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Welcome to St. John ELCA



We're glad you chose to worship with us today!

*"In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing
in the presence of the angels of God
over one sinner who repents."*

Luke 15: 10

St. John/St. Stephen Lutheran Parish ELCA, Mission Statement:

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live faithfully, witness boldly, and serve joyfully."*

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Keeping in Touch, September 11, 2022



TODAY begins the **NEW term of Sunday School!** A special welcome to all our Students & Teachers as they begin a new year of growing together in the Lord. **An Ice Cream Celebration will follow classes today!**

Much appreciation to our teachers, let's support them with our prayers and words of encouragement.

Lana Strasser (music director) also teaching 4k/5k,

Bonnie Bargender/Courtney Myszka/Michelle Hollatz, who are teaming up to each grades 1-5,

Marianne Mueller will continue teaching grades 7-8

Pastor Gail will bring the Freshman to completion of their Confirmation requirements, and

Niaomi Treankler who will be leading YOUTH activities during the year. (More on this below.)

Prayer Concerns

Asher Hermsen—grandson of Dan & Cheryl Leffel. Broken leg from fall off of trampoline.

Dan Leffel—Safety as he travels to Alaska 8/30—9/13 for fishing/hunting trip with his son & grandson.

Franklin Quinones-Schott—(godson of Pastor Gail's in CA) Health concerns.

Coming this Week

Monday, September 12—Pastor Gail will be gone from Monday through Wednesday. She's going to Rhinelander to visit Jeff & Jill Reiche. She will be available by phone.

Tuesday, September 13 at 1pm—Combined Women's Bible Study at St. John.

Wednesday, Sept. 14 from 1-3pm—Edgar Community Senior Event, "Music by David Berg" at St. Stephen.

There will be Refreshments—Snacks

At 7:30pm—Council Meeting at St. John.

Friday, Sept. 16—Ladies Day at Camp Forest Springs, 8:30am-3:30pm. *Pastor Gail & Rose will be attending along with Mary Jo and Marion Werner.*



Thanks to ALL who donated for the Rummage Sale. If you signed the book, your receipts are in your mailboxes.

There are some Steam Show leftovers available for purchase:

Foot long hot dogs with buns 6/\$6.00

Corn Dogs 8/\$6.00

French Fries \$2.00/bag



*Items here by
Sept. 18*

Service Sundays—September YOUTH Project BIRTHDAY CAKE BOXES

Life is precious, birthdays are meant to be **CELEBRATED!**

GOAL: collect enough supplies to assemble 30 birthday boxes.

NEEDS: 9 x 13 disposable aluminum cake pans with lids.

Cake Mixes—any flavor

Cans of frosting

Lemon/lime soda Ex. Sprite or 7-up.

(this replaces eggs and oil if they have none.)

Birthday Candles

Cash donations—To purchase needed items to complete boxes.

Last Week: 9-4-2022 Attendance: 32 Offering: \$480.00

Lost Sheep

Dearly Beloved,

Grace and Peace to you.

*Which one of you, having a hundred sheep
and losing one of them,
does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness
and go after the one that is lost until they find it?*

—Luke 15.4

None of us, of course.
Which makes God's love all the more radical.
God will find you no matter how lost you are.

But wait. This is not about you.
(How readily we center ourselves
in Jesus' stories, make them about us,
and make them comforting...) But.
Jesus is talking to us privileged insiders,
describing God's joy in finding truly lost sheep—
“those people” — *others* — not us.
You are not the lost sheep. They are.
The kid entangled in gangs, drugs and violence.
The junkie glazed in the street.
The MAGA nut paranoid about bogeymen.
The CEO who couldn't care less about people.
The person who just can't believe. Nope. No way.
God is more delighted in the love
of people who are truly lost
than in those who already have it right.

Find yourself in that.

Deep Blessings,
Pastor Steve