLY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

SUNDAY MORNING— FAITHBUILDERS AND BIBLE CLASSES

Faithbuilders will be held at Grace during November and December. Practices for the Children's Christmas Service begin on November 6th at 10:30 am.



Be in the Word

Adult Bible Class meets at 10:30 a.m. in the Fireside Room (led by V. Winterhof). Pastor Lesemann's Bible Study is taking a break while he fills the Newell vacancy.

ST. JOHN EAGLE



FROM THE PASTOR

Giving Thanks! SDG!

What does SDG mean? Well, for that explanation I want to point to the famous Lutheran composer, musician, and organist Johann Sebastian Bach. From early on Johann loved music and through it found a way to express his faith. It is said that when Johann played music, he felt his soul praising God. In fact, he once said, "I play the notes as they are written, but it is God who makes the music." And therefore at the bottom of his works for the church he wrote the letters SDG - *Soli Deo Gloria* - Glory to God alone. He hoped that when the music was played, it would point people toward God.

I was reminded of that recently as I read from the Old Testament book of Deuteronomy. Moses is reviewing with the children of Israel all that God had done for them and gives them this warning in chapter 8:11. It starts with the words, "*Be careful that you do not forget the Lord your God...*" which is followed by a list of what God had done for them: freed them from Egypt, provided for all their needs, and preserved them during their travels throughout the wilderness. Soon they would be going into the Promised Land where God would continue to provide for them and would literally drive out many of the people before they even got there. When they would arrive, they would find homes already built, farmlands already cultivated, fruit trees and vineyards already producing. Because of all these blessings, they were urged not to forget that it was NOT by their own hands that all this had taken place but God's and they were to give Glory to Him alone for it all.

Giving God all the glory was also something Dr. Martin Luther concluded as well, although he didn't know this fully until he studied God's Word. Through God's Word he was reminded that it was not by man's work but by the work of God in Christ that we are justified. We do not get the credit; we cannot earn our forgiveness or buy our way into heaven. Our salvation is solely because of God's redeeming work of salvation through His Son.

What should be our response to all of this? SDG! Let us give glory to God alone! He loves us so much He sent His Son to save us!

And the next time you text someone as a "conversation starter" you can put SDG at the end. May they too discover the meaning and be reminded or learn of all the wonderful things God has done!

To God be the glory! He has shown, and continues to show, His great love for us through the work of His Son!

In His grace,

Pastor Bruce Lesemann



St. John Lutheran Ladies' Aid met on October 4, 2016, at 1:30 p.m. in the meeting room of the church. Hostess for the day was Janet Glasgow.

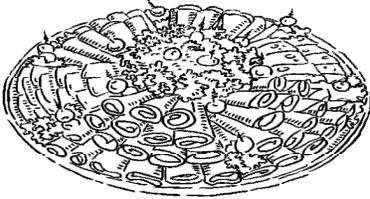
Marilyn Mittelstadt presented the devotion on the importance of believing by faith. Christian Outreach was the subject of Pastor Lesemann's topic. Just as the disciples had been "fishers of men," he challenged us to cast our nets and gave pointers on "best practices" of outreach methods. .

Fourteen members and one guest answered the roll call question: If you were to open a restaurant, what kind of food would you serve?

A brief summary of the Zone Rally speaker's presentation on the Cornerstone for Life project was given. Plans were made for the LWML Sunday observance on October 22-23.

We closed with learning about the national grant to the Deaconess program here and abroad and praying the Lord's Prayer.

Christian Fellowship Society met October 23. Topic for the evening centered on Christian education and youth work at St. John. The meeting opened with a devotion by Suzanne Winterhof based on Proverbs 22:6 "Train up a child." As parents and grandparents, we teach by modeling how we worship and serve the Lord. Jerry Johnson told about the Youth Gathering last summer and the inspiration the adult leaders receive through such an event and the joys he experiences as he sees youth grow in faith. We also heard the testimonies of those attending the Youth Gathering. Plans for the pancake supper were finalized. The Fletchers served lunch.



Funeral Luncheon

Funeral services for **Mary Ann Steffen**, age 69, were held on September 28, 2016 at 10:30 am at St. John's church. Following the service, a luncheon was served. Group 3 was in charge. Ham and turkey sandwiches were catered by HyVee. Salads, cakes, or bars were provided by our members. Those furnishing or serving the food included Linda Falck, Janet Glasgow, Eileen Mandernach, Deb Jesse, Ladene Ponsor, Jan Magnussen, Marlene Hansen, Donna Truelsen, Ginny Porter, Claudia Lichtenberg, Dianne Johnson, Linda Kay, Amy Lesemann, Kathy Matthews, Judy Krebs, Lisa Goodman, Barb Walters, Diane Krueger, Connie Jesse, Laurie Gaffney, Cindy Eberle, Kyle Cejka, Karen Morenz, Cindy Hoffard, and Kathy Jesse. Additional workers were Ron Falck, Suzanne Winterhof, Celeste Cummins, and Pastor. Thank you to everyone.

Funeral services for **Darwin "Dusty" Lussman**, age 84, were held on October 12, 2016 at 10:30 am. Following the service, a luncheon was served. Group 4 was in charge. Sandwiches were catered by Cindy Bosley. Salads, cakes, or bars were provided by our members. Those furnishing or serving the food included Laura Bumann, Marge Manteufel, Florence Goldsmith, Renae Norwood, Marleen Otto, Nyarok Chan, Audrey Gutz, Marlene Hansen, Donna Truelsen, Sharen Peters, Loretta Rehnstrom, Sally Wilkens, Ladene Ponsor, Diane Krueger, Linda Falck, Karen Fletcher, Jerene Neir, and Donna Dose. Extra workers were Bob Fletcher, Ron Neir, Bob Otto, Suzanne Winterhof, Lloyd Bumann, Otis Hansen, and Pastor. Many thanks to everyone.

Funeral services for **Willis Lussman**, age 86, were held on October 14, 2016 at 10:30 am. Following the service, a luncheon was served. Group 1 was in charge. Scalloped potatoes and ham casserole, buns, green beans, fruit salad, and cake were catered by HyVee. Those serving the food were Lois Lytle, Barb Walters, Joann Oatman, Marilyn Mittelstadt, Karen Fletcher, Jerene Neir, Linda Falck, Jane Meyer, Lynn Hardt, Ginny Porter, Donna Truelsen, and Diane Krueger. Extra workers were Renae Norwood, Bob Fletcher, Lloyd Bumann, Marvin Bumann, Ron Neir, Deb and Kevin Jesse, and Pastor. Thank you to all.



THANK YOU!!! THANK YOU!!! THANK YOU!!! Dear fellow members of St. John, thank you so much for the wonderful (and very humbling) attention and appreciation that you have shared with me during the month of October for pastor appreciation month, my 10 year anniversary as your pastor, and my birthday. You have showered me with many kind words, wonderful cards (plus those creative designs and humbling comments on those CDs!), generous gifts and that over the top party! God bless you all! You are wonderful! You really know how to make your pastor feel appreciated! You are all a blessing to me and I give thanks to God for you! In His grace, Pastor Bruce H. Lesemann

WE'LL BE CLOSED on Thursday, November 24th and Friday, November 25th for the Thanksgiving holiday.



DECEMBER CALENDAR AND NEWSLETTER - The December calendar will be available the weekend of November 26th and 27th. However, because of the short week and the Thanksgiving holiday, the December newsletter will be delayed for a week. Look for the December newsletter to come out on December 3rd and 4th. If you are interested in helping to fold the newsletter, come join us on Friday morning, December 2nd!

THE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SERVICE will be held at Grace this year on Sunday, December 18th at 4:00 pm. This year the children will share the good news of Jesus' holy nativity through the eyes of the saints of old. The promises of our faithful Lord, which were made to our first parents and repeated through all generations of the Family of God, come to life through the spoken Word of God and traditional hymns of Christmas! If you have children in the service, a practice schedule is printed on page 10 for your convenience.



POINSETTIA ORDERS - If you enjoy seeing the beautiful poinsettias in the front of the church during the Christmas season, make plans to order yours! As in the past, they will still be available for \$10.00 and will be delivered to the church. Order forms are not available yet, but watch for them in late November.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU - To All Staff & Congregation: I've been a member there since my baptism in 1958 with my parents Bill & Phyllis Southwick. Recently I have been battling a major illness that my mom has shared with the church with a lot of prayers being said for me. When I first learned of this it gave me goose bumps and tears at the same time because my deep roots of my faith started and nourished there. Countless and valued experiences occurred there that still today have enriched my life: Sunday school, children's choir, X-mass programs, lighting the altar candles, confirmation, money collection for needy families, going to church with my family, grandparents and developing friendships (many still in place today) with the wonderful families of the congregation. Throughout my first 20 years of my life St John Lutheran Church has been the rock and foundation of my Christianity of which I am so thankful, blessed. As a young parent I have guided my family with two churches Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran in Apple Valley, MN and Zion Lutheran in Clear Lake, Iowa where we married and our children baptized, educated and confirmed. God's blessing to all these three churches that have enriched my and my family's life with God's message and in particular St John's Lutheran Church where it all started. Please share my message with the congregation during one of your sermons so they all know how thankful I am for their prayers and that they have been answered because of my improving health. My prayers and love go out to all of them with God's blessings. And a special thank you for my wonderful mother Phyllis who has guided me my whole life to come and know our heavenly father. God be with you. Doug Southwick

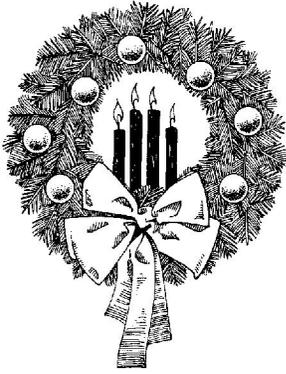
YOUTH NOTES



MORE INFO: November 6 at 4:00pm-6:00pm: YOUTH GROUP Pumpkin Chuckin' Party: No elephants or donkeys, just Pumpkins and Gourds! Join the PUMPKIN PARTY this election year! November 6 at 4pm, lets meet at St. John parking lot and then carpool out to Dan Coleman's farm 5663 80th Ave. and chuck pumpkins with the help of a huge sling shot. We will then head back to church or someone's home for Sundae treats with red, white and blue sprinkles of course. An afternoon of chucking pumpkins will help us learn that when we put our trust in God, we can chuck away our sins by looking to the cross for His salvation. **If you would like to be the host family for this event**, please contact Jerry at johnson@bvu.edu.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR NEWSBOYS – DECEMBER 9 **RSVP BY NOVEMBER 1st Extra! Extra!** Read all about it! **NEWSBOYS** are coming to Iowa! It looks like we have people interested in going to a **NEWSBOYS** concert in Sioux City! It is December 9, 2016. We would leave at 4pm, eat at Famous Dave's BBQ and then go the concert at 7pm. It will cost \$20/ticket. Please RSVP by November 1st. Oh, let me know if your family would like to drive too. **NEWSBOYS** was seen in the movie God is Not Dead and is a nationally known Christian rock group.

Youth Group Cake Pan Fundraiser Coming Soon! Per our Planning Meeting...Grace and St. John Youth will be selling Cake Pans with engraved lids. They are the perfect gift. The youth will be selling That's My Pan products beginning November 6. The money raised from the Cake Pan Fundraiser will go towards the youth mission project, Mercy Meals of Siouxland, plus other youth activities. Be sure to watch for this unique fundraiser with high quality cake pans and other cooking products. All orders will be delivered in time for Christmas! We will be handing out the sale packets during the weekend of November 5-6. If you have any questions, please contact Belinda Smith 712-291-0553 or Jerry Johnson 712-732-2775. Forms and catalogs will be handed out the weekend of November 5.



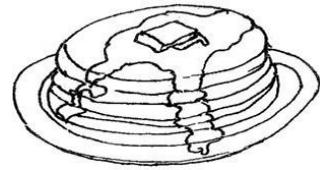
CAROLING AND CHRISTMAS - New Date

NEW DATE!!! Sunday, December 11 at 3:45pm

Grace/St. John Christmas Caroling Party: St. John and Grace brothers and sisters are going caroling. After we carol in the community, we will have a Fun Christmas Party hosted by Grace. Junior and Senior High students are asked to bring a gag gift that they made, found or reused for the party. And the students are also invited to bring any treats to share. A Christmas drink will be provided. Come, relax and have a SEASON of fun. Please plan on meeting at Grace at 3:45PM before we go caroling. If you have any questions, call Jerry 732-2775 or johnson@bvu.edu. – **Host Family Needed Too**

ATTENTION YOUTH FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY

Pancake Supper — November 13: Grace and St. John youth (6th-12th) have been asked to help with the Pancake Supper on Sunday, November 13 from 5pm to 7pm. We are going to be in charge of the dining room. The youth and parents are responsible for setting the tables on Sunday afternoon at 3:00pm with placemats, silverware, napkins, syrups, butter, sugar and cream. Set up should only take an hour. Then we will be busing tables during the Pancake supper from 5:00pm to 7:00pm. In return for our volunteering, we will be receiving some of the funds for St. John youth activities and this includes our mission projects. Your help is greatly needed and appreciated! Here are the times for the schedule. **Sunday (11/8) at 3:00pm** (Set Tables) and **Sunday 4:30pm to 6:00pm** or **Sunday 6:00pm to 7:30pm** Please let me know the times you can help by emailing me at johnson@bvu.edu or phone 712-299-5783.



YOU COULD FEEL SUPER WHEN YOU SUPPORT THE SOUP SUPPER! All are invited to attend; **LCMS Youth Group** - Please consider helping Grace's Social Ministry with the soup supper on Sunday, October 30th from 4:00 to 6:30pm. Here is a great opportunity to be an ECHO for CHRIST. There's entertainment and delicious soups. Make plans to join Grace and St. John members for an evening of food, fellowship, and music. We need 4 people for each hour of the supper. **If you can help, could you please email me back which hour you could help?** (4:00-5:00, 5:00-6:00, or 6:00-7:00). Our assignment will be to bus tables. Remember, our congregational families are always there for us when we need financial support for our mission projects, youth events, and activities. Thanks! Please let me know if you have any questions. Also, for the Junior Youth Gathering gang, we'll be back so you can help if you want. In Christ Alone, Jerry Johnson johnson@bvu.edu 732-2775

PRACTICE CALENDAR

**CHRISTMAS SERVICE
PRACTICE 1
NOVEMBER 6
10:30AM TO 11:30
AT GRACE**

**CHRISTMAS SERVICE
PRACTICE 2
NOVEMBER 13
10:30AM TO 11:30
AT GRACE**

**CHRISTMAS SERVICE
PRACTICE 3
NOVEMBER 20
10:30AM TO 11:30
AT GRACE**



The Children's Christmas Service will be at Grace on Sunday, **December 18 at 4:00pm**. The children need to be at Grace at **3:30pm**. Attendance is important the children's service remembering Jesus' birth. Please make every effort to have your kids here!

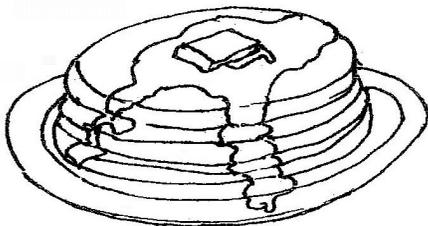
**CHRISTMAS SERVICE
PRACTICE 4
DECEMBER 4
10:30AM TO 11:30
AT GRACE**

**CHRISTMAS SERVICE
PRACTICE 5
DECEMBER 11
10:30AM TO 11:30
AT GRACE**

Grace/St. John Children's Service practices will be at GRACE and are November 6, 13, 20 and December 4, 11 & 18

Each week at 10:30 on these Sunday mornings, Pastor Ketcham will present a 15 minute childrens' sermon Sunday School lesson before rehearsals begin.

Pancake Supper!



St. John Lutheran Church
Sunday, November 13, 2016
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Tickets \$5.00 (5 & under - Free)
Serving delicious pancakes, sausages, applesauce, and a beverage

Who Will Be President?

By: Celeste Cummins
Friday, April 15, 2016

It's election time again. That means Americans get to go vote in order to choose the next President of the United States. The political ads would like for us to believe that we have the power. We get to choose the next President. It's all up to us. But, is it? Do we *really* have that power? Are we actually that influential? Is it all up to us?

During Jesus' trial, He was shuffled from one political figure to the next, eventually ending up in Pilate's headquarters. Pilate tried to free Him by giving the people a choice: Jesus or Barabbas, but the people chose to free Barabbas, so Pilate was left to deal with Jesus. Still, the Jews insisted that Jesus should die. "When Pilate heard this statement, he was even more afraid" (John 19:8). This fear brought Pilate to question Jesus further. When Jesus would not answer Pilate's first question (where did you come from), I believe Pilate then tried to use his authority as a ruler to intimidate Jesus. He told Jesus, "You will not speak to me? Do you not know that I have authority to release you and authority to crucify you?" (John 19:10). I can almost hear Pilate trying to scare Jesus into answering something that would trap Him and make this an easy case for Pilate. Instead, Jesus wisely answers, "You would have no authority over me at all unless it had been given to you from above" (John 19:11). That's not quite the answer that Pilate expected, but what does it say for us, now?

It tells us that whoever is elected President has been chosen by God to be our leader. We may not want a particular candidate to win, but God has already decided who that person will be. The Israelites faced many kings who were ungodly and hideous rulers, yet they were all put into power by God's will. Romans 13:1b tells us, "For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God." We may question why God has allowed a particular person to lead a country, especially if that person is ungodly. But, we are also reminded, "God moves in a mysterious way His wonders to perform" (LSB 765/TLH 514). To us, it may not make sense, but God's thoughts, ways, and plans are not ours (Isaiah 55:8 and Jeremiah 29:11).

Ultimately, we must remember the conversation Pilate had with Jesus in John 18. When Pilate asked Jesus if He was the King of the Jews, Jesus told him twice, "My kingdom is not of this world" (John 18:36). No, Jesus' kingdom is not an earthly one. He will reign as the everlasting, eternal, ultimate King and we will join Him in Heaven. When that happens, we will never again have to worry about presidential elections!



St. John is a member of
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**WE WELCOME YOU TO
JOIN US FOR WORSHIP!**

Saturday Evening—6:00 p.m.
Sunday Morning—9:00 a.m.

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Musicians are encouraged to share their talents during our worship services throughout the year. If you play an instrument or would like to join the choir, please contact our music director, Suzanne Winterhof. The choir rehearses each Wednesday evening at 7:30 pm. New members are always welcome.



Altar Flowers

- 6th - In memory of Irene Wiley by Barb Phillips
- 13th - Bruce & Amy Lesemann anniversary
- 20th - In memory of David Coleman by Dan Coleman
- 27th - Bill & Vee Tutt in memory of our parents

November Worship Assistants

Altar Guild: Lanny & LaVerne Grigsby

Greeters: Saturday, 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, 9:00 a.m.

Bell Ringers: Saturday, 6:00 p.m.

Henry Hardt

Sunday, 9:00 a.m.

Lloyd Bumann

Acolytes: Saturday, 6:00 p.m.

Nyaryck Malout

Sunday, 9:00 a.m.

Ellie Bacon

The KAYL Broadcast for this month has been sponsored by Bob & Karen Fletcher.



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