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New Members will be received into the congregation of St. John's Lutheran Church on Sunday, November 15th during the 9am worship service. A reception will be held following worship.

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November Birthdays, Anniversaries, Special Days, Upcoming Events

God's continued blessings to the following members of our congregation...

75th+ Birthday

Nov. 4 June Pollex
Nov. 9 Joyce Hoelzer
Nov. 12 Marilyn Schaller
Nov. 14 Robert Meinhardt
Nov. 15 Delphine Dalton
Ruth Wedemeyer
Nov. 22 Dorothy Ladenburger
Nov. 25 Alice Sharp
Nov. 27 Donna Hasse
Barbara Zinke
Nov. 29 Betty Dufour

50+ Anniversary

Wilbert & Carol Kerchner
November 27th — 61 years

Congratulations!

Chad & Angie Wendelken
November 19 — 10 years

David & Linda Jordal
November 24th — 15 years

Upcoming Events

November

1 All Saints Sunday
1 Heaven's Kitchen
6-8 High School Class Retreat
8 Installation of Rev. Janet Lepp at 3pm
12 All Teams meeting at 7pm
15 New Members received at 9am
19 Church Council at 6:30pm
24 Mission Quilt Day at 9am
26 Office Closed — Thanksgiving Day

December

5 Feed My Starving Children
6 Spaghetti Supper - 4:30pm to 7pm
9 Midweek Advent Service at 7pm
10 All Teams meeting at 7pm
17 Church Council at 6:30pm
20 Sunday School Christmas Program
24 Office Closed — Christmas Eve
24 Christmas Eve worship at 5pm
24 Christmas Eve worship at 10pm
26 No Saturday worship
27 2nd Annual Church Christmas Walk
31 Office Closed — New Years Eve



DON'T FORGET TO "FALL BACK" BEFORE GOING TO BED ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31ST. SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR AS DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME COMES TO AN END.

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Special items of interest:

- **We hope you will join us for worship!**
Saturday worship 5pm
Sunday worship 9am
Fellowship 10am
Sunday School 10:15am
- **If you want Pastor Janet Lepp to know when you are hospitalized,** please contact the church office. Because of privacy laws, the hospital will not contact us.
- **Our church council is currently working on a Congregational Survey.** Please be watching for it in the near future. Your input is important.
- **Security Cameras** have been installed in various locations around our premises.
- **It's that time of year to order Poinsettias** to decorate the church during the Christmas Season. The cost is \$10.00 and orders must be received in the church office by December 1st. Order forms will be available soon.
- **For those of you who subscribe to the Lutheran magazine,** the cost for the subscription is \$8.95. Please make your check payable to St. John's with a notation "Lutheran magazine".

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St. John's Lutheran Church

invites you to the

Installation Service

of

The Reverend Janet Lepp

as

Pastor

Sunday, November 8, 2015, 3:00pm

All are welcome.

Clergy are invited to vest and process.
The liturgical color is green.

Reception immediately following in the Fellowship Hall



Heaven's Kitchen will take place on Sunday, November 1st at 11:15am in St. John's fellowship hall. We hope you will join us for a delicious meal of homemade soups, chili, and desserts. This event is completely free — no questions asked — no rsvp required — no donations accepted. Any family or individual from the community is warmly welcomed for food and friendship, or to get a take out to share the meal with a loved one or neighbor. We are in need of cookies, bars, or other desserts that can easily be cut into serving size pieces. If you would like to participate in the dessert contest, please be sure your name is on your dessert. We could also use some volunteers to assist with kitchen prep, serving or cleanup. Please speak to Mitch Landgraf (or call 815-538-6525) if you are able to help.

Feed My Starving Children MobilePack
Saturday, December 5th



We are excited to announce that St. John's Lutheran Church is registered for a Feed My Starving Children MobilePack event! A reservation for 70 volunteers has been made. We will be joined by approximately 20 youth and adults from a Leo club in Paw Paw. One of their club members, Samantha Katschke, is also a Sunday school student here at St. John's. The Leo club is a group of young people learning about the value of volunteering.

The date for the MobilePack is Saturday, December 5, 2015 from 12pm (noon) to 2pm. The MobilePack will take place at Calvary Baptist Church, 1017 N. School Street, Normal, Illinois. This church is located 2-3 blocks east of Highway 51 shortly after exiting I-39 at Bloomington.

Please contact the church office at (815) 539-5626 or Shirley Pierson at (815) 539-7160 if you are interested in volunteering. A first and last name is required along with whether the volunteer is an adult or a youth under the age of 18. The minimum age for volunteering is five. Kindergarten through 2nd graders require an adult for each child, 3rd through 6th graders need one adult per three students, 7th through 9th graders need one adult per four students, and 10th through 12th graders need one adult per five students. There should be enough adults participating that we can help cover these requirements. We hope that you will prayerfully consider joining us in packing food for starving children throughout the world.

...live free...

"...do good. Be rich in good works, generous and ready to share..."
(1 Timothy 6:18-19)

Please remember to bring your 2016 Time, Talent and Giving pledge form to worship with you on Saturday, October 31st or Sunday, November 1st. If you are unable to attend, please bring (or mail) your pledge form to the office. When filling out your Time and Talent form, remember that the office will assign volunteers based on this new 2016 Time and Talent sheet. Even if you've been a faithful volunteer in the past, please fill out this year's form with your preferences. Thank you!

All Saints Sunday
November 1st

Scripture speaks of grief and its heavy toll on those who have suffered loss. More frequently, however, in the New Testament we read about the "joy that comes in the morning". That Joy comes when we lift our faith to remember the Resurrection and the Victory won by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We remember: *Beverly Alumbaugh, Helen Carr, Darwin Croisant, Brian Eich, Erna Eich, Calvin Faber, Ruth Fieldman, Rosa Florschuetz, Anna Jones, Vileen Key, Kenneth Piller, Charlotte Pohl, Vera Schlesinger, and Arlene Van Meter.*

5 Things That Happen
When You Get A New Pastor

This is an excerpt from an article in the October 2015 *Lutheran* magazine written by Tim Brown, pastor of Luther Memorial Church of Chicago. You may read the article in its entirety at www.thelutheran.org.

Pastors and congregations live in transition. Congregants come and go and pastors arrive and leave. So let's imagine that your parish has just said goodbye to a pastor, even one who is dearly beloved, and has now welcomed someone new. She's in, she's had her first Sunday, and now you're wondering, "What's next?" Based on my experience, here are five things that happen when a new pastor arrives:

1. New people show up.
2. Some people will leave.
3. Worship will change.
4. New life will spring forth.
5. You will love each other, by God.

If gossip, hard hearts, unrelenting egos and ambition get in the way, this fruit of the new relationship will surely wither on the vine. But when we give each other the authority and space to welcome new people, let people go, embrace godly change and encourage new life, love will grow and flourish and infect the church like a mustard seed, allowing the gospel to take root.



St. John's Youth News
"Growing Together in our Faith as we Serve Others"



Confirmation Class News...

We had a great time learning about the Apostles' Creed during our retreat at Lutherdale Bible Camp.



Pastor Janet, Kylie, Shashawna, Matthew, Christian, Maria, Gavin and Dan.

Our next Lutherdale retreat will focus on The Lord's Prayer and will be held on March 11th to 13th. Mark your calendars now! More information will be shared as the date approaches.

All Confirmation students should continue working on memorizing the Ten Commandments and the Apostles' Creed.



Our annual Spaghetti Dinner will be held on Sunday, December 6th from 4:30pm to 7pm. We will be serving you a delicious dinner of spaghetti with meat sauce, breadsticks, salad, and dessert. Our junior high and high school students are looking forward to serving you at your table again this year. Please invite your family and friends to join you for this freewill offering meal. All proceeds will go to support the 2016 Mission Trips and other youth activities.

High School Students...

You are invited to join Maria Bonine and Karen Goy for class in *The Upper Room* on Sunday mornings at 10:15am for "breakfast" and a laid-back time of conversation, reflection and prayer. Well-behaved friends are always welcome to join us!

This fall, several of our high school students will participate in the "On The Way" retreat at Lutherdale Bible Camp. We will be at the retreat from Friday evening, November 6th to Sunday morning, November 8th. We ask you to keep our participants in your prayers.



Current 8th Grade and High School Youth... Do you have a desire to serve the Lord and people in need? Do you want to meet new people and make new friends? Would you like to get to know your fellow friends in faith better? How about a road trip? Take a leap of faith, join the 2016 mission trip team! Learn more at the November 15th meeting (directly after Sunday school). We will be voting on the site location at this meeting. Parents are welcome to attend.

The 2016 "Poured Out" Junior High Mission Trip for students in 5th, 6th and 7th grades is set for June 3rd through 5th. Detailed information will be available in the spring, but mark your calendars now.

If you are willing to provide a breakfast snack for our High School Sunday School class, please contact the church office or Maria. Thank you!