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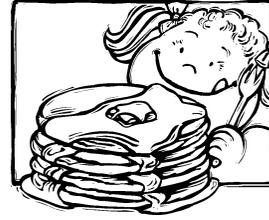
YOUR SOURCE OF SPIRITUAL NOURISHMENT
FOR YOUR SOUL THROUGH THE WORD

St. John Eagle



**Youth Harvest
Dinner**
Sunday, Oct 27th
4:00 – 6:00 pm
Grace Lutheran
Church

PANCAKE SUPPER



**St. John's
Pancake Supper**
Sunday, Nov. 10th
5:00 – 7:00 pm
*Come hungry...
Leave full!*

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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 - Classes
meet at 10:15 am
on Sundays!



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 meets in the library at the same time.

ST. JOHN EAGLE



All Saint's Day, Halloween and Reformation

Here's a little bit of church history for you: All Saint's Day, also called All Hallows Day, began as a Catholic holiday, and was officially established on May 13, 609, as All Martyrs Day by Pope Boniface IV

when he dedicated the Pantheon in Rome to all Christian martyrs. A little more than 100 years later, Pope Gregory III amended the holiday to include Christian saints and moved its observance from May to November 1. It is assumed he did this to coincide with the Roman holiday of Feralia and the Celtic festival of Samhain.

Halloween, as we know it today, can be traced back specifically to Samhain. As part of the celebration, they had huge bonfires and would wear costumes to "confuse" the haunting and destructive spirits. By 43 AD, the Roman Empire had expanded to include most of the Celtic areas. Within a few hundred years, the Roman holidays of Feralia and Pomona had been combined with Samhain into one celebration, which included costumes, fires, and parades. Since these parties took place on the eve of All Saints or All Hallows Day, the holiday was called All Hallows Eve, which became Halloween.

The Reformation began on October 31, 1517, when Martin Luther, nailed a notice to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany. These were his "95 Theses," or a list of grievances he had against the teachings of the Catholic Church. Among them were the teaching that a priest or monk had to intercede between a believer and God (a lay person could not talk to God directly); the established hierarchy of the Catholic Church (one person, a Pope, had authority over the entire church); and the idea of earning your way into Heaven (believers would only get to Heaven through charitable acts or the purchase of indulgences). It is believed that the practice of selling indulgences, especially their promotion in funding the rebuilding of St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, is what finally precipitated Luther's actions.

During the Middle Ages and Renaissance, the Church doors were used as a type of "bulletin board" where public notices were often posted for people to read. Martin Luther chose October 31, All Hallows Eve, as the day to post his theses because of the vast number of people who would be required to attend church on November 1, All Saint's or All Hallows Day.

As a side note, the printing press had been invented around 1470, and Martin Luther's "95 Theses" were quickly translated from Latin to German, reprinted, and widely distributed throughout Europe. It just goes to show you that "*all things,*" even secular holidays, can "*work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.*" (Romans 8:28)

And big thanks to Heather L. Green from whom I got much of this article.

In His grace,
Pastor Bruce H. Lesemann

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OCTOBER A BUSY MONTH FOR LWML WOMEN

LWML Sunday was celebrated on the weekend of October 5-6. A display of some of the mission endeavors of women were displayed in the narthex of the church. Several women assisted in the services helping as ushers, reading Scripture, and providing music. Again this year we had a “noisy can” collection for mites to help fund District and National LWML grants. That spare change (and some silent paper money) came to a total of \$145.05.

The Fall Zone Rally was held October 7 at St. John, Alta. Seven women from our congregation attended. Featured speaker was Jean Jaskiorny from Glenwood. She had participated in a Mission trip to Tanzania and saw the need to help the women there by initiating a grant for supplies for the sewing center. This was an West Iowa project. She also saw the need for better facilities for them, and she proceeded to initiate a National grant of \$25,000 for this project. Her presentation not only showed what was happening in this mission field, but the power that just one woman has in reaching out in mission.

The regular meeting of the Ladies' Aid was held Oct. 2 with Loretta Rehnstrom as the hostess. The theme of the meeting was “Loving and Respecting Authority.” (I Thess. 4:12-14) Donna Truelsen led the opening devotion. The topic was presented by Pastor Lesemann who reviewed the Fourth Commandment of the catechism which deals with respect to those whom God has placed over us. Eleven members answered roll call by telling about an authority who had influenced their life in a positive way. Many mentioned parents, teachers, and pastors. Plans were made for LWML Sunday celebration.

**Keeping
Current**

HYVEE RECEIPTS AND BOX TOPS - Please continue to bring them to church. You may place them in the basket on the table in the front entry.

THANK YOU - Dear fellow members of St. John, Thank you for all the cards, gifts, that HUGE delicious 25 pound basket of fruit (and candy ☺) as well as all the kind words you have sent my way for my birthday and for Pastor Appreciation Month. I am ever grateful to all of you and am truly thankful and blessed to serve as your pastor! In His grace and love, Pastor Bruce H. Lesemann

DONATIONS NEEDED - The Mary and Martha group along with the Ladies' Aid of St. John's are collecting food and other items for Upper Des Moines food pantry here in Storm Lake! If you would like to donate, some of the items they are in need of are: cereal/oatmeal (any kind and size), pasta (any kind), spaghetti sauce, pancake mixes/syrup, canned vegetables, peanut butter/jelly, personal hygiene items (body wash, shampoo, deodorant), laundry soap, paper products (paper towels, toilet paper). There will be containers by the front entryway to put your donations into. Some of the items collected will be used to create the Harvest Display in a few weeks. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP AND SUPPORT!** We will be collecting through Thanksgiving weekend.

**JOY:FULLY
CHRISTMAS**

Children's Christmas Eve Service: This year the children will lead the congregation in sharing the good news of Christmas with Psalm 46 and Luke 2.

Joy: Fully Christmas - Real. Present. God.

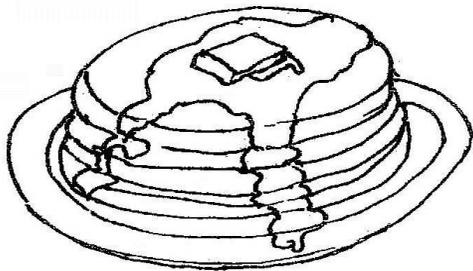
Christmas is real because Jesus is **Real**.

Jesus is **Present**. More important than presents.

Christmas is the real presence of **God**.

Christmas Eve Service Practice Information: We will soon begin working on the St. John Christmas Eve service which will be led by **all the children** (Preschool to High School), plus the St. John choir. This year's service will be entitled **Joy: Fully Christmas - Real. Present. God**. We will start practicing on Nov. 24th, so be sure to watch for the practice schedule. All the St. John children (Preschool to High School) will be leading this year's Christmas Eve service on Tuesday, December 24th at 6:00pm. Please fill out the participation form that is available on the table in the narthex and return it by **NOVEMBER 3** to the office or Sunday School to let us know if your family will be available. Attendance is important for a good program. Please make every effort to have your children attend during Faithbuilders on Sundays for practice. If you would like to donate time, treasures and talent to the service, please contact Jerry Johnson 712-732-2775 or johnson@bvu.edu.

Pancake Supper!



Sunday,
November 10th

5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Tickets \$5.00

Children 5 and under – Free

Delicious Pancakes, Sausages,
Applesauce, and Beverages

St. John Lutheran Church
402 Lake Ave – Storm Lake

All are **WELCOME!**

New this year: **Handmade quilts** will be
offered at a silent auction!

A Handout

By: Celeste Cummins

The third Thursday afternoon of every month, I look out my office window and see car after car after car lined up across the street along Lake Ave. The line of cars becomes so long that it snakes around the corner and down the street. When you look at this long line of cars, you wonder what could they be waiting for? Has someone famous come to town and they get to meet them at the end of the line? Not quite. Curiosity got the better of me and I called the school and asked. I was told this is the food distribution line. Simply put, you could say they are waiting for a handout.

In this land of plenty, we may not realize it or want to accept it, but there are people – even in our own communities – who do not have enough food to eat. Most years, I have worked at the Bridges’ banquet that is held at BVU each fall. One year, I remember the speaker, who I’ll call Jean. Jean was a volunteer who worked at the food bank distribution that the Bridge provided. Jean told us about a woman who came back for the second week in a row. This woman exclaimed to Jean that she had eaten all the food she received the previous week. Jean was glad to hear this, but it didn’t stop there. The woman explained to Jean, “No, you don’t understand. I ate all the food you gave me because that’s all the food I had to eat for the week.” As I cleared the plates from the tables, I remember thinking, ‘Here? In Storm Lake people are hungry?’ You expect that in a bigger city, like New York or San Francisco, *but here in Storm Lake?* I looked around the room and realized I was not the only person who was thinking that. There were several Kleenexes being lifted up to dry tears after this story.

We often judge people who are waiting in line for a “handout.” But, are we any different from them? The farmer has no guarantee that his crops will produce a bountiful harvest (especially with the weather we had this spring). The investor has no guarantee that his money will be successful at the business he is trying to start. Parents hope for that perfect baby, but they are not given any guarantees. In a way, we are all waiting for a handout – a handout from our Heavenly Father. We all stand here on earth with our hands outstretched to Heaven hoping that God will give us something good. We all hope that God will bless us with bountiful crops, favorable weather, a successful business, abundant food, the list goes on.

In this month of Thanksgiving, think about how blessed you really are. All of us come home to a house of some type. We all have food of some kind on our table. We all have family members some place in this world who love us. But, many don’t enjoy these blessings. There are homeless people. There are people who have no family. And there are people, even in Storm Lake, who do not have enough food to eat. This Stewardship Sunday (November 16 & 17), you will receive a “handout” from the Stewardship committee. As you receive it, think about the blessings you have received freely every day from God. God has blessed you with many gifts. How can you use those gifts in service to Him and to others?



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

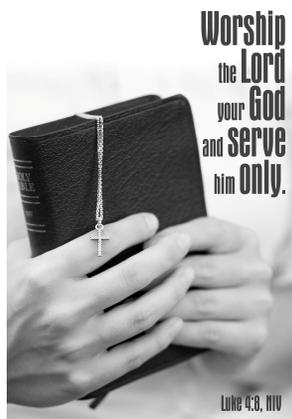
Saturday Evening—6:00 p.m.
Sunday Morning—9:00 a.m.

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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. New members are always welcome.



November Worship Assistants

Altar Guild: Loni Stille & Ladene Ponsor

Bell Ringers: **Saturday, 6:00 p.m.**
Henry Hardt
Sunday, 9:00 a.m.
Lloyd Bumann

The KAYL Broadcast for this month has been sponsored by Audrey Gutz.

Altar Flowers

3rd - In memory of Irene Wiley's birthday by Barb & Dean Phillips

10th - Marleen & Bob Otto

17th - Bob & Karen Fletcher

24th - In memory of David Coleman by Dan

