

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church & School

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Member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod.

"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.

Epiphany 4

February 1, 2026

You may not feel blessed when you are hungry or insulted or mourning the death of a loved one. You may not be in the mood to boast when you feel foolish, weak, or lowly. But knowing your difficulties, Jesus still chose you to be his own. He gives you many gifts, and he calls you blessed.

Our focus today: JESUS REVEALS (Epiphany) HIMSELF AS THE ONE WHO BLESSES YOU

Communion: *We will celebrate the Lord's Supper today at the rail.*

St. John's practices "member communion." We ask, therefore, that only those who are members of St. John's or another WELS/ELS congregation partake of the sacrament.

619 Praise the Almighty; My Soul, Adore Him CW 21



1 Praise the Al - might - y; my soul, a - dore him!
 2 Pen - i - tent sin - ners, for mer - cy cry - ing,
 3 Trust not in princ - es, they are but mor - tal;
 4 Praise, all you peo - ple, the name so ho - ly



Yes, I will laud him un - til death. With songs and
 par - don and peace from him ob - tain; ev - er the
 earth-born they are and soon de - cay. Vain are their
 of him who does such won-drous things! All that has



an - thems I'll come be - fore him as long as
 wants of the poor sup - ply - ing, their faith - ful
 coun - sels at life's last por - tal when the dark
 be - ing, to praise him sole - ly, with hap - py



he al - lows me breath. From him my life and
 God he will re - main. He helps his chil - dren
 grave will claim its prey. Since, then, no one can
 heart its a - men sings! Chil - dren of God, with



all things came; bless, O my soul, his ho - ly
 in dis - tress, the wid - ows and the fa - ther -
 help af - ford, trust on - ly Christ, our God and
 an - gel host praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly



name. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 less. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Lord. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Ghost! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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Service of Word and Sacrament CW 93

M: The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

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.**

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.

C: **Amen.**

PRAYER AND PRAISE

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kyrie

M: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

M: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



C: Christ, have mer - cy.

M: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



C: A - men.

M: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.



C: O Lord, our Lord, how glo - rious is your name in



all the earth. Al - might - y God, mer - ci - ful Fa - ther,



you crown our life with your love. You take a - way our sin;



you com - fort our spir - it; you make us pure and



ho - ly in your sight. You did not spare your on - ly Son,



but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,




how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.



O Son of God, e - ter - nal Word of the Fa - ther,



you came to live with us; you made your Fa - ther known;



you washed us from our sins in your own blood. You are the
King of glo - ry; you are the Lord! O Lord, our Lord,
how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

M: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, look with mercy on our weaknesses, and in all our dangers and needs stretch out the right hand of your majesty to help and defend us; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

First Reading: Zephaniah 2:3; 3:11-13

³Seek the LORD, all you humble people of the earth who have carried out his commands. Seek righteousness. Seek humility. Maybe then you will be sheltered in the day of the LORD's anger.

¹¹In that day you will no longer bear the shame of your rebellions against me. Then I will remove the proud boasters from among you, and you will never again be arrogant on my holy hill. ¹²But I will leave among you the people who are humble and weak. They will seek refuge in the name of the LORD. ¹³The Israelites who remain will no longer act unjustly. They will not lie, and a deceitful tongue will not be found in their mouth. Instead, they will graze peacefully like sheep and lie down. No one will terrify them.

Psalm 1

CW 21

Refrain

Bless - ed are they, bless - ed are
they who hope in the LORD.

Tone

Blessed is the one who / does not walk
in step with the / wicked
or stand in the way that / sinners take
or sit in the company of / mockers,
but whose delight is in the law / of the LORD,
and who meditates on his law / day and night.
That person is like a tree planted by streams of / water,
which yields its fruit in / season
and whose leaf does not / wither—
whatever they do / prospers. **Refrain**

Not so the / wicked!
They are like chaff that the wind / blows away.
Therefore the wicked will not stand in the / judgment,
nor sinners in the assembly of the / righteous. **Refrain**

For the LORD watches over the way of the / righteous,
but the way of the wicked leads to de- / struction.
**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. Refrain**

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Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

²⁶For example, consider your call, brothers. Not many of you were wise from a human point of view, not many were powerful, and not many were born with high status. ²⁷But God chose the foolish things of the world to put to shame those who are wise. God chose the weak things of the world to put to shame the things that are strong, ²⁸and God chose the lowly things of the world and the despised things, and the things that are not, to do away with the things that are, ²⁹so that no one may boast before God. ³⁰But because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us the wisdom from God, namely, our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. ³¹God did this so that, just as it is written, "Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord."

Verse of the Day: Matthew 5:3

Alleluia! Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Alleluia!



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:1-12

¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up onto a mountain. When he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²He opened his mouth and began to teach them. He said these things.

*³Blessed are the poor in spirit,
because theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

*⁴Blessed are those who mourn,
because they will be comforted.*

*⁵Blessed are the gentle,
because they will inherit the earth.*

*⁶Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
because they will be filled.*

*⁷Blessed are the merciful,
because they will receive mercy.*

*⁸Blessed are the pure in heart,
because they will see God.*

*⁹Blessed are the peacemakers,
because they will be called sons of God.*

*¹⁰Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,
because theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

¹¹Blessed are you when people insult you and persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven. In fact, that is how they persecuted the prophets who were before you.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

568 His Robes for Mine

CW 21



1 His robes for mine: O won - der - ful ex - change!
2 His robes for mine: what cause have I for dread?
3 His robes for mine: God's jus - tice is ap - peased.
4 His robes for mine: such an - guish none can know.



Clothed in my sin, Christ suf - fered 'neath God's rage.
God's daunt - ing law Christ mas - tered in my stead.
Je - sus is crushed, and thus the Fa - ther's pleased.
Christ, God's be - loved, con - demned as though his foe.



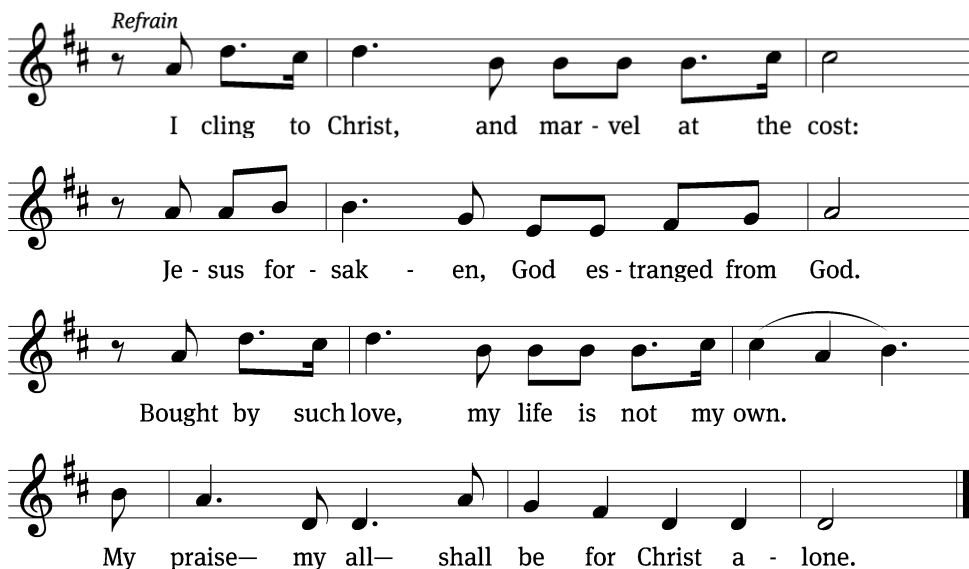
Draped in his right - eous - ness, I'm jus - ti - fied.
Fault - less I stand with right - eous works not mine,
Christ drank God's wrath on sin, then cried, "'Tis done!"
He, as though I, ac - cursed and left a - lone;



In Christ I live, for in my place he died.
saved by my Lord's vi - car - ious death and life.
Sin's wage is paid, pro - pi - ti - a - tion won.
I, as though he, em - braced and wel - comed home!

Please note: the refrain, which is sung after each verse, is on page 11.

Refrain



I cling to Christ, and mar - vel at the cost:
 Je - sus for - sak - en, God es - tranged from God.
 Bought by such love, my life is not my own.
 My praise— my all— shall be for Christ a - lone.

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SERMON TEXT: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

YOU ARE “CALLED”

- 1. Think of what you were before you were called.**
- 2. Think of who you are because you were called.**

NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and became fully human.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the
Scriptures.**

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped
and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**



OFFERING *The members of St. John's have joined together, in gratitude for God's grace in Jesus, to do the Lord's work in this community and around the world and support this gospel ministry with their time, talents, and treasures. 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.

THE SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing.

In the past he spoke to us through the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, who is the radiance of his glory.

Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Sanctus



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.



You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.



I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -



va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C: A - men.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



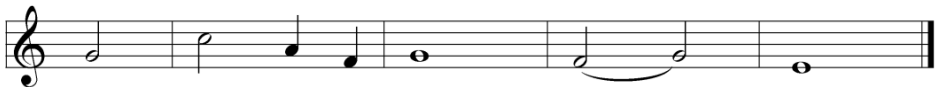
world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; grant us your peace. A - men.

DISTRIBUTION: *There will be no communion hymn this morning.*

THANKSGIVING

THANK THE LORD



C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-news his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

M: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

C: **his mercy endures forever.**

M: Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,

C: **We proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another.
 Serve the Lord with gladness.
 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.

849 Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me CW 21



1 Lord, take my hand and lead me up - on life's way;
 2 Lord, when the tem - pest ra - ges, I need not fear;
 3 Lord, when the shad - ows length - en and night has come,



di - rect, pro - tect, and feed me from day to day.
 for you, the Rock of A - ges, are al - ways near.
 I know that you will strength - en my steps toward home.



With - out your grace and fa - vor I go a - stray;
 Close by your side a - bid - ing, I fear no foe,
 Then noth - ing can im - pede me, O bless - ed Friend;



so take my hand, O Sav - ior, and lead the way.
 for when your hand is guid - ing, in peace I go.
 so take my hand and lead me un - to the end.

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This Week at St. John's: Feb 1, 2026

SERVING US TODAY

Greeters: Ed & Jenn Schmid

Ushers: Team 3-Dick Urban's team

Altar Guild: Linda Biebert & Megan Allard

Donating Bulletins: Pat & Alice Glinski for Pat's birthday

Feb Website: Dave & Donna Anding for their 40th anniversary

SERVING US NEXT SUNDAY

Greeters: Linda Biebert & Lauren Thell

Ushers: Team 4-Rex Roehl's team

Altar Guild: Charlene Siebert

~OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW & SERVE~

TODAY

9:00 AM Communion Service

10:15 AM Sunday School & Bible Class

10:30 AM Gr. 3K-3rd sing at Christie

11:30 AM Sunday School Teachers Mtg

4:00 PM Pioneers

MONDAY

1:00 PM Pastors Circuit Meeting here

6:00 PM Adult Instruction Class

TUESDAY

4:00 PM Church Band

WEDNESDAY

8:20 AM Chapel

4:00 PM Bible Study

6:00 PM Choir

7:00 PM Handbells

THURSDAY

5:30 PM Adult Instruction Class

NEXT SUNDAY

9:00 AM Communion Service

10:15 AM Sunday School & Bible Class

12:00 PM Call Meeting

Worship the Lord with Gladness:

Jan. 25th-71

Worship with Our Care of God's Wealth:

Thankoffering Given last Sunday:

\$5,554.70 (Home); \$615.75 (Missions)

Needed per week for Home: \$9,035.00

Owed on line of credit: \$69,285.21

CHURCH NEWS

Bible Class: Join us in the church basement after the worship service today as we continue our study of Apologetics-Defending our Faith.

Sunday School: Sunday School classes meet today after the worship service. Grades Pre-K meet in the church basement; Grades 1-4 meet in the school. All children are welcome.

Pioneers: Pioneers will be meeting this afternoon at 4:00. Some of our activities will be outside, so please have your children dress warmly. All children are welcome.

Church Band: Band practice will be held in the church balcony this Tuesday at 4:00 p.m. All instrumentalists are welcome!

Wednesday Bible Study: Join us in the school conference room Wednesday at 4:00 p.m. as we continue our study of the Psalms.

BB Games: Our girls A-Team will play at St. Mark, Eau Claire tomorrow. The game begins at 4:30. On Tuesday, our Co-Ed A-Team will play at St. Paul, Wisconsin Rapids. That game also begins at 4:30.

Call Meeting: Our first call meeting to call a new pastor will be held **next Sunday, February 8, at noon.** Western Wisconsin District President Michael Jensen will be here with us to run that meeting. He is not able to make it before noon due to other commitments that morning.

We realize that this means people will have to leave after church or Bible Class and come back for the call meeting, but because this is so important we strongly encourage as many of our members as possible to make this a priority.

Maternity Leave Teacher Needed: As many of you may already know, the Leiternans are expecting their next baby early April. With that wonderful news we are also actively looking to find a full-time substitute teacher that could cover Mrs. Leiternan's 4th-5th grade classroom for approximately 6 weeks. We are beginning the process of looking around our area and asking neighboring schools about potential teachers but also want to open the opportunity up to members in our own congregations. To be a substitute teacher in Wisconsin an individual needs to have an associate's degree or higher (in

any subject), be enrolled in a bachelor's degree-granting educator program, or hold a valid Wisconsin teaching license. If you are available and interested in helping St. John's in a very big way, please talk to Mr. Allard as soon as possible. We would like to solidify these plans as soon as possible. If you know of somebody who may be able to help us out, please spread the word too!

Care Packages: Our LIGHTS group will be packing 7 care packages to be sent to college/high school students. The boxes will be packed up **on Monday, February 9.**

Donations of items to include in the packages are needed and welcomed. Some ideas for donations could include: Kleenex, pens, post-it notes, hand lotion, microwave popcorn, fruit snacks, candy bars, raisins, chips, pudding, dried fruit, cookies, tea, dried soup mix, gum, soap, coffee, etc. Anything that can be individually wrapped works well; the list is almost endless. Cash donations for postage are also needed. Donations can be placed in the entryway.

Special Care "Package": One of our members, Colin Neville, is currently living in Thailand with his wife. He is working there as an "Artist Missionary" with the Friends Network. The Friends Network (formerly Friends of China and Friends of Vietnam) is a WELS-affiliated ministry. They recruit, train, send and support lay missionaries around the world in order to build eternal friendships. We would like to show our support for Colin, but thought that the best way to do that would be to send him a monetary gift. If you would like to donate toward this, PLEASE DO **NOT** PLACE YOUR GIFT IN THE OFFERING BASKET. Instead, you can give it to Linda Biebert, Kathleen Quast, or drop it off in the school office.

We thank everyone for their assistance!

Family Tubing Outing: The Globe and Christie churches are sponsoring a family tubing outing at Bruce Mound on Saturday, February 14th from 5:00-8:00 p.m. All are invited. We will be enjoying a pot-luck supper; please consider bringing a dish to pass. Beverages will be provided.

Lent 2026

The overall theme for the Lenten services for 2026 is **"It Is Finished."** This series explores the prophecies of Zechariah, offering an enriching look at our Savior Jesus, particularly as these prophecies relate to the events of Jesus' Holy Week passion, death, and resurrection.

We will have four pastors in the Lenten rotation this year, Pastor Biebert, Pastor Wilke from Globe/Christie, Pastor Oblender (vacancy pastor at Trinity), and Pastor Seefeldt (retired). On the weeks when supper is served, serving begins at **5:00 p.m.** in the school gym, and all are invited to that as well. The service schedule is below.

Ash Wednesday, Feb. 18: 6:00 p.m. communion service

Wednesday, Feb. 25: 6:00 p.m. service (GPS serves supper)

Wednesday, Mar. 4: 6:00 p.m. service (Choir/Bells serve)

Wednesday, Mar. 11: 6:00 p.m. service (FSJ serves supper)

Wednesday, Mar. 18: 6:00 p.m. special service with Luther Prep Singers (LIGHTS serve supper)

Wednesday, Mar. 25: 6:00 p.m. service (Pioneers serve)

Maundy Thursday, Apr. 2: 6:00 p.m. communion service

Good Friday, Apr. 3: 1:00 p.m. service

Easter Sunday, Apr. 5: 6:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. communion services

Winter Carnival: Our church's HIS Group (Hands in Service) is sponsoring a children's carnival on Saturday, February 21st as part of Neillsville's Winter Carnival. The children's carnival will be held here in our gym from 11:00-1:00. There will be bounce houses, a cake walk, face painting, a giant slide, concessions, crafts...activities for all ages! Parents are expected to stay while their children are here. Cost will be \$5.00 per child (ages 1-12). Infants and ages 13+ are Free! Cost for the cake walk is \$1. We hope many parents and children can attend!!

Volunteers are needed to help with the carnival. We also need bakers who would be willing to bake cakes or cupcakes for the cake walk. Volunteers to do face painting are also needed. If you would be able to help, please talk to Mrs. Allard or contact the school office. Thanks!



Student of the Week: *The student of the week is Noah Wilke. Noah is in 8th Grade. He is always polite and respectful, works hard, does his work well, and sets a good example for his classmates. Congratulations Noah!*

Hospitalized: *Bill Oldham continues to recuperate here in Neillsville hospital (swing-bed). Let's keep him in our prayers.*

FIG: *The January and February editions of "Forward In Christ" are available on the table in the entryway.*

Calendars: *February calendars are available on the table in the entryway.*

Special Thanks: *Our LIGHTS group would like to take this opportunity to thank the many people who volunteer to call members on their birthdays and anniversaries throughout the year. Your willingness to keep in touch with fellow members in this way is greatly appreciated!*

Call Received: *"Dear Members of St. John's,*

I didn't see this one coming-but we do know the One who did! On Sunday, January 18, I received a Divine Call from St. John's Lutheran Church in Lomira, WI to serve as Principal of their school and to be the 5th-6th grades teacher. Megan did not receive a call to teach at St. John's. It has been and continues to be a wonderful blessing for me to serve the Lord here at St. John's as principal, athletic director, and upper grades teacher.

It is also humbling to once again be called by another school as Principal and see if my God-given talents and abilities will benefit them and their families. I ask that you keep Megan and I, along with our family, in your prayers and offer your input as we deliberate the two calls I now hold, to serve here at St. John's in Neillsville and the call to serve at St. John's in Lomira.

The following passage still provides me confidence and serves as a good reminder for all of us to keep in mind during this deliberation process. We know that our good Lord will work all things out in the best interest for both schools and congregations.

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Call upon me and pray to me, and I will listen to you." Jeremiah 29:11-12

Serving You in Christ," Mike Allard

Another Call Received: *Last Sunday Pastor Biebert received a call to serve as a semi-retired pastor at St. John in Phelps, Wisconsin. If Pastor Biebert accepts the call, it would not start until July, so it has no effect on us here. Keep him in your prayers as he deliberates.*

Pine Car Derby: *The pine car derby will be held on Sunday, March 1st. Any students (or parents) who would like to participate can purchase a pine car kit from Mrs. Shadrick for \$4 each. Last year we had to cancel the pine car derby, so if you still have a kit from last year, you do not have to buy a new one, you can use last year's. Any questions, talk to Mrs. Shadrick.*

Financial Update: *This past week we borrowed \$10,000 from the line of credit in order to pay bills. That means the line of credit is basically gone (there is about \$700.00 left in it). The council approved taking \$20,000 from the endowment fund to pay back on the line of credit.*

Prayer: *Heavenly Father, we come to you during this time of financial uncertainty, holding fast to your promise that you will meet all our needs according to your glorious riches in Christ Jesus.*

Forgive us when we look only at the numbers on a page and forget the "immeasurable more" you are able to do. You have given us your greatest treasure—your Son—and we trust that you will also provide the resources necessary to carry out your work in this community. Guide our leaders with wisdom, open our hearts to joyful sacrifice, and keep our eyes fixed on the mission of sharing the Gospel. Amen.

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.