



Faith at Home

**St. John's
Lutheran Church**

527 Taylor
Grand Haven, MI 49417

www.silcs.org

Sacred Song (Traditional): 8:15 a.m.
Blended Voices (Contemporary): 10:30 a.m.
Night Song (Saturday service): 6:00 p.m.
1st & 3rd Saturdays - Traditional worship
2nd & 4th Saturdays - Contemporary worship
5th Saturdays - Vespers worship

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Patti Kooi
Barb Bunda
Laura Harvey
Debbie Kolberg
Middle School: Tracy Wood
Dawn Kohn

Good + News

"A simple man believes anything, but a prudent man gives thought to his steps." - Proverbs 14:15

Pastoral Musings

April 2011

And he (the angel) said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you." (Mark 16:6-7)

This Lenten season we've been "picking" on Peter, or so it seems. Seems Peter is always "out front" so to speak. He's a man of action, even when it would be advantageous to wait. He's blustery and he bellows when, perhaps, he should hold his tongue. As a result, it's easy to pick on Peter. Seems he's always in a pickle. He's anything but perfect, which makes him the perfect person to identify with as he blunders his way through life and discipleship. Not a perfect "foil" to make ourselves feel better by picking on him as children often do within their classroom and circles; but a perfect person to identify with, a picture of ourselves.

So it's been a Lenten season of "Jesus, Peter, and Me" as each week on Wednesdays we've been looking at Peter and seeing ourselves in his actions and words, his attitude and behavior.

Thankfully, throughout Holy Week, as He had throughout the three plus years of training for ministry, Jesus deals lovingly, forgivingly with Peter, seeking to restore him rather than berate him. While He calls Peter on his sin, his pride, arrogance and overconfidence; while He admonishes him and the others to "Watch and Pray"; while He warns him of his impending fall and denial, Jesus is always working with Peter and upon Peter to bring him back, strengthen him, perfect him. And He's always calling Peter out – not to condemn or heap guilt upon him but to let him know he's included, still a disciple, still wanted and loved.

He does it with a look in the High Priest's courtyard; but He does it with a word – by name – in Gethsemane and in the Garden as He has His angel single-out Peter.

If anyone needed that extra, added assurance it was pushy, prideful Peter...AND US. I'm glad Jesus kept working so hard on Peter. It gives me, in my sin, my disloyalty, my denial and, yes, even betrayal, HOPE! Through the way Jesus deals with Peter, I know He's trying to deal with me the same way. May I listen.

See you at worship of the Risen King. May we make Him LORD of our life. That's what Galilee is all about. Jesus meets His disciples where they live. He seeks to be real with and for them therein. May we let Him, greeting Him, as the angel greeted us, with resurrection joy!

Yours for the risen, living Jesus,

Pastor Haupt

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- ✠ Maundy Thursday, April 21 (7:00 p.m.) "It's All About Cleansing" John 13:1-15
- ✠ Good Friday, April 22 (noon and 7:00 p.m.) "It's All About Death" Acts 2:22-24, 37-38
- ✠ Easter Sunday, April 24 (7:00 and 10:30 a.m.) "It's All About Life" Mark 16:1-7
- ✠ Join us for our annual Easter Sunday breakfast served to you by our youth 8:00-10:00 a.m. Menu includes fresh fruit, cheesy potatoes, egg casserole, ham, assorted coffee cakes and sweet breads, juices, coffee and milk. Donations are welcome. Please sign-up in the Social Hall if you can help. All proceeds help to cover costs of youth activities.

~ There will be no Holy Saturday Worship (April 23) this year. We will greet the Resurrection together at either the 7:00 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. worship services on Easter morning. ~

Music Notes

The season of Lent is a busy one for Celebration Choir. We are preparing music for Wednesday worship services, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. On Easter morning, we will raise our voices in loud alleluias to our risen Lord, singing, "I know that my Redeemer lives, what comfort this sentence gives, He lives, He lives, who once was dead, my everlasting Head, my everlasting Head!"

Contemporary Worship will include a few new songs this spring:

Love the Lord, by Lincoln Brewster

www.youtube.com/watch?v=tqCmZR6rlr4

Resurrection Hymn (See What a Morning) by Keith Getty

www.youtube.com/watch?v=6xM-fpXayUg

Jesus Messiah, by Chris Tomlin

www.youtube.com/watch?v=uuhNHSYralc&feature=related

As always, new members are always welcome in all areas of our music ministry.

Tracy Wood, Music Director twood@silcs.org

Financial Freedom Fund Update

Through the end of February, the Financial Freedom Fund (FFF), which has as its goal for St. John's to be **debt free** in five years (October 2015) just in time for our congregation's 150th anniversary celebration, has received \$42,000+ in gifts from 16% (53/327) of our active giving units. This has enabled us to reach our first goal (underwrite our current dedicated fund accounts) and start to attack our second goal – the repayment of our short term loan (\$47,000) of which \$10,000 has now been repaid, Praise the Lord! The Endowment Fund has presented us with a challenge grant of 1 for 2. They will give us \$1 for every \$2 we raise between now and the end of April, up to \$4,000 on their part. We have already raised nearly \$6,500 at the end of March, Praise the Lord!



So God is blessing our efforts to be good and wise stewards of His gifts. Just think what could happen if all of us got involved, making a sacrificial gift. We could probably become debt free (current indebtedness is approximately \$385,000) in a couple of years. Remember, not equal gifts but equal sacrifice; and not from our regular gifts to support God's mission in our midst and through our outside mission efforts but over and above – sacrificial. God be with you as you take this to Him in prayer and may He be in your prayerful decision and response.

About Giving...

We thank God that there are so many who give so generously to our Lord through our church. The faithful contributions of our members help us share the Gospel with both members and nonmembers. We thank God for the faith that He has so graciously given to so many people here at St. John's.

We give evidence of our faith through our desire and willingness to give to the Lord's work. People in our congregation give at different levels. Some give at a lower level than they are able to give, while many give according to their abilities. A smaller percentage give sacrificially beyond their abilities. What do our checkbooks tell about us? Where do our priorities lie? What causes many, but not all to respond with gratitude, thanksgiving, and obedience? Why do some store up "treasures on earth" instead of in heaven (Matthew 6:19)?

2010 Envelope Giving Overview

Amount given per week	# of giv. units	Non-mem giv. units	%	Total amount received
0	302	--	46%	0
\$1 or less	54	--	8%	\$1,174.91
\$1-\$3	28	--	4%	\$2,675.50
\$3-\$5	15	--	2%	\$3,153.00
\$5-\$10	33	3	5%	\$12,867.00
\$10-\$15	29	2	4%	\$18,601.50
\$15-\$20	22	5	3%	\$20,418.00
\$20-\$25	24	2	4%	\$28,210.00
\$25-\$30	19	--	3%	\$26,540.00
\$30-\$35	12	--	2%	\$20,495.35
\$35-\$40	11	2	2%	\$21,441.00
\$40-\$45	8	2	1%	\$17,790.00
\$45-\$50	9	2	1%	\$22,354.00
\$50-\$60	21	6	3%	\$59,327.75
\$60-\$70	13	2	2%	\$43,860.00
\$70-\$80	14	1	2%	\$54,984.70
\$80-\$90	8	2	1%	\$35,374.00
\$90-\$100	4	--	1%	\$20,000.00
\$100-\$200	23	--	3%	\$167,596.50
\$200-\$300	7	--	1%	\$89,344.00
\$300-\$500	2	--	.3%	\$46,515.00
	658	29	98.3%	\$712,722.21

God's Word calls each of us to give with the promise that He will provide for us. Second Corinthians 9:10-11 says, "Now He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be made rich in every way so you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God." This verse tells us that God will not only meet our needs, but He will provide more than we need. God does not limit His gifts to His people but rather provides abundantly so that we can "be generous on every occasion." God blesses His people with blessings that may or may not be material in nature. If God chooses to bless us financially, He is putting us in a position to be even more generous. The more we give, the more we can receive so we will be able to keep on giving to bring thanksgiving to God.

We thank God for all our members who entrust parts of their income to this church for the work of the Lord. We challenge each of you to take God at His Word and increase your present level of giving, putting your faith in God to provide all He's promised. May God continue to bless the stewardship of all that He has entrusted to you.

Easter and Giving

Christ is risen! He is
risen indeed!
Alleluia!

This is the message
we share as we
celebrate the



Resurrection of our Savior, Jesus. This is also the message of the entire 15th chapter of 1 Corinthians where we find the Good News of Jesus' sacrifice on the cross for our sins and His victory over sin, death, and hell as He rises from the dead. Then Paul goes on to explain how Jesus' victory is our victory – that, because Christ is risen from the dead, so, too, shall we rise from the dead. The whole chapter is Good News upon Good News culminating in words from the prophet Isaiah, "Death is swallowed up in victory." Paul adds, "But thanks be to God, Who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Corinthians 15:54, 57).

Then we have the "therefore." The "therefore" is our response to this best of all news. "Therefore," Paul writes, "be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain" (1 Corinthians 15:58). Our labor, our acts of doing good to others, of serving in our congregations, our encouraging our pastors and other church workers, our fellowship with other believers are to abound. We are never to give up or grow weary – we won't NEED to grow weary – for our work is in the Lord Who equips us to do His will (Hebrews 13:21) so that nothing we do is in vain.

Paul isn't finished with his "therefore." It continues in the next chapter: "Now concerning the collection for the saints...On the first day of every week, each of you is to put something aside and store it up, as he may prosper, so that there will be no collecting when I come" (1 Corinthians 16:2).

At first, we might think this is an abrupt transition – moving from such heights as the Resurrection and life eternal to talking about such earthly things as setting aside part of one's income to give to the church. Reflecting upon the whole Easter message again, though, we see the importance of sharing this Good News by using all our resources, our labor and our money. We see the very strong link between Easter and giving, between Christ's ultimate sacrifice and our small, yet significant in His eyes, sacrifice. And just as Jesus found joy in looking beyond the cross, so do we find joy in looking at our Savior (Hebrews 12:2).

Church Library – 2011



★ JUST GIVE ME JESUS, Anne Graham Lotz
How did John know that, at the beginning of a new millennium our lives would be so busy, our focus divided, our bodies tired, our minds bombarded, our families attacked, our relationships strained, our churches programmed...that we would be desperate for the simplicity and the purity, the freedom and the fulfillment of a life lived in Jesus' Name? John probably didn't know. But God did. That's why He just gives us JESUS!

NEW DONATIONS

BIBLE STUDY – FAITH AT HOME

Family Friendly Church, Ben Freudenburg

BOOKS

Chicken Soup For the Soul - A 3rd Serving

CHILDREN

My Son, My Savior, Calvin Miller (birth of Jesus)

DEATH & GRIEF

Confessions of a Grieving Christian, Zig Ziglar

Death and the Life After, Billy Graham

DEVOTIONS

For Those Who Hurt, Chuck Swindoll

Chosen! Won!, devotions for teens by teens

INSPIRATIONAL

Lord, Heal My Hurts, Kay Arthur

Matters of the Heart, Juanita Bynum

The Source of My Strength, Charles Stanley

There's an Angel on Your Shoulder, Kelsey Tyler

Under His Wings, Patsy Clairmont

LUCADO

Come Thirsty

In the Grip of Grace

He Chose the Nails

When Christ Comes

REFERENCE

15 Reasons to Take Genesis as History, Don Batten and Jonathan Sarfati

CD'S

Adventures in Dragon Slaying Part 1 and Part 2

Lent services/music-Immanuel Lutheran, E Dundee

Hymns You Like to Sing, Trinity Lutheran, Lincoln, NE

Lord of Light, St. Louis Jesuits

Making a Difference, Pastor Bill Yonker

On the Way, John Mulder

The Preacher's Wife, Whitney Houston

Wait on the Lord, Jess DeMaine

THANK YOU to Ruth Haupt for always taking time to listen to cd's that are unfamiliar to me. ☺

BIBLE STUDY – Faith at Home in the church library. Vast variety of study guides available. Stop by and review the cheat sheet. Checkout – read – return. Study alone or recruit a friend or two.

NOTE: Lent/Easter theme on display shelf.

Fay Hoffman, Volunteer (church librarian)



St. John's Day School

PRESCHOOL

The preschoolers have been learning about life out west by listening to stories about animals and plants that they would find out west. We had a great turn out for Western Night, where the parents got to see what the children have been working on all month. Preschool is now enrolling for the 2011-12 school year. There are three different sessions offered for preschoolers. Classes meet Monday-Thursday mornings and Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons. Please call Debbie Luytjes at school (616) 842-0260 ext. 119, for more information.

Mrs. Debbie Luytjes

KINDERGARTEN

March came in like a lamb instead of a lion. During the month, we tallied how many lion or lamb days we had. We learned a lot about the wild west to prepare for the Western Family Night on March 10. It was great to spend time with our families making projects, playing games, panning for gold, throwing cow pie bean bags and eating a great snack. We had fun during Lutheran Schools week on each "special" day. We loved having our special person(s) spend time with us in our room and going to chapel and lunch. The season of Lent started on Ash Wednesday. We are preparing our hearts and thanking God for the sacrifice of His Son for our sins.

Mrs. Connie Behm

FIRST GRADE

At the beginning of March we celebrated our Lutheran School by having special dress days. We dressed in bright colors on Fiesta Day, a favorite book character on Book Character Day, in our best dress for chapel on Wednesday and then on Thursday it was blue and white for School Spirit Day. We enjoyed our week and are thankful that we have St. John's Lutheran School. Because March was reading month, some first graders read a favorite book that they chose to the class; some students preferred to have Mrs. Kooi read the book that they selected. We also enjoyed a book swap where students could bring slightly used books from home and trade them in for "tokens" that they could use to "buy" books from the book swap. During this time of Lent we have talked about giving something up for the 40 days. One thing we do know that we gave up is the word "alleluia" from any of the songs that we sing in choir. May God bless you during Lent.

Mrs. Patti Kooi

SECOND AND THIRD GRADE

Happy Spring from the second and third grades!! In this month of April we are really starting to see how reading and writing go hand in hand. The things we focus on in reading such as theme, story parts, sentence structure, character traits, and plot are the same things we focus on in writing! This realization helps us to grow in both curricular areas. In Reading Workshop, we are reading and enjoying some classic pieces of literature written at our reading levels. As writers, we're learning to write a great first sentence to hook our readers. In Grammar, we are learning to use the pronouns I and we, you and me, and they and them.

Mrs. Barb Bunda

Spring is certainly upon us! Considering the nicer weather, the second and third graders continue to work very hard as they approach the end of the year. We have made much headway in math; we've come a long way from the beginning of the year and simple addition. In science, we have begun studying our plant earth. We marvel at all the wonderfully things God has given us on this planet. In religion, we are practicing for our chapel service which will be on March 30th at 10:00am. We invite all to come and worship with us as we take a "journey" with Jesus. This worship service helps us prepare for the Lent season as we walk with Jesus, knowing that the journey leads us to Easter Sunday when Jesus won the victory over sin, death and the devil.

Mrs. Laura Harvey

FOURTH, FIFTH AND SIXTH GRADE

Students are thoroughly enjoying listening to Mrs. Wood read The Winter of Red Snow. It is a great way to learn what life was like in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania during the winter of 1778. We thank **Diane Veneklasen** for being our guest reader recently! We tasted real hot tea and snacked on gingerbread to get a feel of what the colonists ate.

Mrs. Tracy Wood

In the book of Joshua God leads his people into the promised land. We have read about the battles at Jericho and Ai. Our students received the five finger prayer guide and are using this at home and at school. We are reading the book, Number the Stars, and studying LCM and GCF in math. With spring break right around the corner we are looking forward to warmer weather.

Mrs. Debbie Kolberg

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FOURTH, FIFTH AND SIXTH GRADE continued

In science, the fourth-sixth graders conducted an in-depth lab analysis of a school lunch. The lunch included 25%-50% of the recommended daily servings from all major food groups, contained ~700 calories, and offered 30%-46% of recommended carbohydrates, proteins, and fats. The lunch was a bit high in cholesterol and sodium. It delivered 25% of vitamin D and 30% of calcium but was lacking in other vitamins and minerals. Thank you lunch ladies for providing yummy and well-balanced lunches and helping us learn about nutrition.

Mrs. Dawn Kohn

SEVENTH AND EIGHTH GRADE

March is reading month! The students are teamed up and furiously reading as many chapter books as they can as we compete in the Battle of the Books! In history class we are studying the Revolutionary War and the specifics of certain battles. Plans for our trip to Washington DC are all finalized.

Mrs. Tracy Wood

In math class, we celebrated pi day by creating educational videos. In religion class we are writing our own versions of the Apostle's Creed. You can see both on Mrs. Kohn's website:

www.dwkohn.weebly.com. In science class we discovered the fun in polymers by creating several versions--the SLURPY ball was the class favorite. We also investigated a polymer that absorbs water, expanding to ~64 times its size; it also disappears in water earning its name: ghost cube!

Mrs. Dawn Kohn

Faith at Home



Small Group Bible Study

You're Invited! to share in the joy and fellowship of a small group Bible study. There must be something to this as we have quite a few homes that are still meeting after nearly two years! Find out what you are missing by joining a small group today! There are many homes with openings -- see the list on the Faith at Home (FAH) bulletin board in the Social Hall. Perhaps you want to bump in to a study group just for one sequence -- and that is fine! Groups are continually starting new material. Talk to Craig Kaschube by calling him at (616) 842-4510 or ckaschube@silcs.org or Wayne Kohn at (231) 798-1561 or wdjnd@comcast.net about where you might fit in.

Why I Send My Son to St. John's Day School

My son Logan is in 2nd grade here at St. John's. There are many factors as to why I choose to send Logan to St. John's. Logan started in daycare here first and then went on to pre-school. When it came time for Kindergarten there was no way that I could switch him now, this was his second home. When I would pick up Logan from pre-school we would walk down the hall and 7th graders would be high fiving him and saying "see ya later Logan". I was like wow! The students as a whole are a family here. I was reassured of this when Logan and I took our first camping trip to Camp Concordia with the school families; it was so fun to see the support of the other students when Logan caught his "big fish". They were all so proud of him!

The second reason I choose to send Logan to St. John's is because of the opportunities for him to grow as a student. If Logan needs extra help any one of the teachers would stay after school and help him. If Logan is finding the curriculum too easy he has the option to move forward and get more challenging work. Right now Logan is in second grade and just moved up to a reading level of 6.1; sixth grade 1st month. The teachers are amazing and I entrust Logan with these teachers who share my values. Teachers are among the most influential role model in a student's life and I know Logan has had a couple of teachers here that have impacted his life.

And of course the main reason for my decision to send Logan to St. John's is because he can learn about God and strengthen his faith everyday. I was completely amazed when he was in 1st grade and would come home and tell me bible stories and knew the books of the bible and was memorizing bible verses. His faith has grown tremendously every year and I feel so lucky and so blessed that Logan has this opportunity.

Jami Schmidt, parent of a St. John's Day School student

One of our preschoolers recently prayed this prayer with their family: **"Dear God, thank you for giving us prayers in school so we can teach them to our families."** Thank you, St. John's Lutheran School!

CLASSIFIED AD SECTION OF YOUR LOCAL ST. JOHN'S NEWSLETTER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

God's Pantry/Social Ministry:

Contact Linda Goresch (842-8446) pantry needs, Marlene Guske (842-6879) meals; and Monica Boeve (846-5588) all other assistance and anyone interested in adopt-a-shut-in. Thanks for the great out pouring of love to the **Women in Transition** Cleaning Supply Drive. We were both amazed and grateful for your contributions to this need here in Ottawa County. **Easter Food Basket Needs:** We are preparing to pack Easter food baskets. Our pantry is in need of the following items: Instant mashed potatoes, canned fruits, instant pudding, jello, cake mixes/frosting mixes, chicken noodle soup, creamed soups, macaroni and cheese, canned meats (tuna and chicken), hamburger helper, juice and spaghetti sauce. Your contributions are greatly appreciated.

LWML Lakeshore Zone Spring Rally

Sat. Apr. 9, 8:30am-noon at Trinity Lutheran Conklin (1401 Harding St.) Registration fee \$8 includes brunch. Speaker is Marilyn Bernthal. Ingathering: socks and school supplies for Orphan Grain Train, including pencils, notebooks, crayons or markers, coloring books or a monetary donation to help defray shipping costs.

A Trip to Turkey: Pastor John & Nancy Westra from Zion Lutheran in Holland, are hosting a trip to Turkey, Mar. 19-28, 2012. Visiting ancient cities in the Book of Acts, and the Seven Churches of Revelation, all found in the country of Turkey. Contact Nancy Westra at (616) 394-4784 for a brochure or for more info.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Metal & Electronics Recycling:

First Christian Reformed Church's Metal Recycling Ministry collects metal all year long and provides free pick up of items you would prefer not to see in the landfill. Anything metal is accepted. The next electronics recycling event is Sat., May 14 in the parking lot of First CRC, 516 S. Ferry. Contact First CRC at (616) 842-6370 or firstcrgch@tds.net to schedule a pick up or to drop off your unwanted metal.

Protect Our Environment – Don't

Flush Unwanted Meds! Instead, safely dispose of your personal medications at any of three local Health Departments – call for their current hours of operation: Grand Haven, 846-8360; Holland (616) 396-5266; Hudsonville (616) 669-0040. Please remove pills from pill bottles and place them in a plastic bag before dropping them off at the Ottawa County Health Dept. of your choosing.

Attention all Singles: This July, the Lutheran Singles Association will host a conference at Camp Cilca, north of Springfield, IL. Rev. Joseph Cunningham, from Valparaiso University, will speak on the "Ships of Life" - Friendship, Fellowship, Worship, etc. The conference is July 9 - 12 and includes a visit to historical Lincoln sights and other activities. To get a copy of the flyer send an e-mail to loishesse@ctitech.com.

Mama's Market. This PTL fundraiser will be held on Sat., Apr. 16 beginning at 9:00am. For more info, contact Peggy Street at (616) 850-0846.

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SCRIP News: I would like to thank everyone that purchases SCRIP. Unfortunately, since the first of the year SCRIP sales are down by almost 1/2 compared to the last three months of last year. We feel this is due to the loss of participation by families. If we could gain additional families, it could really make a financial difference for our school. Remember this is all free money for our school, as it is money that you were already planning to spend. Jerry Goresch, SCRIP Coordinator

OWL'S Activities: We are making plans for a night out -- Dinner at JW's and a Play at the Community Center performed by the Central Park Players. Look for specific times and dates in the church bulletins. Peggy Erhorn, OWLS Coordinator.

A Time To Speak: Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, Exe. Director of **Lutherans For Life**, will present "A Time To Speak" at Our Redeemer Lutheran (1215 E. Apple Ave., Muskegon), on **Wednesday, May 11 at 7:00 p.m.** Dr. Lamb presently serves on the Sanctity of Life Committee for the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod Life Ministries. He is the author of numerous brochures, articles, and essays connecting God's Word of Life to the life issues. A dessert bar will be provided. All are welcome. Nursery provided. For more info, call (231) 773-2667.

Birthday Party!! Our Faith at Home emphasis is going to be two years old this month and we want to celebrate! Watch for details in your bulletin!



**Bouquets
and Kudos:**

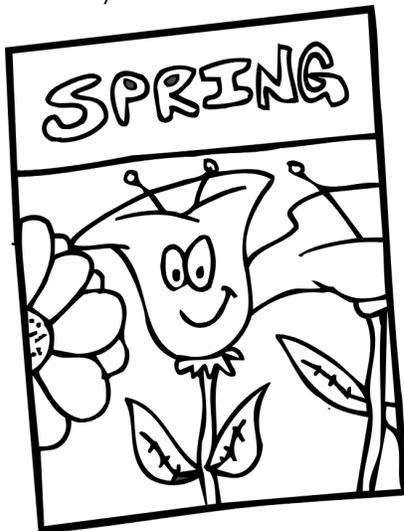
...to the seventeen folks who signed up on our **pastor's prayer calendar** during February to hold him up before the throne of God in prayer. That raises the total to twenty different people who have signed up so far this year. By year's end we hope to rival or surpass the sixty-

some who did so throughout last year.

...to **Denny Hoffman** for repairing the access door in the men's downstairs bathroom.

...to all who donated enough yards of fleece for our youth to make 50 blankets for Lutheran Child and Family Services.

...to all who helped with the Love INC workbee at their new Ministry Center.



FROM THE CHURCH RECORDS

Births:

02/23/11 **Chase Powers**, son of **Richard* & Rebecca* Powers**, grandson of **Fred & Donna* Stille**

02/24/11 **Keiya Lee Lockhart**, daughter of **Douglas & Susan* Lockhart**, granddaughter of **Mitchell* & Sherry* Lyons**, great-granddaughter of **Phyllis* Lyons**

Marriages:

02/26/11 **Anthony Spaulding** married **Amanda* Francik**

03/12/11 **Daniel Mattonen** married **Elisabeth* Eminger**

Deaths:

03/05/11 **Helen* Fett**

03/11/11 **Howard* Ott, Sr.**, father of **Robyn* Ott**, grandfather of **Adele* Sumption, Eric* Ott**, great-grandfather of **Alyssa* and Natalie* Sumption**

04/24/11 **Bob Stevens**, father of **Kelley* Hargrave**, grandfather of **Jennifer* & Justin* Hargrave**

Received by Transfer:

Erwin Hermann, from Lake Norman Lutheran Church, Denver, NC

Kali Harper, from Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Saginaw, MI

Released by Transfer:

Jerry & Sharon Bridges, to St. Luke Lutheran Church, Harrison, MI

Released:

Ed & Lynn Geerlings, confirmed children, **Katelyn & Martin** and baptized children, **Amanda & Marissa** to Community Reformed Church, Zeeland, MI

*** Members of SJLC**

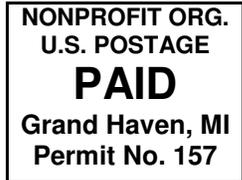
Our current membership stands at 971 baptized, 769 of whom have confirmed their faith.

Fiscal Year Comparisons

Our Stewardship Of The Gospel					Our Stewardship Of Gifts			
Date	Worship Attendance		Communion Attendance		General Fund		Outside Missions "Extra-Mile Giving"	
	2009/2010	2010/2011	2009/2010	2010/2011	2009/2010	2010/2011	2009/2010	2010/2011
June - Jan.	10,993	10,542	8,121	7,331	\$ 472,414.35	\$ 460,820.13	\$ 54,585.26	\$ 106,452.84
February 6	339	262	245		\$ 17,547.26	\$ 16,357.71	\$ 1,197.19	\$ 1,396.25
February 13	340	268	246	229	\$ 11,026.89	\$ 11,127.24	\$ 892.00	\$ 1,659.25
February 20	329	277	274	237	\$ 14,594.17	\$ 8,075.71	\$ 4,363.00	\$ 1,040.00
February 27	330	311	261	224	\$ 13,227.40	\$ 12,350.40	\$ 1,144.93	\$ 2,437.58
Fifth Sunday								
Year to date	12,331	11,660	9,147	8,021	\$ 528,810.07	\$ 508,731.19	\$ 62,182.38	\$ 112,985.92
Weekly ave.	316	299	254	223	\$ 13,559.23	\$ 13,044.39		
General Fund weekly needs					\$ 15,165.67	\$ 13,561.54		



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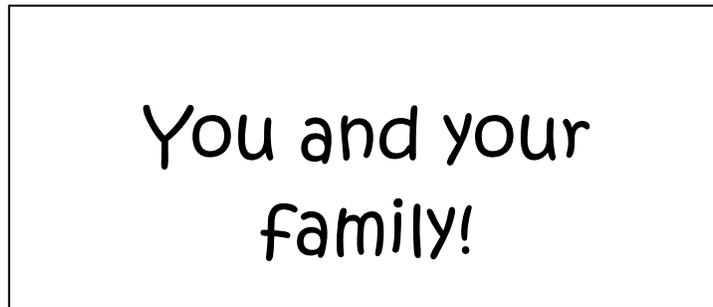
Rev. Dieter Haupt, Pastor dhaupt@sjlcs.org
Craig Kaschube, Youth & Family Life Director ckaschube@sjlcs.org

Services:

Sacred Song (Traditional): 8:15 a.m.
Blended Voices (Contemporary): 10:30 a.m.
Night Song (Saturday service): 6:00 p.m.

Return Services Requested

God's Blessings To:



HOLY WEEK SERVICES

- ✠ Maundy Thursday, April 21 (7:00pm) "It's All About Cleansing" John 13:1-15
- ✠ Good Friday, April 22 (noon and 7:00pm) "It's All About Death" Acts 2:22-24, 37-38
- ✠ Easter Sunday, April 24 (7:00 and 10:30am) "It's All About Life" Mark 16:1-7

~ There will be no 6:00 p.m. worship service on Saturday, April 23 ~