



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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Music Director: Tracy Wood
Church Secretary: Janice Korstange
Bookkeeper: Kelley Hargrave
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Patti Kooi
Barb Bunda
Laura Harvey
Debbie Kolberg
Middle School: Tracy Wood
Dawn Kohn

Good + News

"Pride only breeds quarrels, but wisdom is found in those who take advice." - Proverbs 13:10

Pastoral Musings

January 2011

"As God's fellow workers we urge you not to receive God's grace in vain. For He says, 'In the time of my favor I heard you, and in the day of salvation I helped you.' (Isaiah 49:8) I tell you, now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation." (2 Corinthians 6:1&2)

As we enter another "earthly" year of God's time what kind of resolutions have you come up with? Seems like most people usually do, even though they have no real intentions of following through on them. It's almost like a game we play with ourselves to make us feel better, to momentarily assuage guilt and resolve inner conflicts about outward realities. (I know I should, but...)

To resolve as we use it in the process of making New Year's resolutions means: "to determine to do something", "to put our mind and our entire will to it." Resolve, though, can also mean to bring about, to bring to conclusion as in: "to resolve a conflict or problem." (That would make a pretty good resolution for 2011, wouldn't it?)

So...what have you "resolved" to do in the new year? I pray that one of those resolutions is to pray more. Prayer is always a good place to begin. It aligns our heart, mind and spirit with God. Gets us to think His thoughts after Him. Everything good starts with prayer to Him from whom comes every good and perfect gift. (James 1:17) I know personally that this past year has gone a lot better for me because of your prayers on my behalf and having surrounded myself with four faithful men of God who have prayed with and for me. I pray that the sixty-three folks who signed up on the pastor's prayer calendar on the elder's bulletin board will grow in number during 2011.

Another resolution I pray you have made is to be present more for worship. Worship, for the Christian, is as natural as breathing. It is also where God breathes His breath (Holy Spirit) into us. Word and Sacrament are His means of grace, that by which He gets His grace, His forgiveness, His strength and power to us. Worship is more for us than it is for Him. While He desires our praise, He doesn't need it. God, remember, can raise up stones for that purpose (Luke 19:40). No, worship, is more for our sake - God granting us His gracious presence, His almighty power and reminding us of His glorious promises. Throughout this past year we have been running into all kinds of Scripture that reminds us how God works in this world through His people, His church. Read 1 Corinthians 12-14, 1 John 3&4 or passages like Hebrews 10:25 and 1 Thessalonians 5:11 and we'll see you in worship regularly, because it's not only for you, it's for each other as well.

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Pastoral Musings (Cont. from page one)

There's one more resolve I hope you make for 2011 and that's to support and become involved in God's mission being carried out through St. John's ministry, both Church and School. God is using us mightily. The Faith at Home emphasis is carrying over from confirmation and small group bible study (which, by the way, has increased involvement in corporate study from sixty some to almost two hundred) to marriage, devotional and Sunday School ministry. We hope to continue instilling this Biblical approach to life with all our ministries at St. John's. We need every member, every part of the Body of Christ, functioning if we are to be a healthy Church. We need your involvement in prayer, in worship, in ministry as you use the spiritual gifts God's Holy Spirit has given you, in financial support so that our Day School and all other ministries can continue on.

Fellow Saint, 2011, by God's grace, lies before us and will be a great year of ministry as we labor in the Lord's vineyard together. I look forward to it.

For Him with you,

Pastor Haupt

"The Future is Now"

Michigan District 125th anniversary offering

The Michigan District has been blessed to date by nearly \$5.6 million in donations and pledges to the campaign. (St. John's has contributed \$1,108.30 thus far, \$842.30 of that to the Student Scholarship portion of the offering.) President David Maier writes "I am thankful to be able to share with you that current seminarians (who are from churches in the Michigan District) are each receiving scholarships of \$2,300 this school year. By comparison, just three short years ago, the scholarship level was \$1,025. Why the increase? By God's great grace, your response, and that of His people to **The Future is Now** campaign, has allowed the scholarship levels to more than double in just three years. I suspect they will continue to increase as the campaign continues to advance. We are overjoyed that the Michigan District is able to provide scholarships totaling nearly \$100,000 this school year to seminary students from the Michigan District. Praise God!" www.michigandistrict.org

The Financial Freedom Fund

The Financial Freedom Fund is growing, thanks to many contributions in the first few months of this five-year project.

We praise the Lord that through the end of November we have received nearly \$25,500 toward the effort to get our congregation out of debt and on solid financial ground.

Unfortunately, our general fund receipts have been down nearly \$38,000 during the same time period. Please remember that FFF gifts are asked to be "above and beyond" one's regular giving. Thank you, people of God, thank you.

The next step is to pay down the short-term loan St. John's has out from a previous shortfall, and your Stewardship Life Board foresees being able to begin contributing to that goal in early 2011. We will then create a savings account so that we only need to borrow from ourselves to make ends meet during rough patches.



Music Notes

The winter season of Celebration Choir will begin on Wednesday, January 5th. Please feel free to come and see what choir is all about! There are some great songs planned- some old, some new, and even two with Spanish lyrics! The Lenten and Easter season are especially important seasons in the church calendar, and our music reflects those moods. Hope to see you there! "Oh, God, to know you is life. To serve You is freedom. To praise you is the soul's joy and delight." *Augustine*

Sound Board Help Needed

Want to be a part of the music ministry? Help is needed on our Sound Board. It's very fun and not hard to learn! For more information, please contact Tracy at (616) 402-5099.

Tracy Wood, Music Director twood@sjlcs.org

JuBELLation Ringers

Thank you JuBELLation Ringers and guest ringers for blessing our Christmas season with your ringing as we celebrated Jesus' Birthday in 2010. Our practicing schedule continues on Wednesday nights at 6:00 p.m. in the balcony. New ringers are always welcome. Call Ruth Haupt at (616) 846-7875 if you are interested in learning to ring with us.

Ruth Haupt, Handbells Director
haupttruth@hotmail.com

New Member Welcoming Banquet

Please join us as we celebrate with close to 40 new St. John's members that have joined our church family in 2010. You will have the opportunity to get to know them better at the New Member Potluck on Sunday, January 30 at noon in the Multipurpose Room --- so mark that date on your calendar now. There's always great food, fun and good fellowship!

All of you who have joined St John's in 2010 through baptism, junior or adult confirmation, reprofession of faith or by transfer, please come as our guests and bring your families. The rest of the congregation is asked to bring a generous dish or two to share. Table service and beverages will be provided. Questions may be directed to Ronda Chapman, Bd. of Evangelism at (616) 847-8736.

Our New Members

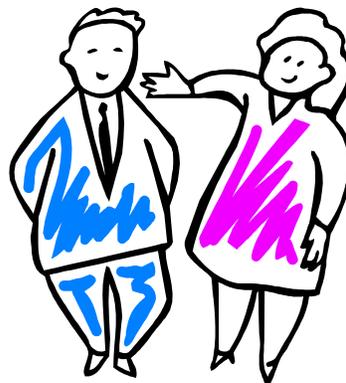
Those received by baptism: **Abigail Hamberg, Avery Hamberg, Korbin Holt, Sienna Lynn, Aiden Neal, Rhiannon Parise, Veronica Parise, Landan Ripka, Oliver Shoemaker, Lily Sibley, Carmen Tolliver and Blake Williams.**

Those received by Junior confirmation: **Charlie Boeve, Matthew Bramer, Arizona Dahlman, Steven Dara, Justin Emerick, Lauren Harvey, Davis Krohn, Margaret LaLonde, Noah Pirrotta and Warren Schmidt.**

Those received by adult confirmation: **Anthony Douglas, Margaret Fuller, Michael Kuras, Chad Lynn, Sarah Lynn, Jennifer Mathiak, Marc Pollack, Andrea Sibley, Gwen Snider, and Jeffrey VanUffelen.**

Those received by transfer: **Mabel Bray, Annette Brown, Richard Brown, Matthew Palmer, Dr. Heidi Putt, Kaitlyn Palmer, Kathryn Pollack, Marilyn Smith, and Julie VanUffelen.**

Those received by reprofession of faith: **Janet Lane, Christine Lee, Kenneth Lee, Kay Morrison, Shelley Moser, and Laurie Starnes.**



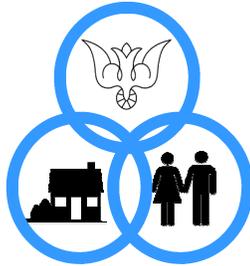
**Welcome
New
Members!**

Faith at Home



Marriage Ministry Date Night

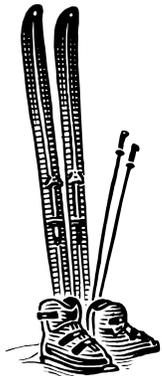
Your Faith at Home Marriage Ministry Team is excited to announce our next **DATE NIGHT** on Friday, February 4th. You won't want to miss this night with your sweetheart. We have a special guest presenter, **Doug Swink** from **Winning at Home** scheduled to speak to us on Christian marriage. Doug is an engaging and entertaining speaker who is passionate about teaching the best things in life; loving God, loving others and building healthy relationships. And just to sweeten the deal a bit more, Doug's message will be preceded by a coffee and dessert bar. Mark the date now on your calendar: Friday, February 4th! Doors open at 6:45 p.m. Childcare will be provided.



Our Children In The Pews

Please take some time to read our new pew cards welcoming families to Worship. This was a little Christmas gift to our worshipers from your Faith at Home ministry. Please keep these cards in the pew racks for everyone to enjoy in the future. We trust that, together, we can provide a positive experience for every worshiper as we worship our Lord Jesus Christ. Merry Christmas from your Faith at Home Steering Committee!

Family Ski Trip



Don't miss this opportunity for your entire family to ski with your St. John's family on Sunday, January 23! Cost: \$17 lift ticket, \$3 ski rental, \$9 board rental and \$6 for transportation. Craig Kaschube will drive and chaperone any Senior High youth but Junior High youth will need a parent to go along and the parent wouldn't have to ski. We need a few adults for each trip to help with transportation so please contact Craig Kaschube at (616) 842-4510 or ckaschube@sjlcs.org. All participants must sign up and pay by January 16.

Weekend to Remember

**Marriage Conference March 4-6, 2011
Grand Rapids, MI**

This past fall, St. John's had six couples attend a marriage retreat together. We hope to break that record in March, 2011 with this retreat!

Amway Grand Plaza Hotel Getaway Registration: \$159/per couple (group rate) \$159/per person (non group rate). **Hotel Room Rate:** \$109/night.

All married couples are invited to attend this retreat where you will receive marriage-changing principles that you can take home and apply to your daily lives that will strengthen your marriage. Whether you are newly engaged or have been married for 50 years, you will find value in the tools provided at this retreat. For more information, visit www.familylife.com. Please sign up on the Faith at Home bulletin board or contact Craig Kaschube at ckaschube@sjlcs.org so you can get the group rate.

Faith at Home Links

Focus On The Family www.focusonthefamily.com
Winning At Home www.winningathome.com
Family Life Today www.familylife.com
Family Shield Min. www.familyshieldministries.com
Thriving Family www.thrivingfamily.com
Plugged In www.pluggedin.com
Clubhouse www.clubhousemagazine.com

Thank You!



We would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, gifts and well wishes during this Christmas season. Your thoughtfulness and love are much appreciated and valued. Be assured of our love and prayers in return.

Pastor and Ruth



St. John's Day School News

PRESCHOOL

December has been full of fun and excitement in the preschool room. We have been learning about our senses and how we use them in December. We see the twinkling lights of the trees, we hear the bells, we can feel how soft Santa's beard is, we can smell cookies baking and taste the sweetness of crunchy candy! We have also been working on our tenth annual Christmas program for friends and family. The preschoolers sang Christmas songs as they told the story of "God's Gift of Love". After the short program everyone crowded into the Multi-purpose Room for a family craft project and cookies and punch. It was a fun night for all involved. Preschool will resume on Monday, January 3, 2011, after our Christmas break.

Mrs. Debbie Luytjes

KINDERGARTEN

December was a busy month learning our parts for the Advent service on December 16, making presents for our parents, making a Christmas number book and so much more. We had fun at the school pizza party. For letter "L" week, Mr. Tombs let us ride in a limousine for our "mystery trip" to Mrs. Behm's house. We had a lot of fun decorating cookies, watching the train and playing with the toys. Christmas is a time of giving and showing love to others. We each made a card for a boys and girls center. We hope that our cards brought happiness the boys and girls that could not be with their families. We wish everyone a Merry Christmas. May God bless your new year with His love.

Mrs. Connie Behm

FIRST GRADE

The first graders really enjoyed sharing the Christmas story through their songs in December. We were thankful to be able to watch our reading buddies as they spoke their parts for our Christmas service. We were also thankful to be able to share our service with so many people. We liked starting our days in December lighting the Advent candles and singing our Advent song while Mrs. Kooi played her autoharp. We learned the words promise, light, love, and hope. Jesus is all of those for us, and for you too! May you have a Blessed New Year!

Mrs. Patti Kooi

SECOND AND THIRD GRADE

Happy New Year from the second and third grades. We are off to an exciting new year in our Reading Workshop studying the many different genres of books; fantasy, science fiction, traditional literature, biography, informational, realistic fiction, mystery, historical fiction, and poetry. In Writing Workshop, we are focusing on using words to create a clear picture for the reader. We are learning the importance of properly placed punctuation to enhance the reader's understanding of our writing and using our best spelling in all our written work. Our Grammar lessons have us becoming experts in identifying and capitalizing proper nouns and we are beginning to learn our cursive letters.

Mrs. Barb Bunda

Welcome to the New Year full of excitement and learning. The second and third graders have jumped full steam ahead as we begin preparing for the Science Fair in February. In math we are doing 2 and 3 digit addition and subtraction with borrowing. In social studies, we continue to learn about our community, Grand Haven. Currently, we are studying transportation in our city the roads, sidewalks, and railroads, all allowing us to get from one place to another. In religion, we will be looking at Jesus' ministry and how the Old and New Testament relate to one another. We wish everyone a Blessed New Year!

Mrs. Laura Harvey

FOURTH, FIFTH AND SIXTH GRADE

The fourth, fifth, and sixth graders made Christmas cards to send to the "Shut-Ins" of St. John's. We are thankful for these men and women who have been a part of our church and school for many, many years. One child wrote: "May the Lord give you a Christmas blessed with peace and filled with His love". We wish this for all of you. The class has been studying the Pilgrims and the early colonists. We learned that our country was founded on the concept of liberty for all people. We are also memorizing the abbreviations for each of the 50 states.

Mrs. Debbie Kolberg

See next page for Seventh and Eighth Grade

SEVENTH AND EIGHTH GRADE

Students listened to Mrs. Wood read "A Christmas Carol" and then watched an excellent film version. The second book report of the semester was just turned in. In geography, we are studying the French Revolution, the Russian Empire and Modern Europe. In January, we set down the geography books and begin American History.

Mrs. Tracy Wood

The sixth and eighth graders learned about Christian symbols in December and chose their favorite to make Christmas ornaments as gifts. The beautiful St. John's Christmas tree was our inspiration. In January we are planning our annual outdoor day at the Muskegon Winter Sports Complex where we enjoy a day on the luge, ice skating, and cross-country skiing. In math class we are using Pythagorean's Theorem and the distance formula while science class has us performing and balancing chemical reactions.

Mrs. Dawn Kohn

New Year's Worship Schedule:



New Year's Eve Communion Service, December 31 at 7:00 p.m. There will be no Saturday 6:00 p.m. worship on New Year's Day.

Sunday after New Year's Communion Service, January 2 at 9:30 a.m. with 10:30 a.m. Fellowship/Refreshments

Church Library 2011

May it be a year of blessings surpassing the needs of this congregation and school. The goal for 2010 was to remove duplicates. Mission accomplished. All library items on computer disc. Ah, will continue in 2011!! New goal for 2011 is to remove books that have not been checked out for five (5) years with the exception of the "reference" section.

FREE shelf – browse the shelf and take whatever your heart desires. St. John's is like "some" homes- "pack rats". ☺ **NEW DONATIONS** on shelf labeled "New Donations".

NEW DONATIONS

BOOKS

- Life You Can Do With Your Kids – Tim & Cheryl Shoemaker
- Bashed Burritos, Green Eggs, indoor/outdoor devotionals
- Mashed Potatoes, Paint Balls, indoor/outdoor devotionals
- Smashed Tomatoes, Bottle Rockets, outdoor devotionals

Inspirational

Total Forgiveness-Revised & Updated, R.T. Kendall

Reference

- Basic Doctrines of the Bible, Armin W. Schuetze
- God's Word to the Nations, Proverbs New Evangelical Translation
- Modern Moral Dilemma, Wayne D. Mueller

Have time – Have an Interest – Find the interest in the church or community and VOLUNTEER. It's good for your soul. ☺

Fay Hoffman, Volunteer (church librarian)

Fit For Life in Christ Class

Beginning Sunday, January 9, this "beginner's" class in basic Biblical teachings will take place weekly in the church's Social Hall 4:00 – 6:00pm.

We will take time off for the Super Bowl but otherwise we'll keep moving along with hopes of being finished by Easter.

This class prepares one for meaningful membership in St. John's fellowship of faith. It lets you get to know the pastor, other Christians and where our Lutheran understanding of the faith comes from in Scripture.

We hope to see you on Sunday, January 9 at 4:00 p.m. If you can't make a class – do not worry – we have CD recordings of every class sessions from our previous classes.

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PLEASE USE THIS FORM AND INCLUDE A CHECK PAYABLE TO ST. JOHN'S. USE THE BOX LOCATED IN THE SOCIAL HALL TO SUBMIT YOUR ORDER BY JANUARY 30 th . (Subs will be ready for pick-up Saturday, February 5 th .)		

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God's Pantry/Social Ministry:

We were able to bless twenty families with Thanksgiving food baskets. Thank you for making this possible by sharing your bounty with those who have great need. Thank you for taking an angel from the tree and making Christmas special for a child in need. This is always a great success, but it only happens through your generosity. We are truly grateful for the outpouring of love that comes from all of you; our church family. May God bless you all in the New Year.

New Saturday morning Bible Study (BIBLE STUDY FOR DUMMIES), will be held at RUSS's Restaurant on Beacon at 7:30am in the back section. This will be a fun project with coffee and breakfast if you wish. This will go from January 8, 2011 thru April sometime.

A Special Thank You: The cast and crew of *Snow White* wish to express their gratitude to the warm, enthusiastic audience who attended our school play this year. Your encouragement and support are much appreciated by all involved.

Fleece Fabric Needed: Please consider picking up a few yards of fleece and donate them to our youth group who will be making blankets for Lutheran Child And Family Services at a servant event in March. Two years ago we collected 200+ yards of fleece and were able to make 80 blankets for children. Each blanket takes 3-4 yards of fabric. Contact Sheri Sanborn (616) 846-6807 for more info.

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2011 March for Life: The Christian Citizen group at St. Lorenz, Frankenmuth is taking a bus to Washington, DC on Jan. 23, to join thousands of like-minded citizens eager to witness to the sanctity of life. Singles, couples, youth - all are invited to come along. The costs for the bus trip and two nights stay is \$199-\$317 per person depending on 1-4 roommates. A \$50 deposit is required now to assure your place on the bus. Make checks payable to St. Lorenz Lutheran ("March for Life") and send to 140 Churchgrove St., Frankenmuth, MI 48734. For more info call Suzanne Hall at (989)652-9807 or shall@agingenriched.org.

Orphan Grain Train, a Christian humanitarian relief organization, has received word from aid workers in Haiti that the orphanages there saw a great influx of children following the earthquake. Tent cities still house over a million people, with unsanitary conditions, no clean water, and very little food. Many are sick with malaria, and cholera has claimed many lives. A contaminated river, which is the source of the cholera epidemic, is likely to overflow its banks, further spreading the deadly disease. For more info about the ministry of Orphan Grain Train visit www.ogt.org.

Book Fair: On behalf of our school, I'd like to thank all who participated in our recent Book Fair and "One for Books". We were able to purchase over \$150 in books for the Love INC Ministry Center. Rosie Anderson, School Librarian

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Thank you just doesn't seem like enough to say for the outpouring of cards and meals that we received during my recent cancer surgery. I was overwhelmed by the prayers and excellent food we were provided with when cooking was the last thing on our minds! We are certainly blessed to have you as our church family. A special thank you to Pastor Haupt and Craig Kaschube for the many visits during my hospital stay in Grand Rapids!

~ Janet Montgomery
Bob and I would like to thank everyone for prayers, cards, calls, and best wishes, and Pastor Haupt for his visits during Bob's hospital stay this fall.

~ Bob & Rosie Anderson
My heart is full and overflowing with gratitude for so many wonderful friends here at St. John's. Thank you for the cards, prayers, donations, food, hugs, words of comfort and wisdom following the loss of both of my parents this year. I want to say thank you for loving me so much. Your faith in Jesus has filled my home and heart this year. I am blessed to belong to such a great church with a pastor and wife who continue to lead us into a deeper relationship with Jesus, keeping us in the Word and hearing God's Truth.

~ Jackie Yore



**Bouquets
and Kudos:**

...to the **men's Bible study group** for carrying harvest food baskets up the stairs and to the cars of the recipients.

...to **Al & Bonnie Bringedahl** for setting up the angel tree and for lovingly placing all the angels on the tree.

...to **Linda & Jerry**

Goresch for keeping our food pantry stocked and running the pantry. They see the need and offer compassion along with much needed food.

...to all who baked cookies for the Cookie Walk! This fund raiser is always a big success thanks to the generosity of people like you!

...to all the craft show volunteers, crafters, vendors and the shoppers who helped make this year's annual Heavenly Creation Craft Show a success. We made over \$4,700. We'd also like to thank **Gordon Food Service** for their donation of paper products and **Wesco** for their donation of donuts for the craft show.

...to the entire Day School – **students, teachers, staff** for an excellent, Christ-centered Advent-Christmas worship. What a treat! If you weren't there, you missed a wonderful service. The kids, both actors and singers, were superb. Thank you, teachers, for all the time and effort you put into preparing the children. Special thanks to **Jeanne Lutz** for her costume design and to **Leslie Allen** for the scenery and stage for the Advent Service.

FROM THE CHURCH RECORDS

Baptisms:

12/05/10 **Landan Ray Ripka**, son of **Bruce & Lisa (Krampe) Ripka**, grandson of **Mike* & Michele* Ripka**

Deaths:

11/17/10 **Steven Holm**, son of **Martha* Dean**, and brother of **Laurie* Starnes** and **Deb* Tober**

11/21/10 **Jeanette Robinson**, mother of **Richard* Robinson**, grandmother of **Nicholas* Robinson, Chelsea* Robinson** and **Andrea* Douglas**, great-grandmother of **Ava* Robinson** and **Adrian*** and **Alexander* Douglas**

11/23/10 **Muriel Holm**, grandmother of **Sara* Parylak**, and great-grandmother of **Avery*** and **John* Parylak**

12/07/10 **Elizabeth H. Watts**, mother of **Pamela* Kraai**, grandmother of **DJ* Kraai**

Received by Letter of Transfer:

Julie VanUffelen, from St. John Lutheran Church, Ludington, MI

Matthew Palmer & Dr. Heidi Putt and their baptized daughter, **Kaitlyn Palmer**, from Faith Lutheran Church, Grand Blanc, MI

Removed by Letter of Transfer:

Wesley & Anna Semelbauer, to Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Jenison, MI

Released:

Blake Sanborn, to Evangelical Community Church, Houston, TX

Jeffrey & Julie Sanford and baptized children, **Evan & Jackson Sanford**, and confirmed son, **Phillip Spencer**, to Watermark Wesleyan Church, Grand Haven, MI

*** Members of SJLC**

Our current membership stands at 993 baptized, 784 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 - Oct.	6,592	6,310	5,103	4,684	\$ 268,935.38	\$ 252,994.18	\$ 25,068.54	\$ 51,448.41
November 7	303	338	252	236	\$ 10,735.75	\$ 11,851.51	\$ 1,036.50	\$ 2,640.47
November 14	303	307	242	251	\$ 20,387.75	\$ 15,153.50	\$ 1,022.00	\$ 1,032.40
November 21	330	318	258	229	\$ 11,433.48	\$ 7,689.90	\$ 661.77	\$ 2,585.98
November 28	348	287	274	233	\$ 11,978.74	\$ 10,588.08	\$ 2,005.70	\$ 3,269.00
Fifth Sunday	306				\$ 13,015.80		\$ 532.00	
Year to date	8,182	7,560	6,129	5,633	\$ 336,486.90	\$ 298,277.17	\$ 30,326.51	\$ 60,976.26
Weekly ave.	315	291	255	225	\$ 12,941.80	\$ 11,472.20		
General Fund weekly needs					\$ 15,165.67	\$ 13,561.54		



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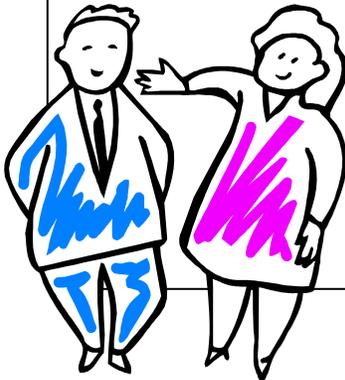
Sacred Song (Traditional): 8:15 a.m.
 Blended Voices (Contemporary): 10:30 a.m.
 Night Song (Saturday service): 6:00 p.m.

Return Services Requested

God's Blessings To:

You and your
 family!

New Member Welcoming Banquet



Please join us on Sunday, January 30 at noon
 in the Multipurpose Room as we celebrate
 with close to 40 new St. John's members
 that have joined our church family in 2010!

Don't miss it!