

JANUARY 2011

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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

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Pastor's Message

Dear St. John Family,

One of my favorite songs during the Advent/Christmas season is entitled "My Grown Up Christmas List". The idea behind the song is that as adults our Christmas wishes are different than when we were children. When we were kids, we wanted lots of presents for ourselves. I will never forget one Christmas when we were at my parent's home and my nephew, after opening all his gifts, said, "Is this all I get?"

In this song, the list includes a prayer for no more wars, no more lives torn apart, that time would heal all hearts, and everyone would have a friend. As we grow older, our priorities change and we think of family and friends, and those less fortunate.

I don't know what's on your grown up Christmas list, but mine included an end to the conflict in Afghanistan, and the return of our men and women. It included a prayer for unity and cooperation among the nations of the world as they deal with hunger, healthcare, and pollution. My list includes our church family as well as Our Saviour's. On a more personal level, I wish my son had a different job that provided year round income and that my granddaughter's husband had a better paying job that would be adequate for their needs.

All of us have our own lists, but hopefully our lists are about others, because this is the heart of the Christian faith. God loves and therefore He gives His son. We love therefore we extend love to others. That's what grown-ups do.

God's best to you in the New Year,

Pastor Matheny

the little church with
a big heart



historically rooted
branching toward the future



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 |
| 7 Walt Ruben | Michelle Sardina |
| 8 Eric Hillstrom | 24 Jacqueline Stegmayer |
| 11 Ned Romaine | Greg Schwartz |
| 13 Jeff Wendt | 25 Samantha Wagner |
| 14 Caroline Romaine | Polly Weber |
| 15 Rachel Thimke | 26 Ryan Greguske |
| 16 Laura Steinmann | 27 Jamie Etzel |
| Richard Bersch | 31 Dean Anderson |
| 17 Sue Beck | Gayle Johnson |
| Annaliesa Kubosch | Deborah Biddle |
| Kevin Elinski | |



January Anniversaries

- | | |
|-----------------------------|------------|
| 7 Greg & Chris Pickett | (33 years) |
| 19 Wayne & Michele Sieglaff | (41 years) |
| 28 Mike & Rene´ Sardina | (25 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

To Bette Kaiser; she fell and broke her leg, and is now at home.
To Chris Toth; she fell and fractured her wrist.

Sympathy

To the friends and family of Kathy Maly; her father was called to his Eternal home.
To the friends and families of Mark, Judy, Melissa and Matt Luckow. Mark's father, Wills was called to his Eternal home, Dec. 12, 2010.

Baptism

Izzabella, daughter of John & Stacie Delain, was baptized Dec. 5, 2010 at St. John UCC. Her grandparents are Tom & Polly Weber.

Congratulations

To Emily Romaine graduated Dec. 18th, 2010, from UW Oshkosh, with a Bachelor of Science Degree

Poinsettias From:

- Ken & Joan Schaezel in memory of Harold Schaezel
- Al & Bonnie Pfeil in memory of Viola and Sam Schwartz
- Ned & Caroline Romaine in memory of Curt and LaVerne Romaine and Tony and Delores Miller
- Jay & Carrie Schaezel in memory of Larry and Tulia Schwab
- Dorothy Peterson in memory of Harold Peterson



Upcoming Events & Information



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

- ♥ 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

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Events

Meetings

- Women's Guild – Wednesday, January 5th, 7:00pm
- Church Council – Thursday, January 9th, 7:00pm
- Christian Board of Education – Tuesday, January 18th 7:00pm
- Outreach Committee – TBA
- Spiritual Life Committee – Tuesday, January 25th 9:00am
- Annual Congregational Meeting – Sunday, January 30th 11:30am.

Congregational Meeting



Activities

- Take down Christmas decorations – Jan. 2nd after Fellowship (information under *Outreach Committee News* in this newsletter)



- *Family Fun Night* – Jan. 22nd 6:00-8:00pm
- *In the Coming Months*
- 5th Annual Dartball Nite – Saturday, February 26th 6:00pm
- College Care Packages

Greeters, Ushers & Liturgists

Sunday, January 2, 2011

Greeters: Gary and Mary Johnson
Ushers: Bob and Jeannie Lehmann
Communion Ushers: Ken and John Schaetzel, Karen Becker
Liturgist: Jane Etnyre

Sunday, January 9, 2011

Greeters: Ken and Diane Ramthun
Ushers: Rich and Cherie Bersch
Liturgist: Joan Schaetzel

Sunday, January 16, 2011

Greeter: Sharon Reeder
Ushers: John Schaetzel and Mary Johnson
Liturgist: John Schaetzel

Sunday, January 23, 2011

Greeters: Ned and Caroline Romaine
Ushers: Mary Ann Toth and Matt Lison
Liturgist: Matt Lison

Sunday, January 30, 2011

Annual Meeting

Greeters: Ken and Joan Schaetzel
Ushers: Eric and Sue Hillstrom
Liturgist: Rollie Pieper

NOTE: If you cannot make your commitment or if you want to help with being a Greeter, Usher or Litugist, or if you want to be taken off the list, please call Mary Ann Toth at (262) 251-0365.



Council Highlights

At its monthly meeting held on December 9th, the St. John Church Council:

- Prepared the preliminary budget for final approval at the January Council meeting and action on adoption at the Annual Meeting
- Accepted the appointment of Chris Pickett and Corinne Szymik as co-coordinators of the Scrips Program
- Received the report from the Annual Board of Trustees meeting held on November 14th

Present: Karen Becker, Eric Hillstrom, Bob Lehmann, Pastor Matheny, Jay Schaetzel, Mike Szymik, and Mary Ann Toth

Absent: Cherie Bersch, Mary Johnson, and Dick Wallander

Next Council meeting: January 13, 2011

Reminder: Our Annual Meeting will take place on Sunday, January 30, 2011 immediately following the Worship Service.

PUT SOME HEART INTO IT!

Years ago, following soccer practice, our team would run laps around the playing fields to “cool down”. Some cool down! We would run in single file, at a fairly good clip, for at least a mile, but with this adopted twist: the runner at the rear of the line was required to spring past his teammates to the front of the line.

The moment that runner had arrived in the lead position, the next teammate at the end of the line had to do the very same thing. And so it would continue, over and over, until practice had ended. Any runner who attempted to participate half-heartedly could be assured of an audible encouragement from the coach: “Put some HEART into it!!!” It was exhausting, but it was exhilarating!

When was the last time you experienced a gift to your own church as exhilarating? If it hasn't felt that way in some time, perhaps it's been a little too long since you've considered yourself a leader.

This church of yours, your spiritual home, with all of its strengths and blemishes, needs more than half of your heart, more than your mere leadership. And frankly, don't you, too? Surprise yourself this year by giving more than you usually do! Re-discover the exhilaration of taking the lead.

What better way to take the lead at St. John than to serve on our Church Council this coming year?

Committee Reports

Outreach Committee

A special thank you to all the members who helped put up Christmas decorations for the Christmas season.

Mark your calendars - Up Coming Events:

January 2011

Volunteers needed - January 2nd, 2011 - Tree / decoration take down following the church service. A sign-up sheet will be posted. Please sign – up.

Saturday January 22nd, 2011

Family Fun Night - 6:00pm - 8:00pm

The Outreach Committee is planning a Family Fun Night; Saturday, January 22nd, from 6:00pm – 8:00pm. We will be playing a variety of games Sheepshead, other card games and a variety of board games. We will have an alternative activity of a movie. The movie featured will be August Rush - rated PG. Food will be served. A sign - up sheet will be posted. The evening is of no cost and is sponsored by the Outreach Committee.

February 2011

Culvers Fundraiser - Date TBA

5th Annual Dart Ball Night – Saturday, February 26th, 2011- 6:00pm. More information to follow.

College Care Packages –

The Outreach Committee and Women's Guild will be sending out College Care Packages. This would be for any student of family members or church members who are attending college or graduate school as well as those members in the Armed Forces. In keeping with the theme “ Little church with the Big Heart”. The College Care Packages would include items such as snacks items ie: popcorn, granola bars, gum, toiletries to name

a few. We will be putting the packages together and sending them out to college students in February 2011. We will be needing items donated and volunteers to help assemble the packages.

If you are a student or have a child attending college and would like them to receive a College Care Package, please contact Annaliesa Kubosch at 262-243-9381 or one of the Outreach Committee members. We will need the students name and current address. Look for more information in the February Heart Beat Newsletter.

Fellowship

Many openings are needed for sign up for Fellowship. Please consider signing up following church services in our Fellowship Hall (a clip board with the sign - up sheet is located near the kitchen). Join us after church. All member and friends are welcome. Any question contact Annaliesa Kubosch at 262-243- 9381.

Volunteers needed:

Volunteers will be needed to provide rides to church members who do not have transportation to/from church. Please contact: Pastor Matheny or A.J. if interested in volunteering at 262-251-0640.

Any members wishing to join the committee are welcome. The next Outreach Committee meeting in February TBA. We will be meeting in the Fraederich Education room. Contact Caroline Romaine at 262-385 -1327 for more information.

Submitted by Caroline Romaine

Count Your Blessings

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

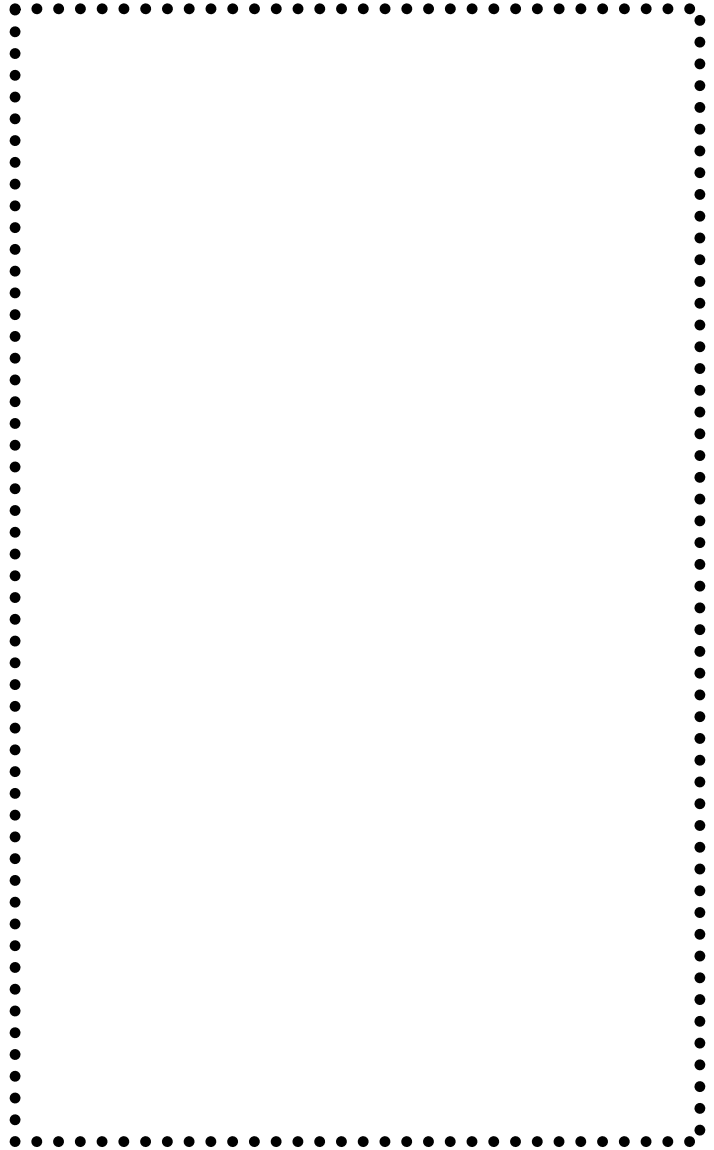
Worship Committee

The Worship Committee would like to thank everyone for participating in the Advent Services. The First Sunday of Advent Service was very well received. Our special thanks to Eric Hilstrom for leading us that day, and Cherie Bersch for her organization of the program.

Eighty people would live in substandard housing, 70 would be unable to read and 50 would suffer malnutrition. Only one person would be college educated, and only one person would have a computer.

If you have food to eat, clothes to wear, and a place to sleep tonight, you are richer than 70 percent of the world's people. Furthermore, if you're alive at this time next week, you won't be among the one million people who died during that time.

Think about your blessings as you start a new year in this most favored and wonderful nation.



State of the Church

Income & Attendance

General Fund Activity

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Income</u>
11/7	46	5,327.04
11/14	50	1,188.00
11/21	47	1,104.00
11/28	60	1,278.54
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Total Offerings:		8,897.58
Year-to-Date Income:		107,364.73
November Earmarked*:		20.00
<i>*Christmas Flowers</i>		
November Earmarked*:		3,387.58
<i>*Our Saviour's Pastor's fees</i>		

<u>November 2010</u>	
Checking	
Balance Forward	2,614.89
Deposits	8,897.58
Transferred from (to) general savings	0.00
Total available	11,512.47
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Disbursements	
Personnel	6,608.23
Operations	1,447.78
Program	194.36
Benevolence	0.00
Earmarked	600.00
Total Disbursements	8,850.37
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Balance 11-30-2010	2,662.10

Submitted by Cherie Bersch, Financial Secretary

<u>Current Account Balances</u>	
Checking	2,662.10
Savings	427.17
Total Available	<u>3,089.27</u>
Earmarked	5,250.00
Available to General Fund	(2,160.73)
<i>(Total Available less Earmarked)</i>	
Disbursements Due 12-31-2010	12,162.11

Submitted by Mike Szymik, Treasurer

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 7th, so that the Annual Report can be prepared and distributed to members in time for our Annual Meeting on January 30, 2011.

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.



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