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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 stjohnucc53022@sbcglobal.net

HEARTBEAT NEWS

St. John United Church of Christ

Pastor's Message

Dear St. John Family,

The seasons roll around fast. It hardly seems possible that November is once again upon us...the season we celebrate THANKSGIVING!

Apostle Paul wrote: "Always give thanks for everything to our God and Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." (Ephesians 5:20)

Samuel Johnson hit the nail squarely on the head when he said that "Gratitude is a fruit of great cultivation; you do not find it among gross people."

Doing what comes naturally in life is often gross. Many of the good things in life need cultivating and refining. We are not born with the taste for good music. It must be acquired. Most of us are quite provincial until we begin to travel and we come to appreciate the finer things in other people's way of life. Great art often needs to be researched and studied before one fully appreciates it.

So many things in life need cultivating. Jesus told the story of ten lepers who were healed, and only one showed any kind of gratitude. All the others were gross, insensitive boors who felt that the world owed them a living. They were ungrateful.

Most of us are ungrateful until we cultivate an attitude of gratitude. Thankful people will celebrate this Thanksgiving with gratitude. Instead of coming together with their families to fill their stomachs, they will be fulfilled by exercising a grateful heart.

We should cultivate a grateful heart for all seasons. To help fill your heart with gratitude why not try reading regularly Psalm 107:1-9 during this season of Thanksgiving.

With a Thankful Heart,

Pastor Michael J. Matheny, Sr.

the little church with
a big heart



historically rooted
branching toward the future

Of Note



November Birthdays

- | | |
|---------------------|--------------------|
| 3 Richard Wallander | 18 Jim Hansen |
| 5 Donna Matheny | 19 Dana Lemke |
| 8 Marilyn Boettcher | 21 Colten Thomas |
| 9 Dennis Beck | 23 Carolyn Truman |
| Ethan Sieglaff | 25 Merry Lison |
| 12 Mary Hontros | 27 Jennifer Wagner |
| 13 Karen Roskopf | 30 Ken Ramthun |
| 14 Susan Burch | Joe Bausch |
| Patrick Lemke | |



November Anniversaries

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|------------|
| 1 John & Julie Poulakos | (31 years) |
| 4 Joe & Leslie Bausch | (15 years) |
| 11 Dennis & Sue Beck | (37 years) |
| 17 John & Judy Park-Schlenz | (25 years) |
| 27 Scott & Jackie Bowlin | (27 years) |
| 28 Allen & Jackie Harcourt Spalsbury | (16 years) |

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

Please Remember

Announcements

Ralph and Gisela Bronner are proud to announce their youngest son, Eric, 33, finished Law School, passed the bar, and on October 1, 2009, started as a law clerk for a Federal Judge at the Courthouse in St. Louis. Ralph will tell you all the lawyer jokes he knows!

New address

Michelle Pickett
4260 Bridger Rd. #427
Kansas City, MO 64111

Lisa Hillstrom
625 Algoma Blvd. South Scott Hall Rm.1004
Oshkosh, WI 54901

Danny Schlenz – UW Oshkosh

Amy Wallschlaeger – UW Oshkosh

Ryan Wendt – UW Milwaukee

If anyone's name was missed, please let Mary Ann Toth know – 262-251-0365

Sympathy

To the family and friends of Pamela Hansen Ruben; her Uncle, Glenn Nelson was called to his Eternal home on September 22, 2009

Upcoming Events & Information

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 and see for yourself. Contact Amy Witzlib at stjohnuccorders@gmail.com or call 262 502-1835 for more information. Thank you!!

Events

Meetings

- **Women's Guild Meeting – Wed. Nov. 4th, 7:00pm**
- **Trustee Meeting – Sunday, Nov. 8th, 6:00pm**
- **Preserve Subdivision – Wednesday, Nov. 11th, 6:30-9:00**
- **Church Council – Thursday, Nov. 12th, 7:00pm**

Activities

- **Saturday, November 14, 9:00am is an All-Church Cleaning**
- **November 6th is World Community Day for Church Women United. The service is at St. Luke's Lutheran Church ELCA – 300 Carroll St., Waukesha, WI**

Church Office: 262-542-2545 (next to Public Library)

- **10:30am – Bible Study**
- **12:00pm – Lunch**
- **1:00 – Celebration**

****RSVP – please call Marj Krueger, 262-670-6910 with the number of women coming from your church by November 2, 2009**

- **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.**
- **9:00 am service at Our Saviour's on Thanksgiving Day.**



Greeters, Ushers & Liturgists

Sunday, November 1, 2009	<i>Greeter:</i> Ken & Diane Ramthun <i>Ushers:</i> Bob & Jeannie Lehmann <i>Communion Ushers:</i> Ken Schaetzel, John Schaetzel, Mike Szymik <i>Liturgist:</i> Merry Lison
Sunday, November 8, 2009	<i>Greeters:</i> Ellen van Maastricht <i>Ushers:</i> Donna & Lillianne Tess <i>Liturgist:</i> Joan Schaetzel
Sunday, November 15, 2009	<i>Greeters:</i> Marilyn Boettcher <i>Ushers:</i> Mary Ann Toth and Carol Vanderlois <i>Liturgist:</i> Matt Lison
Sunday, November 22, 2009	<i>Greeter:</i> Virginia Wendt <i>Ushers:</i> Eric & Susan Hillstrom <i>Liturgist:</i>
Sunday, November 29, 2009	<i>Greeter:</i> Rose Allen <i>Ushers:</i> Jay & Carrie Schaetzel <i>Liturgist:</i> Rollie Pieper

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 Mary Ann Toth if you cannot be Usher. Thank You!!

Council Highlights

At its monthly meeting held on October 8, the St. John Church Council:

- Recommended a change in St. John By-Law 32 that would increase the congregational meeting expenditure requirement from \$1,000 to \$2,000
- Approved vacation date requests from Pastor Matheny for October 11-20 and November 2-9.
- **Approved a motion to accept Andy and Betty Boneski as new members during the worship service on November 1st.**
- **Approved a request from the Preserve subdivision to hold their annual meeting in our fellowship hall on November 11th from 6:30 – 9:00 pm.**

Present: Karen Becker, Cherie Bersch, Eric Hillstrom, Mary Johnson, Bob Lehmann, Pastor Matheny, Mike Szymik, Mary Ann Toth and Dick Wallander

Absent: Jay Schaetzel

Next Council meeting November 12, 2009

We will soon have an opening for a cleaning person for the church. This is a paid position. If you are interested in receiving further information about this position, please contact Mike Szymik (414) 355-0954.

Committee Reports

Outreach Committee

World Communion Sunday was held on October 4th, 2009. Following the service by Rev. Richard Pritchard Sr., a potluck dinner was served in the Fellowship Hall. The tables were set with various festive Fall Craft Fair items for sale, along with colorful squash and candy corn. We had 55 members and friends attend the potluck. Thank you to the members who provided the delicious dishes, salads, desserts and hot apple cider.

Mark your Calendars - Upcoming Events

Tree Trimming - Sunday November, 22nd
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. A sign up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board on the landing toward the Fellowship Hall.

Christmas Caroling December 6th - 12:45pm
Join us for Christmas Caroling at the Arboretum. We will be meeting following the service and fellowship in the Fellowship Hall at 12:30pm. We will then carpool to the Arboretum at 1:00pm to Christmas Carol. A sign up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board on the landing toward the Fellowship Hall.

Menomonee Falls Patio Players "A Christmas Carol" Play outing - December 6th, 2009 at 4:00pm

An outing is planned to the Menomonee Falls Patio Player production of the Classic Charles Dickens - "A Christmas Carol". Ticket prices are \$10.00 for adult and \$8.00 for students. Pay in advance by November 8th, 2009. For questions and more information contact Caroline Romaine at 262-255-6146.

Fellowship

Please consider signing up for Fellowship following church services in our Fellowship Hall. (A clipboard with the sign up sheet is

located near the kitchen). Please consider signing up for upcoming dates. Nov. 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th. 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.

T – Shirt sales

T – Shirts and Polo shirts are available for sale. Only adult sizes available. For more information contact Rich Bersch at 262-242-0275.

The next Outreach Committee meeting in Nov TBA . Any church members wishing to join the committee are welcome. We meet in the Fraederich Education room next to Pastor Matheny's office.

Submitted by Caroline Romaine

Worship Committee

Veteran's Day Celebration

On Sunday, November 15, 2009, we will celebrate Veteran's Day by honoring members of the local VFW, and all of our veterans. This will be done at the 10:30 service with a luncheon served after the service for all who attend. We would like to compile a list of our members who are veterans. In that respect, please let Pastor Matheny know if you are a veteran. We ask that everyone attending please sign the sign-up sheet in the stairwell so we can plan accordingly for the lunch. Please join us to honor our vets! Any questions, please contact Pastor Matheny.

Submitted by Joan Schaezel

Craft Fair Committee

St John UCC 24th Annual Fall Fair Art, Craft & Flea Market

This year we had perfect weather for the Fair – lots of sun but not too hot or windy and no bees! We only had 2 no shows for vendors, which is really great. Even though we had many more no shows last year (24, due to the rain), our revenue was down in this area because we sold fewer booths.

Overall our results were down, which could be expected due to the economy. We had lots of attendees but also more lookers, not buyers. Sales were down for most of the raffles but as always, the bakery and kitchen did well. This year, we had over \$1,000 in bakery sales! Special thanks to all the bakers and the buyers!

Soon we will be making our contribution to the church, which is something we couldn't do without YOU! 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. Next year is the 25th annual Fair and we look forward to making the event an extra special celebration! Any ideas you have for promoting this are most welcomed.

We are always looking for volunteers interested in helping plan the Fair. The planning committee will meet in February. Watch for more information then or let Merry Lison know that you are interested in joining.

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.

Submitted by Merry Lison

Women's Guild

Christmas Wish Tree

Do you have a Christmas Wish? A Christmas Wish for our church? The Women's Guild will be sponsoring a "Christmas Wish Tree" this year to help celebrate 100years of Women's Guild. We are asking committees or individuals to put on their "wishing caps" and give us a list, with the name and price of the item and where it can be purchased. These items will be placed on an ornament on our tree in the Fellowship Hall, and then you can take an ornament, purchase the item, place it under the tree, making these wishes come true. If you have any questions, please contact any Guild Member.

Other News and Notes

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 2009

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Income</u>
9/3		vacation Sunday
9/13	67	9,616.18
9/20	62	1,057.00
9/27	78	1,883.72
Total Offerings:		12,556.90
 Year-to-Date Income:		 100,334.12
 Earmarked*:		
*Roundy's Coupons		4,000.00
*Our Saviour's Pastor Expenses		3,387.58
Earmarked*:		
*Neighbors in Need		30.00

Submitted by Cherie Bersch, Financial Secretary

General Fund Activity

September 2009

<u>Checking</u>	
Balance Forward	2,804.52
Deposits	12,556.90
Transferred from (to) general savings	0.00
Total available	15,361.42
Disbursements:	
Personnel	9,614.98
Operations	2,908.65
Program	263.47
Benevolence	500.00
Earmarked	0.00
Total Disbursements	13,287.10
 Balance 9-30-2008	 2,074.32
 <u>Current Account Balances</u>	
Checking	2,074.32
Savings	
Savings Account Total	461.76
Parking Lot-Earmarked	<u>(2,957.28)</u>
Savings Avail. to Gen. Fund (amt.owed to pkg. lot)	<u>(2,495.52)</u>
 Total Available to General Fund	 (421.20)
 Disbursements Due 10-31-2009	 5,992.63

Submitted by Mike Szymik, Treasurer

***One man gives freely,
yet grows all the richer; another
withholds what he should give, and only
suffers want. Proverbs 11:24.***



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