

THE GOOD NEWS

OCTOBER 2014

At St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, Fall River, Wisconsin & St. John's Lutheran Church, Doylestown, Wisconsin
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Voters' Meetings

St. Stephen's -
6:30pm Oct 14th

St. John's -
7pm October 21st

Please come and help make decisions for the congregations.

St. Stephen's
Sunday School
Pancake Breakfast
will be October 26th.

Please join us after church.

LWMS is taking a collection for Missions this week. LWMS also is collecting food items or monetary gifts for food items this week for Food Pantries.

+ Pastor Robert Krueger who has occasionally preached and led our worship services in our congregations for many years is no longer able to continue his service to us for health reasons. We thank the Lord and Pastor Krueger for the many, many blessings received from the gospel messages and spiritual guidance he has share with us from God's Word since his first time in our congregations in 1995. The Lord be with you Pastor Krueger.

+ The beautiful new paraments at St. Stephen's are gifts used from the memorial funds of Marie Ashley, Ruth Evans, Isabel Karow and Leona Amberson. Many thanks. To God be the Glory! Thanks also to the Parament committee for your service.

+ Chili-Potato Soup Supper will be Sunday, October 19th at St. Stephen's Lutheran Fellowship Hall. Serving is from 4 pm to 7 pm. Tickets are being sold in advance and at the door. Adults \$7.50 Child 4-10 \$4 & Child 3 & Under Free. Your ticket is your offering for the supper. We hope everyone will support our efforts, invite your friends and join us for some delicious food and fellowship. For carry-outs and deliveries please call the church at 920-484-3822 Sunday afternoon, the 19th after 2 pm.

Some Suggested Prayers this month:

For the family of Leroy Peterson from St. Stephen's who is now with the Lord.

For the hospitalized recently: Dave Ashley, Vilas Lindert, Judi Dauman, Donna Dowdell. May the Lord be with you and help you.

Keith Erickson & Megan Selje who are marrying. God's blessings!

For our two congregations as we continue to need faithful support and willing servants for our ministries. May the Lord inspire your faithful offerings & service.

For our country and the world, and our leaders, as we face ever growing threats in our troublesome world.

Jesus is...the Word

John 1:1,14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ... The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

"I give you my word," we sometimes say when making a promise. We say it because we want to be trusted, to have others take what we say as true. "I give you my word; I'll do more of the housework," says a concerned husband to his exhausted wife. "I give you my word; I'll be there for you whenever you need help," says one friend to another. "I give you my word; I'll be at your soccer game," says the young business man to his daughter, who only wants her dad to be proud of her.

But what happens when we hear that phrase without seeing results? It's emptied of meaning. Ultimately, we need to see someone keep their word before we'll believe them when they say, "I give you my word." It's frustrating when people make promises and fail to keep them. Just ask that daughter of the young business man who got called in to work and missed her soccer game. Broken promises hurt.

But when God makes a promise, he keeps it. He made a promise to right what we have done wrong. He promised forgiveness for our sins. He promised life rather than death. Then he kept his word by sending his only Son, Jesus Christ. To keep the promise of righting our wrongs, Jesus lived the holy life which we could not. To keep the promise of forgiving our sins, Jesus died the death we deserved. To keep the promise of giving us eternal life, Jesus rose from the dead. It is very fitting, then, that in John 1, Jesus is called *the Word*. He is God's promises in action. He is the proof that God keeps his word. God said, "I give you my word," when he made those promises. Then when he sent Jesus, he said, "I give you my Word." Jesus made those promises reality.

God has made even more promises. He promises to help us when we are helpless, to strengthen us when we are weak and to guide us when we are lost. Such promises are more than just nice thoughts or good intentions. God will keep them. They're promises from the God who gave his Word, Jesus, and kept his word to save us.

~ St. John's(J) and St. Stephen's(S) Lutheran Churches ~ October 2014 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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St. Stephen's Ushers: Oct 5th: Phil Oehlert, Dan Oehlert, Mike Wodill & Eugene Wodill

Oct 12th & 19th: Andy Schumann, Nick Schumann, Leroy Yohn, Robert Fredenberg & Wesley Bernath

Oct 26th & Nov 2nd: Russ Berndt, Gary Waterworth, Dave Ashley & Charles Dunning

Nov 9th & 16th: Gene Adam, John Kehi, Billy Kehi, Jim Yohn & Mike Dykstra

Nov 23rd & 26th: J.D. Leisemann, Butch Leisemann, Jace Bolda & Dan Koch

Nov 30th & Dec 7th: Randy Randall, Chris Randall, George Randall, Todd Huggett & Nathan Rockweiler