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NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Information for the Heartbeat is due the **10th of each month.**

You may turn in a paper copy at church or e-mail your information to ygeefmly@milwpc.com

HEARTBEAT NEWS

St. John United Church of Christ

the little church with
 a big heart



historically rooted
 branching toward the future

Pastor's Message

Dear St. John Family,

There was a recent article in the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel on a new church in Southwest Waukesha. The church just purchased 23 acres to expand their present 15 acre site.

In the article, they listed the nine churches in Wisconsin that qualify as mega churches. These churches have 2000 or more that attend weekly services. I personally know the pastors of three of the churches. One of the churches is pastored by a man whose wife is a childhood friend of Donna's and a classmate of mine in college. Another of the pastors followed me in the same church as a youth minister and lived in the same parsonage as we did. Another of the churches is where Donna's sister attends and we were married at that church, but at a different location.

The largest mega church is Elmbrook, located on a 39 acre campus in Brookfield. They have a large staff and many programs and 6,000 worshippers each week. The founding pastor is Stuart Briscoe, and he is now semi-retired. They also had daughtered seven other Brook churches. The newest one is planned for Sussex.

Why do people attend mega churches? Some go for the high quality preaching and music, multifunction buildings, excellent seasonal productions, many varied small groups and activities. Many younger adults are more comfortable with bigness, more attracted to spectacle and more drawn to a church in which they can choose to be anonymous, or in which they can choose between anonymity in a big crowd and intimacy in a small group.

There are definite advantages in a mega church, but there are disadvantages also. In a large church, you can't know the pastor on a personal basis and only a fraction of the members. When you are in the hospital or have a personal crisis, the senior pastor will not be visiting you. Just the opposite is true in a congregation like St. John. We are a family church and small enough to know everyone, but still provide worship and learning opportunities for the whole family. Since last September we have had six families bring their children for Baptism. My first year's Confirmation class had seven. My second year class had five, and my next class will have seven.

In August, we will have a week of mission and then our first SportsLife Camp. Our newly formed Christian Education Board is already planning for Rally Day on September 9th.

I love our St. John family, and I believe that there are others in the community that can relate to a church our size. Let's be sure to welcome them when they visit.

*A smaller church pastor,
 Rev. Michael J. Matheny, Sr.*



Of Note

August Birthdays

3 Shannon Higgins	20 Corrine Szymik
4 Laura Maly	Justin Steinmann
Tom Stegmayer	21 Stephanie Toth
6 El Nor Goeckerman	23 Joseph Sardina
7 Audrey Kirchhoff	24 Amy Wallschlaeger
8 Daniel Sardina	Adam Klimas
9 Jim Toth	25 Elsbeth Canter
10 Sandy Borucki	Julie Poulakos
12 Carol Vanderlois	Douglas Waraxa
15 Bill Spalsbury, Sr.	Adalyn Pieper
Everett Parker	26 James Truman
Kent Klimas	Ashley Koedinger
16 Kevin Andrae	Angela Olson
Sean Harcourt	27 Donna Tess
17 Beulah Maederer	Jack Tickner
18 Virginia Wells	28 Elliot Romaine
Adam Borucki	29 Al Pfeil
Kathy Maly	31 Kim Steinmann
19 Jay Schaetzel	
David Reeder	

August Anniversaries

3 Jeff & Gloria Tyvoll	(16 years)
Scott & Julie Wolf	(11 years)
7 Al & Bonnie Pfeil	(59 years)
10 Wayne & Colleen Yaggie	(22 years)
David & Sharon Reeder	(22 years)
13 Jim & Aggie Toth	(30 years)
15 Brian & Lisa Sprink	(20 years)
20 Jeff & Kay Wendt	(30 years)
28 Dean & Debbie Anderson	(15 years)

Please Remember

Graduations

Jennifer Schneider graduated from Marquette University on May 20, 2007 with a Bachelors Degree in Human Resources

Address Changes

Mark & Pam Frey
803 Sweet Juliet Way
Greer, SC 29650

Al & Bonnie Pfeil
N77 W17700 Lake Park Drive #121
Menomonee Falls, WI 53051
(262) 251-7613

Get Well Wishes

Elmer Helm-hip surgery June 28th;
he is now in rehab.

Ellen van Maastricht-hip replacement
July 3rd; she is now in rehab.

Congratulations to -

Dawn & David Wobiszewski; Austin William was born June 22, 2007; he weighed 4 lb 8 oz. Grandparents are William & Lisa Graveen.

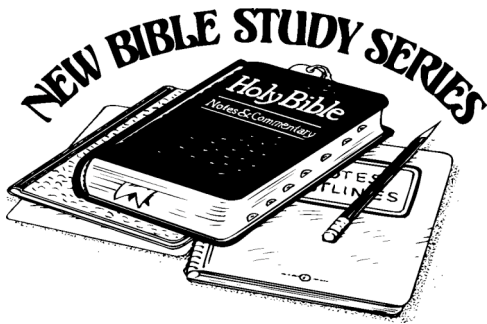
John & Sheila Schaetzel's son,
Jamey – married Melissa Meyer
June 30, 2007 in Wadsworth, IL.

Sympathy

Sympathy to Jim, Pamela, Don & Judi Ruben; their Aunt Anna Mae Schaffner was called to her Eternal Home May 13, 2007.

Sympathy to Cheri & Rich Bersch; Cheri's great Aunt Helen Wronn was called to her Eternal Home June 23, 2007. She was 103 years young – a resident of Cedar Lake Home.

Upcoming Events & Information



Adult Bible Study

Breaking Free

Written by, Beth Moore

Do you want to find satisfaction in God, experience His peace, and enjoy His presence?

Do you want to make the freedom Christ promised a reality in your life?

In *Breaking Free*, Beth Moore takes you on a journey to discovering true Christian freedom – the abundant life God intends for every believer – by identifying spiritual strongholds and removing obstacles that hinder you from enjoying all the benefits of a relationship with God. Join us for this fascinating 11 week study.

September 18th – November 27th

Tuesdays 7:00-9:00 pm

Place: St. John UCC

Cost for Workbook: \$17.00

Any questions, please contact:

Jennifer Andrea

(262) 675-2449 or

jen3125@yahoo.com

Events

Meetings

- Church Council – Thursday, August 9th, 7:00 pm
- Outreach Committee – Sunday, August 12th, 8:15 am

Activities

- Brewer Game Outing – Sunday, August 19th, 11:00
(see under *Outreach Committee* for more info.)



- Summer Bingo Bash – Wednesday, August 22nd, 12:30
Dessert, Bingo Games, Prizes, Fellowship!
(see under *Women's Guild* for more info.)
- St. John UCC SportsLife Camp -
A Camp With a Christian Focus
An Ideal Vacation Activity for Youth 5th Grade and Younger
August 13-16, 2007
5:30-8:30 pm
Cost: \$64 per camper
(\$10 scholarships are available from the Women's Guild;
see under *Women's Guild* for more info.)

In the Coming Months

- Women's Retreat – October 5-7, 2007
This event will be at Fort Wilderness, near Rhinelander.
At a cost of \$105, the retreat includes: a guest speaker,
time to relax, fellowship and worship.
- Don't forget our Annual –
Fall Country Art & Craft Fair
Saturday, September 8th, 9 am-4 pm



Greeters, Ushers & Liturgists

Sunday, August 5, 2007

Greeters: Matt & Merry Lison
Ushers: Mike Szymik & Dick Wallander
Communion Ushers: Leslie Bausch, JR Manning, Colleen Yaggie
Liturgist: Bill Kaiser

Sunday, August 12, 2007

Greeters: Bob & Jeannie Lehmann
Ushers: Betty Parker & Mary Ann Toth
Liturgist: John Schaezel

Sunday, August 19, 2007

Greeters: Mark Luckow Family
Ushers: Bill Kaiser & Eric Tess
Liturgist: Matt Lison

Sunday, August 26, 2007

Greeter: Kelly Page
Ushers: Jeff & Carol Klimas
Liturgist: Matt Lison

Council Highlights

At its monthly meeting held on June 7, 2007, the St. John Church Council:

- Reviewed and discussed the Treasurer's Report which shows St. John \$14,000 in arrears
- Scheduled a special congregational meeting for Sunday, June 24th immediately after the worship service to discuss our financial plight and approve recommended roof repairs
- Approved the Women's Guild Bingo Bash for August 22nd at noon

Present: Cherie Bersch, Mary Johnson, Bob Lehmann, Matt Lison, Pastor Matheny, Betty Parker, Mike Szymik, Mary Ann Toth and Dick Wallander

Absent: Kevin Elinski

At its monthly meeting held on July 12, 2007, the St. John Church Council:

- Reviewed the agenda for the annual Board of Deacons meeting on Sunday, July 15th
- Was updated on planning for the SportsLife Camp which will occur on August 13-16
- Approved the expenditure of \$93.50 for St. John postcards to be used by various committees in communicating with members
- Made preparations to gather information and study options for three items that were raised at the special congregational meeting on June 24th: exploration of sale of parsonage land, feasibility of a part-time pastor, and eligibility for building-improvement grants from the State Historical Society and/or the Wisconsin Conference
- Approved use of the church for a wedding on November 17, 2007 pending authorization from Pastor Matheny

Present: Cherie Bersch, Mary Johnson, Bob Lehmann, Matt Lison, Pastor Matheny, Betty Parker, Mike Szymik, Mary Ann Toth and Dick Wallander

Absent: Kevin Elinski

The next meeting of the Church Council is scheduled for August 9th at 7:00 pm

Committee News

Outreach Committee

Weed, Seed and Feed – May 12, 2007:

Twenty-five church members helped during this annual event. The church grounds were spruced up, and members helped clean inside the church too. A special thank-you is extended to the Women's Guild for helping serve the breakfast and lunch. Brochures promoting the SportsLife Camp were distributed to area homes. Robert Witzlib and Amanda Reeder won free tickets to the Brewer Game for helping out during Weed, Seed and Feed.

Mark your calendar for:

*Milwaukee Brewer Game
Sunday, August 19, 2007*

Seventy-eight members, family and friends are signed up to attend the game. Information regarding a meeting time will be sent to those who purchased tickets for the game. Everyone coming to the game is encouraged to wear their NEW St. John UCC t-shirt. Those who do so will be eligible for a free raffle at the game. Two lucky winners will be chosen!

*Women's Retreat
October 5-7, 2007*

Fort Wilderness (near Rhinelander) is the location for this retreat. The retreat includes: a guest speaker, time to relax, fellowship and worship. Carpooling will be available. Cost is \$105. Contact Caroline Romaine at (262) 255-6146 for more information.

- Lemonade and coffee will be served during the summer months for Fellowship – please join us. Contact Amy Witzlib at (262) 502-1835 with any questions.
- The Outreach Committee will meet August 12, 2007 at 8:15 a.m. Any church member wishing to join the committee may contact Caroline Romaine at (262) 255-6146. We meet in the conference room next to Pastor Matheny's office.

Submitted by Caroline Romaine

Craft Fair Committee

22nd Annual Fall Country Art & Craft Fair Saturday, September 8th, 9 am-4 pm

Summer is a great time to pick up lots of bargains during sidewalk sales. While you're shopping, keep an eye open for items that would be great to add to a Theme Basket or as a Silent Auction item.

Hopefully you have picked up your raffle tickets but if not, you can get them at the church office. We will have a separate raffle for the Quilts again this year. Remember, the more tickets that are sold, the more St. John benefits! So please go out and sell as many tickets as you can for both the Quilt and the regular raffle!

If you are attending other craft fairs or know someone who would like to exhibit at our fair, please help spread the word to these crafters. Applications can be e-mailed or picked up from the church office. Flyers and post cards advertising our fair to vendors are also available. Information about the Fair is on the church website too!

Since the big day of the Fair is not that far away, enclosed is a questionnaire so you can volunteer to help. We could especially use help manning the St. John Craft Booth and the assistance of a few more men during the clean-up time immediately following the Fair. If you aren't available the day of the Fair, perhaps you can help put out posters the two weeks before the Fair. There are lots of ways to help! You can turn in your completed form to the church office or give it to Merry Lison.

Thanks in advance for everyone's participation!

Submitted by Merry Lison

Women's Guild

Camp Scholarships Available:

The Women's Guild is offering a \$10 scholarship to any of our "kids" attending the SportsLife Camp. If the kids bring friends, the friends will also receive a \$10 scholarship. Don't let this opportunity pass by! Get in your applications and that of a friend or two. Contact Judy Luckow or Joan Schaezel if you have any questions.

Summer Bingo Bash:

An afternoon of Bingo will be held on Wednesday, August 22nd beginning at 12:30 pm. After sharing a yummy dessert, we will play Bingo games-with prizes! Come and enjoy some summer fellowship and bring a friend. All you need to do is put your name on the sign-up sheet at church.

If anyone needs a ride, contact one of the Women's Guild members.

See you at **BINGO!**

Pick 'n Save:

Have you signed up at Pick 'n Save for the Advantage Program? Ask about it at the customer service desk and designate St. John United Church of Christ, Germantown (#78000) as your charity. The church will receive a percentage of your purchases. Just another way to support our church!

Submitted by Joan Schaezel



Adult Fellowship

The 2007 Entertainment Books Are Here!

Books will be available for sale starting August 19th for \$35. This year, customers who purchase an *Entertainment 07* book will get a free 2-week membership for *Entertainment on Vacation*. This allows unlimited access to printable coupons available to download from the *Entertainment on Vacation* website.

Here are some great features of the *Entertainment 07* book:

More 50%-off Discounts – available online

Discount Movie Tickets – as low as \$5 each

Top Web Deals – savings from popular online retailers

Guaranteed Lowest Rates – 10,000 hotels worldwide

Submitted by Jeannie Lehmann



ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

State of the Church

Income & Attendance

<i>May 2007</i>		
<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Income</u>
5/6	69	2,161.00
5/13	71	4,011.00
5/20	77	1,040.00
5/27	38	1,070.00

Total Offerings: 8,282.00
Total Income: 8,282.00

Year-to-Date Income: 39,287.22
 May Earmarked*: 2,050.00
**SportsLife Camp*

<i>June 2007</i>		
<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Income</u>
6/3	108	2,809.00
6/10	61	2,518.00
6/17	42	458.00
6/24	41	5,933.00

Total Offerings: 11,718.00
Total Income: 8,209.43

Year-to-Date Income: 51,005.22
 June Earmarked*: 250.00
**Insurance Deductible*
 June Earmarked*: 1,000.00
**Steeple Repair*

General Fund Activity

June 2007

<u>Checking</u>	
Balance Forward	302.14
Deposits	11,719.00
Transferred from (to) general savings	0.00
Total available	12,021.54

Disbursements	
Personnel	9,312.88
Operations	1,400.30
Program	45.99
Benevolence	0.00
Earmarked	1,000.00

Total Disbursements 11,759.17

Balance 6-30-2007 261.97

Current Account Balances

Checking	261.97
Savings	
Savings Account Total	2,061.98
Summer Sports Camp-Earmarked	(1,050.00)
Mission Trips-Earmarked	(2,185.31)
Parking Lot-Earmarked	(3,235.75)

Available to General Fund (4,409.08)

Disbursements Due 7-31-2007 9,389.56

Submitted by Mike Szymik, Treasurer

Submitted by Cherie Bersch, Financial Secretary



A very special thank-you to those members who have already responded to our Summer Relief appeal. To date, we have received \$8,400 in response to our call for help in reducing our \$19,000 budget shortfall. Please know that your response is greatly appreciated and that no amount is too small in helping us carry out the mission of St. John. God bless all of the members of our St. John family, and may God continue to watch over us with love and compassion.

A Summer Sports Camp With a Christian Focus

An Ideal Vacation Activity for ALL Youth* 5th grade and younger

SportsLife Camp will be held at St. John UCC
N104 W14181 Donges Bay Road

August 13th – 16th
5:30 – 8:30 pm

*For More Information Contact Pastor Michael Matheny
(262) 251-0640*

Cost: \$64 per camper

Main Event Activities Include: Street Hockey, Ultimate Frisbee, Cheerleading

*You do not need to be a member of St. John UCC for your child to participate

Dreams

“So many of our dreams at first seem impossible, then they seem improbable, and then, when we summon the will, they soon seem inevitable.”

-Christopher Reeve



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TIME VALUE MATERIAL