



The Power
of Your Lips

Welcome, guests! None of what you see and hear from our worship will make much sense unless you understand this one basic thought: We all have a “sin issue” that needs fixing, and that happens simply through remorse in Jesus’ name and the joy of free forgiveness from him. Once that thought is also yours, everything else here – and for that matter, in the Bible – starts to make sense. This is the journey of faith. So join us on the journey through sincere repentance and lively faith in Jesus!

What’s next?

If you’re just getting back to church or looking for a new church, let this be your road map on the journey.

- **Come back next week.** The connection between yourself and Christ gets closer and stronger with more listening to his word, the Bible. And the connection with his people grows also as we experience his truth and love together, extending his peace in our relationships.
- **Sign up for The Four Key Concepts.** This short course gives you the very basics for a good relationship with God. If you know anything from the Bible, know these four keys! Then the rest of the Bible starts to open up for you.
- **Sign up for Bible Inquirer’s Class.** This comparative religions course digs into the Bible’s basic teachings while letting you see how other religions and denominations, including ours, handle those teachings. You get to see the Bible’s own word on these topics and let God’s Spirit show you what the Bible says. This is a pre-requisite for membership here because we base membership not on feelings and style but on unity in God’s precious truths.

- **Personal Hearing Devices** are available in the pass-through window near the elevator.
- **Please silence or turn off your cell**, for an undisturbed worship hour!
- **Restrooms are downstairs**, through doors on the west wall.
- **For Parents:** If your child is restless during the service, please use the lobby or lower level to quiet him/her down, so you can rejoin the assembly in worship. Children’s worship bags are available for small children during the service. Find them next to the upper elevator door.
- **Offerings:** Our offerings make it possible to run the programs and ministries of our church, participating with the Lord our God in his kingdom plans and expansion. Each member is taught to make his own decision what to give, based on the simple principles of giving first to God, generously and with a heart of trust. If you are a guest, you are not expected to participate in the offering. We’re just glad you can be here and listen to God’s Word with us!

Our Mission Statement

Learn, love, live for Christ!

- There are **resources for you and your family** to discover on the display tables in the narthex (lobby). Take home some helpful tools and news – free!
 - **Sunday School** is a HUGE blessing for all ages at St. John’s, because it’s like power-learning and sibling fun all in one! Just as the announcements are to begin, children are encouraged to head for the lobby to meet up with their Sunday School teachers. They’ll lead them to snacks and the start of Sunday School! **Itty Bitty Sunday School** is also available on request, with staff members in the lobby, ready to take any children aged **infant through PreK**, so that parents can attend Bible class. Adults and teens can head downstairs after the announcements where the fun begins in a topic focused on growing your lifestyle and character.
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The Power of Your Lips

There’s power in your lips! Power to do good, or to harm. Today we feature several stories of people using their mouths in both ways, and we gain not only some cautions from our kind God, but some encouragements to use the power of the mouth for good in this world.

CHILDREN'S SONG – *A Lamp to My Feet*

by Beverly Darnall

*A lamp to my feet, a light to my path;
It leads me wherever I go.
A lamp to my feet, a light to my path:
The wonderful Word of the Lord.*

PASTOR’S WELCOME

OPENING HYMN – *Lord of My Life, Whose Tender Care*

CW 232

OPENING SENTENCES

OH, COME, LET US SING

FIRST LESSON: Numbers 11:4-10 – *Complaining spreads!*

⁴The rabble with them began to crave other food, and again the Israelites started wailing and said, “If only we had meat to eat! ⁵We remember the fish we ate in Egypt at no cost-- also the cucumbers, melons, leeks, onions and garlic. ⁶But now we have lost our appetite; we never see anything but this manna!”

⁷The manna was like coriander seed and looked like resin. ⁸The people went around gathering it, and then ground it in a handmill or crushed it in a mortar. They cooked it in a pot or made it into cakes. And it tasted like something made with olive oil. ⁹When the dew settled on the camp at night, the manna also came down.

¹⁰Moses heard the people of every family wailing, each at the entrance to his tent. The LORD became exceedingly angry, and Moses was troubled.

PSALM 148 – *The best use of the lips*

page 121 in the front of the hymnal

SECOND LESSON: Philippians 1:12-18a – *Strange opposition*

¹²Now I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel. ¹³As a result, it has become clear throughout the whole palace guard and to everyone else that I am in chains for Christ. ¹⁴Because of my chains, most of the brothers in the Lord have been encouraged to speak the word of God more courageously and fearlessly.

¹⁵It is true that some preach Christ out of envy and rivalry, but others out of goodwill. ¹⁶The latter do so in love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel. ¹⁷The former preach Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely, supposing that they can stir up trouble for me while I am in chains. ¹⁸But what does it matter? The important thing is that in every way, whether from false motives or true, Christ is preached. And because of this I rejoice.

CHILDREN'S LESSON: **So Much Food It Came Out Their Noses!**

*All children are invited to the front rows near the pulpit for a special message geared to them.
Young ones who might not listen quietly can easily be accompanied by an older person!*

HYMN – *For Christian Homes, O Lord, We Pray*

CW 500

MESSAGE

How to Hate Sin

Mark 9:42-48

⁴²If anyone causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to be thrown into the sea with a large millstone tied around his neck. ⁴³If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life maimed than with two hands to go into hell, where the fire never goes out. ⁴⁵And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. ⁴⁷And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸where “their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched.”

About children

- especially which ones? _____
- teaching children to sin
- provoking children to sin

What is the goal in discipline?

from the word “_____”

- calm _____
- calm _____, to learn

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- how to
- how to
- how to _____ doing _____

“Discipling” sermon

Jesus teaches seriousness about _____

So we can _____ where needed

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Inspires _____

WE PRAISE YOU, O GOD

OFFERING

This is a good time to sign the friendship registers. Please share as much as you would like, ask a question, indicate change in contact information, etc.

As the offering is brought forward, the congregation rises to sing hymn 489, verses 1 and 3, Lord, You Love the Cheerful Giver.

PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

PRAYER FOR GRACE

M: O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger; and in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN – *Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower*

CW 476

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Just as the announcements are beginning, children are invited to head into the lobby and meet up with the Sunday School teachers. They will lead the children to the snack area and the beginning of Sunday School!

Adult Bible Class: *Parenting with Love & Logic* – This practical, down-to-earth course helps parents, teachers, and grandparents discover how to deal with all sorts of challenges – and actually succeed!

Next Week's Worship Theme: *The Strength of a Good Family.*

Pumpkin Patch Palooza Reminders:

- Please contact Shannon Landkammer (507-217-3962) or Sue Hinderman (507-227-6166) if you are able to provide any produce for our Farmers' Market.
- Any wrapped candy or small toys you may wish to donate can be left in a box on the west counter in the kitchen downstairs.
- LOTS of people are needed to sign up for general help! There's a signup sheet in the narthex. Could you sign up today? Pray for good weather, and for these needs to be met soon so we can plan our event to the best of our ability!

St. John's School Fundraising Update: Last summer's concessions stand netted \$4146.95! Thanks to everyone who helped in any way with the concessions.

Please remember to save the following:

- Box Tops for Education
- Milk Moola (Kwik Trip)
- Loaves for Learning (Country Hearth brand)

Note that the Campbell Soup Company has **discontinued** their program. Please do not send these anymore.

Finally, due to lack of interest (only three families use it regularly), the **Scrip program will be discontinued effective October 1**. Please redeem any scrip gift certificates by this time. You can place orders until October 1, however, after that time the remaining inventory will be sold and the account closed down. A decision will be made as to how the money will be used at a later date.

Martin Luther College Food Shelf: We are collecting non-perishable items for the students at MLC during the month of October. Please put donations in the designated boxes on the kitchen counter (west side).

Secretary Position Available! One of our secretaries' spots is open, and we're looking for a replacement from our church membership. Currently hours are from 9:00am to 3:00pm, two school days per week, with the possibility of more days in the future. Duties would mostly involve church secretarial work, though some work for our school would also be included, in particular answering phones and being a positive, friendly face to all who enter the school. Ability to work with computers (Microsoft Office Suite), to have fun organizing, and ability to learn new things is important. Applications will be received at the school office.

High School Choral Fest 2018: This special event will be held at Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School the weekend of November 8-11. Our congregation has been asked to house students from Divine Savior in Doral, FL as well as Evergreen Lutheran from Washington. Busing will be provided to transport students from Sleepy Eye to MVL and back

each day. A host family would provide a very simple breakfast each morning, a place to sleep each night, and a ride to church so they can catch the bus. Sleeping bags on a floor are fine; beds are not required. Forms and information for host families are in the narthex. We are asked to have our host families lined up by October 1st. Would you house a couple of students? For questions, contact Judy Maasz or Paula Windschitl. Thank you!

The Martin Luther College Wind Symphony kicks off its concert season **today** at 3:00 pm in the Wittenberg Collegiate Center Auditorium. This concert is free and open to the public.

MVL Homecoming: On October 5 alumni, parents and Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School Chargers fans are invited to Johnson Park in New Ulm for Homecoming 2018! The tailgate party starts at 6pm, and the Chargers take the field at 7pm. The post-game social at the New Ulm Community Center is free and all are welcome! The social includes Mr. and Ms. 40th Anniversary spirit-wear contests, exciting door prizes, bingo, and complimentary beverages and snacks.

Dad's Belgian Waffles at MVL: The MVL Booster Club is excited to serve the annual "Dad's Belgian Waffles" brunch. On Sunday, October 7, from 9am-1pm attend the all-you-care-to-eat waffles, flavored syrups, sausages, and beverages. Advance tickets can be purchased at home volleyball games, or call the school office at 507-354-6851.

MLC Homecoming: On Saturday, October 13, the Martin Luther College Alumni Association invites you to campus for Homecoming. Check out

www.mlc-wels.edu/events/homecoming

for the full slate of events and come see what is new at your college of ministry!

C18 (Christmas 2018): 1,000,000. It is a big number. Yet, that is the goal—to share the gospel with one million souls prior to and on Christmas Eve 2018. The only way to reach that goal for the army of saints that is the WELS is to work together. Each member, young and old, needs to embrace the privilege and responsibility of sharing Christ with un-churched friends, relatives, and neighbors.

A simple way to do that—invite them to come with you to your congregation's Christmas Eve worship service. Christmas Eve has surpassed Easter as the worship service that un-churched individuals are most likely to attend. A recent survey found that 80% of un-churched adults would seriously consider accepting an invitation, extended by a friend, to attend a Christmas Eve service.

C18 is a program produced by WELS Congregational Services to help our churches and members undertake this effort. When you sign up at welscongregationalservices.net/c18, you will receive weekly updates, resources, and encouragement to help you in your effort to share the good news of the Christ child.

Christmas will be here before you know it. Sign up now!

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COMING EVENTS

Sun Sep 30

- 10:00am Soccer awards
- 10:15am Spiritual growth for kids, teens, and adults!
- 11:30am PTO meeting

Mon Oct 1

- Pastor Appreciation Month begins
- 7:00pm Worship
- 7:05pm St. John's on TV - Channel 8, Springfield
- 7:45pm Spiritual growth for adults and teens!

Tue Oct 2

- 8:10am Catechism class
- 6:00pm St. John's on TV - Channel 8, Sleepy Eye
- 8:00pm Elders' meeting

Wed Oct 3

- 8:10am School chapel service
- 8:55am Mr. Rick on KNUJ
- 1:30pm St. John's on TV - Channel 8, Sleepy Eye
- 7:00pm Choir practice
- 8:00pm Board of Ed. meeting

Thu Oct 4

- 8:10am Catechism class

- 10:00am St. John's on TV - Channel 8, Springfield
- 1:00pm Pumpkin picking at Hackers' Tree Farm
- 4:00pm Worship service at Sleepy Eye Care Center
- 6:30pm Women's Bible class at the parsonage - topic: *Santa Claus*

Fri Oct 5

- Volunteering Day at the Treasure Haus
- Lutheran Elementary School Cross Country Meet
- 7:00pm MVL Homecoming game

Sat Oct 6

- 11:00am **Pumpkin Patch Palooza!**

Sun Oct 7

- 9:00am Worship w/Communion – Theme: *The Strength of a Good Family*
- 10:15am Spiritual growth for kids, teens, and adults!

Mon Oct 8

- 6:55am School faculty meeting
- 7:00pm Worship
- 7:05pm St. John's on TV - Channel 8, Springfield
- 7:45pm Spiritual growth for adults and teens!

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