

JANUARY 2008

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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**

(Editor: Colleen Yaggie)

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,

I hope you were able to enjoy the beautiful music and activities during the Advent/Christmas season. Christmas brings so many wonderful memories of family and friends. Although Donna and I were not able to be with our children and grandchildren this year, we celebrate with you and the members of Our Saviour's UCC.

As you know I began our shared ministry with Our Saviour's on December 2nd. I actually began earlier because I was doing hospital visitation for them and conducted the Thanksgiving Day worship service.

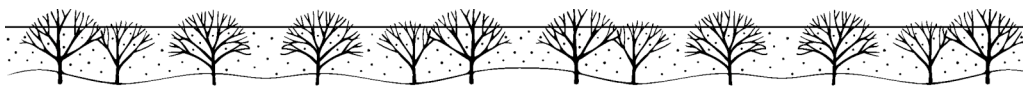
So far, I have planned and led two worship services, attended two board meetings and two choir rehearsals, and taught confirmation for a student. I've also been visiting those who are in retirement or nursing homes. They have a large number in various facilities in locations that stretch from Menomonee Falls to Kewaskum. Their congregation has more older members and fewer children and youth, which may be why their worship attendance is higher than ours.

They have similar programs, but some additional ones, like a Thanksgiving Day service and a Christmas Day service. Instead of a Fall Craft Fair, they have a chili supper. Their Mission Outreach projects are also different from ours.

I am looking forward to future opportunities for the two congregations to be together in worship and fellowship. I want you to become acquainted with them and for them to become acquainted with you.

I'm excited about the New Year and the opportunities for worship, fellowship, learning and service that are possibilities for each of us. If we are open to God's Spirit, He will lead and guide us each step of the way.

*God's best to you in the New Year,
Rev. Michael J. Matheny, Sr.
Pastor*



Of Note

January Birthdays

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|----------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 Kristopher Sardina | 18 Marge Wundrock |
| 5 Dorothy Peterson | Carol Mastronardo |
| Austin Skenandore | Scott Maly |
| 6 Brandon Zodrow | 20 Eric Butler |
| Bryce Thomas | 23 Suzanne Pieper |
| Dyanne Stegmayer | Jim Plonka |
| 8 Eric Hillstrom | Michelle Sardina |
| 11 Ned Romaine | 24 Jacqueline Stegmayer |
| 13 Jeff Wendt | Greg Schwartz |
| 14 Caroline Romaine | 25 Samantha Wagner |
| 15 Rachel Thimke | Polly Weber |
| 16 Laura Steinmann | 26 Richard Schwartz |
| Richard Bersch | Ryan Greguske |
| 17 Sue Beck | 27 Jamie Etzel |
| Annaliesa Kubosch | 31 Dean Anderson |
| Kevin Elinski | Gayle Johnson |

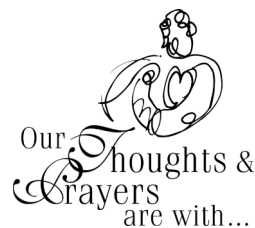


January Anniversaries

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| 7 Greg & Chris Pickett | (30 years) |
| 19 Wayne & Michele Sieglaff | (38 years) |
| 28 Mike & Rene' Sardina | (22 years) |

If someone's birthday or anniversary is missing or if the date is incorrect, please notify Mary Ann Toth. Thank you!

Please Remember



Get Well Wishes

Judy Luckow-had surgery December 17th; she is home recuperating.

Beulah Maederer-hospitalized on December 14th with a serious ear infection.

Sympathy

Sympathy to Ray and Marilyn Gabrielsen; Ray's brother, Norman, was called to his Eternal Home December 5, 2007

Poinsettias From:

Ken & Joan Schaetzel in memory of Harold Schaetzel

Al & Bonnie Pfeil in memory of Viola and Sam Schwartz

Ned & Caroline Romaine in memory of Curt and LaVerne Romaine and Anthony and Delores Miller

Jay & Carrie Schaetzel in memory of Larry and Tulia Schwab

John & Sheila Schaetzel in memory of Roman and Margaret Kashuda



Upcoming Events & Information



Don't forget to call
the church office . . .

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- ♥ When there is a birth
- ♥ When you want to volunteer
- ♥ When someone has died
- ♥ When you have a question
- ♥ When someone is ill
- ♥ When you would like a visit
- ♥ When you need someone to talk to

(262) 251-0640

Events

Meetings

- Church Council – Thursday, January 10th, 7:00 pm
- Christian Board of Education – Monday, Jan. 28th, 7:00 pm
- Outreach Committee – Sunday, January 6th, 8:00 am
- Women's Guild – Wednesday, January 2nd, 7:00 pm
- Worship Committee – Monday, January 7th, 6:30 pm
- Spiritual Life Committee – Tuesday, January 8th, 9:00 am
- Craft Fair Committee Meeting – Monday, Jan. 21st, 6:30 pm
- Annual Congregational Meeting – Sunday, Jan. 27th 9:45 am

Congregational Meeting



Activities

- Take down Christmas decorations – Jan. 6th after Fellowship (information under *Outreach Committee News* in this newsletter)



In the Coming Months

- 2nd Annual Dart Ball Game (information under *Outreach Committee News* in this newsletter)
- St. John Spring Rummage Sale – April 3-5, 2008 (information under *Outreach Committee News* in this newsletter)



Greeters, Ushers & Liturgists

Sunday, January 6, 2008

Greeters: Greg Pickett Family
Ushers: Bob & Jeannie Lehmann
Communion Ushers: Ken & Joan Schaetzel, John Schaetzel
Liturgist: Curt Witzlib

Sunday, January 13, 2008

Greeters: Ken & Diane Ramthun
Ushers: J.R. & Kathy Manning
Liturgist: Marilyn Gabrielsen

Sunday, January 20, 2008

Greeter: Janet Robinson
Ushers: Rich & Cherie Bersch
Liturgist: Eric Tess

Sunday, January 27, 2008

Greeters: Ned Romaine Family
Ushers: Jeff & Kay Wendt
Liturgist: Bill Kaiser

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 contact their back-up and call the church office at (262) 251-0640 so that the correct names can be listed in the bulletin. Thank You!!

Council Highlights

At its monthly meeting held on December 13, 2007, the St. John Church Council:

- Approved the hiring of Shannon Flood to supervise cleaning operations for St. John
- Made a preliminary recommendation for approval at the Annual Meeting, of the 2008 church operating budget. Final approval will come at the January Council meeting
- Discussed issues and concerns surrounding the newly adopted Pastor-Sharing agreement with Our Saviour's UCC
- Reviewed and finalized upcoming Christmas activities
- Began preliminary preparation for the Annual Meeting on January 27th
- Approved a request by Audrey Kirchoff for use of the Fellowship Hall on January 12, 2008 for a meeting of *Retreat in Miniatures*
- **Present:** Karen Becker, Cherie Bersch, Mary Johnson, Bob Lehmann, Matt Lison, Pastor Matheny, Jay Schaetzel, Mike Szymik, Mary Ann Toth and Dick Wallander

The next meeting of the Church Council is scheduled for January 10th at 7:00 pm

Please Note –

Anyone interested in serving a three-year position as Council Elder, Trustee or Deacon, please contact Bob Lehmann prior to January 25th.

Committee Reports

Outreach Committee

On Nov. 25th, members of St. John UCC decorated the church and Fellowship Hall, then enjoyed a light luncheon. Afterward, twelve members went Christmas Caroling at Linden Grove then entertained members Beulah Maederer, Jean Schulze and Jeanette Leicht at the Arboretum. Fun was had by all.

On Dec. 2nd, 25 true Green Bay Packer fans attended the Packer Tailgate Brunch. Winners of the *Packer Trivia Game* were: 1st place: Duane Witzlib, 2nd place: Chelsea Johnson, 3rd place: Bonnie Pfeil; Karen Becker and Corrine Szymik were runners-up. Robert Witzlib was the winner of *Guess the Green & Gold Jelly Beans*. Members who attended had their picture taken with Brett Favre.

T-Shirt Sales

T-shirts, sweatshirts and polo shirts are still available for sale (all Adult sizes available). For more information, contact Rich Bersch at (262) 242-0275.

Upcoming Events:

- Helpers Needed!!! Join us Jan. 6th following Fellowship to help take down the Christmas decorations.
- 2nd Annual Dart Ball Game to be held in February 2008 – date to be determined.
- Clean out your closets! Clear out your basements! We need your stuff for the St. John Spring Rummage Sale April 3rd-5th.

Fellowship

Look for the NEW 2008 Fellowship sign-up sheet. Please consider signing up to serve for Fellowship following church services (the clip board/sign-up sheet is located by the kitchen). Come and join us. All members and friends are welcome. Any questions, contact Amy Witzlib at (262) 502-1835.

The next Outreach Committee meeting is January 6th at 8:00 a.m. Any church members wishing to join the committee are welcome. We meet in the conference room next to Pastor Matheny's office.

Submitted by Caroline Romaine

Women's Guild

Our December meeting was our annual Christmas Party. We had great food, drew some spectacular art and played a mean game of Take-Away Bingo. There was no business meeting.

Thank you to all who made cookies and to everyone who bought them. We made \$188.50 for the Camp Scholarship Fund.

Our next meeting is January 2nd at 7:00 pm. We will be planning the Women's Sunday Worship Service for February. Come join us.

Submitted by Lisa Graveen

Count Your Blessings

If you reduced the world's population down to 100 people, 57 (or 57 percent) would be Asians, 21 would be Europeans, 14 would be from the Western Hemisphere and eight from Africa.

Among those 100 people would be 52 females and 48 males. Seventy people would be nonwhite; 30 would be white. Seventy would be non-Christian; 30 would be Christian. Six people would possess 59 percent of the world's wealth, and those six would all be Americans.

Eighty people would live in substandard housing, 70 would be unable to read and 50 would suffer malnutrition. Only one

State of the Church

Income & Attendance

General Fund Activity

<i>November 2007</i>		
<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Income</u>
11/4	72	3,040.50
11/11	63	1,113.00
11/18	74	1,020.00
11/25	67	1,398.00
Total Offerings:		6,571.50
Year-to-Date Income:		102,775.17
November Earmarked*:		10.00
<i>*Neighbors In Need</i>		
November Earmarked*:		95.00
<i>*SE Association</i>		

<i>November 2007</i>	
<u>Checking</u>	
Balance Forward	2,351.52
Deposits	6,573.55
Transferred from (to) general savings	0.00
Total available	8,925.07
Disbursements	
Personnel	5,655.61
Operations	2,750.49
Program	111.89
Benevolence	0.00
Earmarked	107.00
Total Disbursements	8,624.99

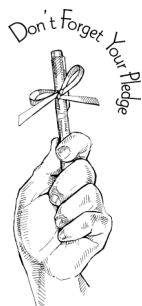
Balance 11-30-2007 300.08

Current Account Balances

Checking	300.08
Savings	
Savings Account Total	18.65
Mission Trips-Earmarked	(2,185.31)
Parking Lot-Earmarked	(3,235.75)
Available to General Fund	(5,402.41)

Disbursements Due 12-31-2007 **10,634.73**

Submitted by Mike Szymik, Treasurer



Please remember to return your pledge card for 2008 as soon as possible. Thank you!

Submitted by Cherie Bersch, Financial Secretary

Other News and Notes

Very Special Thanks

To everyone who helped make the Sunday School Christmas program so special – *We Thank You!*

Annual Reports of Committees

Just one more reminder that committee reports that are to be included in the Annual Report are due to the church office by January 7, 2008, so that the Annual Report can be prepared and distributed to members in time for our Annual Meeting on January 27, 2007.

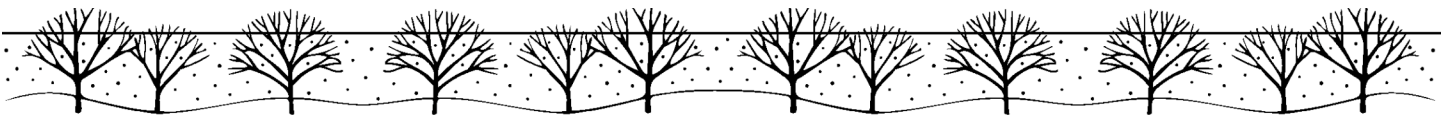
In The Event of Severe Weather

Any cancellations of worship services or other activities at St. John can be found by watching local television channels 4, 6, 12 & 58 (they also post this information on their respective websites), as well as by accessing the St. John website – www.stjohnuccgermantown.org.

Remember . . .



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Sunday Worship
Service**



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