



Faith at Home

St. John's
Lutheran Church

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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.
1st & 3rd Saturdays - Traditional worship
2nd & 4th Saturdays - Contemporary worship
5th Saturdays - Vespers worship

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Middle School: Tracy Wood
Dawn Kohn

Good + News

"Reckless words pierce like a sword, but the tongue of the wise brings healing." - Proverbs 12:18

Pastoral Musings

October 2010

"It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ."
Ephesians 4:11-13

October, this year will be a month filled with lots of activity here at St. John's. We pray it will also be a time of growth for everyone who avails themselves of some, if not all, of these opportunities.

We begin the month with the opportunity to hear **deacon Alexander Koppel** share God's Word with us on the first two weekends (October 2/3 and 9/10) as Pastor and Ruth take some vacation days to visit son, Peter in Florida. **Mr. Koppel** has been with us before and was well received. We look forward to his sharing God's Word with us once again.

The next weekend, **Mr. Robert Walter** from Chosen People Ministries, an evangelical group that seeks to share Jesus as Messiah with fellow Jews will be with us to share the fall feasts of Israel that were observed during Old Testament times, tying their meaning and purpose in with Messianic hopes and dreams. With **Mr. Walter's** help we will see how Jesus fulfills all the symbolism and meaning of these feasts.

The weekend of October 23/24 we'll join our sisters in Christ in observing **LWML (Lutheran Women's Missionary League) Sunday**, becoming more familiar with the work they do and make possible for others to do through their funding. It is absolutely amazing how the Lord uses these ladies in our church's outreach ministry.

The month ends, of course, with celebrating the **Reformation**. We will thank God for His man, Martin Luther, and all the truths of His Word that God used Luther to bring God into focus and emphasize once more. We, as Lutheran Christians, are benefactors of Luther's faithfulness.

Another event in October will be our **Harvest Blessings** by which we invite our preschool and day school families to rejoice with congregation and community families over our educational ministry God has graced us to establish and use to His glory and our children's and families' good. So invite your friends and neighbors and their families to join us.

And you can help your family grow in faith and relationship to God in Christ by attending our **Spiritual Planning Seminar**, Saturday, October 2, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. We've had 30-40 households experience this helpful workshop so far and the comments have been positive.

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Pastoral Musings (Cont. from page 1)

Add to this our **Marriage Ministry** emphasis, offering the Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage DVD course on Sunday mornings and our continuation of The Truth Project on Sunday mornings, at the Tuesday Night Men's Bible Study and at other homes throughout the week and you've got a powerful program of spiritual growth to participate in this fall.

Oh yes, did we mention CROSSways!? An in-depth two year through the Bible study that Wayne Kohn is leading. It meets in the sanctuary on Tuesday evenings, it presently has twenty-nine participants and there's room for more.

Wow! Enjoy! It's all meant for your eternal good. And now that we've told you, we hope you'll turn around and tell others. Invite! Bring! Let's grow together in Christ.

In and for Him,

Pastor Haupt

dhaupt@sjlcs.org



Harvest Blessings

On Friday, October 22, the early childhood department of our school is hosting their annual fall festival for preschool - third grade families. Beginning at 5:30 p.m., we will be thanking God for all the wonderful things He provides for us. We'll be offering Pizza, Games, Art activities, Storytelling, and Hayrides.

Please bring a dessert or salad to pass. Pizza and pop will be provided. This event is sponsored by Thrivent.

St. John's Faith at Home ministry invites you to check out our first "**Take it Home**" event as part of our Harvest Blessings night. We want to partner with your home to establish the ritual of praying God's blessing over your child on a daily basis. So please take a few minutes and stop by the 7th and 8th grade classroom on Friday, October 22.

CROSSWAYS Bible Study

Crossways Bible study has begun and what a blessing to have 23 souls attend for the first session and 28 for the second lesson. With only a few lessons completed it is still not too late to stop in and join the discussion. Actually it is never too late to be in the Word so come on by anytime all you really need is a Bible and we can fix you up with that.

If you are not able to attend let us try to summarize some of the topics and discussion that has taken



place. The Bible is more than just a book, it is a library. A library that contains the divine plan of God for mankind. We can understand the power of God as we look around at

His grand creation and the vastness of the universe. However to understand the history and the storyline of this creation we need to look in the Bible. It is there we find the geography and the stage for this storyline, in particular the territory referred to as Palestine, Israel, the promised land, and the Holy Land. In this environment we see the rise and fall of a succession of empires and kingdoms until the one, true, eternal kingdom of God enters human history through the ministry, mission, message, mind and manner of Jesus the Messiah. Since the beginning God's plan was to have us love and serve one another as He has loved us. He has not changed but we have. Humanity has sinned and fallen short. God then acted through Jesus our Savior to gather His people into fellowship with Himself in forgiving grace, and to empower fallen humanity to know and fulfill His original plan. There is a prominent theme in this study that emphasizes God's desire for us to love and serve others. It is God's love flowing through us as we serve others that glorifies our Lord. We are to dedicate our vocational, emotional, physical, and intellectual powers to the glorifying of God by serving others thereby helping them to become what God has intended them to be. God's Word has power. It can bring us into fellowship with God in forgiving grace and empower us to serve one another. Oh, and did I mention God wants us in His service!

Now you have a summary of the first 2 lessons and as Paul Harvey would say –“stay tuned for the rest of the story”. Please feel free to join in the fellowship on Tuesday evenings in the sanctuary at 7:00 p.m. If you cannot make it that night please stay in the Word for it is powerful.

Wayne Kohn , Director of the Board of Parish Education wjind@comcast.net

Faith at Home



FOCUS ON THE FAMILY'S

The Truth project

Only 9 percent of professing Christians have a biblical worldview. This is

according to a recent research study. Because of this, today's believers live very similarly to non-believers. A personal sense of significance is rarely experienced, we spend our money and time on things that fail to satisfy and we begin to wonder what life's ultimate purpose really is. We are, in short, losing our bearings as a people and a nation.

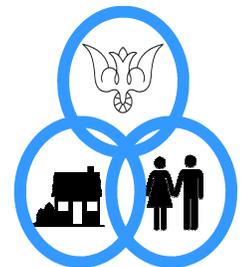
The Truth Project is a DVD-based small group curriculum comprised of 13 one-hour lessons taught by Dr. Del Tackett. This home study is the starting point for looking at life from a biblical perspective. Each lesson discusses in great detail the relevance and importance of living the Christian worldview in daily life. We believe you will be challenged and stimulated in ways that will refresh and renew your faith and give you a new boldness to proclaim the TRUTH.

Currently being offered on the following dates, times, and locations: Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in the middle school classroom and at 5:00 p.m. at Rich & Arna Robinson's and at 7:00 p.m. at Scott & Roxana Taylor's; during Tuesday Night's Men's Bible Study at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Room; Wednesdays during the Ladies Bible Study time at 9:30 a.m. in the Social Hall and at 7:00 p.m. at Harry & Carol Schmidt's.

Marriage Ministry Bible study

Began last month at 9:30 a.m. in the middle school classrooms. Entitled "Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage", the study is based on video clips taken from weekend seminars. "It takes wisdom to have a good family, and it takes understanding to make it strong. It takes

knowledge to fill a home with rare and beautiful treasures. Wise people have great power, and those with knowledge have great strength." Proverbs 24:3-5. Any questions contact Craig Kaschube ckaschube@sjlcs.org or (616) 842-4510.

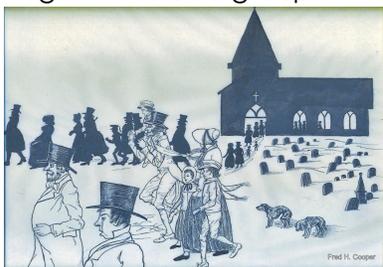


Christmas Carol Bible Study

You will discover:

- ✚ How the story was influenced by Dickens' own Christian faith and his view of humanity
- ✚ How Dickens almost single-handedly revived old Christmas traditions and the goodwill and charity we associate with the holiday
- ✚ How the lessons of Christ are woven throughout *A Christmas Carol*.

This 4-week Faith-at-Home study will help you see that the Christian themes of *A Christmas Carol* make it worthy to include in your family's Christmas traditions. Our weekly meetings will include group discussion, viewing segments of the story from the 1951 film starring Alastair Sim, and a dramatic reading of the story by Gerald Charles Dickens, great-great-grandson of



Charles Dickens. At the conclusion of this study you will have a chance to sample some Victorian-era delicacies of the season, including plum pudding. We'll meet at St. John's Lutheran Church on Thursdays, Nov. 4, 11, 18 and Tuesday, Nov. 23, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. For more info contact Randy Cooper at (616) 846-4789 or Renzie@aol.com.

Music Notes

It's Time to Sing

Celebration Choir will kick off its 2010 season with rehearsals on Wednesday evenings, beginning October 6th at 7:00 p.m. in the church sanctuary. All interested high school-aged and adult members of St. John's are invited to attend. No audition or prior experience necessary. Don't hesitate to join us! You don't need to be a seasoned singer to be a part of this exciting group. We are glad to teach and would love to have lots of new members.

Look Ahead for Family Choir

There are only a few more weeks to wait! St. John's Family Choir will begin on Thursday, October 28th, with rehearsals 6:15 - 7:15 p.m. in the church sanctuary. Family Choir is open to children in first grade and older, accompanied by an adult family member. Of course you are welcome to come by yourself also! We have lots of fun in this choir so please come see for yourself.

Tracy Wood, Music Director twood@sjlcs.org

Family Spiritual Planning Session

Our next session is Saturday, October 2, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. This is a thought-provoking 4-hour planning session that will help you to chart out specific plans to assist your family in making God a part of your home and family life. Please see **Richard Rothe** or **Craig Kaschube** to express your interest. Child care is available.

Chosen People Ministries

Robert Walter, a representative of **Chosen People Ministries**, will be speaking at St. John's the weekend of October 16 & 17 with the program "The Gospel in the Fall Feasts of Israel".

Chosen People Ministries, a mission founded in 1894 by Leopold Cohn (a Hungarian rabbi who came to believe that Jesus was the Messiah of Israel) in Brooklyn, New York, has grown into a worldwide ministry with outreach centers all over the world.

Throughout its history, Chosen People Ministries has been unwavering in its commitment to bring the Gospel message of salvation in Jesus "to the Jew first and to the Gentile" throughout the world. In stressing the Jewish roots of Christian faith, **Chosen People Ministries** hopes to make the message of the Messiah more accessible to Jewish people and also to help Christian believers achieve a greater appreciation of the Jewish basis of their own faith traditions.

Prayer Calendar

During August we experienced our first three days uncovered by prayer for our pastor, although several members assured him that they pray for him daily. Thank God, because we all know he needs all the prayer we can give him. ☺ No, really, he does! Satan is the master Discourager and he often uses fellow Christians (yes, even members of your own church) to do just that. So, please hold our pastor up in prayer; and let him know that by signing up on the Pastor Prayer Calendar. We Christians need to encourage one another all we can and let each other know it. Prayer, worship, communion, Bible study, fellowship, working and walking together is all a part of it.

October is Pastor Appreciation month. Let's let our pastor know we appreciate his leadership in the spiritual warfare we're engaged in, by signing up and filling every slot on his prayer calendar. ☺

Church Library



***MISSING** – please check your home, auto, office, etc., one of the following may be stored there ☺

*Children –

My Happy Easter Book – Arch Books
Daniel & The Lions' Den – Rainbow Books
Tree Forts and Trumpets – GT and Halo Express

*DVD – (make sure correct disk is in jacket)

Jesus - Fact or Fiction?
Jonah – Veggie Tales

OOPS – a DVD titled 50 First Dates was placed in the jacket 321 Penguins! Moon Menace on Planet Tell-a-Lie! A new checkout card was started so I do not know who checked out the 321 Penguins. The jacket and DVD 50 First Dates is in the church office.

* Reference –

Evolution Exposed – Biology, Roger Patterson

NEW DONATIONS

BOOKS

Fiction

Take Three, Karen Kingsbury
Heart of a Lion, Gilbert Morris
Till Shilo Comes, Gilbert Morris
A Wedding in December, Anita Shreve

Life – Activities

52 Fun Family Devotions, Mike & Amy
Nappa (AAL)

Inspirational

If You Could Hear What I See, Kathy Buckley
Hearing impaired Ms. Buckley reveals lessons about life, luck, and the choices we make.

Hold Me Up a Little Longer, Lord, Marjorie
Holmes

How Can I Find You, God?, Marjorie Holmes
Rivers of Living Water, T. Austin-Sparks
Focus on Christ as a living river within us

VIDEOS

Life of Jesus Christ – 8 videos
NADIA – Nadia's historical perfect 10 performance at the 1976 Olympics as a gymnast. The insecurity and unhappiness this accomplishment brings into her life.

FREE FREE – magazines and church literature

Thank you to all who made the above donations.

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Fay Hoffman

Volunteer (church librarian)

7th Annual Pumpkin Patch

On October 15th, around 4:30 p.m. our pumpkins will arrive here at St. John's. If you have never participated in the Pumpkin Patch I would encourage you to take some time and see where you can help out. Whether it is for one hour or for a couple of hours, working the patch is a wonderful way to spend time with your family, or a friend. You will get to know the people in the community, help out a fellow member, and enjoy a beautiful fall day here in Michigan.

This year our Pumpkin Patch will help raise money for our youth group to offset expenses for Michigan youth gathering on Mackinaw Island.



We pray every day for our youth and thank God we have been given this opportunity to support our youth group here at St. John's.

So please take some time to help out our youth by volunteering to work this year's pumpkin patch. We look forward to seeing you there. Thank you.

Fifth Sunday Door Offering

The Board of Evangelism is sponsoring a special door offering the weekend of Oct. 30/31, 2010. This money will be sent to MI District for their Future Is Now campaign, which has 3 goals:

1. Intentional Mission Development
2. Recruiting, supporting, and deploying professional church worker students
3. Partnering with LCMS World Mission in "Fan Into Flame", the capital campaign in support of the "Ablaze!" movement. The "Ablaze" goal is to reach 100 million people with the Gospel by the year 2017

The October 30/31 offering will go toward the third goal, which hopes to add missionaries in the field; provide funding for new ministry starts, leadership training centers, and new schools; build new seminary facilities; and respond to opportunities and emergencies.

We hope you will consider this worthy cause.

St. John's Day School News



DAY CARE

St. John's Daycare opened on August 23 for its fifth year. We have 11 children enrolled in daycare and 17 in after school care. **Linda Yonker** is the lead teacher for the daycare and **Heidi Bohn** and **Leah Noordhoff** are the other caregivers.

Kindergarten enrichment class or "K-Club" has 8 children being taught by **Kim Rykse** and **Kim Tullock**. Julie Calkins is the leader of our after school program. The children are busy playing, making new friends, art projects, daily devotions and story time. We encourage anyone who is interested in daycare in a Christian environment to call the school office for more information on the daycare.

PRESCHOOL

Preschool began on September 13. This year we have 48 preschoolers divided into three classes. Each class has and a teacher and an assistant.

Kim Ryske teaches the Tuesday, Thursday class and **Debbie Luytjes** teaches Monday, Wednesday and Friday. **Sherry Lyons** is the assistant for all three classes. The children come from our church family and different areas throughout the community. In September we will be learning about each other and how to get along in our new environment. Preschool has a openings for this year. For more information on the preschool call Debbie Luytjes at (616) 842-0260 ext 119.

Mrs. Debbie Luytjes

KINDERGARTEN

With much excitement and anticipation, our new Kindergarten family began school on September 7. The children enjoy taking leveled reading books home each night and coming to school in the morning to announce, "I can read this book". Our science table had a display of rocks for us to discover and explore. We used scales to see which ones were heavier or lighter. We also used our five senses to learn about apples and graphed our favorite apples. We are learning that each of us is special in many ways and we thank God for all our different talents. We have a "Proud Wall" where are work will be displayed throughout the year. It is fun going to the library to listen to stories read to us by Mrs. Anderson. We enjoy learning new songs with the First Graders and Mrs. Kooi. We look forward to all the things we will learn this year. We pray that God continues to bless our school this year.

Mrs. Connie Behm

FIRST GRADE

The first graders got off to a great start! They are working hard at learning the routine of Mrs. Kooi's classroom. We are reviewing color words, number words, our ABC's and sounds, and some basic sight words. We are also enjoying cuddling up with the many books that Mrs. Kooi has in her library.

We have had fun in singing with Mrs. Kooi. On Monday we sing with the Kindergarteners. It's fun being the "big kids" and teaching them some songs that we learned last year. Our favorite is singing "Jesus Loves Me" with the actions. We also taught the kindergarteners the Spanish refrain. Each day we start our day in the devotion corner with the Bible verse, "This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it" Psalm 118:24. We are glad to be able to learn about Jesus at our school and share what we are rejoicing about.

Mrs. Patti Kooi

SECOND AND THIRD GRADE

Hello from 2nd and 3rd Grade. We are excited to begin a brand new school year and to see our school friends once again!! We are practicing our classroom routines and procedures and enjoying our enrichment classes; Music, Phys. Ed., Art, and Library. Reading Workshop has officially begun and we've been in our book nooks reading, reading, reading! We have explored many of the reasons that people need to read and realize it is an important skill to know. But, what makes reading the BEST is that it can take us on so many adventures and we LOVE adventure. In our Writing Workshop, we have been discussing where authors get their writing ideas. We got our very own dictionaries to help us with our writing and we are ready to get all of our thoughts down on paper. We hope your summer was as wonderful for you as ours was for us and here's to an exciting new school year!!!

Mrs. Barb Bunda

The second and third grade is off to a wonderful start of a new school year. We have already started learning about family and our community in social studies. In science, we already had homework were we collected 4 items each representing the 3 branches of science. Can you name the three branches? We can! In religion, we are studying creation and how God's perfect designed created everything we need here on earth to live. We also welcomed a new student, Shelby May who is in second grade.

Mrs. Laura Harvey (continued next page)

FOURTH, FIFTH AND SIXTH GRADE

Students wasted no time digging into their American history books. Our first lesson was 'Land and Climate.' This week we study the 'Nation's resources.' We also had an overview of map skills. In English class, students learned the 4 types of sentences. In reading class we wrote a Haiku poem, and started writing descriptive paragraphs. Exponents and place value up to 100 billion are being discovered in math. Did you know that it would take about 23 days to count from 1 to 1 million? We talked about how magnificent God's power is when thinking of large numbers!

Mrs. Tracy Wood, Mrs. Debbie Kolberg

Welcome New Staff Members!

We are excited to add to our 2010-2011 school year staff **Mr. Dave Smart, Miss Meagan Krohn, and Miss Lauren Sanborn.** Mr. Smart has been contracted through the GHAPS to be our PE teacher for this school year. Mr. Smart is here every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon.

Unfortunately, art was eliminated this year for St. John's school, therefore Miss Krohn and Miss Sanborn have graciously volunteered to be our art teachers. Every Friday morning, Miss Krohn and Miss Sanborn will be in your child's classroom along with their teacher sharing their love of art.

We are thankful for these individuals who have given their time in order to allow us to still provide these services.

Second Annual Walk-A-Thon for St. John's Lutheran School

Friday, October 1st, 2010
(Rain Date: Friday, October 8th)
(Duncan Woods - Grand Haven, MI)



We will be holding a school-wide **Walk-A-Thon** this fall where teachers and students will be walking for two hours straight! We are doing this to raise much needed money for our school.

Please sponsor our students and teachers by sending a tax deductible check (of any amount) payable to **"St. John's Lutheran School"** by Friday, October 15th, 2010. Remember: *"Don't put off to tomorrow what you can do today"*.

It's that easy! No order forms, no waiting for products to be delivered, and no phone calls. Our students will receive some good healthy exercise while on a brisk two hour mission. All proceeds go directly to support the costs of St. John's Lutheran School.

Thank you for your generous support. May God richly bless you!

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Crop for Kids

If you like scrap booking but never have enough time, set aside Friday, November 5 to come and scrapbook at St. John's. The preschool is hosting a scrapbook night. The cost is \$15.00 per person and includes dinner. Come and join us at 5:30 p.m. until 11:30 p.m. for a night of fellowship, great food, and an opportunity to work on your scrapbook for six uninterrupted hours. To sign-up call Debbie Luytjes at school (616) 842-0260 ext. 119.

Welcome New Students!

We wish to welcome all our returning students along with our new students for this year:

Kindergarten:

Emily Batka

Adrian Douglas

Parker Hayward

Heath Lyons

Gabriel May

Samuel Nash

Nicholas Taylor

Abbey Turner

Second Grade:

Shelby May

St. John's Youth Calendar for 2010-11

2010-2011 Theme Verse: "For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus." 1 Timothy 2:5

Ancient Words Grades 6-12, Jr. Rock Grades 6-8, Living Stones Grades 9-12

October

- 2 Family Spiritual Plan 9am-1pm
- 3 Ancient Words 9:30am
- 6 Confirmation 6:30pm
Jr. Rock 7:45-8:30pm
- 10 Ancient Words 9:30am
Living Stones 6:30-8pm
- 15 Pumpkin Delivery 4:30pm
- 17 Ancient Words 9:30am
- 20 Jr. & Sr. Luther Movie 6:30pm
- 22 Harvest Blessings & "Take It Home" Event
- 24 Ancient Words 9:30am
Sr. Youth District Gathering
Deposit Deadline
Living Stones 6:30-8pm
- 28 Family Choir 6:15pm
- 31 Ancient Words 9:30am

November

- Wreath Sale Month
- 3 Confirmation 6:30pm
Nerf War 7:45-8pm
- 4 Family Choir 6:15pm
- 7 Ancient Words 9:30am
Living Stones 6:30-8pm
- 11 Family Choir 6:15pm
- 14 Ancient Words 9:30am
- 17 Confirmation 6:30pm
Jr. Rock 7:45-8:30pm
- 18 Family Choir 6:15pm
- 20 St. John's School Play
- 21 Ancient Words 9:30am
Living Stones 6:30-8pm
- 28 Ancient Words 9:30am

December

- 1 Confirmation 6:30pm
Jr. Rock 7:45-8:30pm
- 2 Advent Service? Rehearsal 4-8pm
Family Choir 6:15pm
- 4 Craft Show
- 9 Family Choir 6:15pm
- 5 Ancient Words 9:30am

- Pizza and Movie Marathon 11:30am-5pm The Lion The Witch and The Wardrobe
Prince Caspian
- 12 Ancient Words 9:30am
Robbinswood Worship Service 2:30pm
Then Narnia Movie GH 9
Theater Voyage of the Dawn Treader
- 15 Confirmation 6:30pm
Jr. Christmas Party 7:45-8:30pm
- 16 Family Choir 6:15pm
- 19 Ancient Words 9:30am

January

- Sub Sale Month
- 5 Confirmation 6:30pm
Jr. Rock 7:45-8:30pm
- 6 Family Choir 6:15pm
- 9 Ancient Words 9:30am
- 14-15 Confirmation Retreat
- 16 Ancient Words 9:30am
Ski Trip Sign Up Deadline
Living Stones 6:30-8pm
- 19 Confirmation 6:30pm
Jr. Rock 7:45-8:30pm
- 23 Ancient Words 9:30am
Caberfae Ski Trip
- 30 Ancient Words 9:30am
Living Stones 6:30-8pm

February

- 2 Confirmation 6:30pm
Jr. Rock 7:45-8:30pm
- 4 Jr. Lock-In
- 5 Sub making
- 6 Ancient Words 9:30am
- 11 St. John's Science Fair
- 13 Ancient Words 9:30am
Living Stones 6:30-8pm
- 16 Confirmation 6:30pm
Jr. Rock 7:45-8:30pm
- 20 Ancient Words 9:30am
- 27 Ancient Words 9:30am
Living Stones 6:30-8pm

March

- 2 Confirmation 6:30pm
Jr. Rock 7:45-8:30pm
- 6 Ancient Words 9:30am
- 9 Ash Wednesday Service 7pm
- 13 Ancient Words 9:30am
Living Stones 6:30-8pm
- 16 Confirmation 6:30pm
Jr. Rock 7:45-8:30pm
- 20 Ancient Words 9:30am
- 27 Ancient Words 9:30am
Living Stones 6:30-8pm
- 31 Confirmation
2nd year Confirmation students only 6:30pm
Jr./Sr. Servant Event 6:30-8pm

April

- 17 Ancient Words 9:30am
- 14 Confirmation rehearsal
- 23 Easter Breakfast set-up 10am
- 24 Easter Breakfast 7:45-10:15am
- 24 Rock The Coast Sign Up Deadline
- 25 St. John's Auction

May

- 1 Confirmation Service 10:30
- 8 Ancient Words 9:30am
Paintball Sign Up Deadline \$30
- 13 St. John's Talent Show
- 15 Ancient Words 9:30am
Paintball 11:30-4pm Rain or Shine
- 21 Rock The Coast 10am-11pm
- 21-28 St. John's DC trip

June

- 5 Sr. Youth District Gathering Meeting 9:30am
- 26-29 Sr. Youth Mackinac Island

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Party of Parties Church Bazaar hosted by The Girls of Grace from Grace Lutheran (300 E. Cleveland St. in Coopersville) on Sat., Oct. 16, 9:00am-2:00pm. There will be home based business representatives & crafters selling food & kitchen items, home decor, toys, and more. Proceeds go to mission projects. Pick-up date is Wed., Nov. 10 at Grace Lutheran. Please come, bring a friend, and be ready for a fun time.

God's Pantry/Social Ministry:

Thank you for your support of our back to school supplies drive. Your generosity has given our St. John's Eagle students the wings to soar into a new school year totally prepared. We've begun our **Annual Warm Coat Drive** for area school children. Please bring your gently used coats, hats, mittens and scarves and place them in the boxes found in the narthex and outside the doors to the Social Hall. Your help for this event that benefits many area school children is always greatly appreciated.

The Life and times of Martin Luther:

Please mark your calendars for Oct. 19 at 7:00pm and join us as our visiting lecturer, **Dr. Paul Maier**, takes us on a journey through the Reformation. Dr. Maier will introduce us to the events leading up to the Reformation and some of the other reformers who were contemporaries of Luther. This promises to be an interesting and informative review of the Reform period and Dr. Maier's presentations are always a delight.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. John's Parish Fellowship is asking for help in throwing a reception following Paul's presentation. We are looking for donations of baked goods. Donations can be placed in the Social Hall on Sat., Oct. 16 or Sun., Oct. 17. Please Call Karen Shields at (616) 842-5912 or Beth Kaschube at (616) 821-6587 to let them know what you are donating (including quantity) or for more info.

Heavenly Creations Craft Show:

There are still openings for crafters at the annual St. John's Heavenly Creations Craft Show, Sat., Dec. 4. The cost for a booth is \$45. This is a great way to support Christian education in our community, and make some money, too! For more info or to reserve a booth, call Karen Bewalda (616) 402-7167.

St. John's School Auction:

Please note **DATE/LOCATION** change for "Fiesta of Faith" Fri., Mar. 25, 2011 at the GH Community Center. We need many hands for a successful event! Money raised will go directly back into our school. Please consider donating items, services or monetary gifts for the auction or serve on a committee. We will be seeking sponsorships for this event. For more info, contact Kelly Liggett, at (616) 850-0265 or ksliggett@hotmail.com.

LWML Lakeshore Zone Retreat

Double Your Pleasure with praise and God's Word at Maranatha Conference Center in Muskegon Oct. 8 & 9 featuring David Paul Britton.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rummage Sale: Start cleaning out your basements, garage, and closets for our annual Ladies Aid Rummage Sale. Drop off date is Tue., Oct. 12, set up on Wed., Oct. 13, and selling dates are Oct. 14-16. Please drop off items before Wed. so we can set everything up and price the items. Come by, purchase something and help out the Ladies Aid Society. The rummage sale is our biggest fund raiser, and the funds let us help maintain the church and help out our congregation. Thank you for supporting Ladies Aid.

Invitation to Handbell Reading Session:

Sat., Oct. 9, at Portage Church UCC, 2731 W. Milham Rd., Portage, MI. Here is a great opportunity for you to come and ring through Handbell New Issues. This is an informal ring. Schedule: 9:30am-12:00pm 2 -3 Octave Music Read, 12:00-1:00pm Lunch - on your own, 1:00-3:30pm 3 - 5 Octave Music Read. You may attend either morning or afternoon read-through, or both. The registrants will be the sight-readers for the sessions. This is open to directors and ringers alike. No need to bring bells, chimes, etc. Just bring yourself and your handbell gloves. There is no admission fee. Call Lynn Young (888) 743-2275 for reservation space.

OWLS Information:

Committee Meeting - Mon., Oct. 4, at 4:00pm in the Social Hall. All OWLS welcomed. Please watch bulletins for any activities to be planned for Oct. Thanks, Peggy Erhorn (616) 844-5095.



**Bouquets
and Kudos:**

... to the various individuals who were the cleaning crew in late summer for the day school.

...to **Ken Lee** for freshening up the north wall of the Multi-Purpose Room Prior to the onset of our fall programs.

...to **Tim Harvey, Mike Gilmore** and **Bill Kooi** for repairing the leak above the Social Hall.

...to **Mike Gilmore** for the repair work done above the Taylor Street school entrance.

...to **Ken Behm** and **Dave Daniels** for assisting **Bill Kooi** in removing all the overgrowth onto the west end of the church property.

...to **Joe Lalonde** for all of his I/T expertise and his assistance with keeping our computers up and running.

...to **Becky Eminger** and **Bill Spychalski**, for teaching Youth Group Sunday morning Bible Studies.

...to **Paula Gilmore, Jim & Kelley Hargrave,** and **Ken Behm** for all of their time and effort every week for the newspaper fundraiser.

...to the thirteen folks who signed up to pray for pastor during August. The list is up to fifty-one now. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.

...to **Joe Daniels, Rob Riegler,** and the **Geerlings Family** for helping with the Confirmation Retreat.

...to the 80 people who came out for the Marriage Ministry Date Night.

...to our **Men's Choir** who started with a bang! Many thanks to the guys who enhanced our worship with their beautiful and strong voices! Look for the Men's Choir to lead Contemporary Worship on October 3rd.

...to our **Eagle Ringers** who will once again enrich our worship this year! We have started practice during school and will plan to play in church and chapel about one time a month. Thanks to the **parents of the Eagle Ringers** for willingly getting the ringers to the right place at the right time!

FROM THE CHURCH RECORDS

Births:

09/19/10 **Evelynn Nicole Rothe**, daughter of **Jeff & Sarah (Chapman) Rothe**, granddaughter of **Richard* & Sharon* Rothe** and **Les* & Ronda* Chapman**

Baptisms:

08/19/10 **Aiden Eugene Neal**, son of **Robert & Rebecca Neal**, the grandson of **Roy* & Debbie* Hatfield**

Deaths:

9/13/2010 **Laura* Zimmerman**

*** Members of SJLC**

Our current membership stands at 992 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 - July	2,495	2,288	2,085	1,801	\$ 102,938.70	\$ 86,105.86	\$ 11,999.14	\$ 25,834.80
August 1	295	303	247	196	\$ 11,778.74	\$ 12,113.75	\$ 551.00	\$ 1,340.00
August 8	373	220	270	187	\$ 10,997.43	\$ 8,669.81	\$ 784.77	\$ 2,020.00
August 15	281	285	246	237	\$ 9,954.61	\$ 10,899.57	\$ 406.00	\$ 901.00
August 22	319	266	251	221	\$ 15,046.00	\$ 9,998.25	\$ 568.00	\$ 4,387.00
August 29	307	284		48	\$ 9,119.64	\$ 10,444.41	\$ 614.00	\$ 2,187.00
Year to date	4,070	3,646	3,099	2,690	\$ 159,835.12	\$ 138,231.65	\$ 14,922.91	\$ 36,669.80
Weekly ave.	313	280	258	224	\$ 12,295.01	\$ 10,633.20		
General Fund weekly needs					\$ 15,165.67	\$ 13,561.54		



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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

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Upcoming Event at St. John's:

A Seminar with
Dr. PAUL L. MAIER

Professor, Widely-read Author

"LUTHER AND THE REFORMATION"
The Colorful Drama that Set the Stage
for the Modern World
Tuesday, October 19 at 7:00 p.m.