

**ST. JOHN'S
MISSION
STATEMENT**

As a family united in faith through the Holy Scriptures, we exist to give praise, honor and glory to the Triune God, to nurture and train the family of believers through God's Word and to reach out to the changing world with a changeless Christ.

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Branches Band September 15 & 16

Sunday, 8:00 a.m.—In the Sanctuary

**10:30 a.m.—Outdoor service
in Central Park**

**11:30 a.m.—Annual Church Picnic
Monday, 7:00 p.m.—In the Sanctuary**



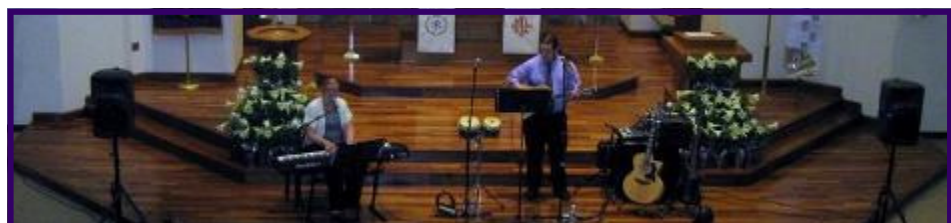
Jesus said, "I am the vine, you are the branches..." (John 15:5) Branches Band, a Milwaukee-based music group, uses their love for music to identify the Savior of the world: Jesus! From ancient hymns to modern songs, from guitars and piano to percussion and vocal harmonies, the truth of God's love and grace is at the root of the Branches Band ministry.

Branches Band travels all over the United States and Canada with their repertoire including hundreds of hymns and songs. Branches Band has served over 300 WELS and ELS congregations by offering Christian concerts, assisting with worship, and developing music resources for today's church leaders and worship teams.

They will be our guests for September's Blended Worship services on September 15-16. The 10:30 service will be in the band shell at Central Park. Please bring lawn chairs for your comfort.

Our annual potluck church picnic follows immediately after the outdoor service. Invite your family and your neighbors to join us for this special worship service.

For more information, visit the Branches Band website (www.branchesband.com), or visit them on Facebook at (www.facebook.com/branchesband).



Moms'
Bible Study
Tuesdays
8:00-8:45 a.m.



Women's
Bible Study
Wednesdays
6:30-7:30 p.m.

Moms' Bible Study

Do you want a better relationship with God? Do you want to set godly priorities instead of being sidetracked by worldly worries? Do you ever feel overwhelmed by life and desire to have a peace in your heart that only comes through Jesus? If so, you will want to attend Moms' Bible Study. These are the types of questions we

will be discussing as we dig into God's Word and find His direction and guidance. God wants us to spend time with Him and I can guarantee that "God Time" will be the best part of your day.

Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World
Tuesdays beginning on Sept. 10th
8:00 – 8:45 am

Church Fellowship Hall

For this class, feel free to bring your young children along. Bring a few toys and they may play while we have class.

Questions? Contact Janet Gehlhar at 715-792-5397 or jgehlhar@bevcomm.net.

Women's Bible Study

What in the world is God up to? If that question enters your mind, join us as we see how God shaped the lives of a variety of biblical people. In turn, we will gain a better understanding of how God works in our own

lives using the circumstances and people we deal with every day.

Topic: *To Yield with All Your Soul* by Fran Sciacca
Wednesdays beginning Sept. 11th

6:30 – 7:30 pm
Church Fellowship Hall

Questions? Contact Janet Gehlhar at 715-792-5397 or jgehlhar@bevcomm.net.



Ladies Invited Out for Dinner

The Ladies Guild invites all ladies of the congregation to go out to dinner on Tuesday, September 10th. Please join them for a fun evening of fellowship.

Meet at church at 6:00 p.m. and we will carpool to Miesville and eat at Kings.
Please sign up on the back table in church.

Questions? Contact Pauline Jagusch at 388.5906 or Julie Von Barga at 212.6316.

Wednesday Morning Bible Class

Everything New: The Book of Genesis

"He who was seated on the throne said, 'I am making everything new!'" (Revelation 21:5). Although these words are recorded in the last book of the Bible, the idea of newness is central to the first book as well.

Genesis is the story of new things. In the first book of Moses, we find the account of God's creation of a new and perfect world and of the origin of the human race. We read of humanity's fall into sin and of the "new" but sad existence that resulted from that event. We read a

second time of a new world—the one into which Noah stepped after leaving the ark. We're told of new nations, languages, and peoples in the story of the Tower of Babel. The accounts of the patriarchs—Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob—bring us the beginning of a new nation, chosen by God as the people of the promise. These men give us examples of the new and holy life of God's people. Finally, in the story of Joseph, we read of a new and different approach to hardships and of a new home for a new nation, God's chosen people of Israel.

Genesis, however, is

more than an account of new places and faces. It is, above all, the story of the Lord's great love and compassion, which "are new every morning" (Lamentations 3:23). It's the record of his first dealings with fallen people and his first promises of a Savior from sin. It's the wonderful story of a patient and merciful God, and it's the first chapter of his plan of salvation, which will see its culmination someday in our home in heaven, where he will again make everything new for his people.

Our schedule:

September
4 - Creation
11 - The Fall
18 - The Flood
25 - The Tower of Babel
October
2 - Abraham, part 1
9 - Abraham, part 2
16 - Jacob
23 - Joseph

Sunday Morning Bible Class

What the Young Generation Thinks About Christianity— And Why It Matters

The generation that makes up teenage though 30 year olds is unlike previous generations in many ways—including what it thinks about Christianity and the church. This study will be a real eye-opener for many of us.

The information is based on Pastor Engel's summer quarter class "How to Preach in a Postmodern World" and the books: "You Lost Me: Why Young Christians Are Leaving the Church and Rethinking Faith" and "Unchristian: What a new generation thinks about the church and why it matters" by Dave Kinnaman.

September
8—The marks of the younger generation: Access, alienation, and authority issues.
15—Discovering "unchristian" faith
22—Perceptions of Christians: Hypocritical, antihomosexual, sheltered, too political, judgmental

Wednesday
Morning
Bible Study
10:00-11:00 a.m.



Sunday
Morning
Bible Study
9:15-10:15 a.m.



**September 1, 2013
8:00 & 10:30 am
Services
Potluck Picnic
and Program
Following**

Pastor Lucht's Farewell

**September 1, 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Potluck & Program to follow in Central Park**

(No Monday Night Service on Sept. 2)

On February 24th, Pastor Lucht announced his intention to retire from St. John's. Farewell services will be on September 1st at 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. A potluck lunch and a program will follow in Central Park.

Many, many memories have been made over the last 30 years. If you'd like to share a memory, you may write it in a letter, card or an email to a.jonas.music@gmail.com. There will be a "Memories" table at the picnic for all to write special stories and greetings.

Monetary gifts can be given directly to Pastor Lucht.

St. John's members are asked to bring extra food beyond the norm to help feed our guests and visitors. Extra picnic tables will be available but it would be helpful if members also brought lawn chairs for extra seating.

The "Rachel" group will take care of the desserts, beverages, serving, set up and take down.

The program will begin after everyone has had a chance to get through the food line, around 12:30.

Questions? Comments? Please contact Annie Jonas at 651.347.9103 or a.jonas.music@gmail.com.

St. John's School - Important Dates

Wednesday, August 28

- Little Blessings Preschool Open House
- 4:30-5:30 pm—3 year olds
- 6:00-7:00 pm—4 year olds

Tuesday, September 3

- First Day of School
- 8:30 am-Opening Chapel Service-All Invited

Friday, September 6

- 5:30 pm-Family Fun Night (at the Smith's Residence)

Sunday, September 15

- 10:30 am-Grades K-8 Sing with Branches Band in Central Park (Optional)

Monday, September 16

- School Individual Picture Day, grades K-8

Sunday, September 22

- Christian Education Sunday
- Grades K-8 Sing for both services, split alphabetically (Mandatory)
- 8:00 a.m.-A-I
- 10:30 a.m.-J-Z

Tuesday, September 24

- 6:30 p.m.-Parent/Teacher Organization (PTO)

Friday, September 27



Women's Enrichment Weekend—9/27-28

Interested in hearing some encouraging speakers? Let's carpool and head to Stillwater!!

You have options . . .

Option 1 - Arrive on Friday by 3 and hear two speakers followed by a boat ride with dinner.

Option 2 – Spend Saturday from 9-5 and hear 4 speakers. Lunch included.

Option 3 – Spend Saturday and stay for

Saturday night church followed by a buffet featuring hors d'oeuvres. Cost? Friday - \$36; Saturday - \$29; both days - \$65.

Friday's speakers – Rachel Timmermann – *My Time in China*
Laura Gruetzmacher - *Be Rejuvenated for Your Vocation.*

Saturday's speakers – Amber Swenson - *Broken and Ready for his Use*
Carolyn DeLorme - *Sharing God's Power with*

Troubled Youth
Patty Johnson - *Facing Depression Head On*
Anita Smith - *Christian Family Counseling.*

Want to know more about the speakers? Check out the website . . .
[. .http://saulemlutheran.org/wew](http://saulemlutheran.org/wew)
Questions? Contact Janet Gehlhar at 715-792-5397 or jgehlhar@bevcomm.net.

Women's
Enrichment
Weekend

Sept. 27-28
Stillwater, MN

Pastor's Report—July 2013

SUNDAY CHURCH ATTENDANCE:	1,003	
AVERAGE FOR THE MONTH:	251 (-41 June '13, -9 July '12)	
COMMUNION ATTENDANCE:	417 (-7 June '13, -11 July '12)	
BIBLE CLASS ATTENDANCE:	94	
MEMBERSHIP: 6/30/13	BAPTIZED: 793	COMMUNICANT: 621
MEMBERSHIP: 7/31/13	BAPTIZED: 774	COMMUNICANT: 607

BURIALS

NAME	DEATH DATE	BURIAL DATE
Charlson, Arnold	July 24, 2013	July 29, 2013
Meincke, David	July 24, 2013	July 30, 2013

DIVINE CALLS

NAME	DATE	CALL	STATUS
Martin, Pastor Micah	July 21, 2013	Associate Pastor, St. John's, RW	Returned

PROFESSION OF FAITH

NAME	DATE
Blanchette, Owen & Jessica	July 23, 2013

(Children: Sadie, Dru, Elliot)

TRANSFERS

NAME	IN/OUT	DATE
Molnar, Ben	OUT	July 1, 2013
Opperman, Karla	IN	July 25, 2013

.....Correction from June Reporter 2013

MARRIAGES

NAME	DATE
Klug, Evan	Mitchener, Chelsey June 8, 2013

Vacation Bible School was a Big Success. Thanks to All Who Helped.

St. John's Church, Red Wing, MN had Vacation Bible School Sunday evening, July 28 through Thursday, August 1, 2013. The theme was "A Tiny BIT-O-TALENT". Forty students from the ages of 3 through grade 6 attended. There were several students grade 6 and up that were utilized for volunteers as well as several adults. A light supper was served each evening before the opening devotion. A HUGE thank you to all the people that donated your time, food, prizes, supplies and money for the evening meals!! Kwik Trip of Red Wing donated fruit and water.

Renee Roper coordinated the suppers, and Edna Rundquist, Nikki Mahoney, Chris Ballman and Stacy Wegner served the suppers.

Pastor Engel and Pastor Lucht had some great opening devotions. Pastor Lucht had the students doing finger exercises, and that takes talent. Pastor Engel handed the microphone out to a few very young musicians to show us all their musical talents. Emma Augustine was in charge of registration and attendance, with the help of Brianna Hove. The PreK-Kindergarten teacher was Tricia Bain and her helpers were

Heather Schulz, Claire Deden, Anthony Gerken, Tanner Wright, and Lindsey Klatt. Grades 1-2 had Linsey Taylor teaching with the help of Mitchel Taylor, Katie Engel, and Brianna Hove. Grades 3 and up had Hannah Gunhus teaching with Lindsey Klatt as a helper.

Emma Augustine was the music leader with help from Lavon Augustine, Brianna Bruce, Chris Ballman and Haley Pritchard. Mr. Hansen was able to help with the outdoor fun on Sunday, and Reece Price, Karla Opperman, Tyler Ballman and Tanner Wright

helped out doors the rest of the week. Nikki Mahoney instructed the crafts portion with the help of Stacy Wegner. Some craft items were donated by Sterling Dollar Store of Hastings, MN. Thank you teachers and helpers! A very big, big thank you to parents for bringing your children to "A tiny BIT_O_TALENT". And thank you students for participating in Vacation Bible School I hope you enjoyed the week and found a bit of talent in yourself!

Thank you!
Darla Vieths
VBS Coordinator

Gifts & Memorials

BUILDING FUND

In memory of Dorothy Harding given by Edna Rundquist	\$	25.00
In memory of Verneil Voth given by her children	\$	25,016.66
In memory of John Wright given by Jack & Darlene Tomhave	\$	10.00
In memory of Arnold Charlson given by Family & Friends	\$	175.00
In memory of Arnold Charlson given by Paul Benidt	\$	10.00

COMPUTER FUND

Special Gift from Wise Penny for school computer fund	\$	500.00
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ENDOWMENT FUND

In memory of John Wright given by Lowell & Carol Gran	\$	10.00
In memory of John Wright given by Harold & Lora Henn	\$	10.00
In memory of David Meincke given by Wayne & Bonnie Dicke	\$	25.00
In memory of Arnold Charlson given by Family & Friends	\$	95.00
In memory of Arnold Charlson given by John & Doris Kohrs	\$	25.00
In memory of Arnold Charlson given by Phil & Joan Revoir	\$	20.00
In memory of Arnold Charlson given by Martin & Althea Voth	\$	20.00
In memory of Arnold Charlson given by Lowell & Carol Gran	\$	10.00
In memory of Arnold Charlson given by James & Audrey Horn	\$	10.00
In memory of Arnold Charlson given by Wayne & Bonnie Dicke	\$	10.00
In memory of Arnold Charlson given by Harold & Lora Henn	\$	10.00
In memory of Arnold Charlson given by Byron & Dorene Pearson	\$	10.00

Church Cleaning Groups

9/7/2013	9/14/2013	9/21/2013	9/28/2013	10/5/2013
Group #3	Group #4	Group #5	Group #6	Group #7
*Betcher, Mark	Birk, Janice	*Church, Ed	Dankers, Carol	*Dicke, Pat
*Birk-Betcher, Julie	Born, Marvin	*Church, Kathy	Dankers, David	*Dicke, Todd
Banitt, Justin	Born, Virginia	Budensiek, Susan	Dankers, Dennis	Dicke, Bonnie
Banitt, Sara	Bremer, Lorraine	Callstrom, Alice	Dankers, Marlene	Dicke, Jared
Berg, Jason	Bremer, Raymond	Callstrom, Carl	Deden, Niles	Dicke, Justin
Buck, Derrick	Bruemmer, Dolores	Callstrom, Richard	Deden, Ross	Dicke, Tyson
Buck, Tyler	Bruemmer, Donald	Carlson, Dean	Deden, Susan	Dicke, Wayne
Barnes, Elaine	Brusehaver, James	Carlson, Diane	Dilks, Stacy	Diercks, Arlen
Barnes, Thomas Sr.	Brusehaver, Linda	Degener, Evan	Verdugo, Debra	Diercks, Audrey
Bauer, Gwen	Buck, Dallas	Mickelson, Stephanie	Verdugo, Mark	Diercks, Glen
Bauer, Nicholas	Buck, Jessica	Perkinson, Cheryl	Gronseth, Chris	Diercks, Lynn
Benidt, Paul	Buck, Judy	Perkinson, Christi	Gronseth, Claire	Diercks, Suzanne
Betcher, Aaron	Buck, Matthew	Perkinson, Perk	Gronseth, Darren	Diercks, Terry
Betcher, Keshia	Horn, Audrey	Opperman, Karla	Shannon, Sara	Nelson, Darrell
Betcher, Megan	Horn, Jim		Lentz, Holly	Nelson, Jennifer
Betcher, Zach	Jaeger, Chelsea			Hofius, Dan
Schulz, Brent	Jaeger, Elyce			Hofius, Val
Schulz, Heather	Jaeger, Quinn			Hofius, Wyatt
	Jaeger, Whitney			
	Schutz, Mickie			



Gifts & Memorials—Continued

In memory of Arnold Charlson given by Donald & Dolores Bruemmer	\$	10.00
In memory of Arnold Charlson given by Harold & Cheryl Puppe	\$	10.00
In memory of Arnold Charlson given by Marlys Alms	\$	10.00
In memory of Arnold Charlson given by Ernest & Marlene Hernlem	\$	10.00
In memory of Arnold Charlson given by Carol Olson	\$	10.00

GENERAL FUND

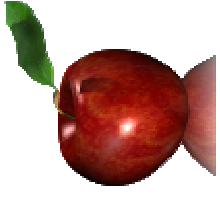
In memory of Dorothy Harding given by Family & Friends	\$	300.00
In memory of Dorothy Harding given by Elwin & Wanda Amyx	\$	20.00
In memory of John Wright given by Joan Holst	\$	10.00
In memory of John Wright given by Jerome & Norma Hanson	\$	10.00
In memory of Arnie Charlson given by Richard & Alice Callstrom	\$	20.00
In memory of David Meincke given by Richard & Alice Callstrom	\$	20.00
In memory of Arnold Charlson given by Family & Friends	\$	100.00
In memory of David Meincke given by Byron & Dorene Pearson	\$	25.00
In memory of David Meincke given by Elwin & Wanda Amyx	\$	20.00
In memory of Arnold Charlson given by Elwin & Wanda Amyx	\$	20.00
In memory of Arnold Charlson given by Janice Birk	\$	20.00
In memory of Arnold Charlson given by Lois Kask	\$	5.00

SCHOOL FUND

Thrivent Choice Dollars (given by Wayne Dicke, Harold Henn, Edna Rundquist, and Lori Schlichting)	\$	3123.00
In memory of Dorothy Harding given by Dale & Carole Krass	\$	25.00
In memory of John Wright given by Mr. & Mrs. Erwin Jonas	\$	10.00
In memory of Arnold Charlson given by Mr. & Mrs. Erwin Jonas	\$	10.00

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

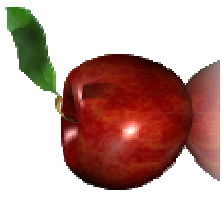
In memory of Dorothy Harding given by Phyllis Ekstrom	\$	20.00
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:00 am Worship—Lucht Farewell 10:30 am (Service Time Change) Worship—Lucht Farewell 11:30 am Potluck Picnic and Program to follow in Central Park	2 NO Evening Worship (resumes on 9/9) 7:00 pm LES Committee	3 First Day of School 8:30 am Opening Chapel Service	4 10:00 am Bible Study 3:30 pm Public School Catechism Class	5	6 5:30 pm Family Fun Night at the Smith's	7 YPS Garage Sale 8:00 am Cleaning Group #3
8 8:00 am Worship with Communion 9:00 am Registration for Sunday School 9:15 am Sunday School Begins Bible Study 10:30 am Worship with Communion Installation of Sunday School Teachers	9 7:00 pm Worship with Communion	10 First Day of Little Blessings Preschool 8:00 am Moms' Bible Study 6:00 pm Ladies Guild Dinner Out	11 10:00 am Bible Study 3:30 pm Catechism Class 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study	12	13	14 8:00 am Cleaning Group #4
15 8:00 am Worship—Branches Band 9:15 am Bible Study Sunday School 10:30 am Outdoor Worship in Central Park with Branches Band Kids Sing Grades K-8 Church Potluck Picnic to follow in Central Park (Ruth Serving Group)	16 School Individual Picture Day 7:00 pm Worship—Branches Band	17 8:00 am Moms' Bible Study	18 10:00 am Bible Study 3:30 pm Catechism Class 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study	19	20	21 8:00 am Cleaning Group #5
Christian Education Week ~ 9/16-9/22						



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
22 Christian Education Sunday 8:00 am Worship K-8 Sing, split alphabetically—A-I 9:15 am Bible Study Sunday School 10:30 am Worship K-8 Sing, split alphabetically—J-Z	23 7:00 pm Worship	24 Reporter Articles Due 8:00 am Moms' Bible Study 9:30 am Pastor's Circuit Mtg 4:00 pm Special Communion 4:30 pm Worship at the Cross (Engel) 6:30 pm PTO	25 10:00 am Bible Study 3:30 pm Catechism Class 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study 7:00 pm Church Council	26	27 Parent Transport Day (School in Session all day)	28 YPS Paintballing 8:00 am Cleaning Group #7 9:00 am Mailing Committee
29 8:00 am Worship with Communion 9:15 am Bible Study 10:00 am Worship with Communion	30 7:00 pm Worship with Communion	1 Sneak Peak Info October Soccer Day, Gr. 1-5 8:00 am Moms' Bible Study	2 Soccer Day, Gr. 6-8 10:00 am Bible Study 3:30 pm Catechism Class 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study	3	4	5 8:00 am Cleaning Group #8
6 8:00 am Worship 9:15 am Bible Study Sunday School 10:30 am Worship	7 7:00 pm LES Committee	8	9 10:00 am Bible Study 3:30 pm Catechism Class 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study	10 3:00-7:00 pm Parent/Teacher Conferences	11	12 8:00 am Cleaning Group #9

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September 2013

SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

(September through May)

WORSHIP: 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

MORNING BIBLE CLASSES: 9:15 a.m.

MONDAY EVENING WORSHIP: 7:00 p.m.

(Excluding Advent & Lent)

SUMMER HOURS

(June through August)

WORSHIP: 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

BIBLE CLASS: 9:15 a.m.

MONDAY EVENING WORSHIP: 7:00 p.m.

ALL EVENING SERVICES during the year are at 7:00 p.m.

COMMUNION is served on the
SECOND and **LAST SUNDAYS** of the month.