

St. John Lutheran Church

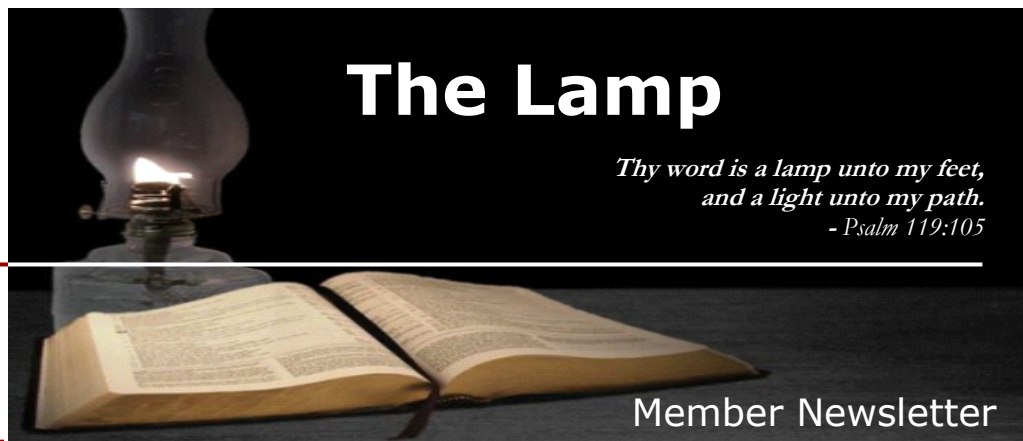
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2012 Theme

"In His Steps"



From The Pastor's Desk

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings in the name that is above all names, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior! As I sit down and type these words to you today, my wife Donna and I are preparing to move from our one bedroom apartment in Two Rivers. Tomorrow the truck will arrive and some of the men from our congregation will help us pack up our household goods and move to Sherman Center into the Parsonage. We are excited and a bit tired because of all the packing and hauling, but it will be good to begin living among the holy people of God that I have been called to serve. It will also be the first time since the Parsonage was built that a Pastor actually lives there. That is because you previously were a dual parish served by a Pastor who lived either in Adell or elsewhere.

I want to sincerely thank you for placing your confidence and trust in me to serve as your shepherd under Christ. I am humbled. I also want to assure you that I will serve with all my abilities to be an overseer of your souls and a Christian leader among you. My door will always be open to you for counsel or friendship. I intend to visit the home of each family of the congregation in order to get to know you and have you get to know me better. My Installation Service is scheduled for Sunday, February 26th at 4pm. I have asked that the children of the Christian Day School sing in the service, as well as the Adult Choir. I have likewise requested the Handbell Choir to participate. Rev. Christopher Seifferlein, our Circuit Counselor will serve as Liturgist, Rev. John Wille, our South Wisconsin District President will handle the Installation Rite, and Rev. Peter Speckhard of Faith Lutheran church in Green Bay will proclaim the Message from God's Word that day. Pastor Speckhard was our Pastor at the LCMS church that Donna and I joined when we moved to Two Rivers in September 2010.

It is very important that as many of you as possible attend this worship service so that we can begin with the wonderful fellowship of fellow saints embarking on an exciting spiritual journey together. We need each other. We strengthen each other. We support each other. Many people have already spent their time and abilities to make this transition period smooth. Both men and women of all ages have gone the extra mile to serve and glorify God in this process already. Your efforts are not forgotten by Donna and I or our Lord. People have fixed up things in the parsonage, painted, washed windows and floors, laid new tile in the entryway, snow blown the driveway, moved our belongings from storage or our apartment, etc. The list goes on and on. Thank you all so much! Bless you!

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Missouri Synod



It always amazes me how our Lord works in our lives. After presenting 10 different names to our voters during the calling process the Holy Spirit led you to choose me, your humble servant. I wish to love and serve each and every one of you as faithfully as humanly possible. I have enjoyed working among you these past six months and look forward to serving into the future. I ask that each of us determine to pull the load together and unite, without the baggage of the past affecting our labor in the Lord. I hope that through Word and Sacrament the Lord will grow and strengthen His Church among us. To Him be all the glory. But we will need the participation of all to effect the maximum benefit of our mission, which is to prepare precious souls for heaven someday and for a life of meaning and purpose beyond self while we live here.

Concerning this month, on the 22nd we will begin the Lenten Season with Ash Wednesday worship at 6:30pm. Note the time change. 6:30pm! At the request of parents of our children we want to try to encourage as many families as possible to come and worship and then get the kids back home and to bed at the customary time. We will also be having one big Soup Supper for everyone on Ash Wednesday only! The Council agreed to try this for a change and see how it is received. Please join us!

We will also be utilizing a Round Robin of Preachers for our services this year from among the Pastors of our Circuit. Each will be at his home congregation on Ash Wednesday and then we will switch pulpits throughout the six weeks of the season. We will be using the Lenten Series produced by Synod. Watch for details in upcoming bulletins. So far the Pastors participating are myself, Pastor Kurt Ziemann of Town Scott and Batavia, and Pastor Mark Eckert of New Fane. Please welcome them and enjoy the variety of gifts that each brings to the ministry.

From February 7th through the 14th Donna and I will be enjoying a week of vacation visiting her Dad in Florida. During my absence please contact Pastor Seifferlein in Adell if you need Pastoral assistance. He will be conducting the Wednesday service that week. Pastor Tom Fleishmann will handle the duties on Saturday and Sunday with a focus on the Sheboygan County Chaplaincy Ministry. If you need me in an emergency you may call me at my Cell phone number, 920-304-2591.

Our next Voters Meeting will be Monday, February 6th at 7pm. Please plan to join us and participate in the work of the Gospel. Next month we will begin publicizing a new approach to stewardship called, Funding The Mission. We hope you will enjoy it and grow from it and that with God's blessings we will improve our financial situation.

I have been greatly encouraged by the attendance of many folks that have not been at worship here before or for some time. Time heals all wounds it is said. But there is also no time like the present to embark upon this blessed ministry that God is permitting us to carry out together in this place. Everyone is welcome and we bid God's rich blessings upon everyone who has worked and served and shared fellowship here before and up 'til now. May we be blessings to one another and to many others and may the name of the Lord be honored and praised in forgiveness and the new life that Jesus grants to those who repent and trust in His love!

"I was glad when they said unto me, 'Let us go unto the House of the Lord!'" May peace and harmony dwell among us as we make His kingdom come through faithful and honest service in Christ's name!

One of the King's Men and your Pastor,

Pastor Randy Schoemann



Pastor Randy Schoemann Accepts Call

On Sunday, January 22nd, Pastor Randy Schoemann formally announced to the congregation that he is accepting the Call to serve as our full-time pastor. Pastor Schoemann is a familiar face since he has been serving as our vacancy pastor since August 1st of 2011. His acceptance of the Call concludes a process that actually began in mid-summer of last year.

The path that led up to the special call meeting back on January 9th was an arduous one. There were lots of meetings and plenty of behind-the-scenes work that was invisible to the average member. That is why I think it is important to thank the parties who gave of their time, put forth the effort, and worked so hard to get things done in a timely manner. Special thanks has to go to the Board of Elders and the advisory members who put in many hours of work in meetings and reviewing candidate qualifications. Thanks also to Circuit Counselor Pastor Chris Seifferlein who acted as the District's representative and provided guidance every step of the way. Thanks too to Pastor John Wille, President of the South Wisconsin District of the LCMS, for reviewing the Congregational Needs Assessment, recommending candidates, and for traveling to be here personally for crucial meetings. All of these people helped do the necessary leg-work that ultimately led us to the candidate that God had in mind for us all along. Thank you all.

With his acceptance, Pastor Schoemann will become the fifteenth pastor to serve in full-time ministry at St. John Sherman Center since the church and school were founded in 1855. He and his wife plan on moving into the parsonage at the end of January. Interestingly, although the home east of church was built and intended to serve as a parsonage, this is the first time it will actually be occupied by a pastor. As a strong proponent of Christian education, Pastor Schoemann is an excellent fit for the unique needs of our congregation here in Sherman Center. From speaking with Pastor Schoemann I know that he very much looks forward to serving as shepherd of our flock.

Pastor Schoemann will be installed at a special service to be held at 4:00 PM on Sunday, February 26th. I hope all of our members will make every effort to attend. This is truly a special occasion for our congregation and Pastor Schoemann. Pastor Schoemann will be installed by District President, Pastor John Wille. He will be assisted by Pastor Chris Seifferlein and other pastors from our Circuit. The message at the installation service will be delivered by Rev. Peter Speckhard, pastor at Faith Lutheran Church, Green Bay.

Immediately following the installation service, a dinner will be served in the school gymnasium to welcome Pastor Schoemann and his wife, Donna. All members of St. John, members of surrounding congregations and members of the local community are welcome to attend the installation service and dinner. I hope you will take advantage of this opportunity to extend a warm welcome to Pastor and Mrs. Schoemann.

To God be the glory!

Jason Vorpahl

Congregation Chairman

St. John Lutheran
Board of Stewardship & Missions
Report to Voters
February 6, 2012

Financial Report

Unpaid bills as of 1/19/12 total \$48,895.30. This is down from the November 2011 high of \$72,081.82. The reduction has been made possible by Educational Fees received from the school and the proceeds from the Dinner Auction. The largest outstanding bill remains to be the Concordia Plan payments. This outstanding balance is \$17,792.42. The Treasurer's report has the detailed information.

1st quarter Catch-up envelope - tax refund time.

The transfer of our outstanding loan balances was completed on 1/25/12, moving from Harris Bank, Random Lake to National Exchange Bank, Adell.

ACH direct debt program - form in February newsletter.

Stewardship & Missions Education

1/26/12 - " Fireside Chat" Tim Dittloff from the District Office was here to discuss the various aspects of Stewardship.

2/11/12 - "The Serving Steward" workshop at the District Office

2/25/12 - Passionate Leaders Conference at Divine Redeemer, Hartland

3/10/12 - "Encouraging Whole Life Stewardship" workshop at District Office

February Mission of the Month - Sheboygan County Chaplaincy Ministry

The Board is working with Pastor Schoemann on conducting a new stewardship education program for the congregation - details to follow.

Fundraisers

2nd annual Bean Bag Toss Tournament - coming soon

In discussion stage:

Homemade pizza sale - raise funds while having fun & fellowship

Online auction - any old memorabilia or collectibles laying around. Do some early spring cleaning

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Door offerings after the worship services will take place on February 25th & 26th. These are needed to help defray the cost of making the shawls. Funds will also again be applied for from Thrivent.

Direct Debit Program

St John Church

St John Church announces the Direct Debit Program for our members. This program utilizes electronic funds transfer to provide you with a timely, accurate and convenient method of payment.

Complete the form below and attach an unsigned and voided check from this account to assist in verifying data.

I (we) authorize St John Church to initiate debit entries from my (our) checking account indicated below and the institution named below to debit the same such account. This authority shall remain in full force and effect until St John and the institution has received written notification from me (us) of its termination in such time and in such manner as to afford St John and the institution a reasonable opportunity to act on it prior to debiting to the account.

Member Signature _____

Member Name _____

Institution Name _____

Institution Transit ABA # _____

Member Account Number _____

Checking _____ OR Savings _____

Amount _____

Weekly on Monday _____ OR Monthly on the 15th of every month _____

General Budget _____

Missions _____

Debt Retirement _____

LWML NEWS

The LWML Society of St. John Lutheran Church, Sherman Center meets each month on the first Thursday at 6:30 pm. We invite all women, young and old, to come and have Bible Study with us and help support our missions. We will meet on February 2, 2012. We hope you will join us.

**POTLUCK CELEBRATION DINNER
INSTALLATION FOR
PASTOR SCHOEMANN**

Pastor Schoemann will be installed on Sunday, February 26 at 4:00 pm. After the installation service, we will be hosting a Celebration meal in the school gym. Ham and rolls will be provided and members are invited to bring a pot luck dish to pass. A sign up sheet will be in the narthex for volunteers to set up, serve, and clean up.

Attendance — December

Sunday Worship 10:00 AM	506
Wednesday Evening	23
Saturday Evening	37
Advent	395
Children's Service	305
Christmas	225
New Year's Eve	39
TOTAL for December	1530

ASH WEDNESDAY LENTEN DINNER

With the Wednesday Lenten Service Schedule, we are going to only offer a Lenten Supper on Ash Wednesday. Because of this change, we are inviting all members of the congregation to take part in the preparation of this Lenten meal. Please check the sign up sheet in the narthex for ways that your help is needed. We are looking for food donations and volunteers to set up, serve and clean up. Please consider joining us. Dinner will be served from 5:00—6:15 pm and the Ash Wednesday service will begin at 6:30 pm.

EVANGELISM

We are looking for motivated people to join the Evangelism Committee. If you are unsure of what we do, ask us. We will be happy to give you details. Talk to Ron Vorpahl, Mardell Schulz or Donna Borgwardt.

We have been making visits to new members. We present them with a welcome packet which gives them information about our church and school. We also answer any questions or concerns they may have.

We continue to work on the "Children's Outreach Mail Ministry" by sending age appropriate "Sunday School" type of materials to children from our congregation who do not attend church, Sunday School, or Christian Day School. The cost is about \$20 every two months. We are looking for people who could help us fund this project.

DINER'S CLUB

This months Diner's Club will be held at Midway Restaurant on Friday, February 10, at 6:00 pm. Anyone is welcome to come and enjoy the fellowship. Call Mardell at 994-4626 by February 3rd.

YOUTH GROUP

- Feb. 4 - Box up Military Supplies in Friendship Room 1:00 pm
- Feb. 4 - Make Sub Sandwiches—cafeteria at 2:00 pm
- Feb. 5 - Sub Sandwich Sale—meet after 10:00 am service
- Feb. 10 & 11— Boys Basketball Tournament—helpers needed

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 On Wednesdays Mid Week Catechism 4:30-6:00 pm Worship @ 7:00 pm	2 LWML Bible Study @ 6:30 pm	3	4 Worship @ 6:00 pm
5 S/S Bible Study @ 8:45 am Worship @ 10:00 am "Muffins for Missions"	6 Voters' Mtg. 7:00 pm	7 Choir 6:45 pm Handbells 7:30 pm	8 Worship @ 7:00 pm w/Comm.	9 Boards Meet @ 7 pm	10	11 Prayer Shawl Mtg. @ 9:30 am Contemporary Serv. @ 6:00 pm
12 S/S Bible Study @ 8:45 am Worship @ 10:00 am w/Comm.	13	14 Choir 6:45 pm Handbells 7:30 pm	15 Worship @ 7:00 pm	16 Council @ 7:00 pm	17	18 Worship @ 6:00 pm
19 S/S Bible Study @ 8:45 am Worship @ 10:00 am	20 Pizza Ranch Fundraiser 4:30—8:00 pm	21 Choir 6:45 pm Handbells 7:30 pm	22 Lenten Dinner 5:00—6:15 pm Lenten Worship @ 6:30 pm	23	24 	25 Contemporary Ser- vice @ 6:00 pm
26 S/S Bible Study @ 8:45 am Worship @ 10:00 am w/Comm. Installation 4 pm	27	28 Choir 6:45 pm Handbells 7:30 pm	29 Lenten Worship @ 6:30 pm			
			Wednesdays Mid Week Catechism 4:30-6:00 pm for Public school students	Bible Study Thursday: 6:30 am Men's Bible Break- fast at Midway Rest.	Joint Bible Study Thursdays: 9:15 am at Adell	

Birthdays

The members of St. John Lutheran Congregation pray that all those who are celebrating birthdays and anniversaries during the month of February will continue to be blessed by the Lord in all ways. He is the source of all that we need and has richly supplied us with the gifts of family, friends and faith. May each of you celebrating in February enjoy your special day in good health and by giving honor and glory to God.

February 1 Brenna Winter

*February 2 Kaeleigh Wollner,
Kimberly Wollner*

February 3 Ronald Jentsch, Pamela Lawrenz

February 4 Irmgard Arndt, Greg Kohler

February 5 Kevin Pfeifer

February 8 Sandra Huston

February 9 Emmett Huston

February 10 Justin Fay

February 12 Norman Winter

February 14 Ken Witte, Morgan Brody

February 15 Daniel Huston

February 16 Walter Winter

February 17 Michael Vojnovich, Jolie Kulinski

*February 18 Sylvia Horn, Kevin Risse,
Alexandria Nytes,*

February 19 Sandy Preder, Abbie Blecher

*February 20 Sharon Kohler, Amy Anderson,
Landon Stolper*

February 24 Susan Klas

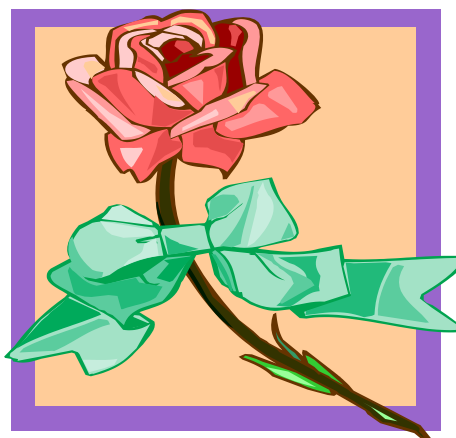
February 26 Frederick Wilk



Anniversaries

February 20 - M/M John Tarr

February 29 – M/M Dan Heidemann



CHAPLAINCY MINISTRY



Fundraiser

FISH FRY



TASTE HOW MUCH WE CARE.™

At Culver's of Plymouth

2318 Eastern Ave.

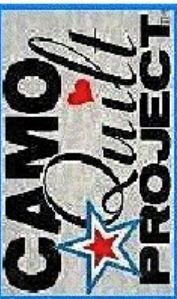
Friday, February 24, 2012

From 4pm to 8pm

10% of ALL SALES from 4pm to 8pm Benefit
the Sheboygan County Chaplaincy Ministry
Serving All Faiths in our Area Nursing Homes.

www.wheniwasinneed.org

Date: February 2, 2012
Time: All day long!



SUPPORT the
Camo Quilt Project
 Crafting camouflage quilts for our troops

On Thursday, February 2nd, you can help support the Camo Quilt Project raise funds to create camouflage quilts for our troops by doing what you love, *Eating at Applebee's!!!!*

When you Dine-in or order your food Carside/To Go at any of the 38 Wisconsin Hospitality Group owned Applebee's in Wisconsin on this special day, just present this flyer and we will donate 15% of food sales from the guest check of all flyers redeemed to the Camo Quilt Project.

So enjoy yourself and eat well for a good cause!

APPLETON.....	3040 E. College Ave.....	920-954-8771
APPLETON.....	3730 W. College Ave.....	920-954-8060
ASHWAUBENON.....	900 Hansen Rd.....	920-496-9095
BEAVER DAM.....	1738 N. Spring St.....	920-356-9175
BROOKFIELD.....	20101 W. Bluemound.....	*262-821-1500
BROWN DEER.....	9080 N. Green Bay.....	*414-434-2270
DELAFIELD.....	3100 Golf Rd.....	262-646-2174
EAU CLAIRE.....	4745 Golf Rd.....	715-831-1255
FOND DU LAC.....	841 W. Johnson St.....	920-922-1809
GLENDALE.....	5810 North Baysshore.....	*414-963-0100
GREEN BAY.....	2420 E. Mason St.....	920-406-8140
GREENDALE.....	5100 S. 76th St.....	414-423-8013
KENOSHA.....	6950 75th St.....	262-942-7190
MADISON.....	4710 E. Towne Blvd.....	608-244-1470
MADISON.....	660 S. Whitney Way.....	608-271-5450
MANITOWOC.....	4435 Calumet Ave.....	920-684-1702
MARINETTE.....	2410 Roosevelt Rd.....	*715-732-1023
MARSHFIELD.....	2114 N. Central Ave.....	715-486-1700
MENOMONEE FALLS.....	W180 N9469 Premiere.....	262-250-0896
DOWNTOWN MILWAUKEE.....	275 W. Wisconsin.....	*414-347-9125
MILWAUKEE.....	270 W. Holt Ave.....	414-489-0874
NEENAH.....	1111 Westowne Dr.....	920-722-0801
NEW BERLIN.....	15505 W. Rock Ridge.....	262-780-0693
OAK CREEK.....	7135 S. 13th St.....	414-570-0519
ONALASKA.....	9364 Hwy. 16.....	608-781-8570
OSHKOSH.....	1700 S. Koeller St.....	920-231-8770
PEWAUKEE.....	1267 W. Capitol Dr.....	262-691-2060
RACINE.....	2521 S. Green Bay.....	262-554-0905
SHEBOYGAN.....	526 S. Taylor Dr.....	920-208-8253
STEVENS POINT.....	5609 Hwy. 10 East.....	715-345-0186
WATERTOWN.....	1512 S. Church St.....	920-261-0239
WAUSAU.....	2221 Stewart Ave.....	715-848-1110
WAUWATOSA.....	2500 N. Mayfair Rd.....	*414-476-5771
WAUWATOSA.....	6750 W. State St.....	414-778-1430
WEST ALLIS.....	2865 S. 108th St.....	414-327-7830
WEST BEND.....	2510 W. Washington.....	262-306-1068
WISCONSIN DELLS.....	340 Highway 13.....	608-254-6900
WISCONSIN RAPIDS.....	4311 8th St. South.....	715-421-3290

*denotes To Go locations