



Olivia Joyce, Second Grade

Prairie du Sac, WI

September 2010

Dear Friends in Christ,

This summer has been marked by strong, faithful worship leadership in our new assisting ministers. They have led with reverence, confidence, and humility. Please join me in thanking them for sharing their gifts.

Many have asked if we will continue this new leadership now that Pastor Rilling has returned. The answer is a resounding, "Yes!" Thank you for the question and for the opportunity to share with you the reason why.

Pastors have a long tradition in Lutheran church in the role of preacher and presider in worship. This is grounded in the church's need for good order. Having pastors who are trained in the seminaries of the church insures that what is preached and how the sacraments are celebrated are in concert with not only the Lutheran tradition, but with the whole Christian church.

The pastor's role in liturgy is to lead those parts of the service most closely associated with Christ's earthly ministry. For example:

Confession/Forgiveness, Sermon, Great Thanksgiving (communion), Baptisms as well as Installations

The role of lay leaders has been a little less clear in history. Our LBW manual says: "Lay people should be encouraged to share in the assisting roles as their abilities allow, in addition to the pastors of the parish. They are not just helpers in the absence of ordained people, they have their own rightful role to fulfill."

Assisting ministers are NOT substitute pastors, and having an assisting minister does not take away the "work" of a pastor during worship. They are simply different roles, called to do different tasks.

Assisting ministers are intercessors – they do the action of pleading on somebody's behalf, pray to God on behalf of congregation, and are a representative of the congregation. Therefore they lead the Kyrie, Creed, Prayers, and Dismissal.

We are reclaiming the original intent of our liturgy by fulfilling the "Expectation of the church's [rules regarding worship] that other members of the congregation, especially lay persons, lead those parts of the liturgy which do not require an ordained minister."

Assisting Minister's Handbook for the LBW

The roles of both pastors and assisting ministers are an honor. Together they work with the congregation to bring to life the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

I look forward to further conversations with you about this, and if you are feeling the Spirit nudging you to serve as an assisting minister, please come talk with me!

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.

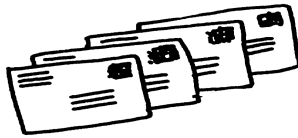


Food Pantry Sunday is September 12. Food, paper products and cleaning supplies may be brought to the table in the gathering area. These items are distributed to many families in the Sauk Prairie community. The food pantry especially needs:

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| Tomato sauce | Pasta or dried rice |
| Peanut butter | Jelly or jam |
| Crackers or pretzels | Evaporated milk |
| Canned vegetables | Canned fruit |
| Pancake mix | Syrup |

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 September. The date is in parentheses.

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| Lyle Fosshage (16) 121 Ash St., Apt 3# Sauk City, WI 53583 | Dolores McCluskey (16) 700 Clark St., Room 113 Lodi, WI 53555 |
| Ewald Hansen (17) 938 Water St., Apt. 207 Sauk City, WI 53583 | Viola Tank (28) 700 Clark St., Room 312 Lodi, WI 53555 |

We missed noting the birthday of Lyle Sprecher on August 19. He was 93. If you wish to send him a belated birthday card, his address is:

930 Prairie Street, Apt 206
Prairie du Sac, WI 53578

Women of the Church News



Hannah Circle: Tuesday, September 7 at 9:15 a.m. in St. John's Library (Child care provided)

Lydia Circle: Thursday, September 9, 1 p.m. at St. John's Library, Diane Elsing, Hostess

Martha Circle: Thursday, September 2 at 9 a.m. at Dianne Effinger's, W14204 Selwood, PdS

Mary Circle: Tuesday, September 7 at 1 p.m. at St. John's Library, LaVera Page and Inez Zitlow, Hostesses

Ruth Circle: Monday, September 13 at 7 p.m. at Marcia Thompson's, N802 Club Circle Dr, PdS

Sarah Circle: Thursday, September 2 at 1:30 p.m. at St. John's Library

Most Circles did not meet during August, but eleven members met at St. John's library for the Bible study, Pray Always "The Power of Prayer," on August 18. Marge Erlandson led the study and also provided refreshments.

We will begin our new Bible study in September, "The People of God: Unity in the Midst of Diversity." The September study will be led by Kerri Coffman-Thiede, Diane Elsing, Barbara Salvesson, Eunice Yanke, Mary Ellen Beich, and Jeannine Robertson. The Bible study leaders' meeting for the September study will be Tuesday, August 31 at 9 a.m.

We are close to the deadline of September 27 for assembling the various Lutheran World Relief kits. **Remember that we will have a box in the Fellowship Hall on Rally Day, September 12, for the Sunday School children to fill with their school kit items.** While parents are shopping for school supplies for their own children, purchase some for the children who need our help. We are very grateful to Mrs. Lyla Schabacker and Mrs. Sylvia Richardson for making a total of 137 school bags for this project. Let us fill up these school bags.

Ruth Circle visited Special Friends in August. Hannah Circle will visit them in September.

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

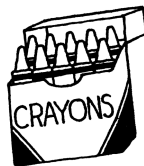
Remember the Prayer for Peace included in this newsletter on September 20.

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

The Baraboo Conference Fall Meeting will be October 23 in Spring Green.

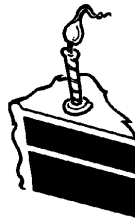
St. John's Fall General Meeting will be on Saturday, November 6. It will be a brunch potluck beginning at 9 a.m. Kathy Lester will discuss her recent trip to Germany. Mary and Martha Circles will be in charge of the kitchen and dining room.

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



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



90th Birthday Party Celebration

On July 11 we celebrated the birthdays of people in our congregation who will celebrate 90+ years this year. The following people were honored with birthday cake made by Traci Schutt and cards signed by the congregation:

Rose Baars
Erna Dieterle
Robert Enge
Hazel Graf
Lyle Sprecher
Lucile Tanneberg
Ursula Westre
Myrtle Wyttenbach

Helen Derleth
Dorothy Enge
Eleanor Ferry
Walter Scott
Viola Tank
Frieda Waldinger
Ben Williams

Opportunities to Share and Serve

St. John's offers many opportunities to help others with your time and donations or by simply sharing what you would normally discard. Everyone can do something. Please keep the following suggestions in mind this month:

- **Bring your box tops to church.** St. John's collects Box Tops for Education squares from packages of General Mills, Betty Crocker and Pillsbury brand items. Leave them in the decorated collection box in the adult Sunday school room (#1) in the education wing. Black Hawk, Tower Rock and Spruce Street Schools will benefit.
- **Fight hunger.** Besides contributing to St. John's collection for World Hunger through the ELCA's hunger project, you can visit the Hunger website at www.thehungersite.com. Click on "Donate Food." A hungry person gets 1.1 cups of food at no cost to you. Food donations are paid for by corporate sponsors of the site and are distributed by Mercy Corps and American Second Harvest. Visitors to the site are allowed one click a day.
- **Wrap Shoe Boxes.** St. John's mission project, Christmas in Haiti, continues throughout the year, culminating on a Sunday in August. We collect shoe boxes, wrapping paper, and small toys all year long. We currently have 75 shoe boxes to wrap. If you have an hour or two to spare, contact the church office.
- **Stamps for Tubfrim.** Join many in our congregation who cut out used postage stamps and bring them to the church office. Proceeds from the sale of these stamps are used to purchase playground equipment and recreational items needed for mentally challenged children living in institutions in Norway.
- **Join the Baking Chain.** Our Fellowship Board and Parish Education Board often need baked treats for special occasions, such as sweet breads for new member receptions or cookies for Christmas for Haiti. If you love to bake and would like a good excuse, contact Dianne Effinger (643-4293) or the church office (643-2439) to have your name added to a telephone or computer chain for volunteer baking.
- **Join a Prayer Chain.** Prayer chains are groups of people who agree to pray when a request is made. The requests may be for illness, accidents, happenings at St. John's, or personal or community crises. They may be made by anyone in the congregation. St. John's has three telephone and one computer prayer chain. Call St. John's office (643-2439) to have your name added to a prayer chain or to request prayers.

To understand more fully the effect of prayer, please read the following response by John McMillion, a member of our congregation who was injured in a horrific traffic accident, when he was asked to participate in a prayer chain.

John writes:

While I am not much of a computer guy, I would be more than happy and in fact honored to pray for people in need. I truly believe in the power of prayer. You see, when I was out on medical leave due to my accident, I had thousands of people praying for me, many that I knew and many that I didn't know. Many of my co-workers asked that their church pray for me.

I fly for Southwest which is a Texas airline. Texas has many Baptists and Non-Denominationalists which are big into praying. I received hundreds of cards, some from people I didn't know. I especially remember home-made get well cards from a Lutheran School in New Mexico that brought me out of the darkness when I was in the hospital and truly realized what had happened to me. I was able to thank them when I got better, as well as a Non-Denominational congregation that a friend of mine in Michigan belongs to. I sometimes feel bad that I'm so shy that I didn't travel across the country to thank them all. After I got back to work there were even more people who told me they were sorry they didn't call, but that I was in their prayers. I told them I knew and thanks because I truly believed that their prayers made a difference.

I am so disorganized I have to write a list of all the people to pray for when I am able to make it to church at St. John's. The list is so long, I have to rush to get them all in before Pastor resumes the service after a moment of silence. So I think adding me to your email list would be a good idea. I will be more than happy to include them on my list.

When I think of the Baptists and Non-Denominationalists, I compare their prayer habits to us Lutherans. I don't know why Lutherans are so stoic and don't want to bother other people with our problems. I think we tend to feel the need to carry the burden ourselves. Maybe they're on to something here. I think perhaps if we allow other people to care, it's another avenue to allow God to show us that he cares.

I still read the get well cards from time to time, especially the ones from those kids in New Mexico.

Take care and God bless,

John McMillion



With Sincere Sympathy

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

- Deb and Gerald Westphal and their family on the death of Deb's brother, John Hamre
- Ewald Hansen on the death of his wife, Liesel
- Duane and Kim Larson and their family on the death of Duane's father
- Marilyn Larson on the death of her nephew, Mike
- Dorothy Enge on the death of her husband, Bob
- Rod and Bev Mielke on the death of Bev's mother, Ella Mae Froehlich
- Dean Pfaff on the death of his brother-in-law, Milford McCauley
- Jim and Anita Key and their family on the death of Jim's mother, Opal Key
- Karen, Brooke and Kali Larson on the death of husband and father, Ken Larson

*Thank
You!*

I would like to thank my church family for all their prayers, cards, visits and food. It all helped with my recovery.

Darlene Holl

♥ **THANK** you!

I wish to say "Thank You" to everyone for their prayers, cards, flowers and gifts I received while I was at St. Mary's Hospital and Maplewood of Sauk Prairie. It was all greatly appreciated.

Dorothy Oetzman

Portals of Prayer

An online subscription to the devotional Portals of Prayer is available on-line for \$9.99. If you are interested, stop in the church office for more details.



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.

SPECIAL PRAYER

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

The El'Anu Prayer

The following is adapted from the Reformed Jewish shabbat service. The El'Anu prayer is a plea for the coming of the kingdom.

May the time not be distant, O Lord, when your name shall come to be worshiped in all the earth, when unbelief shall disappear and error be no more. Lord, in your mercy, fervently we pray that the day may come when all shall turn to you in love, when corruption and evil shall give way to integrity and goodness. Lord, in your mercy, we pray for that day when superstition shall no longer enslave the mind, nor idolatry blind the eye, when all shall know that you alone are God.

Lord, in your mercy, we pray with all our hearts:

Let violence be gone.

Let the day come

when evil shall give way to goodness:

when war shall be forgotten

and hunger be no more

and all at last will live in freedom.

Thank You!

I thank the Ruth Circle of St. John's for the lovely flowers given to me by Marian DeGiovanni. Thank you for showing great Christian love.

Wilma DiRienzo



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.

Quilters Need

St. John's Quilters need sheets and other large pieces of fabric for quilt backs. Please check your closets and bring these items to the Fellowship Hall as soon as possible.



BAPTISM

Alexa Joy Hurth, daughter of Scott and Christine Hurth, received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on August 22. She was born on January 17 and her sponsors are Penny Toner and Steve Hurth.

Interview Appropriate Clothes for Men and Women

We hope that one of the first things Pastor Rilling has to do when he returns to St. John's on Labor Day weekend will be to take a Suburban full of interview-appropriate clothes to our Dress for Success affiliate in Madison. You may continue to bring suits, dress pants, sweaters, vests, shirts and ties to our cloakroom any time. Clients will also appreciate appropriate shoes, briefcases, purses and raingear.

Thank You!

We had a wonderful time at our congregational wedding reception! Thank you all for bringing the amazing food, for the beautiful cards and gifts, and for all of the kind words and great marital advice! A special thank you to our hosts Linda and John Hines, and all those who helped out in any way. We truly are blessed to be part of this loving community. Thank you.

Sally + Jeff Williams

Pillowcase Dresses

Derek and Sarah Haroldson report that the 40 dresses made from pillowcases they took to Haiti last month were received with many thanks. We also included 14 dresses in the Christmas gift boxes. We thank everyone who is helping with this project, whether it is those providing pillowcases, bias tape and decorative bits of fabric and lace, or those actually sewing the dresses. We will continue to send them to Haiti as we have opportunities.

Directions for making the dresses are on the display table in the fellowship hall.



Thank You!

The family of Joyce Kaufman would like to thank Pastors Sally and Fred, as well as the office staff, the Messengers and Connie Burton, and the ladies of the church for their help and kindness at the passing of Joyce.

Also, we would like to thank everyone in the congregation who remembered us with cards, visits, thoughts and prayers. It was all very much appreciated.

Blessings to you all!

♥ **THANK** you!

My birthday celebration will long be remembered. What a clever way to send Best Wishes on the large card.

Thank you everyone!

Helen Derleth

Thank You!

We thank all the members of St. John's who participated in the Christmas in Haiti project. We sent 180 gift wrapped shoe boxes to our partner, St. Cecelia in Wisconsin Dells. We also sent \$300 to help cover the cost of shipping these items.



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.



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 or 643-6892.

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You!*

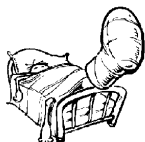
Thank you to all who sent cards and food after my recent illness. Special thanks go to Pastor Sally for the prayers and visits.
Lester L. Schulenburg



Habitat for Humanity Volunteer from St. John's Wanted

Marcia Brown, Church Relations Chair of Habitat for Humanity of Sauk-Columbia Area recently wrote that Habitat continues to grow and has now hired an executive director, Eleanor Chiquoine. Marcia expects that this addition will expand Habitat's opportunities to provide more families with homes. She adds that while this growth is exciting, but it will require more coordination and participation from volunteers. Members of Habitat are being asked to reactivate committees and to get involvement from most of the larger communities that are served.

If anyone from St. John's would like to serve on the Church Relations Committee for Habitat, contact Claire Reinke (643-0500) for more information.



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

Delores Staff
Pat Schutt

Dean Pfaff
Jerry Exterovich



Congratulations!

We offer our best wishes to two couples from our congregation. Craig Hitchcock and Kristina Wilkinson were married on August 21. Robin Holler and Ken Lueck were married on August 28.

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



Memorial Gifts

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



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.

Help Pay the Mortgage

We have a visual aid in the gathering area to remind us that we want to raise \$300,000 in pledges and gifts to pay off the mortgage on St. John's. We currently have \$36,993 toward that goal.

Coats for Kids

St. John's will partner 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.

Thank You!

The family of Liesel Hansen would like to thank St. John's members who remembered them during Liesel's illness and passing. A special thank you goes to the kitchen staff who helped at the memorial service and to Almay Nelson, Luella Lichte, Eunice Yanke, Marilyn Herschleb, and Roy and Louise Gag for bringing food. God bless you.



September Sunday School Hero News

Welcome to Sunday School, both new friends and old.

Rally Day for all God's heroes is September 12. We will meet our teachers in the Fellowship Hall for registration at 9:15 a.m. After that, we will have a clue hunt for everyone. Come ready to find your inner hero!

Adults, Rally Day is for you, too. Along with the chance to sign up for the first Adult Education class of this year, you can browse the displays put up by the Boards of the Parish Planning Council. This is a great day to learn what the Boards do and how you might help.

Installation of teachers, assistants and library staff will be September 19 at both the 8:00 and 10:30 services. Come and meet and thank our teaching Heroes.

Our theme of "heroes for God" will give us the opportunity to learn about some of the people in our church who are not just helping us on Sundays, but each day of the week. We will highlight a different group each month of the Sunday School year.

Look for chances to RAK someone!

Remember, **you** are God's Hero.

Linda Hines
Sunday School Superintendent



Looking at College?

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

Serving in September

Ushers:

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| September 5 | <u>8:00 a.m.</u> Brad Kraemer Keith Kraemer Jeremy Sauer | <u>9:30 a.m.</u> Fred Kippley John Jager Ryan Caflisch |
| September 12 | <u>8:00 a.m.</u> Craig Culver Lea Culver Kaitlynn Pulvermacher | <u>10:30 a.m.</u> Fred Kippley John Jager Alissa Grauvogl |
| September 19 | Brooke Herschleb Craig Culver Lea Culver Lucas Johnson | Jack Sailor Fred Kippley John Jager Ryan Caflisch |
| September 26 | Jordan Powell Brad Kraemer Dave Jelle Hannah Schutt Sydney Peterson | Jacob Jones Fred Kippley John Jager Sydney Peterson Sarah Peterson |

Acolytes:

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| September 5 | <u>8:00 a.m.</u> Teresa Bradley Emily Bradley | <u>9:30 a.m.</u> Skyler Richards Adam Ballweg |
| September 12 | <u>8:00 a.m.</u> Olivia Chao Hannah Schutt | <u>10:30 a.m.</u> Ryan Caflisch Alex Fiske |
| September 19 | Grant Schlimgen Adam Ballweg | Sydney Peterson Sarah Peterson |
| September 26 | Grant Schlimgen Adam Ballweg | Chad Keller Alex Fiske |

Assisting Ministers:

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| September 5 | <u>8:00 a.m.</u> Cassie Bradley | <u>9:30 a.m.</u> Cassie Bradley |
| September 12 | <u>8:00 a.m.</u> Kathi Risley | <u>10:30 a.m.</u> |
| September 19 | Bob Wilson | Bob Wilson |
| September 26 | | |

Readers:

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| September 5 | <u>8:00 a.m.</u> Emily Bradley | <u>9:30 a.m.</u> Paige Pistono |
| September 12 | <u>8:00 a.m.</u> Kari Apel | <u>10:30 a.m.</u> Dale Haroldson |
| September 19 | | Marian DeGiovanni |
| September 26 | Gary Tomter | Roxann Grinde |

Greeters:

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| September 5 | <u>8:00 a.m.</u> (Sanctuary) Roger/Bev Clason (Front Doors) Lindsey Sauer (Side Doors) | <u>9:30 a.m.</u> |
| September 12 | <u>8:00 a.m.</u> (Sanctuary) Bob/Almay Nelson (Front Doors) Cliff/Cindy Thompson (Side Doors) Cindy/Gary Quam | <u>10:30 a.m.</u> Dale/Betty Page Steve/Holly Kindschi Bob/Dede Egan |
| September 19 | (Sanctuary) Jack Sailor (Front Doors) Austin Powell (Side Doors) Erin Breunig | Lindsey Sauer Miriah Breunig Hannah Schutt |
| September 26 | (Sanctuary) Kandy/Lindsey Sauer (Front Doors) Todd/Gina Wyttenbach (Side Doors) Jan/Dan Baun | Aletha/John Ballweg Hans/Liz Fester Amy/Jeff Chrisler |

Cantors:

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| September 5 | <u>8:00 a.m.</u> Jubilation | <u>9:30 a.m.</u> Jubilation |
| September 12 | <u>8:00 a.m.</u> Chris Stephan | <u>10:30 a.m.</u> Dennis Fisher |
| September 19 | Kathy Ochsankehl | Cathy Yanke |
| September 26 | Janet Koenig | Melani/Mikayla |
| Wheeler | | |

Librarians:

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| September 5 | Eldoris Lovell |
| September 12 | Carol Mallon, Barb Salveson |
| September 19 | Fay Rentmeester, Maren Andersen Boerger |
| September 26 | Mary Weeks, Mike Marquardt |



Coffee Set-Up/Clean-Up:

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| September 5 | Emily Bradley, Paige Pistono |
| September 12 | Keith Hines, Nick Sailor |
| September 19 | Nick Sailor, Olivia Chao |
| September 26 | Brooke Herschleb, Jordan Powell |

Nursery Staff:

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| September 5 | <u>8:00 a.m.</u> Greta Koenig Sam Kreuzmann | <u>9:30 a.m.</u> Sydney Peterson Sarah Peterson |
| September 12 | <u>8:00 a.m.</u> Emily Bradley Teresa Bradley | <u>10:30 a.m.</u> Kaitlynn Pulvermacher Nick Sailor |
| September 19 | Emily Bradley Teresa Bradley | Miriah Breunig Jeremy Sauer |
| September 26 | Emily Bradley Teresa Bradley | Alissa Grauvogel Garrett Kippley |

Communion Set Up/Clean Up:

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| September 5 | <u>8:00 a.m.</u> Cassie Bradley Dorothy Halverson | <u>9:30 a.m.</u> Hannah Schutt Traci Schutt |
| September 12 | <u>8:00 a.m.</u> Nadine Lauer | <u>10:30 a.m.</u> Kim Helms Kris Helms |
| September 19 | Jack Sailor Shirley Orr | Katie Vieth Lynn, Paul Froehlich |
| September 26 | Julie Andrews | Ryan Caflisch Joyce Kinnamon |

Communion Assistants:

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| September 5 | <u>8:00 a.m.</u> Cassie Bradley Teresa Bradley | <u>9:30 a.m.</u> Skyler Richards Adam Ballweg |
| September 12 | <u>8:00 a.m.</u> Elaine Sprecher Roger Clason | <u>10:30 a.m.</u> Bob Egan Dede Egan |
| September 19 | Betty Fisher Marilyn Larson | Dave Lohr Ruth Lohr |
| September 26 | Diane Elsing Haakon Carlson | Marge Erlandson Shawna Marquardt |



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.

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.

Education Staff Installation

We will install our 2009-2010 educational staff at both services on September 19. Included in this group are Sunday school teachers, librarians, confirmation teachers and education board members. Please join us as we rejoice in God's gifts made manifest in these individuals.

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.

Opportunity to Share and Serve: Staff Funeral Luncheons

We need people to serve our church family as dining room or kitchen staff for funerals on an occasional basis. If you are sometimes free in the middle of the day, please consider this opportunity. Call Dianne Effinger (643-4293) to volunteer. She also needs volunteers for occasional fellowship events on Sundays.



Women's Book Club

Our next book club will be on Tuesday, September 28 at 10 a.m. in the church library and 6:30 p.m. at the Blue Spoon. Our book for September will be The Glass Castle: A Memoir by Jeannette Walls. We are always happy to have new women join us! Please see Pastor Williams for more information.

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.



Helping the Hands That Heal

Global Health Ministries Update

We recently learned of a name change at GHM. Midwife Kits now will be called Newborn Kits and will no longer include razor blades, cord ties and gloves. The new list of contents is:

Materials for Newborn Kits

(Please use new or clean used items in good condition)

- 1 regular size bath towel
- 1 wash cloth (thin)
- 1 newborn stocking cap (keep hand-knit ones *very* small)
- 1 small cotton-blend or flannel shirt (to waist only as the babies do not wear diapers), size 0-3 months or newborn
- 1 receiving blanket
- 1 36" square muslin or sheeting
- 1 bath size bar Ivory soap

A waterproof pad will be added at GHM warehouse before shipping.



Upcoming High School Events

- September 12, Sunday School Rally Day
- September 15, Confirmation Parent/Youth Night, 6:00 p.m.
- September 22, 29, Confirmation
 - 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 TBA – Sauk Prairie Youth Network (SPYN) Event

Upcoming Middle School Events

- September 12, Sunday School Rally Day
- September 15, Confirmation Parent/Youth Night, 6:00 p.m.
- September 22, 29, Confirmation
 - Meal, 5:30 p.m.
 - Confirmation Class, 6:00 p.m.
- October 29-31, Sugar Creek Retreat
- October TBA – Sauk Prairie Youth Network (SPYN) Event

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 note for 9th graders and their parents: 9th graders will be taught by Pastor Mitchell this year. Parents need to attend both the orientation as well as the first confirmation session, September 22. If a parent/grandparent/guardian is unable to attend, please contact Pastor Williams.

Email Change

Due to the switchover from Verizon to Frontier, the pastors' email addresses have changed. Please change them in your address books. Pastor Rilling: fcr3@frontier.com and Pastor Williams: pastorsally2006@frontier.com



Parent/Tot Time

Are you looking for something for your toddler to do while you enjoy a cup of coffee between services?

Look no further!

Bring your toddler to Parent/Tot time in the fellowship hall between services when Sunday School is in session. There will be child friendly snacks, crafts and toys for the kids to play with while the parents have coffee and doughnuts.

Parents must stay with their children.



Help Make Hunger a Memory

St. John's continues its campaign to end world hunger by memorializing contributions. For each \$5 donation, you may note that this gift is in memory or in honor of a particular person or occasion. A monthly list of designees will be included in the Visitor.

You may enclose your donation in an envelope located in the small racks on the back of the pews or in an envelope from home. Just mark World Hunger on the front. Be sure to include your name so we can keep track of these contributions for year-end statements.

Join us as we work together to end world hunger.

BIBLE STUDY



Rev. Eldor Fruehling will lead a six-week adult Bible study on Romans beginning Sunday, September 26. This study is part of the Books of Faith Initiative of the ELCA for adult education. Join us at 9:15 a.m. as we consider questions from Romans, such as "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" and "If What I Do Doesn't Save Me, Does It Matter How I Live?"

Look for more information in the weekly worship bulletins in September.

Kids of the Kingdom

Kids of the Kingdom is a group of singers in grades two through five. The choir meets from 5:00-5:30 p.m. on Wednesdays. The Kids of the Kingdom sing about once each month during the school year.

Our first rehearsal for the 2010 season will be October

13.

We have lots of fun singing and playing tone chimes or rhythm instruments.

The following people were part of Kids of the Kingdom for the 2009-2010 school year.

Ryan Ladd
Hunter Lohr
Cam Manning
Jordan Small
Katie Yanke

Sawyer Ladd
Melina Lohr
Emily Schutt
Jeff Yanke

Some have “graduated” from Kids of the Kingdom, but they could still tell you about choir! Come and join the fun!

Connie Burton, Director
355-7908 or burton4@chorus.net



Newsletter and Weekly Bulletins Available by Email

If you are absent from worship, but would like to keep up with the scripture verses and announcements, you may stop at the brochure rack in the gathering area and pick up last Sunday's bulletin.

Our weekly bulletins and the Visitor are also available online as email attachments and are on our web page. Contact Mary Ellen at mebeich2@hotmail.com or Linda at lkhines@hotmail.com or go online to stjohnssaukprairie.org.

MOSES

Attention 6th – 9th graders!!!

A group has been created just for you during the Sunday School hour. Join teachers Marge Erlandson and John Hines at 9:15 a.m. each Sunday for Bible study, games, speakers, music, service projects, library time, and lots of fun!

If you can't come one week, go the next week! Friends are always welcome.

Senior Choir

September through May each year, the Senior Choir practices on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. to learn new music and polish up repertoire (pieces that they have already studied). Our rehearsals last for one song-filled hour. We include time for laughter, fellowship, and prayer.

We welcome new singers. If you like to sing, please come to join us for a rehearsal or two and check it out! High school students and college-age people are encouraged to join also!

The following people were in the senior choir for the 2009-2010 season. They have appreciated your kind comments regarding their offerings of song during worship. Feel free to ask any of them about choir.

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| Janis Baun | Richard Brager |
| Bill Burton | Marian DeGiovanni |
| Tony DeGiovanni | Dennis Fisher |
| Mark Gilbertson | Carolyn Gilbertson |
| LeeAnn Goelz | Roxann Grinde |
| Marilyn Herschleb | Bonnie Kehl |
| Kim Langer | Doris Lohr |
| Greg Lorenz | Linda Lorenz |
| Jeff Ochsankehl | Kathy Ochsankehl |
| Gwen Ringelstetter | Kathi Risley |
| Delores Staff | Chris Stephen |
| Mary Weeks | Sally Williams |

As a director, I thank all you choir folks who work with great enthusiasm all season long. I consider it a privilege to choose your pieces and help you share your gifts.

The Senior Choir will have its first rehearsal and “kick-off” dinner at the DeGiovanni residence on September 1 at 6:30 p.m.

Connie Burton, Director of Music
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Cantata DVDs Available

DVD recordings of the ecumenical choir’s cantata for Good Friday, “Once Upon a Tree” by Pepper Choplin, are available for \$3. Please see Connie Burton or stop by the church office if you would like to purchase one.

Jubilation

Jubilation is primarily comprised of those who sing, play flute, or play guitar. These members rehearse less frequently than the Senior Choir, and perhaps on short notice! I am grateful to these people for their willingness to teach new songs, lead the outdoor services, and sing special music for preludes, communion and postludes. The flutists and guitarist also play for several liturgical settings that we use for worship.

Any other types of instruments would be gladly incorporated!

If you would like to join, please come talk to me or any of the following singers and/or instrumentalists!

Aletha Ballweg, flute
Bill Burton
LeeAnn Goelz
Ruth Lohr, guitar
Jeff Ochsankehl

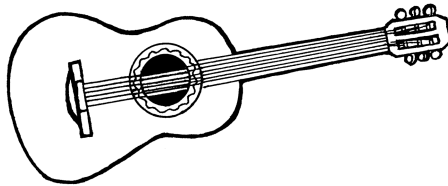
Janis Baun
Marian DeGiovanni
Doris Lohr
Sally Williams
Kathy Ochsankehl,

flute

Dave Osterfund
Kathi Risley

Pat Osterfund
Gina Varley, flute

Connie Burton, Director
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Sharing Stitches

“Sharing Stitches,” St. John’s yarn ministry will meet on September 14 10 at 9:30 a.m. in the church library. All are welcome, even beginners or those wanting to learn to knit or crochet. We share ideas, and just sit, relax, visit, and work on our project.

Our mission is to knit and crochet items for those in need. Some of our projects are: mittens, scarves or hats for the Caring Tree, baby caps for midwife kits or the local hospital, baby sweaters for Lutheran World Relief layettes, lap robes for the Caring Tree, and prayer shawls for St. John’s prayer shawl ministry.



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.

RECYCLE

Recycle Cell Phones

The Women of the ELCA, working through the Good Deed Foundation and the Women's Funding Network, recently launched a national cell phone recycling program that will generate funding for programs to lift women and families out of poverty. A collection box for used cell phones is in the cloakroom, just inside the right hand entrance. Please consider this St. John's WELCA project when you recycle your cell phone.



Happy September Birthdays

Our Youngest:

| | | | |
|---------------|----|----------------|----|
| Logan Sorg | 6 | Austin Urban | 12 |
| Brooke Braund | 17 | George Colby | 18 |
| Micah Boerger | 19 | Alaina Kraemer | 26 |

Our Sunday School Students:

| | | | |
|------------------|----|-------------------|----|
| Benjamin Chao | 2 | Briar Lohr | 2 |
| Emma Rhyner | 2 | Grady Sass | 3 |
| Gavin Tompkin | 4 | Reagan Chrisler | 7 |
| Samantha Johnson | 7 | Kyle Johnson | 10 |
| Annika Braund | 10 | Tyler Nemitz-King | 10 |
| Natalie Barth | 11 | Isabelle Barth | 11 |
| Jackson Gorsuch | 11 | Landon Froese | 14 |
| Claire Hartman | 15 | Sean Collins | 16 |
| Ryan Jager | 16 | Ashley Pape | 17 |
| Lauren Endres | 18 | Kyra Manning | 18 |
| Ellery Apel | 20 | Erelyn Apel | 20 |
| Kaitlin Graves | 20 | Carly Coy | 22 |
| Kathleen Yanke | 22 | Matthew Johnson | 24 |
| Dawson Evert | 27 | Micael Louis | 28 |
| Rylie Louis | 28 | Kailey Fahrenkamp | 29 |

Our Youth:

| | | | |
|-------------------|----|----------------------|----|
| Matthew Klobuchar | 1 | Claire Meixelsperger | 3 |
| Kimberly Helms | 7 | Norah Jahnke | 8 |
| Brooke Herschleb | 9 | Lucas Johnson | 10 |
| Sabrina Yanke | 14 | Brady Weigel | 16 |
| Luke Tilkens | 17 | Jay Kuenster | 22 |
| Keith Slotty | 24 | Matthew Ballweg | 26 |
| Nicholas Sailor | 28 | Ashley Rasque | 29 |

College and Career-age Young People:

| | | | |
|----------------|----|----------------|----|
| Stefano Miller | 7 | Adam Sutter | 9 |
| Mitchell Lohr | 10 | Brian Nelson | 15 |
| Justin Walker | 15 | Brandon Larson | 19 |
| Bryce Trager | 19 | Lucas Miller | 26 |
| Bethany Varley | 27 | Sarah Osgood | 28 |
| Kayla Denu | 29 | Shea Breunig | 30 |



Lutheran World Relief Parish Projects

These are the final days for contributing items for the following projects for Lutheran World Relief. The assembled kits will be wrapped, boxed and weighed on September 28. 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 ½” 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 ½ 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 ½ 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



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.



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|-------------------------|------------------|----------|
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