

THE EVANGEL

To know and proclaim Jesus Christ and as disciples reach out in love.

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Worship Times

Saturdays

5:15 p.m.

Sundays

8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Education Hour

Sundays at 9:15 a.m.

Coffee Fellowship

Sundays at 9:15 a.m.

Office Hours

Monday—Thursday

8:30 a.m. to Noon
1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Friday

8:30 to 12:30 p.m.

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SOUPER BOWL

Join us in Fellowship Hall. Don't worry, you won't miss the big game. In fact, our **SOUPER BOWL** celebration is guaranteed to make your **SOUPER BOWL** celebration even better. This will be a chance for you to stuff yourself on **SUPER** foods (chili and desserts) while visiting with members of the various boards that give such **SUPER** service to St. John. This will be a **SUPER** opportunity for you to explore areas where you could actively participate in church life. And, after such **SUPER** fellowship, you can take goodies home for your own **SUPER SUPER BOWL** supper. You will be able to place orders for chili take-out by calling the church office, 254-9763. If you're having the whole gang over and you don't want to cook, 1, 3 and 5 qt. buckets of chili (ice cream buckets) will be available. There are suggested minimum good will prices. If you eat chili after the service it is a free will offering. If you purchase 1 quart \$4 is suggested; 3 quarts \$10; 5 quarts \$15. This is a fund raiser for the 2011 Benevolence Focus.

Sunday
February 6,
after the
10:30 service

Souper Sunday
at St. John!

St. John
Congregational
Life Board has a
SUPER SOUPER
BOWL day
planned for you.

Volunteer Appreciation Sunday, **February 27, Between Services!!!**

The staff is working hard to come up with something fun to show our appreciation for all who make the work of St. John possible. Without each one of you the ministry at St. John would fall flat on it's face. (No, that's not the theme.) Pop in on February 27 to have a little fun and to check out just how much we appreciate you!



Sweethearts' Dinner

When: February 12th

Time: 6:30-8

Where: Fellowship Hall

Cost: \$20 per couple

\$30 per couple with kids

Sign Up: On the worship attendance form, email ben@stjohnreedsburg.com or call 254-9763

Come join us for a romantic, three course meal while your kids hang out with high school youth in the youth room and memorial hall. The kids will play games, make their own pizzas, and have a good ol' time. While the kids are having fun you will enjoy time with each other.

Proceeds will help sponsor the Youth Mission Trip this summer.



Thank You to our VOLUNTEERS!

Congregation Council Meeting

The meeting opened with devotions, presented by Jim Wheeler.

Cemetery Board Report Thank you to Jerry Zuhlke for his four years on Cemetery Board. Welcome to Keith Holcomb. Dan Hillcoat will do mowing again this year. Spring cleanup will be announced later this year.

Safe Harbor Update/Bunny Frank She thanked the church for designating the 2010 5% funds to the Shelter. Cost per month for keeping the house open is \$2400. Safe Harbor Board is investigating the possibility of adding an additional house and creating a men's shelter. She requested that St. John continue to support Safe Harbor Shelter with 5% of the offerings withheld from the synod contingent on council approval to continue that option.

Pastor Jake Jacobson He asked that we consider two things: that the council continue to offer members the option to opt out of sending 5% of their offerings to the synod and ELCA, and that special classes be offered at church to clarify accepted Christian doctrine.

Council minutes December 14 were approved.

Treasurer's Report

- Current Assets increased by \$38,668.23
- Operating fund ended 2010 with a negative \$81,433.86
- Dedicated accounts ended the year at \$187,805.66
- Net balance in bank account is \$106,371.80
- Average Attendance for December (based on three Sundays where we did not cancel worship services) 295. Yearly average attendance was 320, up from 305 in 2009.

Pastor David's Report 2010 Christmas attendance was up from 2009

Thanks to Shirley West and Blaine Hedberg for leading worship on December 26th so that Pastor David could spend Christmas with his family. Good comments have been heard about the service.

Premarriage counseling averages about 15 hours with each couple by the time they marry. A marriage enrichment weekend is in the works and a dinner on February 12.

Adult education on Monday nights is based on *Making Sense of the Christian Faith*. This study will last until Lent. A 40-day devotional study will take place during Lent.

Souper Sunday—Sunday, February 6. Congregational Life Board is planning this event for all.

Discussion took place concerning a Benevolence Focus designed to increase St. John's benevolence gifts.

Officers elected for 2011.

Secretary, Deb Adams; Treasurer, Blaine Hedberg; Vice-President, Rich Sorom; President, Migs Percy

St. John Foundation Board – Blaine Hedberg was appointed for a one-year term,

Cemetery Board – Keith Holcomb declined election. Dan Biermeier will serve the four-year term, as he was the second person on the 2010 annual meeting ballot

5% offerings withheld from ELCA Designated The Council approved continuation of the program which allows members the option to withhold 5% of their offerings that would normally be sent to ELCA benevolence and direct that money to Safe Harbor Shelter as recommended by Church in Society Board

The Council approved the Church in Society's recommendation to send budgeted global mission dollars of \$1500 to ELCA World Hunger/Health Care program.

Discussions

Call Committee Members of Council should prayerfully consider people to serve on the Call Committee. Bishop suggested we may want to consider a first call pastor.

Leta's leave of absence. We will continue to do the right thing on her behalf, but it may be time to bring in a second person to assist in the office. An ad hoc committee will be formed to look at various options.

Synod Assembly Delegates May 14 & 15 at Madison Marriott West, in Middleton. We need 3 delegates. If people volunteer before the end of February we save money on registration.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Migs Percy, Council President

New Member Classes

have been scheduled for Thursday evening, February 3, 7 p.m. OR Saturday morning, February 5, 10 a.m. New members will be received Sunday, February 13, 2011 at the 8 a.m. worship service. Please call or email to let us know which class you plan to attend

A reception is scheduled between services on February 13 to give everyone a chance to meet our newest members!



Welcome New Members

A few months back on a return trip home after dropping off my daughter at Luther College in Decorah, Iowa I was driving along, trying to get a steady radio signal. For those of you unfamiliar with that terrain, it isn't all that different from the hills that surround us, just a bit more smushed together. The closer you get to the Mississippi river, the more rugged the terrain, and the harder it is to get a strong steady radio signal. Somewhere between Caledonia and Hokah, I was scanning down the dial when it happened... at first I thought it was just dead air... but then the first notes came out of the speakers. "Domine" was sung loud and clear and before I had a chance to think, or anything, I was trying to sing the tenor part from Giovanni Battista Martini's *Domine Ad Adjuvandum Me Festina*.

I don't think I had sung that song in 32 years, and yet, the Latin words and the notes, well most of the notes, came out of my mouth as I was suddenly singing at the top of my lungs flying down Hwy 44. As it happens (I mentioned the hills right?) I lost the signal about three quarters of the way through the song; while this bothered me, I kept on singing and sure enough around the next bend the signal came back and I was only a hair flat, but right in time as the song came to a close with the strong but subdued Alleluia! Brought tears to my eyes, it did!

What amazes me is I HATED THAT SONG! Ok, maybe that is a bit strong; but there was a time when I would rather have sung anything other than that song. Way back in my sophomore year of high school in Stoughton, I became a recording artist. Ok, my High School Choir and Orchestra made an album, you know a real live actual record! These days anyone with a computer and a little know-how can make a CD, but back then recording for a record was a big deal and you didn't want to goof it up! Ok, back to the song. So at the very beginning of this process our choir director Mr. Beutel had selected the music we would sing. Honestly, I don't remember another song but this one. This one has stuck in my head! First we had to learn how to pronounce the Latin, no small trick! Over and over again Doe... min...ae... ad adjuvandum me (not me may) festina over and over and over again... then there was more Latin... uggg... Back then I am sure I thought "there is a reason Latin is a dead language!" Then we had to sing it—words in place, breaths at the right time, and practice, and practice, and practice until we had it nearly perfect, for that is what it would take for the record. If we goofed up, it would be there, forever etched in vinyl!

We practiced this song so much that I memorized not only the choir parts, but all of the solos. Back then my

voice hadn't changed yet, so under my breath a bit, I would sing along with the soprano, alto, tenor and bass soloists.... Oh.. not when we recorded it of course, but you sing one song long enough, you start looking for things to keep it interesting!

Now what I think is interesting is that a song that I once hated when I first heard it, and grew bored with as we practiced it, now has the power to bring tears to my eyes!

Psalm 96 states "O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord all the earth!" New is kind of a funny thing. When I first learned this song it was new to me, though a monk first wrote this song someplace in Italy in the mid-1700's. At one point in time this song was not a classic taught to teenaged singers, it was a new song, and it was most likely used in worship. Was this song once considered, part of that "new" music that gets frowned upon? Maybe. A little Google search has revealed that G.B. Martini definitely had his critics. But maybe more to the point is that as this song can be both old and new at the same time, the sentiments in it are also both new and old. The Latin words, "Domine Ad Adjuvandum Me Festina"

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which get sung over and over again in this song are roughly translated, "Lord help me and do it in a hurry!" Ok, that might be a very loose translation, but who among us has not uttered that prayer, in song, in

sorrow, or in one of a million situations. Yet as those words come to our mouths they are new to us, the song is sung, the cry is made.

The end of the song goes this way, "Gloria patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto. Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in saecula saeculorum. Amen." Translated it reads "Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning is now and will be forever. AMEN.

I guess what sticks in my head is this: even as we sing our new songs, they may have a history, as we sing the old songs, there is something new to be seen. What is old and what is new is held safely in God's hands, who has held it from the beginning and will do so forever. We are called to remember, to sing, to give thanks and praise to God even while trying to tune into a radio signal! As we live each day as the children of God, we find that in good times and bad, when we remember what God has done in the past we can live into and be blessed by the newness of the future, even when we might rather sing another tune.

In Christ,

Pastor David

“5% Offerings”

You may have read the council highlights on page 2 and discovered that St. John offers the option to opt out of sending 5% of your offerings to synod benevolence or the ELCA.

St. John’s budget is set up so that 5% of the general fund income goes to the synod or ELCA; however, in light of the ELCA resolution supporting ordained pastors who are gay, some people of the congregation are uncomfortable with seeing any of their offerings go to the synod/ELCA.

Last year and this year the St. John Congregation Council has offered members an option to withhold offerings from the total dollars that go to the synod/ELCA.

If members simply write, email or call (it is preferred this direction be in writing) the church office, these offerings will not be counted toward the total used to figure the 5% that goes the Synod and ELCA.

5% of the total offerings designated to be withheld from the ELCA/synod benevolence will be sent to Safe Harbor Shelter, formerly Ozanam House of Reedsburg.

Thrivent Money \$ to St. John

A painless way to give your money away to a good cause.

A new program for people with Thrivent accounts is called **Thrivent Choice**. Money from your assets that previously went into a large pot to give out to groups as matching funds is now **your choice**. Give your portion to St. John, or wherever you feel the need.

Here is how. Call Thrivent at 1-800-847-4836, listen to the voice prompt and say “Thrivent Choice,” when asked for your last four of your social security number, say, “Don’t have.” a real person will come on line. (There may be a wait). You can also have the \$s go to the same designation every year by telling them you want it recurring. Deadline to act is March 31, 2011, 7 a.m. – 9 p.m., Monday through Friday. It is fun to give. Questions? Call your Thrivent Rep.

St. John would like to thank Vern Stando, Shirley Stando, Gloria Crawford, Bruce Karstetter, Marcia Karstetter, Sharon Schulte, Darcy Swisch, Brenda Hockmuth, Blaine Hedberg, Jan Harkins, Tom White, Scott Darnell, Donna Bergman, Laverne Bergman, Dawn MacFarlane, and Delores Ellingson for directing their Thrivent Choice Dollars to St. John.

Address Update

BEN KALIN’s new address is OAK PARK PLACE, 800 WALDO ST APT 1317, BARABOO, WI 53913. Ben would welcome any cards, letters, or visits.

What Tithing Does

After starting to tithe, many have found that they have more funds on hand to devote to the work of God. They then experience in giving the joy Jesus promised in His words: “It is more blessed to give than to receive.”

The superior discipline of systematically putting God first will contribute to quality of character to an extent that should make every parent who intelligently loves his children want them to be sincere tithers.

Tithing is a venture of faith and trust which leads to greater faith and trust, and this is a closer fellowship with God that drives away fear, and puts in its place lasting peace, strength and joy. Tithing helps people have more reverence for God, the “God of gods, and Lord of lords.”



Thrivent Builds with Habitat for Humanity®

Thrivent Financial has awarded a grant of \$51,700 to build a home in Portage in 2011 for the Erik and Heather Johnson family. Thrivent is asking for about \$400 per Lutheran congregation in Columbia and Sauk Counties. Also, since the grant requires 50% of the building force be Lutheran, Thrivent is asking for a person in the congregation to organize fund raising and volunteer recruitment. Please let Carol or Arlo know at 254-9763 or 524-4516 or email stjohn@stjohnreedsburg.com, if you can step up and take on this challenge. Building will go on every Wednesday and Saturday from March until June 30th.

From the Parish Nurse:

The Blood Center of Wisconsin will be coming to St. John on Saturday, February 19, 2011, 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. See page 8 for more information.





Christian Education News

This logo represents Christians of mature faith holding the cross, inspiring the growth of others, while creating a shell of love and guidance.

Sunday School Scripture focus for February:

Sunday Feb. 6th – Salt and Light – Matthew 5:13-20

Sunday Feb. 13th – Jesus Teaches about Anger –
Matthew 5:21-37

Sunday Feb. 20th – Love Your Enemies –
Matthew 5:38-48

Sunday Feb. 27th – Do Not Worry – Matthew 6:24-34

Sunday February 6th – Parent's Breakfast and Kids Sing at the beginning of the 10:30 a.m. service.

Calling all parents of children who will be 2 or 3 years old next fall. I would like to meet with interested families of 2 and 3 year olds on Sunday, Feb. 13 @ 9:30 a.m. to begin planning for a *Little Lambs* class. Let's start in the Fellowship Hall and move our way to the extra classroom across from the ladies restroom. If you have questions, or are interested but cannot be in church on the February 13th, please call me at 254-9763 or e-mail me at beth@stjohnreedsburg.com – Beth

Did you know ... we have some truly beautiful stained glass windows in our Narthex and Sanctuary? Did you also know that these windows have special meaning and are great ways to talk with kids about faith? The office has a booklet describing each window. I want to highlight one to spark your interest! The center chancel window (the one at the front of the church above the altar) depicts the Holy Trinity. The largest figure is Jesus with the words "Come Unto Me" on each side. Above Jesus is a hand with three fingers extended. This suggests the Holy Trinity while the two closed fingers convey the twofold nature of the Son – man and divine. At the very top is the dove signifying the Holy Spirit, and the Presence of God as hovering over the water at creation, and upon Jesus at baptism. And this is just the tip of the iceberg. On Sunday morning, challenge your children to an informal game of "I Spy." Can they find the winged beast with the head of a lion; or the crossed keys? How about the ship with the cross-shaped mast? We learn in so many different ways. Of course we listen on Sunday morning. I encourage you to look, as well.

Teaser: Minute to Win it – do you have what it takes?

Check out Ben's page in the Evangel for complete information on a Family Fun afternoon Sunday, March 6, from 4 p.m.-6 p.m. at the church.

Library book of the month.

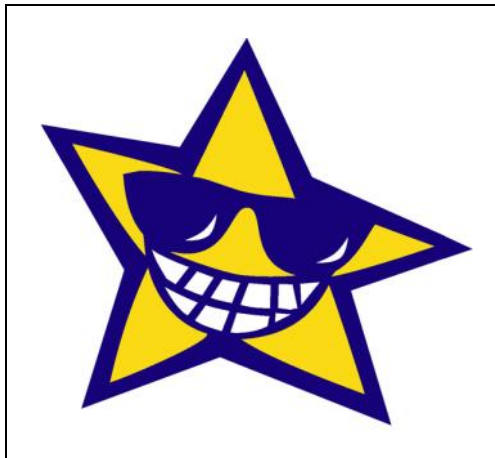
We have many generous individuals in this congregation. Often, books just appear in the upstairs adult library, donated by a kind member. I found a gem on the desk – it has not even been processed! If you are new to this church and to Lutheranism, or you just want to reminisce about bible camp and the Lutheran Women's Missionary Federation, *Growing Up Lutheran* is a delight. Co-authors Janet Letnes Martin and Suzann Nelson combine their memories and pictures with those of other Lutherans who grew up in the '40's, 50's, and 60's. In their own words, they have "put together a mixture of ingredients that we had on hand, generously salted it with gently humor, and lightly peppered it with quite a few hot granules of Lutheran theology. This is most certainly true." I highly recommend this book as a great read on a cold evening. I will have it available on the corner of the library desk.

Ninth Grade Confirmands and Mentors

Sunday February 13th we will have a group meeting at 5:30 p.m. WITH PIZZA!!! We will be focusing on Module 6 and baptism. We will begin work on the baptismal banner we display as part of Confirmation day in the fall. If you have not already tackled this particular subject together, this will be a great chance to connect.

Beth Voigt, CE





Family Fun Day/MSYG

Where: Mt. Olympus Water and Theme Park

When: February 20th

Time: Any time after noon

Cost: \$6 per person

Come and join us for a fun filled day at Mt. Olympus. You will be able to take advantage of both the water and theme park for just \$6 per person. \$1 will be donated back to the youth. Just show up and say you are with St. John Lutheran and enjoy your day.

Calendar of Events

King's Kids February 2 & 16

Son Seekers February 9 & 23

MSYG

Water Day February 20th, Noon

YG

Wednesday nights at 7:00 in Youth Room!



When: Sunday, February 6th

Where: Fellowship Hall

Who: Parents of Sunday School Kids

Why: Fellowship while your kids are in Sunday School.

Menu: Egg bake, fruit, coffee, and juice



Family Fun Night

When: Sunday, March 6th

Time: 4-6 p.m.

Where: Fellowship Hall

Cost: Free Will Offering for Pizza

Join us for a night of laughter, friendly competition, and fellowship. We will be playing games from the popular T.V. show *Minute to Win It*. We will end the night with pizza and prizes.

February 2011

Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday			
30	8:00 AM Worship w/HC 9:15 AM Adult Ed 9:15 AM Coffee Fellowship 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship w/HC	31	6:30 PM Making Sense of the Christian Faith	1	9:00 AM AA 11:00 AM Staff mtg 2:00 PM Hannah Circle 5:30 PM Cong Life Bd 5:30 PM Yoga 6:00 PM Education Bd 7:00 PM AA	2	3:30 PM King's Kids 6:00 PM LIFE 6:30 PM Bell Choir 7:00 PM HSYG 7:30 PM Sr Choir	3	9:00 AM AA 9:00 AM Quilting 5:30 PM Yoga 6:30 PM Admin Bd 7:00 PM AA 7:00 PM ChristCare Class	4		5	10:00 AM New Member Class 5:15 PM Worship w/HC		
6	8:00 AM Worship 9:15 AM Adult Ed 9:15 AM Coffee Fellowship 9:15 AM Sunday School 9:30 AM SS Parents' Breakfast 10:30 AM Worship with Sunday School singing 11:30 AM Souper Sunday	7	6:30 PM Making Sense of the Christian Faith	8	9:00 AM AA 11:00 AM Staff mtg 5:30 PM Yoga 7:00 PM AA 7:00 PM Council	9	3:30 PM Son Seekers 5:00 PM Parish Support NO LIFE tonight 6:30 PM Bell Choir 7:00 PM HSYG 7:30 PM Sr Choir	10	9:00 AM AA 1:30 PM Sunshine Cir 5:30 PM Yoga 6:30 PM United Fund Committee 7:00 PM AA	11		12	5:15 PM Worship 6:30 PM Sweethearts' Dinner		
13	8:00 AM Worship w/HC & Receive New Members 9:15 AM Adult Ed 9:15 AM New Member Reception 9:15 AM Sunday School 9:30 AM Parents of 2 & 3 yr olds 10:30 AM Worship w/HC 5:30 PM G9 Confirmants & Mentors	14	9:00 AM Card Ministry 6:30 PM Making Sense of the Christian Faith	15	9:00 AM AA 10:30 AM Park St Study 11:00 AM Staff mtg 5:30 PM Yoga 7:00 PM AA 7:00 PM Worship Bd	16	9:30 AM Dorcas Circle 3:30 PM King's Kids 6:00 PM LIFE 6:30 PM Bell Choir 7:00 PM HSYG 7:30 PM Sr Choir	17	9:00 AM AA 1:00 PM Sarah Circle 5:30 PM Yoga 7:00 PM AA 7:00 PM ChristCare	18	9:00 AM Quilting	19	7:30 AM Blood Drive 5:15 PM Worship w/HC		
20	8:00 AM Worship 9:15 AM Adult Ed 9:15 AM Coffee Fellowship 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship Noon MSYG	21	6:00 PM Open Table Core Group 6:30 PM Making Sense of the Christian Faith	22	9:00 AM AA 11:00 AM Staff mtg 5:30 PM Yoga 7:00 PM AA	23	3:30 PM Son Seekers 6:00 PM LIFE 6:30 PM Bell Choir 7:00 PM HSYG 7:30 PM Sr Choir	24	9:00 AM AA 5:30 PM Yoga 7:00 PM AA	25		26	5:15 PM Worship		
27	Volunteer Appreciation 8:00 AM Worship w/HC 9:15 AM Adult Ed 9:15 AM Coffee Fellowship 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship w/HC 4:00 PM Open Table	28	6:30 PM Making Sense of the Christian Faith 7:00 PM Church in Society Bd	1	9:00 AM AA 11:00 AM Staff mtg 2:00 PM Hannah Circle 5:30 PM Cong Life Bd 5:30 PM Yoga 6:00 PM Education Bd 7:00 PM AA	2	3:30 PM King's Kids 6:00 PM LIFE 6:30 PM Bell Choir 7:00 PM HSYG 7:30 PM Sr Choir	3	9:00 AM AA 9:00 AM Quilting 5:30 PM Yoga 6:30 PM Admin Bd 7:00 PM AA 7:00 PM ChristCare	4		5	5:15 PM Worship w/HC		

Worship Assistants

8:00 a.m.

February 6

Lector Tonia Lange
Greeters Delores Wersal, Sylvia Weise
Acolytes Logan Penkwitz, Callie Senzig
Ushers Jennifer Kitson (H)
 Katie Kitson
 Al Exner
 Barb Exner

February 13

Lector Clara McGlynn
Greeters Glen Weirauch & Maggie Andres
Acolytes Mike Olson, Loren Tock
Ushers Dave Buss (H)
 Mel Hahs
 Migs Percy
 Beverly Leake

Communion Assistants: Deb Adams
 Rich Sorom, Judy Bransted

February 20

Lector Deanna Benish
Greeters JR & Wendy Colvin & Family
Acolytes Maddie Stieve, Adam Colvin
Ushers Louie Voltz (H)
 Barb Demaske
 JR Colvin
 Shawn Foss

February 27

Lector Blaine Hedberg
Greeters Owen & Sandra Hughes
Acolytes Caitlin Voltz, Tyler Hongisto
Ushers Steve Muchow (H)
 Kathy Finn
 Bob Kessler
 Patti Kessler

Communion Assistants: Pat Lewis,
 Rich Sorom, Todd Erdman

10:30 a.m.

February 6

Lector Joy Nowak
Greeters Ryan & Kim Pearson & Family
Acolytes Darcy Ondersma, Cassie Stone
Ushers Derek Horkan (H)
 Lynn Horkan
 Judy Willis
 Bob Willis

February 13

Lector Sherri Atkinson
Greeters Andy & Kristen Gesteland & Family
Acolytes Rebecca Schwerman, Jacob Wilbrandt
Ushers Patrick Boyd (H)
 Ed Zobel
 Gary Zobel
 Warren Frank

Communion Assistants: Bill Henke
 Patty Sauey, Please Volunteer

February 20

Lector Yvonne Brekke
Greeters Marion Knigge & Judith Boe
Acolytes Haley Templin, Hannah Belk
Ushers Norma Peters (H)
 Diane Thieding
 Lorraine Kaun
 Tami VanBeek

February 27

Lector Rachel Burkel
Greeters Tim & Becky Greenway
Acolytes Rachel Anderson, Michaela Miller
Ushers Bill/Julie Ratajczyk (H)
 Katie, Sarah, Becky

Communion Assistants: Please volunteer



Radio Monitor

Rich Sorom

Videographers

Todd Gardner

Fred Farber

February Money Counters

Linda White/

Audrey Thronsen

Julie Brown

Kathy Finn

Communion Bread

13 Lisa Hoff

28 Yvonne Brekke

The Blood Drive is Saturday, February 19, 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

We will need volunteers to assist donors during the drive

(bringing water to them

while they are donating and assisting them to the snack table). You can sign up on the back of the attendance sheet.

We would also like volunteers to bring cookies or bars for the donors. You can sign up on the back of the attendance sheet. For questions about how to prepare to be a donor there is information on the kiosk or you can contact Kathy Krolikowski at 524-6886.



Our Sunday 8:00 a.m. worship service is broadcast on Sunday morning at 10 a.m. on our local radio station, WRDB, AM 1400.

It is also televised on the Reedsburg cable station, RUCLS, channel 11, on the following Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

Note to ushers:

If you can, make your own arrangements when you need a substitute. It saves the staff an unbelievable amount of time!

Also, head ushers are responsible for: turning on lights; checking the hymn board and making necessary changes; attendance count and recording; and offering follow-up.

Acolytes are also asked to find their own substitutes and notify the office of any changes.

Lector/Usher Schedule March 2011—May 2011

8:00 Service

March 6

Lector Migs Percy
Ushers Jennifer Kitson (H)
Katie Kitson
Dave Julius
JR Colvin

March 13

Lector Julie Adelman
Ushers Glen Weirauch (H)
Maggie Andres
Jerry Zuhlke
Mary Zuhlke

March 20

Lector Virginia Erickson
Ushers Migs Percy (H)
Tom Reeder
Linda Reeder
Louie Voltz

March 27

Lector Sabrina Ehlert
Ushers Rich Sorom(H)
Ron Snyder
Dan Biermeier
Deb Vanthournout

April 3

Lector Deanna Benish
Ushers Shawn Foss (H)
Beverly Leake
Jim Knuth
Barb Demaske

April 10

Lector Shirley Buss
Ushers Dave Buss (H)
Fred Farber
Tom Seamonson
Anna Seamonson

April 17

Lector Barb Exner
Ushers Fred Farber(H)
Kathy Finn
Greg Adelman
Don Erickson

April 24 Easter Sunday

Lector Jeannine Mueller
Ushers Glen Weirauch (H)
Maggie Andres
Al Exner
Barb Exner

May 1

Lector Beverly Hoega
Ushers Jennifer Kitson (H)
Katie Kitson
Myron LaRowe
Mel Hahs

May 8

Lector Jake Jacobson
Ushers Rich Sorom (H)
Ron Snyder
Tom Reeder
Linda Reeder

May 15

Lector Blaine Hedberg
Ushers Greg Adelman (H)
Steve Atkinson
Sherry Atkinson
Art Behnke

May 22

Lector Dave Miotke
Ushers Dan Biermeier (H)
Deb Vanthournout
Jerry Zuhlke
Mary Zuhlke

May 29

Lector Kathy Finn
Ushers Jim Wagner (H)
Monica Wagner
Steve Muchow
Louie Voltz

April 24 Easter 6:30 AM

Lector Arlo Ketchpaw
Ushers Art Behnke(H)
JR Colvin
Dan Biermeier
Deb Vanthournout

Please consider helping at
Wednesday Lenten Services
12:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.
March 9– April 13, Maundy
Thursday, April 21, and Good
Friday, April 22.
(See bulletin announcements
and attendance forms)



Communion Bread

March 12 & 13

Diana McGlynn

March 19 & 20

Sheri Weldy

March 26 & 27

Yvonne Brekke

April 2 & 3

Carol Schultz

April 9 & 10

Virginia Erickson

April 16 & 17

Tracy Schmus

April 21 (Maundy Thursday)

Cindy Sandberg

April 23 (Easter Eve) &

April 24 (Easter, 3 Services)

LaVera Cracker

April 30

Kristi Behn

May 8

Patty Sauvey

May 14

Rebecca Francour

May 22

Yvonne Brekke

May 28 & 29

Lisa Hoff



10:30 Service

March 6

Lector Bunny Frank
Ushers Bill Klang (H)
Barb Klang
Norma Peters
Patrick Boyd

March 13

Lector Donna Hahn
Ushers Warren Frank (H)
Bunny Frank
Kristi Roth
Kasi Roth

March 20

Lector Lynn Horkan
Ushers Derek Horkan (H)
Lynn Horkan
Judy Willis
Bob Willis

March 27

Lector Judy Willis
Ushers NormaPeters(H)
Diane Thieding
Gary Zobel
Lorraine Kaun

April 3

Lector Alice VandeWater
Ushers Bill Ratajczyk (H)
Julie Ratajczyk
Katie, Sarah, Becky

April 10

Lector Derek Horkan
Ushers Warren Frank (H)
Bunny Frank
Tim Greenway
Becky Greenway

April 17

Lector Julie Ratajczyk
Ushers Bob Willis (H)
Judy Willis
Jim Theis
Tami Van Beek

April 24 Easter Sunday

Lector Norma Peters
Ushers Derek Horkan (H)
Lynn Horkan
Bill Klang
Barb Klang

May 1

Lector Joy Nowak
Ushers Patrick Boyd (H)
Ron Chovan
Kim Chovan
Idelle Lautenbach

May 8

Lector Rachel Burkel
Ushers Diane Thieding (H)
Kristi Roth
Kasi Roth
Ed Zobel

May 15

Lector Lynn Horkan
Ushers Keith Holcomb (H)
Andrea Holcomb
Lorraine Kaun
Norma Peters

May 22

Lector Andrea Holcomb
Ushers Tim Greenway (H)
Becky Greenway
Bob Willis
Judy Willis

May 29

Lector Wendy Van Dusen
Ushers Warren Frank (H)
Bunny Frank
Ron Chovan
Kim Chovan

Parochial Report

Baptisms

December 18—Kaelynn Kay Haase, daughter of Dillon and Mindy Haase

December 24—Hunter James Trickel, son of Michael and Monique Trickel

Marriages—None in January

Funerals

Ernst Hess died January 3, 2011; the funeral service was held January 6, at the Thompson Funeral Home, Wonevoc.

Dorwin N. Leabo died January 14, 2011; the funeral service was January 18, at the Sauk County Health Care Chapel

Peggy J. Bernhardt died January 14, 2011; the funeral service was January 21 at St. John Lutheran Church.

Marvin “Foxy” Fisher died January 23; the funeral service was January 27 at the Hoof Funeral Home.

Gifts & Memorials—None to report

Sponsorship Calendar— February & March

Altar Flowers (\$30)

February & March—March 6 is sponsored—all other weekends are available

Bulletins (\$25)

February & March—all weeks available

Radio Broadcast (\$30, \$60, and \$95) —

February & March—all weeks available

TV Cable Broadcast (\$40)—all weeks are available.

Coffee Fellowship —Check out the three ring binder in the coffee serving area to sign up for a Sunday to reserve the Sunday you wish to serve.

Meetings & Greetings

Dorcas Circle - 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, February 15

Hannah Circle - 2:00 p.m., February 1

Sarah Circle - 1:00 p.m., Thursday, February 17

Sunshine Circle - 1:30 p.m., Thursday, February 10

St. John Quilters

- 9 a.m., Thursday, February 3

- 9 a.m., Friday, February 18

Card Ministry—9 a.m., Monday, February 14

Thank You:

Thanks to the anonymous donor to the “Blessings Bags.” It is very much appreciated. We bought new material—watch for new bags. Gladys Olson, Jerry & Mary Zuhlke

How the date for Easter Day is determined

According to the English book of Common Prayer, "Easter Day is the first Sunday after the full moon which happens upon, or next after, the 21st day of March; and if the full moon happens upon a Sunday, Easter Day is the Sunday after."

Why such an odd definition? March 21 is the **vernal equinox** -- the day on which the length of daylight equals the length of darkness as the days are lengthening in the spring. The traditional Jewish calendar is based on moon phases, which is how the phase of the moon enters into the definition -- when they were determining what day Easter would fall on, they deferred to the Jewish practice of using moon phases to decide the timing of holidays.

Using this method, Easter can only occur between March 22 and April 25. **This year Easter is late—April 24.**

This year, Lent begins Ash Wednesday, March 9. Lent is the 46 days prior to Easter. St. John will observe Wednesdays in Lent with two services—one at noon and one at 7 p.m. Ash Wednesday Services will include imposition of ashes and Holy Communion. Other Wednesday services during Lent will include Lenten liturgy and hymns or the Holden Evening Prayer Service. Pastor David is previewing Lenten studies—watch for updates.

St. John Youth will provide wonderful soup, bread and pie before Lenten Services from Ash Wednesday to Holy Week; however, there will not be soup, bread, and pie before Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services.

All weekend services during Lent will include Holy Communion. We look forward to seeing you in Church.

Scripture Readings for February

Feb. 5&6—Isaiah 58:1-9a [9b-12]; Psalm 112:1-9; 1

Corinthians 1:1-12[13-16]; Matthew 5:13-20

Feb. 12&13—Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Psalm 119:1-8; 1 Corinthians 3:1-9; Matthew 5:21-37

Feb. 19&20—Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18; Psalm 119:33-40; 1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23; Matthew 5:38-48

Feb. 26&27 —Isaiah 49:8-16a; Psalm 131; 1 Corinthians 4:1-5 Matthew 6:24-34

Angel Food Ministries— Blessings at Work

Angel Food Ministries is a non-profit, non-denominational organization dedicated to providing food relief and financial support to communities throughout the United States. The program began in 1994 with 34 families in Monroe, Georgia (between Atlanta and Athens) and has grown to serve hundreds of thousands of families every month across 45 states. Angel Food Ministries crosses denominational lines and has spread the good news of the gospel of Christ through salvation tracts that are placed in each food order.

Angel Food is available in a quantity that fits into a medium-sized box at approximately \$30 per unit. Comparison shopping has been done across the country in various communities, using a wide range of retail grocery stores and has resulted in the same food items costing between \$42 and \$78. Each month's menu is different from the previous month and consists of both fresh and frozen items.

Generally, one unit of food assists in feeding a family of four for about one week or a single senior citizen for almost a month. The food is all the same high quality one could purchase at a grocery store. There are no second-hand items, no damaged or out-dated goods, no dented cans without labels, no day-old breads and no produce that is almost too ripe.

Also offered are specialty boxes such as steaks, chicken and pork. Many participants in this bonus program appreciate the expanded choices. Additionally, there is no limit to the number of units or bonus foods an individual can receive.

There are no income restrictions, minimums, or applications to complete, or qualifications to which participants must adhere. Orders can be placed through me or online. Angel Food Ministries also participates in the U.S. Food Stamp program, using the Off-Line Food Stamp Voucher system. Food Stamp orders need to be placed in person with me (Stevie). I will be available on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday by appointment only. Just call 608-393-2438.

Angel Food Ministries' food is "restaurant grade" meats, frozen vegetables, fruits, dairy products, etc. which are acquired through involvement with only the best producers/vendors of high quality, "name brand" foods.

Everyone is encouraged to participate. Some churches even encourage participants to apply the money they saved to help someone else in need.

The greatest part of this program is that Angel Food Ministries donates \$1 per regular unit to the host's benevolent fund. Since its inception, Angel Food Ministries has contributed over \$12 million to host benevolence funds.

Don't forget that you will pick up your boxed Cuisine right here at St. John! We are the Host Site!!

Check us out at www.angelfoodministries.com. On the right part of the page click on "Find a local site" After you navigate to that page, there is a fill-in search toward the bottom of the page—search for the Reedsburg, WI location. Or you can visit our Facebook page under Angel Food ministries for the Reedsburg, Wisconsin, location.

If you cannot get to an 'online' menu, I can certainly assist you. We do have printed menus for your convenience!

Please feel free to reach out to me. You may do so by email at: stevie@rucls.net or call 608-393-2438. I look forward to serving you...

God Bless ~Stevie Bree

If you order by February 20, at 10:59 p.m. CST, it will be available Saturday, February 26, between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. here at St. John.



Sample Box for February ↴

B1 - BREAD OF LIFE - Signature Box \$31 (plus sales tax where applicable)

Balanced nutrition and variety with enough food to help feed a family of four for about a week.

2 lbs. Hamburger Steaks (4 x 6 oz.)	2 lbs. IQF Boneless Skinless Chicken Breast Fillets	2 lbs. Macaroni & Beef Entrée	1 lb. Boneless Pork Chops (4 x 4 oz.)
1 lb. 90/20 Ground Beef	1 lb. Bake or Fry Crunchy Fish Bites	1 lb. Smoked Sausage	1 lb. Corn
1 lb. Green Beans	1 lb. Sugar Snap Peas & Carrots	14.1 oz. Diced Tomatoes	1 lb. Kidney Beans
1 pkt. Chili Seasoning Mix	8 oz. Buttermilk Biscuit Mix	10 ct. Instant Oatmeal (2 x 5 ct. boxes)	32 oz. 2% Shelf Stable Milk
Dozen Eggs	8 oz. Chocolate Chip Cookie Mix		

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Pastor David's day off is Friday; Ben Berg's day off is Friday

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Spiritual Reflection for February 2011

Deep Cleaning

The long cold days of winter allow us to take time to do the things we often put off for just such a time as this. I found myself at home one day with nothing on the calendar. There was no place I had to be. No work I needed to do at home. My husband was off to work. It occurred to me that I should do some house cleaning. I am not talking about the regular weekly house cleaning. I am talking about the deep cleaning where you throw things out that are cluttering your life. I invite you to reflect with me on the topic of deep cleaning.

I soon felt the pangs of drudgery. The daunting task before me of sorting through items tucked in my drawers and cupboards, which were no longer useful, yet for some reason I was having difficulty discarding, seemed a bit overwhelming. I tried to distract myself with other things. Perhaps I should do some baking? No, I did not have any baking needs and more importantly I don't even like to bake. Perhaps I could start a sewing project? After all, I do like to sew and have not had time lately, but I really did not have anything in mind. Perhaps I would read for the day? I was stalling. My spirit called out urging me not to procrastinate any longer. The fact was I had a job to do. It was in front of me and I had the time to do it, today!

I asked God to give me a cheerful heart in accomplishing this task. Soon I was in my glory! I was sorting and scrubbing, organizing and flinging. It felt so good to have space in the cupboard, empty slots in the drawers. Coats were washed, boots were shined. The music was turned up and I was having a great time. Then it occurred to me that my spirit was dancing. It felt lighter, joyful, and genuinely happy.

How does this relate to deep cleaning your life? Well think about it. Are there things in your heart that you hold onto that are taking up space? Do these things prevent you from experiencing spiritual joy, taking in and giving more love or offering gratitude and praise? We so often carry hurts in our heart; someone speaks to us with harsh words, a friend forgets to call, a neighbor borrows something and does not return it. We hold onto things as if they have some benefit for us. They don't. Just like the bottles of lotion, which I thought I liked the fragrance of, that sit three quarters full in the back of my cupboard, these things are useless and are merely taking up space.

The things we hold onto in our hearts should be useful. We should not allow them to take up space that could be used for giving and receiving love, expressing gratitude and praising God. Psalm 51:10 reads, "Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me."

There is a beautiful song by Donnie McClurkin on this very topic. It is titled, *Create in Me a Clean Heart* and the refrain is this, "Create in me a clean heart and purify me, and purify me. Create in me a clean heart so I may worship thee". The words call out for help in getting rid of the useless clutter that we hold onto, the clutter in our hearts that blocks our ability to praise and worship God, the clutter that prevents spiritual freedom, spiritual joy.

May the days of winter allow you to take the time to do some deep cleaning of your drawers and cupboards and may the process lead you deep into the corners of your heart where the real work begins. Once you have started, may you find your spirit dancing to the music you discover in deep cleaning!

May God Bless You,

Tammy Koenecke, RN, BSN, MASL

Spiritual Care Coordinator, RAMC



When Morning Dawns

Walking together through grief

This FREE grief support program allows you to identify the seasons of your grief and assists you in your grief walk.

Dates: This 5 session video-based program will meet on Tuesdays, February 22, March 1, 8, 15, 22

Time: 6:30 p.m.—8:00 p.m.

Place: Reedsburg Area Medical Center Conference Room

Please contact Tammy Koenecke, RN, BSN, MASL, Spiritual Care Coordinator for more information or to sign up for the class. Pre-registration is NOT required. **768-6249**



Safe Harbor Homeless Shelter INC.

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Safe Harbor Homeless Shelter Inc., formerly Ozanam House, is now operating as an independent entity. The mission and operations of the shelter remain the same.

We are appealing for our Second Annual "Giving from the Heart for Homelessness" to be held on March 26, 2011 at Voyageur Conference Center in Reedsburg from 1-5 p.m. Guests will enjoy appetizers, cash bar, live music by the Kristi B. Band, a silent auction, bake sale, and raffles. All proceeds will go directly to support Safe Harbor. We are looking for monetary donations, gift certificates, goods or services, and baked goods for our silent auction and raffle items.

Supplemental funds will be provided by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, which is a Fortune 500 financial services membership organization helping nearly three million members achieve financial security.

Since we were unable to secure grants while under the umbrella of St. Vincent de Paul, almost all of our support through the years has been through businesses, organizations, churches and individuals in the community.

Our missions at Safe Harbor are those of empowering the homeless to become confident, independent, stable and productive members of Sauk County and other surrounding counties. Safe Harbor provides temporary shelter and programs geared toward specific needs of the residents for growth and self improvement.

Members of our staff and Board of Directors are also happy to come to you to talk about the happenings at Safe Harbor Homeless Shelter. Whether it is a meeting of your group, business or organization, a church gathering, or just a group of friends getting together, please let us know and we will be happy to share our passion for this ministry with you.

You may contact us at 608-768-0040 or safeharbor@rucls.net. Bunny Frank, who is the Board President, can be reached at 608-985-7455; or Katie Kalepp, who is the House Manager, at 608-469-1747.

Thank you in advance for your support.