

*Kyra Manning, Kindergarten*

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Prairie du Sac, WI

October 2010

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Thank you! Whatever else you read from here out, know that my most important words have already been spoken, "Thank you!"

During these past few weeks as I have made my 're-entry' into parish ministry, I have found myself being thankful, not only for the gift of time that you gave to me and my family, but thankful for the people called "St. John's." I cannot imagine a better 'home' in which to return.

One of the questions I have been asked is, "Did your sabbatical re-charge your batteries?" As I tried to find a way to respond I realized that I had not felt like my batteries had "run low." Sure there were times when I wish I had more time or energy for a project or other aspect of my job as pastor, but I figure we all have these feelings. So then what happened on my sabbatical? Just this, I got a chance to dis-connect my batteries.

The notion of Sabbath is connected to rest. Sabbaticals are a time to rest – not to recharge, but rather a time to rest from one kind of activity and embrace another. My sabbatical gave me a chance to step away from the day to day work of being your pastor and to use the additional time to embrace being a father, a husband, a friend and myself. It gave me time to see again how important these aspects of my life are. It is not that I forgot, but sometimes because of what pastors are called to do, these aspects can get neglected. My sabbatical gave me the gift of time so that I could step back, disconnect my batteries, and live with a different pace for a while. Thank you for this gift.

During my absence lots of things happened – babies were born, couples got married, several people died, ministry was done and the people of God gathered faithfully to worship. (Did I mention Sally and Jeff got married?) My thanks to Linda, Mary Ellen, Connie, Jessa, and Sally for the additional work they took on in my absence – my thanks to Bill Knickmeyer and our council and boards for their continued faithful service – my thanks to our congregation for its continued presence in this community and abroad – and finally my thanks to God for calling me to be in partnership with you.

As my sabbatical came to a close I knew I was in a good place. I knew this because I looked forward to returning to the people of St. John’s. Thanks for being the kind of people who you miss when you are not with them!

Shalom,



## SPECIAL PRAYER

We invite you to pray for peace on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of each month. On October 20, please repeat the following prayer:

God of Mercy, use our arms to sow love across the economic divides created by our alienation, one from another. Draw us together that our acts of mercy will be multiplied a hundredfold. Amen.

*Rev. Paula Stecker*

*ELCA Global Mission Planning Committee*

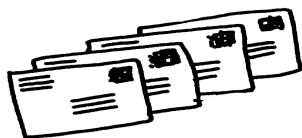


Food Pantry Sunday is October 10. Food, paper products and cleaning supplies may be brought to the table in the gathering area. These items are distributed to many families in the Sauk Prairie community. The food pantry especially needs:

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| Cans of tuna        | Cans of tomatoes |
| Gravy mixes or jars | Toothpaste       |
| Tooth brushes       | Green beans      |
| Baked beans         | Hand soap        |

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.*



### **Birthday Greetings**

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

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| Helen Derleth (3)<br>Maplewood Village<br>1425 Hemlock St., Apt.105<br>Sauk City, WI 53583 | Scott Uttech (9)<br>209 12 <sup>th</sup> Street<br>Prairie du Sac, WI 53578 |
| Walter Scott (20)<br>2012 Hanksfield Pl<br>Prairie du Sac, WI 53578                        | Thresa Schulenburg (26)<br>224 Spruce St<br>Sauk City, WI 53583             |

### **Portals of Prayer**

An online subscription to the devotional Portals of Prayer is available through Concordia Publishing House for \$9.99. If you are interested, stop in the church office for more details.

## **Women of the Church News**

Hannah Circle: Tuesday, October 5 at 9:15 a.m. in St. John's Library. Child care is provided.

Lydia Circle: Thursday, October 14 at 1:00 p.m. at St. John's Library, Fay Rentmeester, Hostess.

Martha Circle: Thursday, October 7 at 9:00 a.m. at Marilyn Herschleb's, 129 Washington St., SC

Mary Circle: Tuesday, October 5 at 1:00 p.m. at St. John's Library

Ruth Circle: Monday, October 11 at 7:00 p.m. at Carolyn Gilbertson's, W14410 Vista View Ct., PdS

Sarah Circle: Thursday, October 7 at 1:30 p.m. at Maplewood Village, 1425 Hemlock St., SC



Thirty-five women attended Circle meetings in September. We began our new Bible study, "The People of God: Unity in the Midst of Diversity." The study was led by Keri Coffman-Thiede, Diane Elsing, Marge Erlandson, Eunice Yanke, Loretta Landerman and Kathy Lester. The October study, "Body of Christ" will be led by Keri Coffman-Thiede, Diane Elsing, Barbara Salvesson, Yvonne Brewer, Mary Ellen Beich and Jeannine Robertson.

The Bible study leaders' meeting for October will be Tuesday, September 28 at 9:00 a.m.

We are delighted to report that the count for school kits for Lutheran World Relief is 143. This includes kits assembled by the Mary and Martha Circles and those provided by Sunday School children.

The Baraboo Conference Fall Meeting will be October 23 at Christ Lutheran Church in Spring Green. "Souls of Harmony" and the Bell Choir of Christ Lutheran will provide a musical program. This will be followed by workshops for the various offices (presidents, secretaries, mission growth leader, etc.). Lunch will be served at 12:00 p.m. All church women are very welcome to attend. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. The cost of the luncheon is covered by our WELCA group. Let the office staff know by October 15 if you plan to attend. Carpooling from St. John's will be at 8:30 a.m., so be at church by 8:20.

You should definitely mark your calendar and plan to attend the Fall General Meeting on Saturday, November 6. We will have a potluck brunch at 9:00 a.m. Kathy Lester will show pictures and talk about her recent trip to Germany. Mary and Sarah Circles are in charge of the kitchen and dining room. Come and enjoy good food, good company and a good program. Come and bring a guest.

Remember to pray the Prayer for Peace included in this newsletter on October 20.

Hannah Circle visited Special Friends in September. Sarah Circle will visit them in October.

The Lutheran World Relief congregational project for 2010 is health kits. We will collect bars of wrapped soap and wash cloths during October. These items may be placed in the plastic bin in the cloakroom.

The Bible study leaders' meeting for the November study will be Tuesday, October 26 at 9:00 a.m.

### **Email Changes**

You may notice that we have new emails. We had Verizon until they were bought out by Frontier. Instead of using Frontier.com to provide email addresses we are now going to use our web site address extension for email. This will allow us to keep the same email even if we decide to change carriers. Our new email addresses will be easy to remember since we will use our first name followed by stjohnssaukprairie.org. For example, Pastor Fred's email is now [fred@stjohnssaukprairie.org](mailto:fred@stjohnssaukprairie.org). Mary Ellen, Linda, Sally, Jessa, Connie and Fred will use these new addresses. Our church treasurer can be reached at [treasurer@stjohnssaukprairie.org](mailto:treasurer@stjohnssaukprairie.org) also.

*Thank  
You!*

I wish to thank everyone who remembered me with phone calls and cards, and especially your prayers during my recent stroke. They helped me in my recovery more than you can ever know. Special thanks to Pastor Sally for her visits.

God bless you all for your kindness.

Delores Staff

*Thank You!*

We wish to thank Pastor Fred for a wonderful service, Connie and the Messengers for the beautiful music, Mary Ellen for preparing the bulletins, Linda for setting up for lunch, all the women who prepared and served the lunch, and all the people who brought food.

We are deeply grateful for all the hugs and support.

God bless you all.

Marilyn Westfall and family



Dear Friends in Christ,

A friend, Linda Rozumalski, recently wrote an article as a reflection of stewardship. As we enter into this season of budgeting, saving, and serving, I wish to share pieces of it with you.

### **Theology of Enough!**

*"And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work." 2 Corinth 9:8*

I heard a new term the other day – the "theology of enough." We've heard of scarcity thinking and abundance thinking, and that God is all about abundance ~ "I have come that you may have life and have it abundantly." (John 10:10) Indeed, abundant, abundantly and abundance are mentioned 146 times in the Bible ~ an abundant number of times! But I've been considering this idea of the "theology of enough." God has blessed us with enough.

To declare Enough seems radical.

Actually, I have a hard time coming to terms with it. For starters, I'm a collector by nature and Enough is a difficult concept for collectors. I have stones that I think are pretty, lots of them, tucked here and there...and interesting coins, and birds' nests I've picked up off the ground after storms. I have enough boxes for any occasion, but it's still hard to let a new size or shape go into the recycling bin. I know that I have canned enough tomato juice, but I've just borrowed more quart jars because I have an abundance of tomatoes ripening in paper bags and in the church yard. I have an abundance of stuff – well past the Enough mark – actually too much to keep track of and organize and utilize and clean and value properly.

But the theology of Enough isn't about feeling guilty and overburdened – that's just the point. It is to recognize the blessing of having Enough. I have enough people in my life who love and care for me (therefore I don't need to struggle with problems or loneliness on my own). I have enough material goods to be able to share and enough to keep (and in sharing could better appreciate the value of what I choose to keep). I have enough time to spend some of it on others in fellowship and affection (which would bring me out of my self-centered tendencies and help me actually see others).

I have enough to do, enough to contribute, enough to be content. And the glory of life, I think, is found in being content, at peace, appreciative, attentive, and observant.” ~ Linda Rozumalski

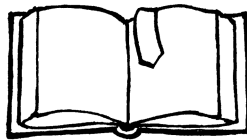
God has indeed blessed us with an abundance of gifts. Stewardship is not just about giving money to the church or to a charity. It’s about giving your entire lives over to God’s service. How will you continue to use the abundance of gifts God has given you this year?

Peace,



### **Women’s Book Club**

Our next book club will be on Tuesday, October 26 at 10 a.m. in the church library and 6:30 p.m. at the Blue Spoon. This month we are reading books about Eleanor Roosevelt. Each woman is invited to find her own book about Eleanor and we will discuss the different perspectives offered by the authors. We are always happy to have new women join us! Please see Pastor Williams for more information.



### **Bible Presentation**

We will present Bibles to our three year olds and third grade youth at both services on Sunday, October 3. In our Baptismal liturgy we promise to place the Holy Scriptures in the hands of our candidates. Join us as we continue in this promise.



### **Memorial Gifts**

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



## October Sunday School Hero News

What an exciting Rally Day! It's great to have all of our Sunday School friends back to church again!

October 3 is a BIG day at St. John's. Our third graders and 3-year olds will be receiving new Bibles at BOTH our 8:00 and 10:30 services. Congratulations to you!

October 3 is also our Family Hayride day. We will meet at the Keller farm on Highway 60 at 1:00 p.m. Terry Slotty has set up a day of fun for us. Come and enjoy!

Our first heroes of the month will be our 3-year olds and our church office staff. Our 3-year olds are new to the Sunday School routine and brave enough to come and learn all they can about God. They have an exciting teacher, Cassie Bradley, and some wonderful helpers, Sarah Frosch, Emily Bradley and Teresa Bradley. The 3-year olds remind all of us of the awe and wonder of learning about God.

Our church office staff are behind-the-scenes Heroes. They are the ones here during the week preparing for Sundays:

- The pastors who visit those in the hospitals, call on the home-bound, help us when a family member dies, and even think up sermons.
- The secretaries who answer the phone, make the bulletins for Sundays, weddings and funerals, put together the Visitor for households in our congregation, keep track of meetings, both those organized by our members and those from the community who borrow our building, and try to help the pastors everyday.

- The Treasurer of St. John's, who comes to pay our bills and keeps St. John's money safe and growing.
- The Youth Coordinator who organizes confirmation classes and fun things for our youth to do.
- Paul and Audrey Bringle who come to fill the church candles and make sure our Sunday morning services are bright and beautiful.
- Connie Burton who comes in the middle of the week to prepare music for the services and practices the organ and piano.
- The custodian who cleans the bathrooms, vacuums the floors and slides in the chairs to make the building ready for you to see.
- Joyce Kinnamon who comes to clean and straighten up our "green bags" for the children to use during services.

These are some of God's and St. John's everyday Heroes. Please give them a word of thanks when you see them in our halls.

Everyone is a Hero for God. Watch and see how He uses you!

Linda Hines  
 Sunday School Superintendent

**Sunday School Attendance and Offering**

September 12	108	\$ 1.62
September 19	124	\$26.31
September 26	108	\$23.98

# SPECIAL REMINDER

**Coats for Kids**

St. John's is partnering again with Concordia United Methodist Church to provide warm clothing for children in our school district. Please bring coats, hats, mittens and snow pants to our cloakroom during the next few months.



# BAPTISM

Five in our family of faith received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism this month. Alyssa Himebauch, daughter of Jason and Christina Himebauch, was baptized on September 5. She was born on June 14 and her sponsors are Luther Leith and Jane Tereba.

Michael Jolicoeur, son of David and Diane Jolicoeur, was also baptized on September 5. He was born on June 16 and his sponsors are Aaron and Kristine Buckingham.

On September 26, Claire, Andrew, and Logan Thiede, children of Kurt Thiede and Keri Coffman-Thiede, were baptized. Claire was born on December 3, 2003; Andrew was born on November 1, 2007; and Logan was born on August 23, 2010. Sharon Thiede, Darlene Coffman, and Amy and Joe Coffman are sponsors for all three children.

*Thank You!*

We thank the following people for serving on the Building Fund Drive Committee recently.

Carolyn Yanke  
Dan Baun  
Fred Rilling  
Ruth Lohr  
Marilyn Larson

Gary Tomter  
Craig Culver  
Mark Gilbertson  
Marilyn Herschleb  
Janis Baun



## **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.



### **With Sincere Sympathy**

We offer our condolences to several in our family of faith this month. Please keep the following people in your prayers:

- Robin and Ken Lueck on the death of Robin's grandmother
- Rodney and Lori Hegge and their family on the death of Lori's mother, Mildred Pope
- Meta and Aaron Hartman and their family on the death of Aaron's grandfather, Clifford Goettle of Bloomer and Meta's grandmother, Armeta McCutchin of Arena
- Marilyn Westfall and her family on the death of her husband, Merlin
- Pat Mecher and her family on the death of her husband, John
- The family of Viola Tank on her death just before her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday



### **Just a note to our church family here at St. John's:**

Al and I are planning on being at our Virginia home from September 26 until the end of February. We would enjoy hearing from you.

Alvin/Gloria Moles  
1116 Mineral Springs Dr  
Vinton, VA 24179

The church office has our telephone number if you would like to contact us that way. We will miss you, so let's keep in touch!

♥ **THANK** you!

Thank you to everyone who sent cards, best wishes and well wishes on my recent birthday on September 16. It is such a wonderful feeling to know that even after a long absence, one is not forgotten.

In God's love,  
Dode McClusky

## Serving in October

### Ushers:

	<u>8:00 a.m.</u>	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>
Oct. 3	Roger Maynard Dale Haroldson Haakon Carlson Hannah Schutt Sarah Peterson	Steve Yanke Sabrina Yanke Skyler Richards Austin Powell
Oct. 10	Roger Maynard Dale Haroldson Haakon Carlson Erik Gilbertson Katie Vieth	Steve Yanke Sabrina Yanke Keith Yanke Alissa Grauvogl Lauren Bradbury
Oct. 17	Roger Maynard Dale Haroldson Haakon Carlson Hannah Schutt Sydney Peterson	Steve Yanke Sabrina Yanke Keith Yanke Ryan Cafilisch
Oct. 24	Roger Maynard Dale Haroldson Haakon Carlson Erik Gilbertson Vince Graves	Steve Yanke Sabrina Yanke Keith Yanke Jacob Jones Beth Yanke
Oct. 31	Roger Maynard Dale Haroldson Haakon Carlson Sydney Peterson Sarah Peterson	Steve Yanke Sabrina Yanke Keith Yanke Tess Pierce Skyler Richards

### Acolytes:

Oct. 3	Lucas Johnson Grant Schlimgen	Nick Sailor Alex Fiske
Oct. 10	Lucas Johnson Sam Kreuzmann	Ryan Cafilisch Jacob Jones
Oct. 17	Austin Powell	Skyler Richards Alissa Grauvogl
Oct. 24	Lucas Johnson Jordan Powell	Tess Pierce Alex Fiske
Oct. 31	Ethan Harper Grant Schlimgen	Hannah Schutt Sarah Peterson



**Readers:**

	<b><u>8:00 a.m.</u></b>	<b><u>10:30 a.m.</u></b>
Oct. 3	Sami Kreutzmann	
Oct. 10	Donna Knickmeyer	Ashley Nedeau-Owen
Oct. 17	David Kaul	Kathi Risley
Oct. 24	Marilyn Herschleb	Renee Pierce
Oct. 31	Nicole Nelson	Betsy Carlson

**Assisting Ministers:**

Oct. 3	Bob Wilson	Bob Wilson
Oct. 10		
Oct. 17	Carl Sirotzki	Kathi Risley
Oct. 24	Carl Sirotzki	
Oct. 31	Garrett Kippley	Garrett Kippley

**Greeters:**

	<b><u>8:00 a.m.</u></b>	<b><u>10:30 a.m.</u></b>
Oct. 3 (Sanctuary)	Janis/Dan Baun	Curtis/Peggy Johnson
(Front Doors)	Brian/Mary Weeks	Aaron/Becky Braund
(Side Doors)		Sue Ann Schwanke
Oct. 10 (Sanctuary)	Fred/Linda Kippley	Frank/Dorothy Campbell
(Front Doors)	Josie/Bob Fentress	Tom/Gina Varley
(Side Doors)	Todd/Gina Wyttenbach	Herb/Cathy Yanke
Oct. 17 (Sanctuary)	Lindsey Sauer	Tim Garman
(Front Doors)	Miriah Breunig	Lauren Bradbury
(Side Doors)	Jeremy Sauer	Jolicoeur Family
Oct. 24 (Sanctuary)	John/Teresa	Audrey/Tom
	Kreutzmann	Luetscher
(Front Doors)	Bev/Roger Clason	Ed/Ginny Nimmow
(Side Doors)	Marquardt Family	Dan/Roxann Small
Oct. 31 (Sanctuary)	Greg/Linda Lorenz	Paul/Renee Thums
(Front Doors)	Denise/Gary Snorek	Jerry/Peggy Exterovich
(Side Doors)	Elaine Sprecher	Sue Ann Schwanke

**Cantors:**

Oct. 3	Bill Burton	Renee Ballweg
		Beth Yanke
Oct. 10	Brian, Nicole, Kevin,	Jason Nelson
Oct. 17	Senior Choir	Senior Choir
Oct. 24	Melani/Mikayla	Dennis Fisher
	Wheeler	
Oct. 31	Chris Stephan	Katie Yanke

**Nursery Staff:**

	<b><u>8:00 a.m.</u></b>	<b><u>10:30 a.m.</u></b>
Oct. 3	Sydney Peterson Brooke Herschleb	Alissa Grauvogl Tim Garman
Oct. 10	Tess Pierce Hannah Schutt	Vince Graves Tim Garman
Oct. 17	Lindsey Sauer Miriah Breunig	Sarah Peterson Sydney Peterson
Oct. 24	Adam Ballweg Kaitlynn Pulvermacher	Julia Reinke Alex Statz
Oct. 31		

**Coffee Set-Up/Clean-Up:**

Oct. 3	Luke Tilkens, Josh Wheeler
Oct. 10	Adam Ballweg, Keith Hines
Oct. 17	Luke Tilkens, Jordan Powell
Oct. 24	Austin Powell, Katie Vieth
Oct. 31	Olivia Chao

**Communion Set Up/Clean Up:**

Oct. 3	Hannah Schutt	Renee Ballweg Julia Reinke
Oct. 10	Carson Lauer	Jacob Jones
Oct. 17	Brooke Herschleb	Olivia Chao
Oct. 24	Keith Hines	Alex Statz Julia Reinke
Oct. 31		

**Communion Assistants:**

	<b><u>8:00 a.m.</u></b>	<b><u>10:30 a.m.</u></b>
Oct. 3	Hannah Schutt	Nick Sailor
Oct. 10		
Oct. 17		
Oct. 24		
Oct. 31		

**Librarians:**

Oct. 3	Eldoris Lovell, Maren Andersen Boerger
Oct. 10	Marilyn Larson, Barb Salveson
Oct. 17	Carol Mallon, Maren Andersen Boerger
Oct. 24	Fay Rentmeester, Maren Andersen Boerger
Oct. 31	Marilyn Larson, Mary Weeks



### **Upcoming High School Events**

- October 6, Confirmation session
  - Meal, 5:30 p.m.
  - Confirmation Class, 6:00 p.m.
- October 13, Affirmation of Baptism Rehearsal,
  - Meal 5:30,
  - Rehearsal, 6:00 p.m.
- October 17, Affirmation of Baptism,
  - Pictures, 9:00 a.m.
  - Reception, 9:15 a.m.
  - Service, 10:30 a.m.
- October 20, Confirmation session
  - Meal, 5:30 p.m.
  - Confirmation Class, 6:00 p.m.
- October 27, No Confirmation
- November 3, 10, 17, Confirmation sessions
- November 24, No Confirmation

### **Upcoming Middle School Events**

- October 6, 13, 20, Confirmation sessions
  - Meal, 5:30 p.m.
  - Confirmation Class, 6:00 p.m.
- October 27, No confirmation
- October 29-31, Sugar Creek Retreat
- November 3, 10, 17, Confirmation sessions
- November 24, No Confirmation

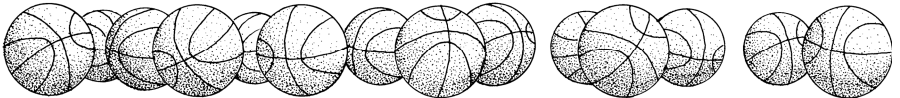
### **Affirmation of Baptism Rehearsal**

A rehearsal for the Affirmation of Baptism service will be held on Wednesday, October 13 at 6 p.m. A pizza dinner will be provided at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall with the rehearsal in the sanctuary following the meal. Parents, please accompany your confirmand!

The Affirmation of Baptism service will be at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, October 17. Students should be at church by 9 a.m. for pictures.

## MOSES

Attention 6<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> graders!!! A group has been created just for you during the Sunday School hour. Please join teachers Marge Erlandson and John Hines at 9:15 a.m. each Sunday for Bible study, games, music, service projects, library time, and lots of fun! If you can't come one week, come the next! Friends are always welcome. MOSES meets in the RED room at the end of the hall around the corner.



## Fall Fun Nite!!

Our first Middle School and High School Fun Night will be Wednesday November 3 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Come for a cook out, games, basketball, devotions and just time to hang out. See you all here!!

## Interested in Lutheran Colleges?

The synod office is planning a Lutheran College Tour on October 28-30. High School students are invited to take a whirlwind trip to four Lutheran colleges in the area and experience campus life. You will learn about financial aid, application tips, and attend classes and concerts. The cost is only \$25 and space will fill up quickly.

To learn more contact Cory Hamilton, Youth and Family Ministries, 608-270-0201.



## 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.

# ♥THANK you!

We thank everyone who contributed to Lutheran World Relief effort. St. John's was able to send the following items to the box car loading in Madison:

49 layettes  
106 health kits  
143 school kits  
20 sewing kits

We are grateful to everyone who contributed items, money for shipping, and all the volunteers who helped assemble the kits and layettes and packed them in boxes.



## Photographers and Writers Wanted

The St. John's Web site is an ongoing project that could use some help. We've been keeping the Web site home page current with announcements and notices of upcoming events but we are lacking in some areas, especially photos and articles.

Parents, please consider submitting your photos of Sunday school or youth events (camps, Bible school, volunteer outings). You budding writers, consider doing an interview with a long time or new member of the church. Sunday school teachers, think about doing something with your students on the Web. You Web folks, we'd love to hear from you too.

Contact Kathi Matthews-Risley with questions or ideas at [krisley@merr.com](mailto:krisley@merr.com) or 643-6892.



**SERRV** International

## Fair Trade Items for Sale

Our office has gift items, coffee, tea, chocolate and snacks from Equal Exchange and SERRV, International. Be sure to look for the display in the gathering area between services in the weeks to come, or you may stop into the church office any time the church is open and browse at your convenience.



## **Congratulations!**

We offer our best wishes to two couples from our congregation. David Ederer and Rochelle Breunig were married at St. John's on September 10. Paige Pickarts and Timothy Ederer were married at St. John's on September 18.

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

# BIBLE STUDY

In Adult Education, we will continue the study of Romans at the 9:15 hour. This class will deal with specific subjects and will conclude on October 31. The subjects below are chosen from the Book of Faith series, but will not necessarily follow that format.

October 3, "Saved by Grace . . . Isn't That Too Good to Be True?"

October 10, "If What I Do Doesn't Save Me, Does It Matter How I Live?"

October 17, "Where Is God When I Suffer?"

October 24, "How Can I Keep from Singing?"

October 31, "What Does God Want from Us?"

We urge interested people to come to these sessions with their questions and their insights. We would like to believe that it will be time well spent.

The class is taught by Rev. Eldor Fruehling.

## **Scooter for Use**

St. John's recently received a motorized scooter for use by any parishioner who has difficulty walking. If you would like to borrow it for use at your home, contact either pastor or the church office staff.

## **Dear Members of St. John's Lutheran Church**

First, I want to say thank you for your thoughtfulness and generosity. My aunt Jayne Carlson has regaled me with your kindness. There are very few places in the world where people will offer up support to individuals, communities, and countries outside of their own. Of all the countries I have been, Haiti was the one place that really made me so proud to be an American and that was due to the overwhelming support from its citizens and from its government.

There was no question about whether or not I would return to Haiti after my first tragic experience there. I wanted to do what I could for the people there in such dire straits and to learn what happened to Haiti because I have never encountered such devastation and loss to an ecosystem. Once, not long ago the island was blanketed with a lush mahogany tropical forest with a rich culture. Now it is a wasteland and all of its native peoples and plants gone.

Since the earthquake relief efforts for more than ten thousand individuals were concentrated in 12 different camps which had sprung up along the valley. I built a slow sand filter for them so they did not have to pay for water delivery. I brought seed from Panama of fast growing, fast producing fruits which I planted. These are still growing. I was able to install solar lights in orphanages.

As for your gift to me, it will buy more seeds of the jackfruit, the biriba, and the rambutan, to name a few, when I return to Haiti.

Hopefully, one day, consensus will be reached among the myriads and we all can move forward together. But until then, we can do only what we can do.

Thank you all again.

Eric Nyman

*Eric received \$743 from St. John's for his work for clean water in Haiti, \$625 from WELCA offerings and \$118 from the Erlandson card project.*



## **Please Help the Church Office**

If you or your child 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.



## Happy October Birthdays

### Our Youngest:

Kaitlynn Linns	3	Riley Reich	19
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### Our Sunday School Students:

Sabina Fester	1	Boden Frosch	1
Hailee Radel	5	Carson Ballweg	7
Ethan Jones	9	Katie Breunig	10
Ella Schad	10	Connor Sutter	14
Ava Brooks	15	Thea Harpold	16
William Osgood	17	Nicholas Dunnum	19
Aidan Gallus	19	Payton Kitelinger	19
Bethany Johnson	21	Bailey Paulson	21
Jade Hesse	22	Jason King	23
Ava Sandeman	23	Jake Buckles	29
Jacob Schweitzer	29	Michael Kindschi	29
Julia Mahoney	31		

### Our Youth:

Keith Kraemer	1	Brendan Coy	9
Jared Holl	9	Leah Spurgeon	11
Renee Ballweg	18	Adam Ballweg	21
Olivia Chao	29	Jeremy Sauer	31

### College and Career-age Young People:

Brittany Trager	3	Allison Frosch	5
Derek Carden	15	Elias Nedeau-Owen	16
Kellie Nelson	20	Garet Sagami	29
Cody Egan	30	Chad Culver	31



### Looking at College?

Why not look at a Lutheran college? Go to the web site [www.lutherancolleges.org](http://www.lutherancolleges.org) for more information.



## 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 September. They may be placed in the plastic bin in the cloakroom.



### Parish Planning Council Members:

Executive Director	Bill Knickmeyer	643-4543
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Secretary	Audrey Luetscher	643-2328
Treasurer	Lynn Froehlich	592-2142
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Fellowship Board	Dianne Effinger	643-4293
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Member at Large	Dale Haroldson	643-4795
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