

## Wild Game Feed & Seminar

***Free!***

***Ex-poacher, Dr. Tom Rakow***

Saturday, February 6, 2010  
At St. John Lutheran Church

**Admission, Meal,  
Drawing for Prizes – Free!**

*Doors open: 3:00pm*

*Dinner: 5:00 pm*

*Seminar: 6:00 pm*

## **RODEO ROUNDUP**

FEBRUARY 27TH 10:00 AM TO 3:00 PM

IT'S THE KICK OFF TO LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK

FOOD, GAMES, TRACTOR PULLS,

CALF ROPING, FACE PAINTING AND

THE SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

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**Saints Alive**

February 2010

**Connecting People to Jesus**



***“O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days”***

‘Tis the season to speak of Lent. Is Lent a time of going on a diet. What is the purpose and focus? In basic terms, Lent is the season before Easter when we remember Jesus and His 40 days of temptation in the wilderness. We contemplate His keeping the Law for us and focus on our inability to do so without the power of the Spirit to guide and keep us.

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday and ends with Holy Thursday (Maundy Thursday) The evening of Holy Thursday begins the Easter Triduum, which lasts from Holy Thursday to the Evening Prayer of Easter Day.

Traditionally, Lenten fasting continues until the end of Holy Week, and all of Holy Week is included in the traditional 40 day Lenten fast, despite Lent ending on Holy Thursday. Sundays are typically excluded from the Lenten fasting and abstinence, and are not numbered in the traditional "40 Days" of Lent. They are in Lent, but not of Lent, so, the actual modern liturgical season of Lent (lasting 44 days, including Sundays) is numbered slightly differently than the traditional 40 day Lenten fast, which excludes Sundays.

The purpose of Lent is to be a season of fasting, self-denial, Christian growth, penitence, conversion, and simplicity. Lent, which comes from the Germanic word for springtime, can be viewed as a spiritual spring cleaning: a time for taking spiritual inventory and then cleaning out those things which hinder our corporate and personal relationships with Jesus Christ and our service to him.

This is a chance to reflect on the work of God and how that Work is carried out in our life. May God give you His strength and may this Lenten season be of great benefit to you.

Pastor Tim

**CHURCH AND SCHOOL**

**ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**E10723 COUNTY ROAD Z**  
**WAUSAU, WI 54403**  
**842-5212—CHURCH**  
**845-7031—SCHOOL**  
[stjohnluth1@verizon.net](mailto:stjohnluth1@verizon.net)

**MISSION STATEMENT**

St. John Lutheran Church and School is dedicated to worship, love, teach, reach out and care through the love of Christ Jesus.

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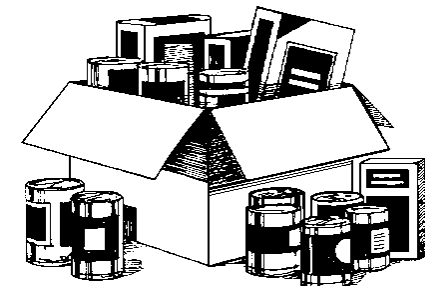
**Trustee Chairman**  
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 Roger Tesch

**Pastor**  
 Rev. Timothy Coppersmith

**Principal**  
 Don Abel

There is a Food Pantry basket  
 in the narthex  
 set up year round so anyone  
 wishing to  
 donate food may do so.



**Christian Women’s Group**

All women of the congregation are invited to join us the second Tuesday of each month at 7pm for Christian Women's Group, a circle of the LWML. We are a Bible study group for women of all ages with a focus on studying God's word, praying for mission work at home and abroad and participating in small service projects. Additionally, we support mission work by collecting mites. Mite boxes are available on the information table in the narthex for anyone who wishes to contribute. Our next meeting is Tuesday, February 9th from 7-8:30pm. You may contact Carol Raczek at 571-4244 with any questions. We hope to see you there!

**E-MAIL DATABASE**

We would like to start a church e-mail database for use in the future to get out information such as updates on church events, announcements or newsletters. Send a message to [stjohnluth1@verizon.net](mailto:stjohnluth1@verizon.net) mentioning that you'd like to receive information in this manner. Your e-mail **will not automatically** be put on the list if you do not expressly request it.



**Worship Life at St. John**

Thursday ~ 7:00 P.M. Sunday ~ 7:45 & 10:15 A.M.  
 Sunday School and Bible Study ~ 9:00 A.M.

# Wild Game Feed & Seminar

It's the Saturday before the Super Bowl and you don't know what to do? Come and visit "your neighbor in the country" at St. John Lutheran Church.

The Sportsmen of St. John Lutheran Church – Wausau (Town of Easton) invite you to join them for their 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Hunting Seminar and Game Dinner. The Seminar and dinner will take place at the St. John Lutheran Church gymnasium on February 6, 2010. The doors open at 3:00 p.m., Dinner is at 5:00 and the seminar is at 6:00 p.m.. There is not admission for the seminar and the meal is free, so bring the family for a great night of hunting fun.

This year's seminar will feature Dr. Tom Rakow a former poacher. More than four decades ago, at the age of 11, Tom Rakow poached his first deer with a twenty-two caliber rifle. Since then his life has turned from poacher to preacher.

A veteran speaker at hunting seminars, Dr. Rackow is proficient in coon, deer, and turkey hunting as well as fishing. His seminar presentation is designed to offer helpful hints and advice to hunters of all ages and abilities. Tom is the founder of the Christian Deer Hunters Association and the Christian Anglers Association and has written several books and devotions with a hunting emphasis.

Tom and his wife, Beth, and their four daughters (along with their four English pointers) reside in Silver Lake, MN. Tom serves as the full-time pastor of Grace Bible Church in Silver Lake.

In addition to learning new hunting strategies, participants will have the opportunity to register for free prize drawings, bring in a mount to display, bring any buck mount for measuring and scoring, and bring in a trail camera picture for display on the "Critters Board." There will also be a nostalgic hunting artifacts display, and various vendors will also be present displaying their products and services.

St. John Lutheran Church and School is approximately 4 miles east of the intersection of Highways X and Z. For more information regarding this event log on to [www.stjohnofwausau.org](http://www.stjohnofwausau.org), or call the church office at 842-5212.



## St. John Lutheran School

### Vision Statement

Our vision for St. John Lutheran School is to equip and nurture our disciples, so they may live their lives as a reflection of Christ by serving God and each other in Christian fellowship.

### St. John Lutheran School PTL

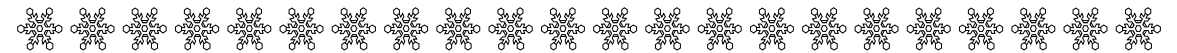
2009-2010 PTL Board Members

President	Cathy Benz – 842-2592
Vice President	Sherry Leitzka - 843-5862
Treasurer	Kim Borchardt – 848-9303
Secretary	Kathe Breitenfeldt -848-9302
Script	Lori Seliger – 446-2453

### UPCOMING PTL EVENTS

Mark your calendars - More information to come.

February 27th Rodeo round up and book fair  
February 28—March 5 Lutherans Schools week



### ST. JOHN PRESCHOOL STORYTIME!

2nd Tuesday of every month.

11:15—11:45 am in the Preschool Room

While the children are enjoying various stories, songs and reading readiness activities, parents and caregivers will be invited to gather in the church narthex for a time of fellowship and to enjoy some refreshments.

Our next story time will be on **Tuesday, February 9, 2010**. We hope you will be able to join us for this fun monthly activity!



# Camp Luther



Camp Luther is a ministry of the North Wisconsin District-LCMS. Our mission is to build up the Body of Christ for service to the church and witness to the world. Visit [www.campluther.com](http://www.campluther.com) for more details, including online registration.

**SUMMER CAMP 2010 ONLINE REGISTRATIONS OPENED JANUARY 1!!!** You can now register for Summer Camp 2010 at [www.campluther.com](http://www.campluther.com). Ensure your first choice week and village at our secure website. If you have attended camp before, you should have received a brochure in your mailbox in mid December! And don't forget to bring a friend who has never been to Camp Luther before, and you will both get a 20% discount!!

**COLLEGE STUDENTS NEEDED??** To fill 2010 Summer Staff positions at Camp Luther, such as counselors, lifeguards and first aid/arts and crafts coordinator.? Detailed job descriptions/applications are available at [www.campluther.com](http://www.campluther.com).? Those who apply and are accepted will enjoy a fulfilling and active summer having fun and sharing their Christian faith with children of all ages.? Please prayerfully consider this meaningful summer opportunity.? In addition, **High School sophomores, juniors, and seniors** are eligible to apply for Junior Counselor positions; applications are currently being accepted.? Find applications and more information at [www.campluther.com](http://www.campluther.com) and click on Get Involved.

## GREETING CARDS

Greeting cards are available throughout the year as an on going fundraiser for the Kitchen Cabinet.

You will find a wide assortment of greeting cards for most all occasions, including Confirmation, Get Well, Thinking of You, Happy Birthday, Sympathy and more. Cards are available individually for \$.50 each.

Holiday cards will be available for the Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons.

Your suggestions and comments are always welcome and as your interest in our display grows . . . so will our display of items grow.

Thank you for checking out our display as you consider your greeting card needs.

## Congratulations to . . .

★ Nicole Osswald for winning a full refund of the price of her wedding dress at Elegant Occasions.

★ Matt Schulz and Dan Fenhaus. Matt is the son of Craig and Lynn Schulz. He won the World Championship snowmobile derby January 17th at Eagle River. Last season Matt broke his neck in a race two weeks before the Eagle River race and spent most of the season recovering. Dan, who is the son of Jim and Gayle Fenhaus and also Matt's cousin, was also in the finals this year. We congratulate both of them and also thank God for keeping them safe.

## Labels for Education and Boxtops for Education

Sheets listing the eligible products are on the table in the narthex. Take one and see which labels and boxtops are valuable to the school. There are probably several in your cupboards right now! Labels and boxtops can be dropped off in the church office or school office.

## St. John Prayer Chain



St. John Prayer Chain has 25 members. If you have prayers for yourself or anyone you know for healing, grief or thanking God for gifts, a new child, etc., call Dorothy Kunze at 842-1026 and we will send the prayers to God.



# American Red Cross Blood Drive

The American Red Cross wants to assure the public that at this time, we are meeting the requests for blood due to the Haitian tragedy through our National Inventory System.

However, the need for blood is constant and the Marathon County Chapter would encourage all loyal and first-time donors to help maintain a reliable supply for patients by attending a local blood drive.

Please consider attending one of these open blood drives:

Wausau Center Mall on Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup>  
10 am – 3pm in the food court.  
Appointments by calling the Red Cross 842-2156

Rib Mountain Fire Department, February 12<sup>th</sup>  
12:30 – 5:00 pm  
call 1-800-GIVE LIFE for appointments

Walk-ins are always welcome.

## MEDICATION SAFETY BAGS AVAILABLE

The Aging & Disability Resource Center is piloting a Medication Safety Bag project to help individuals better manage their medications. These Medication Safety Bags can assist individuals in easy transport of medications and are also beneficial in an emergency situation, making it easy for emergency medical personnel to find all the medications quickly. The Medication Safety Bags are free of charge, to any individual who is on multiple medications and is interested in managing medications easier. Call Peggy at 715-261-6084 to get your bag today!

## *Thoughts from our DCE Intern:*

I hope you all are having a great New Year! Mine, so far, seems to be even busier than the Christmas season. I've been working with different people getting different events planned and ready, like the Wild Game Feed, an upcoming servant event, and much more. All this while, also, doing various school related work like filling out intent to graduate forms, reading books, and more.

One of the main things I've been working on are Youth events especially various fundraisers for the National Youth Gathering that 12 of the youth and 3 adults will be going to this summer. When in New Orleans, for the gathering, those that go will get to hear God's Word daily through various speakers, skits, and music. They will be able to meet other youth from all over the country and check out various vendors for schools, districts, and others. There are also several games to play, such as basketball and volleyball, and different bands performing everyday. So if you see a fundraiser going on please help us go. I've gone to two National Youth Gatherings and every time I learn something new and grow in faith.



- ☺ Wild Game Feed – selling sodas, make sure you sign up especially if you are going to the National Youth Gathering
- ☺ Youth Night on the 7th is canceled – have fun watching the Super Bowl!
- ☺ Singing Valentine Fundraiser – Feb. 14 meet at church at 1:00



We are looking for one or two people to lead VBS this summer. It will be from July 26 to July 30. If you have questions please talk to Lyle Kunze or Ginny Golchert.



# FAITH CAFÉ

NOW OPEN UNTIL EASTER

Please join us at 9:00 a.m. Sunday mornings for Faith Café. Faith Café is more than a Bible study, more than a class. It is a place for exploring truth about ourselves, our God and our relationship with the world. Faith Café' will run for eleven weeks. Pastor will lead each session as we ask, "How Do I See Myself", "Who Am I Really?", and "Who Can I Become?". After we have studied ourselves, we will turn to the one who made us who we are—God. We will ask, "How Do I See God?", "Is God My Father?", and "Can God Use Me?" Once we know who we are and what God wants us to do, we will look at what that means for us in our workplace, our homes and at Church.

Please join the Board of Christian Education at the Faith Café' as we reflect, explore, investigate, meditate, and apply what we have learned about the person God wants us to be!

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

FOR OUR SECOND ANNUAL CAMP OUTING  
AT THE EAU CLAIRE DELLS AUGUST 20-22.  
ANYONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO HELP OUT  
PLEASE CONTACT CATHY BENZ  
LOOK FOR MORE INFORMATION TO COME!



## CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

In an effort to save paper and money, I will only be printing statements for those who request them. If you'd like a statement at anytime during the year, please call the office and let me know.  
Thanks, Karen



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\* **Flowers on the Altar this Sunday . . .** \*

\* Are in honor of a special occasion or in memory of \*  
 \* someone, or maybe just because you'd like to donate \*  
 \* flowers for the Altar. Let the church office know and they \*  
 \* will get an announcement in the bulletin. Floral Magic \*  
 \* gives us a 10% discount but you may get flowers from a \*  
 \* florist of your choice. Please call the office 842-5212 to \*  
 \* make arrangements for the delivery of the flowers. \*

\* A **FLOWER FUND** has been established to provide fresh \*  
 \* flowers for the Altar when there are no specific flower \*  
 \* donations made. Please mark your donation "**Flower** \*  
 \* **Fund Donation**" and drop it in the church offering plate. \*

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# MEMORIALS

## St. John Building Fund

In memory of Harvey Strehlow  
From: Doris Strehlow & family

In memory of Pauline Valent

From: Norman & Edna Mae Parsch  
Jon & Karen Roble  
Marion Schalow  
Delores Weber  
George & Shirley Zahrt  
Melvin & Laura Benz

In memory of Adeline Hahn

From: Edna Bahlow  
Melvin & Laura Benz  
Hazel Block  
Milton & Florence Block  
Myron Block  
Ted & Judy Blus  
Rick & Kim Borchardt  
Randal & Jill Borchardt  
Richard & Shirley Brink  
Roger & Darlene Burk  
Jack & Lorraine Christensen  
Sylvia Colins  
June Dittbrender  
Beth Doucette  
Dusty & Amy Hahn  
Harlan & Steven Hahn  
Jerome & Janet Hahn  
Ron & Carolyn Hahn  
Tim & Dawn Hahn  
Sandra Gresens  
Dorothy Kunze  
Steve & Carol Kunze  
Leila Lucero & Dennis Holbach  
Ruben & Della Marquardt  
Tracy & Keith Martin

Marvin & Angeline Matthiae  
April Murphy  
Shawn & Karen Opper  
Norman & Edna Mae Parsch  
Leon & Sharon Pittsley  
Marjorie Raddatz  
Jon & Karen Roble  
Gary & Diana Rux  
Marion Schalow  
Glenda Schilling  
Verna Schlund  
Doris Strehlow  
Wayne & Lucy Syring  
Judy & Dennis Tepp  
Roger & Beverly Tesch  
Delores Weber  
Adeline Wenzel  
Ron & Mary Ann Westcott  
Joyce Wilde  
Beverly Zahrt  
George & Shirley Zahrt  
Merlin & Joan Zahrt  
Margaret Zimmerman  
Patricia Zimmerman  
David & Norma Zimmermann  
Eugene & Nancy Zunker

## St. John General Fund

In memory of Pauline Valent  
From: Dorothy Kunze

## Full-time Church Worker Scholarship

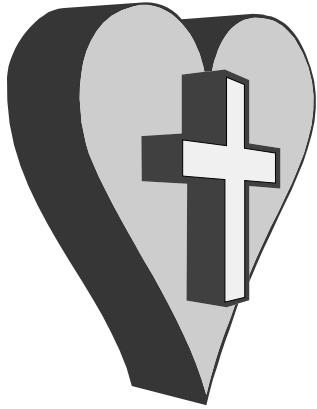
In memory of Adeline Hahn  
From: Earl & Dar Ramthun

In memory of Pauline Valent  
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## Those Serving in the Lord's House during February

Elders: Terry Petersen and Bob Prah  
Altar Guild: Marie Juedes and Janice Michalski

Date	Time	Acolytes	Ushers	Nursery
February 4	7:00 pm	Callie Wesenick		
February 7	7:45 am	Wyatt Thompson Logan Seliger	Kyle Borchardt, Scott, Sean & Seth Baumann	
	10:15 am	Brett Breitenfeldt Eric Breitenfeldt	Steve & Carol Kunze, Scott & Matthew Hansen	Laura Ramthun
February 11	7:00 pm	Casey Wesenick		
February 14	7:45 am	Helen Thompson Katie Koenig	Roger & Beverly Tesch John Glynn, Seth & Jordan Abt	
	10:15 am	Lauren Hamell Hannah Bangart	Neal & Cindi Schalow Randy, Lisa, Travis & Cody Fritz	Michelle Coppersmith
February 17 <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	7:00 pm	Jordan Hansen		
February 21	7:45 am	Jessica Wenzel Wyatt Thompson	Cliff & Kris Prah Jon & Steve Roble	
	10:15 am	Aidan Coppersmith Brett Breitenfeldt	Vern Block Grant Coppersmith	Diane Schultz
February 25	7:00 pm	Callie Wesenick		
February 28	7:45 am	Helen Thompson Logan Seliger	Melvin & Laura Benz, Terry Benz, Tim Benz	
	10:15 am	Lauren Hamell Jimmy Flees	Darrell, Ben & Michael Ramthun Earl Ramthun	Karen Frederick
March 4	7:00 pm	Casey Wesenick		
March 7	7:45 am	Katie Koenig Jessica Wenzel	Arlo & Audrey Schlund, Mike Schlund Ben Schlund, John Christensen	
	10:15 am	Hannah Bangart Eric Breitenfeldt	Lyle, Trevor & Caleb Kunze Jerrod Radosta	Kay Ramthun



## Helping Hearts

Victory Lutheran Church is one of the newest congregations in our North Wisconsin District. St. John Care Committee is coordinating a *Helping Hearts* in-gathering of items during February for Victory's Thrift Store. This community resale shop

provides an important service to this economically depressed area.

Victory is on the former K.I. Sawyer Air Force Base in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. The base closed; some people stayed and others moved in. Its population is about 3,500 people, but fluctuates rapidly. The church is located in the center of a community that is struggling. A high percentage of homes have serious drug and alcohol abuse. Many have come to Sawyer from the inner city of Detroit. 78% of the families are on welfare. Great opportunities exist there to reach out to people by being a place where people can come for spiritual direction and to receive love and compassion.

You can be part of this opportunity to share the love of Christ.

**HERE IS HOW YOU CAN HELP!** Check your closets and cupboards for items you no longer use, need or wear—Pick up on sale items like laundry soap, shampoo or towels - Check out the 75% off clearance racks for children's clothing - Then place them in the collection area in the narthex during the month of February. Examples of items we hope to be gathering and sharing are: cleaning products, personal/health care products, quality used or new; kitchen items (toaster, dishes, pots & pans), household items (towels, sheets, blankets, quilts) clothing (children & adult), toys, puzzles, books. Any monetary gifts will be used by St. John Care Committee to purchase personal care items (soap, toothpaste, etc.)

There is great potential for Victory to make a huge impact on their community. Thank you for your support of this ministry that is making a difference in the lives of people.

If you would like more information, please contact June Dittbrender at 446-3198 or Paula Krueger at 842-9055.

## Financial Report

	YTD Actual 2009-2010 <u>7-1-09 to 1-12-10</u>	YTD Budget 2009-2010 <u>7-1-09 to 1-12-10</u>	YTD Actual 2008-2009 <u>7-1-08 to 1-12-09</u>
Income			
Total Income	219,126	221,361	199,937
Expenses			
Total Expenses	220,887	207,757	176,616
Net			
Net Income	(1,761)	13,604	23,321

<u>Income</u>	<u>Sept. 09</u>	<u>Oct. 09</u>	<u>Nov. 09</u>	<u>Dec. 09</u>
Envelopes & Plate Offerings	11,423	12,403	20,978	16,654

### Income – Envelopes & Plate Offerings

YTD Actual for 2009-2010	96,771
YTD Budget for 2009-2010	113,119
YTD Actual for 2008-2009	97,782

**BUILDING FUND** - The building fund has been doing very well for the past year. However, the past 3 months the building fund has used part of the checking account balance to pay the monthly loan payment, as the monthly giving has been below the monthly payment. While this does not cause an immediate concern, it has pulled the checking account balance down some. This information is being communicated because we all know a healthy reserve is something wise to maintain. As we thank you for your continued support to our building fund, we encourage everyone who has made a financial commitment to the project to continue their contributions on a regular basis.

The Lord is watching over St. John and our finances. We have been doing pretty well at staying ahead of the game, and haven't had to borrow any money lately, and even are starting to pay off some old loans. It is important for us to stay on top of this so we can all breathe a little easier, and make life a little easier on all who are involved. Thank you to everyone for generously giving to the Lord's mission, here at St. John.