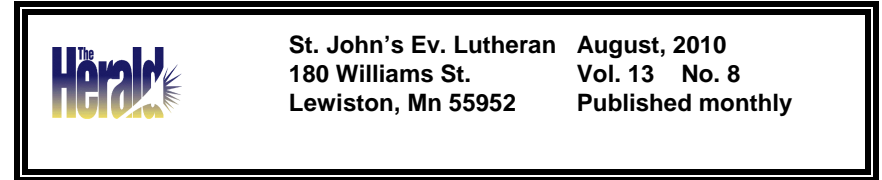


8:30 Paul Anderson

Ray Brandt
 Jeremy Anderson
 Bailey Jensen
 Tanner Jensen
 Christian Kennedy
 Lyman Lewis

10:30 Glen Haag & Josh Horvat

Daryl Buck	Zach Matzke
Dan Houdek	Jerry Dalleska
Mike Neldner	Ross Greden
Justin Luehmann	Jerry Spitzer
Scott Neldner	Josh Matzke
Rick Nahrgang	Bryant Spitzer



COUNTERS: Josh Horvat & Adam Gudmundson

GREETERS: **8:30** Allan & Loni Thompson
10:30 Volunteers Needed

ALTAR COMMITTEE

Aug. 12-Sept 5
 *Marlene Schauland
 Lisa Lindemann
 Jennifer Dermé
 Jody Jordahl

**Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."
 Matthew 19:14**

At the end of this month school at St. John's will begin again. But school at St. John's is not like every other school. There are schools that are like it, but very few. All schools teach reading, writing and arithmetic. So does St. John's. All schools try to teach their children between right and wrong, good and bad and so does St. John's. All schools try to help their students mature and become contributing citizens and so does St. John's. So what makes St. John's different than most schools in our country? The Word of God.

Many might hear that and say, so what. They do not hold the Word of God sacred and gladly hear and learn it. But we do and to be able to teach our children that Word day by day as they grow is a great blessing from our Father in heaven. We can teach math with the understanding that God is a God of order and made a world of order. We can teach reading with our children knowing that God gives us the ability to communicate. We can teach writing pointing our children to God's writing which is the Bible. We can teach every subject with an eye to the One who is involved with every subject.

But most important we can teach our children to know their Savior. We can spend these years building their solid foundation on the only thing that is solid in this world and that is the Word of God. Day by day they will hear the Word and the Holy Spirit will also be teaching them. Day by day the Holy Spirit will be strengthening their faith and helping them grow in their knowledge of their Savior. Day by day their eternal future is secured for them as they grow in their faith and trust in Jesus. May each of us rejoice and thank God for this great blessing God has placed before us, Christian education. Through it may we continue to bring our children to Jesus.

BIBLE CLASSES

Sunday Morning

During the summer Pastor Dermé will be giving presentations on his trip to Israel and showing different places of the Bible. Pastor Lindemann will be reviewing the history of our Wisconsin Synod. Come and join the study and discussion. Everyone is invited to join us between Sunday services in the cafeteria.

Midweek Bible Class

No date has been set for resuming our midweek Bible classes. Please watch the bulletin for the date and subject.

Teen Bible Class

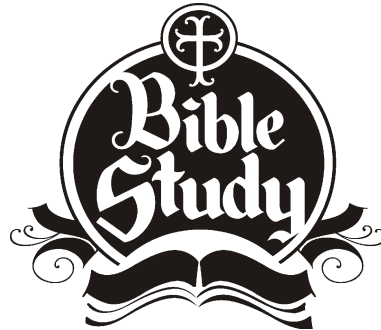
Mr. Devin Ellinghuysen is teaching the teen class. Parents, encourage your high school age children to attend this class and come to the adult Bible class yourself! This class is held between services on Sunday morning.

Sunday School

Sunday school will take a break during the summer months. It will resume again in September on Sunday, September 12th.

Why attend a Bible class?

Many have probably asked themselves this question over time, especially when something appears in the bulletin or newsletter encouraging all our members to attend. Why attend? Because it gives you an opportunity to ask questions or at least hear that others have the same questions you have. It gives you a chance to dig deeper into the Word of God and by that having your faith grow and become stronger. It allows you to discuss the Bible and things of God with fellow Christians. It puts you in a situation where your faith is not questioned but strengthened and assured by those around you. Come and find out why many enjoy Bible class!



CHURCH AND COMMUNION ATTENDANCE



Church attendance:

June 2008	June 2009	June 2010
6/1 - 389	6/7 - 415	6/6 - 410
6/8 - 370	6/14 - 383	6/13 - 353
6/15 - 406	6/21 - 416	6/20 - 349
6/22 - 390	6/28 - 353	6/27 - 348
6/29 - 412		
Total - 1967	- 1567	- 1460
Ave. - 393	- 392	- 365

Communion for June

2008 - 420 2009 - 442 2010 - 479

Membership: 946 Communicants: 716 Children: 230

Membership changes:

Kalton Lee Prigge, baptism

Evan Joe Mundt, baptism

Jocelyn Faith Buege, baptism

Darrin Wirt, released at own request

When you miss church do you realize that the only person who is hurt by that is you? Sometime we make excuses that sound like someone else is hurt by our missing and by missing we are getting back at them. But that makes no sense. It is a trick of our own sinful nature that is more than happy to miss hearing the Word of God. By not hearing the Word you are hurt. By skipping the Lord's Supper months on end you are hurt. Come and heal. Come and hear the Word so that your faith might grow. Join David and say, "I rejoiced with those who said to me, "let us go to the house of the Lord." (Ps.122:1)



The budget page will be expanded so that more information can be placed into your hands. Please tell us what is helpful or what information you would still need.

June Budget

87% current account	= \$32,272.65	Account Balance	= \$-17,658.82
11% missions	= \$4080.45	Local Bank Loan	= \$34,489.24
2% maintenance	= \$741.90	LACE Loan	= \$15,644.18
Total	= \$37,095	Unpaid Bills	= \$1554.33

“Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me.” Philippians 3:12

The above numbers are not current to our present situation. Our current situation will be described in the Quarterly report found in this newsletter. But I want you to think of the above words as we now press on after our special offering on the 25th of July. God’s people responded as only God’s people can. Out of love for their Savior and His work, a collection was made to continue that work in a strong way. But we cannot make that a one time thing. It must be a continual ongoing thing. Maybe not to the same magnitude, but the same searching of our own hearts and coming to a decision within every family in what are we going to faithfully give to God. How are we going to press on in our Christian life and support the mission of His church? How are we going to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me? That can only be done as we expose ourselves more and more to Word and Sacrament. Only through the Means of Grace does God make us more sure of our salvation and help us grow in our sanctified, that is, our Christian life. Part of that life is faithfully and cheerfully bringing our offerings to our God for all that He has done for us. This page will keep you informed with current information and through the Word of God encouraged. May we each continue to live as living sacrifices to our God. Doing whatever God allows us to do to further His Kingdom in this world.

Summer Men’s Church League Softball



**CHURCH SOFTBALL
LEAGUE**

Playoffs start soon. Watch the church sign and bulletin for times and dates.

DIVISION CHURCH

	WINS	LOSSES
St. John's Lewiston	8	1
Silo Church	7	2
Pleasant Valley Church	7	2
Central Lutheran Church	3	6
The Edge	2	7
Living Light Church	0	9

Pre- Kindergarten Registration



Members of St. John’s and Jehovah are asked to register their children for pre-kindergarten. The fees will remain that same as last year. The first day of pre-kindergarten will be on Tuesday, September 7th. A Pre-K family picnic and informational meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 18th at 6:00 pm at Southside park. If your child is registered, more information will be coming in the mail.



Report of the Quarterly Meeting held Sunday, July 18th and resumed on Sunday, July 25th.

A number of important things were discussed and decided at the Quarterly Meeting. After a long discussion on July 18th, the meeting was recessed until the following Sunday so that more information could be gathered. The following was discussed and decided by the Voters.

- 1) The financial situation of St. John's was laid out before those attending the meeting. While not in dire straights we do wish to straighten out a few things and make everyone aware of the debt incurred. After a two hour discussion more information was needed.
- 2) After a short discussion and questions were answered it was moved and seconded to move our 8:30 am service to 8:00 am. This passed with a voice vote. It will be periodically reviewed by the elders and others to see how things are working.
- 3) It was asked that a letter be sent out concerning our financial situation. It was also asked to have a special offering on Sunday, July 25th to help out our financial situation. The meeting was recessed so that more financial information could be gathered.
- 4) The meeting was called back into session on Sunday, July 25th. The following information was given concerning the offering of that weekend.

Unified Account - \$17,563

- a) Synod Pledge (11%) - \$1931.93
- b) Maintainance (2%) - \$351.26
- c) Current Acct. ((87%) - \$15,279.81

Special Offering - \$2927.00

Total Current Account - \$18,206.81

Debt Retirement - \$10,331.23

After that information was shared discussion followed. The following actions were taken.

- 1) We will borrow up to \$75,000 from the new church CD and pay it back over a ten year period at 2% interest rate.
- 2) We will resume sending out quarterly statements possibly connected to the newsletter.
- 3) Synod mission offering was reduced to 10% from 11%.

Everyone is encouraged to continue to search their hearts and discuss within their families what they are going to give to God. May God continue to move His people to support the work of His church.

A few reasons why we decided to move our early service to 8:00 am

1. Sometimes the children have to leave the service early in order to make it to Sunday School. This, hopefully, eliminates that.
2. This allows about an hour for Sunday morning Bible class. Right now we get about 40 minutes at best. This will allow for a little more material being presented. But more importantly more time to answer questions.
3. This allows the pastors to speak to people a little more after the worship service is over. He does not have to rush off to Bible class, but can talk to visitors or members who have something they want him to know.
4. This allows members to socialize more before and after Bible class. There is time to talk rather than immediately sitting down for class or going off to church.
5. The pastor can greet people on the way in to second service rather than coming into church and beginning right away.

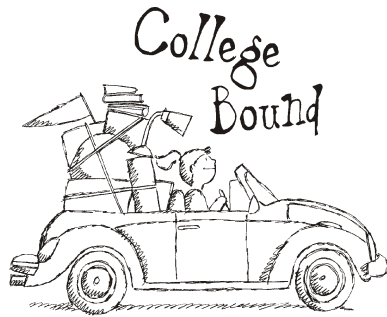


Help support Luther High athletics through a “signature ad” in the 2010-11 Sports Program. A minimum \$20 donation is suggested and should be sent to Luther High School - Athletic Department. Your name(s) will be printed in each game program recognizing your support of Luther High School athletics. Be

sure to include exactly how the name should be printed. Signature ads will be accepted throughout the school year. Thank you for your support of LHS athletics! Mail to: Athletic Department, Luther High School, 1501 Wilson St. Onalaska, WI 54650

Calling all College Students

Please give your name and new address to our secretary Pat Hoppe before you go off to college. Parents, please make sure your children do this! We can stay in contact with you and at the same time the synod will send you a newsletter and other information. We pray that God would bless you in the coming school year. Keep connected to Him!



Dorcas Cook Book

The Dorcas Society is putting together a church recipe book. If you have a recipe that you think is very good, please drop a signed copy of it in the special box in the entry to church. Do it now because the box will be there only during August. Thank you!!

Luther High News

Current Enrollment Report: Freshmen: 86, Sophomores: 61, Juniors: 74, Seniors: 60
Total: 281

Sunday, August 22 - Opening Service / Installation / Food Shower / Fellowship: Luther High’s 2010-11 school year begins with a worship service at 2:00 PM Sunday, August 22. Pastor Pamperin will be the speaker, Pastor Rimmert will be the liturgist, and Mrs. Wendy Schibbelhut will be the organist.

First Day of Classes: For freshmen the 2010-11 school year begins with a shortened class schedule and orientation on Monday, August 23. Classes for all other students will begin on Tuesday, August 24.

We are most grateful that the Lord has provided for Luther High School’s staffing needs. Mr. Schiebel will be teaching social studies and coaching football and track. Matt and his wife Becky have two children. The food shower after the opening service is to welcome the family.

Electronic Giving

Some have asked about the possibility of electronic giving. Many today like making payments and contributions without having to write anything out or put something into an envelope. This allows you to make regular offerings to church even if you miss a Sunday. If you are interested in using this service, please call Pat Hoppe at 523-2508. She will be able to answer most of your questions and direct you to the proper paper work.



New School Year Information

The teachers will be visiting all the families who have new students in their various classrooms. The School Board will be visiting those families who will not be receiving a visit from a teacher. These visitations will take place from August 2nd through August 6th. All parents are asked to come and register their children for school either Tuesday, August 17th from 5 to 8 pm or Thursday, August 19th from 8 to 9 pm. This registration is for all students including those attending pre-kindergarten. The school open house will be held on Sunday, August 22nd between and after services. The first day of school will be Monday, August 30th. There will be no school on Friday, September 3rd or Monday, September 6th. During the first week (4 days) of school, parents will have to provide transportation for their children. If you have any questions or know of someone interested in sending their children to St. John's, please call the school at 523-2508. Enjoy the rest of the summer!



Please check out the Autumn Festival Flyer on the website.

Also available on the website is the latest issue of Together, a synod newsletter.



Want the newsletter only in electronic form??

Some have asked whether they could be taken off the mailing list for the newsletter and receive it in electronic form. The answer is yes! Just check out our website at www.lewistonlutherans.org. Click on newsletter on the left hand column and then pick the appropriate month. You can also check out the calendar by clicking on calendar on the top tool bar. The weekly bulletins are also accessible on the same website. If you would like to use this method of reading the newsletter, please call Pat at 523-2508 and she will take you off the mailing list.