

RALLY DAY



**FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH ST. JOHN'S
LUTHERAN CHURCH - HAMBURG
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, September 8 and
Monday, September 9, 2024**

James 2:2 – “For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in ...” God shows no partiality: rich and poor alike are called into the kingdom. And both rich and poor alike have something to contribute to the kingdom in accordance with the callings God has given them in their lives. This is why both the Old and New Testaments talk about proportional giving — that is, giving a proportion of our income to the Lord’s work. This makes it possible for rich and poor alike to have the honor of supporting God’s work.

WELCOME TO church

WELCOME VISITORS: We extend a warm welcome to all our visitors

today. We pray that your worship with us is rewarding. Please be sure to sign your name and address in our guest register, located in the narthex. If you are looking for a church home we would like to invite you to be a part of our Bible Based Church family.

Please **TURN OFF ALL CELLPHONES** before service begins. Phones that are on may interfere with transmission of the service to social media and shutting down your phone can help solve network connectivity problems.



Special Music Jeremy Fromm and Ed Stiver

OPENING HYMN "Lift High The Cross" LSB #837

Refrain



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim Till



all the world a-dore His sa-cred name.



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|---|-------|--------------|-----------|---------|-----|-------------|--------------|
| 1 | Come, | Chris-tians, | fol-low | where | our | Cap-tain | trod, |
| 2 | Led | on | their | way | by | this | tri-um-phant |
| 3 | All | new-born | sol-diers | of | the | Cru-ci-fied | sign, |
| 4 | O | Lord, | once | lift-ed | on | the | glo-rious |
| | | | | | | tree, | |

Refrain



Our king vic-to-rious, Christ, the Son of God.
 The hosts of God in con-qu'ring ranks com-bine.
 Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died.
 As Thou hast prom-ised, draw us all to Thee.

5 Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell.
Refrain

6 So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory! *Refrain*

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INVOCATION

P Jesus said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."
(Matthew 28:18-20)

We begin our worship as we began our Christian life, through Holy Baptism, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P "God is spirit, and His worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth." *(John 4:24)* And, "He who conceals his sins does not prosper, but whoever confesses and renounces them finds mercy." *(Proverbs 28:13)*
Therefore, let us confess and renounce our sins with a sincere heart and mind before the Lord, receiving His Almighty, Divine, and Eternal forgiveness.

*(A moment of silence
for personal confession and reflection.)*

P We confess:

C **God forgive me, a sinner. Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our**

whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P “For God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son, so that whosoever believes in Him shall not perish, but shall have everlasting life. (*John 3:16*) “Blessed is the one whose sin the LORD does not count against him, and in whose spirit is no deceit. (*Based on Psalm 32:1, 2*) By this, your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto you, and by the command and in the stead of the Lord Jesus Christ, (*John 20:22-23; Matthew 16:19 NIV*) I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. “Be of good cheer, your sins are forgiven you. (*Matthew 9:2 KJV*) Now, go and live a life worthy of your calling in Christ Jesus, and produce fruit in keeping with real repentance. (*Ephesians 4:1*)

HYMN OF RESPONSE

“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

LSB #575



1 My hope is built on noth - ing less Than Je - sus'
 2 When dark - ness veils His love - ly face, I rest on
 3 His oath, His cov - e - nant and blood Sup - port me
 4 When He shall come with trum - pet sound, Oh, may I



blood and righ - teous - ness; No mer - it of my
 His un - chang - ing grace; In ev - 'ry high and
 in the rag - ing flood; When ev - 'ry earth - ly
 then in Him be found, Clothed in His righ - teous -



own I claim But whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 storm - y gale My an - chor holds with - in the veil.
 prop gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.
 ness a - lone, Re - deemed to stand be - fore His throne!

Refrain



On Christ, the sol-id rock, I stand; All oth-er ground is sink-ing sand.

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RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 119:9-16 ESV

- P** How can a young man keep his way pure?
C **By guarding it according to Your word.**
P With my whole heart I seek You;
C **let me not wander from Your commandments!**

How can a young person
 stay on the path of

PURITY?

By living according to

**YOUR
 WORD.**

PSALM 119:9, NIV

- P** I have stored up Your word in
 my heart,
C **that I might not sin against
 You.**
P Blessed are You, O Lord;
C **teach me Your statutes!**
P With my lips I declare all the
 rules of Your mouth.
C **In the way of Your
 testimonies I delight as
 much as in all riches.**

- P** I will meditate on Your precepts and fix my eyes on
 Your ways.
C **I will delight in Your statutes; I will not forget
 Your word.**

✠ **GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH HIS HOLY WORD** ✠

- P** “For everything that was written in the past was written
 to teach us, so that through endurance and the
 encouragement of the Scriptures, we might have
 hope.

C “May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus, so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.” (Romans 15:4-6)

FIRST LESSON

1 Peter 1:13 – 2:3 ESV

1 ¹³ Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ¹⁴ As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, ¹⁵ but as He Who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, ¹⁶ since it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.” ¹⁷ And if you call on Him as Father Who judges impartially according to each one’s deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of

your exile, ¹⁸ knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. ²⁰ He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you ²¹ who through Him are believers in God, Who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your

faith and hope are in God. ²² Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, ²³ since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; ²⁴ for “All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, ²⁵ but the word of the Lord

Follow
in Jesus'
Steps



remains forever.” And this word is the Good News that was preached to you.

2 ¹ So put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander. ² Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation—³ if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

P “The grass withers and the flowers fall,

C “but the Word of God stands forever.” (*Isaiah 40:8*)

♪♪ **Special Music**
Jeremy Fromm and Ed Stiver ♪♪

SECOND LESSON

2 Timothy 3:10-17; 4:1-5 ESV

3 ¹⁰ You, however, have followed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, ¹¹ my persecutions and sufferings that happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, and at *Lystra*—which persecutions I endured; yet from them all the Lord rescued me. ¹² Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, ¹³ while evil people and impostors will go

on from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived. ¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from Whom you learned it ¹⁵ and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for

correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

4 ¹ I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, Who is to judge the living and the dead, and by His appearing and His kingdom: ² preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with



1 PETER 1:23, NRSV

complete patience and teaching. ³ For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, ⁴ and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. ⁵ As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

- P** “And we also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you received from us, you accepted it, not as the word of men,
- C** **“but as it actually is, the Word of God, which is at work in you who believe.”** (1 Thess. 2:13-14)

HYMN

“Thy Word Is a Lamp”



Thy Word is a lamp un-to my feet And a light un-to my path.



1 When I feel a - fraid, think I've lost my way,
 2 I will not for - get Your love for me, and yet My



Still You're there right be - side me. And
 heart for - ev - er is wan - der - ing.



noth - ing will I fear as long as You are near.
 Je - sus, be my guide and hold me to Your side;



Please be near me to the end. _____
 I will love You to the end. _____

THE HOLY GOSPEL**John 14:15-27 ESV**

14 ¹⁵ “If you love Me, you will keep My commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, ¹⁷ even the Spirit of truth, Whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him. You know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. ¹⁸ “I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹ Yet a little while and the world will see Me no more, but you will see Me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ In that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you. ²¹ Whoever has My commandments and keeps them, he it is



who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him.” ²² Judas (not Iscariot) said to Him, “Lord, how is it that You will manifest Yourself to us, and not to the world?” ²³ Jesus answered him, “If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word, and My Father will love him, and We will come to him

and make Our home with him. ²⁴ Whoever does not love Me does not keep My words. And the word that you hear is not Mine but the Father's Who sent Me. ²⁵ “These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. ²⁶ But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, Whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

- P** “As Jesus was saying these things, a woman in the crowd called out, ‘Blessed is the mother who gave you birth and nursed you.’
- C** **“He replied, ‘Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God, and obey it.’”** *(Luke 11:27-28)*

SERMON HYMN “Christ Be My Leader”

LSB #861



1 Christ be my Lead - er by night as by day; Safe through the
2 Christ be my Teach - er in age as in youth, Drift - ing or
3 Christ be my Sav - ior in calm as in strife; Death can - not



dark - ness, for He is the way. Glad - ly I fol - low, my
doubt - ing, for He is the truth. Grant me to trust Him; though
hold me, for He is the life. Nor dark - ness nor doubt - ing nor



fu - ture His care, Dark - ness is day - light when Je - sus is there.
shift - ing as sand, Doubt can - not daunt me; in Je - sus I stand.
sin and its stain Can touch my sal - va - tion: with Je - sus I reign.

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✠ SERMON ✠

✠ THE APOSTLES' CREED ✠

✠ WE BRING OUR FIRSTFRUITS TO THE LORD ✠

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

“Give Thanks With a Grateful Heart”

LSB #806



Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, Give thanks to the



Ho - ly One, Give thanks _____ be - cause He's giv - en__ Je - sus



Christ His Son. Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, Give



thanks to the Ho - ly One, Give thanks _____ be - cause He's giv - en__

Je- sus Christ His Son. And now let the weak say "I am strong," Let the poor say "I am rich," _____ Be-cause of what the Lord has done for us. And now let the weak say "I am strong," Let the poor say "I am rich," _____ Be-cause of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks, _____ give thanks. _____

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✂ INSTALLATION OF EDUCATION STAFF ✂



PLet us hear the Word of Jesus, our Savior, that He spoke throughout His ministry, concerning the importance of ministry to children, and let us note them well.

Matthew 10:42

And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward."

Matthew 18:5-6

⁵ "Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me,
⁶ but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin,¹ it would be better for him to have a great millstone

fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.

Matthew 18:10

“See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven.

Matthew 19:13-14

¹³ Then children were brought to him that he might lay his hands on them and pray. The disciples rebuked the people, ¹⁴ but Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven.”

P Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, you have come to be placed as teachers in Saint John’s/Faith Sunday School a work in which our Father in heaven has great joy. You are to assist the ministry of the Word by instructing God’s children according to His Holy Word. You are to prepare yourselves for this work by your individual and corporate study of the word of God and the faith drawn from it as has been delivered to us in the creeds and confessions of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod. While holiness of life and work is the way of all who trust in Christ, it is especially important that you show yourselves, by word and example, to be patterns of good works and Christian devotion. In the presence of God and of this congregation, I therefore ask you: Do you accept the responsibilities entrusted to you, and do you promise faithfully to carry out your duties, trusting in Him and conforming yourself to His Word? If so, answer: “I do.”

Teachers: I do.

P I therefore place you as teachers of St. John’s/Faith Sunday School in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P The Almighty and most merciful God, our heavenly Father, enlighten and strengthen you in your

responsibilities, that you may be good and faithful teachers, to the glory of His name and the salvation of His people.

C

Amen.

P

Let us pray. Grant, O Lord, to these, Your people, the gifts of wisdom and discretion, kindness, and faithfulness, so that they may effectively teach and guide; and grant to all Your people a ready willingness to learn. Let the knowledge of Your Word be preserved and extended among us, that all may know You and, from the least to the greatest, praise You now and forever.

C

Amen.

✠ THE FAMILY OF GOD PRAYS TOGETHER ✠

✠ THE LORD'S PRAYER ✠

P

Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

C

**Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

✠ THE BENEDICTION ✠

P

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

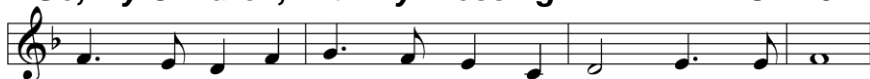


Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

LSB #922



1 Go, My chil-dren, with My bless-ing, Nev-er a-lone.
2 Go, My chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, At peace and pure.
3 Go, My chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, Clos-er to Me;
4 I the Lord will bless and keep you And give you peace;



Wak-ing, sleep-ing, I am with you; You are My own. In My
Here you learned how much I love you, What I can cure. Here you
Grow in love and love by serv-ing, Joy-ful and free. Here My
I the Lord will smile up-on you And give you peace: I the



love's bap-tis-mal riv-er I have made you Mine for-ev-er.
heard My dear Son's sto-ry; Here you touched Him, saw His glo-ry.
Spir-it's pow-er filled you; Here His ten-der com-fort stilled you.
Lord will be your Fa-ther, Sav-ior, Com-fort-er, and Broth-er.



Go, My chil-dren, with My bless-ing— You are My own.
Go, My chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, At peace and pure.
Go, My chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, Joy-ful and free.
Go, My chil-dren; I will keep you And give you peace.

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Sunday School
learning to live the life



Sunday: 2 Kings 5:9-27; Philippians 1:1-20

Monday: 2 Kings 6:1-23;

2 Kings 6:24 – 8:29; Philippians 1:21 – 2:11

Tuesday: 2 Kings 9:1-13; 10:18-29;

2 Kings 13:1 – 18:8; 1 Kings 20: Philippians 2: 12-30

Wednesday: 2 Chronicles 29:1-24; Philippians 3:1-21

Thursday: 2 Chronicles 31:1-21; Philippians 4:1-23

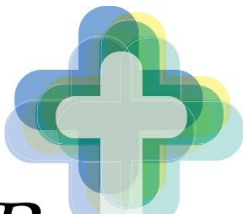
Friday: 2 Chronicles 32:1-22; Hosea 1:1 – 14:9;

Colossians 1:1-23

Saturday: 2 Chronicles 33:1-25; Jonah 1:1- 4:11;

Colossians 1:24 – 2:7

FAITH and ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCHES



Prayers

Please remember the following
in your prayers:

Gary Baumann Bob Burish

Cheryl Dahlke Doris Dahlke

Rodney Dahlke Steve Dahlke

Alice Fromm Wallace Emmerich

Angie Harkner Emma Hein

Dale Janisch Cecelia & Lucille Klade

Emily Klug Rob Koebe Bruce Krenz

Ron Lang Debbie Olson

Mark Pester Edgar Pfaff Marge Radenz Karen Rajek

Jo Schedler Lorraine Steckling Carl Uttech Philip Vogel

Deb Wiederhoeft Susie and Ellie Zastrow



Prayers for the family of

LYDIA GOETSCH

June 1, 1932 – September 3, 2024

Service will be on Wednesday, September

11 at 11 a.m. at Faith

Visitation begins at 9 a.m.

Prayers for the family of

DELORES GAST

September 30, 1932 – August 29, 2024

Service will be on Thursday, September 12 at 11 a.m. at

Faith. Visitation begins at 10 a.m.

Teacher
Needed



ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CARE-Hamburg is looking for a part time teacher willing to work afternoons who will work around schedule and must be flexible,

fun loving and must love working with children Experience and education a must. If not, person must be willing to take classes. Call Patti at 715 539-8120 or text at 715-432-4858 for more information.



CHURCH CALENDAR ST. JOHN'S and FAITH

Sunday, September 8

SUNDAY SCHOOL

RALLY DAY

8:30 a.m. Worship at St. John's

10:15 a.m. Worship at Faith

11:15 a.m. Bible Study at Faith

4:30 p.m. ISI Men's Fellowship at Stogbauer's cabin

Monday, September 9

6:30 p.m. Worship at Faith

7:30 p.m. Elders' Meeting at Faith

Tuesday, September 10

6:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting at St. John's

7:00 p.m. Elders' Meeting at St. John's

Wednesday, September 11

5:30 p.m. Confirmation Class at Faith

Sunday, September 15

8:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion at St. John's

Sunday School during Sermon at St. John's

9:15 a.m. Sunday School at Faith

9:30 a.m. Bible Class at St. John's

10:15 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion at Faith

11:15 a.m. Bible Study at Faith

Monday, September 16

5:30 p.m. Choir at Faith

6:30 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion at Faith

Tuesday, September 17

6:00 p.m. Trustees' Meeting at Faith

Wednesday, September 18

5:30 p.m. Confirmation Class at Faith



If anyone has EYE GLASSES AND/OR CASES that are no longer used, there is a Lion's Eye Glass Bucket in the coat room, All glasses and cases can be put in the bucket. Any questions, contact Beth (715-574-0190) or Leon Bartelt (715-574-1261) of the Maine Lion's Club.



CHOIR AT FAITH will resume on Mondays at 5:30 p.m. beginning Monday, September 16. New members are always welcome.



**SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE
BED BUILD**

Saturday, September 14

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Burnett Bus Garage

253 E. Business County Road A, Dorchester
Register online at shpbeds.org



FIFTH SUNDAY OFFERING

Sunday, September 29

Polka Service/Chili Dinner

Offering will go to the Klade family to help with medical costs for their twins, Lucille and Cecelia

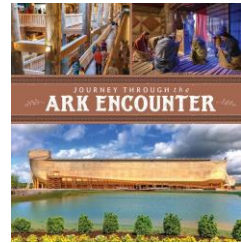
NORTH WISCONSIN DISTRICT ADULT GATHERING.

Make plans now to attend the NWD Adult Gathering on Tuesday, October 15, 2024, at Mount Olive Lutheran Church, Weston. Registration & morning refreshments begin at 9:30 a.m. with the program from 10:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. A catered lunch will be served at noon. Devotions will be led by District President Rev. Dr. Dwayne Lueck. Keynote speaker, Rev. Dr. Reed Lessing, will share a message based on his book “Overcoming Life’s Sorrows: Learning from Jeremiah” which is included with each registration. The \$40 registration fee includes morning refreshments, program, lunch and Dr. Lessing’s book. Registration deadline is October 1st. A freewill offering will be collected to support Peru missions. Registration forms are available in the narthex and on the NWD homepage at www.nwdlcms.org under ‘Events and Info’.



CIRCUIT 6 ARK ENCOUNTER TOUR NOVEMBER 1-3, 2024

Contact Bonnie Grueneberg at 1-715 613-0003 or Jeremy Lee at 715-536-2477 for more information or to reserve your seat - \$150.00 deposit is due within 10 days of making your reservation. Final payment is due October 1st.



FALL IS APPROACHING! BACK TO SCHOOL! For all of your upcoming events and activities, don't forget to pick up Scrip Cards. One can always use cards for everyday personal and household needs such as gas and food, Help support the ministry of our church through the Scrip program ... all without it costing you an extra penny!





Sunday, September 8

4:30 p.m. ISI Men's Ministry @ Chris Stogbauer cabin.

Sunday, September 15

Sunday School resumes

- At St. John's, Sunday School will meet during the sermon
- At Faith, Sunday School classes will meet at 9:15 a.m.
- 9:30 a.m. Bible Study at St. John's resumes

Monday, September 16

5:30 p.m. Choir resumes at Faith

Sunday, September 29

10:00 a.m. Dual Parish Polka Service at Faith

Chili Dinner following worship

Saturday, October 12

LWML Zone Rally at St. John's. Watch for upcoming information.

Sunday, October 20

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Pancake Dinner at Faith



SIGN UP SHEETS are in the back of church for help with the Chili Dinner on September 29 and for help with the Pancake Dinner and Bake Sale on October 20.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank You for your generous sacrificial offerings to the Lord, to help us keep our ministry going. You can also

mail your offerings to Our Churches at

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

15425 County Road K South
Merrill, WI 54452

or

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

134058 County Road L
Athens, WI 54411

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Please help us spread the Word. Visit us online at

Pastor's (Don Love) Facebook Page, or Faith
Lutheran Merrill Facebook Page

<https://faithmerrill.webs.com/>



God,
thank you that
by your power,
small things like seeds —

and faith —

**CAN GROW BIG
AND STRONG.**

Nurture my growth
in you always.

Amen.