

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church & School

711 & 805 W 5th St., Neillsville, WI 54456

Member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod.



*Palm
Sunday*

March 24, 2024

"Welcome Visitors & Members!"

To those who are visiting us for the first time, we extend our sincere welcome; to our friends who know us we renew our welcome; to those who seek a church home we invite you to be part of our family and enjoy fellowship with our Savior. For further assistance in worship and information on our church, please see the back cover.

Lent: In the season of Lent, Jesus teaches things that turn the world's assumptions about religion completely upside down. We call it "Christianity." So, in this holy season, let us go straight to Christ and let him replace assumptions with truth. Jesus, help us to rethink religion!

Today is Palm Sunday.

Our focus: Rethinking Religion: Real Strength

The church year begins here 2023

We are Here

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413 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

CW 21



1 Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, the lit - tle chil - dren sang;
2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed mid an ex - ult - ant crowd,
3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" that an - cient song we sing,



thro' pil - lared court and tem - ple the love - ly an - them rang.
the vic - tor palm branch wav - ing and chant - ing clear and loud.
for Christ is our Re - deem - er, the Lord of heav'n, our King.



To Je - sus, who had blessed them, close fold - ed to his breast,
The Lord of earth and heav - en rode on in low - ly state
Oh, may we ev - er praise him with heart and life and voice



the chil - dren sang their prais - es, the sim - plest and the best.
nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren should on his bid - ding wait.
and in his roy - al pres - ence e - ter - nal - ly re - joice.

Text: Jeannette Threlfall, 1821-1880, alt.

Tune: Gesang-Buch Herzogl. Hofkapelle, Württemberg, 1784

Text and tune: Public domain

The Common Service CW 93

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kyrie

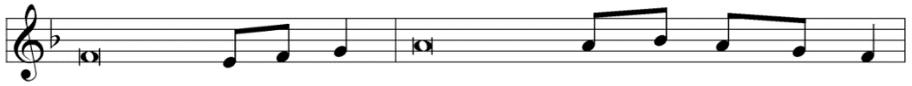


M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.



M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

GLORY BE TO GOD



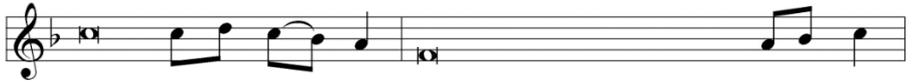
C: Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



We praise you, we bless you, we worship you, we glorify you,



we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



God the Fa-ther al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the



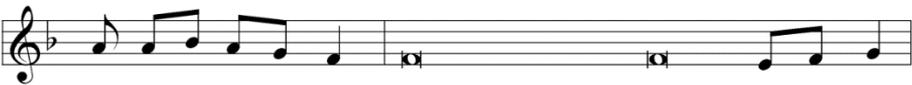
sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the



sin of the world; re - ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of



God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on-ly are holy;



you on - ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit,



are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Let us pray.

We praise you, O God, for the great acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ. As he was acclaimed by those who scattered their garments and branches of palms in his path, so may we always hail him as our King and follow him with perfect confidence; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

Old Testament Lesson: Zechariah 9:9-10

⁹Rejoice greatly, Daughter of Zion!

Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem!

Look! Your King is coming to you.

He is righteous and brings salvation.

He is humble and is riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

¹⁰I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the horse from Jerusalem.

The battle bow will be taken away,
and he will proclaim peace to the nations.

His kingdom will extend from sea to sea,
from the River to the ends of the earth.

Psalm 24 CW Supplement

Refrain



Sing ho - san - na! Loud ho - san - na! Bles - sed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord, the name of the Lord!

Psalm Tone



The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it,
the world, and all who live in it;
for he founded it upon the seas
and established it upon the waters.

Who may ascend the hill of the LORD?
Who may stand in his holy place?
He who has clean hands and a pure heart,
he will receive blessing from God his Savior.

Refrain

Lift up your heads, O you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.
Who is this King of glory?
The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, O you gates; lift them up, you ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.
Who is he, this King of glory?
The LORD Almighty—he is the King of glory.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Refrain

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

**and is seated at the right hand of God the Father
almighty.**

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

303 O Bride of Christ, Rejoice

CW 21



1 O bride of Christ, re-joice! Ex-ult-ant raise your voice
2 Let shouts of glad-ness rise tri-um-ph-ant to the skies.
3 A hum-ble beast he rides, yet as a king pre-sides;
4 The weak and tim-id find how meek he is and kind;
5 Then go your Lord to meet, strew palm leaves at his feet,



to hail the day of glo-ry fore-told in sa-cred sto-ry.
Now comes the King most glo-rious to reign o'er all vic-to-rious.
tho' not ar-rayed in splen-dor, he makes the grave sur-ren-der.
to them he gives a trea-sure of bliss be-yond all mea-sure.
your gar-ments spread be-fore him, and hon-or and a-dore him.



Ho-san-na! Now a-dore him; with prais-es bow be-fore him!
Ho-san-na! Now a-dore him; with prais-es bow be-fore him!
Ho-san-na! Now a-dore him; with prais-es bow be-fore him!
Ho-san-na! Now a-dore him; with prais-es bow be-fore him!
Ho-san-na! Sing the sto-ry of Christ, the King of glo-ry!

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Tune: Der Bussfertige Sünder, Nürnberg, 1679

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SERMON TEXT: *Zechariah 9:9-10*

SERMON THEME: *CHEER FOR OUR TRUE KING*

C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
 new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
 way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -
 tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.



OFFERING-*The members of St. John's have joined together to do the Lord's work in this community and around the world. Guests need not feel obligated to participate in this offering which supports our ministry, but please use this QR code to fill out a short form giving us a digital record of your attendance. Visitors may also fill out our guest register by the drinking fountain in the entryway.*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

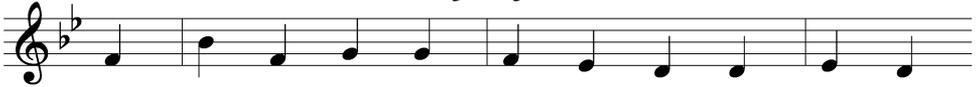
**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

411 Ride On, Ride On in Majesty CW 21



1 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! Hark! All the
2 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly
3 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! The an - gel
4 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! Your last and
5 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly



tribes ho - san - na cry. O Sav - ior meek, pur -
pomp ride on to die. O Christ, your tri - umphs
ar - mies of the sky look down with sad and
fierc - est strife is nigh. The Fa - ther on his
pomp ride on to die. Bow your meek head to



sue your road, with palms and scat - tered gar - ments strowed.
now be - gin o'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.
won - d'ring eyes to see th' ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.
sap - phire throne a - waits his own a - noint - ed Son.
mor - tal pain, then take, O Christ, your pow'r and reign.

Text: Henry H. Milman, 1791-1868, alt.

Tune: Musicalisch Hand-Buch der Geistlichen Melodien, Hamburg, 1690, alt.

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This Week at St. John's: Mar 24, 2024

SERVING US TODAY

Greeters: Judith Quicker & Nancy Hagedorn

Ushers: Team 4-Rex Roehl's team

Altar Guild: Jean Goetz & Ashley Leiterman

Donating Bulletins: Henry & Julie Berry

March Website: Henry & Julie Berry

SERVING US MAUNDY THURSDAY

Greeters: Donna Anding & Rosie Murphy

Ushers: Team 2-Verlyn Shaw's team

Altar Guild: Rachel Anderson & Jenny Shadrick

SERVING US GOOD FRIDAY

Greeters: Joel & Darlene Zschernitz

Ushers: Team 1-Joel Zschernitz' team

Altar Guild: Judy Trunkel

SERVING US NEXT SUNDAY-6:30

Greeters: Ron & Linda Rogus

Ushers: Team 3-Dick Urban's team

Altar Guild: Lynda Urban & Charlene Siebert & Linda Biebert

SERVING US NEXT SUNDAY-9:00

Greeters: Betty Nemitz & Dianne Buettner

Ushers: Team 4-Rex Roehl's team

Altar Guild: Lynda Urban & Charlene Siebert & Linda Biebert

~OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW & SERVE~

TODAY	9:00 AM Palm Sunday Worship Service 10:15 AM Sunday School & Bible Class
TUESDAY	4:00 PM Church Band
WEDNESDAY	8:20 AM Chapel 3:45 PM Confirmation Class 6:00 PM Pioneers
THURSDAY	7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Communion Service-Choir sings
FRIDAY	12:30 PM ELC Closes 1:00 PM Good Friday Worship-Gr. K-8 sing 2:00 PM School Dismisses
SATURDAY	9:00 AM Church Band
NEXT SUNDAY	6:30 AM Easter Communion Service 7:30 AM Easter Breakfast 9:00 AM Easter Communion Service Choir sings-both services No Sunday School or Bible Class.

Holy Week Schedule



Maundy Thursday, March 28

Communion service at **7:00**

Service Focus: God on Trial-Respite

Our Adult Choir sings.

Offerings given in your special Maundy Thursday envelopes will go toward Home.

Good Friday, March 29

Worship service at **1:00**

Service Focus: God On Trial-Evidence

Students in grades K-8 sing.

Offerings given in your special Good Friday envelopes will go toward Missions.

Easter Sunday, March 31

Communion services at **6:30** and **9:00**.

Service Focus: God on Trial-Vindication

Our Adult Choir sings for both services.

Easter Breakfast: *will be held between services*

Offerings given in your special Easter envelopes will go toward Missions.

Please join us for these very special worship services, and please consider inviting someone you know to worship with us as well.

Bible Class: *Join us in the church basement for Bible Class after the worship service today, as we continue our study of 1 Peter. All are invited!*

Sunday School: *Sunday School classes will be held today after the worship service for children age 3 through 8th grade.*

March Communion Update: We will not be having communion today. We will celebrate the Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday (3/28) and Easter Sunday (3/31). Because we will be using the piano for both of those services, communion will be at the rail both days.

Pancake Breakfast: Immanuel of Globe is sponsoring a pancake breakfast today from 10:30-12:30. They are serving potato pancakes, regular pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, fruit salad, cheese, bars, coffee and milk. All are invited. A free-will offering will be taken.

Church Band Practices: We will be having band practice this Tuesday at 4:00 p.m. and this coming Saturday at 9:00 a.m.

Thursday Bible Study: We finished our study of the book of Romans this past Thursday. Thursday Bible Study is on hold while we wait for the results of our outreach survey to come in. Stay tuned for upcoming Bible study day and time.

Easter Breakfast: You are all invited to continue our celebration of Christ's resurrection with food and fellowship at an Easter Breakfast between services next Sunday. There is a sign-up sheet in the entryway for anyone interested in helping to provide food for the breakfast. **TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO SIGN UP.** Please talk to Linda Biebert if you have any questions.

Easter Flowers: If you would like to purchase flowers to help beautify our worship services on Easter Sunday, **TODAY** is the last day to sign up on the sheet on the table in the entryway and make your payment. Money can be given to Charlene Siebert or Linda Biebert. Purchased flowers can be taken home after the 9:00 a.m. service on Easter Sunday to grace your private Easter celebrations. If you aren't interested in a flowering plant but would still like to help beautify the altar, donations are gladly accepted.

Hospitalized: Erland Greeler has returned home. Let's keep him in our prayers.

Thrivent Choice: Just a reminder, you have until March 31 to direct any remaining 2023 choice dollars.

FIG: The April edition of "Forward In Christ" is available in the entryway.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU: St. John's Outreach Survey: Fellow members who we see regularly, fellow members who we sadly have not seen for some time, friends who are visiting our church, or families who are using our elementary school and early learning center, we want to hear from you and value your input in this short survey. Thanks for participating!

To access this short survey go to the link:
<https://shorturl.at/jlzH4> or scan the QR code.



Several hard copies of the survey are on the table in the entryway for those who do not have computer or cell phone access.

Baptisms: Camdyn Russell Struensee (6/4/15), son of Brian Struensee and step-son of Monique Coleman-Struensee, was baptized this past Thursday. Witness was Mr. Leiterman. Camdyn is in 3rd Grade at St. John's, and Monique is our school cook.

Samuel Joseph Harms, son of Joseph & Sarah Harms (4/25/19) was baptized this past Friday. Witness was Bruce Davis. Samuel currently attends 4K at St. John's and will be attending Kindergarten at St. John's in the fall. His parents will be taking adult instruction class, starting soon, and are looking forward to becoming members.

Sutton Rayne Strangfeld, daughter of Lee & Sierra Strangfeld (1/28/24) will be baptized privately this coming Saturday. Sponsors will be Andrew & Teresa Urban and Marvin Lokken.

We rejoice with these parents at the Lord's gifts given to their children through this gracious Sacrament of Baptism!

School Band Online Voting Contest: Thank You everyone who has voted so far. You can vote once a day to support our school. This contest goes through March.

To vote, you will need to go to the link below. Then you will scroll down the page to the section "Vote For Your Favorite Photo." There you will enter your email address, first and last name. As you scroll down, please find the picture of our school students and vote. <https://www.heidmusic.com/big10plus/>

Penny Wars: Penny Wars will go until Easter Sunday. We will have the money containers at church on Sundays, and you can stop in at school any time during the week if you'd like to drop off coins (or bills). Funds raised will go toward the school bathroom project.



Student of the Week: The student of the week is Clayton Hannasch. Clay is in 4th Grade. He has been working hard, asks questions when he doesn't understand something, is respectful, and sets a good example for his classmates. **Congratulations Clay!**

Pine Car Derby: We will be having a Pine Car Derby on Saturday, April 13th, starting at 1:00 in the school gym. Pine car kits are \$3 each. You can purchase those from Mrs. Shadrick. All children (and adults) are invited to participate in the fun.

St. John's Pioneer Chili Cook-off: Calling all Chili Cooks! St. John's Pioneers will host a Chili Cook-off contest during the Pine Car Derby on April 13th! All members of St. John's - Neillsville, St. John's - Christe, and Immanuel - Globe are invited to compete for the Wooden Spoon!

Please bring your crock of Chili to St. John's - Neillsville by noon. Voting will take place during the pinecar derby. The Winner will be announced during the awards ceremony after the race. Judged by popular vote.

Not a cook? Come and vote for the best Chili. Then purchase a bowl of your favorite for a donation to the Pioneers. All proceeds will help pay for the many activities the pioneers enjoy throughout the year.

Upcoming School Schedule:

Good Friday, March 29: Children will be dismissed from school after the worship service. The ELC will close at 12:30 on Good Friday.

Spring Break: There is no school for 3K-8th Grade Monday, April 1 through Friday, April 5, as we enjoy our spring break.

THE ELC WILL BE CLOSED on Monday, April 1st, but will be open the rest of that week for childcare.

FUNDrive: Clear your clutter for a cause! Please bring your bags and covered boxes of unwanted household items to the collection trailer in the St. John's Lutheran School parking lot. Regular collection times are:

Sunday, April 21 from 10:00-12:00

Monday, April 22, through Friday, April 26, 7:30 a.m. - 8:15 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Friday, April 26 from 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 27 from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Proceeds help make our original school bathrooms handicap accessible!

We Are Collecting Clothes

men's, women's, & children's clothes, coats, shoes, scarves, handbags, wallets, fashion accessories, belts, backpacks, etc.

Household Textiles

bedding, comforters, blankets, sheets, towels, linen, tablecloths, curtains, pillows, etc.

Small Household Goods

kitchen items (such as pots/pans, dishes, silverware, glasses, serving pieces and hand-held appliances), home decorative items, knick-knacks, toys, games, and small electronics

Books & Media

paperback, magazines, hard cover - all genres; *media needs to be boxed separately *no encyclopedias or text books

Please use bags for clothes and textiles and tightly pack boxes of small household goods. Separate books from household goods and media. All items must be clean and in sellable condition.

Boxes: If anyone is in need of cardboard boxes to pack items for the FUNDrive, we have empty boxes both here at church and at school. If you are in need of boxes, please talk to our church custodians or Linda Biebert, or stop at school during the school day.

Tuesday Worship: We will resume our Tuesday worship service starting on April 9th. Tuesday worship will be held at 6:00 p.m. as normal.

Church Campout Date Change: *The dates for this year's church campout are September 13-15, one week later than normal. Mark your calendars!*

Holy Week Devotions: *Martin Luther College will be making Holy Week devotions available under the theme "The Savior We Need." Two thousand years ago, God's people were expecting the Messiah to be a conquering hero who would rescue them from their Roman oppressors. Instead, he came as a suffering servant who died at the hands of those Romans. This is what Paul called the foolishness of the cross. But the Bible makes it clear that the Jesus those people received—the Jesus we are blessed to call our Savior today—is far greater than any we could ever have designed on our own. These devotions will show us that Jesus truly is the Savior we need.*

You can subscribe to these devotions by going to <https://mlc-wels.edu/publications/seasonal-devotions/>

WELS Weekly Prayer: *Haiti – Lord Jesus, be with your saints in the country of Haiti. Protect them from the violence and trouble that is being perpetuated by political unrest. Provide them with relief from the natural disasters that have plagued them. Especially bless Haitian national pastor Rona Abraham as he leads the way in bringing comfort and peace to hurting souls through your good news of forgiveness and eternal life. Remind your afflicted saints that although there is trouble in the world, you have overcome the world. Give us the ability to support and encourage Haitian Christians in any way we can. In your name we pray. Amen.*

Worship the Lord with Gladness:

Last Sunday: 127

Last Wednesday: 96

Worship with Our Care of God's Wealth:

Thankoffering Given Last Sunday:

\$9,746.68 (Home); \$440.00 (Missions)

Needed per week for Home: \$8,400.00

TOGETHER



March 19, 2024

Groups addressing important issues

A number of groups have been carrying out their assignments to address various issues that are important to our called workers, congregations, and members. Here is an update on those groups and their assignments.

The Ministry Recruitment task force (already described more fully in a previous issue of *Together*)

Chaired by Rev. Paul Prange, this task force was formed as a result of a resolution passed by the 2023 synod convention due to the significant shortage of pastors, teachers, and staff ministers. Its assignment is to look at all factors that impact the recruitment of called workers and bring recommendations for a synodwide effort to recruit and train more called workers. It will bring its recommendations to the 2025 synod convention.

Task force on critical theories

Chaired by Rev. Snowden Sims, this task force was assigned to evaluate the topic of critical theories and provide guidance to WELS called workers and members on how to understand and address these philosophies in light of Scripture. The task force will submit its recommendations to the Conference of Presidents, which will then produce and distribute a pastoral brief on the subject.

Theology curriculum task force

The theology curriculum task force is currently in an 18-month development of the components necessary for future content writers to create new instructional materials for WELS schools to use for the instruction of God's Word. The task force wants the new curriculum to hold fast to our purposes of sharing God's Word in its truth and purity with the next generation and meet the needs of increasingly diverse classrooms. One of its goals is to provide a curriculum that is primarily digital in format, which will make it possible to update the curriculum on an ongoing basis. The task force chairman is Mr. Jim Rademan. Mrs. Melanie Giddings is the curriculum coordinator.

Long-range strategic planning task force

Chaired by Rev. Jonathan Hein, this task force is developing a new synod long-range strategic plan that will guide all areas of synodical mission and ministry. The six-year plan, entitled "Christ through us" (the theme of the 2025 synod convention), will be presented to the synod convention in 2025.

175th anniversary planning committee

Chaired by Prof. Joel Otto, the committee has already begun to make plans for the celebration of the synod's 175th anniversary in 2025. The theme for that celebration will be the same as the theme for the 2025 convention ("Christ through us"). Plans include a book that provides a pictorial history of the synod, video vignettes, an interactive online history of WELS, and a synodwide celebration Sunday in the fall of 2025.

Gender, sexuality, identity

A standing committee (not a temporary task force), chaired by Rev. Greg Lyon, is developing resources for pastors, congregations, parents, and young people to help them deal with transgender and same-sex attraction issues that are becoming more common in our society and culture.

Man/woman roles

The Conference of Presidents is continuing its work to develop a pastoral brief on man/woman roles. The brief will be distributed as soon as it is completed.

Please remember these groups as they work to address important issues biblically and evangelically.

Serving with you in Christ,
WELS President Mark Schroeder 

Supporting called workers

The Care Committee for Called Workers (CCCW), part of WELS Special Ministries, recently updated its materials. The CCCW exists to assist WELS calling bodies in the spiritual, physical, intellectual, and emotional care of their called workers. Its materials offer instructions on how to set up a congregational care committee as well as ways to help called workers financially prepare for retirement.

“While many calling bodies informally provide support to their workers, having an intentional, structured plan and organization makes sure workers are heard and encouraged,” says Rev. Joel Gaertner, director of WELS Special Ministries. A congregational Care Committee for Called Workers can provide that structure so congregations can make sure their workers are cared for.

St. John, Redwood Falls, Minn., has had a formal Care Committee for Called Workers for years, offering support to its 14 called workers and 2 support staff at its church and school. Five lay married couples form the committee, which is

headed by Mr. Lance Otto, a member of the congregation’s Board of Elders. Otto says a couple from the committee is in contact with the called worker from the very beginning—right when the call is accepted. That connection continues with once-a-year formal visits and numerous check-ins throughout the year. “They’re not just there to solve problems; they’re there to be a supporter and encourager,” says Otto. Having a contact couple also offers a safe place for called workers to share their concerns.

“Our Savior demonstrated a loving and caring heart for his disciples throughout his ministry. By his example, Jesus gave us a model of caring for our called workers. His command to love one another surely applies to Christians caring for the workers he sends us,” says Gaertner. “A local CCCW is often the best way to accomplish this.”

Learn more about how to set up a Care Committee for Called Workers in your congregation at wels.net/cccw.



To sign up for the e-mail version, visit
wels.net/together.

WI. River Valley Spring Rally April 20, 2024

Theme: Gather sheep from every fold
John 10:16

Guest Speaker:

Cathy Duncan

Host:

St. Peter's Lutheran
Church

115 Eau Claire St.
Schofield WI.

Topic: Woman to Woman:

Reaching Out to Hindu and
Muslim Women in South Asia.

Doors Open 8:00am

Registration 8:30am

Rally 9am-12pm

Registration fee: \$3



To assist you in worship:

- ✠ Personal listening devices are available for anyone to use. Please talk to the ushers for assistance.
- ✠ Large-print bulletins available in the entryway.
- ✠ Personal Prayers: Red Hymnal (pp. 10-11); Blue Hymnal (inside front cover)
- ✠ Preparation for Lord's Supper: Red Hymnal (p. 156); Blue Hymnal (pp. 295-296)
- ✠ Luther's Small Catechism: Blue Hymnal (pp. 286-293)

We love seeing young children in church as we want families to worship together. We also love to hear children making a "joyful noise to the Lord." If you need some privacy for feeding an infant or changing a diaper, please make use of our parents' room off the north side of the entryway where you can still listen to the service.

Visitors, if you would like to know more about our church or school, please introduce yourself to our pastor. He would be delighted to speak with you and serve you in whatever way he can.

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Worship Schedule

- Sunday-9:00 a.m. (Year-Round)
- Tuesday-6:00 p.m. (After Easter through November)