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Christ's Love, Our Calling.

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran

Church & School

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Montello, WI

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Emmanuel Evangelical

Lutheran Church

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“No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Romans 8:37-39

Jesus is Miraculous **He Stills the Storms**

“Master, Master, we’re going to drown!” Jesus got up and rebuked the wind and the raging waters; the storm subsided, and all was calm (Luke 8:24).



Jesus could have ignored them. Chances are they would have made it through. But Jesus never ignores the ones he loves. In fact, as

you go through the Bible’s list of Jesus’ miracles, you’ll notice that we never have a report of Jesus refusing to help.

And that is so true for us. The storms of life come. The waves of guilt wash over us, and we feel like we’re going to drown. But the Lord comes to our aid. “Be still!” He calms our fears. “Be still!” He takes away our guilt. “Be still!” And the storm subsides.

The greatest storm we face is the storm of sin. But even that terrible squall is no match for the rebuke of Jesus. With one act, Jesus did away with sin and guilt forever. He died on a cross, and his death paid the price for our sins. Jesus got up on that cross and his death rebuked the storm of sin, and it went away.

Knee-deep in trouble? I’ve been there; so have you. But Jesus rescued us. His miracle of calming the storm reminds us of how he calms our greatest storms. It’s something to celebrate. It’s something worth finding out more about.

I’ve been there and so have you: knee-deep in a sea of trouble. Not the kind of trouble like the car breaking down. No, I mean the kind of trouble that immediately forms a pit in your stomach and presses you down with guilt and shame. You get caught. You hurt feelings. You lost a friend. You lose a spouse. These aren’t the kinds of trouble that just go away. These are the things that keep you up at night. Our bodies may be weary from a stress-filled day, but our brains are all too eager to catalog the day’s mistakes. These are what might be called the storms of life.

The disciples faced a real storm one day out on the Sea of Galilee. They didn’t know what to do. They didn’t know how they were going to survive. They were knee-deep in a sea of trouble, and getting deeper. “Master, Master, we’re going to drown.” Now, I suppose that

Pastor's Corner

MINISTRATIONS (Oct-Dec 2017)

- 10/7 1pm at SJ: Cindy Alexander & Ryan Zurakov wedding service w/ Fri rehearsal
- 10/9 Called to his heavenly home: Gene Boville (10/16 funeral service at Atonement--Milwaukee)
- 10/14 2pm at St. Paul's--Winneconne: Billy Biesenthal & Kristine Wiegman wedding service w/ rehearsals
- 10/24 11am at SJ: Memorial service for Carolyn Smart called home on 10/18
- 11/11 11am at SJ: Memorial service for Alice John called home on 11/6
- 11/20 12pm at SJ: Funeral service for Walter Bubolz, called home on 11/16
- 12/3 8am at E: Welcome adult confirmands: Josh & Amanda Kuchar
- 12/9 4:30pm at SJ: Private baptism of Adam Myers
- 12/10 10am at SJ: Welcome adult confirmands: Adam Myers & Jennifer Strauss
- 12/29 11am at SJ: Memorial service for Sierra Prater called home on 12/22

2018 MINISTRATIONS & COMING EVENTS (1/2/18 update)

- 1/3 11am at SJ: Funeral service for Mavis DeWitt called home on 12/30
- 1/3 7:30pm at SJ pastor's office/conference room: Bible Information Class "New Life In Christ" (10 sessions--leads to membership)
- 1/7 11:15am at SJ: Little Lambs Director Call meeting
- 1/8 7:30pm (also 1/10 Wed at 10am) at SJ pastor's office/conference room: Wed Adult Bible Class begins "Your Questions--Scripture's Answers: Adiaphora (things God doesn't command or forbid)

- 1/9 7pm at St. John's--Princeton: Joint Lutheran School meeting
- 1/21 11:15am at SJ: E/SJ Annual New Member Dinner
- 1/29 9am at Immanuel--Campbellsport: Winnebago Pastoral Conference
- 3/24 9am-noon at SJ: Easter for Kids
- 3/26--4/2 Spring Break: no classes at SJ school (classes resume on 4/3)
- 4/8 9am at Montello Care Center: Easter caroling
- 4/9 9am at Peace--Wautoma: Winnebago Pastoral Conference
- 4/10 7pm at SJ: Councilmen's Conference w/ guest speaker
- 4/19 6pm (Sun 4/22 at 10am) at SJ: Thu Teen Confirmation Examination & Sun Rite of Confirmation
- 4/21 9am at St. John--Fox Lake: Lutheran Women's Missionary Society rally
- 5/20 8am at E, 10am at SJ: Mission Festival: Missionary Dan Kroll to preach and lecture with lunch at SJ
- 5/25 11:30am dismissal: last day of SJ school
- 6/12,23 at Fox Valley Lutheran High School--Appleton: Northern WI District Convention
- 6/26-29 at Bowling Green State University: WELS International Youth Rally
- 10/16-17 at Osthoff Resort, Elkhart Lake: Joint Pastoral Conference
- 11/5 9am at Grace--Pickett: Winnebago Pastoral Conference



Sunday School Christmas Service

"Mary Had A Little Lamb"

Sunday, December 17

Remember the nursery rhyme? When we sang that song as children, we had no idea that something like that had actually happened. It never dawned on our childish minds that the Bible told a similar story—the story of a young girl named Mary who did indeed have a Little Lamb.



Caroling and Cake

St. John's Sunday School and Congregational Members
Bring Christmas Cheer to the Montello Care Center

A group of 20 carolers sang for MCC residents on Sunday, December 24. The Sunday school children did excerpts from their "Mary Had A Little Lamb" Christmas service, and treated the residents to Christmas cupcakes for their Christmas Eve lunch that day.



St. John's members residing at the Care Center--Wilma Rudolph, Gertrude Wegenke & Millie Henke, and Blanche Barganz--posed with the SSers. Member Bernice Wegner also attended.

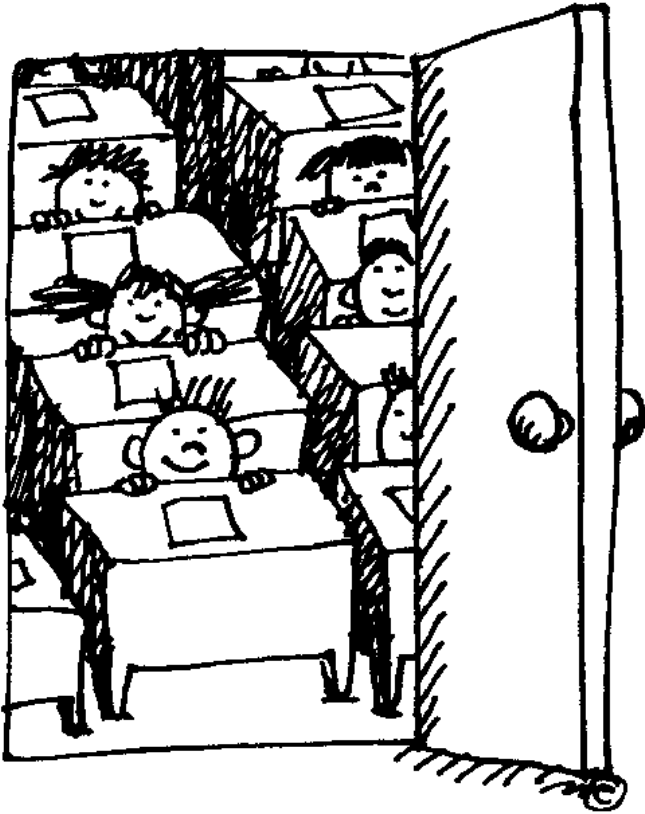




We already have some of the babies lined up, but we would like backup! Here's a list of the babies we hope to include in our Baby Animal Zoo. We are also open to additional suggestions!

puppies	kittens	bunnies	chicks	ducklings
a lamb	kids (goats)	a calf	piglets	

St. John's
Sunday School Has
Open Doors
and Open Enrollment



With the New Year comes a reminder that Sunday school has “open doors” and open enrollment. “Open doors” are an invitation to join us and to sit in with the child(ren) any Sunday morning. Open enrollment allows new students of age 3 – Grade 6 to join us at any time during the year. Perhaps parents with little ones who have turned ages 3 or 4 since the beginning of the 2017-2018 SS year would like to introduce them to SS. They are certainly welcome! Simply bring them! *Let the little children come!* Sunday School at St. John's meets at 8:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. every Sunday morning!

**Sunday School Hosts
ASH WEDNESDAY
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**All proceeds will be used for this year's EASTER
FOR KIDS!**

St. John's Participates in WLA's Let's Celebrate!

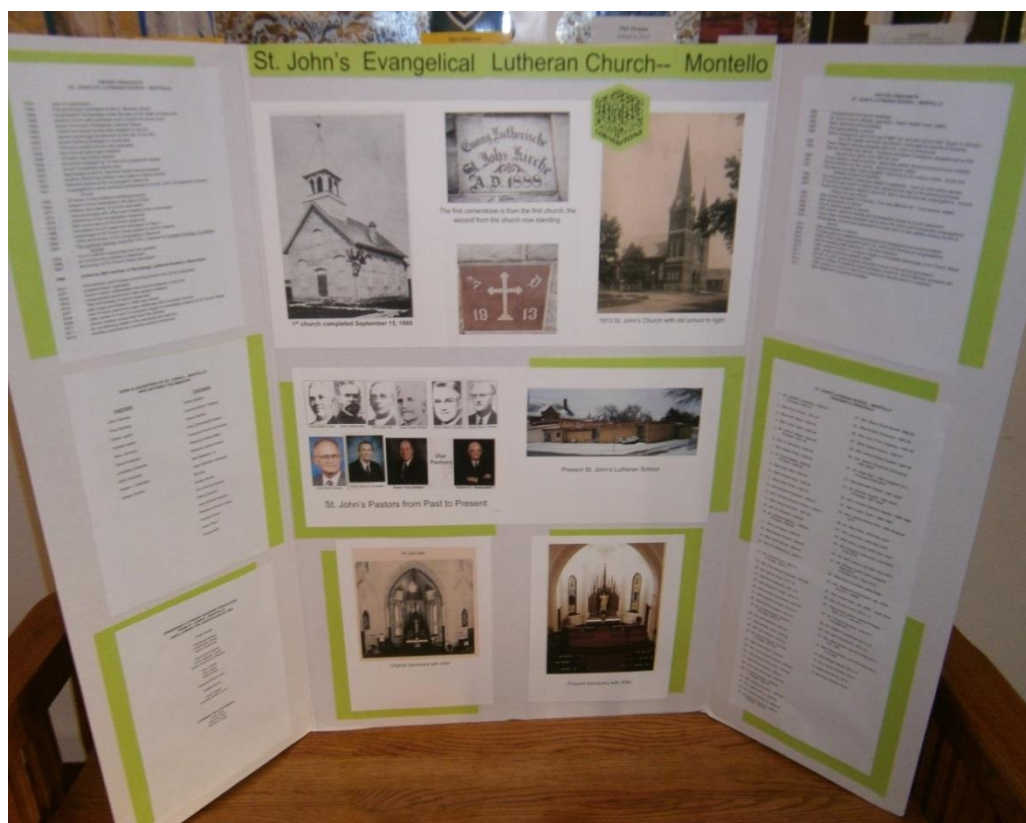
Winnebago Lutheran Academy's Let's Celebrate, a fundraiser for our area Christian high school and a day of entertainment and fun for all who attend, was held Sunday, January 28. This year's event included continuous musical entertainment by all WLA musical groups, a silent auction, pie & ice cream sale, lunch options, a fashion show from WLA's new second hand store—Second Impressions, and a history display. As an WLA Association Member, St. John's contributed in several ways this year.



Each year, St. John's Ladies Aid donates a basket for the silent auction—and every year their basket has brought in much more than its monetary value. This year's basket was titled "To Cook or Not to Cook – That Is NEVER The Question!!" The ladies also give an additional monetary gift to the celebration.

New at this year's Let's Celebrate, Association members were asked to prepare a brief history display. St. John's board included pictures of the original church, the 1913 church with the original school sitting next to it, and the cornerstones from both buildings. Also included were pictures of all the pastors through the years, the current school, and the original and current church naïve and altar. Printed items included a timeline history of both St. John's church and St. John's school, a listing of sons and daughters of the congregation who entered the teaching or preaching ministry, teachers and principals who have served, and a list of WLA graduates since St. John's joined the Association in 1998.

Current St. John's students attending WLA are Senior Corey Kaul, Sophomore Deandra Kaul, and Freshman Korinna Cragin.





Second Impressions Thrift Store is celebrating their 1st Year Anniversary! If you haven't already visited the store, be sure to mark your calendars! If you have visited before, be sure to stop in again. New items are added daily.

*Tuesday, February 6, all furniture is 25% OFF!
Wednesday, February 7, thru Saturday, February 10, the entire store will be discounted (excluding furniture)... discounts will be 25% to 50% OFF!*

Be sure to follow Facebook for additional information.

We are very thankful to all of our wonderful volunteers who have so generously and graciously given of their time! If you would like to volunteer, contact us at [\(920\) 970-9900](tel:9209709900).

TO GOD BE THE GLORY!!



2018 WELS International Youth Rally

June 26-29, 2018

Bowling Green State University

Bowling Green, Ohio

- *Meet WELS teens from across the country and around the world.
- *Listen to speakers with a biblical perspective on timely teen topics.
- *Gather information on colleges, ministries, and service opportunities.
- *Experience lifting your voices in worship with 2,000 people.

Registration: Mar. 1 – May 31

- \$345 early-bird rate until April 30
 - \$370 May 1-May 31

For more information, go to wels.net/2018youthrally

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Email: youthrally2018@wels.net



Fun in the snow!



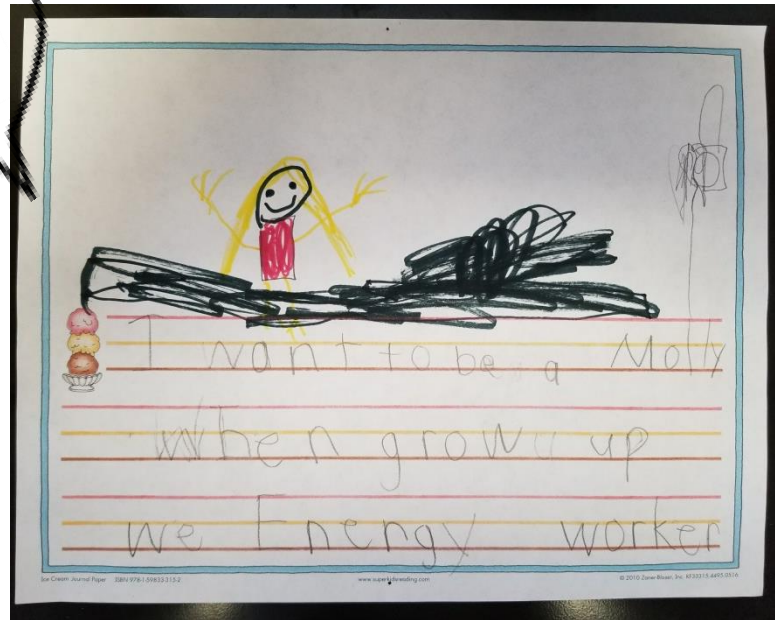
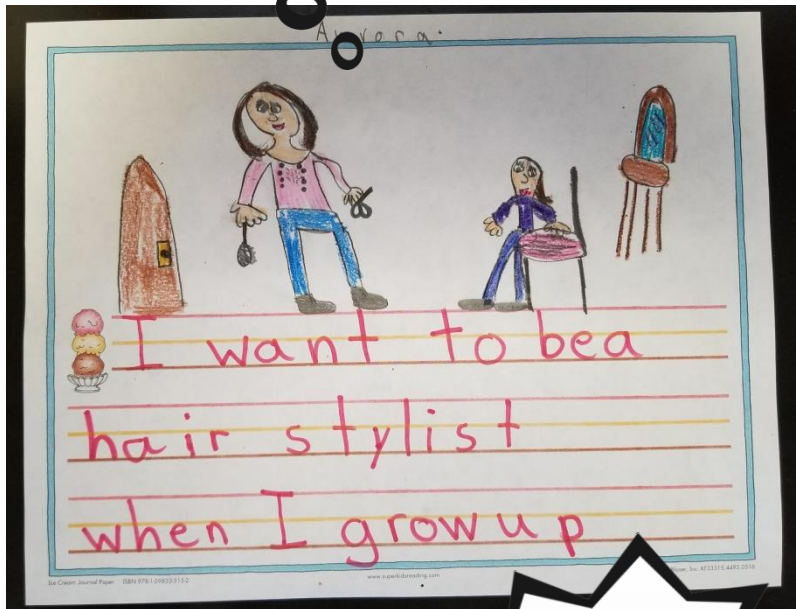
School is fun!



Kindergarten & 1st

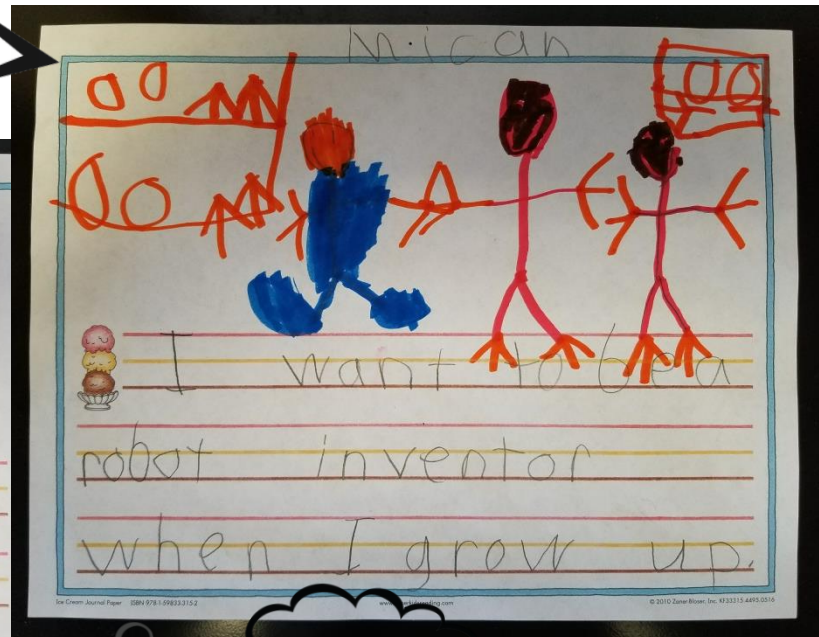
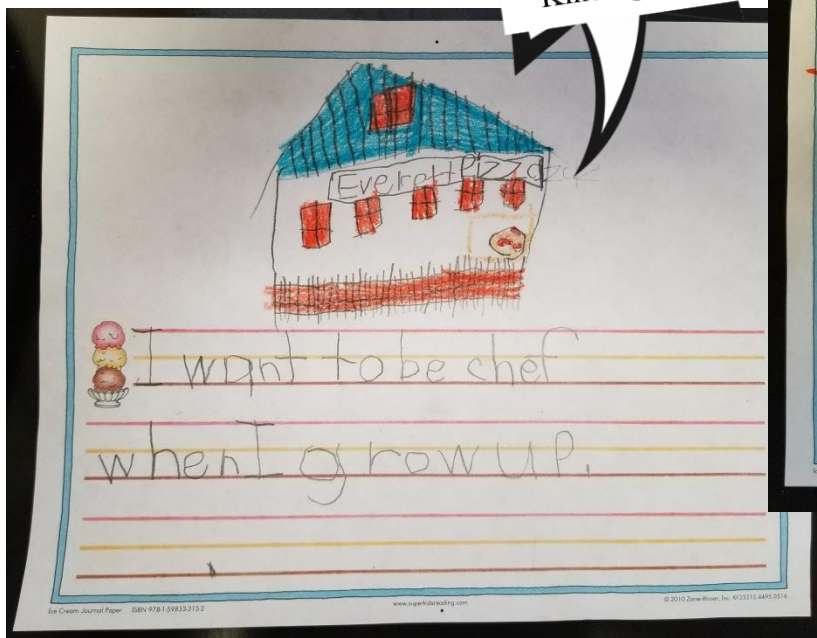
I want to be a
hair stylist when
I grow up.
-Aurora Stelter
1st Grade

I want to be a WE
Energy Worker
when I grow up.
-Molly Utke
Kindergarten



Miss Borck asked, “**What do you want to be when you grow up?**”

I want to be a chef
when I grow up.
-Everett Metcalf
Kindergarten



I want to be a
robot inventor
when I grow up.
-Micah Hemling,
1st Grade

2nd, 3rd & 4th

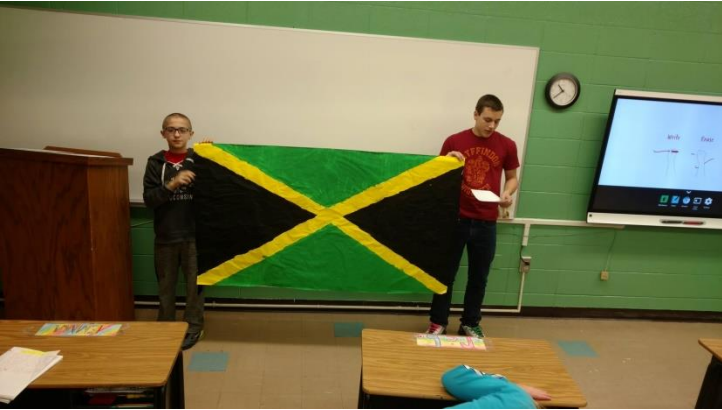


IT'S ART TIME WITH
MRS. STELLICK!
TAKE A LOOK AT SOME
OF THEIR CREATIONS!



5th, 6th, 7th & 8th

Geography Projects to end the second quarter!



EASTER FOR

What: A morning of fun for kids centered around God's Word and the true meaning of Easter

**"Jesus--
Giver of
New Life!"**



When: Saturday, March 24
9:00 a.m. – Noon



Where: St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church
313 East Montello Street
Montello, WI 53949

Who: Children age 3 through grade 6
Open to the public!



****Pre-Registration for 2018 Easter for**



Children's Names	Current Age	Current Grade	List food allergies
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Parent(s) Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

****By registering for Easter for Kids, you give permission for St. John's Lutheran Church to publish pictures which might include your child on our church/school website, Facebook pages, and in local newspapers.**

Ways to enroll: 1) Register on-line at www.stjohnsmontello.org 2) Find registration form on our school or church Facebook pages. Return completed form to St. John's Lutheran Church, 313 E. Montello, Montello, WI 53949 or email to lwmsreporter@stjohnsmontello.org 3) Register by phone 608-297-2866 Additional forms available on public bulletin boards at Montello area businesses **REGISTRATION DUE by Friday, March 16.**



BLOCK PARTY

Indoor
Winter
Fun!

Lots of blocks!
Cubes!
Foam!
Wood!
Keva Planks!
Cardboard bricks!

All area parents and children invited!

Wednesday, February 21st

3:30-6:30 pm – drop in as you like.

No reservations required. Come as you are.

Free family meal, if you choose.

St. John's Lutheran School Gymnasium

313 E. Montello St., Montello, WI

Questions? Call Karin 920-342-3689

Blocks and information provided by: UW Extension Marquette County

ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT

Hosted by Emmanuel



DECEMBER 3, 2017

Emmanuel hosted a special Advent by Candlelight event for all women of St. John's and Emmanuel on the first Sunday of Advent 2017. Together, the ladies enjoyed refreshments and fellowship with inspirational readings and songs of the season. What a wonderful thing to be able to come together and praise God for all He has done!



AN INTIMATE MESSAGE FROM GOD TO YOU.

My Child...

You may not know me, but I know everything about you. Psalm 139:1 I know when you sit down and when you rise up. Psalm 139:2 I am familiar with all your ways. Psalm 139:3 Even the very hairs on your head are numbered. Matthew 10:29-31 For you were made in my image. Genesis 1:27 In me you live and move and have your being. Acts 17:28 For you are my offspring. Acts 17:28 I knew you even before you were conceived. Jeremiah 1:4-5 I chose you when I planned creation. Ephesians 1:11-12 You were not a mistake, for all your days are written in my book. Psalm 139:15-16 I determined the exact time of your birth and where you would live. Acts 17:26 You are fearfully and wonderfully made. Psalm 139:14 I knit you together in your mother's womb. Psalm 139:13 And brought you forth on the day you were born. Psalm 71:6 I have been misrepresented by those who don't know me. John 8:41-44 I am not distant and angry, but am the complete expression of love. 1 John 4:16 And it is my desire to lavish my love on you. 1 John 3:1 Simply because you are my child and I am your Father. 1 John 3:1 I offer you more than your earthly father ever could. Matthew 7:11 For I am the perfect father. Matthew 5:48 Every good gift that you receive comes from my hand. James 1:17 For I am your provider and I meet all your needs. Matthew 6:31-33 My plan for your future has always been filled with hope. Jeremiah 29:11 Because I love you with an everlasting love. Jeremiah 31:3 My thoughts toward you are countless as the sand on the seashore. Psalms 139:17-18 And I rejoice over you with singing. Zephaniah 3:17 I will never stop doing good to you. Jeremiah 32:40 For you are my treasured possession. Exodus 19:5 I desire to establish you with all my heart and all my soul. Jeremiah 32:41 And I want to show you great and marvelous things. Jeremiah 33:3 If you seek me with all your heart, you will find me. Deuteronomy 4:29 Delight in me and I will give you the desires of your heart. Psalm 37:4 For it is I who gave you those desires. Philippians 2:13 I am able to do more for you than you could possibly imagine. Ephesians 3:20 For I am your greatest encourager. 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17 I am also the Father who comforts you in all your troubles. 2 Corinthians 1:3-4 When you are brokenhearted, I am close to you. Psalm 34:18 As a shepherd carries a lamb, I have carried you close to my heart. Isaiah 40:11 One day I will wipe away every tear from your eyes. Revelation 21:3-4 And I'll take away all the pain you have suffered on this earth. Revelation 21:3-4 I am your Father, and I love you even as I love my son, Jesus. John 17:23 For in Jesus, my love for you is revealed. John 17:26 He is the exact representation of my being. Hebrews 1:3 He came to demonstrate that I am for you, not against you. Romans 8:31 And to tell you that I am not counting your sins. 2 Corinthians 5:18-19 Jesus died so that you and I could be reconciled. 2 Corinthians 5:18-19 His death was the ultimate expression of my love for you. 1 John 4:10 I gave up everything I loved that I might gain your love. Romans 8:31-32 If you receive the gift of my son Jesus, you receive me. 1 John 2:23 And nothing will ever separate you from my love again. Romans 8:38-39 Come home and I'll throw the biggest party heaven has ever seen. Luke 15:7 I have always been Father, and will always be Father. Ephesians 3:14-15 My question is...Will you be my child? John 1:12-13 I am waiting for you. Luke 15:11-32

Love, Your Dad

Almighty God

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Emmanuel Ushers

February 4 (C) Brian Ninneman, Noah Buchholz, DuWayne Sommerfeld, comm. assist; Darrell Buchholz
February 11 Lucas Stelter, Bob Ferber, Joe Heller
February 14 (Lent 3:30p.m.) Don Stelter, Dave Radke
February 18 Wayne Stelter, Warren Buchholz,
February 21 (Lent 3:30p.m.) Don Stelter, Dave Radke
February 25 Darrell Buchholz, Paul Wuerch, Joe Heller
February 28 (Lent 3:30p.m.) Don Stelter, Dave Radke



March 4 (C) Brian Ninneman, Paul Dahlke, Joe Heller, comm. assist; Lucas Stelter
March 7 (Lent 3:30p.m.) Don Stelter, Dave Radke
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February 11 (C) Kenon Smith; Chief, Al Rosenthal, Christopher Smith, Calvin Wojtalewicz, Zeb Zuehls
February 14 (Lent 6:30p.m.) Cal Kapp; Chief, Mark Emond
February 18 James Wachholz; Chief, Kevin Kaul, Scott Ritz, James Kunde, Ken Borzick
February 21 (Lent 6:30p.m.) Dennis Wacholtz; Chief, Thomas Wojtalewicz
February 25 (C) Jack Yates; Chief, Ben Emond, Tyler Emond, James Henke, Paul Van Treeck
February 28 (Lent 6:30p.m.) Don Smith; Chief, Martin Schmanke

March 4 Kenon Smith; Chief, Lee Ollendorf, Aaron Kendall, Chuck Boetcher, Jim Eisermann
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March 11 (C) James Wachholz; Chief, Jerre Duerr, Robin Smith, Del Henke, Joe Zauner
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St. John's Greeters Schedule

February 4	Phyllis Farrell & Pat Henning
February 11	Ciara Neuhauser & Bonnie Weiss
February 18	Jim & Diane Eisermann
February 25	Harold & Judy Fandrey
March 4	Aaron Kendall & Christopher Smith
March 11	James & Linda Wachholz
March 18	Scott & Debbie Ritz
March 25	Karl Whitrock & Elsa Russell



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Newsletter

St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church

Valentine Prayer:

Loving heavenly Father, how amazing is your love! While we were still sinners, you sent your "Valentine," a Valentine beyond comprehension. You sent your beloved Son, the

Lord of heaven, to be an atoning sacrifice for our sins. How sad it is when we fail to reflect that perfect love in our daily lives. Forgive us. Help us love one another because you first loved us. Help us live in love, showing patience, kindness, and forgiveness to others, always protecting, always trusting, always persevering. Then we will love with actions and in truth. Then the love of Jesus will shine forth from us, even as he lives in us.

Amen.

