



Carley Frosch, Second Grade

Prairie du Sac, WI

August 2010

Dear Friends in Christ,

As I write this I am still Sally Mitchell. By the time the Visitor is in your hands I will be Sally Williams. I'm in a "now and not yet" place in life. Trust me, it's a good place to be. I'm at a time in my life filled with excitement, anticipation, and opportunity. I get to celebrate my life to this point, and continue to celebrate as I look ahead to the many ways my life will change.

It reminds me of this kingdom talk in the church. The "now and not yet" place in life. Rolf Jacobson, editor of CrazyTalk, defines the kingdom as "A time that hasn't happened yet but already has begun; a place that doesn't exist yet but where you already live."

He continues, "As Yoda might have said, 'Be confused; be very confused.' The kingdom of God refers to the time and place where God's will is done...God's reign started at Christ's resurrection, when the curtain went up in the drama of God's salvation...but there is still plenty of against-God's-will sinning going on, so the reign won't start until the curtain goes down at the end of time and all evil is gone. Rest easy – God's reign is both now and

not yet. God's Spirit is active, but we also await the end of suffering."

We live in an in between time. A "now and not yet" time. But rather than it being confusing and empty, it is rich with excitement, anticipation, and opportunity! We get to feed the hungry, pray for the sick, comfort the broken, and receive and give forgiveness to our sisters and brothers in Christ!

Join me in this in between time, in this amazing time, as we rest assured that God's kingdom is now, let us work together to continue to bring God's kingdom to life here on earth.

Peace,



Do You Know Someone Who Needs a Ride to Church?

Check with the church office for a list of volunteers who will provide rides to and from church services or medical appointments.

Add your name to the list of volunteers by calling the church office at 643-2439 with your telephone number.



Birthday Greetings

We hope you take a moment to send greetings to the following people who have birthdays in August. The date is in parentheses.

Marion Fleming (2)
Maplewood of Sauk Prairie
245 Sycamore Street
Sauk City, WI 53583

Myrtle Wyttenbach (18)
E11078 River Rd
Sauk City, WI 53583

Margaret Loiselle (24)
% Gary Loiselle
4720 Black Oak Trail
Rockford, IL 61103

George Culver (31)
728 Risley Oak Ct
Prairie du Sac, WI 53578

St. John's Mortgage Fund Appeal

As you have hopefully heard over the last 6 or 8 weeks, we are in the final thrust to satisfy our building mortgage. The key word in that sentence is "OURS." We are a family. These are our finances. Just like any family budget; we work for the betterment of our household's financial health. In the case of our Church family, we share amongst ourselves so we as a congregation can reach out to others in need.

One of the best ways we can do that is to commit "to satisfy our mortgage and save the pending loan interest." We owe approximately \$300,000 with 5 years remaining and \$50,000 in interest remaining. Our mortgage payment is \$5,400/month and currently is being paid out of our general fund. This is money that is not being used for our ministries.

For those who have given to this effort, we offer our sincere thanks. For those who have not yet had an opportunity, you will find an appeal insert on the nametag table or in the bulletin every Sunday this summer. Please fill it out and place it in the offering plate or mail to the church office. For those pledging, there is a "building fund" blank on your offering envelope that can be filled in as we proceed in the coming months.

We hope that you consider this amount to be "up and above" your current giving so we don't impact our general fund and the mission of St. John's. This summer you can follow progress with the "fund" gauge in the Narthex. We will report back results with a financial report this fall.

Sincerely,
St. John's Fund Appeal Committee



Wrap Christmas Gift Boxes

We need volunteers to wrap shoe boxes with Christmas wrapping paper for our Christmas in Haiti Sunday on August 8. Other volunteers will fill them with small gifts during the fellowship time and they will be shipped to Thiotte, Haiti.

If you have an hour or two in the next week, stop by the church office. We will direct you to the supplies.

FOOD DRIVE



Food Pantry Sunday is August 8. Food, paper products and cleaning supplies may be brought to the table in the gathering area. These items are distributed to many families in the Sauk Prairie community. The food pantry especially needs:

Tuna

Canned spaghetti

Juice

Kleenex

Pork and beans

Canned ravioli

Peanut butter

Bath soap bars

Keep this list handy as you do your grocery shopping during the next few weeks.

Many parishioners find it easier to bring the items to the gathering area of the church at other times during the month. We appreciate the donations at any time.



Please Help the Church Office

If you have moved recently or changed telephone or cell phone numbers, please contact the church office at 643-2439 with the new information. This helps us keep our records of servers like ushers or communion assistants up-to-date.



Congratulations!

We offer our best wishes this month to two couples from our congregation. Rev. Sally Mitchell and Jeff Williams were married on July 16. Johanna Sprecher and Todd Sorg were married on July 31.

Please keep them and all newly married people in your prayers as they face the joys and challenges of beginning their new life together.

Christmas in Summer for Children in Thiotte, Haiti

St. John's again will partner with our friends at St. Cecilia's in Wisconsin Dells to send gift boxes of items to children in Haiti this summer. **The deadline for gifts is August 8, Haiti Sunday.** We will use the fellowship time to pack decorated boxes with gifts and enjoy Christmas treats. Please bring your presents to the Christmas tree in the gathering area. The charge for shipping boxes increased from \$5 to \$8 each because our previous shipper lost its Port au Prince warehouse in the earthquake and the new shipper charges more.

Suggested Gifts

Toys: Small cars, balls, balloons, inflatable toys, punch balls, dolls, stuffed animals, plastic kazoo's, recorders, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, small Etch A Sketch®, small jigsaw puzzles, deck of playing cards (**remember they speak French, so games that rely on the English language should be avoided**), sunglasses, slinky®, jacks, small books in French, picture books, alphabet books, etc.

Electronic items: (remember to include extra batteries) small am/fm radios, flashlight, small toys that light up or make noise.

School supplies: pens, pencils, colored pencils and sharpener, markers, stamps and ink pad sets, coloring books, writing pads or paper, solar calculators, math flash cards, alphabet flash cards, etc.

Hygiene items: toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, comb, washcloth, etc.

Other: ball caps, toy jewelry, hair-clips, watches, etc.

Do Not Include:

X – Used items

X – War related toys (guns, knives, etc.)

X – Chocolate or perishable food

X – Liquids: shampoo, lotion, bubbles

X – Medicines: vitamins, cough drops etc.

X – Breakable items: mirrors, China dolls, snow globes, etc.

How to Pack Your Gift Box

1. Find an empty shoebox. You can wrap it - lid separately.
2. Fill out a label for a girl, boy, or either and an age range.
3. Tape it on the top of your box.
4. Fill the box with a variety of gifts using the list above as a guide.
5. **IMPORTANT: Please enclose a check for \$8.00** or more in an envelope and put it inside your box to help cover shipping costs. Checks should be made payable to: "St. John's - Haiti - Christmas Boxes". Multiple boxes may be paid for with one check (\$8.00 each). Place a rubber band around box/lid and drop off at St. John's.

Women of the Church News



Our picnic on July 21 was a huge success with 41 women in attendance. The patriotic theme was done up right with Lydia Circle doing a great job of decorating, many women wearing red, white, or blue, and some patriotic music playing in the background, adding to the ambience as we ate a delicious potluck dinner. Martha Circle took care of the kitchen. Our offering for the night was \$127.

Marge Erlandson's Bible study was enjoyed by all, including some guests from other churches. Marge always makes the study so interesting. This summer study's theme is Pray Always. The title for July was "Waiting with Patience and Hope." We encourage women to read the Bible study for August, "Power," on their own. If anyone wants to meet to review the August lesson, contact the church office.

Leader's Guides and Companion Bibles were distributed to the various Circle representatives. If you would like to have your own Leader's Guide, the cost is \$6.95.

Most Circles will not meet in August. Lydia and Mary Circles are making plans to go out to eat. Contact the Circle chairs for details.

It is time to think of assembling the various Lutheran World Relief kits: Lydia Circle (Sewing Kits), Mary and Martha Circles (School Kits), Ruth Circle (Layettes). The deadline for getting these kits to St. John's is **Monday, September 27**. They will be shipped by boxcars from Madison on October 2.

This year the Sunday School children will help with School Kits. Listen to this kids! This is an opportunity for you to share with someone else while you are doing your shopping for your own school supplies. Early August is a good time to find bargains on school supplies. Be sure to check newspaper fliers for sale information.

Two women from St. John's have been very busy making School Kit bags. Mrs. Lyla Schabacher has made 125 and Mrs. Sylvia Richardson has made 12. All we have to do now is fill them up. A School Kit requires:

- Spiral notebooks of paper 8 ½ x 11 totaling 150-200 sheets
- 6 new, unsharpened pencils with erasers
- 12 sheets construction paper in assorted colors
- 1 blunt scissors
- 1 12" ruler
- 1 pencil sharpener
- 1 eraser, 2 ½ " long
- 1 box 16 to 24 crayons

On Rally Day, September 12, we will have a box available for Sunday School children to fill with School Kit items. Look for it in the Fellowship Hall and let's see if we can have the box overflowing. See how many of Mrs. Richardson's and Mrs. Schabacher's bags we can fill up. Last year St. John's sent 93 School Kits to Lutheran World Relief.

Martha Circle visited Special Friends in July. Ruth Circle will visit them in August.

The women's Lutheran World Relief congregational project for 2010 is health kits. We will collect bars of wrapped hand soap and wash cloths during August. We also especially need hand towels. These items may be placed in the plastic bin in the cloakroom.

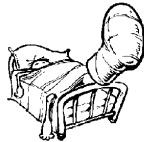
Remember to read the Prayer for Peace in this newsletter on August 20.

Registration opens September 15 for the Triennial Gathering in Spokane, Washington on July 14-17, 2011.

You can make a
DIFFERENCE!

Help Pay the Mortgage

Commitment Sunday was June 27. If you missed that opportunity to pledge a gift to pay off the mortgage, an orange insert explaining the procedure is included in this newsletter. We have a visual aid in the gathering area to remind us that we want to raise \$300,000. We currently have \$34,785 in gifts and pledges toward that goal.



In the Hospital

St. John's reports many of the names of our hospitalized and recently discharged members in the monthly newsletter. We include only those who have given us permission to print their names. You may send cards or telephone them and pray for their improved health.

Hospitalized/Recently Discharged

Dorothy Oetzman	Betty Fosshage
Audrey Bringle	Bethany Varley



Memorial Committee

The Memorial Committee is charged with the responsibility to direct and provide opportunity for persons to give memorials in memory of loved ones.

It is the intent of the Memorial Committee to select or suggest items or projects that are not in the realm of regularly budgeted items at St. John's, and that, in some instances, may reach beyond.

Some causes that the Memorial Committee might suggest are the Food Pantry, the Concordia United Methodist Church program of meals, Haiti projects, the Good Neighbor Clinic, Lutheran Social Services, the Rath Memorial (a scholarship established by the family of Pastor D. Rath in 1968 for any student from St. John's entering the seminary for ordination), support scholarships for persons going to retreats or study programs, etc. This is only a partial list and is intended to give information concerning the work of the Memorial Committee. People who have suggestions are asked to give them to the Committee for review.

Nick Lester chairs the Memorial Committee. Other members are Diane Elsing, Alan Landerman, Loretta Landerman, Roger Maynard, Zona Roewer, Anita Key, Yvonne Brewer, and Wanda Gosuch.

Jewelry for Haiti

We received zipper pulls and bracelets donated to our church by a Sauk Prairie artist to benefit our brothers and sisters in Haiti. The jewelry contains genuine Swarovski crystal and Czech glass. The bracelets are \$14 each and the zipper pulls are \$5.

Stop by the church office and see our selection.

Thank You!

Please take a moment when you next see Bob Nelson to thank him for his twelve years of service to St. John's. He began working here on August 30, 1998.



Hero Help Wanted:

We are asking for help in making School Kits this year. While the stores have their Back-to-School sales, please pick up some of the items on our list and be a Hero to those boys and girls who do not have any school supplies (or even a department store). Let's work together to make 100 kits to send to Lutheran World Relief! Bring supplies to church on Rally Day, September 12. Shop for:

- 3 – 70 sheet spiral notebooks
- 1 – blunt scissors
- 1 – centimeter ruler
- 1 – pencil sharpener
- 6 – unsharpened pencils with erasers
- 1 – eraser, 2 ½ inches long
- 12 – sheets of assorted construction paper
- 1 – box 16 or 24 crayons



St. John's Congregational Meeting

The members of St. John's will meet briefly at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, August 22, to elect 3 members of the congregation to serve on a Nominating Committee. They will join 3 members of the Parish Planning Council and Chair Kathy Ochsankehl to choose candidates to fill up-coming vacancies on the PPC.



We recently received memorial monies given in memory of Joyce Kaufman. We are grateful when our church is remembered and loved ones are honored in this way.



August Sunday School News

Fall is coming fast and we are getting excited for Sunday School to start! Rally Day is September 12 and begins our exciting year of "Heroes for God." We will celebrate many of God's everyday heroes who are right here at St. John's.

To help us get ready for Sunday School, we will need more teachers. We have openings in our 3 year old, Pre-K, Kindergarten, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade classes. We need a minimum of 2 teachers in each class, but would appreciate 3 or 4 to lessen the load on our teachers. If you have ever wondered if you have what it takes to teach, please give me a call and we can talk. Teaching is easier than you think!

We cannot have Sunday School without Heroes like you.

Prayerfully,
Linda Hines
643-2439, 544-2409



Looking at College?

Why not look at a Lutheran college? Go to the web site www.lutherancolleges.org for more information.



Fellowship Opportunities

Look for some new fellowship activities to be coming in the Fall which could involve small, informal gatherings. More details will be coming later.

If you have any ideas or suggestions for fellowship, jot them down and leave them in the church office.

Cans Against Cancer

We are closing in on the last few days for participating in the community effort to collect aluminum cans for Cans Against Cancer. A volunteer picks them up on a regular basis, turns them in for cash, and donates the money to the Relay for Life efforts in Sauk Prairie. The cans should be securely tied in plastic bags and left on the small stones by the west (parking lot) side of the fellowship hall.



Women's Book Club

We will meet on Tuesday, August 31 at 10 a.m. in the church library and 6:30 p.m. at the Blue Spoon. Our book for August will be 29 Gifts by Cami Walker.

We are always happy to have new women join us! See Pastor Williams for more information.

You're invited!

Come to share in the joy of Jeff and Sally William's marriage! We are having a potluck luncheon on August 15 in the Fellowship Hall at 10:45 a.m. Bring a dish to pass and any words of wisdom for Sally and Jeff. There will be fun, food, laughter and excitement as we share in the happiness of Jeff and Pastor Sally.



OWLS (Older-Wiser-Livelier Seniors)

This program at St. John's is an exciting social opportunity for seniors (55 and older) to get together for refreshments, games, music, entertainment, guest speakers, and many other activities. OWLS is not limited to members of St. John's, but is open to the community. If you have friends who are interested in new activities or want to meet new people, feel free to invite them. Talk to Dale Haroldson (643-4795) or Roger Clason (544-2101) if you have questions.

OWLS meets the last Friday of the month at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Serving in August

Ushers:

Aug. 1

8:00 a.m.

Jason Nelson

Nathan Lovell

Bob Nelson

Doug Nelson

Aug. 8

Jason Nelson

Nathan Lovell

Bob Nelson

Doug Nelson

Aug. 15

Jason Nelson

Sean Collins

Bob Nelson

Doug Nelson

Aug. 22

Jason Nelson

Sean Collins

Bob Nelson

Doug Nelson

Aug. 29

Jason Nelson

Chad Keller

Bob Nelson

Doug Nelson

9:30 a.m.

Lucas Johnson

Ethan Harper

Larry Sawyer

Joyce Kinnamon

Lucas Johnson

Austin Powell

Larry Sawyer

Joyce Kinnamon

Garrett Kippley

Jack Sailor

Larry Sawyer

Dale Haroldson

Morgan Varley

Skyler Richards

Larry Sawyer

Joyce Kinnamon

Sydney Peterson

Sarah Peterson

Larry Sawyer

Joyce Kinnamon

Acolytes:

Aug. 1

Emily Bradley

Cassie Bradley

Sabrina Yanke

Makayla Sagami

Aug. 8

Tyler Ederer

Jeremy Sauer

Sabrina Yanke

Jacob Jones

Aug. 22

Sami Kreutzmann

Austin Powell

Aug. 29

Erika Andrews

Morgan Varley

Caleb Sisbach

Alex Fiske

Alissa Grauvogl

Alex Fiske

Matt Ballweg

Renee Ballweg

Vince Graves

Caleb Sisbach

Assisting Ministers

Aug. 1

Tony DeGiovanni

Garrett Kippley

Bob Wilson

Aug. 8

Garrett Kippley

Emily Bradley

Aug. 15

Garrett Kippley

8:00 a.m.

Aug. 22

Emily Bradley

Aug. 29

Tony DeGiovanni

Garrett Kippley

Bob Wilson

Kathi Risley

Garrett Kippley

9:30 a.m.

Garrett Kippley

Readers:

Aug. 1

Aug. 8	Bill Knickmeyer	Tom Schneller
Aug. 15	Dan Baun	Dave Kinnamon
Aug. 22	Nancy Kaufman	Jon Sandeman
Aug. 29	Linda Hines	Rodney Key

Greeters:

Aug. 1 (Sanctuary)	Darlene Holl	Jerry/Peggy Exterovich
(Front Doors)		Carin/Jon Sandeman
(Side Doors)	Ron/Janet Koenig	Peggy/Curtis Johnson
Aug. 8 (Sanctuary)		Hans/Liz Fester
(Front Doors)	John/Linda Hines	Dan/Roxanne Small
(Side Doors)	Don/Vi Bohler	Bill/Donna Knickmeyer
Aug. 15 (Sanctuary)	Katie Ederer	Julia Reinke
(Front Doors)	Jared Holl	Alex Statz
(Side Doors)	Hannah Schutt	Kim Helms
Aug. 22 (Sanctuary)	Don/Ellen Hamlin	Traci/Scott Schutt
(Front Doors)	Bev/Roger Clason	Dave/Jessa Kinnamon
(Side Doors)	Vicki Kenyon	Dave/Ruth Lohr
Aug. 29 (Sanctuary)	Cliff/Cindy Thompson	Kevin/Sarah Acker
(Fr Doors)	John/Teresa Kreutzmann	Brad/Teresa Ellerman
(Side Doors)	Alan/Loretta Landerman	Dan/Roxanne Small

Cantors:

Aug. 1 Family	Connie Burton	Herb/Cathy Yanke
Aug. 8	Connie Burton	Chris Stephan
Aug. 15	Brian/Jason/Nicole/Kevin Nelson	Bill Burton
Aug. 22	Melani Wheeler	Katie Yanke
Aug. 29	Jubilation	Jubilation

Librarians:

Aug. 1	Fay Rentmeester
Aug. 8	Mary Weeks
Aug. 15	Marilyn Larson
Aug. 22	Mike Marquardt
Aug. 29	Maren Andersen Boerger

Coffee Set-Up/Clean-Up:

Aug. 1	Josh Wheeler
Aug. 8	Brooke Herschleb, Jason Nelson
Aug. 15	Luke Tilkens, Katie Ederer
Aug. 22	Luke Tilkens, Jason Nelson
Aug. 29	Vince Graves, Jason Nelson

Nursery Staff: **8:00 a.m.** **9:30 a.m.**

Aug. 1	Kaitlynn Pulvermacher	Kim Helms
	Josh Wheeler	Bailie Sass
Aug. 8	Ethan Harper	Julia Reinke
	Luke Tilkins	Alex Statz
Aug. 15	Katie Ederer	Julia Reinke
	Alyssa Cass	Alex Statz
Aug. 22	Trent Anderson	Julia Reinke
	Ethan Harper	Alex Statz
Aug. 29	Hannah Schutt	Julia Reinke
	Alyssa Cass	Alex Statz

Communion Set Up/Clean Up:

Aug. 1	Trent Anderson	Erika Andrews
	Ruth Dresser	Julie Andrews
Aug. 8	Keith Hines	Caleb Sisbach
	Linda Hines	Kim Sisbach
Aug. 15	Greta Koenig	Kim Helms
	Janet Koenig	Kris Helms
Aug. 22	Sabrina Yanke	Matt Ballweg
	Alice Chenoweth	Aletha Ballweg
Aug. 29	Jordan Powell	Erin Breunig
	Ruth Dresser	Jacob Jones
		JoAnna Breunig

Communion Assistants:

Aug. 1	Emily Bradley	Erika Andrews
	Cassie Bradley	Vince Graves
Aug. 8	Dorothy Campbell	Dave Lohr
	Judy Lamberty	Ruth Lohr
Aug. 15	Ken Denu	Marge Erlandson
	Judy Denu	Deb Westphal
Aug. 22	Julie Andrews	Bob Egan
	Audrey Luetscher	Dede Egan
Aug. 29	Diane Elsing	Greg Lorenz
	Elaine Sprecher	Linda Lorenz





Upcoming High School Events

- August 4, 10th Graders Meet, 6:30 p.m.
- September 15, Confirmation Parent/Youth Night, 6:00 p.m.
- September 22, Confirmation Begins:
 - Meal, 5:30 p.m.
 - Confirmation Class, 6:00 p.m.

Upcoming Middle School Events

- September 15, Confirmation Parent/Youth Night, 6:00 p.m.
- September 22, Confirmation Begins:
 - Meal, 5:30 p.m.
 - Confirmation Class, 6:00 p.m.

Summer Movies Update

Please note a date change for our summer movie schedule. We WILL have a movie on August 5, but WILL NOT have one on August 19. Our final summer movie will be on August 12. Thanks for a great summer!

Sugar Creek Camp Fall Retreats

St. John's is pleased to continue to offer transportation and a chaperone to Sugar Creek Bible Camp for the Fall retreats. Mark your calendar and sign-up now on the Youth Information Board (hallway leading to Pastor's offices). Grades 3-5 have a one night experience entitled "All Fall Down" on October 16-17. Grades 6-8 stay for 2 nights for a program called "I believe!" from October 29-31.

Sugar Creek has not yet determined the cost. Last year's prices were \$35 and \$65.

Fall Confirmation Dates

Confirmation orientation for ALL students (grades 7-9) and at least one parent/guardian will be September 15 from 6-7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will review the confirmation expectations for the year and answer any questions you may have.

Our first class/meal will be September 22. The meal begins at 5:30 and costs \$1/person. Class begins at 6:00 p.m.

SPECIAL PRAYER

We invite you to pray for peace on the 20th day of each month. On August 20, please repeat the following prayer:

Lord God, we turn to you in these trying hours when conflict is a daily reality for our sisters and brothers in Israel and Palestine. We promise you to work to our utmost for peace and reconciliation in the region. But we know we cannot do it alone. We very much need the strength of your presence in our midst if we are to overcome the obstacles before us. So our prayer at this moment is that you add your support to our efforts, that you show yourself as a tower of strength in those moments when the barriers seem impassable. Together we can become beacons of hope for just and peaceful societies in the land so very dear to the peoples of your covenant.

Rev. John T. Pawlikowski, OSM
Catholic Theological Union, Chicago, IL



Summer Movies – Thursdays in August

Preschool VeggieTales movies will begin at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Parents, please stay with your children.

Grade school movies will begin at 1:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Children aged kindergarten and older can be dropped off and picked back up at 3:00 p.m. Popcorn will be served.

August 5 – The Shaggy Dog

August 12 – The Penguins of Madagascar

August 19 – No movies



With Sincere Sympathy

We offer our condolences to Terry and Sue Slotty and their family on the death of Sue's grandmother, Lorena Keller.



Sharing Your Gifts - Donations Note

People contribute to St. John's in many ways. Many use their offering envelopes and donate to the three designated categories: current, benevolence, or building fund. Others give money through Simply Giving, an electronic withdrawal system from checking or savings account. Still others use an envelope from home or the envelopes in the pews to indicate where they want their money to go. Some simply write a check and put it in the offering plate. A few leave cash in the offering plate. If the office staff can determine the donor's name and address, a yearly statement or letter of receipt will be issued.

But this is only half the story. Many people donate materials to St. John's. They may contribute clothes to Dress for Success, diapers for layettes, bath towels for hospice kits, or pick combs for health kits. If these contributors need a signed receipt from the church, they should ask for one in the church office. We will be happy to provide a signed itemized receipt on church letterhead or a signed statement of the value of items donated if the cash register receipt is available.

St. John's wants to make it easy for you to donate to the projects of interest to you. If you have other suggestions for how you can receive an acknowledgement for tax purposes, contact the office staff.

Synod Assembly Report

Our synod newsletter reported recently that synod members brought 2526 kits to the Synod Assembly in Wisconsin Dells in early June. St. John's contributed 186 kits: 51 hospice kits, 69 midwife kits and 66 health kits. There are 150 congregations in the South-Central Wisconsin Synod.

Brandon Lohr of A-1 Movers volunteered to take the kits to the Twin Cities in Minnesota.

The same newsletter said our synod had raised \$27,000 for the "And God Said It Was Good" campaign begun in June 2009 for national synod ministries at the ELCA in Chicago. St. John's contributed \$1,085.



Lutheran World Relief Parish Projects

Groups in our congregation have a number of ongoing projects for Lutheran World Relief. You may be interested in contributing to one of them. Items may be left in one of the bins in the cloakroom.

A layette requires:

- 2 shirts or "onesies"
- 2 gowns or sleepers
- 2 receiving blankets
- 4 cloth diapers or 8 pieces of flannel, 22 1/2" x 36"
- 1 sweater or infant sweatshirt
- 2 washcloths
- 1 bath-size bar of gentle soap in its original wrapping
- 2 diaper pins

*Sizes up to 24 months may be used.
Consider varying the sizes of the clothing items so the layette will continue to be useful as the baby grows.
Gently used, clean items may be substituted for new ones.*

A school kit requires:

- spiral notebooks of paper 8 1/2 x 11 totaling 150-200 sheets
- 1 blunt scissors
- 1 30-centimeter ruler or an inch/centimeter ruler
- 1 pencil sharpener
- 6 new, unsharpened pencils with erasers
- 1 eraser 2 1/2 inches long
- 12 sheets construction paper in assorted colors
- 1 box 16 to 24 crayons
- 1 sturdy cloth bag 12" x 14" with handles

A health kit requires:

- 1 hand towel
- 1 wash cloth
- 1 bath-size bar of soap in its original wrapping
- 1 adult size tooth brush
- 1 wide tooth comb
- 1 metal nail file or nail clipper with file attached
- 6 band aids

A sewing kit requires:

- 1 package of needles for hand sewing
- 1 card of 6 or more 1/2" to 5/8" matching buttons
- 1 spool thread
- 3 yards of 44" or 45" cotton or cotton blend fabric
- 4 yards are needed if 36" material is contributed. LWR asks that we not send knits or 100% polyester.

LWR's approximate cost to ship:

- 1 sewing kit: \$1.00
- 1 layette: \$1.30
- 1 school kit: \$1.40
- 1 health kit: \$2.65 *
- 1 quilt: \$2.25

*includes the cost of purchasing toothpaste on site



Happy August Birthdays

Our Youngest:

Ella Stephan	1	Emellia Osgood	12
Dylan Walker	24		

Our Sunday School Students:

Sonoma Bever	6	Douglas Addison	10
Nicholas Fiske	11	Cale Sorg	12
Anna Ballweg	15	Alexandra Dunnum	24
Ella Yanke	27	Leanna Niesen	31

Our Youth:

Jacob Breunig	1	Kaden Preston	4
Erika Andrews	8	Morgan Varley	11
Bryce Halverson	13	Ryan Cafilisch	19
Erin Rebholz	19	Jordan Powell	20
Austin Powell	20	Caleb Sisbach	20
Corey Cody	21	Jacob Jones	25
Jared Steinhorst	27	Jason Nelson	28
Shantele Tammi	28	Tara Jelle	30

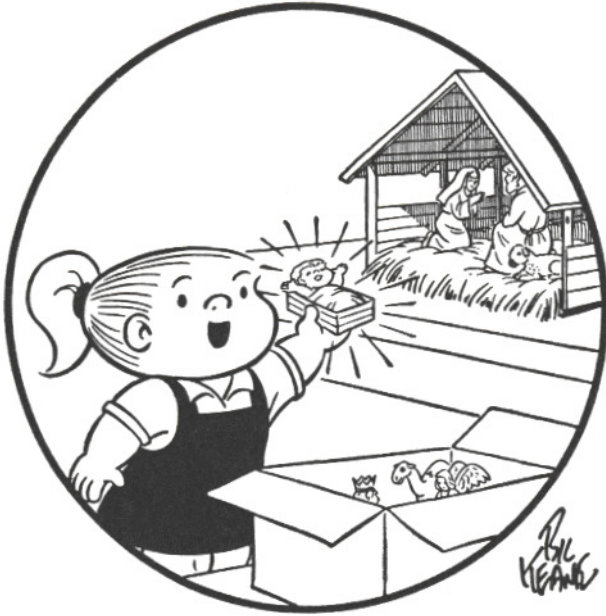
College and Career-age Young People:

Lauren Halweg	4	Tyler Blum	9
Jamie Quam	16	Max Wardwell	18
Eric Kaul	19	Keith McCormick	29
Megan Miller	29		

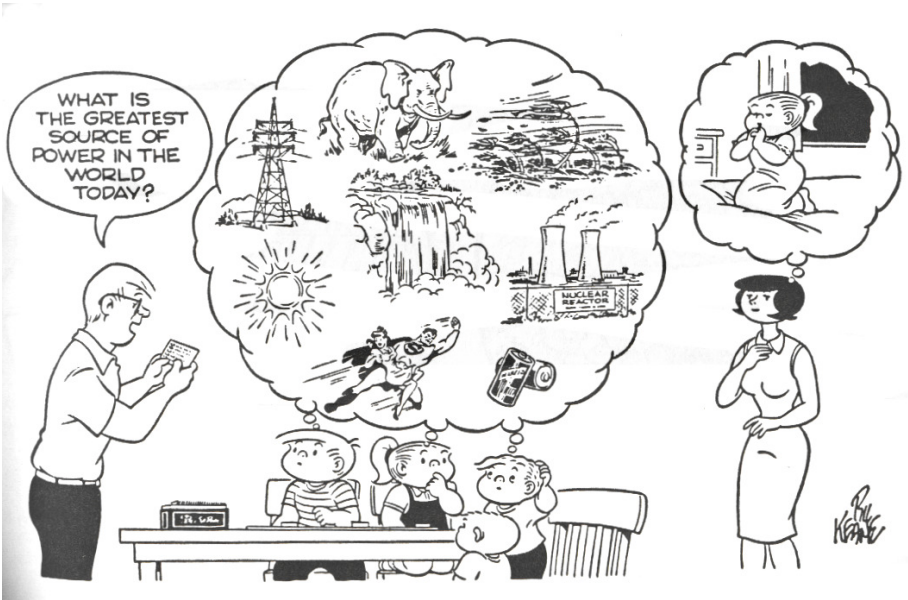
Remember to bring school supplies on Rally Day!!!!

- Spiral notebooks of paper 8 ½ x 11 totaling 150 – 200 sheets
- 12 sheets construction paper in assorted colors
- 1 30-centimeter ruler or an inch/centimeter ruler
- 6 new unsharpened pencils with erasers
- 1 box 16 to 24 crayons
- 1 pencil sharpener
- 1 blunt scissors
- 1 eraser 2 ½ inches long

Remember: Christmas in Haiti Sunday is August 8!



"Here he is! The star of Bethlehem!"



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Lutheran World Relief Health Kits

The women's Lutheran World Relief congregational project for 2010 is health kits. We will collect bars of wrapped hand soap and wash cloths during August. They may be placed in the plastic bin in the cloakroom.



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