

# NOVEMBER 2008

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### **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

Information for the Heartbeat is due the **10<sup>th</sup> of each month.**

You may turn in a paper copy at church or e-mail your information to [\*\*stjohnucc53022@sbcglobal.net\*\*](mailto:stjohnucc53022@sbcglobal.net)

## **HEARTBEAT NEWS**

*St. John United Church of Christ*

the little church with  
a big heart



### **Pastor's Message**

historically rooted  
branching toward the future

Dear St. John Family,

November will be an important and busy month. On November 4<sup>th</sup> we will be electing a new president. I hope you will study the various issues of the election and then vote on that day. Don't forget that Our Saviour's has delicious chili available from 11:00 to 7:30 that day. Tickets are available in our church office or at the door.

It is also Stewardship month. You have received material in the mail regarding this year's campaign, entitled "The world of the generous gets larger and larger." The writers of the material make a good point when they say if we give because we're grateful, we won't give when we're not. The motivation for giving should be praise to God who is worthy of all our praise. This focuses our attention not on ourselves, but God. My goal and I hope your goal in your Spiritual Life is to be God centered, and not "me" centered.

At the end of the month we will have our tree trimming, caroling to our shut-ins and begin the Advent Season. It's my favorite time of year and we are planning special music and activities to provide inspiration and fellowship for all ages.

I pray God will be with you in these uncertain financial times and will meet all your needs through His abundance.

God's best to you,

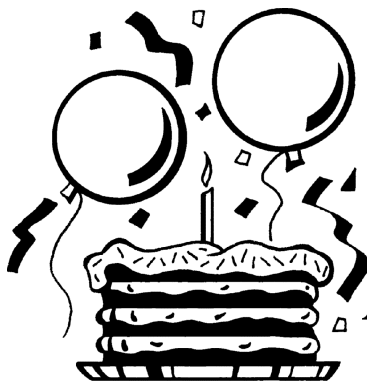
Pastor Michael J. Matheny, Sr.



# Of Note

## November Birthdays

- |                         |                    |
|-------------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Tracey Vanderschaegen |                    |
| 3 Richard Wallander     | 19 Dana Lemke      |
| 5 Donna Matheny         | 21 Colten Thomas   |
| 8 Marilyn Boettcher     | 23 Carolyn Truman  |
| 9 Dennis Beck           | 25 Merry Lison     |
| 12 Mary Hontros         | 27 Jennifer Wagner |
| 13 Karen Roskopf        |                    |
|                         | Kelly Page         |
| 14 Susan Burch          |                    |
|                         | Patrick Lemke      |



Birthdays &  
Anniversaries  
This Month!

## November Anniversaries

- |                                      |            |
|--------------------------------------|------------|
| 1 John & Julie Poulakos              | (30 years) |
| 4 Joe & Leslie Bausch                | (14 years) |
| 11 Dennis & Sue Beck                 | (36 years) |
| 17 John & Judy Park-Schlenz          | (24 years) |
| 27 Scott & Jackie Bowlin             | (26 years) |
| 28 Allen & Jackie Harcourt Spalsbury | (15 years) |

*If someone's birthday or anniversary is missing or if the date is incorrect, please notify Mary Ann Toth*

## Please Remember

### Wedding Bells for:

Ashley Koedinger & Jake Skrober were married September 20, 2008 at St. John UCC.

Ashley is the daughter of Jim & Jean Koedinger. Jake is the son of Daniel & Kim Skrober.

Jessica Ziesemer & Jesse Schaetzel were married September 26, 2008 in Hubertus. Jessica is the daughter of Phil & Mary Ziesemer. Jesse is the son of John & Sheila Schaetzel.

Katie Pieper and David Paape were married October 4, 2008 at St. John UCC. Katie is the daughter of Rollie & Suzanne Pieper. David is the son of Mark Paape & Cheryl Seidal.

### New address

Jacob and Ashley Skrober  
333 Humar Street, Apt. #6  
West Bend, WI 53095.

### New Phone Numbers

Curt & Nola Witzlib	Lorena Handlos
262-297-4175	262-334-3419

### Sympathy

Sympathy to the family of Joan Schaetzel; her brother-in-law, Roland Lang was called to his Eternal Home on September 24, 2008.



# Upcoming Events & Information

## A Sincere Thank you

"I just want to thank you for the beautiful plaque you gave in my name to the church. It was very nice of all of you.

Naming the Christian Education (conference) room after me was an unexpected surprise, but an honor at the same time I have enjoyed teaching the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders even though at times it was a challenge.

I feel that there are many people in this church who have given so much of their time and energy over the years; that if everyone was given a plaque they would cover the walls of the Christian Education (conference) room."

Sincerely,  
Shirley Fraederich

## Get Your Scrip Here!!

Our Scrip Program is underway!!! What a great way to help our church earn money from your everyday spending! If you regularly buy groceries, gas and clothing for your family, you can help your church family at no extra cost to you by purchasing Scrip cards to pay for these everyday expenses. St. John gets a percentage of the sales as profit and everybody wins!! With the holidays coming soon, consider giving gift cards as gifts this year. Most major retailers are available including The Gap, JC Penny, Lands End and Best Buy as well as restaurants, gas stations and grocery stores. Go to [shopwithscrip.com](http://shopwithscrip.com) and see for yourself. Contact Amy Witzlib at [stjohnuccorders@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnuccorders@gmail.com) or call 262 502-1835 for more information. Thank you!!

## Events

### Meetings

- **Worship Committee Meeting – Sunday, Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 11:15am**
- **Christian Ed. – Thursday, Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm**
- **Outreach Committee Meeting – Sunday, Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>, 9:00am**
- **Church Council – Thursday, Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm**
- **Trustee Meeting – Sunday, Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>, 6:00pm**

### Activities

- **7:00pm Wednesday, November 5<sup>th</sup> is the Women's Guild Meeting**
- **9:00 Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup> is an All-Church Cleaning**
- **November 7th is World Community Day for Church Women United. The service is at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, ELCA, W156 N8131 Pilgrim Rd., Meno. Falls, WI , on Pilgrim Road**
- **10:45am – Registration**
- **11:00am – Bible Study**
- **12:00pm – Lunch – NO Bag lunch needed. A light lunch will be served.**
- **1:00 – Worship – "God's Wisdom Sets Us Free"**

**\*\*RSVP – please call Marj Krueger, 262-670-6910 or Mary Ann Toth, 262-251-0365 with the number of women coming from your church by October 31, 2008**

- **November is the month in which items for The Friends of Abused Families of West Bend are needed. They are in need of cleaning supplies, personal hygiene items, gift certificates for hair salons, restaurants, movie theaters, Wal-Mart, K-Mart, Target, and Pick N' Save, gas cards, taxi vouchers, and cash donations.**



## Greeters, Ushers & Liturgists

<b>Sunday, November 2, 2008</b>	<i>Greeter:</i> Ellen Van Maastricht <i>Ushers:</i> Ken & Joan Schaetzel <i>Communion Ushers:</i> Bill Kaiser, Al Pfeil, Chris Pickett <i>Liturgist:</i> Joan Schaetzel
<b>Sunday, November 9, 2008</b>	<i>Greeters:</i> Tom & Polly Weber <i>Ushers:</i> Mike & Patti Fischer <i>Liturgist:</i> Bill Kaiser
<b>Sunday, November 16, 2008</b>	<i>Greeters:</i> Virginia Wendt <i>Ushers:</i> Donna & Lillianne Tess <i>Liturgist:</i> John Schaetzel
<b>Sunday, November 23, 2008</b>	<i>Greeter:</i> Rose Allen <i>Ushers:</i> Carol Vanderlois and Mike Szymik <i>Liturgist:</i> Matt Lison
<b>Sunday, November 30, 2008</b>	<i>Greeter:</i> Karen Becker <i>Ushers:</i> Rich & Cherie Bersch <i>Liturgist:</i> Cheryl Maederer

If you want to help with being a Greeter, Usher, or Liturgist, or be taken off of the list please notify Mary Ann Toth at 262-251-0365.

**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 October 9th, the St. John Church Council:

- Authorized earmarking 10% of the Craft Fair profits (\$800.00) for Mission Alive.
- Agreed to send Mary Johnson and one other St. John member to a two-day membership growth workshop (Bring 'Em In) in Stevens Point, at a cost not to exceed \$400.00 for registration, travel and lodging.
- Approved the use of the sanctuary for the Olson/Schwartz wedding on June 27, 2009 at 4:00 pm.
- Approved a request from Allen Toth to use the Fellowship Hall for the Toth/Krueser Christmas Party on December 13, 2008 from 1:00-6:00 pm.

Present: Karen Becker, Cherie Bersch, Mary Johnson, Bob Lehmann, Matt Lison, Jay Schaetzel, Mary Ann Toth and Dick Wallander

Absent: Pastor Matheny and Mike Szymik

Next Council meeting November 13, 2008

Thank you to those who have responded with a special donation to our Maintenance Emergency Fund. We have raised approximately \$700 to offset the \$4,300 costs of our water hook-up. **Any and all special donations to help replenish this fund are greatly appreciated.** We hope to have the water hooked up within the next month.

# Committee Reports

## Outreach Committee

### Mark your Calendars

**Tree Trimming – November 23<sup>rd</sup>** (First Sunday of Advent - November 30<sup>th</sup> )

Please join us following church service to help decorate our church and Trim the Christmas tree in our church to celebrate the upcoming Christmas season Outreach will provide a light lunch.

A sign up sheet will be posted on bulletin board on landing toward Fellowship Hall for Tree Trimming.

**Christmas Caroling – December 7<sup>th</sup> 12:00pm** -

Join us for Christmas Caroling at the Arboretum and Linden Grove. We will be meeting following the service and Fellowship in the Hall at 12:00pm. We will then carpool to the Arboretum at 12:30pm to Christmas Carol, followed by Christmas Caroling at Linden Grove.

A sign up sheet will be posted on bulletin board on the landing toward for Christmas Caroling.

### 2009 Entertainment Books Available

2009 - Entertainment Books are on sale now until December 2008. The cost is \$35.00 per book. Adult Fellowship will get \$7.00 per book we sell. Entertainment Books for different cities are available. For more information go to Entertainment.com. Contact Jeannie Lehmann for more information 262-251-1756.

### Fellowship

Please consider signing up for Fellowship following church services in our Fellowship Hall (there is a clip board with the sign up sheet located near the kitchen) Dates for Fellowship that need to be filled are November 9<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> and December 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. Join us after church. All members / friends are welcome. Any questions contact Amy Witzlib at 262-502-1835.

### Volunteers needed:

Volunteers will be needed to provide rides to church for members who do not have transportation to / from church. Please contact Pastor Matheny or A.J. if

interested in volunteering at 262-251-0640.

**The next Outreach Committee meeting is Sunday November 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am. 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

## Christian Board of Education

The CBE met on Tuesday, Sept. 23. We welcome more members to join us in planning the Christian Education of our children. The board meets every other month for about one hour. The more on the board, the more ideas and input we have in our planning. If you are willing to help in any way, please contact Bob Lehmann.

We finalized our Sunday school schedule for the coming year. Copies are available in the Narthex. We are still recruiting teachers and substitutes for the next school year. If you are interested in teaching any section, please contact Connie Ellingson (262-790-2664 or [bcellingson@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bcellingson@sbcglobal.net)).

Rally Day was a great success. The kids loved the animals and the speakers gave us all something to think about. Our thanks go to the Outreach Committee for hosting the Ice Cream Social following the service.

This year's Christmas Program is being led by Chelsea Johnson. Additional senior high students are helping her teach the students the dance moves for the program; Mary Johnson has agreed to be the adult advisor. Please give Chelsea and her assistants your full cooperation. We look forward to seeing what our youth have prepared for us to celebrate this special occasion.

The next CBE meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, Nov. 6, at 7 PM**, in the Fraederich Education Center. We will be discussing plans for the Christmas program and teacher recruitment for next semester's schedule. Everyone is welcome to attend the meeting.

Submitted by Pamela Hansen Ruben

## Craft Fair Committee

Despite our rainy weather, we had a very successful Fair this year! While some vendors opted not to come because of the weather, we sold 56 booths which was the highest number we've had for a few years. Our attendance wasn't too negatively impacted based on strong sales in the bakery, kitchen and theme basket and other areas.

In fact, in spite of the weather, we have been blessed to be able to make our largest contribution to the church in many years! We realize that the generous efforts of our church family are what make this large event such a success. We thank EACH of you!!

God has really blessed us to have such caring members at St. John who work together to make this event a positive reflection of our church in the community.

Just a reminder to those of you who might still have the yards signs we use to advertise the Fair; don't forget to return them and cross your name off the sign up sheet.

We are always looking for volunteers interested in being a part of the planning of the Fair. The planning committee will meet in January to start planning for 2009. Watch for more information then or let Merry Lison know that you are interested in joining.

Submitted by Merry Lison

## Worship Committee

The Worship Committee met on October 5. We reviewed the previous services and discussed the Youth Sunday Service to be held on October 19. Mary Johnson is coordinating this with Pastor Matheny. Jane is still looking for more members interested in the Hand Bell Choir. As soon as she obtains the bells, she will demonstrate them in church.

Thanks to Carrie, Jay and Joan Schaezel for decorating the sanctuary for fall. A sign-up sheet will be forth coming to order poinsettias for the Advent Season. Please watch for it to help beautify the church! We discussed the Thanksgiving Service and a possible Heritage Sunday. We also tentatively set February 8 as

Women's Sunday. These services will be verified with Pastor Matheny.

Our theme basket "We All Scream for Ice Cream" for the fair was successful generating 110 tickets. Thanks to all our committee members for their donations. Our next meeting will be Sunday, November 2 at 11:30 a.m. Please join us.

Submitted by Joan Schaezel

## Women's Guild

Our October Meeting saw us planning for the future months. The November 5th meeting we will be putting the Thanksgiving baskets together for our shut ins. We will be making six baskets. A sign up sheet has been posted for your help in filling these baskets. November 7th is World Community Day for Church Women United. The service is at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, ELCA, W156 N8131 Pilgrim Rd., Meno. Falls, WI , on Pilgrim Road, just south of Appleton Ave. See "Events" for details

November 8th is Church Cleaning Day starting at 9:00 am. Please bring your cleaning supplies with you. Our Christmas Party is December 3rd. Watch next month for sign up sheet and details on the party. And December 7th will be the annual Christmas Cookie Sale. Please make 3 dozen or more of the same cookie. Bring to church on Saturday December 6th by noon. Please no cookies that need refrigeration.

Come and Join us on November 5th at 7:00 PM

## Other News and Notes

### HANDBELL CHOIR

The Worship Committee has asked for a Handbell Choir. A set of handbells have been acquired, now all we need is people willing to take the time and energy to put together a choir. You don't need to be able to read music, but you will be asked to count, (usually to four). If you are interested in joining the choir a sign-up sheet will be posted for you to put your name and phone number. Rehearsals are being planned for before church services, beginning at 9:15 and should last around 30 minutes. A minimum of 6-7 people are needed who can commit to meet at least 2-3 times per month. There will be 4-5 performances during the year, including Christmas and Easter/Lent. Age is not a factor – whether you're young in age or young in heart, you would be welcome. Contact Jane Etnyre at 414-462-8146.

### Heartbeat Newsletter Update

A.J. Schroeder, our St. John Church secretary, has taken over as editor of the Heartbeat Newsletter. That means that any items that members wish to have included in the newsletter can be delivered to the church office or e-mailed to [stjohnucc53022@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stjohnucc53022@sbcglobal.net).



**Do we have your e-mail address? If not, you are missing out on the weekly news from St. John!**

# State of the Church

## Income & Attendance

**September 2008**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Income</u>
9/7	86	5,051.70
9/14	78	1,231.00
9/21	63	949.00
9/28	66	1,525.75
Total Offerings:		8,757.45
 <b>Year-to-Date Income:</b>		 91,999.63
Earmarked*:		3,304.70
*Our Saviour's Pastor Expenses		
Earmarked*:		10.00
*Sports Camp Registration		60.00
*Neighbors in Need		55.00

Submitted by Cherie Bersch, Financial Secretary

## General Fund Activity

**July 2008**

<u>Checking</u>	
Balance Forward	546.59
Deposits	8,757.45
Transferred from (to) general savings	0.00
<b>Total available</b>	<b>9,304.00</b>
Disbursements:	
Personnel	7,123.65
Operations	1,678.98
Program	144.96
Benevolence	0.00
Earmarked	0.00
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>8,947.59</b>
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<b>Balance 9-30-2008</b>	<b>356.45</b>
 <b>Current Account Balances</b>	
Checking	356.45
Savings	
Savings Account Total	2,239.49
Mission Trips-Earmarked	(2,185.31)
Parking Lot-Earmarked	<u>(2,957.28)</u>
Savings Avail. to Gen. Fund (amt.owed to pkg. lot)	<u>(2,903.10)</u>
 <b>Total Available to General Fund</b>	 <b>(2,546.65)</b>
 <b>Disbursements Due 10-31-2008</b>	 <b>7,715.73</b>

Submitted by Mike Szymik, Treasurer

Just a reminder to have your pledge & time and talent cards returned by Sunday, November 9th. If you didn't receive a pledge card, there are extra copies in the church office. **One man gives freely, yet grows all the richer; another withholds what he should give, and only suffers want. Proverbs 11:24.**

Your Stewardship Committee