

# grace notes

The newsletter of Grace Lutheran Church



Every living or working thing needs a time of renewal on a regular basis. To RENEW means:

*to bring back to an original condition of freshness and vigor.*

Trees need to be pruned in the spring. Lawns need to be fertilized. Cars need new spark plugs. Relationships need new life...including our relationship with God.

So how do we bring freshness and vigor back into our faith relationship? There are many ways, but one we would like to invite to consider is our **renew weekend** with Mark Scandrette scheduled for October 7-9.

Who is Mark Scandrette? Why is he coming to Grace?

Mark is an author, teacher, activist and networker among innovative Christian leaders. Back in 2000 he founded ReIMAGINE: A Center for Life Integration based in San Francisco, where he helps people take risks to experiment together with how to integrate the way of Jesus into the details of everyday life. His books include *Practicing the Way of Jesus: Life together in the Kingdom of Love*, and *Soul Graffiti: Making A Life Together in the Way of Jesus*. Mark travels throughout the nation leading retreats, conducting spiritual renewals, and mentoring church leaders. A former native of Minnesota, he and his wife Lisa and their three children live in the Mission District of San Francisco.

In addition to Mark Scandrette, The **Renew weekend** will also feature a local musician and worship leader to create a space in which we can encounter God in a rich and authentic way. Her name is Heatherlyn. She is an acoustic singer song artist with a Soul – Roots – Rock vibe from Minneapolis. She was selected as a Midwest Regional Finalist and awarded the Midwest “People’s Choice” of NPR’s Mountain Stage Performance Contest. Her soulful, honest voice resonates with people from various walks of life. Refreshing, whimsical, deeply authentic and faith-filled, her music will call us to deeper thoughtfulness about life and love, and our purpose in the world. The schedule for the weekend is:

## Friday, October 7

7:00pm – 9:00pm We will have a time of fellowship, worship with Heatherlyn, and an introductory presentation from Mark Scandrette.

## Saturday, October 8

9:00am – 11:00am We will regroup for another time of worship and learning with Heatherlyn and Mark.

11:30 – 3:00pm In the afternoon we will break out into small groups to dig deeper into the concepts that Mark has challenged us with and do some “experimenting” in Practicing the Ways of Jesus in real time. It should be a fun exercise that stretches us and sets us on a new course for growing deeper with God.

5:00pm – 6:00pm Heatherlyn and Mark will lead us for our regular Saturday night service. It will be a great way to end the day together.

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# *Williams Lake Church of the Nazarene*

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**Fall  
2011**



**Connect. Worship. Serve.**

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## A word from Pastor Wine....

Connect. It is an important word. It is part of our DNA here at Williams Lake. Being a Christ like Learner involves getting together with other believers as we pursue Jesus. In this newsletter we have listed many wonderful groups for you to join this fall. These groups are beginning with the new school year. Sunday school classes, small groups, sports activities are among the various opportunities we provide for you to connect with others. Take advantage of what our church provides. It is a necessary part of Christ-like living.

The New Testament talks about Christians living life being connected; not going it alone. Christians are connected—like grapes on a vine, or parts of our body. Christians love one another (Galatians 5:13), encourage one another (Hebrews 3:13), strength and instruct one another (Romans 15:14), speak to one another and greet one another (Romans 16:16), encourage one another (Hebrews 3:13), pray for each other so that you may be healed (James 5:16), offer hospitality to one another. (I Peter 4:9). It is a “one-another” lifestyle. So, do not delay. Now is the time. Join a group . Get connected!

Pastor Wine



### Picnic in the Park

**Sunday, Sept. 4, 2011**

**BBQ - 5:00 p.m.**

Fried Chicken & Norm's Famous Corn  
Dinnerware will be provided.

#### Sides and Desserts

Please bring a dish to pass  
& your own beverage.

**Worship - 6:00 p.m.**

*please contact the church at 248-673-5911  
with any questions - please bring your own  
lawn chair.*



### Membership Class

Pastor Wine will teach about the beliefs and practices of the Church of the Nazarene and what it means to become a member here at Williams Lake. Attending this session does not require you to join the church, but will give you information and answer your questions so you may decide if God is calling you to become part of the body of Christ here. Donuts and coffee will be provided for this gathering on Saturday, September 24th from 8:30 am-



## SUNDAY SCHOOL

*Make the Connection*

Sunday School is a fantastic way of becoming a part of a fun small group that meets every Sunday morning. You may come for the fun, but you will develop some deep personal relationships within the group and also a deep relationship with God. Sunday School starts you on the road to understanding who God is and what He can do in your life.

We have a variety of classes for all ages from the smallest child to the most mature adult. Each class is taught by a dedicated lay person who was called to serve this local Church as a teaching vessel. Come and feel the transforming experience of learning and applying God's Word to your life. You will have an opportunity to build deeper friendships and put your faith into action.

### **ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL**

#### **The Rhino Club**

Leader: Dick Groth

Location: Gym

This class is a lively and informal group discussion of Biblical teaching and contemporary Christian literature. There is never a dull moment as the discussion of Biblical teachings is open to all class members.

#### **Walk through the Bible**

Leader: Bill Ouzts

Location: Conference Room

A comprehensive study of faith lessons with the use of D.V.D. and group discussion. This is an informal class that works because of the discussion and participation of the class members.

#### **Bible Fellowship**

Leader: Wes Bryant/David Foster

Location: Room #10

Bible Fellowship is a formal Bible study group which uses study guides from the Church of the Nazarene's own publishing house. The study guides cover various themes and scripture with shared prayer. There is a deep love and concern for each member of the group as well for the church and country.

#### **The Branches**

Leader: Martie Blackburn/Jeff Stein

Location: Room #13

He is the Vine and we are the Branches. This class is a Prayer and Prophecy Sunday School class. The Branches class is discussing many of the issues that face the nation and the planet Earth. End time prophecy questions are asked and discussed each week. Topics such as: the economy, money issues, second coming, inflation etc. Join the honest discussion about end time problems.

#### **Got Married**

Leaders: Dave and Cindy Dieck

Location: Teen Room #14

Couples learn Godly principles related to marriage while supporting one another along the journey in a fun, social, outgoing and nurturing environment.

Marriage class has started a new series. They are looking at, "What the Bible says about Love, Marriage, and Sex" authored by Pastor David Jeremiah. We will be studying the Bible along with the book with hearty discussion and great coffee.

#### **Ordinary People/Ordinary Lives**

Leader: Darrel Harvey

Location: Room #9

Exciting informal, fun and at times intense discussion related to various current Christian literature and Biblical principles to modern day life. At times life is not easy and this class attempts to make decisions easier.

#### **Pastors Beginners Class**

Leader: Pastor Wine / Bill Tackett

Location: Over Flow

New Christians have questions and can get confused over issues in life and what is read in the Bible. This class gets to the bottom of the questions and present the correct Biblical answer.



## Children Sunday School Class

### Nursery Sunday School

Teacher: Heathman and Friends  
Location: Nursery

Our babies are ministered to weekly by dedicated and loving adults. There are plenty of games and toys to keep the little ones interested.

### Toddler/Preschool

Teacher: Melissa Hancock  
Location: Toddler Room

This is a fantastic interactive class for little people where there is always something going on to keep the little ones active and happy.

### Kindergarten/First Grade

Teacher: Bev Groth  
Location: Room #6

Age appropriate lessons about the Bible. This is a fun creative class that teaches the students valuable Biblical lessons.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

Teacher: Terri Tackett/ Karla Panizzoli  
Location: Room #6

Early elementary lessons about the Bible. Bible lessons with games and activities that help the students learn.

### 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Teacher: Sheri Wang/ Gloria Dunbar  
Location: Room #5

Preteen lessons about the Bible. This is a friendly interactive class with dedicated teachers.

### 6<sup>th</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys

Teacher: Terry DeVault  
Location: Pastor Kyle's Office

This is an age appropriate discussions applying the Bible to the lives of boys

### 6<sup>th</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls

Teacher: JoAnne Kroll/ Heather Carr  
Location: Room #25

This is an age appropriate discussions applying the Bible to the lives of girls.

### 9<sup>th</sup>—12<sup>th</sup> Grade

Teacher: Christina Wilson/ Sheri Spaleny  
Location: Room #13

This is an age appropriate discussion applying the Bible to the lives of teenagers. The class will be beginning lessons on "The Purpose Driven Life".

### College/ Career Age

Teacher: Matthew Kroll  
Location: Room # 11

Issues are discussed to the college and career age student. These people are at a cross road in their lives. School, job, move or stay at home issues are talked about as well as their Christian walk.





### Study Groups

Leader: Don Rock 248.886.8106  
[drock1234@comcast.net](mailto:drock1234@comcast.net)

Day/Time: Monday's at 7pm  
 Location: Ouzt's home  
 Focus: Study on the book of Acts,  
 "Seeing the Spirit at Work" by John Stott

Leader: Heather Carr 248.618.9339  
[hlc101@hotmail.com](mailto:hlc101@hotmail.com)

Day/Time: Every other Thursday at 10:30am  
 Location: Carr's home  
 Focus: "Mommy & Me" group studying Women of the Bible

Leader: Dan Wine 248.673.5911  
[pastorwine@aol.com](mailto:pastorwine@aol.com)

Day/Time: Tuesday's at 10am  
 Location: Whispering Woods Community Room  
 Focus: Study on the book of Acts

Leader: Dan Wine 248.673.5911  
[pastorwine@aol.com](mailto:pastorwine@aol.com)

Day/Time: Thursday's at 6:30pm  
 Location: Church Conference Room  
 Focus: Sermon Based Study on The Ten Commandments

Leader: Dan Wine 248.673.5911  
[pastorwine@aol.com](mailto:pastorwine@aol.com)

Day/Time: Wednesday's at 7pm  
 Location: Church Room 10  
 Focus: Cross Style Living w/ Stephen Manley

Leader: Gary Bejin 248.770.7589  
 Day/Time: Thursday's at 7pm  
 Location: Church  
 Focus: Book study and discussion

Leader: Dave Gerber 248.709.7826  
[gerber.d@gmail.com](mailto:gerber.d@gmail.com)

Day/Time: Wednesday's at 7pm  
 Location: Bob & Marion Smith's home  
 Focus: Scripture based discussion & application

Leader: Karen Payne 248.935.4855  
[pastorpayne@comcast.net](mailto:pastorpayne@comcast.net)

Day/Time: Saturday's at 10am beginning Sept. 17  
 Location: Church Conference Room  
 Focus: Grief Share

Karen Payne 248.935.4855  
[pastorpayne@comcast.net](mailto:pastorpayne@comcast.net)

Day/Time: Wednesday's at 7pm  
 Location: Church  
 Focus: Choir and worship ministries

Leader: Darrel Harvey 810.280.2102  
[darrelharvey@mac.com](mailto:darrelharvey@mac.com)

Day/Time: 2nd and 4th Sunday's of the month at 6pm  
 Location: Church room #9  
 Focus: Topical discussions applicable to 20-somethings

## **Groups in Process**

### Group Seeking Leader

Would you be interested in stepping into leadership for an existing group?

Contact: Jim Nixon 586.986.5961

### Potential Group Seeking Feedback

Would you be interested in a group for 50'ish singles?

Contact: Cindy Brown  
dbrown55357@aol.com

## **Sports/Recreation/Exercise**

### Pickle Ball: Friday Nights this fall

Contact: Gary Bejin 248.770.7589

### Zumba: Tuesday's at 7pm

Contact: Karen Payne 248.935.4855

### Men's Basketball: Winter

Contact Jack Cady 586.291.2472

### Bowling League: Winter-Spring

Contact the church office 248.673.5911

### Golf League: Spring-Summer

Contact Ron Grubbs 248.752.0998

### Men's Softball: Spring-Summer

Contact Jack Cady 586.291.2472

## **Youth Ministry Small Groups**

### **D-group (Discipleship Group)**

- When: Wednesday Nights  
7:00-8:15 p.m.
- Where: Teen Room
- Who: Students 7-12 grades
- What: Bible Study Based Group;  
Learn about the bible and how it applies to the lives of teenagers today.
- Leaders: Pastor Kyle & Amanda
- Contact Info.:  
Email- [wlstudentminitries@gmail.com](mailto:wlstudentminitries@gmail.com);  
Phone- 248-673-5911

### **TBQ (Teen Bible Quizzing) Bible Study**

- When: Thursday Nights at 7:00 p.m.
- Where: 4421 Lamson Waterford, MI  
(Home of JoAnne Kroll)
- Who: Students 7-12 grades
- What: Study the bible in  
preparations for competition.  
This year we are studying  
Hebrews and 1 & 2 Peter
- Leader: JoAnne Kroll
- Contact Info.:  
[Email-djkroll@krollmark.com](mailto:Email-djkroll@krollmark.com);  
Phone-248-673-2996

### Quiz Meets

- When: Usually the 2nd Saturday of every month (Sept.-March)
- Where: Various churches on the District
- What: Compete against other churches over the material you have studied.
- Who: Combined 9th-12th Grades
- Leader: Sheri Spaleny &  
Christina Wilson





## Save the Date ! Sunday October 2, 2011 Crop Walk for Hunger

Join Pastor Wine in a 5 mile or 1 mile walk. Funds raised for Waterford Meals on Wheels and Nazarene Compassionate Ministries feeding the hungry here and around the world.  
Sign up to walk . Pick up your pledge sheet at the table by the front door.



## Save the Date Red Cross Blood Drive

Monday, November 28th, 2 - 8.

You don't need a special reason to give blood. **You just need your own reason.**

Some of us give blood because we were asked by a friend. Some know that a family member or a friend might need blood someday. Some believe it is the right thing to do. Whatever your reason, the need is constant and your contribution is important for a healthy and reliable blood supply. And you'll feel good knowing you've helped save a life.

Mark your calendar and  
**Plan to donate today!**



## Save the Date Annual Work and Witness Silent Auction and Dinner

Saturday, November 5th  
6 p.m.

Come take home a treasure  
or a dessert.  
Tickets must be purchased in advance.







## Just Older Youth (50 years+)

### **Dinner & Movie**

September 9th at 6:30 p.m.

"Like Dandelion Dust"

Please bring a dish to pass.

See sign up sheet by the ladies restroom.

### **Fall Festival**

At the home of

Gary and Ginny Croney

4700 Sunrise Lane

White Lake, MI

Please bring a dish to share.

Singing around the camp fire with friends

### **Appetizers and Games**

October 14th at 6:30 p.m.

Bring your favorite appetizers and game.

Enjoy an evening for fun and food with friends!!

### **Dinner & Movie**

November 11th at 6:30 p.m.

Movies to be determined.

Please bring a dish to share.

See sign up sheet by the ladies restroom.

Gaither Homecoming  
TOUR 2011

WITH THE NEW ALL-STAR:

Gaither Vocal Band

**FEATURING**

Bill Gaither, David Phelps, Wes Hampton,

Michael English and Mark Lowry

**ALONG WITH SPECIAL GUESTS:**

Gene McDonald, The Nelons,

Jeff & Sheri Easter, Rambo McGuire

Gordon Mote, Charlotte Ritchie, Greg Ritchie &

Kevin Williams

Sunday, October 9, 2011 - 3:00 PM

EMU CONVOCATION CENTER • YPSILANTI, MI

Please sign up on board by the  
ladies restroom.



Join us as we attend

### **Christmasfantastic**

Saturday, November 12

2:30 p.m.

Macomb Performing Arts Center

Tickets: \$22

Please sign up on the board  
by the ladies restroom by  
September 18th.





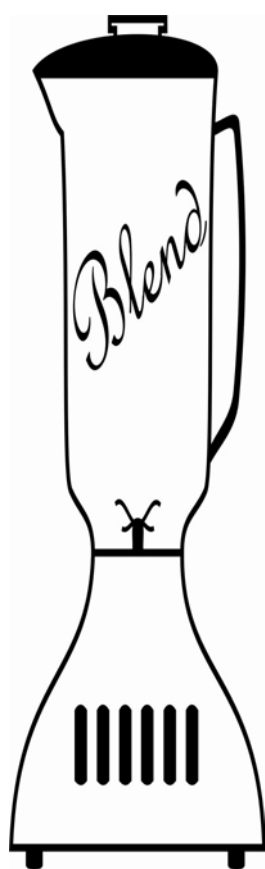
## Children Ministry

### Promotion Sunday

Class placement in Children's Ministry is based on age or grade as of **September 1st**. Children, ages 2 years-4th grade, all "move-up" to the next class on Promotion Sunday.

Nursery aged kids are promoted developmentally throughout the year.

2011 Promotion Sunday is September 11, during Sunday School.



### Blend

*Family Night  
Wednesday—7 p.m.*

*Families. It's not a thing for kids that adults are supposed to come to and it's not a thing for adults the kids are allowed to come to. It's for families.*



Mark  
your  
Calendar.  
October  
29th  
Save the  
date:  
Punkin'  
Pumpkins  
Details:  
To come.



# Williams Lake Student Ministries

## WLSM Fall Events & Activities

**Guys Night-** Sept. 10th. Are you ready for an evening filled with manly things??? Make sure to sign up with Pastor Kyle or Mr. Terry if you want to be a part of this fun filled, **GUYS ONLY** Evening. More details to come. Just Check out our Blog or Bulletin Insert



### **FUEL Luau**

#### **Party-** Join us

Sept. 11th at 6:00 p.m. as we kickoff the new school year. This year we are kicking off in style, Hawaiian Style, We are having a Hawaiian Luau. So join us and be sure to bring a friend.

### **EMD Fall Getaway-** Register by Sept. 15th

When: Oct. 1-2nd

What Time: Leave Saturday at 5:00 p.m. and arrive back Sunday at 2:00 p.m.

How Much: \$10 (\$25 if you want to go early and play Paintball)

What to expect: Worship by ONU's All things New; Darrel Harvey Speaking; Late Night Games; Food; Lots of Fun!

Why: Get away, recharge, reconnect, and have fun with some friends from camp/ NYC

**All Church Revival-** Oct. 15th-19th w/ Rev. James Tharp; on the 19th we will be going to Sundae's for Ice Cream afterward, so bring \$.



### **Fall/Winter Fundraiser -** Discussions are still tak-

ing place and decisions still being made about our Fall/Winter Fundraiser this year. Stay tuned for more details!

**Rake N Run-** Need Community Service Hours? Want to help somebody else out? On Nov. 5th we will be helping out our community by raking leaves. We will go to a house, rake their yard, then head to the next one. If you are interested please see Cindy Dieck.

*\* We have many other things in the works that have not made it to this list because they are tentative. Please keep an eye out for more events and more details on our Blog and in our Bulletin Inserts! \**

## WLSM Weekly Ministries

**FUEL-** On Sunday Nights, we have a program called FUEL. FUEL takes place every Sunday Night (Schedules permitting) from 6:00-7:30 p.m. and is where our students learn and grow spiritually as well as have fun and hang out with their friends.

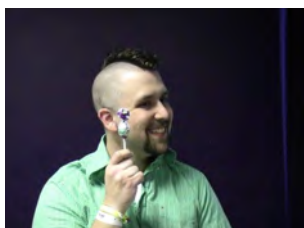
Our focus this year will be on the Body of Christ, learning what it means to be the body and how we can better function.

Each night we will have games, worship, lesson, snack bar, and much more. We hope you can join us!

**D-group-** On Wednesday Nights, from 7:00-8:15 p.m. we have a time of bible study.

Our goal to provide an opportunity for our students to learn about God's word and how they can apply it to their lives in interesting ways. We hope

that you can join us as we discuss some books of the bible and the implications they have on our lives.



**Sunday School-** Our Sunday School program takes place Sunday mornings from 9:45-10:45 a.m. They are small group based and we have classes for all age groups:

Jr. High Boys- Terry Devault

Jr. High Girls- Heather Carr & JoAnne Kroll

Sr. High- Sheri Spaleny & Christina Wilson

Contact a S.S. teacher for more details!

**Bible Quizzing-** Teen Bible Quizzing is a fun way to study the bible, practice daily disciplines, and have some healthy competition. We meet weekly on Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. for bible study and have a monthly "jump" practice to prepare for the meets (competitions). If you have any questions contact JoAnne Kroll at (248) 673-2996 or [djkroll@krollmark.com](mailto:djkroll@krollmark.com). Hope you can join us!



### **Contact information**

Pastor Kyle Boils

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[wlnazarene.org](http://wlnazarene.org)

**Email:** [wlstudentministries@gmail.com](mailto:wlstudentministries@gmail.com)

**Text:** 248-613-4341



# Airport Road Childhood Learning Center

## Come Monkey Around With Us



### Monkey Mischief at ARCLC

Fall programs at Airport Road Childhood Learning Center are set to begin on Tuesday, September 6th. Now is the time to enroll for a year filled with lots of fun and learning in our different programs. Nursery/Toddler care (birth to two years of age) is always available under the supervision of Kim Blackwell (27 years experience at ARCLC) and her assistant Sue Carline. Our 2's and 3's are kept busy in a play-based preschool program with Chris Rickard, Karenn Abboud, Pam Brown, Kristin Riharb and Lauren Riharb. Our 4-year old pre-kindergarten program is under the direction of Kim Neldrett (29 years experience at ARCLC). Pam Brown will be working with Kim in the afternoons doing different areas/methods of learning.

Please call the Center's office at 248.673.6161 for more information or come in anytime from 6am to 6pm for a tour of the facilities and an opportunity to meet our teachers.

This summer we went ***Around the World with Walt*** and what a fascinating journey it was. We boarded our plane to California on June 20 and enjoyed a Disney parade. We cruised the High Seas and enjoyed a beach party. Then with passports ready, we left for China on July 5 and had a fun Chinese New Year. Next came Japan and we flew the kites we had made. Art in the Park was chocolate candy making was a fun ny. August had us heading for the where we enjoyed a luau and at-A safari awaited us in Africa before co de Mayo. The last week of our Florida where we enjoyed a bike back to school.



We were able to learn about each of our stops as we had a great trips to Huron Valley School District pools, 7/11, Rolladium, Zap Zone and bowling were also enjoyed by our BBK group (children who have completed at least 1 year in school). All the children were able to enjoy the live animal presentation by Science Alive and weekly chapels with Pastor Eric.

the culture, foods and people at summer of fun *and* learning.

Field trips to Huron Valley School District pools, 7/11, Rolladium, Zap Zone and bowling were also enjoyed by our BBK group (children who have completed at least 1 year in school). All the children were able to enjoy the live animal presentation by Science Alive and weekly chapels with Pastor Eric.

The Airport Road Childhood Learning Center was established in 1969 as an outreach ministry of the Williams Lake Church of the Nazarene. The ARCLC is a happy, vibrant and stimulating place that enables children to see learning as fun, which allows for magnificent progress in the early development. Your child will be enriched by a program dedicated to promote spiritual, emotional, intellectual, physical and social growth!



**BABY SHOWER**  
**Heather and Steve Carr**  
**September 12th**  
**7 p.m.**  
Here at the church  
Come help us  
celebrate.  
**It's a Girl!**  
Come help us welcome  
Baby Girl Carr!



Come share dessert with us as  
we hear from  
Cliff and Heike Wright,  
missionaries from the Ukraine.  
September 23, 2011  
at 7 p.m.  
Please bring a dessert to share.



# Mom<sup>2</sup>Mom Sale

Saturday, September 17th  
8—2  
For table rental  
Information, please call  
the church office at  
248-673-5911.

New and Gently Used  
Kids Clothes (Newborn - 12 years),  
Toys, Books, Baby Gear,  
Nursery Items, Maternity

Admission: 8-9 \$2  
9-2 \$1.  
Strollers Welcome!!

## ALABASTER Offering

Helping to


### Make Christlike Disciples in the Nations

Sunday  
September 29

By building:

- Churches ←
- Schools ←
- Medical Facilities ←
- Homes ←

What will  
your Offering be?







Have you been Baptized?

Sunday

November 20, 2011

We will be baptizing those who have  
made a

profession of faith  
and have not been baptized.

Please see one of the  
pastor's for more  
information.

Calling all Singers.  
It is a high calling in the house of the  
Lord!

Choir rehearsal is  
every Wednesday night at 7 p.m.  
Children Church



Parking Lot Sale

Saturday

October 1st

8 a.m. set-up

9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Rain or shine.

\$ 20.00 per space.

Please see Pastor

Eric for more

detail.

**Calling All Golfers**  
**Church Golf Outing**

Saturday,

October 8th

12 noon

Pontiac

Country Club.

\$ 45.00 per golfer

Light lunch

provided.







***Fall Revival  
October 15th—19th  
Each evening  
Rev. James Tharp***

***An Evangelical Voice  
calling the Church back  
to the Upper Room  
in preparation for an-  
other Spiritual  
Awakening.***

Making disciples that **connect** with believers and nonbelievers, **worship** personally and corporately, and **serve** by meeting the needs around us as well as in our individual area of giftedness.

Williams Lake

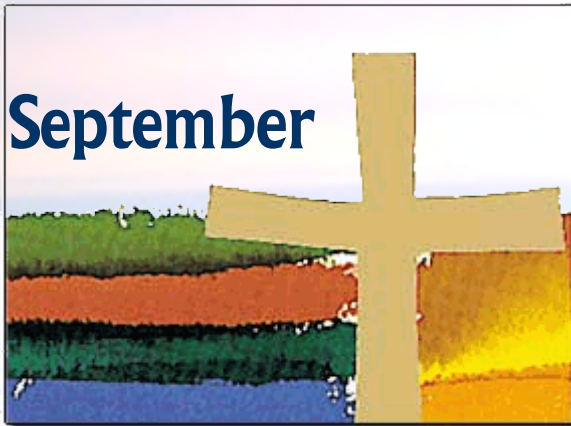
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2840 Airport Rd., Waterford MI 48329 \* [www.wlnazarene.org](http://www.wlnazarene.org)



**Would you like to place an  
article / information in the  
newsletter? The deadline  
for the  
Holiday issue is  
Wednesday  
October 26, 2011  
Email your articles to:  
[WLCOTN@comcast.net](mailto:WLCOTN@comcast.net)**

# St. Michael The Archangel Catholic Church



## A Prayer for 9-11

**We** remember the day  
Terror rained down  
And we were engulfed  
In fear and in grief.

**O**ur grief remains  
And we form our hands in prayer to say  
Grant peace, O Lord, to the  
Souls of all those who perished on that day.  
Grant comfort to the families  
Who lost loved ones,  
Grant healing to the to those who carry scars, of the heart  
as well as the body,  
Of that day seven years ago.

**We** remember the day  
Terror rained down  
And we were engulfed  
In fear and in grief.

**O**ur fear remains,  
And we struggle to move beyond it  
To the place where we can say,  
Lord, have mercy on us and all your children,  
And grant us the grace to know the true security you  
promise,  
The security that comes with the actualization of peace  
and justice for every nation and all peoples.

**May** the memory of those who died,  
and the recognition of all who still bear the scars of that  
day,  
Bless us.

**May** their memories inspire us in our efforts to face the  
complexities of this world  
so we can say  
Peace be with you  
And with us also.

Jane Deren  
Education for Justice

## In This Issue:

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- Office Distractions
- A Rare Talent!

## Upcoming Events:

- September 18th - Catechetical Sunday
- September 29th - St. Michael's Feast Day



## Dealing with distractions in the Office

Five o'clock, the end of your day. You were busy; you achieved some good things. Still, too much of the day was unproductive. Tasks that should have been done were not. Low priority tasks somehow edged out those of more value.



What could have been done differently? What actions would have produced better results? Time management is a complex subject. Fortunately, understanding and acting on even small pieces of the puzzle makes a tangible difference. In most offices, interruptions and distractions are routine. These techniques can help you handle them with ease.

- **Get rid of clutter**

Unnecessary stuff is a distraction in itself. Keeping the office neat is one of the best and easiest ways to increase productivity. Resolve today to stop accumulating and start discarding. Get rid of whatever you don't need: outdated files, old catalogs, keys for you-can't-imagine-what, of course - but if plants, photos, memorabilia, and bric-a-brac are time-wasting distractions (and they certainly can be), remove them from your space as well. Stuff, even nice stuff, can slow you down if you have too much of it.

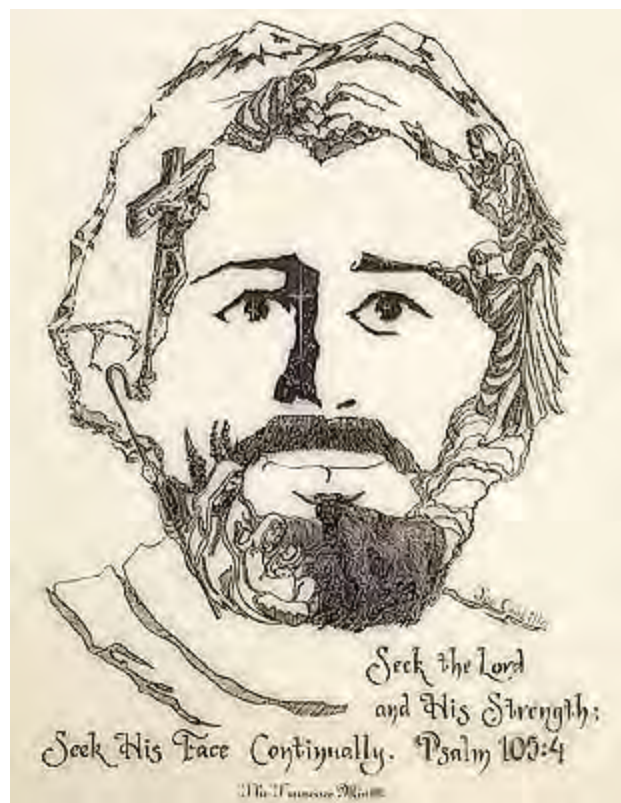
- **Weed out unnecessary tasks**

No one can do all the things that might be done - not even all the good things. Don't try. Really. Too many things on your to-do list simply muddy the water and distract you from focusing on tasks that give the best return on time invested. Putting jobs in priority order is not nearly as important as choosing the necessary jobs out of the huge number of daily possibilities. Not everything that could be done should be done.

Adapted by Gayle Hilligoss

**Continued in next month's newsletter...**

The more you look the  
more you see!!



**The gentleman who drew this is Joe Castillo. He went to Asbury Theological Seminary.**

**He did this during a chapel service. It was fascinating - he told the Gospel story - each part of Jesus' life – and he was drawing the story as he told the story. We didn't realize until the end what the entire picture was..**

## A rare talent!

This month, we are reminded that disciples who keep the long view gain holy perspective. Doing so gives meaning to our stewardship, as our use of life, love, relationships and resources is the means by which we show Christ's love in our world.

May the ways in which you help others to focus on the Lord's way be filled with grace and the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

- Leisa Anslinger



# S<sup>t</sup>J | Saint John's News

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News in and about the Parish of Saint John's

August 1, 2011

## The Memphis Boychoir Tours the Nation's Capital

On Thursday, June 30, 2011, seventeen elementary school aged boys and their families boarded two buses headed for Washington, D.C. and the National Cathedral. The Washington D.C. Tour experience inspired all who were participating. The Memphis Boychoir and The Memphis Chamber Choir sang a number of programs in the D.C. area between June 30 and July 5.

The highlight and the driving force behind the tour was the invitation that the choirs received to sing the service of Choral Evensong at the National Cathedral on Friday, July 1, 2011, at 5:30pm. The National Cathedral is located at one of the highest points in the D.C. area. Construction started on the Cathedral in 1907, and it took most of the 20<sup>th</sup> century to complete the building. It is influenced strongly by Gothic architecture, and its strong presence is an inspiration to all who have had the opportunity to visit. Many important events have taken place at the National Cathedral including Martin Luther King's final Sunday sermon, the funeral of President Ronald Reagan and the memorial service for 9-11. For the past few months, we were immersed in the music that we planned to sing in this special and sacred space.

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The Memphis Boychoir, The Memphis Chamber Choir  
with Dr. Geoffrey H. Ward



## Mahaffey at 100

Anna Maude Mahaffey White joined a fast-growing niche in society on July 12 by passing the century mark of years. Born in 1911 [William Howard Taft was President of these United States] she was an eyewitness to the events of most of the last century: two world wars, space travel, civil rights struggles and the beginning of the technology era.

She is also witness to the rhythm of life in Memphis in general and Saint John's in particular, living across the street with her late husband, Richard, who served as Organist-Choirmaster at Saint John's for 36 years. She is an activist, a jewelry maker, photographer, [check out her work in the Parish Hall], teacher and loyal friend.

I remember one of our young men who preached at Youth Sunday saying that one of his favorite memories of Saint John's was Mahaffey & Richard walking to church hand in hand. That is one of my favorite memories as well.

It was great fun to see so many people gather to express their admiration, respect and love to Saint John's living treasure, Mahaffey White, at the century mark of her first century.

**The Rev. John W. Sewell**





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## Mother's Day Out

As we move into August, we are reflecting on what a wonderful time we've had with our summer program at Saint John's Mother's Day Out. We splashed in our wading pools, ran races in the gym, and had a marvelous time seeing who could go fastest on the inflatable water slide that we rented for our end-of-the-summer luau.



And now, it's time to move forward with a new school year. The fall semester begins on August 9. We can hardly wait to get to know our new students! We still have a few spaces available in some of our classrooms. If you would like your little ones to join us for a few hours of fun and learning each week, please call me at 324-4716, or email me at [laura@stjohnsmemphis.org](mailto:laura@stjohnsmemphis.org).

**Laura de Velasco**  
Director of Mother's Day Out



## Thoughts to Ponder

- People who think they are too big to do little things are perhaps to little to be asked to do big things.  
-Anonymous
- People are funny—they want the front of the bus, the middle of the road and the back of the church.  
-Anonymous
- When you get where you're going, will you be where you want to be?  
-Unknown
- The task ahead of us is never as great as the Power behind us.  
-Unknown

*Thank you one and all at Saint John's  
for my wonderful 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party.*

*I hope you all enjoyed yourself  
as much as I did.*

*May each of you live to be a healthy 100.*

*Mahaffey White*



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## Community Announcements

### MIFA Presents Interfaith Conversations

MIFA is presenting *One Light, Many Colors*, a series of free weekly programs on world religions each Thursday at 10:00am through August 18 at Town Village Audubon Park retirement community, 950 Cherry Road. The program, open to the public, was organized by Linda Marks, MIFA's Inter-Faith Coordinator, and Shawna Welch, Director of Livewell at Town Village. It is designed to promote dialogue and understanding among people of all faiths.

August 4 - Dr. Nabil Bayakly, Director, Al Noor Muslim Community Center

August 11 - Burton Carley, Minister, First United Unitarian Church

August 18 - Sandeep Pednekar, India Association of Memphis

"From its earliest beginnings, MIFA has represented and welcomed people of all faiths," said Sally Jones Heinz, MIFA executive director. "MIFA's vitality is the synergy of people coming together not just to solve problems, but to promote and experience the richness and dignity of human lives."

For more information, contact MIFA Inter-Faith Coordinator Linda Marks at [lmarks@mifa.org](mailto:lmarks@mifa.org) or (901) 527-0208 x218. To make reservations, please contact Shawna Welch at Town Village Audubon Park: (901) 537-0002 or [swelch@horizonbay.com](mailto:swelch@horizonbay.com).

### St. Clare Silent Retreat Weekend October 21–23, 2011

"Silence is golden, red, green, orange and all the other beautiful moments, our hearts & eyes & souls can take in, in just a split second,"  
Quote from 2010 St Clare Silent Retreat Weekend.

If you want to be a part of the 2011 retreat, please contact Debbie Balling, [debbie.balling@gmail.com](mailto:debbie.balling@gmail.com) or 901-335-4001 for a registration form or for more information. The retreat will be at St. Columba Conference Center, 4577 Billy Maher Road in Bartlett. and the cost is \$200.

*Dear Friends,*

*I will be out of the office the month of August. Although I have few plans, my objective is to rest, read and spend time with family & friends. Given the heat, I will endeavor to avoid the sun wherever & whenever possible. Please have a safe month and I look forward to returning to the next chapter of our adventure.*

*John Sewell*

*Rector of Saint John's*

## Children's Ministry

### Vacation Bible School was incredible!!!

I want to thank all of the amazing members of Saint John's that helped this year with VBS: Courtenay McCallister, Kelly Bridgforth, Ginny Burbank, Leigh Robinson, Kimberly Coleman, Susan Mays, Andrea Straton, Jennifer Hobson, Jennifer Musgrave, Jana Tayloe and Leslie Mallory. These women helped in different capacities; ranging from teaching to decorating to taking pictures to registration and even donating snacks. I think Susan Mays did all of these things!

I especially wanted to thank all the incredible teenagers that helped this year. You all played such a special role in making VBS at Saint John's awesome. We are so blessed to have these amazing young members at our church: Lockie Dearman, Meredith Brown, Elise Freeburg, Cole O'Keefe aka "Cooper", Henry T. Stratton, Taylor Mays, Parker Rice, Carson Mullins, Seth Bryan Lawton, Fulton O'Keefe, Drew Rainer, Henry Trammell, Jim Brown, Will Murrah, Jack Mullins and Edwin Gully. The teen shepherds were the kids' favorite part of VBS.

I was so proud of our kids at VBS; together they raised almost \$400 in only three days for the Episcopal Relief Fund earmarked to help the storm victims in Joplin, Missouri. We had a little competition to see which age group could raise the most money. These incredible kids went home and did chores, had lemonade stands, sold baked goods and donated money from their own piggy banks. The winners got to throw wet sponges at some of the teenagers. The Yellow group were the big winners and they chose Parker Rice, Cole "Cooper" O'Keefe and me... as you can see we got soaked!

I wanted to thank Marietta Haaga and Trip Gintz for EVERYTHING they did to make this such a successful year at VBS!! Enjoy the pictures...

**Kimberly Tayloe**  
Director of Children's Ministry



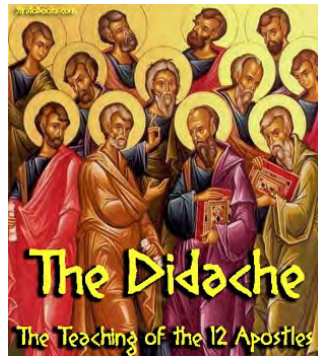


## Adult Education

### Sundays . . .

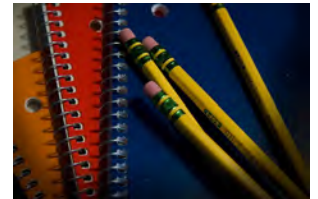
#### *The Teaching of the Twelve: The Didache*

How did the first Christians practice their faith? What did these primitive Christians believe? The Didache, an early handbook of an anonymous Christian community, "is the most important book you've never heard of," according to Tony Jones. Come and join the four-week discussion, led by Emma Connolly, as we review this ancient document in its entirety. You may see the early church in a fresh way. Sundays during August, 9:15am, in the upstairs conference room.



neighborhood and with Emmanuel Episcopal Center's after-school program. Supplies may be placed in baskets in the Tower Room.

- #2 pencils
- box colored pencils
- Sharpies (any color plus black)
- pocket folders with prongs
- gel pens (blue and black)
- 3 ring binders
- loose-leaf notebook paper (wide-ruled)
- composition books
- crayons (regular and primary)
- scissors
- glue sticks
- 100 pack 3x5 index cards
- spiral notebooks
- Kleenex tissue
- paper towels
- hand sanitizer (large bottles)



### Wednesdays . . .

#### **Women's Inner-Works**

*Using Dreams and Active Imagination for Personal Growth*

Life only demands from you the strength you already possess. The key is not to run away or to avoid what needs to change, but instead to listen to your soul, your inner wisdom, your dreams, your imagination. The Saint John's Women's Inner-WorksClass invites you to join in the discussion, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays each month (August 10 & 24, Sept. 14 & 28 etc.), 5:30pm-7:00pm at the Saint John's Retreat House, 3280 Overland Place, directly behind the back parking lot. For more information, contact Emma Connolly, 323-8597, Ext. 12, or [emma@stjohnsmemphis.org](mailto:emma@stjohnsmemphis.org).

### Coming Up This Fall . . .

Sundays: Parables, Family Secrets, Traveling With Our Biblical Ancestors and more!

## Outreach

### **We're Gathering School Supplies**

Memphis Public School classes begin in a few days. When shopping, please pick up a few extra items (any quantity on the list below) to distribute to schools in our zip code so teachers will have a supply for needy students. Supplies will also be shared with students in the Beltline



### **Fall After-school Creative Writing Groups**

Do you enjoy working with and mentoring teen girls? Volunteers are needed for 1.5 hours one afternoon each week to facilitate writing classes for inner-city teens. Full training provided. Contact Emma Connolly, 323-8597 ext. 12, or Clair Bradley, 458-1667.



### **Wheelchair Ramps Needed in Orange Mound**

Two elderly MIFA clients are in need of wheelchair ramps at their homes in the Orange Mound community. These 45' ramps are already designed, but construction is needed. Can you saw, hammer, tote lumber? You are needed on an upcoming Saturday morning. Contact John Peeples, Outreach Committee Chair, if you can assist, 323-2243.

On behalf of the Outreach Committee  
**Emma Connolly**

## Youth Ministry

### EYC 2011-12: Going BIG!!!

August means two things in Memphis; heat and the resumption of school. Neither of these things is particularly welcome, but both are largely unavoidable. To paraphrase George Orwell; true happiness comes only after acceptance... and EYC... Ok, so I added that last part. Here are some very acceptable EYC events in August:

**Sunday Mornings** – *“Summer” Sunday School*; 9:15am upstairs in the PLC. This time of loosely structured Christian formation/discussion has become an annual tradition for our youth community. It is open to ALL young people headed into 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade this fall, and we would LOVE for you to join us.

**Sunday, August 14-Friday, August 19** – *Saint John's EYC 2011-12 Season KICKOFF WEEK!* Three, that's right, three awesome, amazing opportunities for fun and fellowship, beginning with:

**Sunday, August 14** – *Messy Olympics and Water Balloon War!* 4:00-7:00pm on the soccer field. For ALL current and new members of the EYC; that would be anyone entering 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade this fall. Crud will fly and clothes will be ruined. If you think you have what it takes to be a messy medalist, then bring your game face and prepare to have it glopped and gooped by your fellow EYC'ers. Oh yeah, IT'S ON!!!

**Wednesday, August 17** – *Inaugural “August Wednesday,” a time of worship and reflection for young people in grades 9-12*; 6:45-8:00pm in the youth room. LIFT, our Wednesday evening worship time with Calvary, GSL, and CHC does not begin until September 7. However, the young people of Saint John's will have a little time for ourselves in August. We will use the service of Evening Prayer, and then take time for check-in and discussion. We will gather for all remaining Wednesdays, (24 & 31,) in August. This is a good time to get your pray on as the school year commences.

**Friday, August 19** – *“Wizard of Oz” at The Orpheum*; show starts at 7:15pm. For many of our older members, Friday night means football, and I certainly understand that; therefore, this event is for EYC, (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade,) and Pre-YC, (4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade,) AND families and siblings. Tickets are \$7/each, but may be purchased in blocks of 10 – in advance – for \$5/each, so I would like to get reservations. If you want to attend this truly fun family experience, let me know by Wednesday, August 17.

**Sunday, August 21** – *Making our Mark*; 4:30-7:00pm, upstairs in the PLC. This is your opportunity to put your “mark” on your community space. There will be paint involved, so wear something you don't mind getting paint on. This will be a staggered event, with Jr.-EYC, (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade,) running 4:30-6:00pm and Sr.-EYC, (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade,) running 5:30-7:00pm. The half-hour of overlap from 5:30-6:00pm will be time for a community meal. Pilgrims from this summer's sojourn will have the opportunity to make their mark on the youth room; all Sr.-EYC'ers will contribute to a canvas mural; Jr.-EYC'ers will be making a canvas mural of their own, and EVERYONE will have a chance to put their handprints on the wall in my office.

**Sunday, August 28** – *Diocesan Youth Council Fall Kick-off*; 2:00-4:00pm at St. Philip in Lakeland. This annual event brings together young people in grades 6-12 from all over the diocese to celebrate the start of another season of EYC. There will be games, fun and fellowship, and the cost is just \$5 per person. Check your inbox for more details as the date draws near.



**Trip Gintz**  
Director of Youth Ministry

## Recreation

### **NEW! ~GUITAR CLASS~ Beginner Group Six Weeks**

**To reserve your place, please Call or Email:**

Randy Toma, Teacher  
901-949-2594  
randaltoma@gmail.com  
6:30-7:30pm on Tuesdays \* Starting date TBA  
\$90 includes 6 One-Hour Lessons and Manual



### **Fall Sports Registration**

#### **Soccer & Kickball Registration**

Soccer - Jr. Kindergarten-3<sup>rd</sup> grade  
Fee: \$50 Jr./Sr. Kindergarten  
Fee: \$70 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>

Kickball 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade, Co-Ed  
Fee: \$30

*Deadline to register August 1*

Forms available [www.stjohnsmemphis.org](http://www.stjohnsmemphis.org) or in the PLC

#### **Drama Kids - New Program this Fall!**

Mondays 3:30-4:30pm beginning August 22  
Drama Kids is an enrichment activity that builds confidence, communication and literacy skills. Students who learn to speak out clearly and relate confidently with others will have an inside track to lifetime success. Drama Kids develops all kids. Our specialty is using a wide range of unique developmental drama activities to focus the bold, outspoken child and to draw out the quiet child or the inarticulate child and help them reach into themselves to discover their full potential.

Classes are held once a week for \$14.00 a session. Contact Cathy Childs (901-454-0599) for more information or visit [www.dramakids.com/tn2](http://www.dramakids.com/tn2).

Cathy Childs, Director  
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#### **PLC hours will go back to regular hours beginning**

Monday, August 15, 2011.  
Mon.-Fri. 6:00am-9:00pm  
Sat. 9:00-1:00pm

**Marietta Haaga**  
Director of Recreation

#### **Continued from page 1: D.C. Tour**

This tour also included performances at the Canadian Embassy, the Basilica of the National Shrine and the Singapore Embassy. The Canadian Embassy performance was on Canada Day, July 1, 2011. The choirs performed "O Canada" for the 600 Canadians gathered at the embassy. The recital at the National Shrine, which is the largest Basilica in North America, was at the front of the upper church. One of our board members, Dr. Ching-Hon Pui, arranged to have us perform at the Singapore Embassy for the Ambassador of Singapore. These opportunities were thrilling and we were proud to represent Memphis and the Mid-South in the nation's capital.

The Washington, D.C. Tour was a life-changing opportunity for the boys and adults in our program. Performing and interacting with institutions like the National Cathedral promotes a great sense of growth and development in The Memphis Boychoir. We are focused not only on the continuing musical growth of the boys, but also the process of their developing into the next great leaders in the city of Memphis. We continue to search and recruit boys who love to sing as well as families that appreciate the life-long skill of music making to which their children are exposed. The responsibility of singing at the National Cathedral is great in terms of the meaning and significance that it provides for the participants. When elementary school aged boys are able to articulate this, it gives me great hope for the future of our program and for the city of Memphis.

**Memphis Boychoir Auditions** for the 2011/12 Season will be held the week of August 15, 2011. Call (901) 323-8597 ext. 26 or email [ghward@stjohnsmemphis.org](mailto:ghward@stjohnsmemphis.org) to make an appointment.

#### **Dr. Geoffrey H. Ward**

Artistic Director of The Memphis Boychoir  
and the Organist/Choirmaster at  
Saint John's Episcopal Church.



## Men's Club

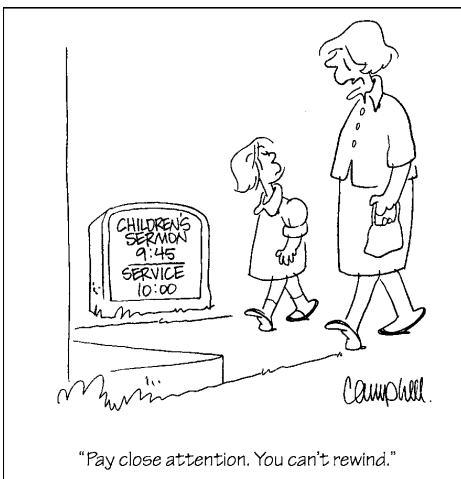
### September 14 Meeting


Summer is over and the Men's Club is ready to begin the Fall Season with a most interesting speaker: Councilman Shea Flinn. Councilman Flinn addressed us last year and several members asked that he return. With all the issues facing the City of Memphis, particularly the issues with the Board of Education, we should learn what the real issues are and not what the media reports.

The meeting is scheduled for the second Wednesday, September 14. The plans remain the same: Meet & Greet at 6:00pm, Dinner at 6:30pm and Program starting at 7:00pm.

As always, please let Margo know if you plan to attend by Tuesday, September 13. The phone number is 323-8597 ext. 10 or email [margo@stjohnsmemphis.org](mailto:margo@stjohnsmemphis.org). Please invite a friend and encourage others to attend.


Steve Martin



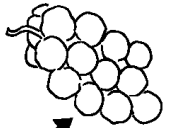


## The Harvest

Harvest time was very important to the Israelites. They had three harvests each year: barley in spring; wheat in summer; fruits in autumn.



Find these foods that the Israelites harvested, and circle them.




GRAPES  
BARLEY  
ALMONDS  
WHEAT

HERBS  
NUTS  
LEEKs  
MELONS

OLIVES  
BEANS  
FIGS  
RYE

APPLES  
ONIONS  
CUCUMBERS  
POMEGRANATES

GOURDS  
LENTILs



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## Service Ministry Schedule

	August 7	August 14	August 21	August 28	
8:00am	Acolyte	Buckner Hasenmueller	Jim Brown	Austin Hasenmueller	Meredith Brown
	Chalice Bearer	Kim Mullins David Caywood	Jim Shepherd Jim Posner	Clyde Stephenson Randy Jefferson	Brad Trammell Joseph Grubbs
10:30am	Celebrant	The Rev. Robert Van Doren, Jr.	The Rev. Robert Van Doren, Jr.	The Rev. Robert Van Doren, Jr.	The Rev. Robert Van Doren, Jr.
	Children’s Chapel	The Rev. Emma Connolly	Kimberly Tayloe	The Rev. Emma Connolly	Kimberly Tayloe
	Acolyte Team	St. Margaret: Leader, Clair Bradley	St. Augustine: Leader: Jane Gully	St. Joseph: Leader, Susan Peeples	St. Francis: Leader, Leslie Pretsch
	Altar Guild	Team #1 Leader, Deborah Hawkins	Team #2 Leader, Carol Calame	Team #3 Leader, Susan Peeples	Team #4 Leader, Leigh Robinson
	Chalice Bearer	Steve Martin Irene Smith Cindi Marshall John Ryder	John Stewart Scott Trammell Leslie Pretsch David Work	Bruce Smedley Stacy Sims John Viser Irene Smith	Brad Trammell Cindi Marshall Leslie Pretsch Marie Peeples
	Flower Delivery	Pam Van Doren Eleanor Miller	Beverly Williams Dot Work	Jennifer Atkins	Gayle Barnwell Charlotte Boggs
	Flower Guild	Barbara Viser’s Team	Mary Ann Lee’s Team	Tammy Golwen’s Team	Myra Ann Kelso’s Team
	Greeters	Dee Bradley M/M Bo Carr	Kate Gassaway Jim Gordon	Gaye Henderson Bruce Hopkins	Gene Horner Margaret Jefferson
Jr. Acolytes	Crucifer Banner	Joe Carter Greer Golwen	Edward Stark Irene Keeney	Ashley Lawton Stillman McFadden	Will Murrah Austin Robinson
	Lectors	Glynn Alexander Steve Martin	Eleanor Miller John Stewart	Pat Patterson Bruce Smedley	Edie Marshall Brad Trammell
	Medical Guild	Roger Deshaies	Wiley Robinson	Ara/Gina Hanissian	Greg Hanissian
	Ushers	Team #2 Leader, Philip Freeburg	Team #3 Leader, Steve Barton	Team #4 Leader, Fitzhugh Taylor	Team #4 Leader, Buddy Dearman
	Verger	Lain Whitaker-Ryder	Ted Townsend	Gina Yauger	Marie Peeples
	Organist	Walton Griffin	Walton Griffin	Dr. Geoffrey H. Ward	Dr. Geoffrey H. Ward
530pm	Lector/Chalice Bearer	John Ryder	Bruce Smith	Horace Carter	Bruce Smith
12:15pm	Wednesdays	Joseph Grubbs	Terry Robertson	Margo Carter	Margo Carter

**Remember:** If you cannot serve on the date you have been scheduled, you need to find a replacement. Please notify Margo or Kay in the church office (323-8597).

## Scheduled Activities

08-06-11	11:00am	Baptismal Instructions, BR
08-07-11		<b>Food Pantry Sunday</b>
	9:15am	New Class: <i>The Didache</i> , CR
	10:30am	Baptism during service
08-09-11		Fall Session of MDO Begins
	5:30pm	Outreach Committee, CR
08-14-11	1:30pm	Daughters of the King, 3280 Overland
08-17-11	5:00pm	Finance & Administration, CR
08-18-11	4:00pm	Pastoral Care, CR
08-20-11	6:00pm	Gieselmann/Long Wedding
08-21-11	1:30pm	DYC Meeting, PLC-YR
08-23-11	2:00pm	Parkinson Support, PH
08-25-11	5:30pm	Vestry Meeting, Library
08-27-11	7:00pm	Lewis/Phillips Wedding

## Ongoing Events

### Mondays

Lady's Bible Study **On Summer Break**  
 4:00pm Boychoir, Choir Rm., Beginning August 22  
 7:00pm Chamber Choir, Choir Rm., Beginning August 22

### Tuesdays

9:30am Pilates, PLC-2nd Floor  
 noon Knitting, PLC-SMR  
 1:00pm Painting Group, PLC-LMR  
 4:00pm Boychoir, Choir Room, Beginning August 25  
 4:45pm Pilates, PLC-2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

### Wednesdays

12:10pm Healing Service w/Eucharist  
 3:00pm Yoga Fair, PLC-2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
 6:30pm Zumba, PLC

### Thursdays

noon Knitting, PLC-SMR  
 4:00pm Boychoir, Choir Room  
 4:45pm Pilates, PLC-2nd Floor  
 6:30pm Pilates, PLC-2nd Floor  
 7:00pm Volleyball, PLC-Gym

## Prayer List

### Parishioners

Diana Bailey  
 Gail Bruce  
 Jack Bugbee  
 Eleanor Crawford  
 Helen Elliotte  
 Tom Love  
 Sylvia Taylor  
 Walter

### Family and Friends

Bill Bagley  
 Billie Crenshaw  
 Evans Culpepper  
 John Elkin  
 Beck Fleck  
 Randy Furlong  
 Bill Hutchinson  
 John M. Jefferson  
 Walter Jones

Ralph Lewis, Jr.  
 Ruth Morrison  
 McKayla Nelson  
 Dana Lynch Poisal  
 Lou Ann Pritchard  
 Peter Quinn  
 Donna Robinson  
 Don Rippenger  
 Bill Sossaman  
 Bill Sprague  
 Celeste Stewart  
 Dominic Tavoletti  
 Jack Walgild  
 Richard Gary West  
 Linda White  
 Jesse Winchester  
 Kim  
 Burton  
 Mary

## Financial Good News/Bad News

June 2011	Year to Date	Difference
Pledges Budgeted	\$ 493,500	<b>\$ 8,812</b>
Pledges Received	\$ 502,312	<b>Good News</b>
Other Giving Budgeted	\$ 172,767	<b>(\$ 8,499)</b>
Other Giving Received	\$ 164,268	<b>Bad News</b>
Budgeted Expenses	\$ 685,141	<b>(\$ 12,341)</b>
Actual Expenses	\$ 672,800	<b>Good News</b>

## Sunday Readings Lectionary Year A

### August 7, 2011—Pentecost 8

1st Lesson I Kings 19:9-18  
 Psalm 85:8-13  
 2nd Lesson Romans 10:5-15  
 Gospel Matthew 14:22-33

### August 14, 2011—Pentecost 9

1st Lesson Isaiah 56:1, 6-8  
 Psalm 67  
 2nd Lesson Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32  
 Gospel Matthew 15:21-28

### August 21, 2011—Pentecost 10

1st Lesson Isaiah 51:1-6  
 Psalm 138  
 2nd Lesson Romans 12:1-8  
 Gospel Matthew 16:13-20

### August 28, 2011—Pentecost 11

1st Lesson Jeremiah 15:15-21  
 Psalm 26:1-8  
 2nd Lesson Romans 12:9-21  
 Gospel Matthew 16:21-28

## Support Groups

### AA

Mon. 5:30pm  
 6:00pm  
 8:00pm  
 Wed. 5:30pm  
 Fri. 5:30pm  
 Sat. 10:30am

### Al Anon

Tue. 5:30pm  
 Thu. 5:30pm

### La Leche

First Thursday 10:30am

### Parkinson Support

Fourth Tuesday 2:00pm

AA, Al Anon and La Leche meet in the Parish Life Center. The Parkinson Support group meets in the Parish Hall.



## Birthdays

**August 1**  
Abbay Robinson Milnor

**August 2**  
Annsey Montgomery Barton  
Donald E. Mowery

**August 4**  
Davis William Carter  
F. Pearse Hedgepeth  
C. Wesley Summers  
G. Randolph Turner

**August 5**  
David Douglas Brand

**August 6**  
David Benedict Fox  
Louis Bailey Keel

**August 7**  
Mary New Cawthon  
Carolyn Buffaloe Dorr  
Katherine Ruth Horner

**August 8**  
Mrs. George A. Coors

**August 9**  
James Beck Hoehn

**August 10**  
Paul Moore Mercer IV  
Helen Tice

**August 11**  
Lawrence Bozeman Cowart

**August 12**  
Geraldine J. Byrnes  
Wilda Humphreys  
Marilyn Virginia Moser  
Leigh Webb Robinson

**August 13**  
Raymond Speir Sowell, Jr.  
Sylvia Napier Taylor  
John Harvey Viser III

**August 14**  
Caroline Quay Allen  
George Woodson Gully  
Joan Ruth Kling  
Elizabeth Grace Rutherford

**August 15**  
William Jonas Fidler  
Oscar Edward Menzer  
Julie B. Mowery  
Matthew Neal Smith

**August 16**  
Samuel Richard Leatherman, Jr.  
Ellen Alexandra Thomas

**August 17**  
Mary Kay Scott

**August 18**  
Eugenia Litton Chandler  
Audrey Janet Dooley  
Patricia Talmadge Grimes  
Jane Myers Mercer  
Elinor Pierson Steffens  
Michael Brian Turley, Jr.

**August 19**  
Judith Compton Brown  
Eric Gaston Catmur

Walker Ivy Milnor

**August 20**  
Mary Teresa Berol  
Philip Hayden Freeburg, Jr.  
Louise Bondurant Phillips

**August 22**  
Julie Marie Stark

**August 23**  
Virginia Patterson Bozeman  
Annabell Black Bridgforth  
Alexander Webb Lawton  
William E. Loveless II  
James Edmond McGehee, Jr.  
Deborah Cobb Phillips  
William David Porter III

**August 24**  
Charles Metcalf Crump III  
George Campbell Luton  
Frieda M. Menzer  
Maggie Abele Russell  
William Roberts Tayloe, Sr.

**August 25**  
Laverne Dallas Day  
Kathryn Sulser Higdon  
Ina Jane Holmgren

**August 26**  
Ann Toland Higdon  
Fred Sidney Smith III  
Joseph Heiskell Weatherford V

**August 27**  
Ara James Hanissian, Jr.  
Jordan Walker Hays  
Mary Williams Minor

**August 28**  
Owen McCadden Parker  
Kathryn Heppel Smith

**August 29**  
Emily Olivier Patterson  
Elizabeth Clifton Rice  
Gordon Metcalf Stark

**August 30**  
John Clarence Dillon III  
William Cunningham Sharp

## Anniversaries

**August 4**  
Mr. and Mrs. Collins W. Rainey

**August 6**  
Mr. and Mrs. John C. Robertson

**August 8**  
Mr. and Mrs. John S. Golwen

**August 11**  
Dr. and Mrs. James A. Posner (50<sup>th</sup>)

**August 15**  
Mr. and Mrs. Matthew R. Decker

**August 17**  
Mr. and Mrs. John C. Dillon III

**August 20**  
Drs. Herman and Maxine Patterson (61<sup>st</sup>)  
Mr. and Mrs. Christopher S. Poindexter

**August 22**  
Mr. and Mrs. David E. Caywood

**August 24**  
Mr. and Mrs. E. Alan Catmur  
Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Morgan

**August**  
Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin L. Carrick

## Memorials

**Paul D. Booth**  
M/M James C. Rainer III

**Virginia "Woody" Noell**  
First Tennessee Bank  
Dr. and Mrs. William E. Long  
M/M James C. Rainer III  
Marshall and Maida Smith

**Eulyse M. Smith**  
Mary Beth Bryce  
M/M James C. Rainer III  
Marshall and Maida Smith  
Alison and Jimmy Wetter

**Nancy Lewis Welsh**  
M/M James C. Rainer III

**Richard T. White**  
Margaret Dallas Jackson

## Honorariums

In Honor of  
**Mahaffey White**  
by Doris Campbell

In Honor of  
**Mahaffey White**  
by Margaret Dallas Jackson

## Congratulations

Seldon and Carolyn Murray are proud to announce the addition of two new grandchildren:  
**Charlotte Evie Gardino**  
born June 11, 2011, daughter of Jeff & Corinne Gardino; and **William Abraham Murray** born July 19, 2011, son of Bill and Jessica Murray.

Oscar and Lale Adams are proud to announce the arrival of a daughter  
**Mary Kirk Adams**  
born July 6, 2011.



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**Monday-Friday**

6:00am—9:00pm

**Saturday**

9:00am—1:00pm

**Sunday Services**

8:00am Holy Eucharist, I or II

9:15am Sunday School

10:30am Holy Eucharist, I or II

5:30pm Holy Eucharist, II

**Wednesday Service**

12:10pm Healing Service  
with Holy Eucharist

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Please contact me and let me know your preference. The fewer copies we mail, the better stewards we are of the church's resources. However, we want to be sure that everyone receives the newsletter in the way they prefer.

**Pictorial Directories**

Pictorial directories have been moved from the Parish Hall to the hall by the elevator as you enter from the porte-cochere. If you had your picture made, be sure to get the one with your name. There are also plenty of unassigned copies if you didn't have your picture made.

**A New School Year**

If your child will be going away to college this fall, let Saint John's continue to keep them connected to their church family. Please supply the office with their mailing or email address, and we will send them the *Saint John's News* every month. Contact Kay at 323-8597 ext. 17 or [kays@stjohnsmemphis.org](mailto:kays@stjohnsmemphis.org).

**Kay Sowell**  
Newsletter Editor



# *Saint John's News*

Issue #217

News in and about the Parish of Saint John's

September 1, 2011

## **From your associate rector:**

Dear Friends,

It is hard for some of us to believe that it has been ten years since that fateful day of September 11, 2001. However, on the second Sunday in September, the Sunday after Labor Day, we along with our whole nation will mark this special anniversary that changed the lives of all Americans. As with the death of President Kennedy, we all remember where we were when those jet airplanes crashed into the two twin towers of the World Trade Center.



**September 11, 2001**



We, at Saint John's, will observe this day in a very special way. At 9:15am in the Parish Hall, our own Jim Shepherd will speak to our parish on his personal experience of the 9/11 tragedy. Being a part of a military family, Jim lived all over the country and overseas as his father was stationed in different assignments. After working ten years for a heavy equipment excavation contractor, he and his new bride, Erin, settled in New York City. In the fall of 2000, he became an officer with the New York City Police Department. After completing extensive training, Jim was assigned to the First Precinct of the NYPD, which was responsible for the area of lower Manhattan including the World Trade Center. Of course this meant that Jim was 'front and center' when the tragedy unfolded. Jim's message is one that all of us need to hear, especially our children.

Immediately following his presentation, we will have a Requiem Eucharist at the 10:30am service remembering our own martyrs, Constance and Her Companions, as well as those 'martyrs' who lost their lives on September 11, 2001.

Please make a special effort to join us on this very important day in the life of our nation.

Blessing to all of you,

**Bob**





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**Too Funny**

"I had been teaching my three-year old daughter the Lord's prayer. For several evenings at bedtime, she would repeat after me the lines from the prayer. Finally, she decided to go solo. I listened with pride as she carefully enunciated each word, right up to the end of the prayer: 'Lead us not into temptation,' she prayed, 'but deliver us from E-mail. Amen.'"

**Mother's Day Out**

September is going to be a busy month at Saint John's Mother's Day Out. On September 8 and 9, Dianne Bond, the gifted photographer of Bella Vie, will be visiting to take our school pictures. Her sweet manner coaxes even the most timid children to smile for the camera, with adorable results. If your child is a student here, don't miss this very special opportunity. Bella Vie photographs are like no others.



During the week of September 13, we will be hosting our fourth annual Scholastic Book Fair. Please feel free to stop by the MDO between 8:30am and 2:30 pm Tuesday through Friday of that week to purchase some books for the children in your life. It's a great opportunity to do some early Christmas shopping. We hope to see you there!

**Laura de Velasco**  
Director of Mother's Day Out

**Children's Ministry**

I cannot believe summer is over. We have had a terrific summer, full of many blessings, but all good things must come to an end. Seasons change, and it is time to get back to a routine – we are ready! I am excited to get back to our Sunday school curriculum rotation. Although children's Sunday school runs year round, we only teach the curriculum during the school year. The official kick-off to Sunday school will be Sunday, September 11. Children in SK-5<sup>th</sup> grade will be upstairs. I am pleased to announce that Anne Keeney will be joining us this year to teach. The Lloyds (Ms. Dianne and Dr. Bill) will teach children ages 3-5 in the downstairs area. We are so blessed to have such amazing members at Saint John's like Dianne and Bill Lloyd, Ginny and Berkeley Burbank, Claire Bradley and Anne Keeney that want to give their time to serve their church by teaching our children. These children are the future of Saint John's, therefore, their Christian education is extremely important. We would love more amazing teachers; please contact me if you are interested in teaching Sunday school. I promise you will be greatly rewarded spending time with the precious children of our church.



**Beginning September 11:**

- Downstairs in room 108 (across from the brides room): 9:15-10:15am, Sunday school, 3-5yrs. taught by Ms. Dianne and Dr. Bill Lloyd.
- Upstairs above the Parish Hall: 9:15-10:15am, Sunday school SK-5<sup>th</sup>  
SK-1<sup>st</sup> grade - taught by Ginny and Berkeley Burbank  
2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> grade - taught by Claire Bradley and Kimberly Tayloe  
4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade - taught by Anne Keeney

\*There will be no Sunday school on September 4 (Labor Day weekend).

**Kimberly Tayloe**  
Director of Children's Ministry

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**Glynn Alexander**, *Senior Warden*

**Oscar Adams, Jr.**, *Warden*  
*Class of 2011*

**Glynn Alexander, Dee Bradley, Gina Hanissian,  
Tom McAllister, Laurie Thornton**  
*Class of 2012*

**Oscar Adams, Collie Krausnick, Erin Raccach  
Shepherd, Anne Smith Speer, Henry Stratton**  
*Class of 2013*

**Bo Carr, Holly Crump, Ed Curry  
Gaye Henderson, Ted Townsend**

## Ex Officio Members

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**The Rev. Emma Connolly**, *Deacon*

**Stephanie Brown**, *Parish Administrator*

**Mat Parker**, *Treasurer*

**Jenny Pembroke**, *Assistant Treasurer*

**Richard Collins**, *Clerk/Secretary*

## Men's Club

### September 14 Meeting

Summer is over, and the Men's Club is ready to begin the fall season with a most interesting speaker, Councilman Shea Flinn. Councilman Flinn addressed us last year, and several members asked that he return. With all the issues facing the City of Memphis, particularly the issues with the Board of Education, we should learn what the real issues are and not what the media reports.

The meeting is scheduled for the second Wednesday, September 14. The plans remain the same: meet & greet at 6:00pm, dinner at 6:30pm and program starting at 7:00pm.

As always, if you plan to attend, please let Margo know by Tuesday, September 13. The phone number is 323-8597 ext. 10 or email margo@stjohnsmemphis.org . Please invite a friend and encourage others to attend.

**Steve Martin**

*"POBODY'S NERFECT"*

## Episcopal Laymen's Conference

Back from a fun weekend of food, fellowship and sleeping-under-blankets weather. The following men from Saint John's attended:

John Barbee	Hunt Campbell
John Canter-first time	Ed Curry
James Eason	John Franklin
Jim Gordon	Richard Hitchcock-first time
Bryan Lawton	Bill Lloyd, Sr.
Bill Lloyd, Jr.	John Peeples
Henry Porter	William Porter III
Butch Porter	Jim Shepherd "Mr. Coffee"
Fitzhugh Taylor	Brad Trammel "Tall Boy"
Jim Whitehead	

Next year's date will be August 17-19 with Brad Trammel as President of the Episcopal Churchmen of Tennessee. Keep these dates open, support Brad and come to the mountain.

**John Barbee**

## Adult Education

### Sundays

#### Remembering the Martyrs: Tenth Anniversary of September 11

Sunday, **September 11** at 9:15am in the **Parish Hall**, all adults and teens are invited to a day of remembrance as we hear about experiences and memories of this tragic day in America's history. How do the events of September 11, 2001 continue to affect our lives and our culture a decade later? Our special speaker will be parishioner Jim Shepherd, who served as a first responder on that fateful day.



#### Our Family Trees: Oh, the Stories They Tell!



Abraham's family tree is connected by interesting stories. Isaac, Rebekah, Ishmael, Hagar and all the rest of Abraham's family tree may look nothing like ours, but some of the stories are strangely similar because families are awash in stories, especially journey stories. We leave the home place, and we do it over and over again, then we long to return.

Abraham is known as the patriarch of the Jewish people of today through Isaac, the son born to him and Sarah in their old age in fulfillment of a promise from God. Many Arabic people are also descended from Abraham through his son Ishmael, born to Abraham and his wife's servant, Hagar. How are our lives similar, and what can we learn from Abraham's journeys and the antics of his family line? Join John Sewell on September 18 in the **Upstairs Conference Room** in this entertaining discussion of the members of Abraham's (and our) family tree. Sometimes amusing, sometimes shocking, and always interesting.

#### Exploring the Parables of Jesus

If you were to consult a modern dictionary for a definition of the word parable, you would probably read that a parable is "a short allegorical story designed to illustrate or teach some truth, religious principle or moral lesson." Although this is clearly an accurate definition, it doesn't

give us a full insight into a biblical parable. To better understand what a parable is, we need to investigate each one in the context of the time and within the tradition of the culture. But what do they mean for us today?

Anyone who has read the first four books of the New Testament will know that one of the most common teaching tools used by Jesus during his ministry was the parable. There are a total of 23 different parables recorded in the books of the Gospel, with 8 of them unique to the Gospel of Saint Matthew, 1 unique to Mark, and 14 unique to Luke. Come and explore six of these parables with Bob Van Doren beginning on **September 18** in the **Parish Hall**.



### Tuesdays

#### Young Adult Bible Study

Beginning anew this fall, and led by John Sewell, this class is for those of post college age. Contact John for meeting times and places, 323-8597.

### Wednesdays

#### Women's InnerWork Class

The Women's InnerWork/DreamWork class meets in the Saint John's Retreat House (3280 Overland Place) on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of each month from 5:30-7:00pm. All women who desire a closer relationship with a community of women and with God are invited to attend. If you would like more information, contact Emma Connolly, 323-8597, Ext. 12.



#### Children's Books and Art Supplies Needed

An orphanage in Kenya is in dire need of art supplies, children's, paper-back picture books and elementary readers. Appropriate art supplies, e.g. crayons, color pencils, construction paper, round tip scissors, glue sticks, etc. and books may be left in the Tower Room or by the elevator. Elise Freeburg and Lockie Dearman, as EYC representatives, are helping with this project. They would like for everyone to participate.



## Music Ministry

I am amazed at how blessed we are at Saint John's. In July the chancel choir threw a pool party to celebrate a number of members who have recently retired from the choir and/or have relocated from Memphis. Gayle Barnwell, Jack Bugbee, Eleanor Miller, Sylvia Taylor and Zac and Roxana Zarocir combined have contributed over 150 years of service to the Saint John's chancel choir. What a stunning accomplishment! Thank you to Walton and Sissie Griffin for hosting this wonderful party!



Tim Brophy joined us for the summer in the chancel and chant choirs. Tim is a student at Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska. He is studying Spanish and is entering his senior year. Tim also studies voice and organ with a former teacher of mine in Omaha. Tim worked as an intern at the University of Memphis for the summer. His teacher encouraged him to contact me, and that is what led him to Saint John's. He practiced the organ and brought great energy and enthusiasm in singing with the choirs. It was a special gift to have Tim involved in the life of the parish during the summer months. He performed two pieces by Copland on his last Sunday with us, July 31. Tim commented that Saint John's Episcopal Church was so friendly and hospitable that being involved at the church was the highlight of his Memphis experience. We hope to see Tim again soon and wish him all the best with his studies this year in Spanish and music.

A special thank you to Walton Griffin who played the organ this summer and for our wonderful Patriotic Recital in June. I am so thankful to have Walton's help and support, but more importantly I feel blessed to know him and Sissie and to have experienced their warmth and generosity.

The Memphis Boychoir will be joining us for the 10:30am Eucharist on September 11, 2011. We look forward to having the boys start their 24<sup>th</sup> season of music making in Memphis and at Saint John's.

Blessings  
**Dr. Geoffrey H. Ward**  
Organist/Choirmaster

## DO YOU KNOW A GIRL WHO LOVES TO SING?

Announcing Auditions for the  
MEMPHIS GIRLCHOIR – 2011/12

Rehearsals start on  
Wednesday, September 14, 2011 at 4:00pm  
and will be held at Saint John's Episcopal Church.

Auditions will be held through the end of September.  
Girls between the ages of 8 and 11 are eligible  
(grades 3 to 5).

Please contact Dr. Geoffrey Ward for more information  
(901) 323-8597 ext. 26 or [ghward@stjohnsmemphis.org](mailto:ghward@stjohnsmemphis.org).

## Pictures from our recent Washington, D.C. tour:

Hillary Dow-Ward and David Work seem happy to visit the Canadian Embassy. Why isn't Geoff smiling?



Geoff recruited a Canadian Mountie to join The Memphis Boychoir and The Memphis Chamber Choir.



## Youth Ministry

September presages the onset of autumn. On Labor Day weekend, we bid a final farewell to summer. Dove hunters head out into the fields and football fans embark on their weekly pilgrimages to Oxford and other points south. In addition to hunting and football, September also marks the commencement of Episcopal season. Sunday school classes resume and many other aspects of parish life kick into gear. The youth community has been going for three weeks by now, and we have built up a good head of steam. Enjoy the following pictures from our Messy Olympics and Water Balloon War.



### Oh, honey, honey...

Meredith Brown receives a honey facial while Elizabeth Alexander can hardly wait for her turn.



### No dish needed

Philip Freeburg enjoys a sundae the hard way; no dish or spoon.



### S'mores Galore

Will Murrah became part of his s'more. He said that was okay as long as he got to eat it.

This is the month when we light the afterburners...

**Wednesdays, 9/7, 14, 21, & 28 – LIFT! A time of worship and reflection;** 6:45 – 8pm in the Youth Room. Our weekly gathering of young people in grades 9 through 12 is back. Once again we are joined by our friends from Calvary, Grace-St. Luke's, and Holy Communion. This is worship for youth, by youth, and a great opportunity to spend quality time with other Episcopalians.

### Friday-Sunday 9/2-4 – Happening #50

*at Calvary;* Happening is a renewal retreat for young people in grades 10-12. If you fall into this age group, I hope you are attending, have attended or plan to attend some time in the future. The closing Eucharist takes place on Sunday, September 4 at 3:00pm at Calvary, and is a good place to start if you have not been through Happening and would like to know more. I STRONGLY encourage not just young people, but EVERYONE to attend this service. Many of our youth community members are involved with this weekend, and I'm sure they would appreciate your support.



### Saturday, 9/10 – Pilgrims' Reunion and Pool Party;

5:00-8:00pm at Trip's House. Pilgrims and chaperones, bring your pictures/memory cards or photo-cds plus a swimsuit and towel to Trip's house. We'll look at pictures, swim, eat and reminisce about our time on El Camino de Santiago. This event is for pilgrims and chaperones only.

**Sunday, 9/11 – Parish-wide Sunday school commemorating the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the terrorist attacks;** 9:15am in the Parish Hall. Our own Jim Shepherd, a former NYC police officer, who was on duty in Manhattan on the day of the attacks, will share his reflections on the event and how it has impacted him, his family and the rest of us. I will be there; I hope you will as well.

**Sunday, 9/11 – Movie with a Message: "Spiderman;"** 4:00-7:00pm in the Youth Room. "With great power comes great responsibility..." This oft-quoted line from the aforementioned film will be the springboard for our discussions following the screening. Jesus speaks to us in a variety of ways, including through pop-culture. Join us as we watch this first of the Spiderman series of films; a movie that was affected by the events of September 11. Dinner will be provided.

**Sunday, 9/18 – Penguin Soccer;** 4:30-7:00pm in the PLC. The beautiful game? not so much... Come show off your best Antarctic moves in this version of the world's most popular sport. This is a split event with Jr. EYC (6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade) running from 4:30-6:00pm and Sr. EYC running from 5:30-7:00pm. The overlap from 5:30-6:00pm is when we all share a common meal.

**Sunday, 9/25 – Tacos and Tie-Dye;** noon-2:00pm in the Youth Room. This is a combined event, (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade.) The title is pretty much its own description.

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We'll eat tacos while we tie-dye things. Bring a shirt, socks, hankie, or a favorite pet and we'll add that special splash of color!!!

**Interested in helping the EYC by providing and preparing a meal?** Check the schedule below and contact Trip if you would like to help out, [trip@stjohnsmemphis.org](mailto:trip@stjohnsmemphis.org).

EVENT DATE	EVENT TITLE	EVENT TIME	MEAL TIME
Sunday, 9-11-11	Movie with a Message*	4:00-7:00pm	5:30pm
Sunday, 8-18-11	Penguin Soccer	4:30-7:00pm	5:30pm
Sunday, 9-25-11	Tacos and Tie-Dye*	Noon-2:00pm	Noon
Sunday, 10-23-11	Capture the Flag*	Noon-1:30pm	1:00pm
Sunday, 11-06-11	Noodle Lacrosse*	Noon-1:30pm	1:00pm
Sunday, 11-20-11	Bake It 'til You Make It	4:30-7:00pm	5:30pm
Sunday, 12-04-11	Family Feud	4:30-7:00pm	5:30pm
Sunday, 12-11-11	Scooter Insanity*	Noon-1:30pm	1:00pm
* Combined Jr. and Sr. events.			

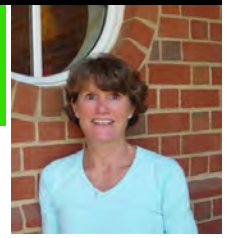
**EYC Christmas Trees and Wreaths:**

Yeah, we know it's not even Halloween. Nevertheless, it's time to think about ordering your Christmas essentials from the EYC. We are taking a new approach this year. Rather than marking up the trees ourselves, we are offering all items at our cost. There are two advantages to this method: **1** – Prices will be lower and more attractive, thereby inducing you, the consumer, to buy from us. **2** – By offering the items at cost, this allows you to determine the size of donation you make to the EYC and to claim this donation on your 2011 taxes. We still have to discuss the matter among EYC and parents, but we also hope to offer you an option to have your items delivered. Check the order form in this newsletter and check the website for more details.

**Trip Gintz**  
Director of Youth Ministry

**Recreation, Health and Fitness**

**New Equipment in the Cardio Room!**



Come and check out our new True Treadmills and Recumbent Bike in the fitness room. Get in shape for the Book It 5K by putting in a few miles on these new pieces of equipment.



**PLC Fall Hours**

Mon-Fri 6:00am-9:00pm  
Sat 9:00am-1:00pm

**Saint John's Men's Softball**

Congratulations to the men who played on the softball team this year. They finished with a record of 4-8, went into the tournament and won the first game and lost the next to finish 5-9.



**SPE for MDO**

The Saint John's Recreation Department is offering a Physical Education component for the MDO children beginning this fall. They will be learning the importance of fitness, exercise and healthy eating in addition to playing games, sports and gymnastics. We are excited to be able to offer this activity for our wonderful children in MDO.

**Soccer at Saint John's**

This fall Saint John's will have a Jr. Kindergarten team coached by Ben Bricken, Pat Burke and Tim Ballard and a 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> grade boys team coached by William Brandon. They are excited to be able to use the new field for practices.

**Marietta Haaga**  
Director of Recreation



## Outreach

Part of the thrill of service lies in our connection to people from diverse backgrounds with whom we might not otherwise have the opportunity to meet. Reaching out to those in need is a wonderful way to add meaning to your life. Consider some of the opportunities below:



- **Literacy Program Tutors Needed**

Twenty women are needed as tutors in the Girls Inc. and WriteMemphis collaboration for an after-school writing program at Kipp Charter Schools. Contact Clair Bradley at 458-1667, Cathey Alexander at 683-6599, or Emma Connolly at 323-8597 Ext 12.

- **MIFA - Memphis Interfaith Association**

Put smiles on the faces of the elderly by helping build ramps and cleaning yards. The MIFA Handyman program always needs volunteers. Call John Peeples if you can work for a couple of hours on an upcoming Saturday morning, 323-2243.

- **MIFA MEALS** – Brighten the day of a homebound senior citizen by delivering hot meals Monday through Friday between 9:30am and 11:30am. Volunteers must have their own vehicles and proof of insurance. Contact Helen Ryan at 529-4513 or [hryan@mifa.org](mailto:hryan@mifa.org).

- **Saturday MIFA Meals** – If you can't make it during the week, please consider doing a special Saturday meal delivery. Contact Helen Ryan at 529-4513 or [hryan@mifa.org](mailto:hryan@mifa.org).

- **The Hospitality Hub**

This organization is a spiritual sanctuary in Memphis for our homeless neighbors, particularly persons who are newly homeless, where they can be connected to resources available to help them achieve physical, mental, spiritual and economic stability and independence. Do you have a couple of free hours each week? Consider becoming a volunteer counselor. Each Hub client is assisted for a period of three months to secure IDs, birth certificates, GEDs, housing and jobs. Full training is available. And if you're not certain if this is for you, come to The Hub any day between 12:30-3pm and witness some of the work they do there. Also needed are volunteers for once-a-month ministry of listening. Call Emma for more information, 323-8597, Ext. 12.

- **Saint John's Outreach Committee**

The Outreach Committee (comprised of 14 parishioners, 1 vestry member and 2 clergy liaisons) reconvenes for the fall with the September 13 meeting at 5:30pm.

Parishioners are always invited. We will meet during the school year on the second Tuesday of each month. If you want to become more knowledgeable about the great needs of inner-city Memphis, or become involved in addressing those needs, consider coming to an Outreach Committee meeting and learn more, or speak to Chairperson John Peeples or Emma Connolly to discuss how your life can be uplifted by helping to lift up others.

On behalf of the Outreach Committee  
**Emma Connolly**

## Episcopal Church Women Fall Luncheon

September 14, 10:30am

All of the women of the diocese are invited to the Fall Luncheon Meeting of the Episcopal Church Women of West Tennessee on Wednesday, September 14, 2011. This year we will again be welcomed at the newly renovated Trezevant Manor, (901) 325-4000.

Registration will begin at 10:30am followed by a short business meeting in the St. Edward Chapel. The Rev. Robin Hatzenbuehler will give us a presentation on "Leaving Our Legacy." We will enjoy a lunch in the dining room and then optional tours of the lovely renovated facilities. Cost for the day is \$12. Your check payable to ECW West Tennessee should be mailed to Merrill Ann Cole, 120 S. Mendenhall Rd., Memphis, TN 38117. Checks must be received by Wednesday September 7.

For more information contact Agnes Gordon, President, ECW of West Tennessee (901) 278-5027, [jefferds@aol.com](mailto:jefferds@aol.com) or go to [www.ecwwtn.org](http://www.ecwwtn.org).

Invite your friends and your mom, daughter or sister and join us for this enjoyable luncheon!

**Agnes Gordon**  
West Tennessee ECW President

## Service Ministry Schedule

	September 4	September 11	September 18	September 25	
8:00am	Acolyte	Austin Hasenmueller	Jim Brown	Buckner Hasenmueller	Meredith Brown
	Chalice Bearer	Kim Mullins Butch Porter	Jim Shepherd Clyde Stephenson	Clyde Stephenson David Caywood	John Stewart John Viser
10:30am	Celebrant	The Rev. Robert Van Doren, Jr.	The Rev. Robert Van Doren, Jr.	The Rev. John W. Sewell	The Rev. John W. Sewell
	Children’s Chapel	The Rev. Emma Connolly	Kimberly Tayloe	The Rev. Emma Connolly	Kimberly Tayloe
	Acolyte Team	St. Stephen	St. Margaret	St. Augustine	St. Joseph
	Altar Guild	Team #1 Leader: Deborah Hubbard	Team #2 Leader: Carol Calame	Team #3 Leader: Susan Peeples	Team #4 Leader: Leigh Robinson
	Chalice Bearer	Bruce Smedley John Viser Elizabeth Gassler	David Work Stacy Sims Randy Jefferson	John Stewart Leslie Pretsch Steve Martin	Bruce Smith Randy Jefferson Bruce Smedley
	Flower Delivery	Mary Kate Brandon Paul Calame	Myra Ann Kelso Virginia Curry	Roger & Judy Deshaies Agnes Gordon	Joseph Grubbs Jane Gully
	Flower Guild	Barbara Viser’s Team	Mary Ann Lee’s Team	Tammy Golwen’s Team	Myra Ann Kelso’s Team
	Greeters	Carolyn Murray Jeanna O’Keeffe	M/M John Peeples M/M Will Pierce	Mr. Jim Rainer M/M Jere Reid	Mrs. Betsy Rucks Mr. Harry Soldan
Jr. Acolytes	Crucifer Banner	Austin Robinson Houston Sims	Sophie Townsend Joe Carter	Irene Keeney Greer Golwen	Edward Stark Ashley Lawton
	Lectors	John Golwen Bruce Smedley	Bruce Hopkins David Work	Hunt Campbell John Stewart	Edie Marshall Bruce Smith
	Medical Guild	Brent Mullins	Davis Moser		
	Ushers	Team #1 Leader: John Viser	Team #3 Leader: Philip Freeburg	Team #4 Leader: Fitzhugh Taylor	Team #4 Leader: Buddy Dearman
	Verger	Jeanette Martin	Gina Yauger	Jeanette Martin	Marie Peeples
	Organist	Dr. Geoffrey H. Ward	Dr. Geoffrey H. Ward	Dr. Geoffrey H. Ward	Dr. Geoffrey H. Ward
530pm	Lector/Chalice Bearer	Horace Carter	Jim Posner	Scott Trammell	Stacy Sims
12:15pm	Wednesdays	Terry Robertson	Margo Carter	Joseph Grubbs	Terry Robertson

**Remember:** If you cannot serve on the date you have been scheduled, you need to find a replacement. Please notify Margo or Kay in the church office (323-8597).

## Scheduled Activities

09-05-11		<b>Labor Day: Office &amp; PLC Closed</b>
09-10-11	5:00pm	Pilgrims' Reunion & Pool Party, Trip's House
09-11-11	9:15am	9/11 Commemoration, Parish Hall
	10:30am	Requiem Eucharist
	1:30pm	DOK, 3280 Overland
09-13-11		MDO Scholastic Book Fair
09-14-11	6:00pm	Men's Club, Parish Hall

## Ongoing Events

### Mondays

	Lady's Bible Study <b>On Summer Break</b>
4:00pm	Boychoir, Choir Room
7:00pm	Chamber Choir, Choir Room

### Tuesdays

9:30am	Pilates, PLC-2nd Floor
noon	Knitting, PLC-SMR
1:00pm	Painting Group, PLC-LMR
4:45pm	Pilates, PLC-2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor

### Wednesdays

12:10pm	Healing Service w/Eucharist
3:00pm	Yoga Fair, PLC-2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor
6:30pm	Zumba, PLC
7:00pm	Chancel Choir, Choir Room

### Thursdays

noon	Knitting, PLC-SMR
4:00pm	Boychoir, Choir Room
4:45pm	Pilates, PLC-2nd Floor
6:30pm	Pilates, PLC-2nd Floor
7:00pm	Volleyball, PLC-Gym

## Prayer List

### Parishioners

Diana Bailey	Randy Furlong
Gail Bruce	Sandra Hubbard
Jack Bugbee	Bill Hutchinson
Margo Carter	John M. Jefferson
Helen Elliotte	Walter Jones
Elizabeth Gillespie	Ralph Lewis, Jr.
Paul Perry	Ruth Morrison
Sylvia Taylor	Robbie Parrish
Walter	Dana Lynch Poisal
	Lou Ann Pritchard

### Family and Friends

Bill Bagley	Peter Quinn
Jeffery Browndyke	Don Rippenger
Carolyn Clark	Don Sampietro
Bill Cook	Bill Sossaman
Wayne Copeland	Bill Sprague
Billie Crenshaw	Celeste Stewart
Evans Culpepper	Jack Walgild
John Elkin	Jesse Winchester

## Financial Good News/Bad News

July 2011	Year to Date	Difference
Pledges Budgeted	\$ 542,850	<b>\$ 20,814</b>
Pledges Received	\$ 563,664	<b>Good News</b>
Other Giving Budgeted	\$ 191,352	<b>(\$ 17, 242)</b>
Other Giving Received	\$ 174,110	<b>Bad News</b>
Budgeted Expenses	\$ 805,319	<b>(\$4,571)</b>
Actual Expenses	\$ 800,748	<b>Good News</b>

## Sunday Readings Lectionary Year A

### September 4, 2011—Pentecost 12

1st Lesson	Ezekiel 33:7-11
Psalms 119:33-40	
2nd Lesson	Romans 13:8-114
Gospel	Matthew 18:15-20

### September 11, 2011—Pentecost 13

1st Lesson	Genesis 50:15-21
Psalms 103:8-13	
2nd Lesson	Romans 14:1-12
Gospel	Matthew 18:21-35

### September 18, 2011—Pentecost 14

1st Lesson	Jonah 3:10—4:11
Psalms 145:1-8	
2nd Lesson	Philippians 1:21-30
Gospel	Matthew 20:1-16

### September 25, 2011—Pentecost 15

1st Lesson	Ezekiel 18:1-4, 225-32
Psalms 25:1-8	
2nd Lesson	Philippians 2:1-13
Gospel	Matthew 21:23-32

## Support Groups

### AA

Mon.	5:30pm
	6:00pm
	8:00pm
Wed.	5:30pm
Fri.	5:30pm
Sat.	10:30am

### Al Anon

Tue.	5:30pm
Thu.	5:30pm

### La Leche

First Thursday	10:30am
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### Parkinson Support

Fourth Tuesday	2:00pm
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AA, Al Anon and La Leche meet in the Parish Life Center. The Parkinson Support group meets in the Parish Hall.



## **Birthdays**

### **September 1**

Ann Kirk Bugbee  
Jenna Sneed O'Keeffe  
Amanda LeAnn Peterson  
Jana Katherine Tayloe

### **September 2**

Elizabeth Chandler Lee  
Linda Russell

### **September 3**

Paul Armand Calame, Jr.  
Paul Moore Mercer III

### **September 4**

Jim Hardin Barton, Jr.  
Robert Lynn Burns  
Dorritte Evans Early  
Elizabeth Stevens Krausnick  
Milburn K. Noell, Jr.  
Bryan Christopher Rooke  
Naill Phelan Terry

### **September 6**

Nat Baxter  
Beth Noble Campbell  
Sally W. Hook  
Murray Price Phillips  
William David Porter IV  
Helen C. Shute  
Amy Sowell

### **September 7**

Katherine Nebhut Snider

### **September 8**

Joel Lee Stamey

### **September 9**

George Thomas Hoehn  
Edwinna Robbins Reed

### **September 10**

Hal Pittman Bailey III  
Richard Mathew Brinner  
Juanita Marie Madanna  
Jean William Pierce, Jr.  
Mary Parker Rice  
Elise Humphreys Wright

### **September 11**

John Charles Catmur, Jr.  
Ara James Hanissian, Sr.  
James Edward Townsend III

### **September 12**

Anne Golwen Brand  
Dorothy Sims Burke  
Brenda Crain

### **September 13**

Paul Thurman Elliotte  
Kristin Powell Lawton  
Dianne Angeletti Lloyd  
Patrick Edward Moore  
Betty Sue Yandell

### **September 14**

Mavis Ridout Alexander  
Mary Lila Baker  
Benjamin Lane Carrick, Jr.  
Tara Ann Tomlin Horton  
James A. Posner

### **September 15**

Pamela B. Van Doren

### **September 16**

Robert Joseph Bell, Sr.  
Amy Susan Carter  
R. Sean Oldham

### **September 17**

Carl Hermann Langschmidt, Jr.  
Henry Byars Tayloe  
Juliet Claire Tayloe  
William Roberts Tayloe, Jr.

### **September 19**

Elizabeth LeCompte McCallen  
James Aaron Wheeler

### **September 20**

Grace Byers Bell  
Sean Douglas Daggett

### **September 21**

Ann Wilder Boyd  
Walter Marion Boradfoot

### **September 22**

Jennifer Morrison Miller  
William McClintock Trammell

### **September 23**

Adele Keeney  
Corinne O'Neal Parker  
James McCown Smith III

### **September 24**

Dorothea B. Harwood  
Liam Alexander Shepherd  
Hadley Love Wheeler

### **September 25**

Jill McCready Grace  
Jeanette St. Clair Martin  
Nancy Weathersby Steffens  
Joseph Bryce Terry

### **September 26**

Edith Hitchcock Marshall  
James S. R. McFadden  
Margaret Wilcox Smith

James Willard Witherspoon

### **September 27**

John Frederick Dooley  
Lawson Dunn Maury

### **September 28**

Sara Jones Butler  
Sharon Anne Stafford Fidler

### **September 29**

Roger Lee Deshaies  
Margaret Kathryn Gassaway  
Bettie Watson Golwen  
Jerry Austin Wilson

### **September 30**

William Terrence Mays III  
Mary Walton A. Webster

## **Anniversaries**

### **September 6**

Mr. and Mrs. Howard L. Golwen

### **September 11**

Mr. and Mrs. Patrick V. Horton

### **September 18**

Mr. and Mrs. Darren J. Elzie

### **September 20**

Mr. and Mrs. Richard C. Carter

### **September 23**

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas L. McAllister  
Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Weaver

## **Memorials**

### **Carroll Seabrook Leatherman**

Mrs. C. J. Lowrance III  
Barbara S. Mills

### **Virginia Cochran Noell**

Mrs. C. J. Lowrance III  
Barbara S. Mills

## **Honorariums**

In Honor of Mahaffey White  
By M/M Dick Ashley

## **Vestry Report**

The vestry of Saint John's were on summer break during the month of July. The next approved vestry minutes will be posted in the October newsletter.



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**PLC Hours**  
**Monday-Friday**  
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**Saturday**  
9:00am—1:00pm

**Sunday Services**  
8:00am Holy Eucharist, I or II  
9:15am Sunday School  
10:30am Holy Eucharist, I or II  
5:30pm Holy Eucharist, II

**Wednesday Service**  
12:10pm Healing Service  
with Holy Eucharist

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## Sign Up Now! Book It 5K for Kids

We are trying to form a Saint John's team for this event. The proceeds will go to Books from Birth and the Emmanuel Episcopal Center. Register at [www.bookit5K.racesonline.com](http://www.bookit5K.racesonline.com).

**Marietta Haaga**  
**Director of Recreation**

## Our Vision:

We, the family of  
St. Helena's,  
empowered by  
the Holy Spirit,  
welcome all God's  
children to  
grow with us in grace  
and proclaim the Good  
News of Jesus Christ.

**To our guests:**  
You are the most  
important people  
here today.

We are privileged to  
have you join us and  
encourage you  
to come again.

Please sign  
the Guest Sheet  
on the table outside  
the Great Room or  
on the table just  
inside the front doors  
of the Main Street  
entrance, or  
complete a guest  
card and place it in  
the offering plate.  
Thank you for  
joining us today!

## LAY MINISTRY TODAY:

**Acolytes: 7:45** - Kyle Nelson; 9-Luke Hardin-C, Xander Horwath-S; 11-Morgan Horwath-C, Aleiha Sawyers-S  
**Altar Guild Team 3:** Dee Smith, Anne Leavitt, Lisa Kelley, Susan Gross, Sharon Welch, Dawn Highsmith

**Lay Readers:** Bob Pollom, Dave Powell; 9- Renee Snyder, Carrie Allport; 11- Bruce Calder, Chuck Baldwin

**Ushers:** 7:45- Judy & Mark Olender; 9- Tommy Phillip, David Phillip, Geoff Clarke, Brian Topper; 11- Bob Vincent, Ron White

**Vestry Hosts:** Rob Nelson and Brian Scheele

Sunday Edition

## The CROSS FINDER

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## Stewardship 2011

Submitted by Sean Crimmins

Every year, the fall heralds change – back to school, football, cooler mornings, just to name a few. At church, fall brings us the annual Stewardship campaign. During the campaign, we hear a lot about how we use our talents, time and treasure to do God's work. We talk about the financial condition of the church and the budget. We talk about how our various ministries are performing. We ask some of our members to serve on the Stewardship Committee to plan our campaign. We do all this with the central hope that we will better communicate our message to the whole church.

The campaign this year will be much like prior year campaigns. We will have articles in the Sunday Cross-Finder. We will have several sermons on stewardship. We will have member testimonials on how their

practice of stewardship has affected their spiritual life. We will send letters to every family.

In addition, we will this year have a **big meeting**. We will invite every member of the church to attend this meeting and we hope and pray that every member will attend.

At this meeting, we will have presentations explaining the financial position of the church and the road we need to travel to return to financial health. We will have a guest speaker. We will have food. Our intention is to energize us all to do the work that God has given us to do.

Our Stewardship chair this year is Randy Dent. His committee includes Ben Adam, Sean Crimmins, Bruce Calder, George Short, David Digby, Troy Hallmark, Dre Beasley, Lisa Kelley, Tommy Matthews, Yvette Dralle and Father Bill.

We ask everyone to pray for the success of this campaign.

## Falling Forward in Faith...

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL - FALL 2011

## African Bible Study

*A casual, small group conversation of scripture done in a unique way.*

Leaders: Beth Adam & Chris Godsey  
Meets in: Crown Room

## NOOMA

*A video and small group discussion of the dynamic Rob Bell series. Issues that touch our lives daily presented in a way that fits our world.*

Leaders: Julie & Fred Polansky  
Meets in: Annex West

## In My Shoes

*A focused discussion for fathers of sons done in a humorous, encouraging and challenging format. Join them as you "walk with your sons through a life-long journey with Christ."*

Leaders: Ben Houck & Joseph Horton  
Meets in: Annex East

Are you new around here?  
We're happy you're here!

Please fill in the blanks,  
tear out this portion and drop it  
in the collection plate.

**Thank you for being here today!**

Names \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I'm seeking a faith community.

☐ I'm new to the area, moving from \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I need prayers for \_\_\_\_\_



## Vestry Hosts of the Day



**Rob Nelson**



**Brian Scheele**

Rob, Brian and other Vestry members are here to help you! Look for the folks wearing the "Vestry" name tags!

## Contacting Father Bill



During regular office hours, please call (830)249-3228 to schedule an appointment with Father Bill.

If there is a pastoral emergency after 3 p.m., call him on his cell phone at (830)446-3249 or e-mail him at [pastoral@sthelenas-boerne.org](mailto:pastoral@sthelenas-boerne.org).

## ST. HELENA'S YOUTH

Jr. High and Sr. High Youth Groups meet on Wednesdays  
Junior High meets from 4:15- 5:45 p.m. in the Youth House  
Senior High meets from 6-8 p.m. in the Youth House



### Church Office Open Hours:

**Monday: 10am-3pm**

**Tuesday-Thursday: 9am-3pm**

**Friday: 10am-3pm**

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## THE ANCHOR

*This is a feature in which you will find financial information on St. Helena's Church, both current and historical.*

### JOIN GEORGE!



There are a number of individuals who have chosen to step up to fill a void within the church community.

One of them is George Short.

George dedicated his career to the betterment of youth and, now retired, has taken on the youth within our Youth Groups. His goal is invite more and more youth into opportunities to encounter God by taking away financial barriers for these young people. His idea is to invite us to sponsor a youth to help offset miscellaneous and mission trip expenses.

Would you like to play an anonymous, but vital, role in a youth's life?

All expenses for one youth for one year including the mission trip would be covered for \$500. So far, over \$1800 has been collected which will enable 3 or more youth to be involved; youth who would not otherwise be able to.

Do you, or a group you are involved in, want to join George in sponsoring a youth? Just put "youth sponsor" in the memo of your check. If you have questions, contact Beth Adam in the church office and she will be glad to visit with you. Contact her at (830)249-3228 or [beth@sthelenas-boerne.org](mailto:beth@sthelenas-boerne.org)

**ST. HELENA'S COMMITMENT TO FINANCIAL STABILITY AND FUTURE GROWTH IS**

## Altar Flowers



*Donations for Altar Flowers this week were graciously made by the following people:*

*Given in thanksgiving for many blessings by Lou and Bud Kennedy*

*Given in thanksgiving for John Pritko's 85th Birthday by Jayne Pritko.*

*Given in thanksgiving for all His blessings He has bestowed on us and St. Helena's, by Chris and Wayne Godsey.*

*Given in thanksgiving for all of God's blessings by an anonymous parishioner.*

*For more information about donating money for Altar Flowers, contact the Church Office at (830)249-3228 or [office@sthelenas-boerne.org](mailto:office@sthelenas-boerne.org)*

**Did you know?**

The Kendall County Women's Shelter holds "How Can We Help?" meetings on the second Wednesday of each month at noon at the Patrick Heath Public Library. All are welcome.

# It's almost time for our annual garage sale!

Volunteers and donations are needed for St. Helena's annual Garage Sale hosted by the Episcopal Church Women and set for 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24 at the Kendall County Fairgrounds.

Friday, Sept. 23 will be the "preview sale" with a live auction beginning at 6:30 p.m. You will be able to buy items BEFORE the big garage sale is open to the public and join in a fun live auction. The cost to attend is a donation of \$5 per person and includes beer, wine, and light appetizers.

We need volunteers to prepare the setup and pricing from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. during the week of Sept. 19-23 from all day or part of the day... any and all help is appreciated and needed. If you have never done this before, please come out and help. It is a great way to enjoy fellowship while helping a wonderful cause. Childcare is available at the church with RSVP.

The only way to have a successful garage sale is with your help... we need your donations! Donation drop-off begins Sunday, Sept. 18 from 12-4 p.m. at the KCFG. Your donations can be dropped off during this time and from Monday, Sept. 19 through Wednesday, Sept. 21 from 8 a.m. to 5 pm.

If you have any questions, need to drop off after hours, or are in need of a pick up, contact Sheri Digby (210)723-8233.

## Isaiah study begins Sept. 19

David Cole will lead a study of Isaiah (the first book of the prophets) Mondays from 6:30-8:15 p.m. in Room 1 beginning Sept. 19 and running through the end of the year.

This prophecy foretells the coming of a messiah to serve as the ultimate sacrifice for all mankind. Isaiah's detailed prediction of Jesus' birth, death, and resurrection validate the truthfulness and consistency of Scripture. Contact David at (830)755-4608 or [coleeagle@earthlink.net](mailto:coleeagle@earthlink.net).

## Wanna help build a home? Mexico Mission trip planned for Oct. 16-22

Constructores Para Cristo (CPC) efforts in Piedras Negras this summer have produced 28 new homes for very needy families. More importantly, 28 church groups from throughout our nation have shared mutual joy and gifts of God with at least that many families who have now moved from virtual squalor to better living conditions and new hope.

This October, we get to share in that experience as we partner with Glen Leven Presbyterian Church from Nashville, TN to build a home (St. Helena's 22nd) for another family.

Come join us! Big... little... young... old... male... female... out of shape... fully fit! If you are any of those, then you are qualified.

The tasks are simple but the final product will

## Want to know more about EfM?

All individuals are called to some ministry during their life. Education for Ministry provides an opportunity to participate in an education program that will assist in defining and carrying out this special calling.

Join us in the Parish Hall today during Sunday School time to listen to what Education For Ministry - EfM - is all about.

Kent Hutton will be our special guest speaker.

## Hey, honey???

Most of us have either heard or said, "Honey, could you do something for me?" That might work just as well at church! We have a few things needing some attention around the church now and then; things that might not be immediately pressing. With that in mind, I am inviting some "honeys" to join the **Honey Do Crew**. Membership is easy. Simply give the church office a call or stop by when you have some free time. I will start gathering little things around our church home that need a little something. We may have just the thing for you that is right up your alley!

Thanks, honey... Beth Adam

## Parking around church

Please observe the same ordinances regarding Reserved Handicapped Accessible Parking at St. Helena's as you do in other parking lots.



## Thursday Men's Bible Study

The Men's Bible Study Group is currently studying "God's wisdom vs. the World's wisdom" beginning with the book of Ecclesiastes moving to Proverbs. All men are welcome to join in at 7 a.m. on Thursday mornings in the Annex building for coffee, Bible study and lively discussion. Bring your Bible and a friend.

Contact Dre Beesley at (210)316-1921 or [drejamie@gvyc.com](mailto:drejamie@gvyc.com).

bring memories you'll smile about for years to come.

We will travel after church to our hotel in Piedras Negras on Sunday afternoon.

At the work site, we will stack concrete blocks; install doors, windows, and roof panels; apply a stucco-like bonding cement to all walls; then celebrate with the family and return home on Friday, refreshed, amazed and thankful for all we were given.

If you have even the slightest interest in this ministry, get your name and e-mail address in the Mexico Mission data bank by contacting Ed Prather at (830) 249-8101, or (210)326-5138, or [hepnan@beecreek.net](mailto:hepnan@beecreek.net).

Also, watch for flyers posted on bulletin boards and distributed around the church periodically. Please pray about this and join us.

## Sunday's Worship Services

7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship without music - Historic Sanctuary  
8:30 a.m. Breakfast on the patio  
9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship with Music upstairs -Great Room  
10:15 a.m. - Sunday School for the Family  
11:00 a.m. Traditional Service with music in the Historic Sanctuary

## Wednesday Worship Services

Mid-week Holy Eucharist, 10 a.m. Wednesday

## Lay Ministers for Sunday, Sept. 25

**Acolytes: 7:45** - Kyle Nelson; 9-David Keith-C, Aleiha Sawyers-S; 11- Ben Barton-C, Kynleigh Etter-S

**Altar Guild Team 4:** Pat Bergmann, Tandy Bowers, Ann McClelland, Terri McGuire, Julie Vickery

**Lay Readers:** Aubrey Sanderson, Sean Crimmins; 9-Fred Keith, Christian Lipe; 11- Marie Mayfield, Jo Caldwell

**Ushers:** 7:45- Gene Smith, Joe Bob Cudd; 9- Dana & Tommy Mathews; Abigail & Maggie Allport, Ben Adam; 11- Ed Prather, Pete Hossenlopp

**Vestry Host:** Carol Mathews

## This week at St. Helena's...

### SUNDAY, SEPT. 18

**CONTEMPLATIVE HOLY EUCHARIST** in the Historic Sanctuary at 7:45 a.m.

**CONTEMPORARY HOLY EUCHARIST** in the Great Room at 9 a.m.

**BREAKFAST** is served on the patio beginning at 8:30 a.m.

#### Sunday School for the family:

**KIDS-** PreK & K meet in Room C

1st & 2nd Grade meets in Room E

3rd & 4th Grade meets in Room 1

5th & 6th Grade meets in ROCK 1

**YOUTH-** Junior High and Senior High meet in Youth House for Hang Time

**ADULTS** meet at different locations:  
**In My Shoes** book study for dads of sons meets in Annex East.

**African Bible study** meets in the Crown Room.

**NOOMA video study** meets in Annex West.

**CHORAL HOLY EUCHARIST** in the historic Sanctuary at 11 a.m.

**FINANCIAL PEACE** meets at 4:30 p.m.

**JR. & SR. HIGH YOUTH MOVIE & PIZZA** from 6-8 p.m. in the Youth House.

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS** meets at 8 p.m. in the Annex.

### MONDAY, SEPT. 19

Office Angel: D. Smith

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES** Lectionary study in Annex-W at 9:30 a.m.

**BIBLE STUDY OF ISAIAH** led by David Cole meets Mondays from 6:30-8:15 p.m. Details to follow.

**BOY SCOUTS** meet in the Annex E from 7-8:30 p.m.

### TUESDAY, SEPT. 20

Office Angel: C. Mathews

**ST. HELENA'S EARLY ENRICHMENT**

**PRESCHOOL** meets from 8:30 a.m. to 2:15 p.m.

**WOMEN'S AA** meets in the Annex-W at 6 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 21

Office Angel: J. Caldwell, S. Reagan

### ST. HELENA'S EARLY ENRICHMENT

**PRESCHOOL** meets from 8:30 a.m. to 2:15 p.m.

**MATTHEW Bible Study** begins at 9 a.m. in the Parish Hall.

#### **RITE I HEALING AND HOLY**

**EUCHARIST** worship service at 10 a.m. in the historic Sanctuary.

**TRUE NORTH** for 1st & 2nd graders meets from 4-5:30 p.m. in Room 1.

**SHINE!** for 3rd & 4th graders meets from 4-5:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

**ROCK SOLID** meets from 4:15-5:30 p.m. in the ROCK Room next door to A Servant's Heart Bookstore.

**JR. HIGH YOUTH** meets from 4:15-5:30 p.m. in the Youth House.

**SR. HIGH YOUTH** meets from 6-8 p.m. in the Youth House

**CHOIR** practices from 7-8:30 p.m.

### THURSDAY, SEPT. 22

Office Angel: J. Duesing, L. Peugeot

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY** The Men meet from 7-8 a.m. in the Annex for coffee, discussion and study. Bring your Bible and a friend.

#### **ST. HELENA'S EARLY ENRICHMENT**

**PRESCHOOL** meets from 8:30 a.m. to 2:15 p.m.

**CENTERING PRAYER** meets 6 p.m. in the Transept. For more information contact Cindy Tolbert at morning-gloryfarms@gmail.com or (830)755-5175.

#### **CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP BAND**

practices at 6 p.m. in the Great Room.

### FRIDAY, SEPT. 23

Office Angel: B. Snell

**FRIDAY FOLDING ANGELS** meet in the church office at 10 a.m. to fold worship bulletins and enjoy fellowship.

**GARAGE SALE PREVIEW & AUCTION** 6:30 p.m. at the Fairgrounds.

### SATURDAY, SEPT. 24

**ECW GARAGE SALE** at the Kendall



This is the last day to shop sale merchandise!

After today,

it will be gone.

Don't forget to browse our book and Bible

selections... if we don't

have it in stock,

we can get it for you.

**The mission of A Servant's Heart Bookstore is to provide St. Helena's members, visitors and their friends Christian books, resources and gifts so they may grow in their relationship with Christ and one another.**

#### **Regular Hours:**

**Tuesday 11a.m.-2p.m.**

**Wed.: 11a.m.-2p.m.**

**Thursday: 11a.m.-2p.m.**

**Sunday 8:30a.m.-12p.m.**

[bookstore@sthelenasboerne.org](mailto:bookstore@sthelenasboerne.org)

**(830)249-8968**

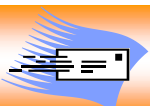
County Fairgrounds from 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

**AA WOMEN'S GROUP** meets at 10 a.m. in the Annex-W.

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

### Sept. 18 & 25:

Join us in the Parish Hall during Sunday School time to listen to what Education For Ministry - EFM - is all about. Kent Hutton will be our special guest speaker.



Are you getting the "News from St. Helena's" weekly e-mail? If you are not on the e-mailing list, visit [www.sthelenas-boerne.org](http://www.sthelenas-boerne.org) and sign up today!





# Connections

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2011

## “THERE IS A TIME FOR EVERYTHING, AND A SEASON FOR EVERY ACTIVITY UNDER HEAVEN.” (Ecclesiastes 3:1 NIV)

Solomon tells us that there is a time and a season for everything. Sometimes it's hard for me to remember that - even though everything in nature echoes these words. There is an order, a healthy rhythm to life that reminds us of what we've done and what lies yet to do. There's time for everything he says, so why am I rushing all the time? Where does the time go?

The seasons change in their order, as Creation marches steadfastly from spring through winter.

There's a time for new life and fresh starts, a time for growth and being fruitful and finally, for harvesting, resting, even dying to make ready for the next year's cycle. Our lives have a natural order as well, as we move from childhood to adulthood with all the many stages of growth in between - and these changes move so quickly don't they?

The same changes happen in a church. Just this morning, I looked through the last church pictorial directory to see if I could match a name with a face. I remember 10 years ago when I could hear a name and almost always a face would come to mind.

### You Are All Invited to the Annual Planning Event!!!

This is your chance to contribute to the vision that the St. Andrew ministry teams have for 2012. Ministry teams will have simultaneous presentations so that you can concentrate on your particular areas of interest. Your ideas will also help evaluate the resources that will be needed to continue the vibrant ministries at St. Andrew. Join us on **August 28 from 12:30 - 3 p.m. Lunch and Child Care will be provided.**



That's not always the case nowadays - and it's not totally because of our growth! But, like everything else, this church has changed and grown in many ways.



another that we have loved for years and years and we miss them.

As a congregation, we are 50-odd years young. As churches go, we're practically in our infancy. My

I mean, to me, we're still in the "new" St. Andrew building. But, for some of us, it's the only building we've known. We have added some new staff, and they rock, but we've also lost some staff - and so did they. We have some new members and they are wonderful and we love them and are excited to have them with us. The flip side of that, of course, is that we have lost some long-time members in one way or

family has been affiliated, in one way or another, for nearly 20 years, only half of that time as one of your pastors. But, my intention with this article isn't to wax eloquent (right!) about who we've been or what we've done as a community of faith. I just wanted to think for a bit about what comes next. Honestly, I don't know, I'm not in charge of that - God is.

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All I know is that we are drawing close to the end of this "season" and that's okay. We hired a church consultant (Rev. Dr. Dick Hamm) a couple of years back to help us make sure we keep moving, keep heading where God is calling us to go and to make sure we're not "homesteading" right here. You've heard about next steps, new models and of fresh visions for St. Andrew - all things we'd expect to hear in the aftermath of a consultant helping us seek a new vision.

I can't tell you exactly what all this talk means but probably very little in the short run; a staff position will be added, some programming will probably be altered or added to, conversations are taking place about how can we do this or that better or more effectively and these will no doubt lead to changes at the appropriate times - all things in their season, right?

to everything  
there is a season

I believe we are firmly in the middle of a growing season here at St. Andrew, and, depending on what you're growing, there will undoubtedly be pruning back or adding-to that lies ahead. One thing we have to make sure we do is to exhibit a holy patience and not get ahead of ourselves. That is, we need to move as quickly as God calls us to move, but no quicker. To do otherwise is to risk getting ahead of our season, and

thereby running ahead of God. Bad idea. We're just not that smart or that long-seeing.

I guess what I'm trying to say, and maybe not saying it so well, is that we are not what we were and not what we're meant to be - but, we'll get there. I have confidence in God's plans and the leadership

of this church. We'll get there. I am so grateful to the "old" leaders who have brought us to where we are right now. We owe much to them for getting us over the challenges and hurdles of yesterday. And, I am excited for the future leaders that God is preparing to stand ready, in their time, and, with God's help, to tackle the challenges of tomorrow.

However, until tomorrow comes, there is today to be enjoyed and grateful for. As important as yesterday was and tomorrow will be, let's not give away a single second of THIS day - there's just too much to do now to waste today (and I know you WON'T) wondering about what comes next. With God's help, we'll get there. May God bless you and yours!

*Pastor Pat*

P.S. I'll look forward to seeing you this Sunday (August 14) as Rev. Jack Hartman shares Part 3 of our sermon series, "It's Time for a Change!"

## YOU ARE INVITED TO ENJOY A GREETER GET- TOGETHER

AUGUST 28, 10 a.m.

The warm smiles and friendly "Good Morning" greetings when we arrive at church each Sunday morning are a great way to begin our time of worship. Members of the St. Andrew Welcoming Ministry enjoy making that happen for us, and we truly appreciate their faithfulness. On **Sunday, August 28, at 10 a.m. in the Intersection**, you are invited to a **Greeter Appreciation Get-together**. It will be a chance to



thank those who have been greeters for the past year, and get more information if you would like

to become a greeter yourself. Greeters will share some of their positive experiences, and together we will answer any questions folks may have about greeting.

This ministry is an important and enjoyable way to serve. Each Sunday, greeters have the first opportunity to make a positive impression on folks who are new to St. Andrew and to greet those who have been worshiping with us for awhile. We have some regular slots available for new volunteers, and we are always looking for folks who would like to substitute. This is a great way to get involved at St. Andrew.

## ST. ANDREW/LUM PARTNERSHIP CELEBRATION

For the recent Lafayette Urban Ministry Campaign for the Future, St. Andrew decided not to make a finite pledge. Instead, St. Andrew committed to an ongoing celebration of the partnership with LUM through several special opportunities for members to support this campaign each year for three years. Sunday, August 21, will be one of those special collections. Green envelopes will be provided in bulletins. Please make your checks payable to St. Andrew, and be sure to indicate LUM in the memo section. Seventy-five percent of this collection will go to the campaign programs for families and children, and twenty-five percent will go to LUM's Centralized Emergency Fund which helps those who come to LUM every day with emergency needs.



## FALL CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES



In Children's Ministries we're gearing up for fall (new classes begin September 4) and that means making sure we are appropriately staffed for Sunday School and Children's Worship. Please consider joining our team! Here are some of the openings:

- **Children's Worship Leader (8:45 a.m. service)**—Individual needed to lead children 3 years through 1<sup>st</sup> grade in Children's Worship during the 8:45 a.m. service. Typically, the children are in Children's Worship for about 20-30 minutes. This service is averaging 2-5 children each week. Curriculum is provided,

and the commitment is one Sunday per month (currently have openings for the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays).

- **2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> grade Sunday School Assistant**—Individual or two needed to assist in this class. Tim Baker teaches each week but could use an extra pair of hands! Schedule would be determined by the assistants ensuring that there is one assistant in there each week. This class meets from 10 a.m. -11 a.m.
- **Substitutes**—Individuals needed who are willing to sub in Children's Worship (8:45 or 11:15) and Sunday School classes as-needed.

Please contact Melissa Martin ([melissa@andrew-umc.org](mailto:melissa@andrew-umc.org) or 497-7755) with any questions or to volunteer. Our Children's Ministries program needs faithful volunteers like you!

## BIBLES FOR ALL THIRD GRADERS

If you are the parent of a child entering 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, you should have received a letter in the mail in late July/early August regarding 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Bibles. If you didn't receive the letter, please let Melissa Martin know ASAP at 497-7755 or [melissa@andrew-umc.org](mailto:melissa@andrew-umc.org). Our 3<sup>rd</sup> graders will receive their Bibles

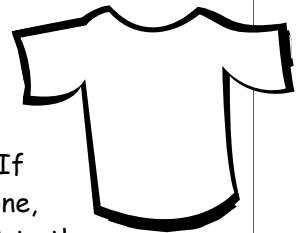


on Sunday, September 11, and we don't want to miss anyone! Also, if you haven't

already, please let Melissa know which service you will be attending on September 11 and how you want your child's name to appear on the nameplate.

## VBS SHIRTS

There are still a number of St. Andrew shirts checked out from VBS. If you borrowed one, please return it to the office as soon as possible.



## FREE TO A GOOD HOME

A local family needs to find a new home for a 12 year old male cat. Their daughter is allergic to cats. The cat is very loving and friendly and loves to sit in your lap. If you are interested, please contact [shonk1004@yahoo.com](mailto:shonk1004@yahoo.com).





## AUGUST CENTER STAGE LUNCHEON



Please join us at the home of Jim Mullen and Susan Karcher (3212 Elkhart Street, WL) on Sunday, August 21 at 12:30 PM with a dish to share. Plan for a wonderful meal and a great time fellowship with fellow St. Andrew-ites. Jim and Susan would appreciate your RSVPs to: [karcher@purdue.edu](mailto:karcher@purdue.edu) or 418-3921. Hope to see you there!

## ECHOES OF THE GOSPEL

Sunday, Sept. 11, 6-7:30 p.m.

**Feed by M.T. Anderson**

*Feed* is the One Great Read choice for 2011 for the Greater Lafayette community. It's considered juvenile fiction (probably best for older, more mature teens), and it's an easy read. Check at one of the libraries to see if they have a copy for you. Here's a little preview from [jconline.com](http://jconline.com):

*Written in a "cyberpunk" style of science fiction, Feed describes a world 150 years in the future where human thought is controlled by corporations and advertising through a "feed" installed into most of the American population. A hot topic for discussion, Feed is appearing to be less and less fiction with each passing year as technology advances.*

Looking further ahead, the Sunday, October 2, meeting of the book club will feature a discussion of *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot. This book was chosen as the Purdue Common Read for the year.

## MUSIC NOTES

Greetings to all! Summer is nearly ended (technically anyway) and it's time for Chancel Choir rehearsals to begin once again! I'm sure you're excited to have director Ben Waltz and the choir re-joining our 8:45 worship service and looking forward to hearing what new musical offerings of praise we will have in the near future.



I want to take this opportunity to invite anyone and everyone to join our choir this year. Our choir grew last year but there is always room for those of you who wish to share your faith through the expression of music. Wouldn't it be great if we had to move our rehearsals to a larger room? We have a new row of choir risers (many thanks to Bill Hoover!) to fill this year. We have also hung four new choir microphones to improve our sound. Along with new anthems, we will begin work on Advent and Christmas music (as of today there are only 157 days until Christmas Day) and will consider a Christmas cantata this year.



On Thursday, August 25, at 5:15 p.m. the music staff will host a welcome cookout for all St. Andrew members and friends who would like to be involved in the music ministry at our church. If you sing, play an instrument, dance, act, or wish to be involved in operating the sound & video for any of our services, you are invited to attend. This gathering is an opportunity for everyone to discover and become involved in the many opportunities at St. Andrew for you to share your gifts, and is always a celebration of fellowship.

Following our meal, the choir will hold its first rehearsal of the season as will the Praise team - both rehearsals will begin at 6:30. Please consider joining us!

Dave Evans, Director of Music

## FAMILY PROMISE UPDATE

St. Andrew UMC will host Family Promise the week of August 21-28. Please prayerfully consider being part of this wonderful ministry. If you'd like more information call or email me at 463-4349 or [fostersusan@ymail.com](mailto:fostersusan@ymail.com).

Also, Family Promise of Greater Lafayette is planning a reunion/get together at Columbian Park on August 20 from 4-8 p.m. Invited are all the families who have successfully moved on and all the volunteers of FPGL. This is another great opportunity for fellowship. When I have more details I will pass them on.

Susan Foster  
St. Andrew FP Coordinator

## AUGUST SERIES: IT'S TIME FOR A CHANGE!

How would you answer John Wesley's great question: How is it



with your soul? Maybe things are great, and spiritually,

you feel like you are at an oasis with cool breezes blowing and springs of refreshing water are bubbling up all around you - things are lush and green and ALIVE! But, then again, maybe your soul feels like a dry, dusty desert where things are bleak and any life you can see is stunted and survival is about the best you can hope for right now and you wonder, "How long, O Lord? How long!"

If your soul is healthy and growing, make sure you celebrate that and keep up the good work! On the other hand, if your soul is neglected and starving and you're just putting one spiritual foot ahead of the other, it's time for a change! If this is you, you're ready for a spiritual refreshing and the Dog Days of summer are a perfect time for a bit of "Soul Irrigation!" Join us for our late summer series that we're calling: *It's Time for a Change!*



## HELP WANTED: READY TO VOLUNTEER?

**Junior High Youth Group (T.O.M.)** needs a leader who is willing to keep up communication with parents and the congregation. This person will help organize outings, write a monthly newsletter update, and send emails out to the parents letting them in on what is happening within the group. This leader would come on Sunday Evenings and participate with the youth and leadership of the group.



**Tutoring** needs an administrator. This person will confirm that tutors are there on Tuesday evenings. They do not have to be present every Tuesday but should maintain a schedule for the tutors and keep statistical information on the program. This person would help with marketing and occasional newsletter articles on how the group is progressing.

**Tutoring** needs tutors to help on a variety of subjects with the Tuesday evening drop-in students.

**Undergraduate Age** needs a Leader to plan and organize a curriculum based on the desires of this age bracket. This person should be excited to work with college aged students in helping them to grow their faith in dynamic and new ways. There is a lot of freedom with this position.

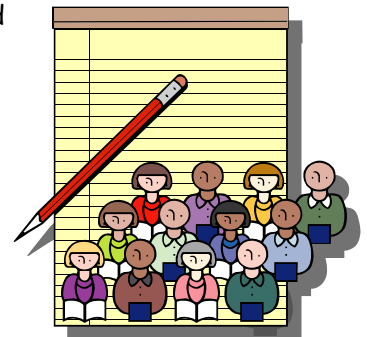


**Christmas Dinner Celebration Team:** This team will help plan and organize the Volunteer Staff celebration dinner that happens in December. This will include planning the meal, entertainment, and decorations as well as being at the event to set up and tear down.

**If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact Dana Kirkwood by phone (497-7755) or email ([dana@andrew-umc.org](mailto:dana@andrew-umc.org)).**

## ST. ANDREW ORIENTATION CLASS

A church orientation class for people interested in learning more about St. Andrew and possibly becoming members of our church will begin on **Sunday, September 11**. Classes will be held on five consecutive Sundays, including: **September 18, 25 and October 3, 10 at 9:45 a.m.** and an evening session hosted by Pastor Tim on October 10 at 6:30 p.m. Attending all of the classes will give you a better overall view of our church structure and mission. Please complete the information sheet in the bulletin on Sunday and bring the form to the church office. The due date for the completion of this form is **Sunday, September 4**. Contact Becky Bolin, 463-5570 or Linda Leverenz, 497-2237, if you have any questions.





# Keeping in touch with InTouch Ministries

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August 11, 2011

## Remembering

... is our featured ministry this month! Losing anything of significance - a job, a home, a relationship, function - can cause grief. The loss, though, of someone to whom you are deeply connected is usually the most grievous. Many of us have heard of the stages of grief made well known by the late Elizabeth Kübler-Ross. She argued that bereaved people typically pass through five unique stages: denial, anger, bargaining, depression, and acceptance. More recent research shows that grief does not come in stages and that it is not the same for everyone (Bonanno, George A. *The Other Side of Sadness*. 2009.) In fact, this research shows that there is tremendous variability in how people react to loss and that it is better understood in patterns, citing three of the most common or characteristic patterns of grief-reaction: prolonged, recovery and resilient.



InTouch recognizes that the loss experienced by the death of those we deeply love affects us all, that it is a very personal and singular journey, and that it IS different for everyone; that time is not always relevant, nor is the connection (e.g., the death of a lifelong friend can hurt as much or more as that of a family member). We especially



know that certain times of the years and special dates are among the hardest, bringing back memories that can deepen our sadness and bring us joy - sometimes at the same time.

Our Remembering ministry does its best to take all of these factors into account and reaches out to those who are suffering deep loss with expressions of remembrances at various times following the loss. LuAnn Bogess and Linda Leverenz were the first coordinators for this powerful ministry. Linda has recently transitioned to other roles within the Church and Pam Robertson has stepped up and claimed this ministry as hers! A sincere thank you goes to Linda for her devotion to this ministry and help in its start-up and to LuAnn for her continued passion and devotion to it. And, of course, a big welcome to Pam. These women truly live the guiding text of this ministry: "Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn."

Romans 12:15

## InTouch Upcoming Events

- Aug 14 BP Screenings: 9:30-11:30 am
- Aug 21 Visiting Coffee & Call Out: 6:00 pm
- Sep. 4 Newsletter: Contributions Welcome!
- Sep. 12 CareNotes: 7:00 pm

## Apple/Day KEEPS Dr. Away!

A study published this year found that the peel of an apple has a high concentration of ursolic acid, a chemical that increased muscle mass and strength when given to lab mice. This may help treat muscle wasting, a common condition associated with starvation, cancers, diabetes and AIDS. Similar studies show ursolic acid reduces cholesterol and blood sugar levels. So munch away. Just don't forget the peel!





## Let Us Know!

Know someone who has . . .

- Scheduled surgery?
- Been hospitalized?
- Transitioned to a care setting?

Know someone who could use a . . .

- Call? Card? Meal? Visit? Prayers?

Please let us know! Our ministry works best when we know whom and how we can help! Just call the Church (497-7755) or click on Request for Outreach (<http://andrew-umc.org>) with specific information.



**Blood Pressure Screenings**  
**August 14**  
**9:30 – 11:30**  
**Pastor Pat's office**

## Lay Visitor Coffee & Call-Out

**Please join us Sunday, August 21, 2011  
at 6:00 pm in the Conference Room**

**This is a time for current lay visitors to spend some time together refreshing our commitment to love others through visiting and to welcome those interested into this rewarding ministry.**

**All are welcome! Please come!**



**"Hate what is evil; Cling to what is good."**  
*Romans 12:9b*

## CLING ON!

Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Sounds like pretty wise advice, even if a little obvious. Paul gave this instruction to the Church in Rome as one of many ways that believers would exemplify the love of Christ. Hate is a strong word. And cling is an unusual one. It conjures a particular intensity of holding on. It makes us think of being intertwined, adhering and resisting separation. We cling to the past. We cling to loved ones. We cling for dear life. Clinging to what is good with just such an intensity begs the question, "what is good?" To what *specifically* should we cling?



In another text Jesus tells us that "No one is good - except God alone." (Luke 18:19). If the only thing that is good is God and we, as Christ-followers, are to cling to what is good, then Paul's instruction means to cling to Jesus; to hold on to Him for dear life; to resist separating from Him. So, how do we do that? One idea is to use this concept as a framework for making decisions, as a check and balance on our actions. For example, we could ask:

- Would adding this activity (committee, sport, event) bring more stress to our family, sending us further away from Jesus, or would it bring us closer?
- Would going to lunch with my co-workers who gossip about others and talk negatively separate me from Jesus or bring me closer?
- Does hanging out with this boy or this girl help move me closer to Jesus or will it take me away?

For Christ-followers, clinging to Him is irresistible. So if that describes you - a Christ-follower who desires to cling to Jesus for dear life - then join me and Cling On!

# The CrossRoads Connection

A Youth and Young Adult Ministry of  
St. Andrew United Methodist Church



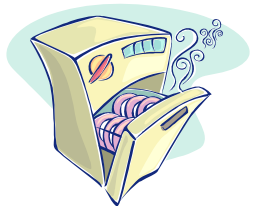
## Your Turn

Do you want to know what the most dreaded words in our house are? "It's your turn to unload/load the dishes." It doesn't matter which child has been directed to this chore, a sudden slew of reasons why this cannot possibly happen can be heard coming out of that child's mouth. It is enough to make me want to get up and do the silly dish cleaning myself just to not hear them complain about it. However, what does that really teach the kids? Complain and you can escape reasonable responsibilities? That is NOT what I want my children to learn. So, each night, we go through the same dance. A child is told to do the dishes, a child complains about the dishes, and at some point, said child does the dishes! It would save us all a lot of time if it would just happen gracefully!

Do you think God feels that way with us when He nudges us to



Dana Kirkwood is the  
Program Director for the  
CrossRoads community.



move forward with our faith? I know He has on more than one occasion, pushed me in a direction in which I stuck my feet firmly in the "NO WAY" sand. It isn't easy to be a follower of Christ all the time. In fact, sometimes, we are asked to do things that will require us to take more time than we want to give. The truth is, if God is calling you, you will enjoy the time invested or at least see the fruits of your labors. Right now, CrossRoads has several major areas of need. None of them have excessive requirements but they will take up some of your time. However, our youth are worth the investment and you will soon find that you see how your hours invested in CrossRoads are making a difference!

**Junior High Youth Group (T.O.M.)** needs a leader who is willing to keep up communication with parents and the congregation. This person will help organize outings, write a monthly newsletter article, and send emails

out to the parents letting them in on what is happening within the group. This leader would also come on Sunday Evenings and participate with the leadership of the group.

**Tutoring** needs an administrator. This person will confirm that tutors are there on Tuesday evenings. The person does not have to be present every Tuesday but should maintain a schedule for the tutors and keep statistical information on the program. This person would help with marketing and occasional newsletter articles on how the group is progressing.

**Undergraduate Aged Group** needs a leader to plan and organize a curriculum based of the desires of this age bracket. This person needs to be excited to work with college aged students; helping them to grow their faith in dynamic and new ways. There is a lot of freedom with this position.

**Christmas Dinner Celebration Team:** This team will help plan

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Our VISION: The CrossRoads Youth Ministry of St. Andrew United Methodist Church embraces and supports the youth and young adults of our community and their families, seeks to inspire and guide their spiritual growth as Disciples of Jesus Christ, and then, empowers/challenges them to serve each other, the church and the whole world.

# Senior High Mission Trip Highlights!

On July 24 at 7:15 in the morning, forty-four hearty Sr high youth and adult leaders headed out for our week long mission trip. We were supposed to have forty-five but Matt Klenosky had a high fever and had to miss it. So on Sunday we headed to Six Flags to get some R&R before Monday rolled around. After Six Flags, we headed to our hotel and had a fun evening hanging out and getting to know everyone. We woke up Monday morning, had a great complimentary breakfast and then packed up and had a morning devotional in the poolside patio/garden. Tom, our youth group leader, challenged all of us to follow Luke 12:48 "When someone has been given much, much will be required in return; and when someone has been entrusted with much, even more will be required." He reminded all of us that we all have been given a lot both from our church but also from our parents and community. Tom also hit us up with some Eminem and quoted from the song Lose Yourself.

"Look, if you had one shot, or one opportunity  
To seize everything you ever wanted - one moment  
Would you capture it? Or just let it slip?  
Yo"

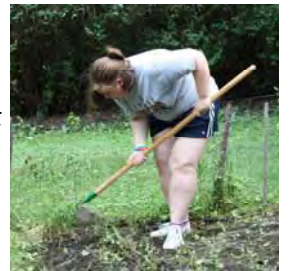
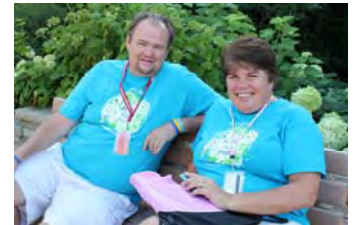
He reminded us that we would have lots of opportunities to better ourselves during the week and it would be up to us to capture it.

"You better lose yourself in the music, the moment  
You own it, you better never let it go  
You only get one shot, do not miss your chance to blow  
This opportunity comes once in a lifetime. Yo"

He also reminded us that we would have chances during worship or other parts of the week to really get into the experience and not to be afraid or to worry about what others think. He reminded us to be true to thine own-self.

Lastly, Tom talked about doing God's purpose over our own preferences. He ended it by handing out the blue rubber bracelets that Tim had handed out a few weeks earlier. He challenged all of us to wear them and to take an extra one and to hand it out to someone during the week; to give it to someone who inspired us or who could use a pick-me-up or to someone who just needed to be reminded of the saying on the bracelet.

After all that, we headed to Wheaton College, checked into our dorm rooms and checked out the campus. That evening we had our first Bible study and 15 youth showed up even though it was optional. Later that evening we had corporate worship and got to meet Jeremy Kingsley, our camp pastor, and Unhindered, our worship leader for the week. Worship was awesome and I was positive that the week was going to be Awesome. After worship our entire group met for group time and Maclaine Leaird led us in a devotional. All week other youth led us in devotionals, including Laney Arrowsmith, Ian Leaird and Karissa Weston. All during the week at group time we talked about Jesus moments - moments when we saw Jesus during the day. Or we talked about someone in the group who impressed or inspired us. This was one of my favorite parts of the day because it was about us and how we were interacting with God and with each other.



We worked on the mission part of our trip for Senior Home Sharing, a 501c3 organization that saw a need for affordable senior living and now has five group homes around Chicago. We broke into five teams of eight or so workers and covered all the homes. We painted inside and out; we stained two decks; we weeded like crazy; we spread over 150 bags of mulch; we cleaned gutters (filled with disgusting things) and pruned trees and moved furniture and cleaned and

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organized garages, basements, etc...Senior Home Sharing was blown away at how hard our teams worked. They had had other teams volunteer before but had never seen so many youth work so hard the entire time that they worked. Senior Sharing was so happy with our work that they grilled lunch for us on Thursday and also had an ice cream social for us. As much as they loved us, our group was the real winner. We were able to serve others as Jesus has taught us and we were able to grow closer together as a group at the same time.



It is hard to really explain why I love the mission trip to someone who has never gone before. While the mission work is rewarding and growing closer to each other is awesome also, the one thing that we all love is the time to worship. It is hard to explain how 650 youth from all over America (we met kids from Pennsylvania, Missouri, Nebraska, Louisiana, Arkansas, Maryland, Alabama, Florida, Illinois and so many more) can pack a sanctuary and be absolutely quiet when the pastor is speaking. He was talking to us about topics that matter to us in language that we understand and get. The band would play and you had 650 youth swaying and jumping together and praising God as only youth can. We had the place actually shaking, the large speakers and TV monitors were moving because we were jumping and moving with the spirit. Every morning and night we had worship and we had youth get there 30 minutes early to save us seats up front.



I believe we all came back more devoted to Jesus than we were before we went. On Tuesday night they had a chance for us to make an altar call to let Jesus know that we wanted to be real Christians, more than just believers but followers of Jesus. We had youth who gave themselves over to Jesus. It was really emotional for us but the leaders helped us get through it then and later on also. I can not thank everyone who helped us go on this trip but I want to thank our entire church and community. I hope you will see a different Senior High group than the one who left. We are more thankful for what we have and for each other. We will continue to give back to our church and we hope all of you will come to our Recap/Review meeting on August 28 at 6 p.m. to hear more about our experience.

We were so impressed by our pastor, band and drama team that we asked if we could wash their feet. We used pink princess soap, which smelled great. We wanted to remind them of what Jesus talked about in the Gospel of John. Specifically, in verses 13:14-17, he instructs them, 14 "If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. 15 For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you. 16 Most assuredly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master; nor is he who is sent greater than he who sent him. 17 If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them." We wanted to serve those who had so greatly served us all week, we wanted to be followers of Jesus in all that we did.



Lastly, we the Senior high youth group, surprised Tom by nominating him for Youth Minister of the Day, and lo and behold, on Wednesday morning during worship he won. He was given a tiara to wear all day. The fact that it was pink just made it better. He wore it all day and into the night when he had to give it back. Look for the pictures - he looked great. We also celebrated three birthdays during the week, Emily, Katie and Andrew all had their sweet sixteens during the week. Andrew even brought special clothes to wear and Katie and Emily were given tiaras to wear that were made by Debbie with love and lots of pink.

Thanks to all,  
Senior High Youth Group

PS: ask someone about fake mustaches, zombie tag, Yo, The God Bubble, Deuteronomy, bloody nose and Love, mostly Love.



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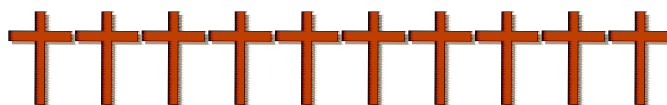
and organize the Volunteer Staff celebration dinner that is happening in December. This will include planning the meal, entertainment, and decorations as well as being at the event to set up and tear down.

Hopefully, you are still reading and haven't already been coming up with a thousand reasons to give me why you can't wash the dishes, or in this case, volunteer.

We have the most amazing youth and they deserve the best St. Andrew can offer them. We are currently in the process of training the future leaders of our church. We need to step up for them so that someday, they too will step up for the youth of the next generation!

If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact me by phone (497-7755) or email ([dana@andrew-umc.org](mailto:dana@andrew-umc.org)). Thanks,

Dana



## August & Sept Events

- 8/14 Senior High End of Summer Break Party
- 8/21 Jesus t-shirts, lunch bags, hats, etc. Part 2
- 8/28 Mission Trip Recap
- 9/4 NO YOUTH GROUP—Labor Day
- 9/11 Day of Prayer and Remembrance

## The God Bubble

by Abby

It was a ridiculously hot day; the sun was shining with intensity. We sat in the shade of an unknown building on the steps, listening to Monica talk about some of the verses we had just read. The theme of the week was DEVOTED, and we were talking about how to be devoted after we left camp and how it was much harder than being devoted for the week of Student Life.

"Can anyone tell me why it is easier to be devoted at camp than at home?" Monica had asked.

I, of course, had blurted out the first thing that popped into my head, "because we are in a God Bubble!" This earned me a smile and some laughter, not knowing it would serve a greater purpose later.

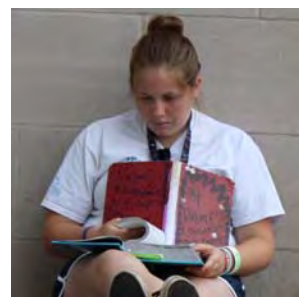


The next day, Monica came to us with lots of bubbles! The brand name was *Miracle Bubbles*, which we all found hysterical. We were tasked with the assignment of trying to spread our God Bubble out and letting others join in once we got home. We were excited, and we thought we all would do more when we got back. But we didn't know that this would happen.

As soon as we got back, literally as soon as we got back, Brandon started a group on Facebook and called it "Jesus Freaks" to let people know who we're all about. A lot of people were added, and we were excited to have extended our God Bubble just a little bit further. Then Karissa had the idea to change the name of the group to the God Bubble. So we changed it and promised to do something more. And we did.

The God Bubble is a group where anyone can post Godly things: prayer requests, inspirational photos, Bible verses, discussions and so forth. It's a place where you can feel free to talk about whatever you want, and a place where you *know* you are accepted, loved, and not judged. A huge bubble filled with God.

I personally love it. I love the feeling of being connected with people who believe the same things as me and I know I can count on. I love being in the presence (even if it is a cyber-presence) of people who I love unconditionally without a doubt. So far we have had a God Bubble party, made shirts that say Jesus, and just offered support. I hope that the group will continue on to do great things. It is the best part of my day to be able to get on and see all my God Bubble notifications filled with prayers, joys, and people I love. It's really great, and we've always got room for more people in our Bubble of God.



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Contemporary Worship: Sunday 10 & 11:15 a.m.

Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.

Childcare provided at all times

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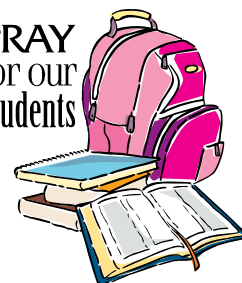
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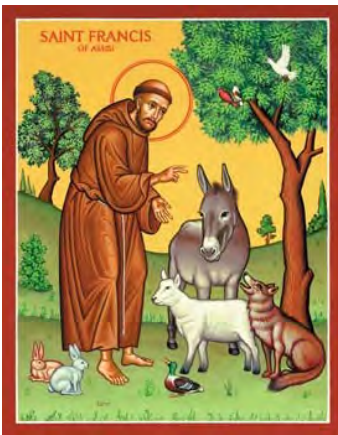
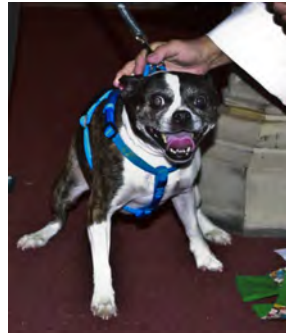


## Blessing Our Pets - A Tradition That Honors St. Francis



Blessing animals, and especially pets, has become a traditional part of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals and ecology. On Sunday, October 2, you can bring your own pet to St. James Episcopal Church for a blessing from Amma Diane, as part of 10:00AM worship. Some of our very best friends may be animals – so this is another chance to “bring a friend to church.” Last year dogs of all sizes and shapes, as well as a few stuffed animals, received a blessing.

Pets who come to church should be properly restrained, and there will be helpers in the sanctuary to make sure the experience runs smoothly. Please bring your friend in a manner that allows you to control potential harmful behavior. Bring leashes, toys, treats, bowls, or even a kennel – whatever you would use when you take your pet out in public. Your pet may need a place to stay before and after the blessing unless the animal can stay calmly with you for the service. You may prefer to bring a photo of your pet, or a special stuffed animal friend, for a blessing on October 2.



St. Francis was a lover of animals and is often pictured surrounded by birds and beasts. It is said that he preached to the birds, tamed wild wolves, and allowed the beasts of the forest to rest in his arms. The animals seemed to sense his unconditional love for all living creatures. His traditional feast day is October 4. The following prayer, attributed to St Francis, is found on page 833 of *The Book of Common Prayer*:

“Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us

sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.”



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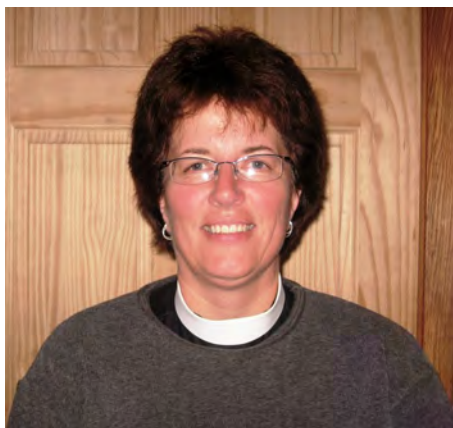
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## From the Desk of Amma Diane



Summer is coming to a close and that means Fall and Winter are around the corner. Here in Wisconsin that means change for most of us. Change in clothing, outdoor activities, care of ourselves, our animals and our property -- all undergo a change.

Changes are happening at St. James Episcopal Church, as well, that I believe are for the benefit of our life in community. These changes truly show that we are coming to understand our mission statement and are starting to live into what it says. Praying our

prayer for mission from our hearts on Sundays, and living out our mission in all of the places we go throughout our week, show that we are becoming a God blessed community. Others are taking notice of this and want to become part of what and who we are.

The healthiest part of what I see at St. James is that these changes are not taking place because of the priest, but rather because we are all starting to understand the WE of ministry. We are living into our baptismal covenant: sharing the apostle's teaching and fellowship, resisting evil, proclaiming the Good News by word and example, seeking, serving and loving all persons, striving for peace, justice and the dignity of all. I pray for the community of St. James daily and I encourage you to do so as well.

What we are becoming is truly beautiful to behold.

Thank you and God Bless!

*Amma Diane*

The Rev. Diane M. Murray, *Rector*

## Vestry Notes for September 2011

Here's a summary of items covered by our St. James Episcopal Church Vestry at their September 13 meeting. The Vestry will meet again for a retreat and planning session on Saturday, October 1 from 9:00AM to 1:00AM. Please keep them in your prayers.

- ♦ The vestry approved work scheduled for the chapel exterior to address moisture issues that have caused the plaster to deteriorate. Tuck pointing on the north and east walls will be followed by replacement of the roof.
- ♦ A communications task force met and sub-groups to work on the newsletter, website, bulletin, and advertising have been formed. A survey for the congregation will be distributed to the congregation for several Sundays in a row.
- ♦ Stewardship campaign will begin in October and conclude with a Celebration Sunday in November.
- ♦ An ongoing conversation about how the vestry and the committee structure at St. James can be most productive will continue at the October 1st planning meeting.

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## New Artwork in Chapel Completed and Blessed



Dianne Wilson has created a mural in the chapel at St. James Episcopal church as a backdrop to the beautiful statue of "Jesus with the Children." The mural was blessed as part of 10:00AM worship on September 11. Many thanks to Dianne for the research and time she put into this project, along with her artistic talents.

Dianne found photos and paintings of the landscape around the Sea of Galilee where Jesus lived his ministry -- and she spent several of the hottest weeks of the summer putting each layer of color onto the wall. By painting a stone arch around the painting, she frames the statue and has created a *tromp l'oeil* (trick of the eye) gateway into Jesus' world.

On Sunday mornings our chapel becomes the place where toddlers and babies can hang out with Jesus and our trained nursery workers. The chapel at St. James is also used for 12:15PM worship every Wednesday, and for Morning Prayer worship every Friday at 6:30AM. It is a space for quiet contemplation and prayer, for intimate worship and meetings, and for our columbarium (a place for cremated remains.)



## From the Treasurer's Desk

There were several un-budgeted expenses during the month that contributed to the bottom line in August: carpet cleaning (\$420), thermostat repair (\$240), and a required load test for our elevator (\$985) that is scheduled every five years.

Income to date is very close to the budgeted amount – thanks to all for keeping your pledges up to date, and for all of your additional support of St. James.

### St. James Episcopal Church Income Statement Month Ending August 31, 2010

	Month		Actual as a % of Budget	Year - To - Date			Actual as a % of Budget	Annual Budget
	Actual	Budget		Actual	Budget	Variance		
Total Income	\$5,072	\$5,960	85%	\$58,637	\$57,770	\$867	102%	\$88,800
Total Expenses	\$12,328	\$10,074	122%	\$72,427	\$70,406	(\$2,021)	103%	\$103,300
Surplus / (Deficit)	<u>(\$7,256)</u>	<u>(\$4,114)</u>		<u>(\$13,790)</u>	<u>(\$12,636)</u>	<u>(\$1,154)</u>		<u>(\$14,500)</u>





## Raising Awareness and Contributions for the African Well Fund



The African Well Fund will be a beneficiary of our Pasta Supper fund raiser on Thursday, October 27. St. James Episcopal Church member Joanna Sanchez was a founding board member of this organization which is dedicated to raising funds for building and maintaining wells in Africa. The organization began in 2002 when a group of U2 fans, inspired by the singer

Bono, learned of the relatively low cost to build a well for an African village, and the enormous difference that a well can make in the lives of the villagers.

Since 2002 the group has raised almost \$1 million, with 242 total projects, and 289,445 people served. One hundred

percent of all funds raised by the African Well Fund go to providing water to people, because the group uses 100% volunteer effort. The projects they fund are sustainable because they include planning for sanitation and maintenance training.

Joanna will be talking to the Outreach Committee of St. James Episcopal Church on Monday, October 3 at 6:30PM, and all are welcome to attend.



*For additional information about the African Well Fund, please visit them online*

<http://www.africanwellfund.org>

## Homework Club Starts Fifth Year on October 11

This will be the fifth year for Homework Club, a partnership of volunteers from St. James Episcopal Church with our neighborhood school, Madison Elementary School. Last year we worked with up to 25 students every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon. Homework Club will start up again on Tuesday, October 11.

We are looking for volunteers from St. James to do several jobs:

- ♦ Snack providers – a healthy snack (fruit, graham crackers, etc.) is provided at each session, and last year the snacks were a big hit!
- ♦ Walkers – meet the students at Madison School at 3:00PM and escort them to St. James – a great way to interact with the kids and get some outdoor exercise at the same time!

- ♦ Study supervisors – this job might involve checking homework, listening to a child read out loud, playing an educational game with several students from 3:30PM to 4:30PM. Madison School personnel have given us some training and tips for working with these young learners.

We welcome volunteers of all ages – and if you know of a person outside of the St. James community who might have the gifts to work with children in a homework club setting, please pass along their name. We have a Volunteer Handbook, and can schedule training prior to any Tuesday or Thursday Homework Club session.

If any of these jobs spark your curiosity, please contact Mary Burckle (684-3500), Debbie Rhein (683-9090) or Anne Schuette (682-7723) for more information.

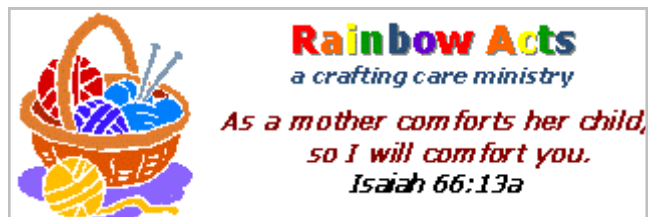


## Crafting Group Adds Beadwork to Ministry

The Rainbow Acts Crafting Group creates prayer shawls for the people of St. James Episcopal Church and their families. There are many people requesting a shawl to pass on to someone in need. The comfort that these shawls bring cannot be measured. As quickly as the group knits and crochets, the crafters sometimes find demand exceeds supply. Since we know others would like to participate in praying for people and then passing on tangible evidence of that prayer, but do not knit or crochet, the group is adding a prayer bead ministry. This will allow our crafting ministry to reach more people, and also give the recipient a reminder that they can use to join in prayer.

The group examined several prayer and bead options, and settled on beads that are used with the 23rd Psalm. Most people can learn to string beads, beads can be mailed, and can be carried around to many places by the recipient. The beads will go to anyone who needs them, and will also be included whenever we bless a prayer shawl. We will let you know as soon as we have the beads ready. Supplies to make the 23rd Psalm prayer beads will then be available during the Rainbow Acts Ministry time from 1:00PM to 3:00PM on the third Thursday of each month.

Another form of prayer beads, Anglican Prayer Beads or the Anglican Rosary as some call it, will be explained and taught during a future Christian Formation class.



## St Faith's Guild Meets on October 7

St. Faith's Guild will meet on Friday, October 7 at 1:00PM. A speaker from the Felician Village will talk about brain health. Come and learn tips to boost your noodle and alleviate stress. Our hostess is Audrey Bean. See you there!



## Women's Group Starts Fall Program "Drops Like Stars" on October 8

The Saturday morning St. James Episcopal Church Women's Group invites all women to a start-up meeting for this fall, on Saturday, October 8. This group meets the second Saturday of each month.

This fall there will be 'spiritual' time at 8:00AM in the Fellowship Hall on the lower level of the church. Breakfast will follow at 9:15AM at a local restaurant for interested friends. We will use Rob Bell's DVD, *Drops like Stars- Exploring the Relationship Between Suffering and Creativity* to frame our spiritual time together. For more information contact Sally Hunner (755-2213) or Sudi Johnson (682-4599.)

## Pot Luck Recipe for Grape Salad

Thank you to all who participated in the potluck picnic on September 11. Jane Moody, a guest from Fond du Lac brought a particularly delicious grape salad and was willing to share her recipe. Enjoy!

- ◆ sour cream 8 oz.
- ◆ cream cheese 8 oz., softened
- ◆ sugar ½ cup
- ◆ red seedless grapes 2 pounds
- ◆ green seedless grapes 2 pounds

Topping: brown sugar ½ cup and praline pecans

De-stem, wash and dry grapes. Mix cream cheese, sour cream and sugar. Add grapes, mix and chill. Sprinkle topping just before serving.



## “Living in Community” at St. James

A collection of news, milestones, and life changes from the St. James Episcopal Church community:

- ♦ **Susanne Koch**, one of our Nursery caregivers, has been recovering from a car accident that occurred near Manitowoc on September 4.
- ♦ **Helen Hronek** was recently hospitalized and is now at Shady Lane in Manitowoc for therapy. Her sister **Emily Hronek** is living in adjacent Laurel Grove, so their days are spent together. Cards are welcome!
- ♦ We extend our sympathy to **Pat Stordahl** who lost her brother Fred in August.
- ♦ Our sympathy goes also to **Annalisa Valli and her family**. Annalisa lost her grandfather Isacco, who lived in Corning, New York, in August.
- ♦ We welcome **Clara Kate Handl**, newborn daughter of **Kelly Handl** and **Joe Mike**, who was born on August 5.
- ♦ We have a number of high school athletes to cheer for this fall. **Austin Babich** is playing JV soccer for Lincoln High School. **Mason Cracraft** and **Weston Cracraft** are on the Mishicot High School football team. **Haley Feller** competes in tennis for Lincoln, and **Victor Weinert** plays football for Lincoln High School.

### Peace One Day

Heal my wounded heart.

Grant me the courage to change my heart.

Let Peace live in my heart.

Fill me with compassion for those suffering in war.

Help me care for those in war.

Help me bring Peace to those in war.

Help me stop wars.

Help soldiers stop wars.

Help leaders stop wars.

Fill me with Peace and Justice.

Help me to work for Peace and Justice

Let there be Peace and Justice among all peoples.

*World Conference of Religions for Peace*

*“The only way we can see Jesus in others, in the hunger and thirst and nakedness and estrangement and imprisonment of others, is to have known him ourselves and to have met him in those very places in our own lives. The only way we can touch Jesus in others is to have touched him in the broken places of our own lives, the very places where he has come to seek us out and to offer us salvation.”*

Br. David Vryhof, Society of St. John the Evangelist

## Ongoing Activities

A number of groups for St. James Episcopal Church members gather once a month. All of these groups are open to anyone from the congregation, as well as friends or relatives you may wish to invite. Sometimes participating in a group that speaks to a shared interest is the best way to introduce a friend to St. James. Consider checking one of these groups out this month, or inviting a friend to attend.

- ♦ **October 3 – Outreach Committee** meets on the first Monday of every month at 6:30PM in the church library.
- ♦ **October 7 – St. Faith’s Guild** gathers on the first Friday of every month at 1:00PM in the Fellowship Hall. Each month includes a presentation on a topic, a time of fellowship, and event/ministry planning. Guests of all ages are welcome, and men are invite to attend, as well.
- ♦ **October 8 – Men’s Breakfast Group** gathers at 8:00AM on the second Saturday of every month at the Lighthouse Inn (1515 Memorial Driver, Two Rivers). The **Saturday Morning Women’s Group** meets at 8:00AM in the Fellowship Hall for spiritual study, followed by breakfast at a local restaurant, also on the second Saturday of each month.
- ♦ **October 16 – A Taize Prayer Service** at St. Norbert’s Abbey in De Pere is held on the third Sunday of every month at 7:00PM. This ecumenical worship features meditative music and prayer, often focused on peace and reconciliation. Members of St. James who wish to attend meet in the church parking lot at 6:00PM to carpool.
- ♦ **October 20 – Rainbow Acts Crafting Group** meets on the third Thursday of every month at 1:00PM in the Fellowship Hall. Crafters of any type are welcome to join in the fun!
- ♦ **October 26 – St. James Book Group** meets on the fourth Wednesday of every month at 7:00PM in the church library.





## Hearing Loop Installed - Try It Out!

The St. James sanctuary now has a “hearing loop” which enables people with hearing loss to wear a headset in order to better hear readings, sermons, and announcements that are delivered via our microphone system. Members can also use their own hearing aides as a “mini-receiver” if they have a telecoil setting.



How does it work? A wire cable loop was installed under the floor of the sanctuary in mid-September. The loop creates a magnetic field that delivers the amplified signal directly from the microphone to the hearing aide or receiver. It's like a miniature radio station delivering sound directly to your ear.

The Hearing Loop can feed audio directly to hearing aids equipped with a T-coil (telecoil)—about 70% of aids have a T-coil. If you can set your hearing aid to a T or MT (mic/T-coil) setting, audio from our sound system will be received directly by your device. If your hearing aid does not have a T-coil option, or you do not wear a hearing aid, there are a few portable headsets available in the back of the church—we can order more headsets if needed.

If you have any questions or need assistance in using the Hearing Loop system please ask Dan Hornung (682-7723) or Ron Hansen (683-1835).

For more information visit <http://www.hearingloop.org>

## Distribution of *The Spirit*

*The Spirit*, the newsletter of St. James Episcopal Church in Manitowoc, is distributed by email or US Mail. Our goal is to have a copy on your screen or in your hands before the first of every month. When feasible we will also distribute copies in church on the Sunday before the first of the month, in order to save on mailing costs. Postal regulations prevent the use of staples when mailing copies of *The Spirit* — so that's why your copy is sealed with tape. Please inform Joanne in the church office (684-8256 or [info@stjamesmanitowoc.com](mailto:info@stjamesmanitowoc.com)) if you want to change the way you receive *The Spirit*, or if you find that you are not on our mailing list.

## From the Editor of *The Spirit*

Thank you for taking the time to read this edition of *The Spirit*, the monthly newsletter of St. James Episcopal Church in Manitowoc. Our goal is to provide timely information about what is going on at St. James each month — we want to keep everyone “in the loop.” The people of St. James are doing so many wonderful things — opportunities abound -- and we want everyone to know about that and to be a part of the body of Christ in whatever way you choose.

We welcome suggestions for articles, and submissions of any sort — and will print as much as we can, depending on space constraints. Please email submissions to me, in a Microsoft Word document, if possible — or put submissions or suggestions in *The Spirit* mailbox in our church office. *The Spirit* deadline is the 20th of every month. If you would like to be a regular reporter for a particular group or about a particular topic we would welcome your contribution! The new format will also have space for digital photos — so send those in too!

Thanks also go to all of the behind-the-scenes newsletter workers, including Tony Karl for design and layout, Joanne Szydel for distribution, and contributions from Marti Peters, Alison Weinert, Jane Robinson, Diane Murray and Sally Hunner. Finally, when you have finished with this newsletter, pass it on!

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## Appalachia Service Project Meeting Monday, October 3

Members of St. James Episcopal Church who have reached 9th grade or beyond are invited to be a part of a mission trip to Appalachia during the summer of 2012. Grace Congregational UCC in Two Rivers is again organizing the trip through the Appalachia Service Project (ASP). An informational meeting will be held at Grace UCC (2801 Garfield St, Two Rivers) on Monday, October 3 at 6:00PM. Please contact Jon Buggs (652-0739) or Anne Schuette (682-7723) with any questions.



October is also the month to order a beautiful hand-made Christmas wreath to support the ASP trip. The wreaths are made by those going on the mission trip from fresh greens, and are delivered during Thanksgiving week. Orders need to be in by the end of October. Thanks!

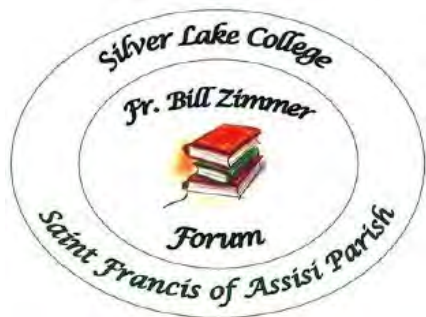


## Vatican II is Topic of October 11 Forum

On January 25, 1959, the newly elected Pope, Angelo Guiseppe Roncalli, better known as Pope John XXIII, announced his desire to form a new council to promote, "the enlightenment, edification, and joy of the entire Christian people". During this time of history, the West was in Post-World War II mode along with being in the heat of the cold war. As a surprise visionary, Pope John XXIII was one of those men who knew that the world was only going to change more rapidly, and that the Roman Catholic Church needed to catch up or be forever left behind. A new age was dawning that needed new solutions and approaches.

Join us for the Zimmer Forum at Silver Lake College on Tuesday, October 11 at 12:15PM, to learn more about the document that changed the Roman Catholic religion. Fr. Bill Swichtenberg, Pastor at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church (Algoma) & Holy Rosary Roman Catholic Church (Kewaunee) will present Fr. John W. O'Malley's book, *What Happened at Vatican II*. O'Malley's book captures the story of the spirit in which decisions were made that changed the way all Christians live and worship.

Zimmer Forums are held every second Tuesday of the month, with the exception of January this year. No registration is required and you are welcome to bring your own lunch or purchase lunch at Silver Lake beginning at 11:30AM. Fr. Zimmer served as pastor of Sacred Heart Parish from



1976 until the time of his death in 1999. He was known as an ecumenical leader, a champion for social justice and a catalyst for Hmong and Hispanic ministries in the Manitowoc area. In 1995, the Interfaith Academy of Parish Clergy named Fr. Zimmer its National Pastor of the Year. Carrying on his name, his sister Mary began a monthly collaboration of intellectual speakers to continue his lifelong pursuit of educating people from all cultures. Her brother loved reading, so asking presenters to focus on books that helped shape their minds and hearts on their personal faith journeys was fitting. Fr. Zimmer had also served as an adjunct professor at Silver Lake College.

*"We are not human beings having a spiritual experience, we are spiritual beings having a human experience."*

Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, *French Philosopher/Priest*

## Milestones

### Birthdays

Laura Ignera	October 3
Joshua Flynn-Buggs	October 4
Theresa Freiwald	October 9
Alayna Hronek	October 9
Joanna Sanchez	October 10
Carla Bushman	October 14
Chase Huss	October 15
Kerry Trask	October 17
Elizabeth Schrank	October 25
Evan Cole	October 26
Calvin Stein	October 26
Bob Bushman	October 31

### Anniversaries

David & Patricia Haefke	October 2
Laura & Matt Ziemer	October 16
Adam & Rachel Huss	October 21

## Diocesan Fall Youth Lock-In

**Theme:** The disciples came up and asked, "Why do you tell stories?" Matthew 13:10

**Who:** Youth in 6th through 12 grades and adults who work with them

**What:** A weekend to meet new people, have fun, eat, sleep, and worship together

**When:** Friday, November 4 – Sunday, November 6

**Where:** Camp Lakota, Wautoma WI

**How to attend:** Talk to Amma Diane or register at [diofdl.org](http://diofdl.org)

## Save the Date: All Saints Event

Mark your calendars for a special event on **Tuesday, November 1, from 5:00PM to 8:00PM.**

We'll be combining elements from All Hallow's Eve, the Vigil of All Saints, All Saints' Day, All Soul's Day, and Dia de los Muertos. We'll begin with a shared meal at 5:00PM, followed by some education and fun at 6:00PM, and conclude with special worship at 7:00PM.



## Diocesan Convention to Vote on Creating a New Diocese

The 137th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Fond du Lac takes place in Fond du Lac on Friday and Saturday, October 21-22, 2011. Voting delegates from St. James Episcopal Church are the Rev. Diane Murray, Tauno "Joe" Mike, Anne Schuette, and Diane Wilson.

These delegates will be part of an historic vote to decide if our diocese and the Diocese of Eau Claire should join together to create a brand new diocese that would cover the northern portion of Wisconsin. The Diocese of Eau Claire will also be in special convention on the same day, and will vote on the same question at exactly the same time. A majority of both lay and clergy delegates in both dioceses must approve the merger in order for the new diocese to be created. If the vote is in favor of joining together, the rest of the process in which the new diocese comes into being will take about 15 months.

Your delegates to this convention would be happy to receive input from St. James members about this vote. They have had an opportunity to attend diocesan informational meetings and read several reports pertaining to this vote. A Fellowship Day for both of the dioceses on September 24 in Wausau gave

delegates and others a chance to meet each other and share experiences.

To find out more, visit the Diocese of Fond du Lac web site <http://www.diofdl.org>, and read the "Joint Task Force Report" which is the final summary of months of discussion by representatives from both dioceses about this proposal. You will find information about the elements of a new diocese, the legalities, logistics, process, and a brief time line. The report also includes the question and answer bulletin inserts that each diocese has used this summer.

Please keep all the delegates from both dioceses in your prayers during the month of October.



### Prayer of Discernment

*Almighty God, pour down your Spirit upon your people in the Dioceses of Eau Claire and Fond du Lac, and grant us such wisdom as we may need, to know your will as we discern our respective futures. Give us this wisdom so that we may faithfully and most effectively advance your mission in our communities through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*



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## *The Spirit* "Rewind"

On occasion we'll feature an article that was published in a previous edition of *The Spirit*. This month we're including a piece written by Tony Karl, the Music Director at St. James Episcopal Church. This article was previously published in April 2011.

### The Diversity of Us, The Diversity of Our Music/Worship

The next time you are worshipping at St. James Episcopal Church, look around you. Don't just take a quick glance, but really look at the people God has joined together as sisters and brothers in our faith community. God has blessed us to be a remarkably diverse group—and that goes far beyond the more obvious gender and ethnic diversity that many might first notice when they think about diversity.

We have a remarkable diversity in ages—from those who have been alive for only months, to those who have been alive for nearly a century, and every age group in between. We have a range of household types—couples with and without children, singles with and without children, widowed, separated, divorced one or more times, relatives, friends, dating, engaged, married 50 years. We are diverse in sexual orientation with lesbian and gay singles, couples, and families sitting side-by-side with the straight singles, couples, and families of our faith community. We commune with people who support a wide range of political beliefs and ideals. We worship with some who enjoy financial stability, some who live paycheck-to-paycheck, some who struggle with unemployment and underemployment, some managing a household, some who feel the pressure of running a business, some unable to work, and some who worry about their current or future retirement.

We come from a variety of faith backgrounds--some have been Episcopalian their entire life, some come from Roman or Byzantine Catholic background, some from other mainline Protestant backgrounds, some come from Evangelical backgrounds, and some encountered God for the first time at St. James. Some grew up in a church, some left church and returned later in life, some first came to church as adults, some are "newborn" Christians, others have spent years growing in their relationship with God. We grow in faith among people with a wide range of health—some with temporary illness or injury, some with long-term disease or disability, some living with chronic pain or mental health issues, some who are healing or recently recovered.

Some of us are lifelong Manitowoc residents, some have come from other cities or states. Some of us have been convicted of

crimes, some have been wrongfully accused, some have never even had a speeding ticket. Some of us have travelled the world, some have never been outside Wisconsin. Some are college-educated, some are still in school, and some were never able to finish their education. Some have served our country in times of war or in times of peace, some have never been in the military, and some are pacifists. We have an amazing variety of skills and interests—crafts, sports, praying, cooking, travelling, learning, playing with toys, working, hunting, teaching, reading, music, going to school, theater, gardening, art, camping, relaxing... the list goes on and on. And we are so very lucky to enjoy such diversity in all these areas—we celebrate a breadth of humankind that most organizations, clubs, and groups do not have.

"Embracing Diversity" is one of the core values of our church, and is also expressed in our mission. Along with this diversity, our reasons for initially coming to St. James are different—and so are our reasons for coming on any given day. And the diversity of our own emotions means that how we encounter God and each other can vary from time to time. This also affects how we worship God, including how music impacts our worship.

In the music we use in worship, we try to reflect the diversity of our congregation and our past and current experiences. And we're always striving to do this more effectively. I always appreciate the constructive feedback that many of you share with me about our music and worship at St. James. In the coming months, I'll be doing some more intentional feedback gathering, to see what we are doing well and what we can improve.

Through the remainder of Lent, Holy Week, and Easter, I encourage each and every one of you to intentionally think about these things. Reflect on how music/worship impacts you as a unique child of God, in the diversity of your own changing emotions and experiences. And reflect on how you see music/worship impacting the diverse sisters and brothers whom God surrounds you with when you are at St. James.

Tony Karl  
Music Director

## EMBRACING DIVERSITY

"Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness." -Genesis 1:26  
"For we are all baptized by one Spirit into one body... and we were all given the one Spirit to drink." (1 Corinthians 12:13)

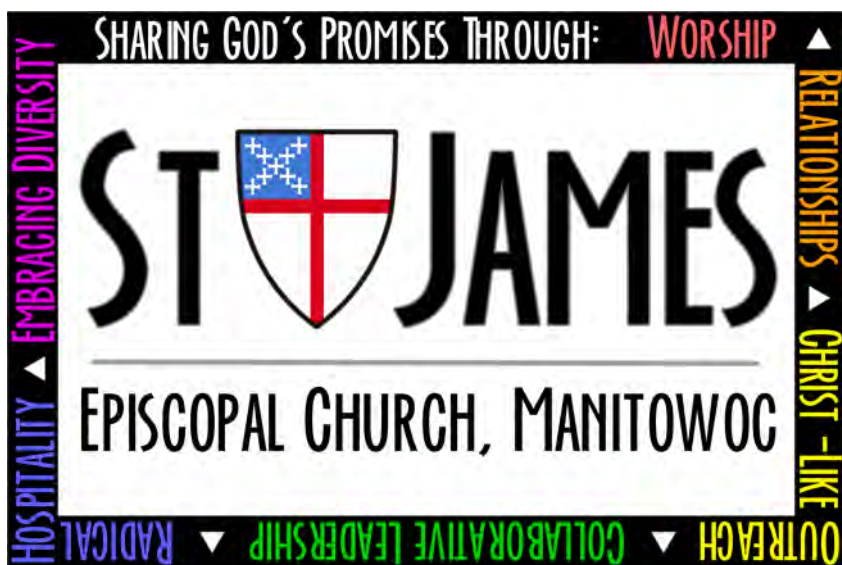
We value our diverse community. All people are welcome at St James Episcopal Church regardless of gender, race, age, social class, political view, sexual orientation, background, ability level, or marital status...

**You are welcome here!**

# ST JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH – OCTOBER 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Vestry Retreat 9am to 1pm
2 Formation 9am Worship 10am	3 Outreach 6:30pm	4 Formation 6:30pm	5 Worship 12:15pm Choir 5pm	6 PFLAG 7pm	7 Morning Prayer 6:30am	8 Men's Breakfast and Women's Fellowship 8 am
9 Formation 9am Worship 10am	10	11 First Day of Homework Club 3:30 – 4:30pm Formation 6:30pm	12 Worship 12:15pm Choir 5pm	13 Homework Club	14 Morning Prayer 6:30am	15
16 Formation 9am Worship 10am Taize 6 pm (ride to DePere)	17	18 Homework Club Formation 6:30pm	19 Worship 12:15pm Choir 5pm	20 Autism Society 7pm	21 Morning Prayer 6:30am Diocesan Convention	22 Diocesan Convention
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30 Formation 9am Worship 10am	31					

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This October 2011 edition of *The Spirit* contains news about the upcoming blessing of the animals, recently completed artwork in the chapel, the African Well Fund project, Homework Club's 5th year, the brand new Hearing Loop, Appalachia Service Project, and much more!



# THE MESSENGER

*The monthly newsletter for members of Immanuel Lutheran Church of Forest City, Iowa — SEPT 2011*

## MISSION STATEMENT

Building Mature Followers of  
Jesus Christ who...

SEEK HIM

SERVE HIM

SHARE HIM

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday at 8:30 a.m.

Coffee at 9:30 a.m.

Sunday at 10:45 a.m.

Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

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## COMING TOGETHER

### Worship & Block Party With Our Methodist Neighbors

**Sunday, September 11**

10:00 a.m. Outdoor Worship, with Holy Communion

Followed by a potluck meal outside  
(corner of Clark & G Streets)

Grilled chicken breast & ham will be provided

Lutherans: bring hot dishes and/or desserts

Methodist: bring hot dishes and/or salads

Lemonade, coffee and table service provided

Bring your own lawn chairs

As neighbors with the same mission of spreading God's word,  
we appreciate that we share together in what truly matters.

*"One Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all  
and through all and in all." Ephesians 4:5-6*

### Sunday Worship Schedule Begins September 18

8:30 a.m. Worship  
9:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship  
9:35-10:40 a.m. Promiseland  
9:45 a.m. Adult Learning  
10:45 a.m. Worship

### New Wednesday Schedule Begins September 21

5:00-6:15 p.m. Supper  
5:30-7:15 p.m. 8th Grade Confirmation  
5:45-7:15 p.m. Promiseland  
6:30-7:15 p.m. Worship  
6:30-8:15 p.m. 9th Grade Confirmation  
7:15-8:15 p.m. Senior Choir

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# News

## August Council News

**By Tammy Krieger  
Council Secretary**

The August Council meeting was held on August 17 at 7:30 (postponed one week to allow Pastor Rod to attend).

The meeting opened in prayer followed by approval of the amended June 8 meeting minutes. The meeting consisted of discussions regarding the new fall Wednesday night worship schedule, the schedule of events for the young family ministry (ILive), the calendar created to show all the yearly events along with the current scheduled events, and the upcoming Natural Church Development (NCD) survey.

As part of Pastor Greg's goal to reach young people, he presented a chart which included the names of Waldorf students and the interests they have in

participating in activities and church functions. The bond created would be beneficial to the church and the students.

The following items were motioned and approved by the Council: a housing allowance clarification for Pastor Greg (documentation purposes only) and the approval for a part-time high school ministry director, a part-time middle school ministry coordinator, and \$200 (contract year) pay increase for the Sunday school coordinator.

The Board of Mission and Outreach noted the need for visitation volunteers. Anyone interested should contact Marge Solberg.

The meeting adjourned at 9:24 pm.

The next meeting will be September 8 at 7:00 p.m. in the Shalom Room.

# Recent Pastoral Acts

## We celebrate with those recently baptized ...

- July 24 Easton James Espeland, son of Todd Espeland & Melanie Harms  
Aug 28 Jerzy Lee Subject, daughter of Coda Subject & Stacy Rasmussen  
Coda Dean Subject

## Our prayers surround those who have lost loved ones ...

- Kevin & Jody Harmon, Ashley, Tyler, Paige, Mitch, and family in the loss of father/grandfather, Dick Harmon of Forest City
- David & Susan Dontje and family in the loss of brother-in-law, Donald Potthoff of Fairmont, Minnesota
- Ardelle Osnes and family in the loss of brother, James Brosdahl of Lake Mills
- Joann & George Bartleson and family in the loss of sister-in-law, Dorothy Green of Mason City
- Pete & LouAnn VanGerpen and family in the loss of brother-in-law, George Boehm of Buffalo Center
- Alice Jones and family in the loss of brother-in-law, Vern Jones of Forest City
- Miriam Rogness and family in the loss of sister-in-law, Thelma Mitchell of Garner
- Pastor Greg & Jennifer Anderson and family in the loss of Jennifer's father, John Olson of Bocket, ND
- Melanie Leber, Scott Leber, and family in the loss of grandfather, Robert Leber of Altoona
- Sandy & David Damm and family in the loss of Sandy's father, James Fredrickson of Rockwell
- Nancy & Steve Olson and family in the loss of Nancy's stepfather, Bob Hallstrom of Boise, Idaho
- Mary & Dave Dakken, Todd & Kim Dakken and family in the loss of mother/grandmother, Bernice Peterson of Lake Mills

## July Financials

General Fund Income	Actual 2011	YTD	Annual	% of Budget	Actual 2010
Regular Envelopes.....	39,283.92	258,331.33	487,900.00	52.9	37,376.73
Other Income.....	5,697.75	42,496.45	75,888.00	56.0	5,480.93
<b>Total Income.....</b>	<b>\$44,981.67</b>	<b>\$300,827.78</b>	<b>\$563,788.00</b>	<b>53.4</b>	<b>\$42,857.66</b>
General Fund Expenses					
Staff Support.....	28,058.74	149,554.08	332,794.00	44.9	23,716.75
Administration & Operating Costs.....	6,801.90	75,766.48	118,735.00	63.8	8,332.02
Ministry Areas.....	5,505.12	52,871.41	94,644.00	55.9	7,585.27
Loan Repayment to Endowment.....	833.33	6,160.99	10,000.00	61.6	986.01
<b>Total Expenses .....</b>	<b>\$41,199.09</b>	<b>\$284,352.96</b>	<b>\$556,173.00</b>	<b>51.5</b>	<b>\$40,620.05</b>
<b>Income less Expense .....</b>	<b>\$3,782.58</b>	<b>\$16,474.82</b>	<b>\$7,615.00</b>		<b>2,237.61</b>

### Account Balances:

General Fund - \$53,009.72

Youth Ministry Mission Plus Fund (ELCA) - \$1,106.73 ..... Good Samaritan Fund - \$1,879.31

HFLC & Money Market Savings Account - \$29,468.11 ..... Deferred Savings Account - \$24,468.11

# Spiritual Growth & Maturity

By Pastor Rod

Pentecost is that long green season that stretches from Easter to Advent. In Iowa each spring we witness the earth's transformation from brown to green as the corn and soybeans sprout, grow and mature into a crop that feeds much of the world. In a sense, that is what God calls forth and wishes for God's people, that we would sprout, grow and mature into a harvest of faith hope and love that feeds the world.

This summer I had the opportunity to attend a month long training with Christian Peacemaker Teams in Chicago. The training was challenging and rigorous, just the way I had hoped it would be. As farmers know, sometimes strenuous

conditions are good for crops as roots are forced deeper into the soil to seek the nutrients needed for robust growth and production. In the same way rigorous and challenging study and training in the ways of Christ force our roots to go deeper into the soil of Jesus and when this happens, our yields increase.

There are many ways to enter into a rigorous study of God's word. First, open the Bible and pick a book to focus on. Second, look for a good commentary on that book from Amazon or Augsburg Fortress (ask your pastor for advise). Then dig in daily and rigorously. If that doesn't work, join a class or start a small group with others who also want to grow. It may be that your Biblical literacy is just fine but

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what you need is a greater understanding of the sacraments. If that is the case purchase a large or small catechism and dig in. Perhaps it's social justice that has you intrigued. There are several great books I could steer you towards in that area.

Pastor Greg and I are currently looking at the fall calendar to see what classes we might offer. If you have a desire to study or grow in a certain area please, don't be shy, let us know so we can respond in ways that are helpful to you in your faith life



and growth. Growth sometimes hurts because we are stretched beyond our comfort zone, but ultimately through growth we become more faithful and more productive disciples. I hope that we can keep the spirit of Pentecost going throughout the church year so that together we can indeed become mature followers of Jesus Christ who seek Him, serve Him, and share Him.

God's Peace,  
Pastor Rod

## Colossians Provides My Year's Theme

By Pastor Greg

Grace to you and peace through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Colossians 1:15-20

*15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; 16 for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. 17 He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. 18 He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. 19 For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, 20 and through him God*

*was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.*

Yes all things are held together by him, all things are created through him. He is our life and our salvation, and I am given great comfort in the promises of our God. I would recommend that you read this text over and then answer these questions:

1. How does this text make you feel?
2. What does it mean for you that all things were created through him?
3. What kind of confidence does this text give you about the direction of your life?

4. What questions does this text raise for you?

5. What does this text say about Immanuel's calling?

When we explore scripture we have no idea where it will lead. I was so inspired by this text that I have decided to make it my personal theme text for the 2011-2012 school year.

I encourage you to also explore scripture this fall and see where God is willing to take you. Where is God willing to take Immanuel? Where is God willing to take Waldorf?

I am very excited about the new adventures we are to embark on this fall.

Hold on to your hats!

## Square Meal Ministry Project

"This 'Square Meal' comes to you with God's love. We pray that it is a blessing to you. Jesus loves you and so do we!"

This is what is displayed on each square meal casserole that leaves the church freezer into the hands of our good samaritan friends. This is an ongoing project of Immanuel's Mission Committee.

If you would like to help stock the freezer, we are in need of a few casseroles. (The committee usually stocks 3-4 at a time.) It works great to purchase the square foil pans with plastic lids; cover with aluminum foil and label the type of casserole and baking instructions. These frozen meals are kept in the kitchenette freezer (across from the office).

Thanks in advance for sharing in this ministry.



# CHILDREN'S EDUCATION

BY MELANIE

## Fall (and Promiseland) Begin Soon

I am sitting here writing this on the last night of summer vacation, wondering where the last three months have gone. It seems like yesterday when the halls at church were filled with the sound of kids laughing and singing, and learning about Jesus. For some the summer has been spent at Vacation Bible School, Confirmation Camp or another camp all together. For others like the Board of Education, Pastor Rod, Pastor Greg and myself, part of the summer was spent talking about change, and I am very excited to that there are going to be some changes with Promiseland this year.

Immanuel will once again be offering Promiseland on both Sundays and Wednesdays. Both Sunday and Wednesday curriculum will be the same as we will once again be using the Sparks Curriculum that we introduced last year for the Pre-K through

5th grade students. Sunday will offer a more traditional Sunday school setting using the Sparks Large Group/Small Group models that we have done in the past. Wednesday nights the kids will have Small Groups that will meet for the first 40 minutes and the Promiseland kids, teachers, and families will gather for a family oriented worship service from 6:30-7:15. Families will be encouraged to attend each Wednesday and share in a time of worship with their children.

Another change that is still being finalized is the curriculum that will be used for the 6th and 7th graders. After getting feedback from students, teachers, and parents we decided to take some time this summer to research a variety of curriculum and have begun the selection process. Keep watching for more details on the changes in curriculum to come.

Promiseland will officially kick off on Sunday, September 18, and Wednesday September 21 but families are invited to attend our "Coming Together Block Party" on Sunday September 11, at 10:00 a.m.

I am very excited for the upcoming year and can't wait to see the children again. We are still looking for volunteers. So parents/friends/congregation, if you have a heart for children and the Lord and are interested in volunteering to sub/team-teach/teach a Promiseland class, please contact me at [chil-drens@immanuelfamily.com](mailto:chil-drens@immanuelfamily.com).

In His Service,  
Melanie

**Promiseland Starts Sunday, September 18 and Wednesday, September 21.**

## Immanuel's new ELCA sponsored Missionary is Rev. Elly McHan

Pastor McHan serves the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land to further English-language communication. She will be working with Bishop Munib Younan, who was elected to Lutheran World Federation President after she arrived in Jerusalem. Elly began her two-year contract in August 2010 and anticipates home visits in 2012.

Elly was born April 25, 1983, in Forest City when her parents, Breck & Kathy McHan lived on the Carson family farm that her great-great-grandparents settled in 1888. Elly was baptized at Immanuel on July 17, 1983, before she moved with her parents to Alberta, Canada, where she graduated from high school. She attended the University of Alberta in Edmonton and graduated in

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**Jennifer & Pastor Greg Anderson and Rev. Danette Johns, WIS Assistant to the Bishop, received prayer shawls during the worship service following Pastor Greg's Installation on August 21**

## Pastor Rod's Letter to Kids (Adults Can Read Too!)

### Love Should Be Genuine

Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor (Romans 12:9-10). This advice from the Apostle Paul will change the world when it is followed. So, if it will change the world, what do you think it might do for your classroom or your home?

You have already been in school for a week or two and I'm sure you've seen be-

havior that has been disruptive to your class, disrespectful to your teacher or others, and perhaps you've even participated in that kind of behavior. Remember that every day is a brand new day and every day each of us can choose how we treat others. If someone has hurt you, pray for them and talk to an adult (maybe even your pastor) about how to respond. If you have hurt someone, stop! Then pray that God will help you find a way to say you're sorry and change your behavior to

match that in the verse above.

As you know, to treat everyone as a brother or sister is hard work but this is what Jesus and the Apostle Paul call us to do. Love one another with brotherly/sisterly affection. When we do that, it will change the world and change our life.

Crossed in Christ,  
Pastor Rod

## Visitation Committee Needs Volunteers

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Visiting our members who are unable to worship in church is a vital part of Immanuel. Although they are usually able to listen to Immanuel radio Sunday service broadcast, we want them to receive communion and still feel a part of the Immanuel family with a personal visit. Some home-bound visits are long-term and some are just made during a

short recuperation period.

Home visits are made by Immanuel Friends who share Bible study, take devotional materials and update these members on Immanuel programs, services and special events, reminding them that Immanuel cares about them and wants them to be informed and included.

Communion visitors serve home-bound members communion, delivered to them

from the church communion service.

Date and time of visit is scheduled by the visitor.

The Visitation Committee needs volunteers to make and Immanuel Friend visit and/or serve communion to home-bound members, either long or short time period. If you feel called to serve Immanuel as a visitor, please call Jaci at the church office (585-3152).

# VOLUNTEERS

### Altar Guild

8:00 a.m., Sara Uetz, Jeanette Neuman  
10:00 a.m., Julie Damm, Joan Beebe

### Communion Servers

Sept. 4 8:00 a.m., Marlene Faircloth,  
Harlan Rodberg  
Sept. 11 10:00 a.m., Joy Newcom,  
Peg Martin, Carolyn  
Price, Kathy Olson  
Sept. 18 8:30 a.m., Gary Gernetzke,  
Lowell Solberg  
Sept. 25 10:45 a.m., Judy Benson,  
Melanie Westerberg

### Communion Set Up

Sept. 4 8:00 a.m., Shirley Rollefson  
Sept. 11 10:00 a.m., Karen Johns  
Sept. 18 8:30 a.m., Dona Paulson  
Sept. 25 10:45 a.m., Barb Lovick

### Offering Counters

Kathy Olson, Betty Olson, Sandy Meade,  
Marj Anderson, Betty Nelson

### Readers

Sept. 4 8:00 a.m., Dan Robson  
10:00s a.m., Mary Farus  
Sept. 18 8:30 a.m., Ken Korth  
10:45 a.m., Julie Damm  
Sept. 25 8:30 a.m., Bruce Mielke  
10:45 a.m., Connie Johnson

### Sound Techs

8:00 a.m.,  
10:00 a.m.,

### Ushers

8:00 a.m. Wayne Johns, Jim Lund,  
Jim Bowman, Paul Jensen  
10:00 a.m. Gary McCarthy,

## FLOWERS & BROADCASTS

### Flowers Available at \$44

September 4, 18, 25  
October 2, 9, 16, 23  
November 6, 13, 20  
December 11, 18

These flowers help to beautify the altar area at Immanuel for worship.

### Broadcasts Available at \$100 each (\$130 holiday)

October 2, 9, 23  
November 13, 20  
December 25

Please consider being an active part of this ministry of Immanuel. The weekly radio broadcasts reach the homes of many who are not able to be part of our worship services.

Your participation is simple, just call the office at 585-3152.

## Joy Newcom Reflects on Churchwide Assembly

Immanuel member Joy Newcom attended the 2011 ELCA Churchwide Assembly August 15-19 held in Orlando, Florida. She attended on behalf of The Lutheran Magazine advisory board. The following is taken from her August 20 blog.

*To read all of Joy's blogs and see some short video clips from Assembly go to [www.thelutheran.org/news](http://www.thelutheran.org/news) (Breaking News Churchwide Assembly).*

### Communion and Worship

During mealtimes and in between plenary sessions, I regularly asked voting members to name a highlight of their week. The first two dozen or so answered with the same word: "worship."

When I finally got a new answer — "moments shared with others during the in-between times" — I realized how attuned we are to communion. We love to share.

What we have shared in worship this week has been extraordinary. We journeyed from Christ's birth to his death, and a resurrected life that freed us. We shared celebratory, music-filled moments that led us into thought-filled declarations of the word. More than a thousand voices raised each day to praise the God who calls us into common mission. We have been freed to serve.

Every time we sang, I remembered my days singing in the Wartburg College Choir. As back then, our worship space

this week filled with voices singing boldly, joyfully, melodically and harmoniously. The energy was electric. Traditional hymns and chanted responses framed other worship-filled moments that had a more ethnic flavor. We often sang hymns and heard Scripture read in languages other than English. Saying that the services had something for everyone mutes the depth and texture of what happened in our worship every day. Our times of communion were opportunities to celebrate the diversity of the ELCA. Our worship carried us seamlessly through a celebration of the unity that is present in our wonderful diversity.

One of the Augsburg Fortress displays invited people

to affix sticky notes that listed something they would like to change about their congregation's worship. As the parent of a child with multiple disabilities, I especially appreciated a plea posted to make worship more welcoming and accessible to all. But the word used most often on the notes for the wall was "more," as in more music, more silence, more hugging, more steel guitar, more organ (well, there was one note with a desire for less organ), more meditation, more energy, more children, more focus on God and, yes, even more cow bell.

Clearly, when it comes to worship, we want — perhaps even need — more.

## Why Do We "Share the Peace?" Because Jesus Commanded We Do!

### By Travis Beck

In John 14, Jesus tells his disciples: "*Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives.*" The sharing of the peace in worship is an enactment of this sharing of Christ's peace, the sure and certain hope of the righteousness secured for us by Christ's death on the cross.

Because Christ's peace is one of forgiveness of sins, sharing the peace is far more than a simple "Hello," or a handshake. Because Christ has forgiven us, we are called to forgive others, and sharing the peace is about doing just that. To say "Peace be with you," is to proclaim Christ's forgiveness of that person's sins; in worship, we hear this procla-

mation first from the minister to the congregation, and then we are invited to share that proclamation with one another. It is an acknowledgement that we are all one in Christ, all forgiven by Christ. To share the peace is to break down barriers that divide us and to be reconciled to each other regardless of personal relationships. For this reason, sharing the peace is one of the most important elements of worship—it is living out in worship what God has done in Christ.

Why do we do it before the offering? In Matthew, Jesus admonishes us, "So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there

before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift." This is why we typically place the Sharing of the Peace immediately after the prayers and before the offering. We sometimes place it after the Lord's Prayer as a way to live out what we have just prayed. And at the end of worship, we hear Christ's word of peace again: "Go in peace. Serve the Lord." Christ's peace is invoked as we are sent out to share that peace with a broken world.

When our pastors invite you to greet one another at the beginning of worship, it is an invitation to say "Hello," to those around you and welcome them to worship. When our pastors

invite you to share the peace, however, it is an invitation to live out Christ's forgiveness and to be reconciled to your brothers and sisters in Christ by proclaiming Christ's peace to them. As you share the peace in worship, remind yourself of the importance and significance of that act, and perhaps the way you share it may be renewed: close friends may share their peace with a hug, finding a simple handshake inadequate; spouses may share a kiss of peace, a witness to Christ's abiding love and peace in their marriage.

However you share it, share it fully! Forgive and love one another as Christ has forgiven and loved you.



# Board Reports for August

## Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees is happy to report that year-to-date revenues vs. expenditures ending in July show a positive balance of \$16,474. The board is thankful and humbled by the generosity of Immanuel's members.

The property report discussed the Hanson Family Life Center's service agreement with Immanuel and it was determined to look at the agreement more closely to come up with better defined roles for both Immanuel and HFLC.

The Personnel report approved the Children's Education Coordinator's, Melanie Leber, contract for the upcoming year. Discussion was also held regarding a recommendation to the council for both a high school and middle school youth leader. We hope to have both positions filled as soon as the school year begins.

The endowment report was discussed with a recommendation to utilize funds to create a group of peer ministers for Immanuel's youth utilizing Waldorf College to further their connection to our church and to grow our hope of Immanuel as student's church home while they are away.

The Board of Trustees is still seeking members and welcomes any opportunity to talk with those who are looking for a place to serve at Immanuel.

## Mission & Outreach

Mission & Outreach Board discussed the need for more people to visit those in nursing homes or shut-ins. If interested, more information is provided in a separate article; please contact Marge Solberg to volunteer. This is a great way to connect with

someone for great conversation!

HFLC was our July-August mission emphasis. Following the 'One Immanuel' worship on July 31, a profit of almost \$200 was raised for the mission at the picnic. Thanks to all who shared the meal together on that very hot Sunday.

Thanks to everyone who contributed toward our May-June Bible camps emphasis. Riverside Lutheran and Okoboji/Ingham Lutheran camps each received \$823 from Immanuel.

Sept.-Oct. begins our mission emphasis with missionary, Rev. Elly McHan serving in Jerusalem and the Holy Land. She has many ties to our church and the north Iowa area. We look forward to learning more about her and her mission work.

Rachel Price reported that youth are focusing on the July 2012 trip to New Orleans to the ELCA Youth Gathering. Watch for fundraisers to help cover the costs of our youth attending this gathering.

## Education

The Board of Education met for their first meeting after merging with the Promiseland Task Team August 24. Discussion was focused on the approaching Promiseland year and changes in the Wednesday night format. Melanie reported that she sent out 150 letters to Immanuel families for Promiseland registration. Registration is due back by Tuesday, September 6. We are still recruiting teachers for the 2011-12 Promiseland year – teachers for all age levels are needed. The first Teacher Insertion will be held on Monday, September 12, with Promiseland classes beginning on Sunday, September 18 and Wednesday, September 21.



**Tammy Krieger helped to paint the hallway ceilings at Immanuel this summer.**

## Rev. McCann Continued

2005 with a degree in violin and viola performance; She then attended Wartburg Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa, graduating in 2010. Her call to the Evangelical Church of Jordan (Holy Land) is her first call.

Family from the area include the late grandpa & grandma David & Martha Carson; cousin Phil & Darlene Carson, Ann Brcka and family; great uncle Carroll & Janell Carson; aunt & uncle Joyce & Noel Holtan.

Elly's hobbies include reading, writing, music, hiking, travel, photography, technology, and languages. (She has studied French, German, Greek, Hebrew, Norwegian and Arabic!)

As a congregation, we have pledged to contribute \$3,000 in this calendar year towards Elly's mission work in the Holy Land as well as uplift her in prayer and communication.

Her contact information: email: [ellymchan@gmail.com](mailto:ellymchan@gmail.com); blog: <http://barefootinjerusalem.blogspot.com>.

## Kustodian's Korner

### By Mike Oleson

We are getting close to our goal for new pew cushions. We currently have \$2,700+ donated into the fund. Stitchcraft of Winnebago Industries has given us the best bid for cushions which is under \$4,000. (Other bids have been over \$8,000.)

## Wednesday Meals Begin Sept. 21

Maybe you are sending your children to Confirmation or Promiseland and don't have time to fix supper. Maybe you just want to have a home-cooked meal with others before 6:30 worship. If so Wednesday supper

The trim on the Parsonage needs to be painted and I am looking for volunteers to complete this project this fall. Let me know if you can help.

Thanks to Tammy Krieger for her help on the hallway ceiling painting done this summer!

will be offered again beginning September 21.

Come anytime between 5:00 and 6:15 p.m. to the Fellowship Hall. Suggested price is \$3.50 or you may purchase a 10-punch card for \$32.50.

# YOUTH

## Attention Senior High Youth!

### Senior High Cereal Bar & Sunday Morning Group

Meet in the youth room for an awesome eating and talking time between services on Sunday morning!

Youth Testimony:

Rachel Price, 12th Grade,: "My mom will only let me date boys from church, so group here I come!" \*

Sunday morning Group, Check it out!

\* The above testimony was made up by Pastor Greg, but he is sure if he would have asked Rachel for a testimony she would have said something like it; maybe.

### Thank You!

Thank you to those who donated books for the Church of Damascus Road, Fort Dodge, Iowa. We collected 7 grocery sacks with over 350 books. Thank you for your generous giving.

Anna Lehmann

## Waldorf Graduate to Help with Immanuel HS Youth

Alicia Danielson is from Story City, Iowa, and graduated from Waldorf College in April, 2011, with a B.A. in History, Minors in Humanities and Religion.

While a student at Waldorf, she worked as Chapel Sacristan in Campus Ministries, and participated in music, theatre, history club, and student senate.

Alicia was raised an ELCA Lutheran and is quite proud of her Lutheran heritage! She has worked at Riverside Lutheran Bible Camp in Story City, Iowa, for six consecutive summers, loves working with youth of all ages, and is very excited to be working with the ninth grade confirmation class, senior high, and campus ministries this year!



**Alicia Danielson**

## Confirmation Announcement for 9th Graders

How will 2011-2012 be different?

Well ... I, Pastor Greg, will be teaching 9th grade confirmation! Waa! Hoo!

Our topic will be the Bible, so get ready to hear some crazy things!

Important Dates:

1. Parent Orientation: Wednesday, September 14, 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

2. Confirmation Kick-Off, Session One: Wednesday, Sept. 21, 6:30 p.m to 8:00 p.m

3. Additional Info: Confirmation will start with worship at 6:30 p.m. and end with group time at 8:00 p.m. Class time will start after worship. Yes worship is required! Yaa! Hoo!

4. Confirmation Mentors: We will continue the mentor program this year.

It is then with great anticipation I look forward to the start of our Confirmation season. Please keep our new project in your prayers, and watch for an informational letter.

Sincerely,  
Pastor Greg



**Immanuel's Library Committee hosted four Story Hours on Fridays in July. A fun time for 3 year olds thru 5th graders to come together for stories, music, outside games, snacks, and a trip to the library to check out books and DVD's. The church library is for everyone of all ages! Have you checked out a book recently?**



# “One Year to Live” Men’s Retreat

## By Pastor Rod

One Year to Live is not for the faint of heart but for the courageous man with a full heart and a spiritual awareness that brings us together in one congregation – the body of Christ.

Pastor Rod is looking for a few men who are ready to open your heart and put yourself on the line.

“One Year to Live is not about trying to fill parish halls with men,” says Doug Haugen, Director of Lutheran Men in Mission. “It’s about creating places and events where men can encounter Christ and where discipleship can take place. It’s about men who know their lives are a train wreck without Jesus and who are willing to walk with other men, not only in good

times, but also in life’s dumpsters.”

## A personal testimony from Pastor Rod

As a pastor and as a man I have always been pretty self-sufficient, not really feeling the need for deep relationships with other men. This is the way I was socialized and conditioned in an independent, self-reliant culture. When my dad died eight years ago that changed. I suddenly had a longing to connect at a deeper level with men in a way I had never felt before. I think my dad was an anchor for me in a way I hadn’t realized. When he died that anchor was missing. I find strength and grounding in knowing I’m surrounded by men of faith.

The retreat has limited space so I would like to get our registrations in by September 15th. Pick up a registration form at the office. Please, email me at [pastorrod@immanuelfamily.com](mailto:pastorrod@immanuelfamily.com) or call my cell @ 515-450-3704 if you feel nudged to participate or if you need some questions answered. I’ve already have a couple of “yea, I think I’d like to do that” so let’s get a few more to fill up a car or a van. The cost is \$175 per person and I have some access to partial scholarships so don’t be afraid to let me help.

The retreat is near New London, Minnesota, at Shores of St. Andrew Camp and will begin at 5:30 Friday, October 14, and ends at 3:00 on Sunday. We’ll need to leave Forest City

between 12:30 and 1:00 on Friday to get supper and arrive on time. You may have a hundred good reasons for not going to the OYTL retreat, but here’s one reason to attend: You’ll be better equipped to attend to those 100 reasons when you get home.

Come on, take a chance.

## More testimonies

1. “I spent twenty years climbing the ladder of success to find out at the One Year to Live retreat that I had the ladder leaning against the wrong building.”

2. “The OYTL retreat is a unique opportunity to experience spiritual and personal growth as part of a special fellowship of brothers.”

# Weekend Activities at Lutheran Bible Camps

## For the women of the house...

### Sept. 17-18 at Riverside Bible Camp, “Wholehearted Living”

Dueteronomy 6:5 “Love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul and all your strength.” The weekend is about removing the clutter that causes resistance to our hearing and obeying God, wholeheartedly connecting with God and learning to be vibrantly alive!

Guest speaker, Alicia Economos of Des Moines, is married and has two grown children. Alicia has taught aerobics and Body Pump classes, owned and operated an interior decorating sewing business, and worked with Christ-Life Ministries. As

of 2010, Alicia has started a new business called “WOW! Words of Wisdom.” Her life mission is to enthusiastically encourage others to find their lives in Christ, by being the message.

Registration forms available in the church office or online at [www.RiversideLBC.org](http://www.RiversideLBC.org). Cost is \$75, includes housing and meals.

### Oct. 1-2 at Okoboji Bible Camp

What does it mean to be a woman of God in today’s world? How can we help the next generation of women seek after God? How do the youth of our generation see the world differently? These are questions on which Staci Mason, the featured speaker, has focused a part of her life.

Staci speaks at youth events around the country and works in youth ministry in the Des Moines area. She has written a Bible study for girls 15-18 to future equip and encourage them to pursue growing into a Godly woman by seeking God’s will for their lives and choices they make, and to invite them to whetting their appetites for more scripture. Registration forms available in the church office or online at [www.okoboji.org](http://www.okoboji.org). Cost is \$79 or less with a group of friends.

### For 4th graders through 12 graders...

Fall Recharges! Hebrews 12:2. We are encouraged to “fix our eyes on Jesus”

## Riverside Bible Camp dates:

Juniors (grades 4-6) Nov. 11-13

Junior High (grades 6-9) Oct. 21-23, Nov. 4-6

High School (grades 9-12) Nov. 18-20

Cost is \$70, registration forms available in the church office or online at [www.RiversideLBC.org](http://www.RiversideLBC.org).

## Ingham Okoboji Bible Camp dates:

Grades 4-6 Oct. 21-23

Grades 6-12 Oct. 28-30

Grades 6-9 Nov. 4-6, Nov. 11-13

Grades 9-12 Nov. 18-20

Cost is \$69. Forms in the church office or online at [www.okoboji.org](http://www.okoboji.org)



# WOMEN OF THE ELCA

## Mission

*To mobilize women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus.*

### Take Nothing for Granted ...

Our lives are made up mostly of:  
GO TO WORK MOST DAYS ... Take nothing for granted  
KIDS IN SCHOOL TODAY ... Take nothing for granted  
COMFORTABLE HOME ... Take nothing for granted  
DRS. ONE MILE AWAY ... Take nothing for granted  
DINNER IN THE OVEN ... Take nothing for granted

Our LWR boxes are given to families who ...  
HAVE NO WORK  
KIDS HAVE FEW OR NO SCHOOLS  
HOME IS A BLANKET IN A CAMP  
WALK MILES TO MEDICAL CARE, IF AVAILABLE  
STARVING  
And yet, Lutheran World Relief tells us our boxes of items are “cherished and used by people who TAKE NOTHING FOR GRANTED.”

Somalia is the new crisis country with immediate needs for help. LWR has committed an initial \$500,000 to work in camps in Somalia in assisting new arrivals and our health, school, infant, cloth kits are especially needed.

Women of Immanuel ask the whole congregation to join with us in a commitment to

TAKE NOTING FOR GRANTED - to THANK GOD FOR OUR BLESSINGS and to take seriously the privilege of sharing what we have with those who have very little.

PACKING DAY: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2011 Volunteers welcome  
BLANKET/SOAP SUNDAYS: SEPTEMBER 25 AND OCTOBER 2, 2011

NEEDED: Wash cloths, Hand towels, Wide-tooth combs, Blankets  
SMALL CHILD SIZES: Sleepers (up to 24 mos.), Cotton T shirts (light wt.), Sweatshirts or Sweaters w/hoods, T-shirts (large) for diapers  
Donations for shipping  
Take items to the church table near the N.E. elevator, lower level.

TIP: ALL-CITY GARAGE SALES - FRIDAY, SEPT. 9 AND SAT. SEPT. 10  
FUN DAY: Gather your friends - shop for LWR - Then, have coffee!!  
TAKE NOTHING FOR GRANTED

### Dates to Remember

Sept. 1, 10:30 a.m. – Circle Bible Study Leaders, Shalom Room  
Sept. 9, 2:30 p.m. – Good Samaritan Program, Rachel Circle  
Sept. 27, 1:00 p.m. – LWR Quilting Do Day  
Servers – Eleanor Lovik, Alice Jones  
September Laundry – Ruby Rauk  
September Coffee Hour – Immanuel Youth

### Circles for September

Circle	Hostess/Date	Lesson Leader
Martha	Lorraine Korth's home Sept. 15—9:30 a.m.	Lorraine Korth
Dorcas	Shalom Room (Doris Juhl) Sept. 15—1:30 p.m.	Anna M. Mitchell
Sarah	Townsquare (Karolyn Overlie) Sept. 15—1:30 p.m.	Margie Markusen
Rachel	Shalom Room (Ardis Ellwood) Sept. 15—7:00 p.m.	Margie Markusen
Ruth	Carolyn Price's home Sept. 19—7:00 p.m.	Renae Hopp

### Treasurer's Report (April-June)

Income	
Funerals	\$475.00
Coffee Hour	307.82
Worship Offerings	258.00
Project Offerings	221.97
Family Foods Receipts	140.89
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,403.68</b>
Expenses	
Bill's Family Foods	\$188.26
Lutheran Woman Today	48.00
Shipping for LWR	50.00
Leader's Guides	80.20
Supplies for LWR	94.25
Regular Synodical Offering	75.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$535.71</b>

Karolyn Overlie, Treasurer

## Identity Theft: What You Need to Know

Winnebago-Worth County Chapter of Thrivent for Lutherans will host a workshop entitled "Identity Theft: What You Need to Know", on Sunday, Sept. 18 at 5:00 p.m. at Immanuel in the Fellowship Hall.

Identity theft can affect anyone, any time, any place. This workshop is designed to help participants understand how identity theft can occur, get tips that will help them protect themselves, and know what steps to take if you become a victim of identity theft.

Those interested are invited to attend the 65-minute workshop at Immanuel. Or other locations: Sunday, Sept. 11 at 5:00 p.m. at Bethlehem Lutheran, Buffalo Center, and Sunday, Sept. 25 at 5:00 p.m. at Bethel Lutheran, Joice.

There will be no sales pitch but simply an educational program.

## National Youth Gathering Meeting

ALL youth in grades 9 through 12 for the 2011-2012 school year are eligible to go to the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans July 18 to 22, 2012. If planning to go they need to pick up a covenant in the church office and come to the meeting on September 11 at 6:00 p.m.

A signed covenant/commitment and deposit of \$75 is due by September 25 to reserve a spot.

This is an exciting, life changing event! JOIN in the FUN! For more information, see or call Pastor Greg, Renae Hopp or Cindi Lehmann.

## Artist Series Begins September 11

World-Class Musical Performances begin in Forest City, Iowa Sept. 11

Expand your musical horizons with performances by outstanding artists from all over the world! Waldorf College's Community Artist Series brings exceptional talent to Forest City ~ Immanuel Lutheran Church ~ at an extraordinary value!

Call Waldorf College at 800.292.1903 or email the Music Department at [music@waldorf.edu](mailto:music@waldorf.edu) to order season tickets. They will also be sold at the first concert and at the FC Chamber office. Season ticket prices: Family \$70; Senior Citizen \$25; Single \$30; Student (high school or younger) \$10. Order forms and complete schedule are avail-

able in the church office.

Season tickets also give you admission to the Concert Series for the Kossuth County Concert Series in Algona and the Clear Lake Area Concert Association.

The season begins on Sunday evening, Sept. 11, 7:30 p.m. at Immanuel – Kristinn Sigmundsson, bass. One of the world's most sought after basses, Mr. Sigmundsson has sung nearly his entire repertoire with the Opéra National de Paris. His concert performances include collaborations with many of the world's leading conductors. Early in his career he performed principally in his native Iceland.

Tickets for single events also available at the door for \$10 adults; \$5 students.

## Wedding Invitation

Pastor Rod and Renae invite Immanuel.

our Immanuel family to share in the joy of the marriage uniting our daughter Katie Jo Hopp with Michael Stephen Caterino at four o'clock in the afternoon on September 24, 2011 here at

We would also love to have you join us at the reception for cake and dancing from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. at Rice Lake Golf and Country Club, Lake Mills. No gifts please.

## Corey Smith's Ordination Invite

By the Grace of God and the call of the Church,

Corey Wayne Smith

Will be ordained to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament

In Christ's one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church

**Saturday, September 10, 2011**

**At Nazareth Evangelical Lutheran Church**

7401 University Ave., Cedar Fall, Iowa

The Rev. Dr. Steven Ullestad,

Bishop of the NE Iowa Synod, presiding

Your prayers and presence are requested.

All ordained, consecrated and commissioned ministers are invited to process.

The color of the day is red.

## *Crazy Bible passages and how we read them*

A basic and fun overview of the Bible and how to read it!

Offered between worship services at 9:45 a.m. Sundays

Starting Topics: The Parables of Jesus

Special Coffee and treats in the upstairs lounge

## Heavenly Harp Concert Set For Monday, September 12

Under stress and ready to relax? Give yourself the gift of peace by joining us for Karin Gunderson's Heavenly Harp Concert on Monday, Sept. 12 at 7:00 p.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church. Enjoy inspiring and peaceful music featuring harp and vocals along with wonderful stories of God's presence and provision. Come and bring your friends and neighbors.

Karin is an accomplished vocalist, harpist, pianist and flutist. Her musical career has included work as a public school music teacher, a private music

instructor, a church musician, and a performer. Singing songs of faith is her passion, and she has performed as a vocal soloist in concert halls and churches alike. She relates inspiring stories from her work as a harpist for Hospice to remind the audience of God's presence with them during difficult times.

A free will offering will be taken toward Karin's ministry and Heavenly Harp CDs and DVDs will be available. Music may be previewed at [www.ChristianHarpMusic.com](http://www.ChristianHarpMusic.com).

# SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>Help Welcome Waldorf Students to Forest City and Immanuel</b>  Thursday, September 1 from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.  Hosted by Immanuel Congregation Meet at the west entrance to the church				<b>1</b> 10:30 am-Circle Bible Study Leaders in the Shalom Room 5:30 to 7:00 pm-Waldorf Student Welcome Block Party on west side of the church	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> 8:00 am-Worship, with Communion 9:00 am-Coffee, Fellowship Hall 10:00 am-Worship	<b>5</b> <b>LABOR DAY</b> Offices Closed	<b>6</b> 9:00 am-Vital Agers Task Team in the Shalom Room 6:00 pm-Intercessory Prayer Group at Good Samaritan	<b>7</b> 2:00 pm-Men's Bible Study 6:00 pm-Senior Choir 7:00 pm-Worship, with Communion	<b>8</b> 7:30 pm-Church Council	<b>9</b> 2:30 pm-Good Sam Program by Rachel Circle	<b>10</b> 1:00 pm-Former Intern Corey Smith's Ordination at Nazareth Lutheran in Cedar Falls
<b>11</b> 10:00 am-Worship with United Methodists on the corner of Clark & G Meal Together after service 6:00 pm-HS Youth Group in the Youth Room 7:30 pm-Waldorf Artist Series featuring Kristinn Sigmundsson in the Sanctuary	<b>12</b> 7:00 pm-Heavenly Harp concert in the Sanctuary 7:00 pm-Promiseland Teacher In-Service Shalom Room	<b>13</b> 3:00 pm-Intercessory Prayer Group at Good Samaritan	<b>14</b> 2:00 pm-Men's Bible Study 6:00 pm-Senior Choir 6:00 pm-8th Grade Confirmation Meeting with Parents 6:00 pm-9th Grade Confirmation Meeting with Parents, FH 7:00 pm-Worship, with Communion	<b>15</b> 9:30 am-Martha Circle at Lorraine Korth's 1:30 pm-Sarah Circle at Townsquare Apt. 1:30 pm-Dorcas Circle in the Shalom Room 7:00 pm-Rachel Circle in the Shalom Room	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
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Other highlights included being asked to deliver the backpacks to several of the schools, including a couple in the informal settlements (slums). We also heard a report on the continued work with the Catholic Church, the Lutheran Church and the Salvation Army. We are also actively working on beginning conversations with the Orthodox Churches; all important conversations as the One Body of Christ in this world.

Thank you for your prayers and on behalf of the schools in South Africa thank you for the book bags.

Pastor Tyson

## Mission Saturation Event

Saturday, October 8, 2011 10—1:30 p.m.

Keynote Speaker: Rev. Faith Fowler

Midland First United Methodist Church

To Kick-off Mission Celebration Week the T.A.S.K. Force has scheduled this special day with Faith, a dynamic speaker you won't want to miss! You will be able to view displays of mission programs, meet people working in missions and find out "what's working" in other churches in the area.



The Mission Continues

-Free

-Registration is not required.

-Childcare is available

-Finger-food brunch will be served



Sunday, September 25th

10:30 a.m.

## Take me out to the Ball game



Several of you enjoyed a beautiful day at the ball park and were in the winning section. The Loons put on a great game and brought in another win.

Adult Fellowship time is being renewed starting up with our

Vesper Cruise down the mighty Cass River on Sept. 25th. Invite your friends and neighbors. Seating will be limited to the first 150 reservations. Watch for the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

## CROP WALK

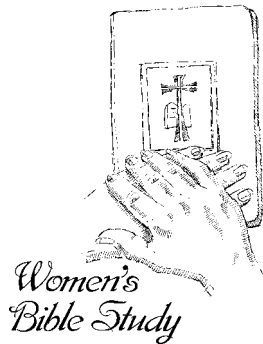
***Sunday, October 9 we will again be hosting the CROP Walk here. Beginning at 1:30 p.m. we will register the walkers and the walk will begin at 2 p.m. Upon completion of the walk the walkers will return here for refreshments. We will need apples, cider, donuts, etc. and a volunteer to oversee the refreshments. If you are willing to help, walk, or sponsor please call the church office or Kathy Hatfield (989) 233-0787. Thank you.***



## LADIES' BIBLE STUDY

We will be studying Jonah in a series by Priscilla Shirer on Tuesday, September 20 at 6:30—8:30 p.m.

A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.



## UMW

*We are gearing up for another year and want to invite all ladies to join us on the third Monday of each month. Bring a sack lunch and enjoy some refreshments by the hostess committee at 12:15 followed by the business meeting at 12:45. See ya' on the 19th,*

*Susan Allen, Pres.*

**823-7246**



Thank you Amy Forbush for stepping up to the plate with our Senior High Sunday School class.

We are still looking for someone to teach our 5—8th graders. Pray and consider how you can use your gifts and talents for the Lord.



## The Great Recovery

The Frankenmuth United Methodist Church has invited us to join them in their classes on personal money management from Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University. If you are interested or need more information, please check out the bulletin board and then call the FUMC at 652-6858. The classes begin September 7 @ 6:30 p.m.



## Nurture Committee

The next meeting of the Nurture Committee will be Wed., September 7th at 6 p.m. Please continue to keep our church family in your prayers and remember to give our shut-ins a call and/or send a card.

Marilyn Wells, chairperson



September's Third Friday Dinner will feature our popular roast pork and beef accompanied by all the trimmings. Save room for the home-made pies! We will see you on September 16th. The public is invited. Free will offerings are accepted.

## PUMPKIN ROLL

Will we be having a food booth in the Pumpkin Roll this year? Will you be a willing supporter?

Please contact Marilyn Wells - 823-3410 with your interest. There will be a sign up sheet on the bulletin board.



Church conference reports are due by September 7th. If you have been procrastinating, you will be hearing from us.



## Bell Choir



Practice begins Monday, Sept. 12 from 7:15 to 8:15 p.m.

Newcomers are welcome. See Amy Forbush

New time: 9 a.m.  
Same Good News!  
Sunday, Sept. 18th

## September Flower Calendar



Sept. 4: Happy Anniversary Don & Rachel Tereau!  
IMO Donald Waggoner by Donna Tereau

Sept. 11: IMO Devere Lawrence by Lorna Lawrence  
IMO Rev. Charles Knight by Myrtle Sinclair

Sept. 18: IMO Henry, Jess & Ida Beecher family and  
Roy & Maude German family  
by Don & Thelma German

Sept. 25: IMO Earl & Bob Durkee by Bill & Jane Durkee

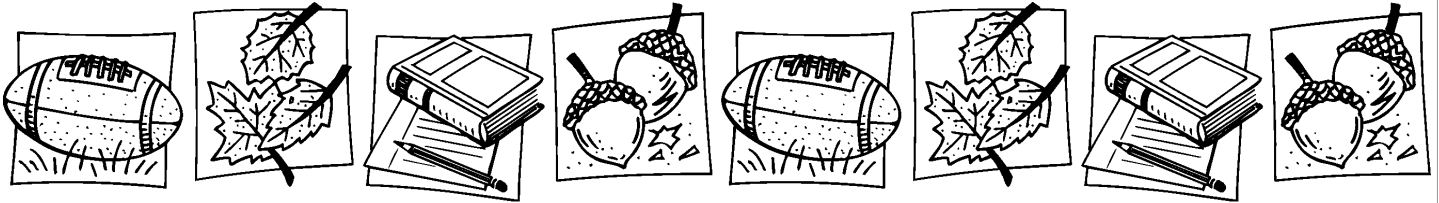


September 4 Donna Tereau

September 11 Lorna Lawrence

September 18 Eleanor Farnham

September 25 Deelynn Durkee



## SEPTEMBER MEETINGS:

**SPRC** Sept. 1 @ 7 p.m.

**Trustees** Sept. 18 @ 11:30 a.m.

**Worship** Sept. 18 @ 6 p.m. (Sunday)

**Education** Sept. 25 @ 11:30 a.m.

**Missions** Sept. 14 @ 6

**Nurture** Sept. 7 @ 6 p.m.

**Administrative Council** Sept. 21 @ 6 p.m.

### Finance

Stay tuned

### Lay Leadership

Sept. 6 & Sept. 13 @ 6:30

### UMW

Sept. 19th @ 12:45 preceded by sack lunch

## Saginaw Bay District Purity Conference

Ames UMC will be hosting a purity conference for high school aged youth (with permission 6—8th graders welcome too) to cover topics such as self beauty, respect, dating & courtship,

True love waits plus skits, bands, fun and food all for \$20 (include promise ring). Registration is needed. Forms are in the church office. **This Young Disciples Team event is October 1st from 10—6 p.m.** Check out the bulletin board for more details.





## Administrative Council Meeting - August 17, 2011

Chairperson Penny Coutcher called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. with prayer by Pastor Tyson. Members present were: Jane Durkee, Bill Durkee, Donna Tereau, Lorna Lawrence, Sharron Isham, Dave Isham, Susan Allen, Barb Johnson, Bill Hall, Don Scribner, Marilyn Wells and Nancy Harpham.

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the June 15, 2011 meeting were approved as written.

Finance: Pastor Tyson reported a good transition with the bookkeeping company who is now writing our checks. He also reported Erin's employer is providing health insurance so they will not need insurance through the church.

Old Business: Barb Johnson explained a project called Blessings in a Backpack. Students receiving free or reduced price lunches would be eligible to receive a backpack each Friday filled with food for the weekend. Our church could partner with the Presbyterian Church at a cost of \$80 per child per year. A three year commitment is required. A motion was made by Hall and seconded by Wells to have Barb continue to research the project with Lynn Franko of the Presbyterian Church. The motion carried.

New Business: Marilyn Wells reported the next Third Friday Dinner is Sept. 16. Bill Hall will seek a chairman and helpers. Barb Johnson reported there is interest in reviving the Adult Fellowship nights. A Vespers Boat Cruise will be held in Frankenmuth on Sunday, September 25. Barb will organize a Halloween party in October. Volunteers are needed for the following months.

Education: Barb Johnson reported Amy Forbush will be the Senior High Sunday School teacher. Someone is still needed for grades 5 – 8. Both a men's and women's bible study will be held this year. Vacation Bible School attendance averaged 34 students per night. The Sunday Kick-off was very successful. The cost for VBS was \$1200 shared with the Presbyterian Church.

Lay Leader: Barb Johnson reported the Calvarymen and potluck following were very enjoyable. Our Church Conference is Sept. 25 during the worship hour.

Trustees: Dave Isham reported a drain for the roof has been rerouted out to the street. A small wall and drain basin will keep water from getting on the sidewalk and freezing in front of the door. Something will be placed on the new ramp to keep people from stepping off it. The person who received the outdoor children's play items will remove the stones so landscaping can be completed. There are two dead trees in the back which hopefully the city will remove.

Nurture: Marilyn Wells reported the next meeting will be Sept. 7.

UMW: Susan Allen reported 22 people enjoyed a recent tea. Their next meeting will be September 19. (Note: business meetings are now at 12:45.)

Pastor's Report: The church office has forms for committee reports for Church Conference. The CROP Walk will be held Oct. 9. All are invited to walk. A goal of \$75 per walker would be helpful. A grant of \$500 has been received for the Vespers Cruise. Another grant of \$500 has been received for a DVD duplicator to use for making copies for shut-ins. A LCD will be purchased for the back of the church. A celebration of camp by summer campers is being planned.

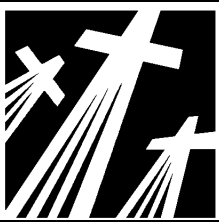
Kick-off for fall will be Sept. 18. Church services will be at 10:30 with Sunday School at 9:00 am.

Families or groups will be asked to sign up to host a coffee hour after church. If there is an open date, there will be no coffee hour that Sunday.

Memorial Committee: Bill Hall reported a balance of \$2,919.85 with \$2,000 in a CD.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by B. Durkee to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. The meeting closed with prayer by Pastor Tyson.

Respectfully submitted by Nancy Harpham, Secretary



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This edition of the newsletter is delivered to you compliments of Charles & Marilyn Wells. Thank you for your donation that made this possible.  
Note: Submissions to this newsletter must be received by the 20th of each month.

## In need of prayer . . .

Several members of our church family are experiencing health problems. Please be praying for their needs:

BILL & JANE DURKEE, BARB & LEE ESCKELSON, ANN GARNER, DON & THELMA GERMAN, DEANNA HALL, SARAH HARPHAM, LORRAINE HAYES, DOLORES HOHMAN, DOROTHY IRWIN, KAY JANSON, DON KING, LORNA LAWRENCE, MURIEL LEWIS, COOKIE NEWTON, SCOTT MOODY, CHARLES PARSELL, HENRY QUICK, CHARLOTTE RIEDEL; ERNIE ROGNER; PEGGY ROSE; JEANNE SAFFORD, DON & CAROL SCRIBNER, TED SCHUNN II, LYNDEY SHEPHERD, MYRTLE SINCLAIR, LEE STEDRY, DARLENE STEDRY, LOIS WARREN, PAUL WILCOX, MARION WILSON.

Also, please be praying for and send a note of encouragement to our shut-ins: HELEN BAKER, VERLE KOHN, DOROTHY MILLER, REV. CLARE PATTON, ERNIE ROGNER, AND BETTY ST CLAIR.



Our heartfelt sympathies to the family of Burton H. Kennard who entered his eternal destiny in heaven on August 25th. As the days go by, prayers that God will keep you in His loving care everyday and everywhere are with you all.



## Vesper Cruise

## On the

## Bavarian Belle Riverboat

Sunday, September 25 Time: 6:30 PM

Music and Devotions. A Love Offering will be received.

**Reservations required. Limited to First 150.**

**Sponsored by Vassar First United Methodist Church.**

**Call (989) 823-8811 for ?'s & reservations**

Frankenmuth River Tours  
925 S. Main Street  
Frankenmuth, MI 48734



# Celebrate!!



## September Birthdays

1 Sandy Sheppard	18 Nick Andreychuk
Val Duncan	19 Roger Goggans
2 June McKenney	Ted Schunn II
3 Carol Hastings	Allen Goodman
4 Kathleen Jaynes	20 Janet Reed
4 Donna Tereau	21 Vicky Tereau
7 Don German	Patrick Temple-Green
Aliene Thurston—95!	22 Wayne Neuroth
8 Jan Paquette	23 Matt Andreychuk
11 Cody Clinesmith	Jackie Wilcox
Ken Stoll	23 Pam Sevier
13 Jesse Hatfield	25 Liz Kovacs
16 Mark Forbush	26 Helen Baker*
17 Luke Patton	28 Leon Dykhous
	29 Judy Patton

## September Anniversaries

- 3 Don and Rachel Tereau (1988)
- 8 Don & Carol Scribner (1956)
- 10 Charles & Nancy Harpham (1960)
- 12 Charles and Joan McBride
- 14 Tom and Barbara Johnson (1974)
- 14 Larry & Joy Tebedo (1990)
- 22 Sam and Debbie Seney (1973)
- 26 Raymond & Norma Stedry (1998)
- 30 Chris and Heidi Clinesmith (1995)

## COOKIE HOUR SCHEDULE:

SEPTEMBER 11 \_\_\_\_\_ MAY WE PUT YOUR NAME HERE?

SEPTEMBER 18 \_\_\_\_\_

SEPTEMBER 25 \_\_\_\_\_

NO VOLUNTEERS WILL MEAN NO COOKIE HOUR THAT WEEK. EVERY FAMILY NEEDS TO HELP OUT. THANK YOU FOR RETURNING A FAVOR TO THOSE WHO HAVE SO FAITHFULLY SERVED YOU IN THE PAST.





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Other highlights included being asked to deliver the backpacks to several of the schools, including a couple in the informal settlements (slums). We also heard a report on the continued work with the Catholic Church, the Lutheran Church and the Salvation Army. We are also actively working on beginning conversations with the Orthodox Churches; all important conversations as the One Body of Christ in this world.

Thank you for your prayers and on behalf of the schools in South Africa thank you for the book bags.

Pastor Tyson

## Mission Saturation Event

Saturday, October 8, 2011 10—1:30 p.m.

Keynote Speaker: Rev. Faith Fowler

Midland First United Methodist Church

To Kick-off Mission Celebration Week the T.A.S.K. Force has scheduled this special day with Faith, a dynamic speaker you won't want to miss! You will be able to view displays of mission programs, meet people working in missions and find out "what's working" in other churches in the area.



The Mission Continues

-Free

-Registration is not required.

-Childcare is available

-Finger-food brunch will be served



Sunday, September 25th

10:30 a.m.

## Take me out to the Ball game



Several of you enjoyed a beautiful day at the ball park and were in the winning section. The Loons put on a great game and brought in another win.

Adult Fellowship time is being renewed starting up with our

Vesper Cruise down the mighty Cass River on Sept. 25th. Invite your friends and neighbors. Seating will be limited to the first 150 reservations. Watch for the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

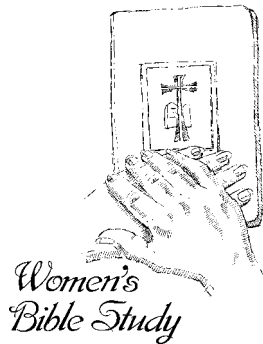
## CROP WALK

***Sunday, October 9 we will again be hosting the CROP Walk here. Beginning at 1:30 p.m. we will register the walkers and the walk will begin at 2 p.m. Upon completion of the walk the walkers will return here for refreshments. We will need apples, cider, donuts, etc. and a volunteer to oversee the refreshments. If you are willing to help, walk, or sponsor please call the church office or Kathy Hatfield (989) 233-0787. Thank you.***

## LADIES' BIBLE STUDY

We will be studying Jonah in a series by Priscilla Shirer on Tuesday, September 20 at 6:30—8:30 p.m.

A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.



## UMW

*We are gearing up for another year and want to invite all ladies to join us on the third Monday of each month. Bring a sack lunch and enjoy some refreshments by the hostess committee at 12:15 followed by the business meeting at 12:45. See ya' on the 19th,*

*Susan Allen, Pres.*

**823-7246**



Thank you Amy Forbush for stepping up to the plate with our Senior High Sunday School class.

We are still looking for someone to teach our 5—8th graders. Pray and consider how you can use your gifts and talents for the Lord.



## The Great Recovery

The Frankenmuth United Methodist Church has invited us to join them in their classes on personal money management from Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University. If you are interested or need more information, please check out the bulletin board and then call the FUMC at 652-6858. The classes begin September 7 @ 6:30 p.m.





## Nurture Committee

The next meeting of the Nurture Committee will be Wed., September 7th at 6 p.m. Please continue to keep our church family in your prayers and remember to give our shut-ins a call and/or send a card.

Marilyn Wells, chairperson



September's Third Friday Dinner will feature our popular roast pork and beef accompanied by all the trimmings. Save room for the home-made pies! We will see you on September 16th. The public is invited. Free will offerings are accepted.

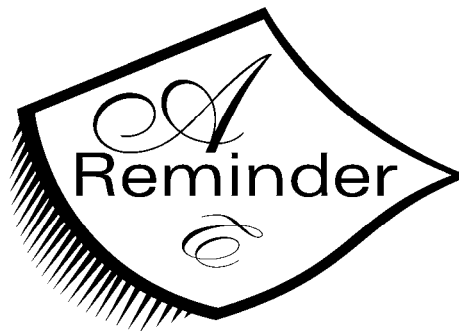
## PUMPKIN ROLL

Will we be having a food booth in the Pumpkin Roll this year? Will you be a willing supporter?

Please contact Marilyn Wells - 823-3410 with your interest. There will be a sign up sheet on the bulletin board.



Church conference reports are due by September 7th. If you have been procrastinating, you will be hearing from us.



## Bell Choir



Practice begins Monday, Sept. 12 from 7:15 to 8:15 p.m.

Newcomers are welcome. See Amy Forbush

New time: 9 a.m.  
Same Good News!  
Sunday, Sept. 18th

## September Flower Calendar



Sept. 4: Happy Anniversary Don & Rachel Tereau!  
IMO Donald Waggoner by Donna Tereau

Sept. 11: IMO Devere Lawrence by Lorna Lawrence  
IMO Rev. Charles Knight by Myrtle Sinclair

Sept. 18: IMO Henry, Jess & Ida Beecher family and  
Roy & Maude German family  
by Don & Thelma German

Sept. 25: IMO Earl & Bob Durkee by Bill & Jane Durkee

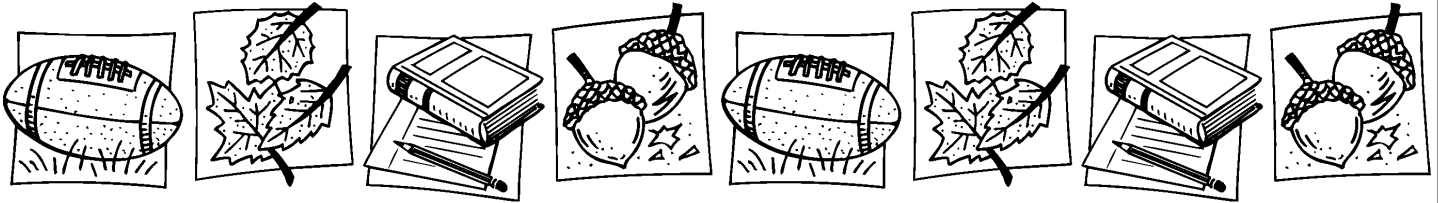


September 4 Donna Tereau

September 11 Lorna Lawrence

September 18 Eleanor Farnham

September 25 Deelynn Durkee



## SEPTEMBER MEETINGS:

**SPRC** Sept. 1 @ 7 p.m.

**Trustees** Sept. 18 @ 11:30 a.m.

**Worship** Sept. 18 @ 6 p.m. (Sunday)

**Education** Sept. 25 @ 11:30 a.m.

**Missions** Sept. 14 @ 6

**Nurture** Sept. 7 @ 6 p.m.

**Administrative Council** Sept. 21 @ 6 p.m.

### Finance

Stay tuned

### Lay Leadership

Sept. 6 & Sept. 13 @ 6:30

### UMW

Sept. 19th @ 12:45 preceded by sack  
lunch

## Saginaw Bay District Purity Conference

Ames UMC will be hosting a purity conference for high school aged youth (with permission 6—8th graders welcome too) to cover topics such as self beauty, respect, dating & courtship,

True love waits plus skits, bands, fun and food all for \$20 (include promise ring). Registration is needed. Forms are in the church office. **This Young Disciples Team event is October 1st from 10—6 p.m.** Check out the bulletin board for more details.



## Administrative Council Meeting - August 17, 2011

Chairperson Penny Coutcher called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. with prayer by Pastor Tyson. Members present were: Jane Durkee, Bill Durkee, Donna Tereau, Lorna Lawrence, Sharron Isham, Dave Isham, Susan Allen, Barb Johnson, Bill Hall, Don Scribner, Marilyn Wells and Nancy Harpham.

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the June 15, 2011 meeting were approved as written.

Finance: Pastor Tyson reported a good transition with the bookkeeping company who is now writing our checks. He also reported Erin's employer is providing health insurance so they will not need insurance through the church.

Old Business: Barb Johnson explained a project called Blessings in a Backpack. Students receiving free or reduced price lunches would be eligible to receive a backpack each Friday filled with food for the weekend. Our church could partner with the Presbyterian Church at a cost of \$80 per child per year. A three year commitment is required. A motion was made by Hall and seconded by Wells to have Barb continue to research the project with Lynn Franko of the Presbyterian Church. The motion carried.

New Business: Marilyn Wells reported the next Third Friday Dinner is Sept. 16. Bill Hall will seek a chairman and helpers. Barb Johnson reported there is interest in reviving the Adult Fellowship nights. A Vespers Boat Cruise will be held in Frankenmuth on Sunday, September 25. Barb will organize a Halloween party in October. Volunteers are needed for the following months.

Education: Barb Johnson reported Amy Forbush will be the Senior High Sunday School teacher. Someone is still needed for grades 5 – 8. Both a men's and women's bible study will be held this year. Vacation Bible School attendance averaged 34 students per night. The Sunday Kick-off was very successful. The cost for VBS was \$1200 shared with the Presbyterian Church.

Lay Leader: Barb Johnson reported the Calvarymen and potluck following were very enjoyable. Our Church Conference is Sept. 25 during the worship hour.

Trustees: Dave Isham reported a drain for the roof has been rerouted out to the street. A small wall and drain basin will keep water from getting on the sidewalk and freezing in front of the door. Something will be placed on the new ramp to keep people from stepping off it. The person who received the outdoor children's play items will remove the stones so landscaping can be completed. There are two dead trees in the back which hopefully the city will remove.

Nurture: Marilyn Wells reported the next meeting will be Sept. 7.

UMW: Susan Allen reported 22 people enjoyed a recent tea. Their next meeting will be September 19. (Note: business meetings are now at 12:45.)

Pastor's Report: The church office has forms for committee reports for Church Conference. The CROP Walk will be held Oct. 9. All are invited to walk. A goal of \$75 per walker would be helpful. A grant of \$500 has been received for the Vespers Cruise. Another grant of \$500 has been received for a DVD duplicator to use for making copies for shut-ins. A LCD will be purchased for the back of the church. A celebration of camp by summer campers is being planned.

Kick-off for fall will be Sept. 18. Church services will be at 10:30 with Sunday School at 9:00 am.

Families or groups will be asked to sign up to host a coffee hour after church. If there is an open date, there will be no coffee hour that Sunday.

Memorial Committee: Bill Hall reported a balance of \$2,919.85 with \$2,000 in a CD.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by B. Durkee to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. The meeting closed with prayer by Pastor Tyson.

Respectfully submitted by Nancy Harpham, Secretary





# News from the Pews

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Church of Vassar

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This edition of the newsletter is delivered to you compliments of Charles & Marilyn Wells. Thank you for your donation that made this possible.  
Note: Submissions to this newsletter must be received by the 20th of each month.

## In need of prayer . . .

Several members of our church family are experiencing health problems. Please be praying for their needs:

BILL & JANE DURKEE, BARB & LEE ESCKELSON, ANN GARNER, DON & THELMA GERMAN, DEANNA HALL, SARAH HARPHAM, LORRAINE HAYES, DOLORES HOHMAN, DOROTHY IRWIN, KAY JANSON, DON KING, LORNA LAWRENCE, MURIEL LEWIS, COOKIE NEWTON, SCOTT MOODY, CHARLES PARSELL, HENRY QUICK, CHARLOTTE RIEDEL; ERNIE ROGNER; PEGGY ROSE; JEANNE SAFFORD, DON & CAROL SCRIBNER, TED SCHUNN II, LYNDSEY SHEPHERD, MYRTLE SINCLAIR, LEE STEDRY, DARLENE STEDRY, LOIS WARREN, PAUL WILCOX, MARION WILSON.

Also, please be praying for and send a note of encouragement to our shut-ins: HELEN BAKER, VERLE KOHN, DOROTHY MILLER, REV. CLARE PATTON, ERNIE ROGNER, AND BETTY ST CLAIR.



Our heartfelt sympathies to the family of Burton H. Kennard who entered his eternal destiny in heaven on August 25th. As the days go by, prayers that God will keep you in His loving care everyday and everywhere are with you all.



## Vesper Cruise

## On the

## Bavarian Belle Riverboat

Sunday, September 25 Time: 6:30 PM

Music and Devotions. A Love Offering will be received.

**Reservations required. Limited to First 150.**

**Sponsored by Vassar First United Methodist Church.**

**Call (989) 823-8811 for ?'s & reservations**

Frankenmuth River Tours  
925 S. Main Street  
Frankenmuth, MI 48734



# Celebrate!!



## September Birthdays

1 Sandy Sheppard	18 Nick Andreychuk
Val Duncan	19 Roger Goggans
2 June McKenney	Ted Schunn II
3 Carol Hastings	Allen Goodman
4 Kathleen Jaynes	20 Janet Reed
4 Donna Tereau	21 Vicky Tereau
7 Don German	Patrick Temple-Green
Aliene Thurston—95!	22 Wayne Neuroth
8 Jan Paquette	23 Matt Andreychuk
11 Cody Clinesmith	Jackie Wilcox
Ken Stoll	23 Pam Sevier
13 Jesse Hatfield	25 Liz Kovacs
16 Mark Forbush	26 Helen Baker*
17 Luke Patton	28 Leon Dykhous
	29 Judy Patton

## September Anniversaries

- 3 Don and Rachel Tereau (1988)
- 8 Don & Carol Scribner (1956)
- 10 Charles & Nancy Harpham (1960)
- 12 Charles and Joan McBride
- 14 Tom and Barbara Johnson (1974)
- 14 Larry & Joy Tebedo (1990)
- 22 Sam and Debbie Seney (1973)
- 26 Raymond & Norma Stedry (1998)
- 30 Chris and Heidi Clinesmith (1995)

## COOKIE HOUR SCHEDULE:

SEPTEMBER 11 \_\_\_\_\_ MAY WE PUT YOUR NAME HERE?

SEPTEMBER 18 \_\_\_\_\_

SEPTEMBER 25 \_\_\_\_\_

NO VOLUNTEERS WILL MEAN NO COOKIE HOUR THAT WEEK. EVERY FAMILY NEEDS TO HELP OUT. THANK YOU FOR RETURNING A FAVOR TO THOSE WHO HAVE SO FAITHFULLY SERVED YOU IN THE PAST.

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September 18, 2011

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*Thessalonians 6:16 - 18*

## **WE PRAY FOR THOSE IN NEED OF HEALTH, HOPE AND HEALING:**

- † Carol Brummer
- † Bill Darr, rotator cuff surgery 9/14; prayers for successful procedure & swift healing
- † Leroy Lindahl, severely strained back; prayers for healing & relief from pain
- † Dale Morton
- † Jan Sears
- † J.D. Van Sickle
- † Keri Van Sickle

## **THOSE IN NEED OF CONTINUED PRAYER:**

- † Doug Adolphson, Sharon Adolphson, Jean Augustine, Jacob Black, Carole Brummer, Robert Carpenter, Luke Davidson, Laura Dossett, Barbara Dussetschleger, Madelon Gott, Susan Gott, Werner Greg, Richard Gudenkauf, Joyce Hankins, Faith Hoffman, Fred Miller, Jean Miller, John Murphy, Shawn Nunnick, Martin Padgett, Carol Patterson, Marie Radius, Tasha Rinehart, Stacy Ross, Sarah Schmalz, Ad Stagner, Richard Swenson, Annabelle Tebbe, Rick Tennison, Jean Troutman, Joyce Troyer, William Wille

## **WE PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER IN CENTRAL STATES SYNOD:**

- † Christ Lutheran, Wichita, KS; Excelsior Lutheran, Wilson, KS; Bethesda Lutheran, Winona, KS; American Lutheran, Smith Center, KS

## **WE PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY:**

- † Gabe Alvord, Michael Best, Bryan Collver, Geoffry Collver, Melvin Leonard, Shane Martin, Derek McDonald, Will Oliva, Nick Poe, Nick Sanford, Rod Severence

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**CONFIRMATION:** This morning, the following young people will celebrate their membership in Lord of Love Lutheran Church with Affirmation of Baptism: Gordon Adolphson, Lille Stewart-Carnes, Jacob Black, Meghan Maher, Houston Orr. Please join us after the service to congratulate them, and enjoy a slice of cake!

**PLEASE HAVE** information for October's LOL LifeLine on the Secretary's desk (or e-mail) by next Monday, September 26<sup>th</sup>. Thanks!

**BLOOD DRIVE** at Lord of Love: Blood is a precious commodity with a limited shelf life. Red blood cells must be used within 42 days. Platelets must be

used within five days. Plasma can be frozen and used for up to one year.

Please help Community Blood Center to insure that this precious commodity is being adequately provided to our local hospital patients. Donate blood at the upcoming blood drive held at Lord of Love Lutheran in the gym, 8306 E. 171<sup>st</sup> Street on Wednesday, September 28 from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm. To make an appointment online go to [www.esavealifenow.org](http://www.esavealifenow.org) and use Sponsor Code: lordoflovelutheran. You may also contact Jo Rose at 816-686-8816 or [jardlr@kc.rr.com](mailto:jardlr@kc.rr.com).



**WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:**

TODAY	9:00 am	Worship with Holy Communion
		Confirmation Sunday
	10:00 am	Confirmand's reception
	10:15 am	Sunday School
	6:30 - 7:30 pm	Southern Elite Volleyball
MONDAY	7:00 pm	Narcotics Anonymous
TUESDAY	4:00 - 5:00 pm	Bethlehem school volleyball
	7:00 pm	Girl Scouts #1312
	7:00 pm	Choir practice
WEDNESDAY	10:00 am	Music with Mar
	10:00 am & 7:00 pm	Bible Study - the Book of Matthew
	6:00 pm	Girl Scouts #13, in Undergrounds Cafe
THURSDAY	6:00 am	Men's Breakfast, HyVee
	4:00 pm	Bethlehem school volleyball
	7:00 pm	Community Meal Planning Meeting
FRIDAY	7:00 pm	Narcotics Anonymous
FRIDAY - SUNDAY	Synod WELCA Convention, great Bend, KS	
SUNDAY	9:00 am	Worship Service
	10:15 am	Sunday School
	6:30 - 7:30 pm	Southern Elite Volleyball

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Sunday.

See our new flavors!

Suggested Food Pantry item for  
next week:

Boxed Macaroni & Cheese,  
Meal Helpers, or Canned Meat

**SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY:****9:00 AM**

ORGANIST	Ione Schnell
CANTOR	Alice Lindahl
LECTOR	Jane Newman
USHERS	Tom & June Eagan
GREETERS	Gale/Joyce Hankins & Valerie Trigger
ACOLYTE	Houston Orr
OFFERING COUNTERS	Valerie Trigger & David Salmon
ALTAR GUILD	Bev Ballew

**LAST SUNDAY'S**

ATTENDANCE: 9:00 am = 55

**IN GENERAL FUND FOR LAST**

WEEK: \$1279

**LECTIONARY READINGS FOR September 25**

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

Exodus 17:1-7 (Semi-continuous)

Psalms 25:1-9

Psalms 78:1-4, 12-16 (Semi-continuous)

Philippians 2:1-13

Matthew 21:23-32

TAKE A LOOK in the Sacristy. Lord of Love Women of the ELCA have purchased carpet tiles to cover the unsightly tile on the Sacristy floor. Our thanks to Howard Huber for laying these tiles.

FIRST IMPRESSIONS are important, and Lord of Love's front entrance is the first impression! Some

members interested in improving the appearance of the front entrance to the church have already made some changes. Bushes have been trimmed, weeds removed from the beds, and some trees cut down. There are plans to buy some new shrubs and mulch the beds. If you would be interested in helping do that, contact Shirley Johnson or Merl Teigen. If you would like to help by contributing money to this effort, write "landscaping" on your check and put it in the offering and thanks!

WELCA has added some new coffee varieties and now has green-tea bags. See the display rack in Fellowship Hall. Prices are posted on the rack.



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## **CELEBRATING LIFE; MOURNING DEATH:**

- † LaVerne Darr, sister-in-law of Bill
- † Lorene Hope, former member of Lord of Love

We give thanks for these lives and mourn their deaths and ask for comfort and peace for all their family and friends.

## **WE PRAY FOR THOSE IN NEED OF HEALTH, HOPE AND HEALING:**

- † Carol Brummer
- † Dale Morton
- † Jan Sears
- † J.D. Van Sickle, brother of Ken, doing well following kidney transplant; prayers of thanksgiving
- † Keri Van Sickle, recovering from MRSA infection following donation of kidney to her husband

## **THOSE IN NEED OF CONTINUED PRAYER:**

- † Doug Adolphson, Sharon Adolphson, Jean Augustine, Jacob Black, Carole Brummer, Robert Carpenter, Luke Davidson, Laura Dossett, Barbara Dussetschleger, Madelon Gott, Susan Gott, Werner Greg, Richard Gudenkauf, Joyce Hankins, Faith Hoffman, Fred Miller, Jean Miller, John Murphy, Shawn Nunnick, Martin Padgett, Carol Patterson, Marie Radius, Tasha Rinehart, Stacy Ross, Sarah Schmalz, Ad Stagner, Richard Swenson, Annabelle Tebbe, Rick Tennison, Jean Troutman, Joyce Troyer, William Wille

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- † Peace Lutheran, Joplin, MO; Good Shepherd Lutheran, Wichita, KS; Christ the King Lutheran, St. Peters, MO; Immanuel Lutheran, Wilson, KS; MOSAIC, Omaha, NE; For all affected by the devastation created by the wildfires in Texas

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You have the opportunity to do your part for local hospital patients at the next community Blood Center blood drive held at Lord of Love Lutheran in the gym, 8306 E. 171<sup>st</sup> Street on Wednesday, September 28 from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm. To make an appointment online go to [www.esavealifenow.org](http://www.esavealifenow.org) and use Sponsor Code: lordoflovelutheran. You may also contact Jo Rose at 816-686-8816 or [jardlr@kc.rr.com](mailto:jardlr@kc.rr.com).



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TODAY	10:00 am	Worship Service & Picnic at Wallace Park
MONDAY	6:30 pm	Girl Scout Service Unit #653
	6:30 pm	Girl Scouts #5125
	7:00 pm	Narcotics Anonymous
TUESDAY	9:30 am	WELCA Love Day & Potluck Luncheon
	4:00 - 5:00 pm	Bethlehem school volleyball
	7:00 pm	Cub Scouts #231
	7:00 pm	Choir practice
WEDNESDAY	10:00 am	Music with Mar
	10:00 am & 7:00 pm	Bible Study - the Book of Matthew
THURSDAY	6:00 am	Men's Breakfast, HyVee
	9:30 am	Loosely Knits & Birthday Lunch Out
	4:00 pm	Bethlehem school volleyball
	6:30 pm	Girl Scouts #106
	7:00 pm	Food Service Safety Training
FRIDAY	7:00 pm	Narcotics Anonymous
SATURDAY	8:00 am - 4:00 pm	Cub Scouts #231 Adult Leader Training
SUNDAY	9:00 am	Worship with Holy Communion
		Confirmation Sunday
	10:15 am	Sunday School

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ORGANIST	Ione Schnell
CANTOR	Merl Teigen
LECTOR	Merl Teigen
USHERS	Tom & June Eagan
GREETERS	Bill Darr & Ernie Franke
ACOLYTE	no candles today
OFFERING COUNTERS	Valerie Trigger & David Salmon
ALTAR GUILD	no communion

Suggested Food Pantry item for  
next week:

Peanut Butter, Jelly, or Juice

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## LECTIONARY READINGS FOR September 18

Jonah 3:10—4:11

Exodus 16:2-15 (Semi-continuous)

Psalms 145:1-8

Psalms 105:1-6, 37-45 (Semi-continuous)

Philippians 1:21-30

Matthew 20:1-16

those in need of extra help obtaining meals. More  
information will soon be available.

WALKING UP to the church, did you ever think  
that our landscaped beds need attention??? A  
group is forming to do just that, and would like to  
have anyone interested in helping. If you are  
interested, talk to Shirley Johnson or Linda Darr.  
The date of our first meeting will be announced  
soon.

THANKS FOR PRAYERS: J.D. Van Sickle continues  
to heal & do well following his kidney transplant &  
his wife is recovering from donating the kidney.  
All of the Van Sickle family thanks Lord of Love  
for your continuing prayers.

FOOD SERVICE SAFETY training will be conducted  
by the Cass County Health Department here at  
LOL on Thursday, September 15 at 7:00 pm.  
Please add this item to the calendar in your  
September LifeLine. The congregation is invited to  
attend this session, in preparation for a community  
food service we will be holding in Servant Hall for

**MLM CAN DRIVE (Calling All Non-Perishables):**  
The need is great but the shelves are empty. Metro Lutheran Ministry distributes food to over 2,500 families (about 5,300 individuals) which translates to about \$95,000 worth of food every single month. The families keep coming even when MLM is running out of food. When school is out for the summer, our families face an even greater need since children no longer receive breakfast and lunch at school. At the same time we have fewer schools and organizations that hold food

drives during the summer and as a result we are entering the fall with an extremely low supply of food for our pantry. We need your help! MLM is holding a (CAN) drive in the month of September. Some of the items in greatest need are peanut butter, jelly, canned fruit/vegetables, boxed dinners, beans, canned meals (Spagettios/ravioli, soup), cereal, juice, coffee, lemonade, sugar and flour. Please bring your donations to church and place them in the collection barrel by Sunday, Sept. 18

LAST SUNDAY'S ATTENDANCE: 9:00 am = 54

IN GENERAL FUND FOR LAST WEEK: \$2722

# Invite a friend



# To Sunday School

*As we remember September 11, consider the thoughts below and make your memories prayers for peace in our hearts, our families, and our world.*

**R**ecall God's faithfulness

**E**mpathize with others who suffer

**M**emorize verses about God's love

**E**ncourage the weak and weary

**M**ake peace wherever you can

**B**elieve God is Sovereign always

**E**ndure difficulties in God's strength

**R**esolve to never forget that in the end,  
all wrongs will be righted, all pains healed.

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## WELCA NEWS

Tuesday, September 13, Love Day: Bible study leader & hostess, Donna Huber; Covered dish luncheon, election of officers, & visitation of shut-ins.

September 23 – 25 Synod WOELCA Convention in Great Bend, KS.

**Please continue** collecting 1 pound coffee cans for WELCA to use for packing Christmas cookies. Red and green plastic cans are especially welcome. Just place them on the counter in Fellowship Hall, and thanks!

**When saving Campbell Soup Labels**, please save the entire label including Bar Code. Save Bar Codes only for Best Choice, for which we receive \$30.00 plus a \$30.00 bonus for first 1,000 each year.

## CRAFT FAIR COMING SOON

Lord of Love's Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Annual Craft Fair. This year's fair will be held October 15, 2011, from 9:00 am-3:00 pm. If you would like to reserve a space, please contact us to complete the registration form and return it with a check for \$20 made payable to "Women of the ELCA." The fair promises to be a great event. All proceeds will go to support the work of the local West Central Missouri Community Action Agency and the Metropolitan Lutheran Ministries Christmas Store. We have a limited number of booth spaces. Reservations will be confirmed when payment is received, on a first-come-first-served basis. Only one Direct Sales vendor per type will be accepted (e.g. Mary Kay, Pampered Chef, etc.) Set-up for the fair will be Friday, October 14, 2011 9:00 am-Noon or Saturday, October 15, 2011 7:30 a.m.-8:30 a.m. Doors will open to the public at 9:00 a.m. We ask that you plan to stay for the entire fair. We will

provide two folding chairs for your booth. Tables will not be provided unless requested. If you would like for us to provide an 8' table, please add \$5.00 to your check, and mark the space on the registration form. A limited number of electrical hookups will be available on a first-come-first-served basis, at a charge of \$5.00.

Watch for the signup sheets to make food to sell that day! (chili, cookies, etc...) Thanks!

If you have any other questions, please feel free to call the church office at 816-331-5465, or Kathy Morton at 816-348-0995.

## BOOK CLUB

Our next book is *Reading Promise* by Alice Ozma. We're skipping Sept because of conflicts in schedule so we're going to discuss this one on October 11. We're meeting at Ruby Tuesday at 5:45. *When Ozma was in fourth grade, her dad, school librarian Jim Brozina, agreed to read aloud to her for 100 nights. Celebrating the 100th day at a favorite eating spot, they agreed to continue what had proved to be a wonderful experience.*



## RALLY DAY WORSHIP & PICNIC

Meet at the Pavilion in Wallace Park (beside Belton Community Center), 16400 N. Mullen Road, Belton for worship at 10:00 am, followed by:

- ♥ Picnic
- ♥ Balloon Launch
- ♥ Fun & Games

Hot dogs, hamburgers & beverages will be provided; please bring a side dish, salad or dessert to share.

## PASTOR'S PAGE

Ah, the time of year when children return to school... it is also time for us to turn our efforts to our Christian education as well. Lord of Love will begin its new Sunday School year on September 11, at Wallace Park. We will gather under the pavilion for worship at 10:00 am (please note the later starting time) followed by a picnic, games, and of course the balloon launch.

Sunday School classes will begin the following week, September 18<sup>th</sup>... except for the High School class which will begin on the 25<sup>th</sup> because most of them will be Confirmed on the 18<sup>th</sup>.

Yvonne Salmon has stepped down as Superintendent and teacher after years of dedicated service. We should all make a point to thank her for this.

Soooo.... We have different teachers this year.

- † Jane Newman and Neca Mills will teach the children (ages 3 years of age through 6<sup>th</sup> grade)
- † Emma Jo and Kyle will teach the High School class
- † Pastor Newman will teach the adults.

Last year I taught the Divine Drama on Wednesdays. This year I will present this wonderful class during the Sunday School hour so that more people can attend and to allow last year's attendees to make up any classes they missed. Please let me know if you will attend this class so that I can order the materials.

Wednesday night Bible study will begin on September 14<sup>th</sup> with a study of the book of Matthew. Classes will be held at 10:00am and 7:00pm.

There is a class for you this year so come and see what God is calling you to learn and experience this year at Lord of Love.

Love,

*Pastor Newman*



# From the Bishop

I've been saying these are days for bold, creative, Spirit-led ministries if we are to reach out with the Gospel to an increasingly secularized world. But what do such ministries of outreach look like?

In July Anita and I were in Seattle on vacation and visited Bishop Chris and Dee Dee Boerger. We were their guests at Luther's Table ([www.lutherstable.org](http://www.lutherstable.org)), one of the 16 (!) new ministries of the Northwest Washington Synod. Bishop Boerger speaks of Northwest Washington as a missionary synod, living as they do in the "Land of None." *None* is what the vast majority of people list as their religious preference in the census, the lure of the Cascades, the Olympics, Puget Sound, the San Juan Islands having captured their heart. So how do you grow the Church and give a credible witness to the faith?

Luther's Table is a new ministry in Renton, Washington, one that incorporates casual dining, community connections, and theological dialogue. Think of Martin Luther inviting students to his and Katie's home for dinner, a beer and theological conversation, and you have an idea of the concept in this outreach ministry.

In 2006 Renton Lutheran Church, a congregation with Icelandic heritage, closed after 50 plus years of ministry. That might have been the end of the story except for the passion, commitment and leadership of area pastors and lay leaders, including some from Renton Lutheran. The generating idea took root, financing was found, the old church building came down, and after several years of labor what has emerged is a neighborhood diner and apartments where the church building once stood. The diner is up front about its intent. It is Luther's Table, a place for connecting people in meaningful ways and helping them find community. They do this while serving hearty meals, with beer and wine, in moderation and humility, of course!

I had Luther's Plate for dinner (sausage, potato salad, and a beer). But one could also order The Vicar, the Sinner, the Katy Luther, or the Pope, the latter a sandwich of prosciutto with orange fig relish, caramelized onions, goat cheese and greens. Local pastors and lay leaders volunteer time as bar tenders and table servers as well as vocalists and musicians on the stage. Young men from the community were given time on the stage to share their musical talents while we were there.

Luther's Plate is a nontipping establishment, but guests may leave donations that benefit community organizations. A local woman's shelter was the recipient the evening we were there.

Pastor Gretchen Mertes is the pastor and mission developer of Luther's table. There is a worshipping community, a new congregation being developed in this place of the old church. The diner is closed on Mondays, but the building is open for Word and Sacrament worship when the congregation gathers.

Gretchen, who served as vicar with the St. Louis Campus Ministry about a dozen years ago, points to the many ways the Lutheran heritage and the congregational life finds itself in this ministry. There is the stained glass window with Jesus holding up two fingers in blessing behind the bar. Or, she says with a smile, is he ordering drinks for this gathering of tax collectors and sinners? There is the seating made from the pews of the congregation. There is the password, *sola fide* (faith alone), for use of the free internet. Now that's a conversation started!

Luther's Place opened in March of 2011 and the fruits of this missionary endeavor are yet to be fully realized. But I was impressed with the concept, the community connection, and the life of the people I saw in the café booths. I wonder what bold, creative, daring ministries the Spirit might lead us in the Central States Synod to imagine for the sake of outreach with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Luther's Place "fits" in Renton, Washington. What would help the Church connect in our urban and suburban neighborhoods or rural communities. The *land of None* may be more pronounced in the Pacific Northwest, but it is alive and well in the Midwest. Are we ready to be led by the Spirit of Pentecost and sent as a missionary synod?

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**PRIVILEGES FOR SEPTEMBER**

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**Greeters**

9/4 Tom & June Eagan  
 9/11 Bill Darr & Ernie Franke  
 9/18 Gale/Joyce Hankins & Valerie Trigger  
 9/25 John & Carol Watson

**Ushers**

9/4 David & Yvonne Salmon  
 9/11 Valerie Trigger & Gabe Newman  
 9/18 Tom & June Eagan  
 9/25 Dennis Schnell & Joye Conklin

**Lectors**

9/4 Sharon Carneal  
 9/11 Merl Teigen  
 9/18 Joye Conklin  
 9/25 Jane Newman

**Cantors**

9/4 Alice Lindahl  
 9/11 Merl Teigen  
 9/18 Alice Lindahl  
 9/25 Merl Teigen

**Acolytes**

9/4 Doug Adolphson  
 9/11 Sammy Brauer  
 9/18 Houston Orr  
 9/25 Lille Stewart-Carnes

**Altar Guild**

Bev Ballew

**Offering Counters**

Valerie Trigger & David Salmon

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**WORSHIP COORDINATORS**

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<b>Altar Guild</b>	<b>Melanie Mead</b>
<b>Acolytes</b>	<b>Beverly Ballew</b>
<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Joye Conklin</b>
<b>Lectors</b>	<b>Joye Conklin</b>
<b>Cantors</b>	<b>Merl Teigen</b>
<b>Chancel Choir</b>	
<b>&amp; Music Director</b>	<b>Alice Lindahl</b>
<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Bill &amp; Linda Darr</b>
<b>Offering Counters</b>	<b>Joye Conklin</b>

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**Prayer Concerns For The Past Month**

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Doug Adolphson, Sharon Adolphson, Jean Augustine, Jacob Black, Carole Brummer, Robert Carpenter, Luke Davidson, Laura Dossett, Barb Dussetschleger, Madelon Gott, Susan Gott, Werner Gregg, Leland Michael Grimmett, Richard Gudenkauf, Joyce Hankins, Faith Hoffmann, Family & Friends of John Homola, Fred Miller, Jean Miller, LaVerne Mills, Dale Morton, John Murphy, Family & Friends of James Nickel, Shawn Nunnick, Martin Padgett, Carol Patterson, Hal Petznick, Marie Radius, Tasha Rinehart, Stacy Ross, Sarah Schmalz, Jan Sears, Ad Stagner, Richard Swenson, Annabelle Tebbe, Jean Troutman, Joyce Troyer, Family & Friends of Sara Vann, Dale Wahe, William Wille, Other Congregations in Central States Synod

† Military Personnel: Gabe Alvord, Michael Best, Bryan Colver, Geoffrey Colver, Melvin Leonard, Shane Martin, Derek McDonald, Jess Moore, Will Oliva, Nick Poe, Nick Sanford, Rod Severence

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**Birthday Celebrations**

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9/4	June Eagan
	Dave Newman
9/7	Robert Morris
9/11	John Watson
9/12	James Erickson
9/15	Joel Fawcett
9/20	James Thompson
9/23	Mary Sue Maher
9/25	David Salmon
9/30	Donna Garcia
	Kathy Morton

If you have been omitted from the birthday list, please contact the Church office at 331-5465 or [lolsecretary@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lolsecretary@sbcglobal.net) so we can update our records. jcr



**LECTIONARY READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER**

**September 4, 2011, 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Ezekiel 33:7-11

Exodus 12:1-14 (Semi-continuous)

Psalms 119:33-40

Psalms 149 (Semi-continuous)

Romans 13:8-14

Matthew 18:15-20

**September 11, 2011, 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Genesis 50:15-21

Exodus 14:19-31 (Semi-continuous)

Psalms 103:[1-7] 8-13

Psalms 114 (Semi-continuous)

Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21 (Alternate)

Romans 14:1-12

Matthew 18:21-35

**September 18, 2011, 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Jonah 3:10-4:11

Exodus 16:2-15 (Semi-continuous)

Psalms 145:1-8

Psalms 105:1-6, 37-45 (Semi-continuous)

Philippians 1:21-30

Matthew 20:1-16

**September 25, 2011, 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

Exodus 17:1-7 (Semi-continuous)

Psalms 25:1-9

Psalms 78:1-4, 12-16 (Semi-continuous)

Philippians 2:1-13

Matthew 21:23-32

**COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

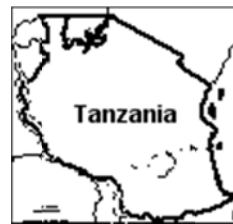
- Rally Day at Wallace Park September 11 at 10AM, picnic to follow
- Bible Study starts again September 14.
- 1 air conditioner repaired
- \$3901.59 made on fireworks sales; thanks to all who helped
- STILL NEED A LEADER TO HEAD EDUCATION MINISTRY - SEE ANY COUNCIL PERSON TO VOLUNTEER

- All food pantries are empty; fill up bin at church
- \$250 going to Heart n Hand food pantry
- \$250 going to MLM food pantry
- The \$500 that was raised for Haiti relief is being sent to them

**THANK YOU CARDS**

♥ Dear friends of Lord of Love,

Thank you all so much for your generous wedding gifts! We are delightfully surprised that you thought to gather gifts for us. The cards are beautiful and the money will definitely come in handy as Paul and I live in Tanzania over the next year. It will allow us to continue paying off our student loans, even while we make very little money. We have recently taken a job in Karagwe, Tanzania with a nonprofit organization called Amizade and West Virginia University. Paul and I will share the position of site coordinator and adjunct professor and will facilitate and teach for a study abroad program. We are excited to embark on this challenging journey, and happy to have the support of this congregation. Thank you especially to Carol Brummer, Bob & Thelma Morris, Connie & Merl Teigen, Ken & Ruth Van Sickle, Yvonne & David Salmon, Stuart & LaVerne Mills, Alice & Leroy Lindahl, Joye & Casey Conklin, Judy Rauscher, John & Carol Watson, Betty Tuttle, Tom & Shirley Johnson, Linda & Bill Darr, Dorthy Johnson, Tom & June Eagan, Jo & Darrell Rose, Karen & Ernie Franke, Valerie Trigger, and Diane & Ed Huffman. We will be in the States around Christmas, and will



make sure to visit you all while we are in Kansas City.

God Bless, Paul and Caitlin Newman Thistle

(You can follow the adventures of Caitlin & Paul at

<http://caitlinandpaultanzania.blogspot.com>)

♥ Thank you so much

for your generous donation to our outreach center. As you know many need families go without every day. However thanks to support of people like you we're able to help many of these families.

Sincerely, The employees of West Central Community Action Agency

## LOL LIFELINE

### LORD OF LOVE ON FACEBOOK

As a New Ministries project, we would like to begin a "Tell your friends about Lord of Love through Face Book" campaign. If everyone who has a Face Book account would each week invite or remind all their friends about our Sunday services maybe we could reach some people looking for a church. It doesn't take long and social media is the popular thing now. Thanks for your help in growing our congregation! Thanks, Shirley Johnson

### FROM THRIVENT

We are pleased to let you know that we have made deposit in your account on behalf of the Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Thrivent Choice program. We hope this gift helps further the work of your important ministry.

By directing designated Choice Dollars through Thrivent Choice, eligible members recommend where Thrivent Financial distributes some of its charitable outreach grant dollars among thousands of participating Lutheran nonprofit organizations and congregations. (Directing Choice Dollars and receiving funds from the Thrivent Choice program are subject to the Terms and Conditions of the Thrivent Choice program.)

Amount of deposit: \$243.00. Thrivent Financial members directing Choice Dollars to your organization are: William & Linda Darr, June Eagan, Merlyn & Constance Teigen, & Carol Watson.

If you have any questions about this deposit or Thrivent Choice in general, or if you have updated bank, email or other contact information, please call 1-800-847-4836 and when prompted, say, "Thrivent Choice" or email us at [mail@thrivent.com](mailto:mail@thrivent.com).

### SENIOR MEN'S COFFEE



Men Wanted: we solve the world's problems (or at least gain a new perspective from each other) at our weekly Men's Breakfast, 6:00 a.m. at Belton HyVee, and then apply the wisdom of our experience monthly at the Sr. Men's

September 2011

coffee 9:30 a.m. usually the last Thursday of each month. Still on a work schedule? Breakfast meets early enough to get you energized for the day & on your way.

### HEART-N-HAND NEEDS

The Heart-N-Hand Food Pantry is running critically low. Their food pantry feeds on the average of 60 to 100 weekly. Donations have been low and Harvesters pick-ups have been very slim. We need your help. Please drop off donations to the box in the front hallway of the Heart-N-Hand building. Located just south of the parking lot at Belton Assembly of God. (Or items may be deposited in the bin in the Narthex at LOL.) You can go to [www.heartnhand.org](http://www.heartnhand.org) to print a list of items needed or use the list below.

Items Needed:

#### Personal Hygiene

Toilet Paper, Toothpaste, Bar soap, Landry Soap, Shampoo, Feminine

#### Non-Perishable Food Items

Canned Meat, Canned Fruit, Meals in a Can, Baby Items

\$25.00 Gift cards from Grocery Stores and Dollar stores to buy items the pantry is short of. For Example: frozen Meat, Cleaning supplies. If you have any questions, please contact Heart-n-Hand at 816-322-1133.

### GOLF BENEFIT

Lutheran Services Golf Benefit is around the corner! Metro Lutheran Ministry, Hollis Renewal Center and Lutheran Urban Mission Agency have partnered to bring you a day filled with golf, fun and fellowship! On Friday September 30 starting with a hamburger buffet at noon join your three favorite Lutheran non-for-profits at Painted Hills Golf Course (7101 Parallel Parkway, KCKS). Early bird registration by Sept 10th of \$85 (individual entry) or \$320 (Teams of 4) includes 18 holes of golf-golf cart-green fees, lunch, refreshments following, and many prizes including a chance to win a \$100 Calloway Golf Gift Card. Sponsorships available. Register online at [www.mlmkc.org](http://www.mlmkc.org) or call or email Suzanne Bartling, MLM Director of Outreach Ministry at 816-285-3146 or [suzannebartling@mlmkc.org](mailto:suzannebartling@mlmkc.org). Happy Golfing!!



**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15**  
**9:00 AM—3:00 PM AT**  
**LORD OF LOVE**



# CRAFT FAIR



Spend your Saturday with us shopping for handmade crafts, homemade baked goods, jewelry, plants and more.

You can even buy your lunch and eat while you shop.



**Lord of Love Lutheran Church**

**8306 E. 171st St**  
**Belton, MO 64012**  
**(Across from Wal-Mart)**  
**816-331-5465**



Proceeds from the fair will go to support the work of West Central Missouri Community Action Agency and the Metropolitan Lutheran Ministries Christmas Store.



# Sunday School Rally Day Picnic & Worship

September 11, 2011, 10:00 am



Meet at the Pavilion in Wallace Park  
(beside Belton Community Center)  
16400 N. Mullen Road, Belton

For



Worship at 10:00 am

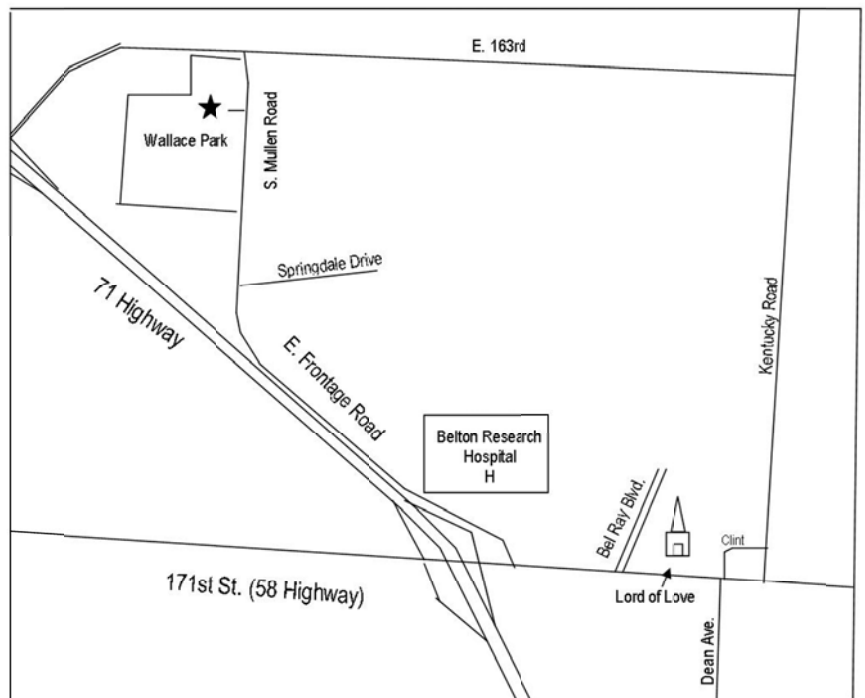
Followed by:

Picnic

Balloon Launch

Fun & Games

Hot dogs, hamburgers &  
beverages will be provided;  
please bring a side dish,  
salad or dessert to share.





## THIS WEEK AT KANAWHA LUTHERAN CHURCH

Tuesday, September 20

6:00 p.m. KLC Council

Wednesday, September 21

5:30 p.m. St. Olaf Church Bazaar

Thursday, September 22

2:00 p.m. KLCW/Martha Circle/Arlene Engh on Colossae

Saturday, September 24

8:00 a.m. Garage Sales all over town!

Sunday, September 25

8:30 a.m. Sunday School

9:30 a.m. Worship

The Scriptures for Sunday, Sept 25: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32; Psalm 25:1-9; Philippians 2:1-13; Matthew 21:23-32

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### COFFEE HOURS IN THE COMING MONTHS:

September 25 Mary Circle

October 9 & 23 Eve Circle

November 13 & 27 Martha Circle

Don't put a question mark where God put a period.

**KANAWHA LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL** will meet on Tuesday, September 20, for their monthly meeting instead of September 13 because of the conflict with the School Board Election and members who work at the polls.

### LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pastors Geoffrey & Charlotte White

125 West Fourth Street, P. O. Box 116,

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Sunday School 8:30 a.m. Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.

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## Kanawha Lutheran Church

September 18, 2011

*Jesus, our Savior, and the Holy Spirit call us.*

WE WELCOME ALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNICANTS TO SHARE IN THE LORD'S SUPPER BELIEVING THAT WE RECEIVE "THE BODY AND BLOOD OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST," GIVEN WITH BREAD AND WINE. PLEASE USE A CARD PROVIDED BY THE USHERS, AND HAND IT TO THE USHER AS YOU COME FORWARD. THE CENTER OF EACH TRAY CONTAINS CUPS OF GRAPE JUICE, IF YOU DO NOT PREFER WINE. IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO COME FORWARD FOR COMMUNION, TELL THE USHERS AND WE WILL SERVE YOU COMMUNION AT YOUR SEAT.

*Matthew narrates one of Jesus' controversial parables, in which Jesus says the reign of God is like workers who get paid the same no matter when they start. When God changes His mind about punishing Nineveh for their evil ways, Jonah is angry. Yet God is gracious and merciful, abounding in steadfast love. In baptism we receive the grace of God that is freely given to all. As Luther wrote, in the presence of God's mercy we are all beggars.*

**PLEASE PRAY** for those in need of healing, comfort, strength, or guidance:



**Members:** Dudley Johnson, and Diane Omvig

**Friends & Family:** Terry Eenhuis

If you would like to place someone on the prayer chain, tell one of our pastors or call the church office or secretary.

Sunday, September 11: Attendance 57; Regular Offering \$1,914.00; Missions \$120.00

**TODAY WE PRESENT BIBLES** to our second graders who are:

Emma Faust, daughter of Alexa Aleman & Justin Faust  
Carson Harle, son of Brian & Michelle Harle  
Bailey Johnson, daughter of Kacie Johnson

If God is your co-pilot, switch seats.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK TO:**

September 18	Patrea Hill
September 20	Elsie Berhow, Marlys Johnson, and Marian Kraft
September 22	Bill Rout
September 24	Courtney Harle and Jeff Lodin

**RALLY DAY IS TODAY.** This is the first day of Sunday School. Children may start coming to Sunday School when they are four years old, and through grade six. Today a *picnic cookout* is planned for the kids, parents, and Sunday School staff at the parsonage. On October 2 they plan to do a Food Lab.

**ST. OLAF'S LUTHERAN CHURCH BAZAAR** will be Wednesday, September 21, beginning at 5:30 p.m., serving hot chicken sandwiches, salads, chips, and homemade pie for a freewill offering. The auction is at 7:00 p.m. with a quilt, rugs, fancywork, crafts, baked and canned goods.

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY WILL BEGIN IN OCTOBER.** The course is called, "Living Fully, Dying Well." It is called a Bible Life Study, and will be taught by our pastors and includes a DVD.

**THE EVE CIRCLE** is collecting items to donate to the Beloit Lutheran Children's Home in Ames. The list of needed items is on the bulletin board in the narthex. You may leave your donations in the narthex.

**Get your tickets now!**

As we kick off our 2011/2012 year's focus on global hunger we ask you to **"Come to the Banquet!" on September 25<sup>th</sup>**. Not only is that the name of our yearlong global hunger theme but the name of the banquet program so please "Come to the Banquet." The tickets are free but you **must** have your ticket to "Come to the Banquet." This will be a fund-raiser for global hunger so there will be a freewill offering after the banquet. Tickets will be available before worship on September 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> as well as will be available at the church office. (Please call the office by September 21<sup>st</sup> if you haven't picked up your ticket before then. We will hold it for you at the door.)

**Guaranteed, it will be a banquet you won't forget.**

What part of **THOU SHALT NOT** don't you understand?

**CHRISTIAN CRUSADERS**, a long-time radio and Internet ministry, is celebrating its 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year. In thanksgiving to God for using this ministry to share His Word with many around the world, Christian Crusaders is hosting a celebration on Sunday, September 25, at Nazareth Lutheran Church in Cedar Falls. Christian Crusaders' first broadcast was live on WMT Radio from Trinity Lutheran Church in Waterloo on September 6, 1936. Today, listeners can tune in to hear this traditional thirty-minute worship service on 22 radio stations across the country and on the Internet at [ChristianCrusaders.org](http://ChristianCrusaders.org)

**Assisting with Today's Worship**

Altar	Kathy Johnson
Deacon	Rodger Tveiten
Lector	W. D. Schroeder
Organist	Doris Swenson
Ushers	Andy Christensen, Nathaniel Hill & Robert Johnson

# THE MESSENGER

*The monthly newsletter for members of Immanuel Lutheran Church of Forest City, Iowa — JULY-AUG*

## MISSION STATEMENT

Building Mature Followers of  
Jesus Christ who...

SEEK HIM

SERVE HIM

SHARE HIM

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday at 8:00 a.m.

Coffee at 9:30 a.m.

Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

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## iLive Makes a Splash!

Immanuel's new family group, iLive, had its first event on Friday, June 17 and it was a Splash! Held at the Forest City Aquatic Center, over 100 members of ILC spent a warm June evening in fellowship with others. Adults and kids alike enjoyed snacks and lemonade while swimming. A great time was had by all!

## PICNIC IS JULY EVENT

There's nothing better than a summertime picnic – and that's exactly what's happening at iLive's next event July 10. Join us from 4-6 pm at the Crystal Lake Shelter House for hot dogs, chips, lemonade, Smores, games and of course, FUN! Please RSVP to [ilcillive@gmail.com](mailto:ilcillive@gmail.com) or call the church office, if you are able to come. Remember – iLive is a family group for everyone. All are welcome!

If you would like to be added to iLive's email list, please email us at [ilcillive@gmail.com](mailto:ilcillive@gmail.com).



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# News

## June Council News

**By Tammy Krieger  
Council Secretary**

The Council met at their regular scheduled time on June 8. The first item on the agenda was the approval of the May 11 meeting minutes followed by the approval of the congregational meeting minutes calling Pastor Greg Anderson for May 9.

The meeting included discussions on several topics: welcoming Pastor Greg to Immanuel, staff/program evaluations, the staffing needs for next fall, the development of a webpage for Immanuel, and an update on the Love Forest City project. Assignments were distributed as needed.

A new program has been established for families, iLive (Immanuel Live). The intent is to bring families together each

month for a fun activity. The activities are open to all children and their parents/grandparents/guardians/etc. Given that the program was created after the yearly budget was approved, a motion was made to donate \$500 from the Board of Parish Life budget to the iLive committee. Motion passed.

Pastor Rod reported his vacation and continuing education plans to attend a Peace Training in Chicago from July 15 through August 15. Because of the lengthy leave, he asked for the Council's approval to support his plan. The Council moved and passed the request to support him.

Following all the Board reports, the meeting was motioned to adjourn at 9:17 pm. Meeting closed.

## Recent Pastoral Acts

### We celebrate with those recently baptized ...

- June 12 William Stuart Schulz, son of Chris & Kristina (Smith) Schulz  
June 19 Isabel Joy & Ellie Marie Niess, twin daughters of Mike & Danielle (Wicker) Niess

### We rejoice with those recently married ...

- June 4 Zach & Chelsea (Bartleson) Frederick  
June 11 Erik & Rebecca (Kingland) Pederson  
June 18 Matt & Katie (Dakken) Hardy

### Our prayers surround those who have lost loved ones ...

- Arlys Swingen and family in the loss of her sister-in-law, Deane Harringa of Tiltonka
- Kathy Leuwerke, Brad & Jeff, Anna Harringa, family and friends in the loss of husband/father/son-in-law, Danny Leuwerke of Thompson
- Chuck & Barb Etzen and family in the loss of Barb's brother, Kyle Onken of Florida & Montana (formerly Glidden)
- Rex & Kim Ennen and family in the loss of Kim's father, Jerry Forester of Elkhart, Indiana
- Jalmer Solyst, Wilma Belsheim, family and friends in the loss of sister, Jannethe Solyst of Forest City
- Family and friends of Jane (Raduechel) Clark of Bloomington, Minnesota

### Give electronically!

Did you know that Immanuel offers the option to give electronically? Contact the church office (585-3152) for more details.

## May Financials

General Fund Income	Actual 2011	YTD	Annual	% of Budget	Actual 2010
Regular Envelopes .....	39,884.17	186,407.44	487,900.00	38.2	42,894.70
Other Income .....	2,405.03	34,785.46	75,888.00	45.8	13,350.91
<b>Total Income.....</b>	<b>\$42,289.20</b>	<b>\$221,192.90</b>	<b>\$563,788.00</b>	<b>39.2</b>	<b>\$56,245.61</b>
General Fund Expenses					
Staff Support.....	19,397.44	108,272.28	332,794.00	32.5	26,715.06
Administration & Operating Costs.....	9,929.90	57,681.83	118,735.00	48.6	19,946.60
Ministry Areas.....	7,985.95	40,427.11	94,644.00	42.7	7,332.71
Loan Repayment to Endowment.....	833.33	4,494.33	10,000.00	44.9	-4,238.04
<b>Total Expenses .....</b>	<b>\$38,146.62</b>	<b>\$210,875.55</b>	<b>\$556,173.00</b>	<b>37.9</b>	<b>\$49,756.33</b>
<b>Income less Expense .....</b>	<b>\$4,142.58</b>	<b>\$10,317.35</b>	<b>\$7,615.00</b>		<b>\$6,489.28</b>

### Account Balances:

General Fund - 47,257.25

Youth Ministry Mission Plus Fund (ELCA) - \$1,105.43 ..... Good Samaritan Fund - \$2,455.85

HFLC & Money Market Savings Account - \$28,194.43 ..... Deferred Savings Account - \$22,693.94



# Restored to Her Divine Vocation

**By Pastor Rod**

I recently had a wonderful conversation with a member of Immanuel who came to me with concerns, feeling that I personally and perhaps others at Immanuel haven't or do not support our military men and women in their efforts on behalf of the nation. He had rightly heard me criticize the size of our nation's defense/war budget suggesting that we spend a lot of bread money on military efforts instead of caring for the poor. He hadn't heard prayers for our men and women in uniform during the prayers of intercession; again he was accurate. Neither had he heard anything other than silence on veteran's issues and the often less than adequate treatment they receive.

I was grateful to have the opportunity to talk with this person, who himself has proudly worn the uniform, in order that we could discuss the issues and be in dialogue about these sorts of things. It gave us a chance to listen, respond to, and understand each other. As we conversed I realized we shared many of the same concerns but had a different approach to them. In the end we understood and respected one another. He thanked me and I made a commitment to encourage our assisting ministers to be more intentional about praying for the healing of our nation, for our service men and women as well as for our enemies as Jesus commands us to do.

I share this story with you as a way to explore with you an insight from theologian Walter Wink's book *The Powers That Be*. Wink suggests that everything in God's creation, whether

humans, governments, education systems, the family, the church, is good and therefore has a divine vocation to serve the greater good. Wink states, "Every aspect of creation is good; it is also fallen, and therefore stands at risk of forfeiting its divine vocation exchanging its divine vacation for a false vocation of serving self." Good, yes! Fallen, yes! Yet, because it was created by God every aspect of creation has the potential to be redeemed and restored to its divine vocation - even though imperfectly this side of heaven. Wink writes, "When a particular power becomes idolatrous - that is, when it pursues a vocation other than the one for which God created it and makes its own interests the highest good then that power becomes demonic. The spiritual task is to unmask this idolatry and recall the powers to their created purpose in the world."

This was the unspoken objective of the conversation mentioned above. We both believe that the United States has a divine calling to serve the greater good; we also believe that the United States has lost sight of that divine calling to one degree or another and it's our task as citizens and as Christians to call her back into her divine vocation. We can't do that without being in dialogue with each other and with God. Critique and criticism does not mean contempt for that which is being critiqued, in fact, it could be the opposite. To say nothing when something is wrong is to let that which has lost its divine calling fall into the abyss of darkness. We critique because we love.

I was taught by an aging

## PASTORS' LETTERS



parishioner who liked to talk politics and religion that, 'My country, right or wrong,' isn't he whole saying. "That's not the whole statement," he said to me one day. "The whole statement is, 'My country, right or wrong; when wrong, righted!'" This gave us a chance to dialogue about what is good about the United States and what needs righted. We critique to unmask and recall the powers we love to their divine vocation.

This July citizens of the United States will again celebrate Independence Day. It is a day we treasure as a nation, commemorating the adoption of the Declaration of Independence

on July 4, 1776 declaring independence from the Kingdom of Great Britain. As citizens of the United States we have freedom and opportunity unmatched in most of the world. Many risk life and limb to come to the United States hoping to acquire the freedoms and privilege that we were born into and that are protected by the sacrifice of those in uniform. If we truly love her then let's not be afraid to be in dialogue with each other, with our representatives and others about what is wrong and what needs fixing in order for her to reclaim her divine calling of "Liberty and justice for all."

## A New Beginning

**By Pastor Greg**

Grace to you and peace through Jesus Christ our Lord!

As I write this article, I am one day away from being with you one full week, (I started on June 14) and what an awesome week it has been! I met the prayer shawl group, the men's Bible study, the men who meet for coffee downtown, the Wednesday night worship group, had dinner with the council, met the 22 confirmation youth at Riverside Bible Camp, preached at Sunday worship, looked at houses for sale, took my black lab Zena Warrior Princess to the Friday

night pool party. Yes it has been quite the week, and Jennifer and I would like to thank the entire congregation for your awesome hospitality!

During my sermon June 19 I shared about three personal goals of mission and ministry that I would like to bring to Immanuel. I would now like to share those goals again, so that you can also think and pray about the directions God is calling us to take.

**1. "I want to do something new!"** The Father/Creator is our source of life and en-

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# CHILDREN'S EDUCATION

BY MELANIE

Thank you to ALL who helped make Pandamania VBS a success. We had 118 children from preschool thru 5th grade join us in studying Psalm 139 and learning "God is wild about you." 63 volunteers including junior high, high school and college students, parents, grandparents, and seniors helped as crew leaders, large group and Bible story leaders. Some helped to make snacks for the kids while others served as nursery workers, office help, sound and technology, and one parish nurse.

New to VBS this year was the use of the intercessor prayer group who led devotions each day for the crew and large group leaders. The prayer people also interacted with the children each day during snack receiving prayer requests and praying thru the children's specific requests. It was exciting to see so much interaction between the many youth and adults the entire week. Our goal was that each child would leave Immanuel knowing the love of Jesus through the words and actions of our volunteers.

If you were unable to see the action during VBS please feel free to check out the many pictures posted from the week on the bulletin board outside the church office.

## VBSchool Kids Had a Great Week!



**Diane Bronson led crafts for the preschool students. Here she is helping dye Bible book bags as part of the mission project. (Below) Bible study leader Emily Beenken tells tales from "inside the whale" during Vacation Bible School.**





## Pastor Rod's Letter to Kids (Adults Can Read Too!)

### Growth

Kids and summer-time go together. Summer is a time for outdoor activities such as swimming lessons and baseball or softball games. It is a time for vacationing and staying with Grandpa and Grandma for a week or two. Kids put the school books away and cut loose from it all. It's often seen as a time

to kick back from learning to enjoy the good life.

But hold on. Let's not be too quick to accept this idea that summer is a time to stop learning and growing in order to live the good life. Think about everything around you. All summer long the grass keeps growing so that it needs to be mown at least once

a week. The trees, gardens and flowers grow and blossom all summer long. Summer is a major time when things in nature grow in a major way.

What about you? I want to encourage you to keep growing this summer. Yes, have fun and enjoy life but don't leave the learning and growing behind. Keep reading and learning new words. Especially when it comes to your faith, I hope you never stop growing. I'd like to invite you to pick up your Bible and do some summertime reading. Check out the Psalms and read one Psalm a day. Read Ecclesiastes as it's one of my favorite books in the Bible. Colossians and Corinthians are great letters too and you'll learn a lot about God and about yourself and the word as you read, study and pray.

We are in the season of the Church year called time after Pentecost. Pentecost is the green season of the church. It's green because it is the season of growth when we learn and grow to be faithful disciples of Jesus. So don't stop growing this summer or ever. Read and study God's word and God will bless you with new growth.

# VOLUNTEERS

### Altar Guild (July)

8:00 a.m., Mary Lund, Joann Bartleson

10:00 a.m., Dorothy Olson, Joan Beebe

### Altar Guild (August)

8:00 a.m.,

10:00 a.m.,

### Communion Servers (July)

July 3 8:00 a.m., Randy & Laura Winter

July 10 10:00 a.m., Lowell Solberg,  
Jim Cherry

July 17 8:00 a.m., Laurel Erickson,  
Marlene Faircloth

July 24 10:00 a.m., Jan Anderson,  
Melanie Westerberg

July 31 10:00 a.m., Keila Buffington,  
Kim Mollenhauer

### Communion Servers (August)

August 7 8:00 a.m., Harlan Rodberg,  
Roger Dant

August 14 10:00 a.m., Anne Anderson,  
Judy Benson

August 21 8:00 a.m., Deb Jensen,  
Jim Cherry

August 28 10:00 a.m., Connie Johnson,  
Liz Wilson

### Communion Set Up (July)

July 3 8:00 a.m., Karen Johns

July 10 10:00 p.m., Barb Lovick

July 17 8:00 a.m., Dona Paulson

July 24 10:00 a.m., Kathy Leuwerke

July 31 10:00 a.m., Marge Solberg

### Communion Set Up (August)

August 7 8:00 a.m., Alice Jones

August 14 10:00 p.m., Sandra Meade

August 21 8:00 a.m., Joyce Kasper

August 28 10:00 a.m., Marge Solberg

### Offering Counters

Kathy Olson, Betty Olson, Sandy Meade,

Marj Anderson, Betty Nelson

### Readers (July)

July 3 8:00 a.m., Mary Kingland

10:00 a.m., Bruce Mielke

July 10 8:00 a.m., Harvey Johnson

10:00 a.m., Kathy Olson

July 17 8:00 a.m., Carolyn Korth

10:00 a.m., Barb DeVries

July 24 8:00 a.m., Mark Johnson

10:00 a.m., Kelli Harms

July 31 10:00 a.m., Gary Gernetzke,

Deb Ferch

### Readers (August)

August 7 8:00 a.m., Pam Keller

10:00 a.m., Stuart Yi

August 14 8:00 a.m., Stanford Holtan

10:00 a.m., Joy Newcom

August 21 8:00 a.m., Kay Sorensen

10:00 a.m., Ethan Alop

August 28 8:00 a.m., Marla Betz

10:00 a.m., Joan Beebe

### Sound Techs (July)

8:00 a.m., Hertzner's (July 10, 31)

10:00 a.m.,

### Sound Techs (August)

8:00 a.m.,

10:00 a.m.,

### Ushers (July)

8:00 a.m., Wayne Johns, Jim Lund,

Jim Bowman, Paul Jensen

10:00 a.m., Gary McCarthy

### Ushers (August)

8:00 a.m., Bill Stensland, Tip Taylor

10:00 a.m., Gary McCarthy

## FLOWERS & BROADCASTS

### Flowers Available at \$44

July 3, 10, 24, 31

August 21

September 4, 18, 25

These flowers help to beautify the altar area at Immanuel for worship.

### Broadcasts Available at \$100 each (\$130 holiday)

July 10, 17, 24, 31

August 21

September 4, 25

Please consider being an active part of this ministry of Immanuel. The weekly radio broadcasts reach the homes of many who are not able to be part of our worship services.

Your participation is simple, just call the office at 585-3152.

## Puckerbrush Ice Cream Social Set for July 14

Immanuel's high school youth will be hosting an Ice Cream Social on Thursday, July 14, from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. on the Courthouse Square lawn during the Puckerbrush events.

Hey, high school youth, if your busy schedules are open during that timeframe, please consider helping out by either setting up, scooping up

ice cream, donating items, etc. Please contact Jaci or Cindi at the church office (585-3152 or jaci@immanuelfamily.com) Michelle Bunker at 585-2294.

Even though this fund raiser will be a start for our youth thinking about attending the 2012 ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans, all youth are invited to help out.

## HFLC is Mission Emphasis

Immanuel's Mission & Outreach Board has dedicated our July-August mission emphasis to the Hanson Family Life Center.

HFLC provides Christian childcare and pre-school to children beginning at six weeks of age, five days a week. The Center's current enrollment is 89 kids and 59 families, and employees 22 staff.

HFLC is a non-profit organization that is a cooperative effort of Immanuel Lutheran Church, the Staff, Board of Directors of the Life Center, and part of a management agreement

with the FC Family YMCA.

The Center holds a variety of fund-raising activities throughout the year. Currently they are doing a quilt and quilted bag raffle that will continue thru Puckerbrush weekend. Tickets may be purchased for \$1.00 each or 6 tickets for \$5.00 at the church office, HFLC, or from HFLC board members.

Immanuel's mission gifts these next two months will be given to HFLC for their project of purchasing playground equipment for older infant and toddler age kids.

## LANCE CONRAD BENEFIT July 9th, 2011

**11:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

**At TSB Bank - Forest City**

(Lower Level)

Lance was diagnosed with Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma in October, 2010 and has under gone Chemo and Radiation.

We will be serving a free will donation meal including: Pulled Pork Sandwiches, Chips and Salad. We will also have a silent auction and bake sale.

Any questions or if you would like to donate to the silent auction or bake sale please contact:

Michelle Craft .....641-590-1822

Tracie Seglem .....641-590-1258

Josi Gunderson.....641-590-4385

*Supplemental Funds Provided by Thrivent Financial For Lutherans*

## Salad Luncheon

Immanuel Lutheran Church  
FRIDAY, JULY 15 ♦ 11 a.m.-1 p.m.



**Enjoy a variety of salads and breads!**  
All proceeds support Children's Education & Vacation Bible School programs at Immanuel Lutheran Church.

**\$6/ person**

**Carryout Available**  
Please call ahead 585-3152

## “One Immanuel” Service

**10 a.m., July 31, by the Waldorf Pond**

(5th Sunday of the month celebration)

**Followed by a Family Picnic**

We look forward to the whole Immanuel congregation to come together as one as we again celebrate a 5th Sunday in July.

*“There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.”*

Ephesians 4:4-6

Weather permitting, bring your lawn chair and gather with others out by the Waldorf Pond for this ‘community of faith’ worship service at 10:00 a.m.

The grill will be fired up and Immanuel's Mission Committee/ Mission & Outreach Board will be hosting a Family Picnic for all to enjoy following the service. Bring your appetite and your family. A freewill donation for the meal will benefit our current mission emphasis, Hanson Family Life Center.

Please join the Immanuel Family in this “One Immanuel” service by the pond

(We hope for the weather to cooperate, but if not the worship & meal will be in the church.)



# Board Reports for May

## Mission & Outreach

The Mission & Outreach Board has held several fundraisers in the last month. Since our focus for May/June was bible camps, Cabin Coffee was featured at the One Immanuel Sunday May 29 and \$260 was raised thru freewill donations. Over 100 individual S'mores for Camp were packaged up and offered on June 12 at worship. That day the Confirmation kids left for Riverside Camp. Thru these donations, another \$204 was collected for our Bible Camp emphasis. Thanks to all who helped support these events.

Received word that our ELCA Global Missionaries, Rev. Josh & Susan Magyar finished their 2 years of service on June 25th, the decision was made to make a one year covenant and sponsor Rev. Elly McHan. Elly is the granddaughter of Martha Carson, and is serving a church in Jerusalem. Pastor Rod was able to meet with her on his trip to Israel last November.

On July 31 plan on staying for a picnic that will follow the One Immanuel service at 10:00 outside by the Waldorf Pond. Plans are to grill up some burgers & hot dogs and enjoy! (Freewill donation.)

## Education & Discipleship

The Education and Discipleship Board has undergone some changes this last month. First, Norma Hertzner announced her resignation as the Board chairman. Secondly, it was decided to combine the Promiseland task team with the Education Board. By combining the two groups, both committees can be more efficient.

The Education Board would

like to give Norma Hertzner a big "Thank You" for her dedicated service as a Board Chairman for the last several years. She has done a great job leading the Board along serving on the Promiseland task team and numerous other activities. Thank you Norma!

We are also happy to announce Denise Yeager as the new board chairman. Denise has been currently serving as a member of the Promiseland task team and a Promiseland teacher. Thank you Denise!

Bible school was held the first week of June. The theme was "Pandamania" and was a big success with the kids. It was an exciting week and the rooms were full of energy.

As a reminder, the Salad Luncheon is scheduled for Friday, July 15. If you are able to bring a salad or help in any way, please contact Brenda Rust, Donna Bindel, or Melanie Leber. This event is an important fundraiser for the education department. All proceeds from the luncheon enable our church to offer bible school for FREE so we can reach more children.

Another reminder, Promiseland will be starting in September and we are in need of Promiseland teachers. If you are willing to teach this year, please contact Melanie Leber (childrensd@immanuelfamily.com). The gift of your time will be greatly rewarded by the joy you receive from working with children!

## Parish Life

The Board of Parish Life is providing treats for outdoor worship this summer. **In the picture above, Tammy Krieger welcomes Ty and Shae Dillavou to the treat table.**

If you'd like to serve a Sunday this summer, please contact Mary Kingland at 797-2445.



## Pastor Greg's Column Continued

ergy. The Creator did not just create the world billions of years ago; He is still creating here and now! He creates life and energy in our tired human hearts. God is about doing something new every day! What is God doing new at Immanuel? What is God doing new at Waldorf? What is God doing new in this community? What is God doing new in me? What is God doing new in you? I believe God is calling us to embark on a new adventure!

**2. "I want to journey with you!"** The Holy Spirit is the fire of our lives. On the day of Pentecost the disciples were given the Holy Spirit. They then spoke in all different languages to witness to the world. Pentecost was about relationships and mission. Mission cannot happen unless we reach out together. How do we build community at Immanuel? How do we build community with Waldorf? How do we reach out to the un-churched? How do we speak the language of mission to all?

**3. "I want to proclaim the Gospel!"** Our greatest calling is to proclaim that we are saved "for free" through the power of the cross and the blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We do not earn salvation through good works, fear or guilt. Life and salvation is the greatest gift we are ever given. We proclaim that Jesus raises dead hearts from the grave now, and that we are given the gift of faith. I believe that Immanuel is called to proclaim the gospel to our families, friends, co-workers, neighbors, strangers, and even our perceived enemies!

This week I experienced a new beginning and new calling. May we all receive this same blessing as we journey together to a new day of resurrection!

# AUGUST CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1</b> 5:00 pm-Property Task Team	<b>2</b> 3:00 pm-Intercessory Prayer Group at Good Samaritan	<b>3</b> 1:00 pm-Vital Agers Task Team, Shalom Room 2:00 pm-Men's Bible Study 7:00 pm-Worship, with Communion in the Fireside Room	<b>4</b> 4:30 pm-Board of Parish Life	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> 8:00 am-Worship, with Communion 9:00 am-Coffee 10:00 am-OUTDOOR Worship by Waldorf Pond	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 3:00 pm-Intercessory Prayer Group at Good Samaritan	<b>10</b> 11:00 am-Vital Agers Picnic 2:00 pm-Men's Bible Study 7:00 pm-Worship, with Communion in the Fireside Room	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Wedding Rehearsal	<b>13</b> 2:30 pm-Jennifer Anderson/Dustin Jensen Wedding
<b>14</b> 8:00 am-Worship 9:00 am-Coffee 10:00 pm-OUTDOOR Worship, with Communion, by the Waldorf Pond	<b>15</b> 2 to 4 pm-Prayer Shawl Ministry in the Shalom Room 7:00 pm-Ruth Circle at Alice Jones'	<b>16</b> 3:00 pm-Intercessory Prayer Group at Good Samaritan 3:00 pm-Forest Plaza Communion Service	<b>17</b> 2:00 pm-Men's Bible Study 4:30 pm-Mission Comm. 6:15 pm-Trustees 6:45 pm-Mission & Outreach Board 7:00 pm-Worship, with Communion in the Fireside Room 7:45 pm-Council	<b>18</b> 9:30 am-Martha Circle  1:30 pm-Sarah Circle at Berneta Gambell's 1:30 pm-Dorcas Circle in the Shalom Room 7:00 pm-Rachel Circle in the Shalom Room	<b>19</b> MESSENGER DEADLINE	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> 8:00 am-Worship, with Communion 9:00 am-Coffee 10:00 am-OUTDOOR Worship by the Waldorf Ponde	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 1:00 pm-LWR Quilting Do-Day, Fellowship Hall 3:00 pm-Intercessory Prayer Group at Good Samaritan	<b>24</b> 2:00 pm-Men's Bible Study 5:30 pm-Senior Choir Party 7:00 pm-Worship, with Communion, in the Fireside Room	<b>25</b> 10:00 am-Waldorf Association 2:30 pm-Good Sam Communion Service 4:30 pm-HFLC Board in the Shalom Room	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> 8:00 am-Worship 9:00 am-Coffee 10:00 am-Worship, with Communion	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 3:00 pm-Intercessory Prayer Group at Good Samaritan	<b>31</b> 2:00 pm-Men's Bible Study 6:00 pm-Senior Choir 7:00 pm-Worship, with Communion, in the Fireside Room			

## Pandamania Continues!

### WHAT?

PANDAMANIA STORY HOUR ~ Where God is wild about you! Stories, music, snacks, outside games, time to check out books and DVD's.

### WHERE?

Immanuel Lutheran Church  
(use south entrance and go downstairs)

### WHEN?

Friday, July 8, 9:30 to 11:00 a.m.

Friday, July 15, 9:30 to 11:00 a.m.

Friday, July 22, 9:30 to 11:00 a.m.

Friday, July 29, 9:30 to 11:00 a.m.

### WHO?

All boys and girls age 3 through just-completed 5th grade!



### ALL ARE WELCOME

Come! Bring your friends too!

Hosted by Immanuel's Library Committee

BY ELEANOR LOVIK

# VITAL AGERS

## Picnic Planned for August

By the time you receive this Messenger the Vital Agers would have held their morning coffee and Anne Bakke's talk on June 29. Hope you enjoyed it.

No Seniors' events are planned for July as the Forest City area has so much going on – get out and enjoy all our community has to offer.

In August we will have a picnic on Wednesday, August 10 at 11 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Put that date on your calendar. More information will be printed in the church bulletins as the date gets closer.

The Vital Agers Task Team will meet for their monthly meeting on July 13 at 1:00 p.m. in the Shalom Room. August meeting will be August 3.

# Choosing Music for Worship

By Travis Beck

In our Lutheran understanding of music, we believe that music is a gift of God for the purpose of building up the church and glorifying God. Music functions as both proclamation and prayer—it helps communicate the Word of God (proclamation) and it gives us, as worshipers, a way to respond to that Word (prayer). Because of this close connection in Lutheran worship between music and the Word of God, we go to great lengths to ensure that both the text and tune of the songs we sing are fitting and appropriate for worship. What does that mean?

First, it means that we pick songs with texts that reinforce Lutheran theology. For example, we believe that faith comes by the Holy Spirit, not by our own personal choice; therefore we would avoid planning “I Have Decided to Follow Jesus” in Lutheran worship.

Second, it means selecting music in which the tunes fit the text. Imagine singing the text of “Joy to the World” to the tune of “Amazing Grace.” Not very joyful, is it? The melody should support the affect of the text.

Third, it means choosing music that is singable by the congregation, since congregations generally do not practice the music ahead of time. The music should be simple, but not simplistic, so that it is accessible and learnable by rote but not so much so that it is trivial or pedantic.

Fourth, the music should be durable—that is, able to withstand the wear and tear of being sung over years and decades and generations. Otherwise, if all our worship music were merely disposable

songs crafted for this moment in time, what would connect us to those Christians who have gone before us, and what music would we write today that we could leave for future generations to sing?

Fifth, the music should relate to the theme of the day, the liturgical moment, or both. By that I mean that the music should function primarily to further unpack the lessons and sermon for the day, but it may also serve to facilitate the flow of worship. In other words, the gathering music serves to gather us together and the sending music serves to send us out.

There are still other considerations to be made when selecting music for worship, but these are five of the most important. This doesn't mean, of course, that we don't make exceptions. Sometimes the song is right for worship, even if it doesn't pass all the “tests.” But know that, behind the scenes, pastors and musicians are wrestling with these questions in order to plan the best possible music for worship on Sunday morning, and we invite you to let us know how well we're doing!

**Sound Techs Wanted!** We are in desperate need of individuals willing to learn how to run the sound system, an important role that is not nearly as complicated as it looks. If you feel called to this crucial area of ministry, or simply want more information about what is involved, please call the church office.



# WOMEN OF THE ELCA

## *There Goes the Bride ...*

It was called the most spectacular wedding of the century, watched on TV by 1,000,000 people - England's William and Kate - married in a beautiful, historic cathedral. The bride and groom properly waved to the crowd; a queen was in attendance; truly, a royal wedding! Months of preparation; hundreds of planners, rehearsals, endless lists, protocol and stress preceded the event.

BUT - to the Immanuel Family the most beautiful brides and handsome grooms are married under the cross over the altar in our sanctuary. Relatives and friends are in attendance to witness the blessing of God on these special couples and hear their commitment to each other. Royalty? More so to us at Immanuel than "that other wedding!"

How do Immanuel weddings happen - without stress? This is all done, behind the scenes, by Immanuel wedding hostesses. They won't be seated in the front row, their name is not listed in the wedding bulletin, they aren't announced at the wedding and you don't see them on the Messenger calendar.

Originally a part of WELCA, wedding hostess service group helped brides plan a wedding and reception at Immanuel. Now, receptions are part of WELCA; they plan receptions for anniversaries, birthdays, confirmations, ordinations, baptisms and graduations. Wedding hostess group is part of the church; they plan weddings.

**Immanuel Wedding Hostesses: co-chairs, Stacy Anderson and Kelli Harms; Denise Yeager, Deb Fardal**

Hostesses meet at the first of the year to assign the year's wedding schedule, one hostess per wedding. Bride and hostess meet first about two months before and again a few weeks before the wedding. The hostess supports the bride and suggests and helps okay items she might need for all parts of the wedding (flowers, candles, lighting, sound, music, pictures, number of guests). She explains Immanuel regulations for weddings, assists the pastor with the plans and keeps him informed of the bride's wishes. The church office handles Immanuel wedding fees.

To the outsider, the first obvious help to the bride is the rehearsal. Procession, timing, order of service, location of bridal party, seating protocol of family and guests, are directed by the hostess and she corrects any problems.

On wedding day, from the narthex, the hostess directs all that was rehearsed, sending each person in the party down the aisle. After the wedding, the hostess stores Immanuel items and makes sure the church is ready for services.

I talked to mothers of two recent Immanuel brides. They praised the hostesses for efficient weddings which were stress-and-trouble-free. The mothers said that after meeting with the hostesses they didn't worry about the events and then, on the day, they could relax

and enjoy their daughters' weddings.

**"THERE GOES THE BRIDE," the hostesses says as she sends the bride, last of the wedding party, down the aisle in yet another beautiful, stress-free Immanuel wedding.**

THE WEDDING HOSTESS SERVICE NEEDS MORE VOLUNTEERS - BE PART OF HELPING AN IMMANUEL BRIDE REALIZE HER DREAM OF A BEAUTIFUL WEDDING. CALL JACI AT CHURCH OFFICE OR CONTACT STACY OR KELLI.

## *Dates to Remember*

July 7, 10:30 a.m. - Circle Bible Study Leaders, Shalom Room

July 8, 2:30 p.m. - Good Samaritan Program by Sarah Circle

July 26, 1:00 p.m. - LWR Quilting Do Day

Servers - Marj Anderson and Betty Olson

July Laundry - Elaine Nerdig

July Coffee Hour - Wedding Service Goup

August 4, 10:30 a.m. - Circle Bible Study Leaders, Shalom Room

August 23, 1:00 p.m. - LWR Quilting Do Day

August Laundry - Charlotte Nelson

August Coffee Hour - Fellowship Service Goup

## *Circles for July*

Circle	Hostess/Date	Lesson Leader
Ruth	Not Meeting	
Martha	Anne Hanna-Forest Plaza July 21—9:30 a.m.	Anna Harringa
Dorcas	Shalom July 21—1:30 p.m.	Bonnie Osnes
Sarah	Lounge—Karolyn Overlie July 21—1:30 p.m.	Dorrie Sinnard
Rachel	Not Meeting in July	

## *Circles for August*

Circle	Hostess/Date	Lesson Leader
Ruth	Alice Jones August 15—7:00 p.m.	Miriam Rogness
Martha		
Dorcas	August 18—9:30 a.m. Shalom August 18—1:30 p.m.	Margie Markusen
Sarah	August 18—1:30 p.m.	Marge Solberg
Rachel	Shalom August 18—7:00 p.m.	



## 2011 Western Iowa Synod Assembly Report

The Assembly of the Western Iowa Synod was held June 3 – 5 in Sioux City. Highlights were the worship and the raising of \$43,000 for the malaria and World Hunger eradication initiatives. There was great joy at the announcement of the offering and great joy as men, women and youth who love God and love the church, come together to lift up our voices in praise and glory. Hymns and songs are sung with enthusiasm and the preaching is meaningful and the sacraments are shared. Your only voting members were Pastor Rod and Renae Hopp and Travis Beck. Next year I hope we can do better.

The theme of the assembly was “God’s work. Our hands.” We focused on the mission of the church. Reports were heard from Bishop Last as he spoke about the uplifting work we are doing in Tanzania with our companion Synod, the Southern Diocese Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania (ELCT). Sadly mission support from congregations is nearly 30% less than in 2008 and this has meant significant trauma in staffing reductions, reduced capacity for ministry, reduced Churchwide support and loss of wages for Synod staff. Reductions in mission support “impact the capacity of this great church to support its social service agencies, missionaries, seminaries, hunger, malaria, and disaster relief efforts, new church starts, its international relationship through LWR, LWF, chaplaincies, colleges and ecumenical relationships....” Bishop Last said. We heard from Bishop Mark Hanson (via video) and from Rev. Raphael Malpica Padilla, the Executive Director for the ELCA’s Division for Global Missions. Pastor Padilla led Bible Study on Micah on Saturday and challenged us as people of God to rebuild community. He

called us to “see the face of God in the other.”

There were only five resolutions before the assembly this year. One: amend the Synod’s constitution to be more inclusive of clergy who are on leave from call, disabled or retired, to have voice and vote at the assembly. Two: Compensation guidelines for clergy and rostered laity. Three: Adopt the revised budget for the fiscal year beginning February 1, 2011 and the proposed budget for 2012. Four: Proposal to memorialize the 2011 Churchwide Assembly to amend the Churchwide Constitution to require any social statement of the church to be ratified by a two-thirds majority vote of all the duly constituted congregations of the church before becoming a social statement of the church (this resolution failed). Five: Empower the Synod to create an advisory committee to review the work and mission of the Western Iowa Synod, and provide written report to the Synod Council for action. This resolution passed and will specifically look at conference boundaries in order to restructure conferences now that twenty or so congregations have left the ELCA.

It is time for us to be the church. It is time for us to rebuild community based on faith in God and love for God’s creation. Division only corrupts and diverts our energy and attention from the work of ministry. There is no perfect church and we are called to be the church of today and to share Christ’s love and to build relationships that matter. We are a church that’s making a difference in the world and I pray that you come with us to be the most faithful church we can be.

Pastor Rod Hopp



**Steve Olson recently helped to paint the ceiling of the hallways at Immanuel prior to the installation of the new carpets.**

## Senior Choir Party

To kick-off the new year, anyone interested in singing in the choir is invited to come to a choir party on Wednesday, August 24, at 5:30 p.m. at Immanuel. We will sing through some new music and share a time of food and fellowship. Hope to see you there!

## Camera Found at Church June 10

Handycam camera & bag. Inquire in the church office with Jaci to claim.



**SAVE THE DATE!**  
sunday, july 10

Our next iLive event is Sunday, July 10 at the Crystal Lake Shelter House from 4-6 p.m. Hot dogs, chips, drinks & s'mores will be served. We'll play games, sing songs & enjoy time together as we *live* for God!

ALL families are welcome! Please e-mail  
iliveilc@gmail.com if you can make it!  
See you there!



# JULY CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
The theme for Immanuel’s Puckerbrush float on July 16 will be based off of this year’s VBS Pandamania theme. Anyone interested in riding or walking along Emily Beenken at 641-926-5153 for more information.					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b> 8:00 am-Worship, with Communion 9:00 am-Coffee 10:00 am-OUTDOOR Worship by Waldorf Pond	<b>4</b> Church Offices Closed	<b>5</b> 3:00 pm-Intercessory Prayer Group at Good Samaritan	<b>6</b> 2:00 pm-Men’s Bible Study 7:00 pm-Worship, with Communion in the Fireside Room	<b>7</b> 10:30 am-Circle Bible Study Leaders in the Shalom Room 6:30 pm-Parish Life Board	<b>8</b> 9:30 to 11 am-Summer Story Hour 2:30 pm-Good Samaritan Program by Sarah Circle	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> 8:00 am-Worship 9:00 am-Coffee 10:00 am-OUTDOOR Worship, with Communion, by the Waldorf Pond  4 to 6 pm-iLIVE event at Crystal Lake Shelter House	<b>11</b> 5:00 pm-Property Task Team	<b>12</b> 3:00 pm-Intercessory Prayer Group at Good Samaritan	<b>13</b> 1:00 pm-Vital Agers Task Team in Shalom Rm 2:00 pm-Men’s Bible Study 4:30 pm-Mission Committee 6:15 pm-Trustees 7:00 pm-Worship, with Communion in the Fireside Room	<b>14</b> 5:00 to 6:30 pm-HS Ice Cream Social at Courthouse Square	<b>15</b> 9:30 to 11 am-Summer Story Hour 11 am to 1 pm-Salad Luncheon in Fellowship Hall	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> 8:00 am-Worship, with Communion 9:00 am-Coffee 10:00 am-OUTDOOR Worship by WC Pond	<b>18</b> 2 to 4 pm-Prayer Shawl Ministry in the Shalom Room	<b>19</b> 3:00 pm-Intercessory Prayer Group at Good Samaritan 3:00 pm-Forest Plaza Communion Service	<b>20</b> 2:00 pm-Men’s Bible Study 7:00 pm-Worship, with Communion, in the Fireside Room	<b>21</b> 9:30 am-Martha Circle at Forest Plaza 1:30 pm-Sarah Circle in the Lounge 1:30 pm-Dorcas Circle in the Shalom Room	<b>22</b> 9:30 to 11 am-Summer Story Hour 5:00 pm-Wedding Rehearsal	<b>23</b> 3:00 pm-Kelli Olson/ Matt Welp Wedding
<b>24</b> 8:00 am-Worship 9:00 am-Coffee 10:00 am-OUTDOOR Worship, with Communion  <b>JULY 31-ONE IMMANUEL</b> 10:00 am-One Worship Service OUTDOORS 11:00 am-Family Picnic	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 1:00 pm-LWR Quilting Do-Day, Fellowship Hall 3:00 pm-Intercessory Prayer Group at Good Samaritan	<b>27</b> 2:00 pm-Men’s Bible Study 7:00 pm-Worship, with Communion, in the Fireside Room	<b>28</b> 2:30 pm-Good Sam Communion Service 4:30 pm-HFLC Board, Shalom Room	<b>29</b> 9:30 to 11 am-Summer Story Hour	<b>30</b>



# Hilltop

## Highlights

September 2011

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## Don't Let Church Get in the Way of God's work

By Robert Kirby, *The Salt Lake Tribune*

Published August 12, 2011

If you're reading this early Saturday, say a little prayer for me. I'm somewhere on a roof with a hammer and a really bad attitude. I've come by this mood honestly. I'm tired because I got out of bed at the crack of dawn. I'm nervous because oafs like me don't do well on ladders. Finally, I'm annoyed because I wish I were better at this.

This is me and some other guys from the ward helping a neighbor replace the shingles on his house. The original shingles are somewhere in Nevada, courtesy of the %&\*@! wind that never stops blowing in Herriman. There are at least 40 reasons why I shouldn't be up here. Forty-one if you count my thumb, which I already know I've hit, even though I'm writing this before it actually happened. I'm doing it for just one reason: service. Being there for people who need my help is the one part of church that really makes sense to me.

I used to believe church was more than this. Church was all about propriety and numbers and form and legitimacy and status quo and whether I was wearing a necktie. Sermons, lessons, rituals, conformity, bureaucratic obedience. I really believed all this stuff was the essence of doing right. Consequently, I put a lot of effort into religious things that only made other people feel good, probably because it made them feel safe.

All of that crashed one day. Most of what I thought was important turned out to be the holler and bother that kept me from doing what really was. Since then, I've tried to make sure church didn't get in the way.

It's still important to some. Recently, a fellow Mormon wrote demanding to know if I was still a member of the church. Apparently, what he's read here makes him wonder how anyone who doesn't see it his way could be a member.

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# Pastor's Musings



Rev. Dr. David Henry  
Senior Pastor  
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## Our Big Beginning

School is back in session and we have arrived at the end of summer. Of course summer didn't begin until July this year so it felt short-lived. Some of our mountain roads were closed with snow until late in the summer. Snow even fell on July 4th! By mid-August we have had maybe one day with the thermometer topping 100 degrees.

I can remember the excitement I experienced at the beginning of school. My Levi jeans were starched new, right out of the J.C. Penney store. My new, white tennies were pristine in September. One year my mother bought the "in brand" everyone was wearing...which gave my ego a boost. New church clothes were also purchased each September. The white shirt was blinding in its brightness, scratchy and stiff so as to be uncomfortable but also a reminder that church was a special place. I graduated from a cute bowtie to a clip-on neck tie one year, which made me feel much more grown up. Going to church was a big deal, and we took special care to wear our church clothes and keep them nice as long as we could. My hair was daily plastered to my head with "goo" which, in retrospect, must have been a woman's hair setting gel. The school routine reasserted itself, and I felt all was right with the world.

My September new clothes were all stiff and scratchy -- uncomfortable to say the least. All that was forgotten when I ar-

rived at school (or church) because I got to see old friends and meet new ones. A warm fellowship of tales of summer adventures brought us together again for another year. It was like opening a new book that held many stories to hear and adventures to be experienced.

Our 'Big Beginning' is September 11<sup>th</sup>. Let's rally together on this Sunday to reset our routines into program mode. Kids move to new age level classes. Program areas pick up where they left off. New faces appear. The atmosphere crackles with excitement and anticipation. We are ready to meet the challenge and blessing of this new season. Join us, especially on September 11<sup>th</sup>.

## SIGNERS IN WORSHIP

You may have noticed we have two women who sit near the pulpit each Sunday and sign the 11:00 worship service. Kitty McKelvey and Ruth Hines have volunteered to provide this service for us. Using American Sign Language, they interpret the service for deaf worshippers who know ALS. The ministry of signing opens the door for those who are hearing impaired to experience worship more fully. We are trying to be faithful to our saying: "All are welcome at Hilltop." While we cannot be all things to all people, including the deaf community through this ministry gives us one more way to welcome all people to Hilltop. Thank you Ruth and Kitty!





# Music & Arts Ministry



## As a part of HUMM, your child will:

- Learn the language of music
- Experience the joy of singing
- Prepare for leadership in worship

## The program features innovative music education components:

- Orff Instruments
- Solfege—do, re, mi
- Music Mind Games®
- Music symbols

Open to all children ages 3 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade  
Thursdays at 4:15 to 5:30 p.m.  
September 15, 2011 through May 2012

## CHILDREN'S MUSIC NEWS

This year promises to be an exciting one for HUMM; we have great new musical adventures planned. We now have recorders available for those interested in learning to play simple tunes, and whiteboards are available to allow each child to gain experience creating the signs and symbols of music, including notation.

We will sing in worship on October 16 as we dance to the spiritual "Over My Head." Then we will begin to focus on Thanksgiving and the Christmas Pageant, scheduled for December.

I encourage you to enroll your children in HUMM or Angel Choir beginning September 15th.

*Mary Jean Davison  
Children's Music Director*

Summer has flown by, and it was packed with activities preparing for this new fall season. Music & Arts Ministry continues to grow and expand, and we will continue to do so, with God's great blessings, through a successful SCRIP program due to kickoff September 25.

Our handbell ringers attended the Solo and Ensemble Extravaganza in July in Colorado; our children's music program ran a highly successful Summer Music Camp in August; new singers and instrumentalists came into our program to provide Special Music throughout the summer; the Gospel Choir performed at Embury A.M.E. Church in Ogden in June for their revival, and at Trinity A.M.E. Church in downtown Salt Lake City at their August revival. Our Praise Band continued to provide a worship experience at the Salt Lake Rescue Mission once a month during the summer.

Plans are underway for Christmas and the new events planned for 2011-2012. The Chancel Choir will present its first Classics concert in March, featuring a major work performed with chamber orchestra. The Gospel Choir begins its 9<sup>th</sup> year in February; there are new offerings for youth; new vocal ensembles; and Bells and Praise Bands begin a new worship season.

We hope you will consider becoming a part of Music & Arts Ministry this year – all are welcome, and there is a place for you to join in the fellowship of our ministry. *Check out the Music bulletin board for the full fall schedule.*



*Roberta Shimensky  
Music Director  
801.571-5777*

## Blessings We Are About to Receive

Our mission is to proclaim God's word, encourage discipleship, and enhance spirituality through the preparation and presentation of excellent, diverse, and inspirational music and arts to our congregation and the community.

# Music & Arts *Ministry*

July saw Teresa Rivera, Peggie Shultz, Sandy Killion, Joye Middelstadt, and Andrew Smith in a magnificent late-1800s Tudor castle in Glen Eyrie, CO, for the annual Solo and Ensemble Extravaganza event for handbell ringers.

## My Kind of Camp



Peggie Shultz,  
Teresa Rivera,  
Joye Middelstadt,  
Andrew Smith, and  
Sandy Killion at SEE

These Hilltop ringers sacrificed a lot by “roughing it” in the 67-room castle, dining in elegance on an outdoor patio next to a large fountain and a spectacular view of the mountains.

The Great Hall of the castle was transformed into an extraordinary performance area accommodating ringers from around the world, including the United Kingdom, Japan, and Canada. Ringers in

attendance were treated to a performance from a bell Dream Team.

Hilltop ringers focused on learning new techniques and improving ringing skills and rehearsed and performed for the last day of the event.



The majority of the time at S.E.E. was spent going to classes and rehearsing. However, Sandy and Joye took advantage of some free time and hiked to a waterfall.

One of the highlights was Danny Lyons playing a song 8-in-hand (four bells in each hand, for a total of eight, which is a whole octave). That was impressive!

We all had a good time and learned a lot, and I, for one, can't wait to go again in 2013.

*Andrew Smith  
Director of Handbells*

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## SCRIP UPDATE

Sunday, September 25, kicks off the SCRIP program as part of Music & Arts Ministry. SCRIP is a program of purchasing gift cards for things we buy regularly, except by doing it through SCRIP, the music program gets a percentage from the company and you get 100% of your pur-

chasing dollar. It is a painless and effective way for our program to raise funds to acquire items that will grow and bless our program, the church as a whole, and our community.

## RIBBONS FLY, SIGNING'S HIGH, ART'S BEGUN, MUSIC SUNG

Hilltop's Third Annual Summer Music Camp for grades one through five closed its week-long activities on August 12 with dance – featuring the use of shakers and decorated ribbons created in art class, a demonstration (in song) of skills acquired in American Sign Language, an art show, and performance of skills learned in music teaching games.

We were so please and blessed to have a very full enrollment of 35 children! Seven of those enrolled came from Hilltop, and a whopping 28 attended from our community. Three of those from the community have attended every music camp to date, and two have been with us the last two summers.



Next year's camp is scheduled for August 6-10! Thank you for your interest in and support of our children's music program.

*Mary Jean Davison  
Camp Director*

## OPPORTUNITY IN MUSIC

The Praise Band is looking for a keyboard player. Levi Larson has moved in order to continue his studies in Nebraska. They seek an individual who loves praise music, and is available for Sunday worship, service to the Salt Lake Rescue Mission, and other special events. The candidate must have a heart for worship, ability to read chord charts and play fill, follow the worship leader, and "go with the flow." Ability to jam a plus. If you interested please contact Al Rocek at (940) 206-5413 or by email at <alrocek@msn.com>.

## WE WANT TO KNOW!

If you are involved in a school or community arts event, we want to know! Send the information to the office <[office@hilltopumchurch.org](mailto:office@hilltopumchurch.org)> so we can let others know about your concert, art show, dance, piano, or voice recital, etc. We have so many talented Hilltop family involved in artistic events outside of church that we celebrate, and for which we would like to offer our support - help to keep us informed!

# Music & Arts Ministry



The children in music camp learn about different wind instruments from Leigh Anne Duff.

**The Chancel Choir Welcomes**

**Samantha Record  
and  
Samson Mutua**



# Mission Opportunities

## Golden Celery Winners

We would like to thank all churches, large and small, for participating in the Fourth Annual Golden Celery Challenge. Together you collected 19,114 pounds of food for those in our community who are struggling to feed their families.

The top finishers in the Golden Celery contest are:

1. Mt Tabor Lutheran Church
2. Murray Baptist
3. Christ United Methodist Church

Other participants in order of pounds per person:

1. First United Methodist Church
2. South Valley Unitarian Universalist
3. Centenary United Methodist
4. Community of Grace Presbyterian
5. Mt Olympus Presbyterian
6. Hilltop United Methodist
7. First Presbyterian

This year the contest went to a new level with fierce competition for the trophy. We would like to thank everyone who helped other churches unload their food while

waiting patiently to get their own vehicles unloaded.

To all those who brought in food as the month progressed we thank you for keeping us going during the month of July. During this month we have had a few weeks with no delivery from the food bank and your donations were all that we had to give away. One week we did receive "food" it was mostly Diet Mountain Dew so again, those of you who brought donations that week contributed all that we had to give away.

Finally we would like to stress that even though there is a congregation that wins the trophy the real winners are all of our clients who get full food orders complete with nutritious food including fruits, vegetables and rice. Those of you with home gardens are reminded that we do take fresh produce any week day. This is the only place where people fight over the last zucchini!

Thanks again to everyone. You are what keep us going.

*Crossroads Urban Center Staff*



### Food of the month

Drinks, canned milk, and snacks (granola bars, etc.)

### Thrift store items

Kids' back-to-school clothes

### Volunteer day

September 16th at 9:30 a.m.

### Food Co-op

Orders due Friday, September 2nd; Pick-up September 17th at 10 a.m.

Crossroads is also collecting reusable water bottles.

## Work Day at UMCOR

United Methodist Committee on Relief

Come & join us for 4 or 5 hours at UMCOR's depot on Saturday, September 10th. As in the past volunteers meet in the church parking lot at 8:30 am and car-pool to the Depot located at 1479 South, 700 West. We usually work from 9:00 am to about 1:00pm. This **opportunity to serve** is open to every member of the congregation over the age of 14. If you have not been to the Depot and want to learn about UMCOR and how this facility is a piece of the puzzle we encourage you to join us on September 10th. If you have questions, call Hugh or Marilyn Douglas @ 801/571-4870.



# Blood DRIVE

Friday  
Sept 9th  
2:00-7:00 pm

## Did you know?

- Every two seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood.
- More than 38,000 blood donations are needed every day.
- A total of 30 million blood components are transfused each year in the U.S.

Donating blood is an easy, safe process that can save a life! Plan on joining your Hilltop friends on Friday, September 9th to donate blood for the American Red Cross. Look for the sign up sheet in Fellowship Hall. Appointment times are available between 2:00 and 7:00 pm. If you have any questions, please call Kevin or Erin Day at 801-571-2327.

## Recipes Wanted



The Family Life committee is excited to announce that recipes are being accepted for a new Hilltop Cookbook. The proceeds will benefit the general fund, and the cookbook will be available in early December, making it the ideal Christmas gift! Please take a form from the box outside the main office, all recipe submissions are due by September 25<sup>th</sup>. Please submit to Brooke Temby at [brooketemby@gmail.com](mailto:brooketemby@gmail.com), or leave it in Brooke's file in Fellowship Hall.

# New and Noteworthy

The leadership of Hilltop want to know your thoughts and opinions about our church, its ministries, programs, and people. We have created an online survey and ask that you set aside a few minutes to thoughtfully answer questions vital to determining Hilltop's future. All answers are anonymous and no personal information is required.

You will receive an e-mail on September 23rd directing you to the questionnaire, provided the office has your e-mail address. If you would like to be added to this list, please send us your e-mail address at [office@hilltopumchurch.org](mailto:office@hilltopumchurch.org).

If you do not use e-mail, you may request a printed copy of the survey from the office.

Your opinions are important and will help to achieve the goals outlined in last month's *Highlights*:

1. Build Congregation Strength by discovering our love for the church and exploring who we are as HILLTOP.
2. Create a church & community profile which defines our key demographic and "service area."

But the survey is only one step in the process. There will be more to come. Look for more opportunities to help build and define the new Hilltop!

## Share Your Thoughts





## Worship Themes

Sept 4th  
***Behaving Like Christians in the Church***  
 Matthew 18:15-20

Sept 11th  
***Hyperbolic Grace***  
 Matthew 18:21-35

Sept 18th  
***What Is It?***  
 Exodus 16:2-15

Sept 25th  
***Prostitutes and Tax Collectors—Before Us!***  
 Matthew 21:23-32

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
<p>4</p> <p>8:45 Christian Builders            9am Wesley Class            9am Disciple I            10am Unified Worship</p>	<p>5</p> <p><b>LABOR DAY</b>            Office Closed</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9am HCS            12pm Staff Meeting            6:30pm LS&amp;D            7:30pm Worship</p>
<p>11</p> <p>BSA Popcorn Sale            8:15am Worship            9:30am Sunday School            9:30am Worship-Band            11am Worship-Choir            4pm Youth Kick-Off</p>	<p>12</p> <p>9am HCS            9am Sarah Circle            7pm Priscilla Circle            7pm Pack 3411 Den Meeting</p>	<p>13</p> <p>9am HCS            12pm Staff Meeting            1pm Silver Songbirds            7pm Trustees</p>
<p>18</p> <p>BSA Popcorn Sale            8:15am Worship            9:30am Sunday School            9:30am Worship-Band            11am Worship-Choir            12:30pm Orientation Class</p>	<p>19</p> <p>9am HCS            7pm Adult Ministries            7pm 3411 Den Meeting            8pm 3411 Pack Committee</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Newsletter Deadline            12pm Staff Meeting            7p</p> <p></p>
<p>25</p> <p>8:15am Worship            9:30am Sunday School            9:30am Worship-Band            11am Worship-Choir            12pm UMW Luncheon            12:30pm Music &amp; Arts</p>	<p>26</p> <p>9am HCS            6:30pm Family Ministries            7pm Troop 3411 Pack Mtg</p>	<p>27</p> <p>9am HCS            12pm Staff Meeting            1pm Silver Songbirds            7pm Youth Council            7:30pm IT Meeting</p>

# September Calendar

## Wednesday

## Thursday

## Friday

## Saturday

	<b>1</b> 9am HCS 9am MMOM 6pm Christ Centered Yoga 7:30pm Grapevine Group 7:30pm Chancel Choir	<b>2</b> <b>Food Co-op Orders Due</b> 9am HCS	<b>3</b> 8:30am Utah Japanese School 9am Hallelujah Bells 10am Organ Rehearsal
<b>7</b> 8am UMM Breakfast 12pm Bible History Class 1pm Shawl Ministry 4pm Girl Scouts 2005, 2401 6:30pm Troop 411 Patrol Ldr 6:30pm Venture Crew 9411 7pm SPRC 7pm Praise Band 7:30pm Boy Scouts 7:30pm Women in Solution	<b>8</b> 9am HCS 6pm Christ Centered Yoga 7:30pm Grapevine Group 7:30pm Chancel Choir	<b>9</b> 9am HCS 3pm Blood Drive 	<b>10</b>  8:30am workday 8:30am Utah Japanese School 9am Hallelujah Bells 9am UMM Breakfast 10am Organ Rehearsal
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# Opportunities To Get Involved



## CRAFTERS/SELLERS WANTED

Crafters are wanted to be a part of the 7th Annual Holiday Craft Boutique to be held November 11 & 12 2011 in the fellowship hall on Friday from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. and on Saturday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Get your application in early and save on the fee! E-mail the office to get your application or contact Barb Hurley for more information: 801-501-9531.

## ADULT STUDY GROUPS

**Sundays 9:30 a.m.**

- Disciple I led by Tara Ingersoll in the Ada Room
- Christian Builders in FH 305
- Wesley Class in the Wesley Room

**Wednesdays 12:00 noon**

Biblical History—DVD viewing and discussion. Bring your own lunch; dessert provided. For more information, call Claudia Bilbao 801-255-1403.

If you would like to form a new study group, contact Kathy Wheeler, chair of Adult Ministries at [wheelsut@comcast.net](mailto:wheelsut@comcast.net).

## Don't Let Church Get in the Way of God's work

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Ironically, his query was followed by one from a non-Mormon equally insistent that I explain how I could possibly stay a member of the LDS Church given all the evidence against its claims.

This is the part about church or religion that bothers me. A deeply personal process intended to bring human beings closer to God is actually more of a process for turning us into nitpickers and busybodies.

When we get like this, where we are and what we look like becomes more important than what we're supposed to be doing for each other. Church becomes the end rather than the means.

It's too bad, really. In many cases church has become the very thing that makes it impossible to be of service to one another. We're too busy trying to prove one an-

other wrong to see what we could be doing to help.

Imagine for a moment that God is a car. Yes, I know, for some of you God is more like an airplane or a boat or a spaceship or even a ham sandwich. But hang with me for a minute, OK?

If we can equate God to a brand-new car, and our faith in him as a desire to go for an amazing ride, then religion seems to be the part where we squabble over the hub-caps.

Church is still important. I sit. I listen. I try not to be bored. Mostly, though, church is where I go to find out how to get on someone else's roof.

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## The Social Principles

### Part 8

**Suicide**—We believe that suicide is not the way a human life should end. Often suicide is the result of untreated depression, or untreated pain and suffering. The church has an obligation to see that all persons have access to needed pastoral and medical care and therapy in those circumstances that lead to loss of self-worth, suicidal despair, and/or the desire to seek physician-assisted suicide. We encourage the church to provide education to address the biblical, theological, social, and ethical issues related to death and dying, including suicide. United Methodist theological seminary courses should also focus on issues of death and dying, including suicide.

A Christian perspective on suicide begins with an affirmation of faith that nothing, including suicide, separates us from the love of God (Romans 8:38-39). Therefore, we deplore the condemnation of people who complete suicide, and we consider unjust the stigma that so often falls on surviving family and friends.

We encourage pastors and faith communities to address this issue through preaching and teaching. We urge pastors and faith communities to provide pastoral care to those at risk, survivors, and their families, and to those families who have lost loved ones to suicide, seeking always to remove the oppressive stigma around suicide. The Church opposes assisted suicide and euthanasia.

### The Social Community

The rights and privileges a society bestows upon or withholds from those who comprise

it indicate the relative esteem in which that society holds particular persons and groups of persons. We affirm all persons as equally valuable in the sight of God. We therefore work toward societies in which each person's value is recognized, maintained, and strengthened. We support the basic rights of all persons to equal access to housing, education, communication, employment, medical care, legal redress for grievance, and physical protection. We deplore acts of hate or violence against groups or persons based on race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, religious affiliation, or economic status. Our respect for the inherent dignity of all persons leads us to call for the recognition, protection, and implementation of the principles of *The Universal Declaration of Human Rights* so that communities and individuals may claim and enjoy their universal, indivisible, and inalienable rights.

**Rights of Racial and Ethnic Persons**—Racism is the combination of the power to dominate by one race over other races and a value system that assumes that the dominant race is innately superior to the others. Racism includes both personal and institutional racism. Personal racism is manifested through the individual expressions, attitudes, and/or behaviors that accept the assumptions of a racist value system and that maintain the benefits of this system. Institutional racism is the established social pattern that supports implicitly or explicitly the racist value system. Racism plagues and cripples our growth in Christ, inasmuch as it is antithetical to the gospel itself. White people are unfairly granted privileges and benefits that are

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This is an ongoing series of articles designed to help us become better acquainted with ideas and principles of the United Methodist Church. This month with complete ***The Nurturing Community*** and begin to look at ***The Social Community***.

Do you have to accept all the positions within the Social Principles in order to be a United Methodist? NO! However, they are to be taken seriously by every United Methodist and are to be studied and their meaning to be prayerfully considered.

# Life & Ministry Booster



*Steve Goodier  
District  
Superintendent  
Utah – Western  
Colorado District*

## TEMPERING OUR TEMPER

**Do you ever wish you could take back something you said? Or did? If you've ever been TOO angry, this may be for you.**

A young girl came into the house with a tear in her pants. Her mother was exasperated, as this had happened too many times before. At her wits end, she said to her daughter, "Now you go into your room, take off those pants, and sew up that tear!" The poor child had never held needle and thread in her life.

So understandably, a little while later her mother saw the pants crumpled on the floor of her daughter's bedroom—still torn. She looked around for her daughter. Spying the basement light on, she called down the stairs, "Are you down there running around with your pants off?"

A big voice boomed up, "No ma'am. I'm reading the gas meter."

Of course, what parent can't relate to her exasperation?

On the other hand, I DO have trouble understanding the guy in Los Angeles who was arrested for negligent discharge of a weapon after shooting his toilet bowl five times with a handgun (and yes, this is true). Why did he assault the commode? He apparently exploded when he couldn't extract a hair brush his daughter flushed down.

He might benefit from the advice of one of America's great presidents, Thomas Jefferson, who cautioned, "When angry, count to ten before you speak; if very angry, count to 100." I think it applies to discharging weapons, too.

Maybe another technique works better for you. One husband asked his wife, "When I get mad at you, you never fight back. How do you control your anger?"

She smiled at him. "I clean the toilet bowl." (Uh-oh, toilets again.)

"How does that help?"

"I use your toothbrush," she said sweetly.

It's not that anger is a bad thing in itself. A good bit of fire in the belly may be needed to right the world's wrongs. But this isn't about righteous indignation. It's about tempering our temper.

I've seen marriages destroyed, careers derailed and relationships of all kinds decimated by uncontrolled rage. It's no wonder all of the world's great religions have something to say about it. To name a few, the Buddha said, "You will not be punished for your anger, you will be punished by your anger." In the Koran we find, "He is not strong and powerful who throws people down, but he is strong who withholds himself from anger." And in Christian scripture Jesus instructs, "If someone strikes you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also." You get the idea.

I like the motto Mahatma Gandhi hung on his wall at Sevagram: "When you are in the right, You can afford to keep your temper; When you are in the wrong, You can't afford to lose it."

I'm sure I could never say it better.

*- Steve Goodier*

## Standing Up for Injustice

The sermon on August 28th entitled "Injustice" challenged us to do something to fight injustice. Postcards were passed out, and we were asked to write to our legislators about issues that we feel passionately about. Rev. David paid the postage and mailed 27 postcards. The issues addressed in your writings were:

- Senior care
- Stop prejudice of specific countries for political gain
- Tolerance
- Panhandling
- Human trafficking
- Homeless & hungry children
- Dream Act
- Safety, well being of school children

- Undocumented residents
- People with disabilities
- Tax on food & public transportation
- Eliminate Bush tax cuts
- Immigration
- Balance budget without ending social service

The postcards were sent to Senators Hatch and Lee, Congressman Matheson, Karen Morgan and Lavar Christensen.

Thanks to all of you who stood up for injustice and let your representatives in government know what's important to you!



## Interested in Membership?

Are you interested in learning more about what it means to be a United Methodist? Or do you want to know more about programs and opportunities to become more involved at Hilltop? If so, then plan on attending the Orientation Class scheduled for Sunday, September 18th at 12:30 in the Wesley Room. We will get to know each other over a light lunch and

then begin an exploration of the beliefs of the church and how John Wesley unintentionally started a new church in America. If you are interested in membership, you are encouraged to attend. Childcare is available if you inform the office that you need it. Please let the office know if you will attend.



**Sunday**  
**Sept 18th**  
**12:30 p.m.**

# UM Youth Activities

**September 11**

## **YOUTH GROUP KICK-OFF COOK OUT**

4:30pm Hilltop House lawn

All 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders and their families are invited to our first event of the school year. Meat and drinks will be provided, bring a dessert or side dish to share. We will have a parent's meeting to review changes in our program, and games and activities to get acquainted. If you have not tried youth group before (or it has been awhile), please join us and see all the great things we have planned for this year.

**September 18**

Junior High and Senior High: Make new youth group t shirts and the world's largest ice cream sundae. Bring a white or plain colored t-shirt and one can of spray paint.

**September 25**

Combined Jr and Sr High: Mini golf at Mulligans. Meet there at 4:30pm. Bring money \$5.50 for golf and extra if you want snacks.

**September 27**

## **YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING**

7pm in Junior High room. All youth officers should attend. Any other youth and parents interested in being involved in planning our fall activities are welcome to attend.

If you are not getting email/Facebook reminders and updates about youth group activities, please email Susan at [sdunlap28@hotmail.com](mailto:sdunlap28@hotmail.com) to be added.



## **YOUTH DIRECTOR UPDATE**

As of late August, we have had \$5500. contributed to the match to fund the Part Time Youth Director position. Thank you to all who have donated. Our goal is to raise \$6400 which will insure the position is funded for two years. Contributions can be made to Hilltop UMC with "Youth Director" in the memo line.

## **UNITED METHODIST**



The Hilltop United Methodist Men invite all men to join us

for food and fellowship every week at our Wednesday morning breakfast. We meet at 8:00 am at Britton's Restaurant in Union Square (700 East and 9400 South).



## SARAH CIRCLE

9:00 a.m. Monday September 12th

Sarah Circle is open to all women of Hilltop and their friends. We meet at 9:00 am on the second Monday of every month for food, fellowship, service, and spiritual growth. Childcare is available, just let us know you'll need it ahead of time!

We are so excited for our upcoming year! Our kick-off meeting is at 9:00 am on Monday, September 12th in the Fellowship Hall. Join us for breakfast provided by your co-chairs Leigh Anne Duff and Mary Beal and get to know the ladies of Sarah Circle.

We have a wonderful program outlined for the 2011-12 season: *Nurturing from the Inside Out*. In October we'll begin the program with *Nurturing Our Souls* where we'll learn about how to center our minds in God through prayer and meditation.

The program continues in November with *Nurturing Ourselves* where we'll learn the importance of "putting on our own oxygen mask before assisting others." Our traditional Christmas Party and Ornament Exchange with potluck breakfast happens in December.

Donna Henry will present in January on *Nurturing Our Families*, followed in February by *Nurturing Our Friendships*. Special surprise in March! Linda Hilton of Crossroads will speak on April 16th about *Nurturing Our Community*. And we finish our program year in May with *Nurturing Our World* led by Mary Kavila.

If you want to be on the Sarah Circle E-mail list, please e-mail your request to [leighanne.duff@comcast.net](mailto:leighanne.duff@comcast.net). See you on the 12th!

# United Methodist Women



Friday  
Sept 23<sup>rd</sup>  
9-8pm

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The UMW Fall-Winter Children's & Maternity Sale happens again on September 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>. We still need volunteers in several areas. You can sign up on the church's website. Click on the activities link and go down to the third link. On the left under bookmarks, click on the link that says "Sign up to be a volunteer" or see Meredith, Anne, or Jo in the Fellowship Hall following worship.

Saturday,  
Sept 24<sup>th</sup>  
8-2pm

## DONATIONS

If you have items that you do not wish to sell yourself, the items may be donated to UMW. We will tag them and prepare them for the sale. UMW will receive 100% of the sale price for its mission work. Please call Connee at 942-7675 if you wish to donate items to the sale. Thanks!



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## Sunday Worship Services



8:15, 9:30, 11 am  
Sunday School (all ages)  
at 9:30 am


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denied to persons of color. Racism breeds racial discrimination. We define racial discrimination as the disparate treatment and lack of full access to resources and opportunities in the church and in society based on race or ethnicity. Therefore, we recognize racism as sin and affirm the ultimate and temporal worth of all persons. We rejoice in the gifts that particular ethnic histories and cultures bring to our total life. We commend and encourage the self-awareness of all racial and ethnic groups and oppressed people that leads them to demand their just and equal rights as members of society. We assert the obligation of society and groups within the society to implement compensatory programs that redress long-standing, systemic social deprivation of racial and ethnic people. We further assert the right of members of racial and ethnic groups to equal opportunities in employment and promotion; to education and training of the highest quality; to nondiscrimination in voting, in access to public accommodations, and in housing purchase or rental; to credit, financial loans, venture capital, and insurance policies; and to positions of leadership and power in all elements of our life together. We support affirmative action as one method of addressing the inequalities and discriminatory practices within our Church and society.

THIS MONTH'S CALANDER OCTOBER 2011		HARVEST ASSEMBLY 61 CURLEW DRIVE NORTH YORK ON M3A 2P8 WEB SITE: www.harvestassembly.ca PHONE: PASTORS: LEAD- DALE SANGER ASSISTANT- JAGDISH LUCHUN EMAIL:				
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<i>Coming Wednesday Nights in November</i> <b>BUILDING BLOCKS—EXPLORING FAITH</b> <i>Come and grow through discussion &amp; teaching</i>						<b>1</b>  Harvest News Leaders Meeting 10—Noon
<b>2</b>  Communion Sunday	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>  <b>C.P.M.C</b> <b>@7:00 pm</b>	<b>5</b>  Prayer @6:30 Life Development Plan: Week 3	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>  Men's Ministry Breakfast @ 9
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Thanksgiving Day 	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>  Prayer @6:30 Life Development Plan: Week 4	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> <b>EZRA Canada</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>  <b>Church Board</b> <b>Meeting @</b> <b>6:30</b>	<b>19</b>  Prayer @6:30 Life Development Plan: Week 5	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> 	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>  1 –3 PM	<b>26</b>  Prayer @6:30 Life Development Plan: Week 6	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>  Harvest's Cell Groups 7:00 PM @ Bebung's home
<b>30</b> <b>POT LUCK</b> <b>after</b> <b>church</b> <b>Team 2</b>	<b>31</b>	Thought of the Month  <b>Christianity without discipleship is always Christianity without Christ.</b> Dietrich Bonhoeffer (1906–1945) -German Lutheran Pastor, theologian and martyr.				

<b>MINISTRIES:</b> Activities held as per calendar entries. Details at Welcome Desk.	 Women's Ministry Group fellowship	 Visitation ministry To sick & elderly	 Ages 5-10 Dismissed during Sunday service	 Home groups for teaching & fellowship
	 Men's Ministry Group fellowship	 Senior's Ministry Ages 50+	 High School Youth	

 <b>NEWS AND EVENTS THAT HELP US FULFILL OUR PURPOSE:</b> Knowing God      Loving Others      Reaching Out			
 Oct 8 <b>EZRA Canada</b> Oct 16  Oct 23	Breakfast @ 9:00 at Church followed with a time of informal discussion. FRIENDS WELCOME. Come at 8:30 if you can help with cooking. Hear of the soon return of Jesus from a Jewish perspective. Great opportunity to invite friends to our Sunday morning service. Details at www.ezracanada.org. All are welcome join in with this ministry to bless the sick and elderly. Usually it involves lunch & fellowship on the 3rd Sunday of the month after church. For details, speak to Bebung or check for details at the Welcome Desk. <b>You are welcome to join in whenever you can.</b>	 Life Development Plan: Wednesdays @ 7:00 PM Great discussions lead to lots of questions. Week 3 Topic: Relationships with People Week 4 Topic: \$\$ Financial Life \$\$ Week 5 Topic: Physical Life Week 6 Topic: Work Life –Time Management Oct 25 Come for prayer, fellowship. Friends always Welcome. Talk to John & Georgia for details.  <b>Home Cell Groups</b> . Details & directions at Welcome Desk.. To hold a Cell at your home (Saturdays preferred) on a short term or on a longer basis, contact Pastor Jagdish.	



## GO and MAKE

Invite someone to church. Hand a person a tract. Ask someone to come to a gospel concert put on by your church.

All these things and many more are nice but are they effective in bringing a person into relationship with Christ? The short answer to this question is YES and NO!

Yes they are effective in HELPING to bring a person into relationship with Christ because they break the ice and offer opportunity for you to build a relationship with the person.

### Are YOU a Squanderer?

However if your efforts stop at just inviting them to church (or an event) then you are squandering the opportunity and you may as well just save your breath if you have no intention of going further in a relationship with them.

### YOU must be this and..

This relationship can be described in one word DISCIPLESHIP. We are called to BE disciples and to MAKE disciples. In fact in Matthew 28:19, Jesus says we are to "GO & MAKE Disciples".

### How LONG will it take?

This does not mean a 12 month program then you go onto your next 'target for Christ' but it is a lifetime commitment to that person. Initially it may mean you are investing a lot of time into them, but over time their need for you will become less and less, but you will still be their spiritual parent.

### Sorry, but that excuse doesn't cut it.

You may think that you do not have enough experience or knowledge about the things of God, but that is not the point, nor is it an excuse that is valid. As you grow, you help your friend grow, and they help their friend grow. Think of it in terms of the pyramid of Champagne glasses, that the waiter pours liquid only into the top most glass, but all eventually become full. It is imperative to our Christian growth that we plug into each other. So, Let us **GO and MAKE** disciples.

Pastor Dale



All welcome to Pre Service  
Prayer @ 10:30 a.m. in Library

- Pray for those known to us who are unwell
- Pray for those needing employment
- Pray for Harvest's needs
- Pray for Ministries at Harvest
- Pray for the Missionaries we support: Brian Clark and Melissa Morrissey

## Discipleship Tips!

Pray for the person.

Build a relationship.

Be genuinely interested in the them.

Answer their questions first, then share the material that you have planned for your time together.

Answer questions, by focussing first on what God would say, instead of your ideas, or ideas from a book.

Don't use the lecture style of teaching, but rather ask questions about what the Bible says about what's being discussed.

You must be WILLING to spend effective time with the person so that they will grow in their walk with God.



## Church Picnic& Baptismal Service



***A great public witness of obedience to the Lord.***



### ***Time Saving Tips***

#### ***For Your Christian Walk***

**Pray, and let God worry -- Martin Luther**

**You need to make a decision to order your life, and stop letting your life order you - Joyce Meyer**

#### ***For Personal Care***

**Hang wrinkled clothes from the shower rod before bed. Spray mist them with warm water. Wrinkles will be gone in the morning.**

#### **For More Time Management ideas**

**Come out to Week 6 of the Life Development Series - Wednesday Night @ 7:00**

### **Tithes & Offerings: Financial Statement for August 2011**

Monthly

Calendar Year to Date 2011

**Budget**

**Actual**

**Difference**

**Budget**

**Actual**

**Difference**

General Giving  
Curlew Fund  
Missions

Average August Attendance:

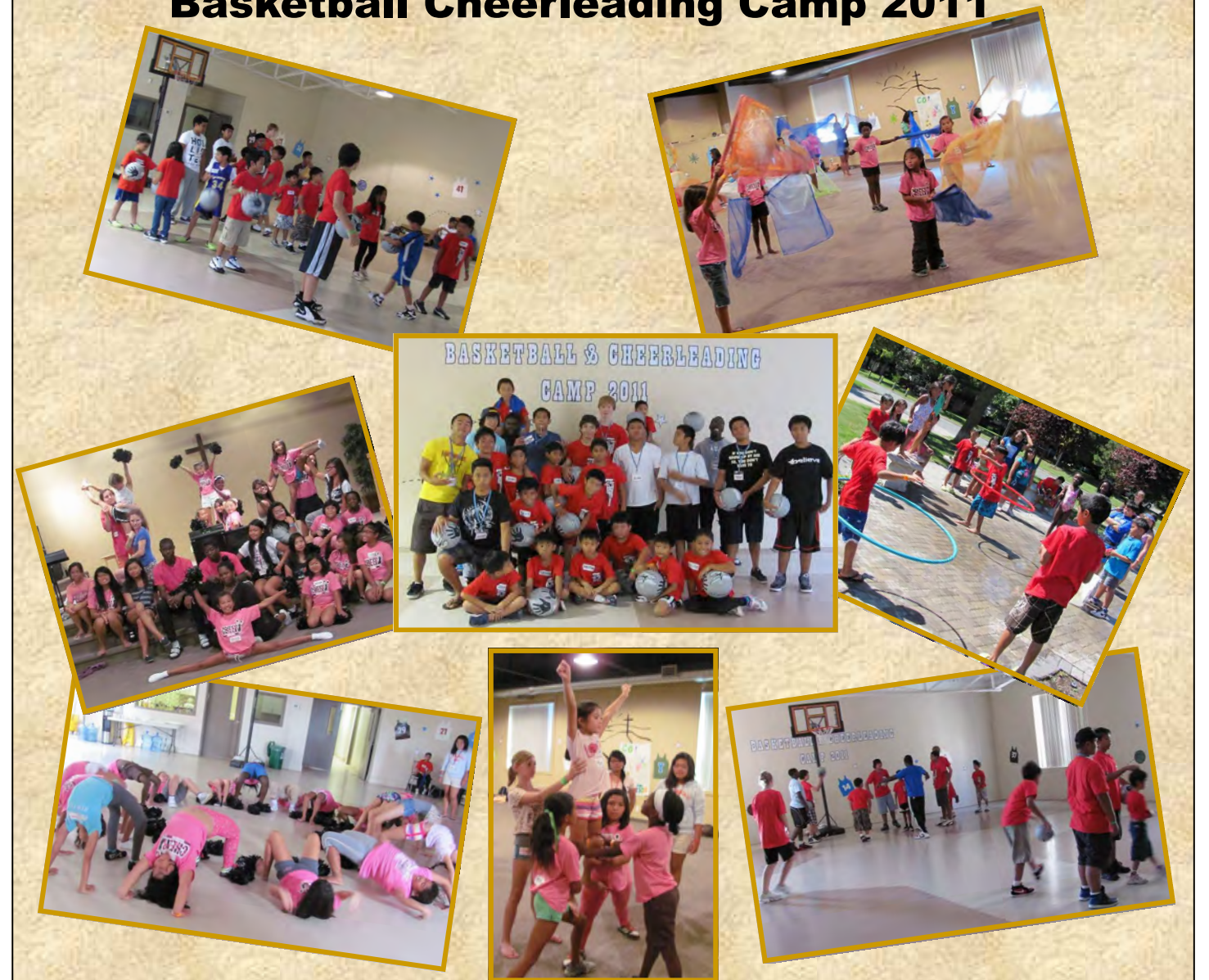
2011 YTD Average Attendance:

#### **Quote**

**"You make a living by what you get, you make a life by what you give."**

Winston Churchill

## Basketball Cheerleading Camp 2011



## Livingstone Visitation Blessings



***To join with this group either occasionally or regularly, speak to Bebung.  
Or check at Welcome Desk for details.***





# *Greene Memorial United Methodist Church*

[www.gmumc.org](http://www.gmumc.org)

## Newsletter

September 22, 2011

### Greene Memorial Receives a Major Bequest from the John and Evelyn Goodwin Estate

Earlier this summer, the trustees of Greene Memorial received word that John and Evelyn Goodwin had left half of their estate to Greene Memorial. The bequest is an extraordinarily kind and generous gift and represents yet one more example of the couples' thoughtfulness and concern for the well-being of the Roanoke community.

John and Evelyn were members of Greene Memorial for many years. John was a successful businessman and Evelyn served as a dedicated middle school teacher. Both had wonderful hearts and both had a deep concern for children and the disadvantaged.

The Goodwin estate, valued between \$650,000-\$700,000, will be divided among Greene Memorial, the Rescue Mission, and the Salvation Army.

As you can imagine, the Goodwin bequest will be of tremendous help in assisting the church to complete its renovation, but more than that, the gift will help open up a new era of ministry to downtown Roanoke and the greater Roanoke community.

The church is extremely grateful for the Goodwin's generosity, their faith, and their love for the community.

*Gary*

A

**STEPHEN MINISTRY**



**Congregation**

Corner of Second Street and Church Avenue, S.W. ♦ Roanoke, Virginia 24011

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Sunday, September 25

9:00a Worship  
9:50a Sunday School  
10:30a Refreshment Time, Welcome Center  
11:00a Worship

### Monday, September 26

10:30a Prayer Group, Conference Rm.  
5:45p Zumba, Social Hall  
6:00p Chefs Who Care Dinner  
7:30p Stephen Ministries, Chapel  
7:30p Facilities Management, Conference Rm.

### Tuesday, September 27

9:30a Yoga  
10:00a For Fun Instruments  
12:00p Men's Lunch, The Roanoker Restaurant

### Wednesday, September 28

12:05p Wednesday Noonday Service & Lunch  
5:30p Wednesdays at Greene

### Thursday, September 29

12:30p Yoga  
5:45p Zumba, Social Hall  
7:30p Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### Friday, September 30

1:00p Knitting Guild, Conference Room

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS *continued*

### Sunday, October 2

9:00a Worship  
9:50a Sunday School  
10:30a Refreshment Time, Welcome Center  
11:00a Worship  
4:00p Blessing of the Animals

### Monday, October 3

10:30a Prayer Group  
5:45p Zumba, Social Hall

### Tuesday, October 4

9:30a Yoga  
10:00a For Fun Instruments  
12:00p Men's Lunch, The Roanoker Restaurant

### Wednesday, October 5

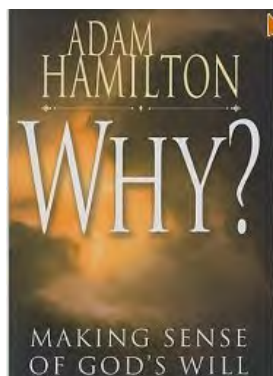
12:05p Noonday Service & Lunch  
5:30p Wednesday at Greene

### Thursday, October 6

12:30p Yoga  
5:45p Zumba, Social Hall  
7:30p Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### Friday, October 7

9:00a United Methodist Home Bazaar  
1:00p Knitting Guild, Conference Room



### Study of Adam Hamilton's Book Begins October 5

Our current Wednesday night study, "When You Pray," concludes on September 28.

Our new study **WHY?"**

**Making Sense of God's Will** by Adam Hamilton, will begin on October 5 and will go through

October 26. Class will be led by Gary Robbins.

Please consider joining us for Wednesdays at Greene. Dinner is served at 5:30 for cost of \$6.00; Reservations for dinner are requested.

Class participants will receive a copy of the book, so please let us know if you will attend the class.

Contact: Debbie Brown [DebbieB@gmumc.org](mailto:DebbieB@gmumc.org)

## Church-wide Prayer Breakfast

Saturday, October 15, 2011

8:00am Social Hall



**Guest Speaker: Dr. N.L. Bishop,**  
**newly installed President,**  
**Jefferson College of Health Sciences**

Breakfast coordinated by Larry Lance  
You can eat and be ready to head out to the game by 10am.

Reservations are needed no later than October 7.

Call the church office, 344-6225.



"How to Lose Weight without Losing Your Mind" (or your health)  
The Psychology of "The Pleasure Trap"  
and how to escape it  
**presented by Rick Seidel, PhD, LCP,**  
Carilion Clinic

Have you tried losing weight and failed to take it off or keep it off?

Are you confused by all the diets, supplements, exercise programs, and other products that promise fitness and health?

Do you wonder if the high protein, low carb craze is for real?

Come to our **Lunch and Learn** on Thursday, October 13 from 12:00 to 1:00 in Lockett Hall. Lunch is \$6 and reservations may be made by contacting

Debbie Brown, 344-6225

DebbieB@gmumc.org

no later than Wednesday morning, October 12.



by Gary Robbins.

## BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Sunday, October 2, 2011  
4:00pm

Join Pastor Gary Robbins for a time of celebration and blessing of your pets!!!!

Bring your dog, cat, hamster, bird and other pets to receive a special blessing



## Board of Zoning Appeals Approves Lot for Church Parking

On Tuesday afternoon, September 13, the Roanoke City Board of Zoning Appeals approved Greene Memorial's request for a zoning exemption for the church property at the southeast corner of 2nd Street and Luck Avenue. The property, which had previously served as the home for the Downtown Learning Center, had originally been zoned for business. The exemption clears one more hurdle for the development of the property for much needed parking for the church.

A word of thanks to all the church members who attended the Board meeting and communicated their support for the project.

## You Are Invited

The United Methodist Home 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Bazaar is Friday, October 7, from 9 AM to 2 PM

Gold and silver buyer for your old, unwanted jewelry, flatware, etc. Antiques, collectibles, books, furniture, crafts, bake sale, silent auction table, etc.

Luncheon from 11:30 till 1 PM, reservations required, \$8 per person. Call 767-6800.

Sponsored by The Hermitage Guild to benefit the Roanoke United Methodist Home, 1009 Old Country Club Road.

## Meetings coming up . . .

Stephen Ministries: Monday, September 26, 7:30 pm (note time!) in the Chapel

Facilities Management Team: Monday, September 26, 7:30pm (note time!) in the Conference Room.





## Wednesday Noonday Services

### **September 28**

Speaker: B. Failes  
*Senior Pastor, Thrasher Memorial  
 United Methodist Church*

Ushers: Sue Grubbs and Meg Brewer  
 Lunch menu: Potato Soup, Sliced Meats, Cheeses, Breads, Waldorf Salad, and Molasses Cookies.

### **October 5**

Speaker: Bryan Lawrence  
*Pastor, Cave Rock Baptist Church*

Ushers: Rose Marie Dudley and Ruth Stevens  
 Lunch menu: Pork Barbeque on Bun, Pimento Cheese, Bread, Potato Salad, Cole Slaw, Fresh Fruit, and Ice Cream

## New Members Received

Jon, Vicky and Jonathan Halferty were received during the 9:00 service this past Sunday.

Jon was born in New Jersey and moved to the Outer Banks in the early 90's, then to Roanoke in 2002 to be near family. Jon enjoys restoring cars and is presently working on a Volkswagen. He also likes glassblowing and antiquing. He is maintenance director at Pheasant Ridge.

Vicky is a special education teacher at Roanoke County H. L. Horn Elementary. She graduated from Northside High School here in Roanoke and Greensboro College. She, too, likes antiquing and traveling.

Jonathan Halferty was born in 2001 and baptized at Sharon United Methodist Church in Point Harbor, North Carolina. He has been added to our Baptized Membership Roll (former Preparatory Roll).

## Artwork Adds Beauty and Color

Works of art have been added to the hallways and Welcome Center. Our appreciation goes to Arlene Whalen, Shirley Johnson, Connie Neighbors, and Betty Low for loaning the beautiful pictures.

Newest check total shows decline in participation!

## KROGER CARES FUNDRAISING PROGRAM *To Benefit Greene Memorial*

**A successful fundraising program right where you love to shop!**

The newest Kroger Cares Card Holder is Kay Smith.

Greene Memorial has received the fourth check which totaled \$447.37. This figure is down from our previous checks. To date we have received \$2,279.70 in this fundraiser. Please keep using your Kroger Cares Card for groceries, prescriptions, and gasoline.



## *Sacred Arts Weekend*

**NOVEMBER 4-6, 2011  
 Greene Memorial UMC**

**Led by:  
 Rev. Karla Kincannon,  
 Former Chaplain, Shenandoah  
 University**

**"Letting the Soul Speak" Using art as an avenue for exploring spirituality and giving voice to one's convictions.**

**Friday, November 4: 6:00 to 8:00pm**

**"Finding the Place of Your Own Resurrection"**

*Evening includes a 30-minute key note address with one "easy" exercise to introduce creative expression as a means of experiencing God. Includes dinner.*

**Saturday, November 5: 9:00am to 3:00pm**  
**"Wrestling with Angels"**

*A day of creativity, small group sharing, exploring the spiritual life and looking for the blessing in our relationship with God and one another. Includes lunch.*

**Sunday, November 6:  
 9:00am and 11:00am Worship Services  
 "Let Your Light Shine"**

**Cost of the event: \$50.00**

**Registration is required,  
 please call: 344-6225**



## Interfaith Hospitality Network

Another week of IHN has been completed and it was a good one! A family of four who had been in the program for five months, have found full-time work and housing and are now living in their own apartment as of September 1. One of the boys is in school and the other in a quality day-care. This is one of many success stories that proves the worth of this program.



It takes a lot of people to help Interfaith Hospitality Network work. Volunteers are an essential ingredient. We team with St. John Lutheran Church for one week four or five times a year to provide food and shelter for these homeless families. Our volunteers cook dinner, act as evening hosts and spend the night.

We are grateful to all from Greene Memorial who give their time to IHN. It was so nice to welcome Mary Elizabeth Townley, Gary Morris, and Tom Worley as first-time volunteers. Others who helped were Mary Ann Hastings, Joe Ann Sprigings, Larry Lance, Cam Gross, Lois Steed, Eddie Barnes, Shirley Vaughan, Laura and Bob Norfleet, Sharon Bottomley, Joann Peake, Bonnie and Roger Matthews, Carol Worley, Sue Grubbs, Shirley and Johnny Johnson, Barbara Neal, Pat Quillen,

Look in the "Sign-up Notebook" in mid-October for the next sign-up sheet. Our week begins the 6th of November.

**Roanoke District Conference**  
**Cave Spring United Methodist Church**  
**4505 Hazel Drive, Roanoke, VA 24018**  
**Sunday, October 9, 2011 at 3:00 p.m.**  
**Preacher: Dr. Stephen C. Hundley**

Who should attend?

- All ordained and commissioned clergy, licensed local pastors, lay supply pastors, certified lay ministers, diaconal ministers, deaconesses and home missionaries related to the district.
- Local Church Officers: Lay leaders, chairpersons of Church Council (or equivalent body: Administrative Council, Administrative Board and Council on Ministries), church school superintendents, presidents of United Methodist Women, presidents of the chartered United Methodist Men, district stewards, three members at large, one of whom shall be a youth, lay members to Annual Conference from each charge.

## APPALACHIAN WEEKEND AT LAKE JUNALUSKA

For many years the church has taken a bus to hear the Lake Junaluska Singers the second weekend in December. This year the event is **December 9 – 11**. The cost for 2 nights lodging, 5 meals, and tickets to the Friday and Saturday evening concerts is **\$187.20 (including tax) per person**, double occupancy. The bus leaves about 8 am Friday morning and returns about 4 pm Sunday afternoon.

There is room for 2 more on the bus. Reservations need to be made immediately to get a room in Lambuth Inn. Please call or e-mail Ann Seddon at 774-3873 or [anseddon@cox.net](mailto:anseddon@cox.net)

## MISSION TEAM NEWS:

### HIGHLAND PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEEDS:

- Highland Park School is having a Walk-a-thon on October 7 in the park to raise money for the school. We are asked to supply bottled water for the children for this event. Donations may be placed in the container near the Welcome Desk by October 4<sup>th</sup>. Our members are invited to walk with the children or observe the fun.
- Volunteers to tutor, help in the classroom, etc. are needed at Highland Park again this year. The school will have a Volunteer Orientation on Wednesday, October 5 at 9 am in the cafeteria. Those who have helped in the past and new volunteers can contact Debbie Brown or Ann Seddon for more information.

### BLOOD DRIVE ON HALLOWEEN:

The school will sponsor a blood drive on October 31 in the gym. The Congregations In Action members are helping with this event. If you give blood regularly or have ever considered doing so, this is a good opportunity to support both the school and the American Red Cross Blood Bank.



# A glance at a week in the life of our Greene Memorial Church family . . .



**Ann Seddon, Bob Norfleet and Johnny Johnson painting the back of the steps.**



**Doris and Gill Lewis relax during Refreshment Time on Sunday.**



**Members enjoying church picnic last Sunday afternoon at the Roanoke United Methodist Home.**



**Dedication of Persinger Room during Sunday School time last Sunday.**



**Acolytes and crucifers pose following a training session last Sunday morning.**



## Did You Know. . .

. . . that a bulletin was brought back from the August 21 worship service at Spruce Pine United Methodist Church, Spruce Pine, North Carolina, by Ginna Powell.

*. . . that the Edith Long Schisler Circle will prepare lunch at RAM House on Saturday, September 24, beginning at 9:00am.*

## On Sunday mornings

please be considerate and leave the parking spaces on Second Street in front of the church and on Church Avenue beside the church for persons who are unable to walk longer distances.



### September

- 25 Glenn Buchanan
- Jean Hallett
- Bren Amos
- Claire Gross
- 27 David Kendrick, Jr.
- 28 Laura Hutchison
- 30 Dewey Robertson
- Earl Robertson
- Richard Cummins
- Maureen Watkins
- Barbara Devlin
- Catherine Jessee

### October

- 1 Betty Ann Surbaugh
- 2 Mary Ellen Smith
- Scott Hutchison
- 5 Shirley Surratt
- Joseph Robertson
- 6 Gerry LoMascolo
- Christie May
- 7 David Dreher
- 8 Dot Donat

October 9-22 birthdays will be listed in the next Newsletter.

## Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 25, 2011

### Assignments

#### Ushers :

**9:00**—Larry and Donna Musselwhite

**11:00**—Vince Reynolds, Sean and Helen Cooper, Mindy Barnett and Mike Neal

**Crucifer:** Tom Dreher

**Acolytes:** Charlie Lemon, Cody Amos

#### Greeters:

**9:00**—Steve and Linda Bailey

**11:00**—Ken and Barbara Thomas

**Videographer:** Mike Neal

**Refreshments:** Mollie Snedegar and Kay Jester

**Bread Baker:** Ann Seddon

**Bus Driver:** Chris Bohannon

**Car Transportation:** Howard Swank

## Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost October 2, 2011

### Assignments

#### Ushers:

**9:00**—Larry and Donna Musselwhite

**11:00**—Johnny Johnson, Howard Swank, Connie Carter, Bob Norfleet, Bill Magee

**Greeters:** 9:00—Chris and Betsy Bohannon

11:00—Mary Elizabeth Townley & Garry Morris

#### Assisting with communion:

**9:00:** Gary Johnson

**11:00:** Arthur Grant, Bernard Via

#### Communion Stewards:

**9:00:** Chris and Betsy Bohannon

**11:00:** John and Connie Neighbors

**Videographer:** TBA

**Refreshments:** Ken and Barbara Thomas

**Bread Ministry:** Laura Norfleet

**Bus Driver:** Kurt Stockstill

**Car Transportation:** John Shumate

## Newsletter Schedule

Newsletters will be mailed on the following dates (deadline for articles in parenthesis):

October 6 (deadline: October 4)

October 20 (deadline: October 18)

November 3 (deadline November 1)

November 17 (deadline November 15)

December 1 (deadline November 29)

December 15 (deadline December 13)

December 29 (deadline December 27)

**Church Mouse Sez:** *"The butcher backed up into the meat grinder and got a little behind in his work."*

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**The chapel is open for prayer and  
meditation during office hours.**

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## **YOGA CLASSES**

You can begin to experience the many benefits of yoga in this introductory class. Hatha yoga consists of postures, conscious breathing practices, deep relaxation and meditation. You will increase your flexibility, balance and create greater strength in your core, as well as overall musculature and bones. Yoga will also help you to access a centered, peaceful place in your mind and heart; thereby, inspiring you to align with spirit.

**Introductory Class Series: 6 weeks for \$60.00**

**12:30pm-1:30pm Thursdays beginning September 15th; Instructor: Colleen Carrell**

**9:30am to 10:45am Tuesdays beginning September 20th; Instructor: Irene Malachowsky**

***If you have an interest in an evening class, let Debbie Brown know:***

***DebbieB@gmumc.org***



***Colleen Carrell, R.Y.T. is a certified and registered yoga teacher with the Yoga Alliance, as well as a life coach. She has taught yoga for over 9 years with an emphasis on integrating body, mind and spirit in a relaxing, meditative environment.***

***Irene Malachowsky, is a registered Nurse and Yoga Teacher with advanced training in Cardiac Yoga and Stress management. She is a member of the Yoga Alliance and the Integral Yoga Teachers Associations and has been practicing yoga for over 25 years***



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**SUNDAY WORSHIP: 9:00 A.M. - A Service of Word, Prayer & Holy Communion; 11:00 A.M. - Traditional Worship**

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# Greene Memorial United Methodist Church

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## Newsletter

September 8, 2011

GARY L. ROBBINS  
*Pastor*

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*Organist, Director of Music  
& Fine Arts*

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*Director, Program Ministries*

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EDITH LONG SCHISLER  
*Missionary Emerita*

STEPHEN C. HUNDLEY  
*District Superintendent*

CHARLENE P. KAMMERER  
*Resident Bishop*

### Our Doors Are Open...Again

Ten years ago, people sat in disbelief in their offices in downtown Roanoke and watched or listened as reports from the attacks of 9-11 were broadcast over radio, television, and the Internet. Soon, the phone lines at Greene Memorial began to ring as lawyers, engineers, and office workers called to see if our sanctuary was open for prayer. The doors of the sanctuary were opened and streams of people, looking for a place of comfort and hope, began pouring through the doors.

Mike Lyle, the pastor at that time, asked Bonnie, our church secretary, to print up verses from Psalm 27 to give those streaming into the sanctuary. She printed and reprinted and reprinted again those verses as people came through our doors looking for solace.

In a time of tragedy, people who lived and worked downtown turned to Greene Memorial to provide sanctuary for them in the midst of their shock and disbelief.

This Sunday, September 11, we will again open our doors to provide hope and comfort on the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of 9-11. We have made provision to close off the street in front of the church from 9:00 to 10:00 as people gather for the combined worship service. At 10:00 a bagpiper will lead the honor guard during the opening processional. We will light candles and remember—remember those who lost their lives and remember the courage and self-sacrifice of the first-responders. Mayor Bowers will be here to thank our local police and fire and rescue departments for their ongoing service to the community and we will close the service with the ringing of a bell of hope.

I hope that you can join us for the informal gathering at 9:00 and the special 9-11 observance at 10:00 as we once again open our doors to support one another as we pause and remember.

*Gary*



**Congregation**

Corner of Second Street and Church Avenue, S.W. ♦ Roanoke, Virginia 24011



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Sunday, September 11

- 9:00a Gathering, in front of the church
- 9:50a Children's Sunday School
- 10:00a Special Worship Service

### Monday, September 12

- 10:30a Prayer Group
- 11:30a Sundae on a Monday
- 5:45p Zumba, Social Hall
- 6:00p Finance Committee, Conference Rm.

### Tuesday, September 13

- 9:00a District Minister's Meeting
- 10:00a For Fun Instruments
- 12:00p Men's Lunch, The Roanoker Restaurant
- 7:00p Planning & Administrative Council, Conference Rm.

### Wednesday, September 14

- 12:00p Edith Long Schisler Circle at 419 West Restaurant
- 12:05p Wednesday Noonday Service & Lunch
- 5:30p Wednesdays at Greene

### Thursday, September 15

- 11:30a Third Thursday Women's Luncheon
- 5:45p Zumba, Social Hall
- 7:30p Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### Friday, September 16

- 1:00p Knitting Guild, Conference Room

### Greene Memorial gratefully acknowledges the following gifts . . .

*in memory of Betty Jane Noftsinger by Stephanie Cummins.*

*in memory of Evelyn Goodwin by United Methodist Women.*

*in memory of Bennie Robbins by Sue Valentine.*

**Our sympathy** to Doris Lewis and her family in the death of her brother. Ronald Payne, formerly of Brevard, North Carolina, died August 26 in Orlando, Florida. Our sympathy also to Nancy Royer and family in the recent death of her daughter. A memorial service will take place in our sanctuary on Saturday, September 24 at 11:00 am.

### Meetings coming up . . .

Finance Committee: Monday, September 12, 6:00pm in the Conference Room.

Planning & Administrative Council: Tuesday, September 13, 7:00pm in the Conference Room.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS *continued*

### Sunday, September 18

- 9:00a Worship
- 9:50a Sunday School
- 10:30a Refreshment Time, Welcome Center
- 10:30a Dedication of Persinger Room
- 11:00a Worship
- 4:00p Welcome Back Picnic

### Monday, September 19

- 10:30a Prayer Group
- 5:45p Zumba, Social Hall

### Tuesday, September 20

- 10:00a For Fun Instruments
- 12:00p Men's Lunch, The Roanoker Restaurant

### Wednesday, September 21

- 12:05p Noonday Service & Lunch
- 5:30p Wednesday at Greene

### Thursday, September 22

- 5:45p Zumba, Social Hall
- 7:30p Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### Friday, September 23

- 1:00p Knitting Guild, Conference Room

### Saturday, September 24

- 9:00a Edith Long Schisler Circle Prepares Lunch at RAM

**The Edith Long Schisler Circle** of the United Methodist Women will meet on Wednesday, September 14, at 12 Noon at 419 West to hear speaker, Diane Smith talk about Social Action and Justice. All ladies of the church are welcome. Please call Arlene Whalen to reserve a spot, 977-1875.

## Free Sundae's Monday!



*Monday, September 12*  
*Greene Memorial UMC*

11:30—2:00

*Bring a friend!*

Come take a break and make your own ice cream sundae at Greene Memorial UMC. Come celebrate with our downtown neighbors as we walk through our new renovations and enjoy a sweet time in fellowship!

## A NEW LOOK

### For Sign-up Sheets

A new convenient way for volunteers to sign up to help with events. A notebook located on the table in the Welcome Center replaces the old method of sign-up sheets on the tripod or the bulletin board. It will be used for all our events requiring sign-ups, such as Interfaith Hospitality Network, Wednesday Noonday Meal preparation, among other activities.



Each event will have a separate section in the notebook. The table is located in the Welcome Center, under the TV monitor.

Look for it Sunday mornings!

### Additional Information on Mission Trip to Pulaski and Washington County

Many thanks to Larry Lance for making contacts and gathering the following information concerning work that is needed:

- The dates are Wednesday, September 28 through Saturday, October 1.
- There is plenty of work to be done for all levels of skill: some new construction, some renovations, some painting and roofing.
- Lodging is provided; we are responsible for our meals.
- We can go for the entire time; go for a day, or go a couple of days. This will determine our cost. Cost per person will not exceed \$100. Gasoline for the bus and food are our cost factors.



Please let Debbie Brown know by Monday, September 12 if you have an interest and plan to participate in this outreach events.

DebbieB@gmumc.org

## New Members Received

**Barbara White Bellows** was received during the eleven o'clock service on August 28. Barbara is an orthopedic nurse at Roanoke Memorial. She enjoys playing piano, reading, watching old movies, and music. She was born and raised in Logan, West Virginia, and lived in Charleston for a short time. She has two beautiful daughters, Joy and Kim. Please welcome Barbara into our church family, 4421 Holmes St., Roanoke 24016 (597-0454). A picture of Barbara will appear in a later Newsletter.



**Dorothy Scott Donat**, wife of **Rev. Ward L. Donat**, was received into membership during the eleven o'clock service this past Sunday. Dot is a retired high school teacher. She enjoys sports, exercise and short trips. She was born in Bedford, graduating from school there and later from Mary Washington in Fredericksburg.

**Ward Donat** is a retired United Methodist Minister. He enjoys fishing, golfing, hunting, gardening, and exercise. He was born in Oregon and grew up in Iowa. He graduated from Upper Iowa University and received his D Min from Duke. They have four daughters, Linn, Lesley, Elizabeth and Lynn. Please welcome them into our church family, 4922 Sunnyside Dr., Roanoke 24018 (774-0214).

You are invited to the  
**Bazaar and Luncheon**  
at the

**Roanoke United Methodist Home**

1009 Old Country Club Rd.

Friday, October 7, 9:00 am—2:00 pm

Luncheon 11:30 am—1:00 pm

Featuring:

Books, attic Treasures, Furniture,  
Antiques & Collectibles, Jewelry, Crafts,  
Decorations, plants, Snack Bar, Bake Sale, etc.

Luncheon Tickets: \$8; reservations required

Call the church office for tickets, 344-6225.



## Wednesday Noonday Services

### September 14

Speaker: Christopher Yopp,  
*Senior Pastor, First Christian*

Ushers: Rose Marie Dudley and Bobbie Ward  
Lunch menu: Lentil Soup, Tossed Salad, Crackers, Breads, and Banana Cake.

### September 21

Speaker: James Armentrout  
*Pastor, St. Mark's Lutheran*

Ushers: Ruth Stevens and Jean Rakes  
Lunch menu: Baked Spaghetti, Tossed Salad, French Bread with Herb Butter, and Chocolate Macaroon Bars.

## WEDNESDAY EVENING SMALL GROUP STUDIES

The Wednesday Evening program begins with a meal at 5:30pm for a cost of \$6.00 per person. Reservations are encouraged to assure there is food for everyone. The meal is served in our Social Hall.

The Small Group Study begins at 6:30pm in Lockett Hall. Small Group Studies and dates are:

### PRAYER: WHEN YOU PRAY

By: **Rueben P. Job and Sally D. Sharpe**

Led by: **Pastor Gary Robbins**

**September 7,14,21,28**

*A guide to help you develop a deeper prayer life. As a small group, you will be provided with prayer activity ideas, example sessions and more. Your individual prayer life will be enriched and strengthened.*

### WHY?

### MAKING SENSE OF GOD'S WILL

By: **Adam Hamilton**

Led by: **Pastor Gary Robbins**

**October 5,12,19,26**

*Why do the innocent suffer? Why do my prayers go unanswered? Why can't I see God's will for my life? Why God's love prevails? Group discussion of these questions and more in this four-week study.*

## **Lay Leaders and Lay Speakers:**

### **Fall 2011 Lay Servant Ministries**

(formerly Lay Speaking)

### **Training Event**

to be held at

Saint Mark's United Methodist Church in Daleville

Friday evening, September 30<sup>th</sup>

and Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>.

Your registration fee covers all materials, and a continental breakfast and lunch on Saturday. Scholarships are available.

The information, schedule and registration form can also be found on the district website

[www.roanokeumc.org](http://www.roanokeumc.org).

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From July 11 to August 15 the total reloads is \$8,947.49. Greene Memorial will receive a check for 5 percent of that total. This is down from the previous totals.

Please keep using your Kroger Cares Card for groceries, prescriptions, and gasoline. Just a few minutes of your time to load your card goes a long way in helping Greene Memorial Church pay cooling costs, salaries, and programming expenses. We are counting on your help!

## **Chefs Who Care: Dining for a Cause**

### ***Fight Hunger in the Community***

Monday, September 26

Our own Sam Newcomer is chef  
for the evening

To make a reservation look for our new "Sign-up Notebook" in the Welcome Center and mark your name on the appropriate page. Tickets: \$20 each  
Proceeds go to the Samaritan Inn



## REPORT FROM FACILITIES MANAGEMENT TEAM:

It has been a very busy summer for the Facilities Management Team. Some of our accomplishments were done by volunteers and some were contracted with outside contractors. Our thanks to the volunteers who worked many hours and saved the church a lot of money. They are:

Vince Reynolds	Bob Wright	Larry Lance
Kurt Stockstill	Debbie Brown	Christopher Brown
Gary Morris	Sandy Murray	Tom Worley
Mike Neal	Steve Bailey	Robin Reynolds
George Fischer	Bob Snead	Johnny Johnson
Carolyn Barnes	Ann Swank	Bill Pearman
Bob Norfleet	Stan Byrd	Ann Seddon
Tom Seddon	Claude Hylton	

The following are some of the accomplishments that were completed over the past several months:

- Installed hand towel dispensers and mirrors in the new bathrooms.
- Hung pictures in various places around the building.
- Transported stored items from the rented four spaces in the warehouse back to the church. We vacated three spaces and retained one space to store Christmas decorations, risers, and other items too large to store at the church.
- Assembled some of the new furniture.
- Removed one church pew located in the north alcove to make moving the harpiscord easier.
- Repaired several church pews and hymnal racks.
- Trimmed bushes at the parsonage.
- Planted and maintained summer plants around the church.
- Removed tree in front of church that was blocking the steeple spotlight.
- Hired a new cleaning company that comes five days a week and is doing a very good job.

The following jobs will be done by volunteers in the next several weeks. Let us know if you would like to help.

- Paint the outside red doors.
- Paint steps in Education Building.
- Install non-skid strips to the steps.

The following jobs were completed by outside contractors:

- Sanctuary ceiling cleaned and painted. Cost about \$5000.
- Sanctuary carpeting, including balcony and steps and some pews steam cleaned. Also blue, padded chairs. Cost \$471.00.
- Parking lot next to church repaired, sealed and striped. Cost about \$5000. Parking blocks ordered and will be installed by volunteers.
- Repaired door frame leading to flat roof of Education Building. Cost \$1800.
- Re-applied to city zoning commission for permit to pave and landscape gravel parking lot. Hired architect to make sketch of plan which is required with the application.

These projects would not be possible if it were not for the generous contributions of Greene Memorial's members. We are very careful in getting the best workmanship and prices in selecting the contractors that we hire. Most have an established track record with the church.

Facilities Management Team

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### *Get Fit at Greene Memorial!*

Zumba Classes Mondays and Thursdays at 5:45 in our Social Hall. All levels of dance and fitness are welcome. Please come early if you are new to class, wear comfortable clothing and sneakers, and bring water. Classes range in price and are open to the public. Try your first class **free!**



### Third Thursday Women's Luncheon Coming Next Week

We invite all our female members, visitors and friends to join in food and fellowship once a month at the Third Thursday Women's Luncheon. The next gathering takes place September 15 at 11:30am. We have the privilege of meeting



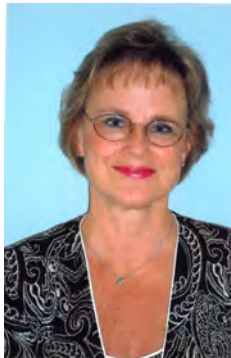
every month at the Hunting Hills Country Club, a comfortable and friendly setting with free parking, easy access, and inexpensive but excellent food. We hope all of you will want to be a part of this friendly group of women.

Reservations are needed by noon on Tuesday, September 13, so please call Bonnie Matthews, 776-6595, Marian Horne, 774-8867, or Meg Brewer, 774-2295, now to reserve your place. We will also be happy to provide a ride if needed. See you there!!

### The Glebe Hosts Deanne Vance Piano Recital

The Autumn edition of *"Music in the Mountains"* at The Glebe will feature Deanne Vance in a solo piano recital on Saturday, September 17 at 2 P.M. at The Glebe, an active retirement community in Daleville.

Deanne, a well-known Roanoke pianist who played at Greene Memorial Church in the 2009 - 2010 Fine Arts Concert Season, holds a Doctor of Musical Arts Degree in piano performance from the University of Michigan. She has also performed many years in The Glebe Recital Hall as piano soloist, as well as a member of "Carole Edwards and Friends," a popular piano ensemble group.



Deanne will play music by Bach, Mozart, Brahms, Rachmaninoff and Chopin.

This concert, followed by a gourmet reception, is a gift to the community by The Glebe so there is no admission fee. Those who wish may make a donation to the Christian Free Clinic in Botetourt. However, seating is limited so reservations are absolutely necessary. Please contact Carole Edwards at 540 - 591 - 2465 or e mail Carole at [JWCE13@LIVE.com](mailto:JWCE13@LIVE.com)



### WELCOME BACK PICNIC

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18**

#### ROANOKE UNITED METHODIST HOME

4:00 to 7:00pm (Dinner at 5:00)

Join us for our annual Welcome Back Picnic. This year, it will be at the Roanoke United Methodist Home. Chicken and the drinks are provided; bring a dish to share with everyone and a chair to sit in!!!

Our picnic is for all ages, for all members and all those who have been visiting our church. A time to sit back and enjoy good food and wonderful fellowship.

(The parking near the entrance should be used for handicap and individuals who should only walk a short distance.)



This picture of Pat and Willard Ware was taken at the August 11 reception the night before they left Roanoke. They moved to North Carolina to be near their daughter. They would love to hear from their Greene Memorial family. Send mail to 3925 Parkay Place, Charlotte, NC 28214.

## Did You Know. . .

. . . that in order to conserve electricity and air conditioning costs, Mechanical Maintenance advises all doors on unoccupied rooms should be kept closed.

. . . that the church bus will pick up members at the United Methodist Home at **9:35** this Sunday, September 11. There is only one worship service at 10:00am.

. . . that the Edith Long Schisler Circle will prepare lunch at RAM House on Saturday, September 24, beginning at 9:00am.

. . . that bulletins have been brought back from the August 21 evening service and the August 28 morning worship at Ashwood United Methodist Church in Bath County by Ruth Stevens.

. . . that children will be going to their new Sunday School classes this Sunday.



### September

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| 11 | Connie Carter<br>Ed Allen<br>John Woolwine, III<br>Patricia Schaal |
| 12 | Donna McKay  |
| 13 | Sandy Murray   |
| 14 | Bill Jester<br>Betsy Mercy   |
| 17 | Pam Brenner<br>Dreama Ramsey<br>Helen Cooper<br>Jo Ellen Archer    |
| 18 | Evelyn Frantz<br>Joe Ann Sprigings                                 |
| 19 | Gary Robbins<br>Curtis Clatterbaugh                                |
| 20 | Nancy Calvert  |
| 21 | Gary Johnson<br>Willie Clements<br>Susan Haynes                    |
| 23 | David Robertson  |
| 24 | Austin Amos  |

The remaining September birthdays will be listed in the September 22 Newsletter.

## Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 11, 2011

### Assignments

**Ushers 10:00:** Eddie and Carolyn Barnes, Mary Elizabeth Townley, Gary Morris, Mindy Barnett and Laura Stockstill

**Greeters:** Sandy Murray, Ruth Stevens, Bobbie Ward, Lucille Baird

**Crucifer:** Andrew Stockstill

**Acolytes:** Lee Murray and John Stockstill

**Videographer:** John Johnson

**Bus Driver:** Kurt Stockstill

**Car Transportation:** Bob Norfleet

## Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 18, 2011

### Assignments

#### Ushers:

**9:00**—Larry and Donna Musselwhite

**11:00**—Roger and Bonnie Matthews, Amy Dreher, Nancy Healy, Katie Haley, Kim Kincer

**Greeters:** 9:00—Chris and Betsy Bohannon  
11:00—Kay and Bill Jester

#### Assisting with communion:

**9:00:** Gary Johnson

#### Communion Stewards:

**9:00:** Chris and Betsy Bohannon

**Videographer:** John Shumate

**Refreshments:** Joey and Angela Neighbors

**Bread Ministry:** Carol Worley

**Bus Driver:** Larry Lance

**Car Transportation:** Bill Steed

## On Sunday mornings

please be considerate and leave the parking spaces on Second Street in front of the church and on Church Avenue beside the church for persons who are unable to walk longer distances.

## Newsletter Schedule

Newsletters will be mailed on the following dates (deadline for articles in parenthesis):

September 22 (deadline: September 20)

October 6 (deadline: October 4)

October 20 (deadline: October 18)

**Church Mouse Sez:** "If the police arrest a mime, do they tell him he has the right to remain silent?"



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## **YOGA CLASSES**

You can begin to experience the many benefits of yoga in this introductory class. Hatha yoga consists of postures, conscious breathing practices, deep relaxation and meditation. You will increase your flexibility, balance and create greater strength in your core, as well as overall musculature and bones. Yoga will also help you to access a centered, peaceful place in your mind and heart; thereby, inspiring you to align with spirit.

**Introductory Class Series: 6 weeks for \$60.00**

**12:30pm-1:30pm Thursdays beginning September 15th; Instructor: Colleen Carrell**

**9:30am to 10:45am Tuesdays beginning September 20th; Instructor: Irene Malachowsky**

***If you have an interest in an evening class, let Debbie Brown know:***

***DebbieB@gmumc.org***



***Colleen Carrell, R.Y.T. is a certified and registered yoga teacher with the Yoga Alliance, as well as a life coach. She has taught yoga for over 9 years with an emphasis on integrating body, mind and spirit in a relaxing, meditative environment.***

***Irene Malachowsky, is a registered Nurse and Yoga Teacher with advanced training in Cardiac Yoga and Stress management. She is a member of the Yoga Alliance and the Integral Yoga Teachers Associations and has been practicing yoga for over 25 years***



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**SUNDAY WORSHIP: 9:00 A.M. - A Service of Word, Prayer & Holy Communion; 11:00 A.M. - Traditional Worship**

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March 2011

# grace notes

The newsletter of Grace Lutheran Church



## *Hunger and Thirst*

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled."

Grace's Lenten Journey begins on Ash Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup> as we start our 40 day journey to the cross of Good Friday and the empty tomb of Easter.

We are hungry and thirsty people. We hunger and thirst for God. We seek and yearn for his love and forgiving ways in our world. We seek to be fed by a deep abiding sense of his presence, as we thirst for the refreshing Spirit to flow forth from our hearts into the lives around us.

Yet, as we begin on Ash Wednesday, March 9, we start with repentance, admitting that we often hunger and thirst after the wrong things. Ashes are marked on our foreheads and words are spoken: "Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return." It is the time we seek God's righteousness, forgiveness, and love.

Lent is a long journey. It is a 40 day period of spiritual investment. During this journey we set aside time for deeper moments of prayer, worship, fasting, acts of charity, scriptural meditation and Bible reading...all meant to help us step away from those things that hinder us in our spiritual journeys, as well as prepare us for the celebration of our Lord's Resurrection on Easter.

In order for us to reflect upon our "thirst" and "hunger", our weekend worship services will focus upon some of the early incidents of Jesus' ministry: his temptation in the wilderness, his encounter with various hungry and thirsty people - a religious leader, as well as a notorious Samaritan woman; a blind man, and a man so sick he had died. All of these stories are meant to help us look inwardly, to help us realize that our hunger and thirst in life can only be filled and quenched as we change and deepen the ways we follow Jesus.

In addition to weekend worship, a 7:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening Lenten Service will be offered. Using the Holden Village Vespers in our worship we will watch the powerful Nooma teaching videos that lead us to reflect how

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## March is HUNGER AWARENESS month at Grace

During the month of March at Grace, we pray that God will make each of us more **AWARE and RESPONSIVE** to those who are hungry in this world. Please join us in one or more of the opportunities listed below as we live out God's word ... "Share with God's people who are in need." Romans 12:13

### COLLECT COINS (and \$\$)

Place your (recently mailed to you) „Feed the World' collection box on your kitchen table, and contribute to it daily whenever you sit down to eat. During this Hunger Awareness month, you may choose to resist going out for dinner or coffee, and then donate this money to the hungry. Please return the filled coin boxes to Grace on March 26/27 as we'll bring our offerings to the altar.

### FILL A GROCERY BAG

You will receive an empty grocery bag as you leave worship on the first weekend of March.

Please fill the grocery bag with non-perishable food items and bring it to the church lobby by the end of March. This food will be given to those in need in our local community through various food shelves, including our own "May All Be Fed" food shelf at Grace.

### SUPPORT the 30 HOUR FAMINE

Prayerfully and financially support our Senior High youth as they participate in a 30 Hour Famine on March 25/26 at Grace, making us more **AWARE and RESPONSIVE** to those who hunger.

### PACK MEALS

Volunteer to pack meals at Feed My Starving Children. You will truly make a difference in the life of a starving child! Plan to serve with other Grace volunteers on one of these dates:

(Sign-up on line at [www.fmssc.org](http://www.fmssc.org) or call the church)

**Sat. March 26 11:30 am – 1:30 pm and 7 – 9 pm**

**Sat. April 2 11:30 am – 1:30 pm**

**Sat. April 30 9 – 11 am**

### GOD'S GLOBAL BARNYARD

The children of Grace will be collecting coins in "God's Global Barnyard" red barn boxes, raising funds to purchase chickens, lambs, pigs and even a cow. Please return the filled coin boxes the last week of March, and we'll find out how many animals we were able to purchase!

### GUEST SPEAKER

Ann Hill from Feed My Starving Children will speak to our congregation on March 26/27, helping us become more **AWARE and RESPONSIVE** to the needs of the hungry. We will have a Market Place in the lobby for you to purchase baskets and jewelry which supports outreach to the hungry.





## Stewardship & Men's Ministries

### I give up!

#### (It's not what you think...)

I give up...12 things actually. Well, it's technically 12 *categories* of things. My wife Cathy and I are doing a shopping fast during Lent for a bunch of reasons: spiritual-we always need to grow & combat our materialistic tendencies; practical-we have way too much stuff; and financial-we want to cut back and trim our spending. We got the idea from my friend Julie Bullock, who did a much more restricted six-month shopping fast a couple years ago and had this to say:

**"Why do a shopping fast? I came to appreciate three reasons: Discipline; Resourcefulness; and Opportunities for Generosity."** (for more on this, go to: <http://www.generouschurch.com/481>)

Back to the fast Cathy and I are doing. Here's what we „negotiated' together as the ONLY items we can buy: 1)fruits; 2)vegetables; 3)bread/bagels/pasta/rice; 4) meat/cheese/eggs; 5)mustard/ketchup/salsa; 6) breakfast bars; 7)basic cleaning supplies; 8)basic toiletries; 9)cat food/litter; 10)milk & half & half; 11) coffee; 12)gas & oil for cars. (okay, so we lumped some things together – hey, it's *our* fast!)

So that means no clothing; no buying coffee out; no beer or wine (can I say that in a church newsletter?); no new furniture; no movies out; no eating out; the list goes on. Sorry Sam's Club and Target and Kohl's and Caribou...we won't be frequenting you much in March and April.

But why do a fast? In addition to, or combined with what Julie had to say above? Probably the biggest reason is because it's a primary spiritual discipline and a great catalyst for intentional spiritual growth. Stuck in your faith walk? Fast. Confused about things? Fast. Can't sleep because you're worried about money? Fast. As Richard Foster says:

**"Superficiality is the curse of our age. The doctrine of instant gratification is a primary spiritual problem. The desperate need today is not for a greater number of intelligent people, or gifted people, but for deep people."** - from Celebration of Discipline: The Path to Spiritual Growth

And when the disciples had difficulty casting out a spirit, Jesus said:

**"So He said to them, "This kind can come out by nothing but prayer and fasting.""** (Mark 9:29)

And there are countless other references to fasting in the Bible. It's a good thing to do and one that will help you in your spiritual growth.

But there are other things you could do during Lent, as it's a great time to reflect; pause; dig deeper; and connect with the spirit of the Lenten season as you seek to draw closer to God. Here are a few: 1)Use the "Generosity" devotional by Gordon McDonald; 2)Read "Making Room For Life" by Randy Frazee and seek to slow down the pace of your life; 3)do your own shopping fast; 4) fast from something else that, for you, tends to get in the way of following God.

Most of all, be intentional, and take advantage of Lent – and our focus on hunger and thirst - for restoration and renewal. God wants us to spend more time with him and listen for his voice. He loves us beyond anything we can imagine. *I give up*. And so can you!

For His Kingdom, Pastor Chris





## Hunger and Thirst for Families

On March 9 we recognize Ash Wednesday. This service marks the beginning of the Lenten journey.

The way we observe Lent at Grace provides an excellent opportunity for families to engage in this meaningful journey together.

Every Wednesday between March 9<sup>th</sup> and Easter we serve a simple supper at 5:30. The supper is followed by a beautiful vespers service and a thought provoking teaching from the **Nooma Video series by Pastor Rob Bell**. Rob's communication style will connect with everyone in your family and give you great food for rich conversation.

I'm inviting you to make this a part of your family's schedule this year. I can't think of a better way to develop Spiritual Formation in our youth than to have you engage as a family with the community at Grace in this season of Lent.

I can't wait to see you there. -Pastor Steve

## A Winter Retreat to Remember

On January 16-18<sup>th</sup> I had the privilege of spending 48 hours with 24 high school students and 4 other adults on our Winter Retreat at Luther Point Bible Camp. I think the bruises on my knees that I got from broomball have finally healed!

The trip was a great success. We played hard, ate well, worshipped loudly, and connected to God and each other. I think the highlight of the trip, for me, came on Monday afternoon during free time. A bunch of us were hanging out in the main room, playing and talking. I had my guitar out and we were passing it around sharing songs. I handed the guitar to Tyler Ellis. "Show me what you've got, Tyler," I said. Within a few minutes Tyler had plugged into the amp, Kurt Hellmann was pounding on the Jembe drum, and everyone in the room was singing "Pharoah, Pharoah" as loud as we could!

I would like to give a special **THANK YOU** to everyone in the church who contributed financially to this retreat. Without your generosity and support many of our students would not have been able to go on this trip. I know that your investment in our youth, and the seeds of friendship and faith that were planted on that trip will yield great results in the future.



## Vision Board Simplicity in the Madness

Welcome to March - we have the smell of spring in the air with the recent warm temperatures and the melting snow. At our latest Vision Board meet-

ing we were discussing the just concluded sermon series and small group meetings based on the concept of *Make it Simple*. One of the ten small group meetings was held at my house with 12 people in attendance. While there was lots of laughter with the videos and our own stories, the discussion questions that followed were thought-provoking to the topic at hand: Simplicity, Contentment and Generosity. If you could not attend one of the small groups, you should ask someone who did to get their take on the discussion (be sure to ask about the latest music video about to be produced. It is sure to be a huge success).

If your March is soon to be surrounded with Madness - be it work, school, the NCAA basketball tournament or

life in general, we have a way to Make it Simple. With Sunday Evenings at Grace there is no better way to simplify life than to have someone cook you a homemade meal and share some fellowship with other Christians. You can take your choice of courses with S.H.A.P.E., Overflow Principle and Lutheran Identity. While each of us are at different points in our spiritual journey, attending a Sunday night course will keep you moving in the right direction. Whether you are looking to discover your unique gifts, a greater understanding of the Seven Habits of Spiritual Formation or the fundamental beliefs of the Lutheran faith, all are welcome. They might even be serving some of that hot dish and green jello salad stuff, ya know!

*Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

Your friend in Christ,  
Mike Schaaf  
Vision Board Member

## Where Have All the Students Gone?

Over the past few months of working in youth ministry at Grace, I have noticed some things. As I sit in front of the congregation Sunday after Sunday and look out on all the faces, I've noticed that there are not a huge amount of high school students in worship. I am pleased and encouraged by the students I do see, but I have to wonder where the others have gone.

The second thing I notice is that there is a huge fall-out of students between the Confirmation event and involvement in youth group in 10<sup>th</sup> grade. Our students attend catechism faithfully for three years during middle school, they work with a mentor during the Own Your Faith year, get Confirmed, and then... they disappear.

I don't think Grace is unique in this phenomenon. Across the country young people are increasingly disengaging with the institutional church. As the Pastor of Youth Ministries I have to ask myself, "Why?"

Why do students not feel a strong desire to attend regular worship and/or youth group meetings? Is it because they are just too busy? Do they not care? Is it not modeled at home? Or, does the church just not meet the real needs of the student?

If we are all honest, the answer is all of the above. Between excessive homework, two or three extracurricular activities, a job, and friends from school, students barely have time to breath. Church becomes one more menu item on an already crowded schedule. Let's face it. If the church doesn't meet a felt need, then what's the motivation to come?

I recently read a blog post titled "Why Millennials Are Leaving the Church...You won't believe this!" The article states:

"Millennials are in a different social situation. They don't need physical locations for social affiliation. They can make dinner plans via text, cell phone call or Facebook. In short, the thing that kept young people going to church, despite their irritations, has been effectively replaced. You don't need to go to church to stay connected or in touch. You have an iPhone."

I would love to have some honest dialogue around this topic with both students and parents. You can find this article as a post on my blog at [www.stevethomason.com](http://www.stevethomason.com) I invite you to join me there and engage in the comment thread to see if we can gain insight into how best to serve our youth at Grace.

Pastor Steve Thomason

## Join Us Wednesdays for Lent



### Soup Suppers

5:30 PM

### Worship Services

7:00 PM

**Ash Wednesday—March 9th, 7PM (no Lenten supper)**

Please plan to dine at Grace each Wednesday, beginning March 16th, before the 7:00 Lenten Vesper Service. The doors of the Fellowship Hall open at 5:30 pm. Our menu is simple; soup or chili, bread, cheese and apple slices.

Each week a different ministry hosts the event. Plan to meet your friends and family for supper then stroll to the Worship Center for a meaningful Lenten service at 7PM.

### Supper Hosting Ministry

Men's Ministries

Quilters, Ruth Circle, Graceful Seniors

Office Staff, Vision Board

WOW

Music Ministries

### Date

March 16

March 23

March 30

April 6

April 13



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God satisfies our hungry and thirsty hearts.

One of the most exciting steps of growth to our 2011 Hunger/Thirst Lenten Journey is our opportunity to put our faith into action through several Outreach Projects which deal with hunger and thirst in our world.

In March, we will focus on HUNGER through:

- Special offerings for the ELCA Hunger Fund
- Donate food for Minnesota FoodShare
- Support our youth in the 30 Hour Famine
- Welcoming Ann Hill from Feed My Starving Children on the last weekend in March

In April, we will focus on THIRST through:

- Special 4 week Noisy Offerings that will be used for a "Rain Catchment System" for a community in a 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> world country.

More information about these projects are in Grace Notes, pg. (2)

We will also have special opportunities during our Lent journey. We are asking everyone at Grace to consider the follow:

Make Weekend Worship and Wednesday Vespers services a high priority.

Join us for Lenten Suppers on Wednesday March 16-April 13. Enjoy fellowship and community around a simple meal as various Grace ministries prepare and serve a simple meal at 5:45 p.m.

Use the daily Bible readings in Grace Lenten Brochure which are available at the Welcome Center in the Lobby or on our website.

We invite you to the Journey....the journey of hunger and thirst for the love and forgiveness of God shown to us at the cross of Jesus. May this be a time to be fed. May it be a moment when our thirst is quenched. But most of all, may it be a time for us to change and grow into his willing tools of his love.

**Thank you to:  
Our Savior's Volunteers**

In 2010, Grace Lutheran church continued a monthly ministry that has been going on for over 15 years. As a congregation, we serve a hot meal to Our Savior's Homeless Shelter on the first Monday of every month. The team wants to extend a big THANK YOU to all of the volunteers that have helped make this such an ongoing commitment to the homeless. This past year, at least 25 people helped with the ministry for the first time. This willingness to participate allows Grace Lutheran to be a caring congregation as far away as downtown Minneapolis. For those of you who are not familiar with this ministry, Our Savior's Housing is "a community of hope for those who need a home. Our mission is eliminating homelessness by providing shelter, support and a chance to start over." (Website to learn more is osom-mn.org) There are many ways that people can be involved in this ministry through Grace.

- The first is, of course, to pray. Mark your calendars for the first Monday of every month. There will be members of our congregation preparing a

meal, gathering in a serving team, travelling to Minneapolis and serving a meal to people who are in need of shelter.

- Second, volunteer to cook part of a meal, main dish or dessert for 50.
- Third, volunteer to be on a serving team, and go to the shelter on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month.
- Fourth, you may want to contribute money to the fund at church that is set aside to help with the cost of the meals.
- Finally, if you have a passion for serving the homeless, we could use a few more team leaders, someone willing to take the volunteers down to Minneapolis and coordinate the meal a couple of times per year.

In this service, as in so many opportunities here at Grace church, we are truly blessed to be a blessing. When the teams return after doing the work of the body of Christ, there is often a sense of being the recipient of the mercy of God, rather than the givers. Again, thank you to everyone who has helped with this ministry. If you have questions or would like to help, please call the church office or Pete & Anne Weikle. 763-862-8845

MARCH 2011						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>27</b> New Members Weekend 8:00 AM Traditional Worship Service 9:00 AM Blended Worship & SONday School 10:20 AM Contemporary Worship & SONday School 11:30 AM Catechism Service Project w/Caren Hansen 12:00 PM Missions Trip Meeting 2:00 PM Senior High Band Rehearsal 3:00 PM High School Youth Group 4:00 PM Music Academy Instructors Recital 5:00 PM Sunday Evenings at Grace	<b>28</b> 7:00 PM Women's Small Group	<b>1</b> 9:30 AM Prayers 1:00 PM Program Staff Meeting 5:30 PM Pastoral Care Meeting 6:45 PM Men's Fraternity 7:00 PM 'Living Last Supper' Rehearsal	<b>2</b> 9:00 AM Quilters 9:30 AM WOW 1:00 PM Ruth Circle 4:30 PM Catechism Open House (Preparation) 6:00 PM Catechism Open House 6:30 PM Catechism 6:30 PM Rockin' Kids Bible Club 7:00 PM Choir Practice	<b>3</b> 12:00 PM Spiritual Formation Team 6:30 PM Yoga Devotions 7:00 PM High School Leadership Team Meeting 7:30 PM Worship Team Practice	<b>4</b> World Day of Prayer 10:30 AM Yoga Devotions 6:30 PM Middle School Lock In	<b>5</b> 7:30 AM Men's Ministries 9:00 AM Baptism Workshop 9:00 AM Grow Class 5:00 PM Worship
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Go to [www.graceandover.org](http://www.graceandover.org) and click on the calendar. (menu on the right side of page)

## Upcoming Events...



### Why and how do we use ashes on Ash Wednesday?

Ash Wednesday is the Wednesday of the seventh week before Easter and the first day of Lent. The day is named for the practice of imposing ashes, a practice which many Lutheran congregations have found to be a very meaningful part of the Ash Wednesday liturgy.

Using ashes as a sign of repentance is an ancient practice, often mentioned in the Bible (e.g., Jonah 3:5-9; Job 42:6; Jeremiah 6:26; Matthew 11:21). The early Christians adopted the use of ashes from Jewish practice as an external mark of penitence.

Ashes symbolize several aspects of our human existence:

- Ashes remind us of God's condemnation of sin, as God said to Adam, "Dust you are and to dust you shall return" (Genesis 3:19).
- Ashes suggest cleansing and renewal. They were used anciently in the absence of soap. On Ash Wednesday ashes are a penitential substitute for water as a reminder of our baptism.
- Ashes remind us of the shortness of human life, for it is said as we are buried: "earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust."
- Ashes are a symbol of our need to repent, confess our sins, and return to God



### MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Through the ministry of Feed My Starving Children **you can make a difference!**

Each of us can help feed God's starving children, hungry in body and spirit. The approach is simple: children and adults hand-pack meals formulated specially for starving children, then the meals are shipped to 70 countries around the world.

Two hours of your time can truly **make a difference** in the life of a starving child! Please join us as Grace volunteers pack meals at Feed My Starving Children on these shifts and dates:

**Sat. March 26 11:30 am – 1:30 pm and 7 – 9 pm**  
**Sat. April 2 11:30 am – 1:30 pm**  
**Sat. April 30 9 – 11 am**

Please sign up on line at [www.fmssc.org](http://www.fmssc.org), on the opportunity pages in worship, or call the church office at 421-6520.

Thanks for serving God and his people – **thanks for making a difference** in this world!

### Men's Bowling Night!

Hey Guys! Been bowling lately? C'mon out for a time of fellowship, fun, food and well...some bowling too! You don't wanna miss this. It's: **Friday, March 18, 7-9 pm @ Andover Lanes**. Sign up on the blue sheet or contact Dennis Szymanski at 763-443-1726 or [szymanskid@aol.com](mailto:szymanskid@aol.com)





## It's 2011 – how's your Will?

(or...do you even HAVE a will?)

We each have the opportunity to give expression to our faith through our support of Grace and the ministries of the church worldwide. ***We also have the opportunity to create an enduring legacy of our faith commitment through our estate planning.***

Mike Haag, an estate planning attorney and member of Grace, along with Brenda Moore, regional gift planner with the ELCA Foundation, will help us consider our estate planning from a Christian perspective on: **Saturday, March 26, 2011; 9:00 – 11:00 am; Naproom**

Mike & Brenda will review some basic estate planning concepts including:

- The importance of having a will or trust, and what happens to your estate if you don't
- The various ways that estate assets pass at death
- Consideration for your planning based on new federal estate tax legislation

- Simple bequests—ways that you can use your will and other assets to name beneficiaries
- Charitable gift annuities and charitable remainder trusts—gifts with an income to you; and
- Donor advised funds, memorial endowment funds, donor agreements and other tools.

Please join Mike & Brenda on March 26<sup>th</sup>!

## Financial Coaching available

Having difficulty making ends meet? Have more month left at the end of your money? Stressed out constantly about financial challenges? Or, do you just want some guidance in doing a better job handling your finances? There's help for you at Grace. Trained financial coaches are available to work with you on a confidential one-on-one basis to pray with you, offer Bible-based financial wisdom and give you encouragement. Please contact the church office or go to: <http://graceandover.org/Adult-Education.html> under "Financial Counseling" for more information.



### Summer Fun at Golden Rule Child Care

It is hard to imagine that summer is just a few short months away when there is still snow on the ground, but we have already begun planning for the warmer months ahead. **We have started taking registrations for our summer program and even for the upcoming fall.** We have an exciting summer planned with weekly themes and field trips. If you would like to **schedule a tour to meet our staff** and see what fun is in store for your children at Golden Rule, please call or email Tami at: **763-421-1996 or [tamim@graceandover.org](mailto:tamim@graceandover.org).** Have a Happy Spring!





**Representatives from Luther Dell Camp will be at Grace on March 6<sup>th</sup> to give out more information and answer any questions you have!**

Calling all 4<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> graders!! It's time sign up for summer camp! We will be going to Luther Dell July 10<sup>th</sup> through July 15<sup>th</sup>! Luther Dell... It's more than just a drive down a five mile dirt road... so much more than a lake and a campfire and a carpet ball table. It's a place to be a kid and be with friends. It's a place to open your eyes and look for Jesus all around you. It's a place to be washed over with wonder when you take a break from sprinting around the game fields and slow down long enough to catch a glimpse of God with your heart.

Luther Dell is located 7 miles west of Remer, MN on South Big Boy Lake on 25 acres of beautiful woods. The cost is \$340.00 plus transportation. A \$100.00 deposit is due by March 15<sup>th</sup>. We will be doing some fund-raising, and scholarships are available, so please don't let the cost deter you!



[www.campwapo.org/camp/lutherdell](http://www.campwapo.org/camp/lutherdell)

Please contact Kim DeVries or Tom Baker for more information.

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**Tom Baker: Coordinator of Youth Ministries -**  
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**It's not too early to start thinking about VBS!**

Put **June 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> 9:30am – Noon** on your calendar!

Our Theme this year is **“INSIDE OUT & UPSIDE DOWN ON MAIN STREET”**

On **Main Street**, kids will be drawn into stories Jesus told about everyday people in everyday situations. But His stories were anything but ordinary! Jesus turned lives upside down and hearts inside out through parables that challenged people to look at themselves and others in new and unexpected ways.

So come join us on Main Street for an inside-out, upside-down experience like no other...and let Jesus make a difference in YOU!

## Rockin' Kid's Bible Club

March is **HUNGER AWARENESS** month at Grace. Rockin' Kids are invited to bring canned goods or non-perishable food items to our „MayAll Be Fed' Food Shelf. We will set an item goal as a group and seem how many items we can donate, as we talk about hunger and helping others.

**Lent** begins Wednesday, March 9 with the Ash Wednesday service. We will not have Rockin' Kids Bible Club that night, but there will be an activity time for children during the evening's worship service. Rockin' Kids Bible Club will return March 16. We will still meet from 6:30-8 p.m., but our night will look different. We will begin with music/choir time at 6:30,

### Rockin' Kid's Bible Club continued.....

attend a portion of the worship service at 7 p.m. and conclude with Bible story and activity time. All are welcome. Come join the fun!

**Craft Leader Needed** There are only 3 craft nights scheduled and all crafts are prepped, organized and ready to go! Please let me know if you can help with this.

### Important Dates to Remember

March 9 – Ash Wednesday - **No Kids Club.**

March 23 – **Kids Club, Kids sing at Wednesday Lent Service**

April 6 – Malt Night

**May 4 – Rockin' Kid's Bible Club Program and last Kid's Club.**



### Nursery

**Thank you,** to all of you who have donated toys, swing, and changing table to the nursery. The items add so much to the nursery making it a warm, welcoming place

for the very littlest ones and their families here at Grace.

### Nursery needs:

- 5 pm Worship – Adult Leaders
- 9 am Worship – Adult Leaders
- 10:20 Worship – Adult Leaders & Youth Helpers  
(Volunteers rotate working in the nursery once every 5 weeks)

**Nursery Cleaning** – This is a great way for confirmation students to get service hours.

**Toy donations** are still welcome. What we need are soft bodied dolls and toys that do not need batteries. We have lots of toys that make noise, move, etc. All toys must be appropriate for children under the age of 3. Toys that we do not feel we can use will be given to the Camp Garage Sale this spring.

**Infant/Toddler Ministry Team Forming:** Great ministry happens when people partner together. Our nursery is a wonderful place, with fantastic volunteers, and loveable children. Come be a part of a team and help build the dream to help our nursery at Grace Lutheran Church.

Please contact Monica Allen at:  
[monicaa@graceandover.org](mailto:monicaa@graceandover.org) if you have any questions or would like to be a part of this team.

### First Communion Class Saturday April 16<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am - Noon

Pastor Mark and Kim DeVries teach students in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and up about the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Children are then invited to receive their First Communion during worship on April 16<sup>th</sup> at the 5:00 service, or April 17<sup>th</sup> at the 9 or 10:20 service.



Bring a Bible, a parent, and a smile! Call church office to RSVP.



### Children's Ministry Project

#### *We did it!*

We broke our goal of 350! Together Grace Kids and families made 475 valentines to give to kids in area hospitals! This has been a great project full of love and compassion: thank you for helping to make many sick children's Valentine's Day a lot brighter!





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Fact: Every day nearly 8,000 children under the age of 5 die of hunger-related causes. During Hunger Awareness Month our high school youth will be collecting pledges for their participation in the World Vision 30 Hour Famine which

will be held on March 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>.

Fact: Hunger traps people in poverty. During the famine, our youth will go without food for 30 hours and participate in activities that will help them understand the effects of poverty and how we can partner with what God is doing to help the children that are living in these conditions.

Fact: We can do our part to stop hunger.

**Every \$30 that we raise will feed and care for a child for a month.** In addition to raising funds for World Vision, we will be **collecting food** for our local food shelf, **making sandwiches** for the ministry of 363 Days, and **volunteering at Feed My Starving Children**. You can support our youth and help us to save children's lives by pledging our youth. Our youth will be available after the services or you can pledge our group online at [30hourfamine.org](http://30hourfamine.org) where you can find additional information about the work that World Vision is doing to help children.



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## **E-pistle, #180**

September 10, 2011

Dear Folks ~

1. I hope you all had a good, safe, relaxing Labor Day weekend!

Tomorrow, September 11th, we will welcome Bishop Jacobus for his annual Visitation. He will preach and preside at both Sunday Eucharists, and he will “Receive” Terry Becker as an Episcopalian at the 10:00 Eucharist. The Bishop will also be with us for both Sunday coffee hours – he looks forward to visiting with you!

Tomorrow, we have also invited the Fond du Lac and North Fond du Lac police and fire and the county sheriff departments to join us for recognition, blessing, and to be our honored guests at the coffee hour and light lunch following the 10:00am Eucharist. We only have a vague idea how many may be joining us, so I am especially counting on each of you to be flexible and to extend the hospitality St. Paul’s is known for.

2. Thanks in advance to all who will be our representatives at Fondue Fest on Main Street today, those who offer Cathedral Tours at 11am and 1pm, as well as those working the Brat Fry at the PDQ in North Fond du Lac. These are opportunities to reach out and make St. Paul’s known to the wider community!

3. The following is an *e*-note from John Penkoske:

Hi, Father ~

It would be nice if we could include some or all of this information in this weekend’s *E*-pistle.

- Monday evening, September 12, will be the first rehearsal (at I-T) of the combined Cathedral and Immanuel-Trinity Hand Bell Choir and Vocal Choirs. At 6:00pm there will be an Introduction to Hand Bells for all who need a refresher or have not played before. Vocal choir will rehearse at 7:15pm. All are welcome to join one or both groups.

- Our Combined Choirs will sing next Sunday, September 18 at the 10:00 Eucharist at the Cathedral. They will sing “The Lord is My Shepherd” by Howard Goodall. This setting is used as the theme music for the British comedy show “The Vicar of Dibley.”

~ Thanks, John

4. The following came as an announcement from the Bishop’s Office this week:

“The Rev. Karl Schaffenburg has accepted the call to serve as the next Rector of Grace, Sheboygan. He

will begin duties the 1st Sunday of Advent.”

Many of you know Karl; some don't. Karl and his wife, Elizabeth, were members at the Cathedral during his years of study for the priesthood at Nashota House. Since ordination in 2006, he has been Rector of The Church of the Incarnation in West Point, MS. Congratulations, Karl and Elizabeth!

5. In last weekend's Gospel (Matthew 18:15-17), Jesus taught us what I call "*The Rule of Gospel Conduct*." Referring to the inevitability of conflict in our church life, Jesus teaches:

- Step One is to go to the person: "Go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone."
- Step Two is to seek out a truly impartial mediator: "If you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you."
- Step Three is to reflect the issue against our Christian values and traditions for insight: "If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church;"
- Step Four is to give the person a "time out" to cool down and reflect: "And if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector."

Among my observations in my Sermon:

- It sometimes seems as though we tend to ignore Steps One and Two – don't go to the person, and don't involve a mediator – but we tell others instead, make the issue public, and feed a lot of gossip. Quite honestly, I have so much confidence in Step One that I truly think most conflicts could be addressed and resolved were we all to simply take the Step One first.
- With respect to Step Four, while we as a congregation would never cast anyone aside, folks these days sometimes cast the congregation aside without ever attempting to resolve their issues by taking Steps One, Two, and Three.

Jesus is our Master Teacher. "*The Rule of Gospel Conduct*" works, and our bonds of affection and God's grace are deep and powerful! When we try Jesus' ways, miracles seem to happen!

6. And someone shared an article titled: "*Controversy with Compassion: A Guide to Church Conflict*" by Charles Dickson. I quote:

There's a story about a farmer who offered to sell a million frogs to the owner of a local restaurant. Since frog legs were part of the menu, the owner placed an initial order for 100 frogs.

The farmer and owner agreed on a price and the farmer proceeded to the pond near his home, where it seemed a million frogs croaked each night, disturbing his sleep. Now was the opportunity to get rid of an aggravation and make some money in the process!

A week later, the farmer returned to the restaurant with a sheepish grin on his face and two scrawny frogs in his hand. "I was wrong," the farmer confessed. "These two little guys were making all that noise! I never realized two little frogs could sound like a million.

Sometimes conflicts in congregations take on the appearance of a pond of croaking frogs. The number of



those causing the conflict can be vastly overestimated, and we can lose perspective on the real intensity of the disturbance.

Still, we want our churches to be centered on the gospel of Christ and to be safe places to discuss issues. But too many congregations haven't learned ways in which this can be achieved. Handled in a compassionate and caring manner, controversy need not be a divisive factor in our congregations.

### *Guidelines for Constructive Conflict*

Some issues certainly are worth arguing about, and we can learn to do so in the spirit of being sisters and brothers in Christ. The following are some guidelines for having constructive conversations about controversial issues:

Recognize the complexity of the issue – charitably. Episcopalian typically consider three sources of authority when making decisions affecting their church or personal lives: Scripture, Tradition, and Reason. Each of these helps, but imperfectly:

- Scripture is often employed on both sides of a debate, and must be approached in a charitable manner.
- Tradition is diverse, and examples can be cited for many sides of an issue, depending on what saints, historical figures, or eras we wish to employ to buttress our opinions.
- We Reason differently as well, and our reasoning is often dependent upon our value systems and biases.

Respect those who differ with you. Denying the sincerity of those with opposite opinions does irreparable damage to individuals and their relationships. Faithful Christians can and do disagree about what it means to be followers of Christ.

Value other people's opinions. While one person's viewpoint on a topic is valuable and ought to be heard, no one's ideas are absolute. The only absolute is God. Until we arrive at God's perfect understanding, we depend on our contrasting viewpoints to correct and enhance one another.

Present viewpoints with love. The truth as each person sees it can be spoken with humility and without "putting another person down." Beginning with the words "I think" leaves room for others to express their opinions. St. Paul reminds us that it is more important to be loving than it is to be right!

Represent conflicting viewpoints fairly. While stereotyping opponents and exaggerating their positions may be successful strategies in partisan politics, they should not be part of communication among those in the community of faith.

It's okay to disagree. Threatening to leave the congregation or church body is the most disruptive of all tactics. The body of Christ is called to live together in harmony, even when there are tensions around divisive issues. There is real value in taking time to listen to others and to honor their viewpoints. All parties in an honest conversation learn by examining one another's beliefs.

Strive to be loyal dissenters. When members of a congregation or church body move in a direction that

some members find objectionable, employ the art of loyal dissent. We don't win every argument. People learn this from every social group of which they are part. An individual's particular viewpoint isn't necessarily the one that will be accepted by the group. So a loyal dissenter does not pull out of the congregation or leave the church, but remains committed to its overall mission while maintaining her or his personal opposition to certain issues. And this can be done with a spirit of integrity, as well as respect for the majority's decision.

The witness of Christ's church is needed to help heal the gaping wounds that afflict our society. But our witness is contradicted when our conversations with one another exude hatred rather than compassion. One of the most important lessons the church might teach the world is how to continue to live and love together during times of disagreement. We will always have controversy. The question is – will we engage it with compassion?

7. And someone shared the following from a newsletter article. This too touches on the inevitability of conflict and importance of checking our biases:

A young couple moves into a new neighborhood.

The next morning while they are eating breakfast,  
the young woman sees her neighbor hanging the wash outside. "That laundry is not very clean," she said.  
"She doesn't know how to wash correctly.  
Perhaps she needs some better laundry soap."  
Her husband looked on, but remained silent.

Every time her neighbor would hang her wash to dry,  
the young woman would make the same comments.

A month later,  
the woman was surprised to see a nice clean wash on the line! She said to her husband:

"Look, she learned how to wash correctly!  
I wonder who taught her this?"  
Her husband said,  
"I got up early this morning and cleaned our windows."

And so it is with life.  
What we see when watching others  
depends on the purity of the window through which we look.

8. If you are a "team player" and have the best interest of the Cathedral at heart: We need you to consider membership on the Cathedral Chapter – our leadership team. Every year, right after Labor Day, we put nomination forms on the table in the back of the Cathedral. They will be there until just before Thanksgiving. There is an *Orientation Meeting* for all the *nominees* during December. At that meeting, nominees *discern* whether they feel *called* to Chapter membership, at which time they become *candidates*. The congregation then *elects* its representatives from among the candidates at the *Annual Meeting* on the last Sunday of January. Terms are for three years. Please consider. Is the Lord calling you? (Those who have served in past years: Is the Lord calling you . . . again?)

May all who died on 9-11 rest in God's peace!

~ Fr. Brian



## *September Serving Schedule*

	Chalice	Lector	Prayers	Ushers	Greeters
09/04 8:00 AM	Heeren	Sill, L	Clark	LeQuesne	
09/04 10:00 AM	Holt Bates	Bates R	Glowac	Butlers	Walker/Stolen
09/11 10:00 AM	Weirschem Brant	Glowac	Holt	Degners	Matz
09/18 10:00 AM	Kane Nilsson	Jacobson, B	Nilsson	Glowac	Butler
09/25 10:00 AM	Ames Knobel	Jacobson M	Randolph	Kanes	Clark

## *September Anniversaries*

### **Birthdays**

1 Gail Hoard  
 3 Nancy Hackworthy  
 5 Steve Holt  
 7 Margaret MacLeod Brahm  
 8 Robin Coleman  
 9 Marilyn Walker  
 10 Kathy Tomko  
 12 Beth Tomes  
 13 Jackie Cody  
     Bennet Schillinger  
 16 Jean Hester  
 21 Judy Ozinga

### **Departed**

3 LaVergne Joern  
 9 William Ross  
 10 John Wiechmann  
 13 Dorothy Jossart  
     Daniel Jossart  
 16 Donald W. Drogue  
 22 Frances Edgecombe  
 24 Tinsley Seaton  
 26 Martha Partridge  
     Ted Hopkins  
 27 Mona D. LeQuesne  
 29 Robert W. Spargur  
 30 A. D. (Pete) Peterson

### **Weddings**

1 Joe Schena and Stefani Holt  
 5 Robert and Diane Diederich  
 6 Roger and June Ward  
 9 Fr. Joe and Sue Minnis  
 12 Jack and Margaret MacLeod Brahm  
 17 Richard and Paula Arnold  
 26 Adam and Kiersten Ward Brown  
     Bill Henderson and Janon Furlong

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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**September 2011**

## **From the Rector**

August 21 was a two cake Sunday at St. Matthias. Not one, but two brightly decorated sheets adored the coffee hour table. One for Theo and one for Betty.

At the Eucharist we had just baptized three month old Theodore Matias Herriot. His parents Claire and Brian brought him all the way from Bay Area of California, to be baptized in the church where his mother was baptized and in which his parents were married ten years ago. Several rows of the Coleman family (a founding St. Matthias' family) filled the right side of the nave to welcome and see their newest member initiated into Christ's Church.

We were also celebrating the 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday of Betty McCleary a long time parish member, who drives each week from Rhinelander, frequently serves as a lector, and is still more vivacious than most of us who are many years her junior.

The church was full, more so than usual even for a summer Sunday. It was filled with year round regulars-- some who have been coming to St. Matthias for many years and others who have only recently started attending. It was filled with summer residents who are here for the season, and other vacationers who come once or a few times a year. There were some also who had never been here before. There were many children, most of them here to spend time with grandparents. And people were here from all manner of places: A family from Abu Dhabi, another family from Luxembourg, a nine week old girl from the state of Washington with her parents, grandparents and great grandmother, others from California, Florida, Massachusetts, Virginia, Missouri, Texas, Illinois, Iowa. (I'm sure I missed some.)

At the coffee hour, people seemed hesitant to leave. Conversation and laughter filled the room. Smiles, hugs, eager handshakes were exchanged and repeated again and again. Someone remarked it seemed like a big family reunion.

This past Sunday was somewhat unusual, but not really. There is always to celebrate at St. Matthias', and we are one big family.

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We are all from different places, geographically and spiritually. And all of us find ourselves at different points on our journey, both of life and faith. We may be here in the northwoods because it's home, or a summer cottage, or a vacation spot, or our grandparents' place. We may be in church for many different reasons too. We may be long time members or newcomers, we may be very active or not sure we want to get too involved. Perhaps we are knowledgeable and confident in our faith, or we may be seekers with more questions than answers. Maybe we come for the music, or for the community. Maybe we come just to say our own prayers and go home quietly. Maybe we come to learn, or to serve. Maybe we come for comfort, or for inspiration, or to have our batteries recharged for the week ahead. It's all O.K.

Whoever we are, wherever we've come from, whatever our age, however we happen to be here, and no matter how long we been coming or how frequently we get here, we are welcome in this place. As we share the bread and cup, as we join our voices together in prayers and songs, we are indeed one family and God is in our midst.

The coffee hour was finally beginning to wind down, when one of the visiting grandchildren pulled the fire alarm, sending the remaining folks out the door and the Warden, Treasurer, and Verger scrambling in various directions to turn it off. That too was a good reminder that as the Church we are not just meant to be hanging around the building enjoying our own fellowship. We are sent on our way to meet all those beyond the doors, and let them know, in whatever way we can, that whoever and wherever they are, they are part of our family too and God is with us all.

God bless you all,  
Fr. Edgar Wallace

## **Women of Mathias' (WOM)**

Women of Matthias will have their first meeting Thursday September 9 at 8:30 a.m. in the library. The discussion this year will be based on the Beatitudes with Le Ganschow leading the first discussion. We begin with coffee at 8:15 and start our meeting at 8:30. Our closing prayer begins about 9:45. After the meeting, there is a 2 or 3 mile walk on the Bearskin Trail for the hardy folks. Do come to join us.

## **Adult Forum**

The Adult Forum will begin Oct. 2 at 8:15 Sunday morning. Fr. Ed and Barbara Hook are the opening presenters on the subject of immigration. We meet each Sunday until Mother's Day, excluding all Holidays. The subjects include issues of the day, church history, morals and ethics, music, physical well being, art, financial planning, service, missions, and other timely topics. Each Sunday provides excellent information presented by members of St. Matthias. Join in on this exceptional program.

Marcia Wisner-Holt  
wisnerm3@frontier.net



## Website Update

Check out our web site! We have been working on getting information, news, and events on the web site more current. We are also in the process of creating a new website -- more info to come! Be sure to check the Home Page News and the Calendar for timely information on all the events at St. Matthias. (If you have any changes to the calendar or any updates for the web site, please contact Beth Jacobson at [bjgraphic@frontier.com](mailto:bjgraphic@frontier.com) or Bob Holt at [robertholt3700@gmail.com](mailto:robertholt3700@gmail.com))

## From your Ambassador Newsletter Editor....

If you would like something included in an upcoming newsletter, please submit it by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month prior to your listing to: Randy Bates at [hodagharley@gmail.com](mailto:hodagharley@gmail.com).

Pictures are always welcome and appreciated. Any ideas or feedback on the newsletter are always welcome. Starting with the October issue, subtle changes to the format will be made to make the Ambassador easier to read and download from the Internet.



## our mission

Promote goodwill in the community  
Provide quality merchandise  
Assure affordable prices  
Support community outreach activities

Fall 2011



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### All are welcome

All are welcome at St. Matthias' Episcopal Church. Services are Sundays at 10:00 a.m. An additional service is at 8:00 a.m. (from June through August). Evensong services are third Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. and are followed by a potluck supper. Contact the church at 715-356-6758, send an e-mail to church@stmatthiasminocqua.org or visit our website at stmatthiasminocqua.org.

### From the editor

Many shoppers don't realize the number of hours Thrift Shop coordinator Jan Degner and Furniture Annex coordinator Gene Degner donate to keep our shops well-stocked and efficiently organized. Recently they told stories at a church discussion forum. Below are a few of their stories. Our readers may be surprised at the things that go on at the two shops.

There's something magic about this place! (Jan Degner, Thrift Shop)

- As one of our volunteers set about preparing for the May wedding display in the entrance to the shop, she discovered that there were not enough wedding items for the display. Suddenly, within moments, an enormous bag of wedding clothes and items appeared at the drop-off in back of the shop. In Jan's words: "We turn around and there it is!"
- We recently spent a sunny weekend afternoon looking for pussy willows, found lots of them, tied them in bunches, and sold them at the shop for \$4.00 a bunch.
- A group of high school boys came in one day during lunch and asked for cowboy boots. These boys now talk about the shop as "their store" and are regular shoppers. Their initiation to the thrift shop started with their discovery of tuxedos, all of which they

purchased at the shop.

- The word about bargains has spread through the Lakeland high school population. For example, the high school hockey team arrived one day and bought sport coats. Size wasn't an issue; they just wanted them "big!" Also, a group of high school students who took responsibility for producing, directing, staffing, and publicizing a play at the Campanile purchased their outfits at the thrift shop. We now put aside specially-marked boxes for theater "productions."
- A while back we were invited to the old Catholic Church to select what we wanted from items the church left behind after its move from temporary quarters to their new facility. We got an incredible number of drink glasses, two elaborate seven foot candelabras, and a kneeler and three wrought iron chairs that have been refurbished for use in our church.
- The Saturday before our seasonal turnover of merchandise (occurs in the fall and spring of the year), everything left in the shop after a week of sales is free. This spring Boxes of Love took almost everything, and the shop was practically free of merchandise by closing time.
- Every week we haul an average of 140 bins of clothing and shoes to the Senior Center, where they are sorted for GoodWill. Seniors at the Center raise over \$10,000 yearly for their Center through this recycling initiative.

### *Volunteer Appreciation Dinner*

"Hats Off to our Volunteers"  
(wear the hat of your choice)

When: Monday, Sept. 12,  
5:00 Cocktails; 6:00 Dinner

Where: Reuland's Conference Center

### *We Support Local Charities*

St. Matthias' Episcopal Church donates proceeds from the Thrift Shop to area charities quarterly. The Thrift Shop governing committee recommends charities based on proposals submitted by the volunteers. 2nd Quarter donations for 2011:

*\$1,500 Donation:*

*Lakeland Food Pantry*

*\$1,000 Donations:*

*MTH Foundation, Mary Mile*

*Big Brothers Big Sisters*

*Hospice (in memory of Volunteer*

*LaVergne Joern)*

*Camp Jörn*

*Alzheimers Association*

*\$500 Donations:*

*Campanile Conservatory*

*Compassionate Friends*

*Relay for Life*

The Thrift Shop also makes donations of household goods, books, furniture, and clothing to needy families/nonprofits. This past year an estimated \$1,130 worth of merchandise was donated to individuals and nonprofit organizations.

10% of the net income of the Thrift Shop supports a variety of community outreach activities of St. Matthias' Episcopal Church; the remaining dollars are used for upkeep, renovations, and community outreach.

Proposals for 3rd Quarter donations due Sept. 1, 2011.

calendar of events 

Visit our church website to find out the latest information about our thrift shop and furniture annex: stmatthiasminocqua.org

winter hours 11 - 3 Tuesday – Saturday

summer hours before Labor Day, 10 - 3

evening hours: 5 - 8 Wednesdays

FURNITURE ANNEX

located on Milwaukee St.

across from Fire Station

Saturdays 11 - 3 winter, 10 - 3 summer

Our Furniture Annex is a “work in progress!” (Gene Degner, Furniture Annex)

- (a typical week in Gene’s life at the Furniture Annex) Several of us pick up furniture on Tuesday and make price estimates. On Wednesday I repair donated furniture. We arrange the store on Thursday, and on Friday we mark the items and do a final walk-through.

- Several months ago when the Campanile sold all its pews in order to purchase cushioned seats, I purchased four pews for \$50 apiece. First I made shelves for the craft area of the Thrift Shop and then constructed benches out of the leftover pieces and sold them at the Furniture Annex for a nice profit.

- A man told his wife he was tired of hauling around a love seat in his car so he gave it to the Furniture Annex.

- Virtually all of the furniture stores in town provide a trade-in option where customers can bring in their good used furniture; the store then donates this furniture to our Furniture Annex.

- We are often called upon to clean out entire cottages and to pick up furniture items. Last fall we averaged one to two

### volunteer opportunities

Interested in volunteering at the Thrift Shop? Contact Jan Degner at 356-3447 or [jdegner42@charter.net](mailto:jdegner42@charter.net) or ask at the front desk

### we accept items in good condition

Please do not give us anything you would not give to a friend. We may refuse items that are not saleable. Call 358-2182 for questions.

### mark your calendar

Aug 30, 31	Half-Price Sale
Sept 1, 2	Dollar-a-Bag Sale
Sept 3	Free Day open 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Sept 4-19	Closed for cleaning & restocking
Sept 12	Fall Appreciation Dinner at Reuland’s Conference Center
Sept 20	Reopening with fall & winter merchandise
Sept 24	Beef-a-Rama

pick-ups a week. If the owner says, “Take all or nothing,” we say, “Nothing.” Most people want to donate, so they ask us to come out anyway. We sometimes charge a small fee for long-distance pick-ups.

### Introducing Volunteer Bev Coller

*Unless Bev Coller is cashiering as a substitute for our regular cashiers, on Tuesdays and some Fridays and Saturdays she is in the back sorting and pricing voluminous boxes of incoming books, tapes, CDs, and records. Bev said she used to shop at the old shop, and when the new shop opened, she decided it would be a “fun place to work....And it is!” To keep herself busy, she also shelves books at the public library and occasionally serves as a Docent at the museum in Minocqua. Bev’s hobbies (when she isn’t volunteering) include knitting, crocheting, aerobic swimming, and walking her grandkids’ dog.*

### customer tales

*A woman came into the shop with her three daughters carrying a bunch of flowers and presented them to Coordinator Jan Degner. The girls all donned skirts and accessories sewed together with ties (even a tie waistband) their mother had purchased at the thrift store. Talk about the latest in fashions!*

*A local man caught sight of a pretty white dress in our workroom and asked if he could look at it. A volunteer showed it to him and he told me he wanted to get it for his longtime girlfriend. He said she had indicated she would marry him, if only she had the right dress. He didn’t purchase it just then, but came back the next week and asked for the dress again. A volunteer located it and this time he made up his mind to “put her on the spot” and see if she would come through on his “proposal” dress.*

### emergency situations

Our merchandise is free to those in need, whether from fire losses or other disasters. If you are in the shop, let our cashier know and we’ll do our best to accommodate your needs. You can also call Jan Degner at 356-3447.

#### Governing Committee:

Coordinator: Jan Degner

Treasurer: Karin Randolph

Betsy Butler Rita Green

Susie Mueller Ruth Wagner

Barb Kwiatkowski

Daily floor managers are

encouraged to attend the

meetings. All Thrift Shop

business must be approved

by the governing committee.

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1 message

**Fri, Sep 16, 2011 at 9:08 AM**

To: [yvon@effectivechurchcom.com](mailto:yvon@effectivechurchcom.com)

Hi, Yvon -

Here's another that is strictly an electronic newsletter sent out weekly - every Thursday night by our one and only male office manager in the diocese.

Enjoy!

**Jesus Bless Us!**

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Vicky Stauber-Pufall, Diocesan Office Secretary

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**Subject:** Fw: St. Mark's Update





This Sunday we pause to  
remember!

## St. Mark's Update Friday, September 9, 2011

**News From the Pews:** Tom Kiravakis celebrated his birthday yesterday (Thursday). Nell Buchman, Ralph Beckman, and Arden Kuehmsted are celebrating birthdays this week. Joe and Althea Kortenhoff are heading back to St. Louis tomorrow (Saturday). May God go with you! We hope you found some refreshment at the lake these past weeks. Five members are attending Cursillo -- Wayne and Sandy Sparks, Joyce Woldt, Mary Ann Baitinger, and Don Bangert. five of the 17 are from St. Marks. Rodo Wilke is a Freshman at UW-Parkside in Kenosha. Mother Deb's wedding is set for January 7, at St. Mark's. The Audiologist was at St. Mark's on Tuesday to measure and test. We have a quote on the cost of installing the hearing loop. Work will begin shortly. **Glenda Rhodes is speaking at the public library at 12 Noon on Tuesday, September 13 "We Should Have Asked Aunt Grace."** A complimentary lunch is served. Call the library to RSVP. Judy Bertling is recuperating after knee surgery. Josh and Bridget Morgan are leaving this week end for their belated honeymoon to Ireland. Finance Committee meets at 10AM on Tuesday, September 13. Glenda Rhodes was re-elected to the Board of Directors of the Waupaca Historical Society -continuing on the Board is Joyce Woldt and yours truly.

St. Mark's is taking its turn serving at Bread Basket this Tuesday, September 13. We need volunteers to cook, serve, and clean up. We also need 24 dozen cup cakes. Sign up sheets are in the parish hall. If you have never served -- give it a try. Beth Bray is our Bread Basket coordinator. The meal is served at the Methodist Church across from the hospital.

Mark's Women will meet at 6PM (after Bread Basket) on Tuesday, August 13 at Chain O' Lakes Bar and Grill in King. The newly formed Ladies Luncheon Group will meet the next day, Wednesday, September 14, at 12 Noon also at the Chain O' Lakes Bar and Grill. Sign up sheets are in the parish hall. (Husbands are gathering at Weasels at the same time on Tuesday evening.)

**The Wednesday evening adult education series begins on Wednesday, September 14. Mass 6PM. Salad/Soup Supper 6:30PM. Program 7PM. This Wednesday the program is on the history of the King James Bible. 2011 is the 400th anniversary of the KJB. A fascinating video will be shown.**

**The Thursday morning series begins on September 15 following the 10AM Healing Mass. Fr. Nigel will lead the first session on the make up of the canon of Holy Scripture. Then for the next 2 weeks we will discuss the New York Times Bestseller, Christ the Lord - Out of Egypt. A limited number of copies of the book are on reserve at the public library on the St. Mark's Book Club shelf. Ask a librarian for assistance. After 2 weeks with that book we will settle into a New Testament Bible Study until Advent...beginning with the Epistle of James.**

The **Fall Rummage Sale** will be held on Thursday and Friday, September 22 and 23. Something new! The sale will be held in the Parfreyville Town Hall just off Hwy K along the Crystal River -- just down the road from the Methodist Church. We will be accepting most everything for the sale -- adult clothing on hangers, children's clothing, house wares, holiday items, furniture, books, etc. Please, no electronics (computers, TV's etc.) Sign up sheets are in the parish hall. We will be sorting and pricing on Monday - Wednesday. Alley Karavakis is our event chair.

The **Alzheimer Walk** will step off at 9AM on Saturday, September 24 starting at Bethany Home. We have a team of walkers from St. Mark's. Care to join them? ALSO we are looking for sponsors for our walkers -- A basket will be in the parish hall or make a check to St. Mark's with Alzheimer on the memo line. Walking so far are Kathy Bidwell, Pat Hollenbeck and Don Bangert. It is a 3 mile walk. St. Mark's is the half way point. We need a volunteer or two to sit at the "water table". Take a memory walk for a good cause!

**NEWS FROM NASHOTAH -- A week ago classes were just beginning, now I'm looking at hundreds of pages to read and my first paper due in a week. Yikes! I think my favorite classes are going to be Ethics and Parish Ministry. Ethics is going to be interesting because we will discuss sensitive topics of sexuality, environmental and medical ethics. All of which come up in the real world and will require us to look at both sides. Fortunately the class is small, seven of us and five have been together since day one of our first year. That means we know each other and our views fairly well. Hopefully we will be able to discuss thoroughly without being offended when opposing views are expressed. I've been extremely busy getting ready for the seminarian leadership conference to be hosted by Nashotah next week. I attended last year at Sewanee, so this year am co-chairperson with another student. We expect students from 11 seminaries. We've got a full schedule of days planned. Faithfully, *Meredyth***

Our September **Mission of the Month** supports our "Seminarian Fund". Now that we have 2 seminarians -- here is how it will work. Any undesignated gifts to the seminarian fund will be divided equally between Meredyth and Ryan. If you want your offering directed, then please put the name of the seminarian on the memo line of your check. We are doubly blessed to have two seminarians studying for Holy Orders.



**We have had a Packer Party** in past years. Anyone want to host a pot luck Packer Party?

Judy Bertling is our Sunday School Coordinator pro-tem. Sunday School begins this Sunday, September 11. On that day (9/11) we will also be dedicating a new American Flag donated by Jim Johnson in memory of his grandfather and father. The flag will be a companion to the Episcopal Flag that was donated a few years ago by Tony & Arden Kuehmsted in memory of their son Bill.

A new ministry opportunity for St. Mark's. **Project Backpack** is gearing up for another year. Children in Waupaca who are eligible are invited to receive a back pack of food each Friday. They return the empty back pack on Monday. St. Mark's will provide a team of 8 people who will do the packing. We will serve only about 6 times during the school year. So far we have 4 people -- Pat, Nell, Dick and Kathy. We need 4 more. Let me or Nell Buchman know. This ministry began at Shepherd of the Lakes and has become ecumenical in our community.

Last chance for Cell Phones for Soldiers. Bring your old unwanted cell phones to church on Sunday. They will be recycled. A not for profit agency then uses the money to provide pre-paid calling cards to our soldiers deployed around the world. A box is on the table in the parish hall -- next to the Piggly Wiggly receipt cookie jar -- next to the Lions Club used eye glasses and hearing aid container. So many ways to help! We will also be setting up an aluminum can recycling center -- proceeds will help support the Riverview Park downtown Waupaca.

**Serving at Worship**: Chalice Bearers, Deacon Bruce McCallum; Lectors, Barb Conradt and Kathy Bidwell; Usher, Dave Hathaway; Coffee Hour, The Vestry; Offering Counters, Doug Wilke and Darlene Roubal; Organist, Deb Anderson; Altar Guild, the Jacqueline and Don Bangert. Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God in honor of Mildred Pinkerton's 102nd birthday by her children and family. The flowers at the base of the Altar are given by Bethany Home also in honor of Mildred's birthday.

**See you in Church**: Choir Practice 8:30AM. Eucharist 9:30AM. Come early before we run out of bulletins. Seminarian Meredyth Albright preaching. Commissioning of our two seminarians and Godspeed and farewell to the Delaney family. Blessing of a new American Flag. DQ ice cream cakes and other goodies at social hour.

***Dick Bidwell, Parish Administrator***

The secret of a good sermon is to have a good beginning and a good ending; and to

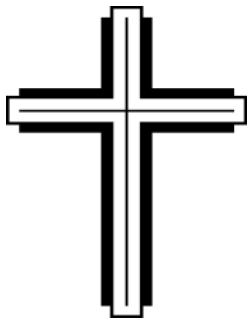
have the two as close together as possible.

- *George Burns*

(Submitted by Deacon Bruce)

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## St. Peter's

# KEYS

*The monthly newsletter of the Episcopal Church in Sheboygan Falls, Wisconsin.*

September 2011



### Editor

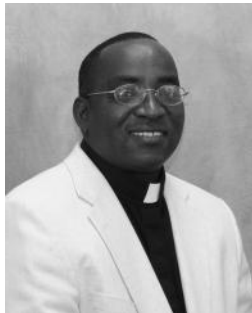
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### OUR VISION

*To be a vibrant,  
Christ-centered  
community,  
actively reaching  
out to help and  
to bring others to  
Christ.*

### OUR MISSION

*To provide  
opportunities for  
all people to grow  
in Faith, Hope,  
and Love.*



As the summer season ends and the Fall season begins, everyone is aware that it is time to get back to the normal routine. Indeed, as I write this, teachers and students are already back to school. For

many churches, it also means going back to regular programming and activity. For us at St. Peter's, our plan is to not only go back to regular programming and activity, but to church as it should be. Our hope is that we will recommit ourselves to the ordinary things such as worship and fellowship, as well as seriously consider such things as Christian Education that are very crucial to our Christian faith but have had little opportunity to engage in before.

### What Kind of Church?

As I think about the "Back to Church" idea, I am reminded that church means different things to different people. For some, Church is the old building with beautiful windows where people go to fulfill their Christian duty when nothing else is going on in their lives. For others, church is the place where we are supposed to go if we need something from God or the people who claim to represent him. If we don't need anything, or are not sure if we could indeed get what we want, then there is no reason to go. For others still, church is the place where those who have it together go to show off their good clothes or good cars and brag about how good

God has been to them. For others, church is the place where all the hypocrites go. For others, who I wish were more than they really are, church is more than a place, more than an institution, but a calling, an invitation to love and be loved. You probably know many other ways people perceive church and the basis on which they determine their level of participation or lack of.

### Church as a Community of Love

My personal perception of church is what I refer to as a community of love. It is a gathering, a coming together of individuals and families who feel, in one way or the other, a calling to follow Jesus and have decided to come and find out what that calling is all about. Once gathered, these people somehow discover that church is all about the God who loves us and has commanded us to love one another just as he has loved us (John 13:34). As they love each other, they begin to realize that God calls them to extend that love to their neighbors (Romans 13:9); and even their enemies (Matthew 5:44). Church as I understand it is a group of people who know they are loved by God and are committed to loving God and all that he has made. Whatever they do together or separately is centered around that core belief. Their worship, their fellowship, their education/discipleship, their service, their outreach and whatever else they do are ways of expressing the love of God among them.

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Such is the kind of church I pray we will experience and invite others to come to at St. Peter's.

It is important to remember that church as a community of love is not necessarily a perfect community because it is made of imperfect people. That's why Jesus advised his disciples on what to do if a member of the community hurt another member (Matthew 18:15-17). St. Paul in his letter to the Colossians urged them to bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances they may have against one another. He commanded them to forgive as the Lord has forgiven them (Colossians 3:13-14). The church as a community of love is a place where people are aware of their own not just others' shortcomings; and are intentionally and prayerfully practicing the golden rule (Matthew 7:12).

May this Fall season be for us a time to come back to church as it should be; a community grateful for God's love, and committed to continued learning and practicing their love for God and his creation.



### ***Birthdays***

September 1 — Jane Lynch  
September 13 — Richard Bennin  
September 18 — Dona Heinig

September 19 — Gertrude Garczynski  
September 22 — Erica Heinig  
September 23 — Peter Dobrznizki  
September 24 — Char Stevens  
September 30 — Jeanette Weisse

### ***Anniversaries***

September 14 — Mike & Laurel Cizauskas  
September 16 — Pierre & Eline Muhire  
September 18 — Ted & Lisa Milne  
September 20 — Robert & Amanda Zimmerman  
September 21 — Joe III & Pat Richardson  
September 30 — Arnold & Sauda Hakizimana



## **Fun in the Sun Day!**

The weather was perfect as seven young members of St. Peter's participated in the Fun in the Sun event at the Cromwell home on August 25th. They started with lunch, then had an opportunity to swim, to kayak and to ride in a paddleboat. After all the time in the water, they took a break for dessert: brownie sundaes with fudge sauce and sprinkles. Some of them also explored the woods on the Cromwell property, and Sarah Cromwell and Lily Schneider waded in the Mullet River. It was a relaxing and enjoyable afternoon for everyone!



Everyone gathers under a tree for some shade (and a photo opp) after a lot of Fun in the Sun.



Starry-eyed Greg and Heather Schneider serve as lifeguards for the event



Katie and Noah Bartlett go for a ride together

<u>Date</u>	<u>Greeter/Usher</u>	<u>Reader/Prayers</u>	<u>Chalice</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>
9/4	Judy Goes & Helen Seubert	Roger Dulmes	George & Linda Palmer	Ethan Cizauskas
9/11	Char Stevens & Louise Robson	Nancy Simenz	Barb Schultz & Lynn Brownrigg	Charlie Malingowski
9/18	Gordie Pribek & Joanne Strassburger	George Palmer	Helen Seubert & Joan Bruggink	Lindy Malingowski
9/25	Heather & Tom Schneider	Ann Weeden	Brock Brownrigg & George Palmer	Isaac Cizauskas
10/2	Judy Goes & Helen Seubert	Louise Robson	Randy LeMahieu & Barb Schultz	Charlie Malingowski
10/9	Children	Children	George Palmer & Helen Seubert	Ethan Cizauskas
10/16	Mike & Laurel Cizauskas	Nancy Simenz	Joan Bruggink & Barb Schultz	Lindy Malingowski
10/23	Marie Rose	George Palmer	Lynn & Brock Brownrigg	Isaac Cizauskas
10/30	George & Linda Palmer	Lynn Brownrigg	Terri & Randy LeMahieu	Ethan Cizauskas
11/6	Roger & Sharon Dulmes	Beth Bartelt	Helen Seubert & Barb Schultz	Charlie Malingowski
11/13	Randy & Terri LeMahieu	Gordie Pribek	George & Linda Palmer	Lindy Malingowski
11/20	Paul & Beth Bartelt	Nancy Simenz	Joan Bruggink & Helen Seubert	Isaac Cizauskas
11/27	Judy Goes & Helen Seubert	Louise Robson	Lynn & Brock Brownrigg	Ethan Cizauskas

If you are interested in serving on or being removed from the liturgical schedule, please see our Senior Warden, Linda Palmer. If you are ever unable to serve in your scheduled position on a given date, please switch with someone else on the schedule. Thank you!



The 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Coats for Kids Campaign is accepting donations of clean coats (all sizes, for all ages) in good repair now through October 14<sup>th</sup> at Novak-Ramm-Ziegler Funeral Home in Sheboygan. To make it easier for you to donate, you can bring your coat donations to church and Dona Heinig will be transporting them. Thank you.

	<b>July</b>		<b>Year-To-Date</b>		
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Difference
Income					
Contributions	\$8,402.00	\$12,794.00	\$69,912.51	\$89,558.00	-\$19,645.49
Other Income	\$62.00	\$884.00	\$4,445.67	\$6,988.00	-\$2,542.33
Total Income	\$8,464.00	\$13,678.00	\$74,358.18	\$96,546.00	-\$22,187.82
Expenses	\$12,757.97	\$14,738.09	\$87,530.15	\$101,178.23	\$13,648.08
Difference	-\$4,293.97		-\$13,171.97		

Contributions for the month of July were 66% of budget, resulting in YTD receipts at 78% of budget. Our total income YTD is 10% below 2010 at this time.

Income \$74,358.18 received YTD in 2011 vs. \$82,864.38 in 2010 YTD, down \$8,506.20; 10%

Expenses remain well under budget and total expenditures YTD are less than last years by about \$13,000. Overall, expenses are running at about \$13,000 greater than income. If you are behind on your contributions and are able to catch up at this point please do so. Your continued financial support is greatly appreciated.

Expense \$87,530.15 spent YTD in 2011 vs. \$100,715.44 in 2010 YTD, down \$13,185.29; -13%

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## CHURCH SERVICES

**Sunday**  
Holy Eucharist  
8AM and 9:30AM  
(Child care available during  
the 9:30 service)

**Wednesday**  
Holy Eucharist  
9AM

## New Sunday Schedule Begins September 11

**8:00 - Worship** (*no music*), **9:00 -10:00am - Christian Education for All Ages.** **10:15: Family Worship** (*Blended Music, Audio Visual Technology, Child Care*). **Adult Education will be held in the Fellowship Hall. Children's Sunday School will be in the Meeting Room (at the church) and the Activity Center (at the Church House).** It is our hope that this will allow those of you who are interested in Christian Education but have had difficulties with week night schedules to take advantage of the many courses we will be offering. We look forward to a successful and life giving Sunday morning experience at St. Peter's. Please plan to join us as we explore Christian perspectives on all kinds of issues. Lindy Malingowski, Nancy Simenz, Judy Goes, and Louise Bennin will facilitate the Adult classes.

## UPCOMING EVENTS AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION...

**Great Marriages is offering a free program called "How to Avoid Marrying a Jerk(ette)".** It will be held on Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am-4:00 pm. This program is for adults who want to make smart choices in dating including: individuals who have experienced a divorce and are dating again; never married singles, and anyone who wants to know how to find a mate who is compatible for a healthy relationship. To register, call Great Marriages for Sheboygan County at 920-783-3660.

**New Website:** Our new and improved website is currently online. Please note that it is still under construction. We are still working on some features. Visit it and give us some feedback on what you like so far and what needs to be improved. [www.stpetersfalls.org](http://www.stpetersfalls.org)

**The next book club selection is The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins.** Everyone is welcome to join the group for the discussion at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 20 at the Church House. Please bring a dish to pass. We hope to see you there!





Yvon Prehn &lt;yvoneffect@gmail.com&gt;

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**FW: E-News**

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**Vicky Stauber-Pufall** <vstauber-pufall@diofdl.org>

Fri, Sep 16, 2011 at 9:03 AM

Reply-To: vstauber-pufall@diofdl.org

To: yvon@effectivechurchcom.com

Hi, Yvon -

Here's another example of a strictly electronic newsletter that is issued weekly by Jane (she is an 80+something!). Enjoy!

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Vicky Stauber-Pufall, Diocesan Office Secretary

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## Eucharist Schedule

10 a.m. Sundays

8 and 10 a.m. July and August

12:15 p.m. Wednesdays (**during Lent**)

## Weekly Meetings

Lectionary Study

Wednesdays 2-4 p.m.

September through May

Bible Study

Thursdays 10 a.m. - Noon

September through May

## Monthly Meetings

Vestry

Third Thursdays 3:30 p.m.

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## September 8, 2011

### Readings for Sunday, September 11

[Exodus 14: 19-31](#)

[Psalm 114](#) or [Exodus 15: 1b-11, 20-21](#)

or

[Genesis 50: 15-21](#)

[Psalm 103: \(1-7\), 8-13](#)

[Romans 14: 1-12](#)

[Matthew 18: 21-35](#)

Click on the links above to access readings.

September Northern Light Newsletter is now on line. Click on "St. Luke's Newsletter" left hand column below to access.

## A Quote From Sunday's Sermon...

"Jesus says that when two or three are gathered together, he is in our midst. How would our dinner table or parking lot conversations change if Jesus was visibly present" In some Jewish traditions, there's an empty chair at the Seder meal for Elijah. Maybe we should leave an empty chair to remind us that Jesus is indeed right there with us."

## Fall Gourmet Dinner

### Caribbean Carnival

Sign-up Sheet and Menu will be posted September 4-18.

Dinners are targeted for late September through early November. We hope all of our "snowbirds" can participate before heading south.



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## Vestry

Steve Elliott, Senor Warden

Judy Bush, Junior Warden

Martin Ford (2013)

Karen Schwartz (2013)

Peter Thelen (2013)

Kathy Blankenburg (2012)

Carol Ann Osinski (2012)

Jean Barrett (2012)

## September Birthdays

Corky Hellyer 7

Anne Wyman 15

Roberta Thelen 23

Diana Wallace 28

## September Anniversaries

Karen & Doug Schwartz 6

Susan & Joe Mazza 7

Corky & Jay Hellyer 8



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Another delightful dinner for good food, fun, and fellowship. As always, newcomers are welcomed. Any questions? Contact Jean Barrett.

## Building Update



Installation of insulation in Canterbury Room.



Old beams going out.



New beam going in.

*will take you to St. Luke's Episcopal Church website. Then click on "Newsletter".*

## To Learn More

If you would like to learn more about St. Luke's community:

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New beam in place.

*(Photos and updates compliments of Lenny Zakrzewski)*

Ray and Ralph will be happy to give guided tours on Sundays after the service when appropriate.

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## ***Book Club News***

Our next book is "The Bone House" by Brian Freeman and will be hosted by Sherry Wolf on **September 12 at 7 p.m.**

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## ***Reminders***

### ***Vestry Meeting...***

Next vestry meeting is Thursday, October 27.





***Mark your calendars....***

Group meditation continues each Thursday at 4:30 except the Thursdays that the vestry meets.

Blessing of the animals, Sunday, October 2 at 1 p.m.,  
St. Luke's parking lot.

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## ***Lay Ministry Schedule***

**September 11**

*Music - Ray*

*Readers - Margaret & Diana*

*Prayers - Steve*

*Chalice - Jean & Steve*

*Hosts - Carol Ann & Ray*

*Ushers - Susan & Eileen*

*LEV - Judy*

*Flowers - Jeffery & Susan*

*Cleaning - TBD*

*Altar Guild - Norma*

**September 18**

*Music - Marty*

*Readers - George & TBD*

*Prayers - Kathy*

*Chalice - George & Susan*

*Hosts - Julie*

*Ushers - Anne & Kathy*

*LEV - Kathy*

*Flowers - Sally Burr*

*Cleaning - TBD*

*Altar Guild - Eileen*

**September 25**

*Music - Ralph*

*Readers - Judy & Margaret*

*Prayers - Steve*

*Chalice - Jean & TBD*

*Hosts - Sherry*

*Ushers - Rand & Sherry*

*LEV - Doug*

*Flowers - Diana*

*Cleaning - Joan*

*Altar Guild - Jane*

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## **A message from Fr. McQueen, Priest-in-charge: TRANSITION**

September is always a month of transition in the life of Grace Church, but this will be especially true in 2011. As always, we will be welcoming back those who have been worshipping at All Saints' Chapel, where the season concludes Labor Day weekend. Also, after a summer blessed with Sunday morning formation provided by Mr. Charleston Wilson, we will begin our regularly-scheduled Christian formation and education the following week, with students meeting Sunday School teachers downstairs and an introduction to fall programming happening upstairs in St Nicholas Hall. Yes, these are the usual things, nothing new here.

However, there are also several important changes in the life of the parish. The first is that we will begin preparation for our second Annual Meeting of 2011. You'll recall that at our first such gathering in January, the decision was made to move the date of our Annual Meeting to the fall, an idea that had been floating around for quite some time. There are several reasons that this makes more sense for Grace Church. One is that the life of the parish much more closely resembles the school year rather than the calendar year. This change allows us to use the summer, when things are slower, to do most of the planning and preparation for the church year, rather than the Advent/Christmas season. Another reason is that it allows us the opportunity to proactively lay out possible goals and strategies and how they need to be supported before the Fall Stewardship Campaign, rather than to reactively present a deficit budget after the fact. Spiritually we all have a responsibility to give as much as we're able, but from a practical standpoint, it's my hope that seeing the picture beforehand will help the Stewardship Campaign begin with some momentum.

Another reason, which is related to the last, is that it will allow us to continue to have a meeting in January that will focus entirely on the Grace Church financial picture. At Annual Meetings past, the agenda has been too large to be able to go into as much detail about the budget as it deserves. Many have expressed interest in learning more and it is the hope of the Vestry and Finance Committee that by devoting an entire parish meeting to the task, we'll be able to raise the level of understanding and awareness regarding this vital part of parish life.

From a practical standpoint, moving the Annual Meeting to the fall allows for better attendance. There are several parishioners who head south in the winter or are still traveling at the tail end of the holiday season. While that does represent a small percentage of the congregation, with the vast majority of the parish remaining here, those that remain are faced with a much more unpredictable forecast in January than in September or October. Weather conditions have been a concern every year that I've been here and that is now mostly removed, hopefully allowing for 100% parish attendance at one of the most important gatherings in the life of the parish.

The second change this September comes as a direct result of the moving of the Annual Meeting. New Vestry members will be elected at the meeting October 2, rather than in January. While they won't actually rotate on until January, we're excited to be able to bring new members on earlier so that when their terms actually begin, they can hit the ground

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## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

**Please join us**

**Sunday, September 4th**

**9:00am**

**Last Sunday at  
All Saint's Chapel  
Elkhart Lake**



**Sunday the 11th**

**9:00am**

**Rally Day  
First day of  
Christian Formation**

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running. Please consider whether you may be called to serve on the Vestry and, if so, please call the church office or email Fr. McQueen. It is an excellent opportunity to invest in the parish in a particular way and to grow in your own spirituality through your service.

The final big change is, of course, the calling of the new rector. As you may know already, Fr. Karl Schaffenburg will be leaving his current post at Church of the Incarnation in West Point, Mississippi to lead Grace Church into a new beginning. While he will not be with us immediately, as he still has an obligation to pastor his current parish and prepare them for their transition, he will be joining us for the Walsingham Pilgrimage as our preacher for the feast. The Vestry will be in continuing communication with Fr. Schaffenburg in preparation for his arrival and are ecstatic to welcome him here.

The Nashotah House bookstore used to offer a book entitled, Sacred Cows Make the Best Burgers. While I don't think the changes happening this fall are quite on that scale, it does

make an interesting point: there is a tremendous amount of potential positive energy in change. True, it can be unsettling and uncertain, but it also happens to be a hallmark of Christian discipleship. We are called to continual conversion and renewal and a big part of that must be willing to modify the areas of our life that are not propelling us heavenward. We all have areas of our life where, if we would just allow the Holy Spirit in, we would be able to blossom and bear fruit in places we didn't even know we had buds.

In the interest of bearing that kind of fruit, Grace Church has embraced a tiny bit of change. Where in your life are the buds waiting to explode? In your relationships at work or at home? In your personal finances or your goals and ambitions? In the month of September, commit yourself in your prayer and in your worship to seeking out the changes in your life that need to happen and allow the Holy Spirit to follow through on them.

-JDM+

## **SUNDAY MORNING ADULT FORMATION**

Sunday morning Christian education will resume on Rally Day, which will be September 11th. In the Adult Formation will class we will begin a series of Bible studies focusing on the Psalms, which began in August in the Thursday morning Bible Study. There are several reasons for this choice. The first is that there has long been a desire expressed by members of the community to have a weekly Bible study offered at a time outside normal working hours so that it might be more accessible. The second is that by doing a series of Bible studies we'll have the flexibility to pick up something new once the new rector arrives and has had a chance to plan the curriculum. Finally, the discussions that we've had on Thursday mornings regarding this particular series have been excellent and those attending have commented on how helpful they've been and so I would like to make that available to everyone.

The focus of the Bible has been using the Psalter as a guide for praying through our emotions. Please come and join us as we talk about why this is the most helpful (and the healthiest!) way of approaching and sorting through our emotions.

## **Thursday Morning Bible Study**

In the month of July we concluded our study of the Revelation to John, an exciting and challenging look at God's mercy and justice in restoring Creation. In the month of August we will be studying the place of emotion in our prayer in the Book of Psalms. The psalms are some of the most emotionally honest passages of scripture that we have and for them already to have been put into the form of prayer is of tremendous benefit to us. Please join us this month as we look at doubt, guilt, fear and other emotions through the eyes of the psalmists, in hopes that we might be able to view those feelings with new eyes ourselves.

Bible Study follows the 8:45 Morning Prayer and Mass. All are welcome!



# SCIO NEWS

**Bridgeway and Beyond is in desperate need of the following items:**

- **Dryer Sheets**
- **Zip Lock bags - all sizes**
- **Batteries - AA, C, D, and AAA sizes**
- **Light bulbs - 60 and 75 watt**
- **School supplies**

**If you wish to donate, items can be brought to Bridgeway (1251 Geele Ave, Sheboygan)**

**Building Bridges Child Care collects the following items:**

- **McDonald's receipts from Sheboygan, Ozaukee, Milwaukee, Racine, Kenosha, Walworth, Waukesha, Dodge & Jefferson counties**
- **Labels for Education from:**
- **Campbell's Soup**
- **Pepperidge Farm products**
- **Spaghettios**
- **V8 juice caps**
- **BIC office products**
- **Post cereals**
- **Pop Secret products**
- **Milk Moola caps and strips from Quik Trip**

**Labels for Education is also selling cookbooks and awarding schools with 125 points for each cookbook sold. They're priced from \$7-\$20 and can be ordered online at <http://lfecookbooks.com>.**

**When you order, choose SCIO Building Bridges as the account for the points.**

## **Volunteer Opportunities**

**The Transportation Program has filled 92 requests the first 7 months of the year. Drivers are still needed.**

## DAILY CONNECTION Distracted

I had the pleasure recently of watching my four-year-old grandson, Charlie, enjoy his first solo ride on a mini-go kart. All he had to do was push one pedal to go, another to stop, and steer clear of the walls. Easier said than done. He was constantly distracted: one moment deciding to rub his sandal on the front tire and crashing head-on into the wall; another watching one side of the wall only to crash into a parked go kart right in front of him. And each time he got stuck, he would look over to his Father to help him get his kart back on track.

Somehow, this got me thinking about our God-quest journey. All we have to do is pay attention to God's word, behave ourselves and ... well, that's pretty much it. But I, for one, get distracted by all the shiny baubles and supposed troubles I encounter each day. And, of course, I end up crashing into one thing or another and then looking around for God to straighten out my day and get me back on track. He does.

My point: The God Rules (oh, and how some folks chafe at that onerous word: "rules"! ) are pretty simple. If we follow them and trust in God, it's all pretty clear and simple ... no, not always easy, but certainly clear and simple. And when we get distracted, all we have to do is look around for God (He's there) and ask Him to get us moving in the right direction again. - jri

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**"In my desperation I prayed, and the Lord listened; he saved me from all my troubles."**

**- King David (Psalm 34:6)**

## From the Junior Warden

I am hoping that we are getting to the end of those projects that have been on our wish list for some time. Here are several vestry approved projects:

1. We've had an ongoing (for years) WATER PROBLEM in the basement by the Seventh Street entrance when it rains heavily. Bill, our sexton, has done some things to try fixing the problem but now we have to go further, trying things that cost money. The gutters seem to not be catching heavy runoff from the roof, thus water stays close to the building and possibly ends up in the basement. The gutters may have been pushed under the roof by ladders when roof repairs were made. We will repair those gutters as well as another gutter that rusted through some time ago near the original SW entrance. We also have to re-pitch gutters on the rectory which has allowed water to spill over in the wrong places. Cost: \$500.

2. Tuckpointing. The water running over the gutters has infiltrated mortar on the way down the walls and caused deterioration of the mortar. Water may be getting through that area into the basement too. Other areas needing tuckpointing are on the north wall in the alley- bricks are loosening up above the basement windows, etc. Cost: \$1,725.

3. Aluminum windows: Three basement windows on the NW side of the building have been without storm windows. Not good for keeping cold out of the basement! They need to be installed. Also needed is a window in the rector's office that is falling into ruin and can't open, and repair to a window near the alley door. Cost: \$325

4. Painting: Soffits on the west side of church, rails on the steps leading into church, three sets of double doors, a downspout and window. Just by looking at these you can tell this project is overdue. Cost: \$1,750.

These costs are in our budget's contingency fund but won't leave a lot available for the rest of the year.

Longer range: The bell tower baffles continue to deteriorate and can be either stained or covered with metal. Staining could cost \$500 plus rental of a lift for maybe \$1,000 depending on the length of time it is needed. Covering with metal is more expensive but also a permanent fix. A bid was done on this several years ago but intended funds went elsewhere. If work was needed several years ago it shouldn't baffle us to realize fixing is needed soon.

To be thinking about: The roof! No use getting a bid yet but shingles blew off four different times during the last year! The "new roof" is already over 15 years old. The garage will need reroofing too; it is over 30 years old! If anybody wants to consider a donation towards keeping the rain off our head, please think about it and let us know your good intentions. Hopefully these will be the last big projects needed in the next few years.

**VOLUNTARY FIX UP PROJECTS:** In June we had a dozen volunteers wash windows, paint and clean up things on our campus. We didn't finish everything. We are still looking to get a few more things finished before our new rector arrives. Please let me know that you want to help!

On another note, the vestry voted unanimously to ban concealed carry weapons on our church property.

Thanks,  
Ed Clabots



## FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT AUGUST 2011

The finance committee has created a one-page financial statement available for all parishioners. You can find a copy in the Narthex or in the Church Office. Year-to-date through July we are \$22,345 over our "giving" budget and \$12,172 under our expense budget leaving us \$34,517 ahead in total. Year to date July we have spent \$215,600 and have received in gifts and pledges \$266,581. We don't expect to have this type of surplus as we complete August as we have some unbudgeted expenses related to the Rector search effort. If you have questions, comments, or would like to give a designated gift please contact any Finance Committee or Vestry member.

# SEPTEMBER 2011

## Ministry Schedule

### 8:00 am Mass

	Server	Lector	Usher	Greeter
9/4	J. Davis	J. Davis	L&C Schneider	J. Gardner
9/11	B. Wood	B. Wood	J. Gardner & W. Sather	D&M Evans
9/18	B. Imig	B. Imig	W&P Sather	J. Gardner
9/25	B. Wood	B. Wood	L&C Schneider	D&M Evans

### 10:15 am Mass

	Lector	Usher	Greeter
9/4	B. Kraft	E. Clabots & B. Kraft	J. Stagner
9/11	B. MacEwen	J. Stagner & E. Clabots	C. Smith
9/18	K. Ambelang	S&M Gallimore	P&P Beebe
9/25	B. Markevitch	J. Whitford & B. Evans	J. Stagner

### 8:00 am Coffee Hour

9/4	Ann Lubbers
9/11	John & Louise Davis
9/18	Scott & Jean Mullen
9/25	Jim Gardner

### 10:15 am Coffee Hour

9/4	Jay & Katy Maki
9/11	Rally Day
9/18	Steve & Mary Gallimore
9/25	Dan & Linda Griswold

## CALENDAR ITEMS FOR September 2011

9/1	9:30am	Bible Study
9/4	9:00am	Last Sunday at All Saint's Chapel, Elkhart Lake
9/5	<b>Office Closed –Labor Day</b>	
9/8	9:30am	Bible Study
9/10	10:00am	Tentative Requiem Mass for Ruth Kaems
9/11	9:00am	Rally Day –First day of Christian Formation
9/14	6:00pm	Mass –Holy Cross Day
9/15	9:30am	Bible Study
9/18	11:45am	Vestry Meeting
9/21	6:00pm	Mass –St. Matthew
9/22	9:30am	Bible Study
9/29	8:45am	Morning Prayer –No Mass at 9:00
9/29	<b>No Mass at 9:00</b>	
9/29	9:30am	Bible Study
9/29	6:00pm	Mass –St. Michael and All Angels
10/2	<b>No 8:00 am Mass</b>	
10/2	9:00am	Mass with Hymns
10/2	10:15am	Annual Meeting
10/2	11:45am	Brunch

**NOTE: Wednesdays are Fr. McQueen's day off**

### Birthdays

9/1	Linda Griswold	9/19	Dominic Schmitz
9/2	Karen Munns	9/24	Scott Fabiano
9/8	John Keller	9/24	Pat Sather
9/9	Steven Fischer	9/25	Sarah Bondy
9/10	Annette Fabiano	9/28	Eli Klinzing
9/13	Payton Markevitch	9/29	Louise Davis
9/13	Elizabeth Shad	9/29	Bill Gaglin
9/14	Juergen Pietzner		
9/15	Thomas Gerleman		
9/15	Adam Harden		
9/15	Bernie Markevitch		
9/15	Gene Wilhelm		

## Weekly Service Schedule

Grace Church is open daily from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. for prayer and meditation.

### Sunday

8:00 a.m. Low Mass  
10:15 a.m. Solemn Mass

**Monday** 8:45 a.m. Morning Prayer

12:10 p.m. Mass

5:00 p.m. Evening Prayer & Shrine Prayers with Rosary. Intercessions, healing prayer, and sprinkling of Holy Water are offered after the Shrine prayers

### Tuesday

8:45 a.m. Morning Prayer

12:10 p.m. Mass

5:00 a.m. Evening Prayer & Shrine Prayers

### Wednesday

8:45 a.m. Morning Prayer

5:00 p.m. Evening Prayer & Shrine Prayers

5:30 p.m. Mass

### Thursday

8:45 a.m. Morning Prayer

9:00 a.m. Mass

5:00 p.m. Evening Prayer & Shrine Prayers

### Friday

7:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

7:15 a.m. Mass

5:00 p.m. Evening Prayer & Shrine Prayers

### Saturday

8:45 a.m. Morning Prayer

9:00 a.m. Mass

9:30 a.m. Confessions in Reconciliation Room

5:00 p.m. Evening Prayer & Shrine Prayers

## September Anniversaries

9/4	Steve & Katy Larson
9/11	John & Karen Ambelang
9/12	Steve & Polly Schmeiser
9/18	Bill & Paula Roenitz
9/18	Tom Wright & Mary Snyder
9/19	Fong & Cha Yang Vue
9/21	Bill & Karen Munns
9/22	David & Audrey Koch





# SUMMER FARMERS MARKET

**Sheboygan Location - Fountain Park**  
Wednesdays & Saturdays  
Hours 7:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

**Plymouth Location - Plymouth City Park**  
Thursday Afternoon  
Hours 12:30- 5:30 p.m.

back to school

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First Central Baptist Church

# Flock Talk



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The hero is commonly the simplest  
and obscurest of men.

— Henry David Thoreau

For more pictures and information on the  
rebuilding at Ground Zero, [click here](#).

## ***The Ripka family needs your help***

*Adam needs transportation to oxygen treatments in North Reading MA. The commitment is about 8 hours including 4 hours (total) of driving time. There is a sign-up sheet on the back board with more information. Please help if you can. You can contact the Ripkas at 413-884-1075 with questions or to volunteer.*

**This Sunday Chris Ames will be continuing our series in the Book of James. Join us at 8:30 or 11 am.**

There will be a business meeting on September 18<sup>th</sup> following the 11 am service in the sanctuary to vote on adding two members to the Pulpit Committee — Lois Darcy and Doug McVeigh. The fellowship for the Housdens will take place in the gym after the meeting.

***First Central needs your prayers especially right now.***

**Pray for**

- our deacons
- our search committee
- our church Family
- God's wisdom and guidance.
- God's man for First Central in His perfect timing.

**Never stop praying.**

— I Thessalonians 5:17

## **Back-to-School Trivia Answers**

What inspired the invention of the glue stick?	c) lipstick
How much money did the first box of Crayola brand crayons cost?	a) five cents
About how many words can the average number 2 pencil write?	c) 45,000
A pencil can write in outer space, upside down, and underwater.	True.

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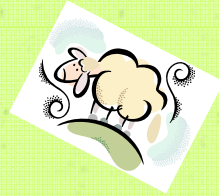
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# Flock Talk



This Sunday we welcome Pastor Tim back to our pulpit. He and Chris Ames will be sharing a series in the Book of James throughout September. Join us at 8:30 or 11 am.

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**REMINDER!** The farewell fellowship for the Housdens planned for last Sunday evening has been re-scheduled to Sunday, September 18 at 12:30 pm. If you haven't done so yet, please sign up to let us know you're coming.

**You can help the Ripka family.**  
Adam has begun hyperbaric oxygen treatments. in North Reading MA. Drivers are needed to bring Adam to these treatments. The commitment is about 8 hours including 4 hours (total) of driving time. There is a sign-up sheet on the back board with more information. Please help if you can.

**First Central needs your prayers especially right now.**

- Pray for our deacons,
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**SEPTEMBER 7, 2011**  
MUSIC/FOOD-5:30 ANIMALS-6:30-8

**2011 AWANA SEASON!**  
JOIN US AS WE KICK OFF THE NEW SEASON

FOOD  
LIVE MUSIC  
— LIVE ANIMALS —

**FCBC Parking Lot beginning at 5:30 pm**

Ladies, please join us on Tuesday, September 20 at 6 pm for a light dinner and a talk from Renata Bowers, author of Frieda B. Herself. Soup, salad, dessert and beverages are provided. All you need to bring is yourself, and maybe a friend! Sign up on the women's bulletin board.



## Back-to-School Trivia (answers in next week's Flock Talk)

What inspired the invention of the glue stick?

- a) ice pops                      b) corn dogs                      c) lipstick

How much money did the first box of Crayola brand crayons cost?

- a) five cents                      b) twenty-five cents                      c) one dollar

About how many words can the average number 2 pencil write?

- a) 1000                      b) 10,550                      c) 45,000

True or false? A pencil can write in outer space, upside down, and underwater.

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## Pastor Mark's Remarks

### Are You Ready to Re-Invest?

There's the story of a ten-year-old boy who was failing math. His parents tried everything, but to no avail. Finally, at the insistence of a family friend, they decided to enroll him in a private Catholic school.

After the first day, the boy's parents were surprised when he walked in after school with a stern, focused and very determined expression on his face, and went right past them straight to his room, where he quietly closed the door.

For nearly two hours he toiled away in his room - with math books strewn about his desk and the surrounding floor. He emerged long enough to eat, and after quickly cleaning his plate, went straight back to his room, closed the door, and worked feverishly at his studies until bedtime.

This pattern continued ceaselessly until it was time for the first quarter report card.

The boy walked in with his report card, unopened, laid it on the dinner table and went straight to his room. Cautiously, his mother opened it, and to her amazement, she saw a bright red 'A' under the subject of MATH. Overjoyed, she and her husband rushed into their son's room, thrilled at his remarkable progress.

'Was it the nuns that did it?' the father asked. The boy only shook his head and said, 'No.'

'Was it the one-on-one tutoring? The peer-mentoring?' 'No.'

'The textbooks? The teachers? The curriculum?'

"'Nope,'" said the son. 'On that first day, when I walked in the front door and saw that guy they nailed to the 'plus sign,' I just knew they meant business!' (from: *America Online: McKinley IB*, Nov. 6, 1997)

Although there is some humor in the story, there's also a kernel of truth, as we return from our summer activities to get back into school and fall schedules. Certainly this is true as we re-connect and re-invest in our spiritual growth in Grace's fall activities! There needs to be a strong motivation to help us follow through and reinvest in a deep enough way to experience significance growth. And the question is, "What's our motivation?"

For me, it is a desire to go deeper in my relationship with Jesus and learn to put my faith more into action, that brings significant change in this world and the lives of others. Sometimes I am so caught up in the organizational side of the faith (something every pastor I know struggles with!) that all my time and energy is focused on "keeping everything going!" Sometimes I pray: "Lord, I don't want to play church anymore! I want to be part of a

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## Stewardship & Men's Ministries

### Leftovers, do you like them?

Do you like leftovers? Sometimes I do. Things like meat loaf, pizza, tater-hot dish, and a few other dishes are pretty darn good heated up (or even cold). And then some things aren't so good the next

day or so: like salads, Chinese food, bread & rolls, but then I suppose it depends on what you like. But, let's face it, most of us would prefer, given our time availability, to have a home-cooked meal that you're eating for the FIRST time, right?

Unfortunately, many of us have the *leftover approach* when it comes to our financial giving to God, don't we? First we pay our bills, second we make sure we can afford all the essentials (food, shelter, clothing, etc), and THEN we see what's left over to give to God, right? We "eat our home-cooked meal" and then, if there's any leftover, we see if we're able to give to God's work in the world. While that would be common sense, it's not the Biblical principle regarding giving. We're called to give FIRST of what we have, i.e. giving should be a priority in handling what God has blessed us with (Exodus 23:16,19; 34:19,26; Leviticus 2:14; Numbers 28:26; Deuteronomy 26:1-2; Proverbs 3:9).

Ultimately, it's really all about our lifestyle and developing good habits in handling money and stuff. I have a financial planner friend who gives his Christian clients this piece of advice in handling money, "pay God, pay yourself, pay your bills." (Or, if you like numbers, it's the 10-10-80 rule). Oh, and by the way, the best financial management handbook around is this book called the...Bible. The challenge is that we often get hung up on the 10%. However, God has as much more to say about the other 90%. He cares about how we handle all of it and knows the details of our lives, (Matthew 12:29, Luke 12:7) including our finances.

Last month a pastor friend of mine challenged me on the number of times the Bible references money and possessions, which is over 2,300 times. So, feeling convicted I checked into it. After some searching I found a source that has all those references, divided up into 20 different categories. *And guess how many categories are on giving?* ONE. The other 19 deal with issues such as debt, honesty, saving, children, contentment, greed, evil uses of money, and the list goes on. When it comes to giving, most of us would like to give more, but with our lifestyle there's nothing left over.

The fact is, how we handle our money is intricately woven into our spiritual lives, though many Christians

try to separate them. Every financial decision is in fact a spiritual decision. Wouldn't you prefer financial freedom rather than continued anxiety over money? And, all of us, no matter if we have a little or a lot, could use some help managing our money and stuff. God wants us to be free from worry.

So, as we enter into another ministry year focused on our core value of weGrow, here are four challenges I want to offer as we take intentional steps in our walk of faith:

**PLAN** in advance how we give/save/spend money (Proverbs 27:23-27, Luke 14:28-29).

Make giving a **PRIORITY** in our **PLAN**

(1 Corinthians 16:2, 2 Corinthians 9:7, & references above).

Decide on a **PERCENTAGE** we'll give (Genesis 14:20, Malachi 3:10, 2 Corinthians 8:1-4).

Be **PROGRESSIVE** in your giving (Proverbs 11:24-25, Matthew 6:20, 2 Corinthians 8:12-15).

Lutheran Theologian Mark Allen Powell says this, "We express our love for God when we take generous portions of our money and give it away, cheerfully and sacrificially. We not only express our love; we increase it. In some mysterious way, what we do with our treasures actually affects our hearts, such that cheerful sacrifice bonds our hearts to God and helps us love God more."

So, let's forget about giving God what's leftover and give to Him first. And let's "love God more" together, as we grow to look more like Jesus.

For His Kingdom,

Pastor Chris

### *A simple and convenient way to give*

This fall, consider signing up for electronic giving. **Grace Lutheran** relies on the financial support of the congregation and electronic giving offers an easy way to give on a recurring basis. Please contact the church office for details.

To give electronically, visit [www.graceandover.org](http://www.graceandover.org). The link is located by going to *About GLC, Giving at Grace*.

Thank you!



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radical and transforming faith community that doesn't talk about the faith as much as it does the faith!" And as I pray this prayer, I know the answer lies partially in the amount of spiritual investment I am willing to make.

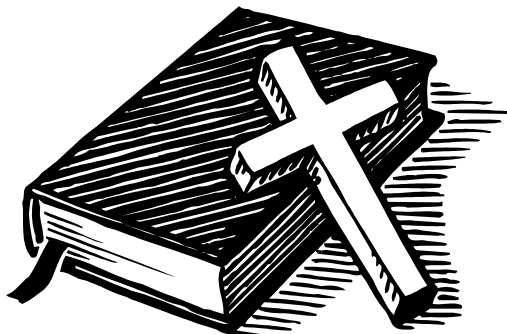
For instance, I am praying that the Lord will use our upcoming RENEW Weekend to motivate me to covenant with others to take one spiritual habit, and use it to go far deeper than I would normally. I am praying that as I listen to some of the stories Mark Scandrette shares from his faith community's faith experiments, I will be inspired to take a deeper trust step. Finally, as many of you come to the RENEW weekend I am hoping your enthusiasm for spiritual growth will be contagious and I will get more excited about what it means to follow Jesus more intentionally!

I've shared some of my motivation and prayers about reinvesting this fall at Grace. What about you? What is going to motivate you to significant spiritual growth? Although you might not have an answer right now, I think it's important to prayerfully consider in the next couple of weeks as you seek to re-invest. Look over the various ministries and spiritual growth opportunities. Begin to consider what might build and grow your motivation to invest. And then make a goal...a decision...a step. See what God can do then!

In the meantime, I want to invite you to worship. We have a great fall planned. We start with a sermon series on building relationships entitled: "Living Together." Then in October we will begin to focus on our spiritual habit of WORSHIP and in November center in on the habit SERVE. It's going to be a great year!

See you soon!

Pastor Mark



### Family Promise of Anoka County

A community response for families who are in homeless situations

**THANKS** to the people of Grace for reaching out to our guests as we were the host church for Family Promise of Anoka County the first week in August. Thanks to the 80+ volunteers who welcomed our guests, cooked delicious dinners, donated supplies for breakfast and lunches, drove the van and filled the gas tank, set up the rooms and made the beds, created and donated the beautiful quilts, served as evening and overnight hosts, and even did the dishes and laundry. Plus, thanks to every volunteer for listening and encouraging the four families who were our guests!

And THANKS to all the extra efforts of our church community, our Family Promise guests enjoyed many special activities like going bowling, special treats at Dairy Queen, fun outdoor activities, Bingo game with prizes, and family movie nights too.

We celebrate that through each volunteer, yes, through YOU and our church community, we could share God's love and grace with these families who are in homeless situations. At Grace, we believe that we are **blessed to be a blessing** -- and this is one very practical way in which God gives us the opportunity to share His blessings with others.

Thanks again for serving!

Jeannie Hellmann  
Director of Outreach Ministries

### Feed My Starving Children

#### A child's perspective

My daughters had a blast packing meals and boxes at Feed My Starving Children on Saturday, Aug. 13. They couldn't believe that there were kids just like them that didn't have food to eat. My four year old Hailey said, "Mom, it's kinda like the weeks when you forget to buy me fruit snacks at the grocery store, but **WORSE!**"

As a mom, I'm grateful for this opportunity to serve at Feed My Starving Children, and I'm hoping my daughters continue to choose to serve as the years go on.

Chrissy Petersen



We invite women of all ages to join one (or more) of the following women's ministries at Grace. We welcome you to a space to connect with others, a place where you can be real, a time to be encouraged, and an opportunity to grow in faith and friendships!

**Monday Night Women's Group** – This small group will meet from 7 – 8:30 pm Monday nights at Grace, beginning Sept. 12. Experience the encouragement of women while learning more about Biblical truths for everyday living.

Contact: Joan Hackleman 763-753-4191 or Kris Shields 421-6094

**Ruth Circle** – This Bible study group meets the first Wednesday each month at 1 pm at Grace, gathering ordinary women to learn more about our extraordinary God. All are welcome!

Contact: Jan Galvin 763-421-0668

**W.O.W. (Women on Wednesdays)** – This group will meet from 9:30-11 am each Wednesday at Grace, beginning Sept. 14, with childcare provided for a small fee. There will be a variety of studies offered this fall. The laughter, learning and 'wow' moments will be waiting for you!

Contact: Jeannie Hellmann 763-421-6520, ext 116 jeannieh@graceandover.org

**Grace Quilters** – Join the laughter as we sew and tie beautiful quilts each Wednesday morning, beginning at 9 am. Quilts are donated to those in need, locally and globally. No experience required -- just come to enjoy the connections and community.

Contact: Jan Galvin 763-421-0668

**Prayer Shawl Ministry** – Join us as we knit and crochet shawls that will be given to folks who are ill, weaving prayers of comfort and hope into each shawl or lap blanket. This group will meet from 2-3:30 pm on Thursdays at Grace, beginning Sept. 15 and 29, and then on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month.

Contact: Jean Griffin 763 767-9981 jea\_gri@msn.com

**Craft Night at Grace** – All are invited to these fun evenings of crafting and „connecting' with others, several times throughout the year (dates to be announced soon). Bring supplies to work on your favorite projects, such as quilting, stamping, scrapbooking, beading -- and enjoy the night of crafting!

Contact: Joy Heifort 763 202 8856 joyth0624@gmail.com



## W.O.W.

Do you ever stop and linger, I mean really stop and stare, in a flower garden? Maybe you do this in the beautiful gardens at Grace or in the gardens in your neighborhood or even in your own back yard?

When I stand in a flower garden, I literally stand in awe of God's creativity – the vibrant colors, the limitless variety, the amazing beauty! What a breathtaking view of

God's creativity!

For me personally, W.O.W. (Women on Wednesday) is another breathtaking view of God's creativity in our lives! I'm amazed by the variety of women, the vibrant enthusiasm for life, the honesty, and the desire to be open to our gracious God. I'm continually amazed how He **CREATIVELY** loves us and encourages us through one another, through His Word, through praying and sharing daily life together... creating many beautiful 'wow' experiences!

Women of all ages are welcome at W.O.W. each Wednesday from 9:30-11 am at Grace, beginning Sept. 14. Save the date and invite your friends! And, yes, childcare will be available.

Jeannie Hellmann

## Upcoming Events...

### Love of Grace



**Saturday, November 12, 2011**

**9:00 am - 3:00 pm**

Once again it is time to begin planning the Love of Grace Bazaar. This year, as in years past we will feature over 20 crafters and the Grace Eatery will serving a delicious lunch of hot sandwiches, soups and pie.

All proceeds go to the community. In years past we've contributed to Bibles for the 3 year olds and 3rd graders, Family Table and Feed My Starving Children.

The Bazaar takes a lot of volunteers and donations to pull this event together. Please consider joining the fun by volunteering your time or donating goods for the Grace Emporium or food items for the Grace Eatery.

We need volunteers right now to assist in the planning of the event. In the near future we will ask volunteers to sign up for the day of the Bazaar. If you are interested in assisting with any part of this event, please call Caroline Butterfield at 612-875-3567.

### Volunteer at Feed My Starving Children!

Children living in boxes and surviving on garbage deserve a future - **it starts with food, and the food starts with you!**

Join us at the Feed My Starving Children warehouse in Coon Rapids as children & adults hand-pack meals specifically formulated for malnourished children, then the meals are shipped to nearly 70 countries around the world.

It's simple – it's fun – it's just 2 hours of your time – it's rewarding – it's something the whole family can do (3<sup>rd</sup> graders and older) – AND it really makes a difference in the life of a starving child.

PLEASE join other Grace volunteers on these serving dates & times:

Sat. Sept. 24	9 – 11 am
Fri. Oct. 14	8 – 9:30 pm
Sat. Oct. 15	9 – 11, 11:30 am – 1:30pm, 2 – 4, 4:30 – 6:30, 7 – 9 pm
Fri. Nov 18	8 – 9:30 pm
Sat. Nov. 19	9 – 11, 11:30 am – 1:30pm, 2 – 4, 4:30 – 6:30, 7 – 9 pm

**Sign-up procedure:** Please register on-line for faster check-in at Feed My Starving Children. **Go to web-site for Feed My Starving Children – [www.fmssc.org](http://www.fmssc.org)**

Click "Register to volunteer"

Click "Permanent site" to register on line

Click "Join an existing group or family"

Under group name, type in "Grace Lutheran"

For the October dates, type in "Lutheran churches" as we are joining area churches

Choose the shift that you'd like to volunteer, then click "join"

Click "confirm"

Then you will be prompted to set up an account the first time you register, after that it will be easy for you to reserve or to cancel your volunteer spots on line.

If you do not have access to a computer, please call the church office to register!

**Please Note:** You may serve ANYTIME at Feed My Starving Children, you don't have to wait until Grace sends a group of volunteers. Just go to their website & register on line!

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Jeannie Hellmann at Grace 421-6520, ext. 116 or [jeannieh@graceandover.org](mailto:jeannieh@graceandover.org)



### Academy News

The fall session began Tuesday, September 6, 2011. Classes are offered all five evenings this year! New students are always welcome to enroll anytime.

This is a very exciting year for the Academy with seven instructors teaching voice, guitar, winds, percussion and piano.

Corrugated lawn signs have been made and are available to Grace members to post in their yards and street corners. If you would like to help publicize the Academy with a sign, please call Denise Redman at 763-421-6520.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>28</b> Angel Pin Weekend 8:30 AM Worship Service 10:00 AM Worship Service 4:00 PM Twin Cities African Arabic Church	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 9:30 AM Prayers 7:30 PM Book Club	<b>31</b> 9:00 AM Quilters 10:00 AM Leadership Team Meeting 6:30 PM Garden Party 6:30 PM Youth Group 7:00 PM Adult Choir	<b>1</b> 6:30 PM Yoga Devotions 7:00 PM Worship Team Practice	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 5:00 PM Worship
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<b>11</b> Rally Weekend 8:00 AM Traditional Worship 9:00 AM Blended Worship & SONday School 10:20 AM Contemporary Worship & SONday School 12:00 PM H.S. Youth Pool Party 4:00 PM Twin Cities African Arabic Church	<b>12</b> 6:30 PM Pastoral Care Meeting 7:00 PM Women's Small Group	<b>13</b> 9:30 AM Prayers 6:30 PM Vision Board	<b>14</b> 9:00 AM Quilters 9:30 AM WOW 10:00 AM Leadership Team Meeting 6:30 PM Catechism 6:30 PM Rockin' Kids Bible Club 7:00 PM Adult Choir	<b>15</b> 2:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:30 PM Yoga Devotions 7:00 PM Worship Team Practice	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 9:00 AM Baptism Workshop 12:00 PM AMAZING (g) RACE 5:00 PM Worship & SONday School
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**Sunday, October 9**

Heatherlyn and Mark will lead us in worship and bring the message at all three of our regular Worship services – 8:00am | 9:00am | 10:20am. This will be a great opportunity to invite friends and neighbors to come who may have missed out on the rest of the weekend.

We hope you will set this weekend aside as we commit to come together as a community and RENEW our faith together. To begin the journey, Mark's latest book: *Practicing the Way of Jesus: Life together in the Kingdom of Love* is available in the church lobby. It will be a good introduction and spiritual preparation for how God might renew you and our church!

**Habitat for Humanity**

On August 5, Grace volunteers travelled to North Minneapolis, offering their time and talents to Habitat for Humanity. The Habitat home was well on its way to being completed, as it has been a project for most of the summer, and our Grace volunteers were excited to give a day of service to the Lord.

Some of the projects that our volunteers worked on included: framing and dry walling a laundry room in the basement, adding exterior trim to the basement windows, constructing and painting a railing for the front porch, installing trim on the overhang for the front porch, and painting all that trim. When our group left, the exterior of the house was almost complete and the interior of the house was ready for interior paint and final finishes. Other servants from Grace provided lunch and snacks for our workers, and that wonderful food nourished and empowered our volunteers at the work site.

Grace volunteers finished the day with some paint on their clothes, sweat on their backs, and a sense of accomplishment for giving their time to the Lord. Thank you to the faithful volunteers who helped at the work site and thanks also to those willing volunteers who donated food for this Habitat project!

Greg Donaldson, Habitat Ministry Team Leader

**Grief Share Support Group**

Grief is \_\_\_\_! (you fill in the descriptive word)  
Grieving is painful, confusing, relentless, empty, hopeless, lonely and \_\_\_\_ (fill in the blank again.)  
Yes, the emotions are intense and overwhelming, yet you don't have to go through the grieving journey alone.

Grief Share is a caring and understanding group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. Lynn Noren will facilitate a Grief Share support group at Grace on Sunday evenings beginning Oct. 16. Each evening will begin with dinner at 5 pm, joining the Sunday Evenings @ Grace community, then the Grief Share group will meet from 6-7:30pm.

Each week the Grief Share group will watch a video seminar featuring top experts on grief and recovery subjects. These videos are produced in an interesting-to-watch television magazine format featuring expert interviews, real-life case studies, dramatic reenactments and on-location video. After viewing the video, you and the other group members will spend time as a support group, discussing what was presented in that week's video seminar and what is going on in your lives. During the week you will have the opportunity to use a workbook for further personal study of the grieving process and to help sort out your emotions through journaling. Your group will spend time discussing questions and comments from the workbook study.

All are welcome to join this Grief Share group. Feel free to invite your family members, neighbors or co-workers. For more information, please contact Lynn Noren at 763 300-6297 or [LNoren@rise.org](mailto:LNoren@rise.org)



**Mission Trip**

We are beginning plans for an adult mission trip to occur in the summer of 2012. We are looking for people interested in participating in the trip. We are having a kick off meeting Sept 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm to begin planning dates and location. Interested? Please contact Lori or Greg Ackerson.

Home phone: 763-390-7890.

Lori's Cell: 651-894-3506 Greg's Cell: 763-354-8596.

## GRACE 4 TANZANIA

Eleven and one half years ago, while standing in a parking lot of an unfinished ELCT church in Arusha, Tanzania, I asked the question, "What can I/we do to help finish this building?" Basically, "send stuff for a yard sale" was the answer.

For eleven years, a dedicated group from Grace has been collecting, packing, and sending the items we no longer want or use. Once the items arrived in Tanzania, the money received for selling these items has been used to finish the building with toilets, windows, etc. We have also made items, especially clothing, available at a price the people can afford.

We have sent two 20 foot and one 40 foot containers packed solid with everything from church bells to bikes. We sent two autoclaves and crutches for the clinic. We sent clothing and soft household goods. There are school supplies, nine sewing machines, eleven computers, 150 bikes and a portable potty chair on their way.

Interest in the project known as Phoebe/Grace4Tanzania was such that in 2005, eight of us from Grace made the trip to Arusha and Kinampanda to see how things were going and to get a feel for what we could do next. We dream of another trip to see the friends we've made.

While we think and pray about our next move, we'd like to hear from you. Do you have a heart for this mission, the stuff and the extra cash needed for shipping? Pray about it and call me, Carolyn Anderson, or Karl Sluis. The cost to ship is around \$8,000. It takes about 18 months to fill a 20 foot container. The joy in doing the Lord's bidding is PRICELESS. My phone is 612-840-4742, Carolyn's is 763-862-6639, Karl's is 763-421-7416. Thanks in advance!

God's peace to each of you,  
Orinne Jones  
Grace4Tanzania

## Vision Board



**Ephesians 4:23** "...let the Spirit renew your thoughts and attitudes."

It's that time again... summer is in its last days and fall is just around the corner. It's a time when kids have started back to school, some people are closing up their lake place, and all of us are getting settled into our "regular rou-

tines" again. Routines can be helpful and necessary to get us through our day. Routines are good; they are comfortable because we know them – they are part of our comfort zone. But sometimes, routines can weigh us down and keep us from exploring and discovering new avenues of growth for ourselves and our families. It is also good to step out of that comfort zone once in awhile and try something new. Growth can help us to challenge ourselves and bring newness to our lives.

Fall is also a time of new beginnings. It is a time to accomplish new tasks and step out of "our ruts" and start a new routine. This October, Grace is providing all of us the opportunity for a new beginning or "fresh start" for our relationship with God. Mark your calendars for the weekend of October 7-9. We invite all of you to participate in RENEW, a spiritual renewal weekend featuring Mark Scandrette, (renowned author, speaker and spiritual leader) and Heatherlyn, (local musician and worship leader) -- both are friends of Pastor Steve's. Here is a way for each of us to renew our faith and get ourselves a "tune-up" for the new ministry season.

For more information you can check out these websites:  
[www.jesusdojo.com](http://www.jesusdojo.com) and

Yours in Christ,

Becky Anderson

Vision Board member



**Escape** from the everyday, ordinary routine at the Women of Faith conference Oct. 21-22 in St. Paul. **Be refreshed, encouraged and inspired**...because the God who loves you can do far more than you can ever **Imagine**.

Women of Faith is a Christian women's organization encouraging women of all ages and stages in life to grow in faith and spiritual maturity through a relationship with Jesus Christ and an understanding of God's love and grace.

Call a friend, reserve the weekend, and plan to attend this awesome event, right here in the twin cities! Read more at [www.womenoffaith.com](http://www.womenoffaith.com)

## **OUTREACH MINISTRIES at GRACE**

*We are blessed to be a blessing!  
We are called by Christ to serve and witness to our neighbors –  
and our „neighbor“ is as close as down the street or on the other side of the globe.  
May these serving opportunities allow us to share God's grace with all!*

### **Family Promise**

This ministry provides safe lodging, nutritious meals and caring hospitality to local families without homes. Coordinating this ministry with other area churches, Grace will host families several weeks during the year. Volunteers participate in this ministry by cooking food, donating supplies, or serving as a host to families one evening or one overnight.

Contact: Jeannie Hellmann 763 421-6520 jeannieh@graceandover.org

### **Family Table Meal**

On the third Sunday of each month, Grace volunteers prepare and serve a complimentary and nutritious evening meal for those in need within our community. Join the excitement of this outreach ministry by cooking meals, donating desserts, serving the food, or greeting our guests. Also, we strive to send home a boxed meal with each family, so donations of canned meats, fruits and vegetables are gladly accepted in the church office.

Contact: Mary Fitz 763 208-9889 FitzM@ci.fridley.mn.us

Michelle Healy 763 576-8420 michelle.l.healy@wellsfargo.com

### **Feed My Starving Children**

Volunteers pack life-saving meals that will be shipped to children around the world. Two hours of your time can really make a difference, especially for a starving child! Register to volunteer online at [www.fmssc.org](http://www.fmssc.org) under group name „Grace Lutheran (Please note: To register for Sat. Oct. 15, use group name of „LutheranChurches“)

Sat. Sept. 24 9 – 11 am

Sat. Oct. 15 (Every shift available, serving with other local Lutheran churches)

Fri. Nov 18 8 – 9:30 pm

Sat. Nov. 19 9 – 11am; 11:30am – 1:30pm; 2 - 4 pm, 4:30 – 6:30 pm, and 7-9 pm

Contact: Jeannie Hellmann 763 421-6520 jeannieh@graceandover.org

### **Grace Quilters**

Join the laughter and camaraderie as beautiful quilts are made each Wednesday morning, 9 to noon, at Grace. Quilts are donated to those in need at hospitals and women's shelters. Your time and talent will be a welcomed addition to this vital ministry.

Contact: Jan Galvin 763 421-0668 cricket2005@usfamily.net

### **Grace4Tanzania**

This outreach ministry collects and sends bikes, clothes and supplies to help a church and community of Kinampanda, Tanzania. You can help by donating items, packing supplies for shipment, praying, and offering financial support to cover shipping costs.

Contact: Carolyn Anderson 763 862-6639 anderson.carolyn@gmail.com

Orinne Jones 612 840-4742 zips@aol.com

### **Habitat for Humanity**

Volunteers serve at local home construction sites, helping to provide affordable housing for families in need. No building expertise required, just willing hands and feet. Join the fun and excitement of this productive hands-on ministry!

Contact: Greg Donaldson 612 201-3262 donaldson.g10@gmail.com

### **May All Be Fed Food Shelf**

Grace provides food to the needy in our local community through our May All Be Fed food pantry. Volunteers donate food, stock shelves, pre-bag groceries and provide financial gifts to support this on-going ministry.

Contact: Chris Pace 763 444-7812 dpace065@aol.com

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## Hearts at Home Conference

Nov. 4 & 5 in Rochester, MN

Do you want to be refreshed, revitalized, challenged, and educated to grow in your mothering, friendships, faith and marriage? You're not alone! Come to a Hearts at Home conference and join with thousands of moms who share the same desire.

Feel **REFRESHED** and ready to embrace the challenges of motherhood  
 Enjoy a fun, **GETAWAY** weekend  
**REMOVE** the guilt of not being the perfect mom  
 Experience a newfound **STRENGTH** through a deeper **FRIENDSHIP** with God  
 Increase your **IMPACT** by treating the job of mom as seriously as a career  
 Create a **VISION** to successfully usher your child into adulthood  
 Learn to prioritize time for yourself to better care for your **FAMILY**

The conference begins with the morning main session where you'll be inspired by speakers and enjoy uplifting music. You'll find yourself laughing and crying with an auditorium full of moms you don't know (they won't know you either!), but with whom you share the common bond of motherhood. After the morning session, you'll attend up to 4 workshops before ending your day at the afternoon main session. You'll also choose which workshops you'd like to attend from 20-30 options on parenting, marriage, spiritual growth, personal growth, and family management. You get to design your day based on what you need. And if you attend the Moms Night Out event on Friday night, you'll enjoy more music, laughter, and often a surprise or two.

The Hearts at Home Conference will be held Nov. 4-5 in Rochester, Minnesota. Read more about it and register online at [www.heartsathome.org](http://www.heartsathome.org), or stop by the Welcome Center and pick up a Hearts at Home conference brochure.



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#### *Mission Trip*

Adults are praying, planning and preparing for a week long mission trip outside of the United States during the summer of 2012. Join the adventure! Do something that will benefit others! See, experience and discover your faith in new and meaningful ways!

Contact: Lori & Greg Ackerson 763 390-7890 greg.lori@comcast.net

#### *Operation Christmas Child*

Share the love of Christ with a precious child by filling a shoebox with gifts and personal items, then Samaritan's Purse Ministry will deliver these boxes to children in need around the world. People of all ages can be involved in this simple, hands-on mission project while focusing on the true meaning of Christmas – Jesus Christ! Shoe boxes will be collected in November.

Contact: Dawn Perra 763 753-6996 dawnperra@hotmail.com

#### *Our Savior's Shelter*

On the first Monday of every month, servants from Grace put their faith into action by preparing and serving a meal at this homeless shelter in Minneapolis. Volunteers are welcomed on a monthly basis or one-time serving opportunity. Please note that many families and small groups enjoy doing this ministry together!

Contact: Anne & Pete Weikle 763 862-8845 weikle3@msn.com

#### *Prayer Shawl Ministry*

Weave prayers and comfort into shawls that will be given to people who are ill or home bound. Come to knit or crochet with this welcoming ministry group from 2 – 3:30 pm on Thursdays, beginning Sept. 15 and 29, then continuing on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of each month at Grace.

Contact: Jean Griffin 612 816-6684 jean\_gri@msn.com





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