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a big heart



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HEARTBEAT NEWS

St. John United Church of Christ

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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
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Pastor's Message

historically rooted
branching toward the future

Dear St. John Church Family,

As I write this month's letter I am preparing to leave for a Matheny family reunion. I have two brothers and two sisters, and we haven't been together for about six years. At the last reunion, my parents were still living, but now they are both in heaven. Like most of you, we have a lot of memories of our life together. It will be fun reminiscing and being together.

As the years go by you realize how much your family means to you. I am thankful for each of my brothers and sisters and wish that you could meet them sometime.

I'm also looking forward to Sunday, October 4th. It is World-Wide Communion Sunday, and our special guest will be Rev. Richard Pritchard Sr. from Madison, WI, Pritch is my pastor and mentor. I attended his church as a young Christian worker and he encouraged me to attend seminary and his church helped financially during my three years there.

Pritch has a great love for God and people and has been a model for me and countless others. His health has declined in recent years, and he is now almost blind, but still remains active in ministry. I hope you will be able to meet him.

Thanking God for my family & you,

Rev. Michael J. Matheny, Sr.
Pastor & Teacher



Of Note

October Birthdays

- | | |
|-------------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Kathy Manning | 21 Michael Schneider |
| 5 Jeanette Leicht | 26 Matt Lison |
| 6 Joseph Vanderschaegen | 28 Ken Roskopf |
| 9 Lisa Martine | Melissa Koedinger |
| 10 Katie Paape | 29 Kyle Higgins |
| Brad Pieper | |
| Elizabeth Thimke | |
| 12 Bonnie Pfeil | |
| 13 David Taylor | |
| 15 Tyler Ellingson | |
| 19 Scotty Bowlin | |
| Jean Koedinger | |
| Sarah Thimke | |

October Anniversaries

- | | |
|-------------------------------|------------|
| 2 Ken & Diane Ramthun | (55 years) |
| 4 David and Katie Paape | (1 year) |
| 8 Mike & Jennifer Higgins | |
| 11 Andy & Sandy Borucki | (23 years) |
| James & Carolyn Truman | (12 years) |
| Thomas & Polly Weber | (34 years) |
| 13 Ken & Karen Roskopf | (47 years) |
| Charles & Shelly Zodrow | (30 years) |
| 14 Jim & Pamela Ruben | (20 years) |
| 26 Luke & Jennifer Wagner | |
| 28 Warren & Shirley Fraedrich | (59 years) |

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

Congratulations to:

Cory Greguske; he was named to the Dean's List at Lawrence University for spring 2009 semester.

Get Well Wishes to:

Beulah Maderer; she fell and broke her wrist.
Pamela Hansen Ruben; she had a bone spur removed from her shoulder.

Sympathy to:

The Bob Lehmann Family; Bob's mother, Ann Krause, was called to her Eternal Home on September 9th, 2009.

A Note of Thanks

Thank you to those who gave of their time to help out at the Food Pantry. You help to support an important mission in our community.

****Especially needed**** Food Pantry! Items needed are canned spinach, mushrooms, beets, sauerkraut, chili, cream soups (not tomato), canned or boxed potatoes, paper products (toilet paper, tissues), diapers, baby foods, laundry and dish soap, Jello and pudding. Personal hygiene items, laundry & dish soap, & baby food Paper bags are also needed.

Upcoming Events & Information

Neighbors In Need – Another World is Possible

The Neighbors In Need offering, which we receive on Oct. 4th, supports the UCC's ministries of justice and compassion throughout the U.S. Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries to fund a wide array of local and national justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects.

Through UCCTakeAction.org, our national Justice and and Witness Ministries office offers resources, updates and action alerts on a broad spectrum of justice issues. Working with members of the UCC Justice an Peace Action Network (thousands of UCC J & P advocates), Justice and Witness continues its strong police advocacy work on issues such as the federal budget, voting rights, immigrations, health care, hate crimes, civil liberties and environmental justice.

Neighbors in Need also supports our American neighbors in the UCC. One third of the Offering supports the UCC's Council for American Indian Ministries (CAIM). Historically, forebears of the UCC established churches and worked with Lakota, Dakota, Nakota, Mandan, Hidatsa, Arickara, and Hocak in North and South Dakota, Wisconsin and Northern Nebraska.

Today there are 20 UCC congregations on Reservations and one urban, multi-tribal UCC congregation in Minneapolis, MN. These churches and their pastors are supported by CAIM. CAIM is also an invaluable resource for more than 1,000 individuals from dozens of other tribes and nations who are members or other UCC congregations in the U.S.

Enclosed is an envelope for NIN! Let's surpass the amount last year - \$225.00

Events

Meetings

- Youth For Understanding – 12:30-6pm, Sat. Oct. 3rd
- Women's Guild – 7:00pm Wednesday, October 7th
- Church Council – 7:00pm, Thursday, October 8th
- Craft Fair Meeting – 6:30, Monday, October 12th
- Christian Ed. – 7:00pm, Monday, October 12th
- Worship Committee Meeting – 11:30am, Sun. Oct. 18th

Activities

- World Wide Communion Day/Neighbors In Need, Sunday, October 4th
- Stage Craft – Wednesday, October 7th at 7:00pm. Bill Kaiser will be doing a presentation on Stage Crafting - Creating Theatrical Sets. All members are invited to attend. There is no cost to the event and dessert will be served. There will be a sign up sheet located on the bulletin board on the stairway landing for the event. Family and friends are welcome to attend. This event is sponsored by the Women's Guild.

- Gold C Books are now available for \$15.00. Please buy one and support our youth!

* Entertainment Books Now on Sale

Adult Fellowship now has Entertainment Books for sale. The price is \$35.00. Proceeds help offset Adult Fellowship expenses for our Annual Brewer Outing, Falls Patio Players Outing and other activities. Please support our fellowship activities by purchasing one or more books. Sale ends in early December, but you can start using the coupons and other offers on November 1st. For more information, contact Jeannie Lehmann (262) 251-1756.

Celebrate World Communion Sunday October 4, 2009

Over 70 years ago, on November 1, 1936, Communion Day was born. In the winter of 1935, a group of ministers met to study the spiritual needs and possibilities of the church during the dark days of the Great Depression. In the Lord's Supper they saw a great opportunity to unite Christians in dedication to Christ. In 1937, the date of World-Wide Communion Sunday was changed to the first Sunday in October, where it has remained. The word "wide" has since been dropped from the name, giving us the present observance of World Communion Sunday. The day remains as it began: "A great opportunity to unite the membership in dedication to the Lord Jesus Christ." People from the four corners of the world gather together to answer Christ's invitation, "This do in remembrance of me."

Greeters, Ushers & Liturgists

Sunday, October 4, 2009

World Communion Day

Greeter: Rose Allen*Ushers:* Matt Lison and Mike Szymik*Communion Ushers:* Bob and Jeannie Lehmann, Ken Schaetzel*Liturgist:* Merry Lison**Sunday, October 11, 2009***Greeter:* Marilyn Gabrielson*Ushers:* Scott Passineau and Janet Robinson*Liturgist:* Bill Kaiser**Sunday, October 18, 2009***Greeter:* Gayle Johnson*Ushers:* Mike & Patti Fischer*Liturgist:* John Schaetzel**Sunday, October 25, 2009***Greeters:* Jim & Mary Plonka*Ushers:* Rich & Cherie Bersch*Liturgist:* Pamela Hansen Ruben

If you want to help with being a Greeter, Usher, or Liturgist, or if you want to be taken off 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 September 10, the St. John Church Council:

- Earmarked the earnings from our Roundy's coupon fundraiser as follows:

\$ 400.00 Mission Alive

\$1,500.00 Parsonage Property Landscaping Fund

\$ 500.00 SportsLife Camp

\$1,000.00 Christian Education/Youth Group

\$ 600.00 Parking Lot Repairs

- Set Sunday, November 8th at 6:00 pm for the Annual Board of Trustees meeting
- Approved a motion to recommend to the congregation the expenditure up to \$2,400.00 for parking lot repairs at a specially called meeting on September 20th immediately after the worship service
- Approved a request from Girl Scout Troop 2004 to use our fellowship hall on the first Thursday of each month from November through April at 6:00-7:30 pm for their meetings
- Approved a request from Youth for Understanding to use our fellowship hall on Saturday, October 3rd at 12:30-6:00pm for their meeting.

Present: Eric Hillstrom, Mary Johnson, Bob Lehmann, Pastor Matheny, Jay Schaetzel, Mike Szymik, Mary Ann Toth and Dick Wallander

Absent: Karen Becker, Cherie Bersch

Next Council meeting October 8, 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

We now have a new energy efficient refrigerator/freezer in the old church basement. In June the Outreach Committee received a generous donation from a church member towards the purchase of a new refrigerator/freezer. The Outreach Committee provided the additional funds toward the purchase. The refrigerator/freezer will be use for many events such as: Easter Breakfast, Ice cream socials, Craft Fair, Women's Guild and Outreach events.

Report on Brat Fry's - The Outreach Committee held 5 Brat Fry's this summer. The total profit from all the Brat Fry's was \$1200.00. 10% of the profit will go toward Mission Alive the remainder is will be used for different Outreach activities. A special thank you to Lori Flora, Sue Hillstrom, Luke Schaezel and the Outreach Committee for volunteering your time at the Brat Fries. Thanks to all the members who came out to enjoy the Brats & Hotdogs.

Report on the Brewer game outing on September 6th, 2009. The weather was beautiful. We met at church at 10:15am. Tailgated to Milwaukee Co. Stadium parking lot. 47 members, family, and friends of St. John UCC and Our Saviour UCC attended. Many different snacks, salads, desserts were served at the tailgate outing. Game time was at 1:05pm The Brewers played the Washington Nationals. The Brewers won in overtime 2-1. A special Thank you to the Adult Fellowship for organizing this event.

Mark your Calendars - Upcoming Events

October 4th, 2009 – World Communion Sunday - Pot Luck Dinner

On Sunday October 4th we will be having a church Pot Luck following the service to celebrate World Communion Sunday. A sign up sheet will be located on the bulletin board on the stairway landing to the Fellowship Hall. Please sign up to bring a dish, salad, or dessert. We encourage you to invite your friends and families for this event.

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.

Fellowship

Please consider signing up for Fellowship following church services in our Fellowship Hall (a clip board with the sign up sheet is located near the kitchen). Please consider signing up for up coming dates. October 11th, 18th, and 25th. Join us after church. All members/ friends are welcome. Any question 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 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

Christian Board of Education

The Christian Board of Education (CBE) met on Monday, August 24th to discuss teacher recruitment for the fall semester and finalize Rally Day. The board meets every other month and the CBE's purpose is to plan events and support our coordinators and teachers. The next meeting of the CBE is Monday, October 12th at 7 PM. We will be discussing plans for the Christmas program. All are welcome to attend!

Sunday school is using *Seasons of the Spirit* curriculum this year. The fall and spring semesters are broken down into six sessions. Session 1: Sept. 20th to Oct. 18; Session 2: Oct. 25 – Nov. 22; Session 3: Jan. 10 – Feb. 7; Session 4: Feb. 21 – Mar. 28; Session 5: Apr. 11 – May 2; Session 6: May 9th – June 6th. The classes are divided by age: Preschool –K, grades 1-3, grades 4-5, grades 6-7 and youth. If you are able to teach any of our grades this year please contact Lori Flora. All materials will be provided.

Our special thanks to the following who have volunteered to teach Session 1: Lori Flora (Preschool –K); Caroline Romaine and Joan Schaezel (grades 1-3); Karen Becker (grades 4-5); Shirley Fraederich (grades 6-7); and Mary Johnson (youth).

During our Rally Day service on September 13th, our fall teachers were introduced, and the following 4th graders will soon be receiving their bibles: Kailyn Pieper, Colten Thomas, Jessica Stegmayer, Dalton Etzel, Griffan Lietzau, and Kyle Higgins. We are looking forward to another great Sunday school year.

We are still in need of someone to direct this year's Christmas program. If you are willing to lead the program, or assist in any way, please contact Sue Hillstrom (262) 251-3519 or hillstroms@yahoo.com.

Submitted by Sue Hillstrom

Women's Guild

The 2009-2010 programs/meetings for Women's Guild started on September 2. Sure seemed funny to have the first meeting of the year before Labor Day. On October 7th Women's Guild will be sponsoring, Stage Craft, creating theatrical sets, presented by Bill Kaiser. Program starts at 7:00 PM and a sign up sheet is available. The November program will be putting together Thanksgiving baskets for our shut ins. Look for more information next month on how you can help. The Women's Guild 2020 Theme Basket for the Craft Fair will be Fall/Autumn. So as this season turns to winter keep on eye out for fall items on sale. 2009 is the 100th anniversary of Women's Guild at St. John. Congratulations. The Women's Guild will be selling Gold C Books for \$15. Proceeds will go to the Youth Camp Scholarship Fund. See you on October 7th.

Submitted by Lisa Graveen

Craft Fair Committee

A big thank you to all who made this year's Craft Fair a great success!

The results of the Fair were not available before the newsletter deadline, so watch for more information in the November issue.

State of the Church

Income & Attendance

August 2009

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Income</u>
8/2	32	2,331.00
8/9	32	1,906.00
8/16	35	4,456.58
8/23	44	1,690.00
8/30	38	1,908.90
Total Offerings:		12,292.48

Year-to-Date Income: 87,777.22

August Earmarked*: 3,387.58

**Our Saviour's Pastor Expenses*

Pastors Fee's

**Sports Camp Registration* 950.00

Sports Life DVD's 10.00

***Donations for Copier*

Craft Fair 200.00

Women's Guild 250.00

Mission Alive 200.00

Outreach 500.00

Youth Group 200.00

"We Care Program" 1,500.00

General Fund Activity

August 2009

<u>Checking</u>	
Balance Forward	72.52
Deposits	12,292.48
Transferred from (to) general savings	<u>0.00</u>
Total available	12,365.00
Disbursements	
Personnel	6,041.53
Operations	2,879.89
Program	39.06
Benevolence	0.00
Earmarked	<u>600.00</u>
Total Disbursements	9,560.48
Balance 8/31/2009	2,804.52

Current Account Balances

Checking	2,804.52
Savings	
Savings Account Total	461.28
Parking Lot-Earmarked	(2,957.28)

Savings Avail. to Gen. Fund (amt.owed to pkg. lot) (2,496.00)

Total Available to General Fund 308.52

Thanks to ALL these committees!

Disbursements Due 9-30-2009 8,319.01

Submitted by Cherie Bersch, Financial Secretary

Submitted by Mike Szymik, Treasurer



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TIME VALUE MATERIAL