

# WELCOME! We're so glad you're here

**St. John Lutheran Church, ELCA**  
**Pastor Gail Sowell**

Graduate Sunday, June 6, 2021



*A special welcome to our  
honored Graduate,  
Nathan Drabek  
and his family.*

**Nathan** is a 2021 graduate of Edgar High School. His parents are Jason & Jennifer. After graduation, he plans to attend Fox Valley Technical College to pursue a career in aviation.

Nathan was baptized in 2008 at St. John by Pastor Tarras, and later confirmed here by Pastor Gail on Sunday, October 22, 2017. His Confirmation verse was John 3: 16 *"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."*

Nathan has been grateful for his opportunities in the youth group he had been part of years back and the many volunteer ministries. From serving ice cream and cleaning up the Highway, to raking leaves and pine needles at the retreat center and helping with the pancake breakfast at church and the soup suppers....many memories were made!

Nathan has been especially thankful for his first trip to Luther Park Bible Camp where he was welcomed with warm embrace and continued to grow his faith summer after summer until he completed the CIT program and became an employee of the camp as a grounds worker. Due to COVID, his position was eliminated and he was unable to return in the summer of 2020. Nathan was appreciated so much that he was called back to work again this summer, however he needed to turn the offer down because he has other responsibilities and is unable to relocate to Chetek for the summer.

*Dear Nathan:*

*"I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you...to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29: 9-11 NIV*

We rejoice with you over the accomplishments you have made. We look forward with you in bright hope to your tomorrows, and challenge you to look to God to direct you with his loving guidance.

Our best wishes and prayers go with you as you begin the next part of your life journey. May you be blessed with rich experience, God's peace, and His abundant joy.

*Whatever you do...do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus,  
giving thanks to God the Father through Him." Colossians 3: 17*

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*Joint Mission Statement: Saints united to be the body of Christ in the world,  
freed by grace to live faithfully, witness boldly, and serve joyfully.*

Keeping in Touch, Sunday, June 6, 2021

## The Women's General Meeting is TODAY after the service!

ALSO TODAY—Raffle baskets are due for Breakfast in the Park.



### This Week

Tuesday, June 8 at 1pm—Combined Women's Bible Study at St. Stephen

Friday, June 11, 8am-2:30pm —BRAT FRY, Cenex Station in Stratford. Serving from 8am-2:30pm.

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## Coming Soon . . .

Thursday, June 17 at 7pm—Ecumenical Worship at Oak Street Park

Saturday, June 19, serving 7am-11:30am—BREAKFAST in the PARK and  
RAFFLE. Join us!

*Worship in the Park!*



## Reminders

Help yourself to some **BREAKFAST in the PARK** fliers from the table in the narthex and help promote this upcoming event!

*Circle of Joy*—Wish list includes **laundry detergent** and **dish soap**.

Lutheran **World Relief**—Metal **nail clippers** and dark-colored **bath towels** are needed to complete kits.

**There's still time to participate in the HOUSEHOLD SHOWER** for  
Wendy & Ray Chojnowski.

### Prayer Concerns

**Delores Ringle**—(Louann's sister) has improved, may be going home soon!

**Greg Mueller**—(Elgart's son, and Rick's younger brother) living with  
**Multiple System Atrophy**. His condition has been deteriorating.  
Please pray for the family.



St. John: 8:30am  
St. Stephen: 10:00am

We'll return to our regular worship  
schedule on September 12, 2021 which is  
the first Sunday AFTER Labor Day.

Last Week, May 30, 2021

Attendance: 17

Offering: \$475.00