

SEPTEMBER 2007

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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

Pastor's Message

the little church with
a big heart



historically rooted
branching toward the future

Dear St. John Family,

Recently I read an article written by Nancy Ammerman published in the ***Christian Century Magazine***. It was titled "Memory Verses," and dealt with the importance of teaching children the Bible.

She stated that attending Sunday School included memorizing the Bible verses each week. By the time she was in Junior High, she was memorizing whole chapters. She says, "I have a formidable reservoir of memory to call on, with words and images that remain a powerful part of my psyche."

She mentions this because of the positive effect it has had on her life and because of her research that shows that those of us in the mainline churches are not very effective in teaching our youth the Bible. In mainline churches, less and less emphasis is being placed on Christian Education, which has caused this crisis.

Ammerman argues that the Bible is the central text of our faith and binds us together with all Christian communities of faith. These Biblical stories shape us in manifold ways. Therefore, we need to teach the Biblical stories to our children and youth, so that they will provide a foundation for all of life.

Our St. John Sunday School program begins on Sunday, September 16th. We have classes for pre-school through high school. We have gifted and dedicated teachers, and will be emphasizing Bible memorization this year.

Please pray for our teachers and students that the coming year will be one of new discoveries of God's love in Jesus, and ways to share that love with others.

*Still a Bible student,
Rev. Michael J. Matheny, Sr.
Pastor*



Of Note

September Birthdays

- | | |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| 2 Gary Johnson | 23 Jordan Schaetzel |
| 3 Jackie Harcourt | 25 Jessica Borucki |
| Rose Allen | 26 Diane Ramthun |
| Blake Etzel | McKenzie Heron |
| 5 Ryan Wendt | Michele Sieglaff |
| Jessica Stegmayer | Jennifer Higgins |
| 6 Gloria Tyvoll | 27 Cassie Zodrow |
| 7 Alissa Noltner | 28 Jennifer Schneider |
| 8 Elise Kubosch | 29 Michelle Pickett |
| 12 Sherry Palmer | 30 Danny Schlenz |
| 13 Mary Johnson | Kelly Wallschlaeger |
| William Spalsbury, Jr. | |
| 15 Sharon Reeder | |
| Reider Gabrielsen | |
| 16 David Szymanski | |
| 19 Sydney Vanderschaegen | |
| 20 Craig Thomas | |
| 22 Alexis Toth | |
| Lillianne Tess | |
| Kenlyn Plonka | |

September Anniversaries

- | | |
|---------------------------------|------------|
| 8 Craig & Andrea Thomas | (7 years) |
| 11 John & Sheila Schaetzel | (36 years) |
| 20 Tom & Dyanne Stegmayer | (10 years) |
| 22 Mike & Ann Wallschlaeger | (17 years) |
| 23 Ken & Joan Schaetzel | (46 years) |
| 24 Rev. Michael & Donna Matheny | |
| (41 years) | |
| 26 Travis & Jamie Etzel | (9 years) |
| 30 Patrick & Jill Lemke | (12 years) |

Please Remember

Graduations

Eric Taylor graduated from MATC in July with a degree in Fire Science

New Addresses

Mark & Pam Frey
122 Wild Thorn Lane
Greenville, SC 29615

Kevin & Amy Elinski
10 Northridge Circle
Wickenburg, AZ 85390

Get Well Wishes

Edith Schaetzel-she was hospitalized and then to Linden Grove for therapy.

Congratulations to -

Brandon Kirchoff and Sheri Pielmeier were married July 12th; they will live in Courtland, IL. Sheri is the daughter of Bob & Sandy Bernau.

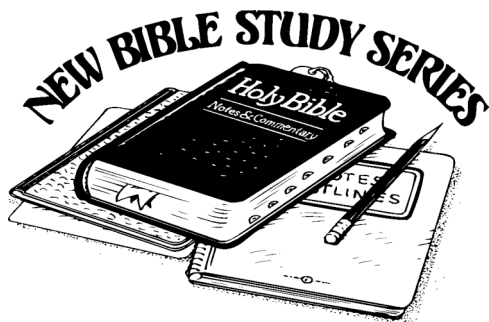
Washington County Fair Winners:
Jennifer Andrae won 6 blue ribbons and a grand champion award for her knitting

Kate Wallschlaeger won 2 blue ribbons for an exploring exhibit
Kelly Wallschlaeger won 4 blue ribbons for a flower, drawing and painting exhibit and a grand champion award for a flower exhibit

Sympathy

Sympathy to Dennis & Jane Schmidt; Jane's mother, Harriet Mertins, was called to her Eternal Home July 12, 2007.

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, Sept. 13th, 7:00 pm
- Outreach Committee – Sunday, Sept. 23rd, 8:15 am
- Worship Committee – Monday, Sept. 10th, 6:30 pm
- Women's Guild – Wednesday, Sept. 12th, 7:00 pm

Special Services

Closing service of worship for Immanuel Reformed UCC in Wauwatosa – Sunday, September 23rd at 3:00 pm
(find more information elsewhere in this *Heartbeat*)

Activities

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



- Rally Day – Sunday Sept. 9th
4th graders receive their Bibles; Ice Cream Social following the service, hosted by Outreach Committee
- St. John's annual golf outing – Saturday, September 22nd at Riversbend Golf Course at 9:30 am
(find more information elsewhere in this *Heartbeat*)
- Outreach Committee – Sunday, Sept. 23rd, 8:15 am

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.
- New Member Sunday – October 21st
- Heritage Sunday – November 25th

Greeters, Ushers & Liturgists

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| Sunday, September 2, 2007 | <i>Greeters:</i> Ken & Diane Ramthun
<i>Ushers:</i> Bill Kaiser & Mike Szymik
<i>Communion Ushers:</i> Karen Becker, Chris Pickett, Eric Tess
<i>Liturgist:</i> Lillianne Tess |
| Sunday, September 9, 2007 | <i>Greeter:</i> Janet Robinson
<i>Ushers:</i> Jim & Pamela Hansen Ruben
<i>Liturgist:</i> Curt Witzlib |
| Sunday, September 16, 2007 | <i>Greeters:</i> Ned & Caroline Romaine
<i>Ushers:</i> Matt & Merry Lison
<i>Liturgist:</i> Joan Schaetzel |
| Sunday, September 23, 2007 | <i>Greeter:</i> John Schaetzel
<i>Ushers:</i> Janet Robinson & Bill Kaiser
<i>Liturgist:</i> Rollie Pieper |
| Sunday, September 30, 2007 | <i>Greeters:</i> Sam & Jodi Schneider
<i>Ushers:</i> Ken & Joan Schaetzel
<i>Liturgist:</i> |

NOTE: If you cannot make your commitment:

GREETERS, please call Mary Ann Toth at (262) 251-0365. Greeters perform an important role in Fellowship, especially when we have visitors. **USHERS** should notify their back-up and call the church office at (262) 251-0640 to let A.J. Schroeder know so the correct names are in the bulletin. Thank You!!

Council Highlights

At its monthly meeting held on August 9, 2007, the St. John Church Council:

- Set October 21st as New Member Sunday with a pot-luck dinner to follow the worship service
- Approved the appointment of Pamela Hansen Ruben as Board of Christian Education Administrator (Thank you so much, Pamela, for enthusiastically taking on this most important role in the life of St. John.)
- Set the date for the children's Christmas program for December 16th
- Approved the appointment of Karen Becker to fill the Trustee vacancy on the board that was caused by Kevin Elinski's move to Arizona
- Set November 25th as Heritage Sunday

Thank you to the youth and adults who took part in our Mission Week activities during the week of August 6th. By truly living their faith, these St. John members made a positive impact on the lives of many individuals in the city of Milwaukee.

A very special thank-you to those members who continue to respond to our Summer Relief appeal. To date, we have received a remarkable \$12,620 in response to our call for help in reducing our summer budget shortfall.

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

The next meeting of the Church Council is scheduled for September 13th at 7:00 pm

Committee Reports

Outreach Committee

Report on Brat Fry Sales:

Thank you to all the members who came to purchase brats, hotdogs, hamburgers and cheeseburgers from our Brat Fry events. The Outreach Committee would like to thank all the youth and members who volunteered to make this event a success. We raised \$1,183.07 for future Mission Trips and other Outreach events.

T-Shirt Sales:

T-shirts, sweatshirts and polo shirts are still available for sale (only in Adult Large size). We have a limited quantity. For more information contact Rich Bersch at (262) 242-0275.

Mark Your Calendars For:

Rally Day

September 9, 2007

Outreach will be hosting an Ice Cream Social following the service in our Fellowship Hall.

Fellowship

Starting September 16th, please consider signing up for Fellowship, to follow church services in our Fellowship Hall. There is a clip board with the sign-up sheet located near the kitchen. Join us after church! All members and visitors are welcome. Any questions contact Amy Witzlib at (262) 502-1835.

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.

- The Outreach Committee will meet September 23, 2007 at 8:15 a.m. Any church member wishing to join the committee are welcome. We meet in the conference room next to Pastor Matheny's office.

Craft Fair Committee

Submitted by Caroline Romaine

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

It's almost time for the BIGGEST FUNDRAISER of the year! Be sure to invite your family, friends, co-workers and neighbors. Grab some yellow cards off the table in the narthex – they include information about the fair, including a map.

A few reminders:

- New this year! We will have a Flea Market area for antiques, and resale items. Get a booth and skip having to organize your own rummage sale this year!
- We need everyone's participation to make the Fair a success so please fill out a Helping Hands questionnaire, if you haven't already done so. Another copy is enclosed in this newsletter.
- There's still time to make a cash donation towards the raffle ticket cash prizes. Talk to Judy Luckow for more information.
- Turn in your raffle tickets as soon as possible (by the morning of the Fair if not before). Unsold tickets should also be returned so they can be sold at the Fair.
- Remember the Quilt Raffle and Theme Baskets are separate raffles. Be sure to check out all the great items!
- BAKERY!! Please package your goodies and list the ingredients (especially nuts). This is a main attraction for the Fair and we need lots of items! Please have your items at the church by Friday afternoon or early Saturday morning.
- Please give suggested prices on the items you donate to the St. John Craft Booth because we don't want to undersell anything. Please bring these items to the church by September 7th.
- Don't forget to come to the Fair hungry! There'll be lots of good food coming from the kitchen.

Last but not least, come to have a great time! It's a wonderful way to share our church grounds with neighbors and friends. See you at the Fair!

Submitted by Merry Lison

Worship Committee

We met on Sunday, July 29th and discussed the input we had from the congregation regarding hymns, length of services, etc.

The *Joyful Jesters* will be here on Rally Day, September 9th and will participate in the service. The 4th graders will receive their Bibles on that day also.

Looking ahead:

- Job's Daughters will be here on Sept. 16th
- World Wide Communion Sunday is Oct. 7th
- Heritage Sunday will be Nov. 25th
- First Sunday in Advent is Dec. 2nd

A discussion was held regarding the times for the Christmas Eve Services. No decision was made.

We will continue to pursue the addition of banners for the Sanctuary. Our next meeting will be Monday, September 10th at 6:30 pm.

Submitted by Joan Schaezel

Board of Christian Education

Mission Statement

The purpose of Christian Education is to provide the opportunity of persons to know God, as revealed through Jesus Christ and the scriptures, to clarify personal values in light of His Word and to carry out this message in our daily life and to humankind.

Do you have the St. John spirit?

The children of St. John need you. Won't you please support our Christian Education program? Please consider one or more of the items below:

- Serving as a Sunday School teacher with a 4 week long commitment
- Acting as co-superintendent for the Sunday School program
- Serving on the Board of Christian Education
- Acting as co-director of the youth group
- Coordinating or chaperoning field trips
- Assisting with the Christmas program

Training will be provided

Sunday School

2007 Sunday School Schedule

9/9	Rally Day
9/16	Sunday School
9/23	Sunday School
9/30	Sunday School
10/7	Sunday School
10/14	Sunday School
10/21	Sunday School
10/28	Sunday School
11/4	Sunday School
11/11	Sunday School
11/18	Sunday School
11/25	NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
12/2	Christmas program practice
12/9	Christmas program practice
12/15	Christmas program practice
12/16	Christmas program

Adult Fellowship

The 2007 Entertainment Books Are Here!
Books are available for sale 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

FOR SALE



**ENTERTAINMENT
BOOKS**

Other News and Notes

Mission Week 2007

Mission Week 2007 was held August 6th-10th. Each day we helped with a different project in Milwaukee and Newburg. The work included stocking food in two food pantries, weeding at an Ecology Center, picking beans on a farm and making 1500 sandwiches for an inner city youth lunch program.

Everyone who participated had a great time, and it felt good to know we were serving God and others with our work. The youth who worked included: Scott Bowlin, Chelsea Johnson, Eli Johnson, Elise Kubosch, Lauren Kubosch, Amanda Reeder and Sierra Thomas. The adults included: Mary Johnson, Annaliesa Kubosch and Sharon Reeder.

SportsLife Camp

The SportsLife Camp took place on August 13th-16th. Twenty-five youth participated. The youth had a fun time, while learning Bible verses about who Jesus is and how to follow Him in our daily life.

Our volunteer staff for the week included: Lynn Dettmering, Chelsea Johnson, Eli Johnson, Mary Johnson, Annaliesa Kubosch, Lauren Kubosch, Amanda Reeder, Sharon Reeder and Caroline Romaine.

Notes from the Choir Director

Choir will begin with our first rehearsal on Thursday, September 6th at 7:00 pm. Rehearsals last about an hour and 15 minutes. On the average, we sing two Sundays a month and practice two nights each month. We would welcome all people who love to sing.

We are encouraging young people to join us, especially those who have been confirmed. While we have a great need for sopranos and altos, we would gladly welcome tenors, baritones and basses.

Please contact Jane Etnyre in person or at (414) 462-8146 if you are interested, but you have a conflict with rehearsal times or otherwise. We can discuss other rehearsal possibilities if there is an interest.

Rally Day

This year's Rally Day will feature Ralph Bronner, who will be leading us in singing and then Sprocket the Clown will be sharing Biblical stories using magic tricks.

After the service, we will be serving ice cream sundaes, and Sprocket the Clown will be doing balloon sculptures and face painting.

Plan on being here for this fun day and invite a friend or family to attend with you.

Thank You's

Bill Kaiser repaired and painted the hand rails along the front sidewalk and then he and Curt Witzlib repaired the front doors.

Curt also treated our well, because it was tested recently and did not pass the test.

Thank you Bill and Curt for your hard work and love for our St. John family, shown in such a helpful way.

GOLF GOLF GOLF GOLF GOLF GOLF GOLF

St. John's annual golf outing is scheduled for September 22nd at Riversbend Golf Course, located on HWY Q, next to Fleet Farm. Starting time is 9:30 am, with a nice lunch served after golf, and prizes to be awarded at that time. Contact Rollie Pieper at (414) 352-7161 (office) or (262) 677-1001 (home) or at rpieper@sbcglobal.net if you wish to attend. The fee will be \$20 unless you want a cart, which will be extra.

From the Southeast Wisconsin Association

We are passing along an invitation for all congregations to attend the closing service of worship for Immanuel Reformed UCC in Wauwatosa on Sunday, September 23rd at 3:00 pm. Everyone is invited to stay for fellowship and a meal following the service.

Please RSVP by September 1st to the Immanuel Reformed UCC office at (414) 453-6699.

Amanda Carnahan, Administrative Assistant
Southeast WI Association UCC

Addresses for our College-Age Members

Jacob Dettmering
 W179 N8587 Village Court, #4
 Menomonee Falls, WI 53051
 (414) 234-4686

Melissa Luckow
 3304 UVHI Court
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 Green Bay, WI 54311
 (920) 883-4098

Michelle Pickett
 3214 Bluff Street
 Madison, WI 53705

Danny Schlenz
 712 Elmwood
 Fletcher Hall
 Oshkosh, WI 54901

State of the Church

Income & Attendance

July 2007

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Income</u>
7/1	37	6,204.00
7/8	24	1,593.58
7/15	43	4,140.40
7/22	34	2,441.00
7/29	38	2,924.00

Total Offerings:	17,302.98
Total Income:	17,302.98

Year-to-Date Income: 68,308.20

July Earmarked*: 200.00

**Sunday School material*

July Earmarked*: 593.40

**T-shirts*

Submitted by Cherie Bersch, Financial Secretary

General Fund Activity

July 2007

<u>Checking</u>	
Balance Forward	261.97
Deposits	18,305.62
Transferred from (to) general savings	1,240.00
Total available	19,807.59

Disbursements	
Personnel	9,773.11
Operations	5,479.14
Program	502.92
Benevolence	0.00
Earmarked	2,083.40

Total Disbursements **17,838.57**

Balance 7-31-2007 **1,969.02**

Current Account Balances

Checking	1,969.02
Savings	
Savings Account Total	821.98
Summer Sports Camp-Earmarked	(810.00)
Mission Trips-Earmarked	(2,185.31)
Parking Lot-Earmarked	(3,235.75)

Available to General Fund **(5,409.08)**

Disbursements Due 8-31-2007 **6,424.23**

Submitted by Mike Szymik, Treasurer

God waved a large, majestic hand
 And gave us sky and trees and land.
 God gave us birds to chirp each morn
 And stout, young rows of bright green corn.
 God gave us forests in whose shadows deep
 Deer keep watch as their children sleep.
 God gave us clouds of fluffy white
 To shield us from the sun's bright light.
 God gave us homes to keep us warm,
 To keep us secure and safe from harm.
 In short, God gave us all he could;
 God gave us all things great and good.

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Honor Teachers

James Michener, the author of books such as *The Source* and *Hawaii*, was once invited by President Eisenhower to a dinner at the White House. He answered the president with these words:

“Dear Mr. President: I received your invitation three days after I had agreed to speak a few words at a dinner honoring the wonderful high school teacher who taught me how to write. I know you will not miss me at your dinner, but she might at hers.”

President Eisenhower answered Michener by saying, “In his lifetime a man lives under 15 or 16 presidents, but a really fine teacher comes into his life but rarely.”

Remember all of our teachers – they sacrifice their time to prepare lessons, decorate classrooms, teach with loving care, and most importantly, to be “there” for their students.



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