

JUNE/JULY 2011

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HEARTBEAT NEWS

St. John United Church of Christ

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Pastor's Message

Dear St. John Family,

In my mind June is the official start of summer. This June brings us several opportunities to worship, recognize the achievements and serve others.

On June 4th we have the opportunity to support the fight against Ovarian cancer by running or walking in Laura's Smile Mile. This event is in support of Laura David who is a member of Our Saviour's UCC, and has been battling this disease for several years. If you have an interest in participating or donating you can call the church office for details.

June 5th is the last day of Sunday School and we will be honoring our teachers and graduates. An ice cream social will follow the service in the fellowship hall.

Sunday, the 19th will be the start of the combined worship services with Our Saviour's for the first six weeks. The services will be at Our Saviour's. Donna and I will be in CT that Sunday so Rev. Russ Knoth will be speaking. Special music will be provided by a guest soloist.

The first Brat Fry will be on the 10th. If you've never stopped at the booth located outside the Germantown Pick n' Save, you should plan to stop and enjoy a brat, burger or hot dog and enjoy visiting with the volunteers from St. John. They serve from 10:00am – 3:00pm.

I hope you will plan to attend the worship services during the summer. Our Saviour's is a beautiful church with wonderful people, we will have special music throughout the summer and the messages will be helpful to you as you seek to grow in your understanding of God's love.

*With Christ's love,
Pastor Matheny*



Of Note

June Birthdays

| | |
|----------------------|---------------------|
| 3 Hannah Schaetzel | 15 Ken Schaetzel |
| 4 Jacob Dettmering | John Schaetzel |
| 8 Lucas Schaetzel | 17 Todd Dettmering |
| 9 Shirley Fraederich | 22 Sue Hillstrom |
| 12 Ralph Bronner | Sarah Hillstrom |
| | 30 Megan Dettmering |

July Birthdays

| | |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| 3 Shelly Zodrow | 19 Diann Schaetzel |
| 5 Sierra Thomas | 22 Karen Becker |
| Judy Park-Schlenz | Sam Schneider |
| 6 Carrie Schaetzel | 23 Candy Huth |
| John Bach | 24 George Marsh |
| 9 Emily Romaine | 26 Greg Pickett |
| | 27 Bette Kaiser |

June Anniversaries

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|----------------------------------|------------|
| 3 Rich and Cherie Bersch | (44 years) |
| 14 David Klemish & Sherry Palmer | (31 years) |
| Jim & Jean Koedinger | (26 years) |
| 17 Bob & Jeannie Lehmann | (39years) |
| 20 Mike & Corrine Szymik | (24 years) |
| 25 Mark & Judy Luckow | (28 years) |

July Anniversaries

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|-------------------------|------------|
| 10 Eric & Sue Hillstrom | (29 years) |
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If someone's birthday or anniversary is missing or the date is incorrect, please notify Mary Ann Toth. Thank you!

Please Remember

Congratulations to -

Jake and Ashley Skrober; Blaine Erich was born on April 29, 2011. Brother for Audyn. Grandparents are Jim & Jean Koedinger.

Graduations

Lauren Kubosch will be graduating from Homestead High School and plans to attend UW Milwaukee.

Sympathy

To the family and friends of Jean Koedinger; her Father, Walter Lemberger, was called to his Eternal Home on April 22, 2011.

To Marilyn Gabrielsen; her brother-in-law, Harold, was called to his Eternal Home on April 24, 2011

To the family and friends of Mike Fischer; his mother, Eleanor, was called to her Eternal home on May 2, 2011. Grandmother of Michelle and Ben; Son-in-law of Laverne Bird.

Sunday, May 22, Megan Dettmering was confirmed. She will presented her statement of faith, and then received the confirming prayer and was accepted as a confirmed member of St. John. A reception to honor her was be held after the service in the fellowship hall.

Upcoming Events & Information

Staying Connected

It's important that we keep our St. John family "connected" as family situations change, while staying mindful of the new laws restricting churches' access to information, and pastors' needs for confidentiality. To help make sure that we can stay in touch with members of our congregation, please consider the following:

As a member:

- Keep a record of your family contact information on file at the church. Call our secretary in the church office for assistance.
- Make your needs and wishes known to your family. Tell them how important it is to you that your church family knows where you are and what you need.
- Notify Pastor Matheny of changes in your situation and your needs.

As a friend:

- Stay in touch with those who no longer attend worship or are unable to do so.
- Honor peoples' right to privacy by *asking them* if they'd like to be on the prayer list or prayed for in worship, rather than assuming this is their wish.
- Respect the vow to maintain confidentiality taken by all UCC pastors at the time of their ordination.

Remember:

Should you or a family member become hospitalized, or if you experience a personal crisis, please call the church office at **(262) 251-0640**, or call Pastor Matheny at home **(414) 351-6542**.

St. John's Family Cares!

Events

Special Services

Combined services with Our Saviour's UCC start at 9:30am on June 19th through July 24th at Our Saviour's UCC. Combined services from July 31st through August 28th, will be at St. John UCC, also at 9:30am.

Meetings

- **Worship Meeting – Sunday, June 5th, 11:30am**
- **Spiritual Life – Thursday, June 9th, 9:00am**
- **Church Council – Thursday, June 9th, 7:00pm**
- **Church Council – Thursday, July 14th, 7:00pm**
- **Annual Board of Elders Meeting – Sun. July 17th, 6:30pm**

Activities

- **Teacher Recognition and Ice Cream Social – June 5th**
- **Brat Fry – Friday, June 10th 10am-3pm**
- **Brat Fry – Saturday, June 25th 10am-3pm**
- **Brat Fry – Saturday, July 16th, 10am-3pm**
- **Brat Fry – Saturday, August 27th, 10am-3pm**
- **Brewer Game – Sunday, July 31st**

In the coming months:

3rd Annual Church Picnic – Sunday, August 14th following worship.

Mark your calendars for this special annual event:

**St. John UCC
26th Annual Fall Country Art and Craft Fair
Saturday, September 10, 2011
9:00 am to 4:00 pm**

Greeters, Ushers & Liturgists

Sunday, June 5, 2011

Greeters: Tom & Polly Weber

Ushers: Ken & Joan Schaetzel

Communion Ushers: John Schaetzel, Chris Pickett, Mike Szymik

Liturgist: Joan Schaetzel

Sunday, June 12, 2011

Greeters: Kay & Jeff Wendt

Ushers: Matt & Merry Lison

Liturgist: Merry Lison

Sunday, July 31, 2011

Greeter: Karen Becker

Ushers: Mary Ann Toth & Dick Wallander

Liturgist: Jane Etnyre

NOTE: If you cannot make your commitment: please call Mary Ann Toth at (262) 251-0365.
Thank You!!

Council Highlights

At its monthly meeting held on May 12th, the St. John Church Council:

- Discussed the security of the Church building and the need to change the door locks. The Maintenance committee has been directed to proceed with changing the locks.
- Discussed the status of the proposed Prayer Garden project.
- Discussed the need to renew the Pastoral Sharing Agreement with Our Saviour's UCC which expires at the end of August.

Present:, Cherie Bersch, Eric Hillstrom, Judy Luckow, Pastor Matheny, Jay Schaetzel, Donna Tess, Mary Ann Toth, and Dick Wallander

Absent: Karen Becker, Sharon Reeder

Next Council meeting: June 9, 2011

Committee Reports

Outreach Committee

Report on Adult Fellowship outing to Menomonee Falls Patio Players – Musical “Annie” Sunday May 1st, 2011 at 2:00pm. 20 members from Our Saviour’s UCC and St. John UCC attended the performance. The performance was wonderful. Following the play 19 members and friends met back at St. John U.C.C. for pizza, beverages and desserts. Pizza was catered by Mancino’s Restaurant. Thank you to Bob Lehmann and Jeannie Lehmann for organizing the event.

Thank you to all the members who volunteered to help during the church “Weed and Feed – church Spring clean-up”. 15 members were in attendance. Various areas of the church were cleaned inside. Outside flower gardens were cleaned and spruced up, bushes were trimmed. A light breakfast and lunch were provided by the Outreach Committee. Winners of the “Special edition” green T-shirts drawings were Kate Wallschlager and Annaliesa Kubosch. The winner of the drawing for a Brewer Game ticket was Karen Becker.

Mark your calendars - Up Coming Events:

June 2011

Please join us at Pick n Save for a delicious Brat or Hotdog – This is a Fundraiser for Outreach, proceeds will benefit future Outreach events and 10% of our sales will be donated to Mission Alive. The proceeds from June sale will be a Fundraiser for Adult Fellowship.

Brat Fry’s dates at Pick n’ Save Located at N112 W16200 Mequon Rd. Germantown

* Friday, June 10th 2011 - 10:00am – 3:00pm (*profit from this Brat Fry will be donated to Adult Fellowship*)
 Saturday, June 25th 2011 - 10:00am – 3:00pm
 Saturday, July 16th 2011 - 10:00am – 3:00pm
 Saturday, Aug. 27th, 2011- 10:00am – 3:00pm

Sign - up to volunteer to help at one or more of the Brat Fry’s. Sign – up sheet will be posted on bulletin board on stairwell landing.

July 2011

**Family Brewer Game Outing –
 Sunday July 31st, 2011 - 10:45am**

Our own Milwaukee Brewers VS. Houston Astros. Game time is 1:10pm. Cost is \$13.00 and Snack or Dish to pass. The \$13.00 gets you – Game ticket, hotdog, soda, inside Miller Park. Plus, snacks, soda, beer, and sweets at the Pre-Game Tailgate and paid parking for cars with 5 or more. A sign – up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board on stairwell landing. Only 50 tickets will be available. So sign up as soon as possible. Payment due by June 5th, 2011.

August 2011

Family Event – 3rd Annual Church Picnic - Sunday August 14th, 2011 following the church service.

In the past two years the Outreach Committee has held our church picnic during the week and in the evening. We thought we would try to have the picnic on a Sunday following the service so more members could invite family and friends to the picnic.

Please join us for our 3rd Annual Church Picnic to be held Sunday August 14th, 2011 following the church service. Food will be provided by the Outreach Committee. We will have a variety of games for all ages. There is no cost to members or friends of St. John UCC or Our Saviour’s UCC. Look for the sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board on the stairwell landing.

Fellowship

Starting July 31st, 2011. Lemonade and coffee will be served during Fellowship. Join us after church. All members 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.

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

Submitted by Caroline Romaine

Craft Fair Committee

The Craft Fair Committee is busy planning for our 26th anniversary this September.

Postcards and flyers/posters are available to promote the fair with potential exhibitors or to post at your favorite businesses or at your place of work. Stop by the office and pick up whatever size works best for you!

We thank Shelly Zodrow for donating a quilt for the Quilt Raffle again this year! It will be on display in the church narthex with exception of the month of August, when it will be part of a display at the Germantown library. Quilt raffle tickets are available for sale at the church office. Please pick up a few packs of tickets and sell, sell, sell! If you'd like a color photo of the quilts to help promote ticket sales, please let Merry Lison know.

Another big draw at the Fair is the theme basket raffle. This year we are looking for baskets with a calendar theme (i.e., a January basket, February basket, etc.) that have items that match the theme of that month. We ask that you please help us by signing up to make one. (The sign up sheet is in the Narthex.) It's a fun activity to do as a family or with friends.

Thanks to those of you who have already donated cash or prizes to the Raffle. For those of you still considering it, we need your help! We can use items/cash for both the adult and youth raffles. If you are interested in making a donation, please let one of the craft fair committee members know.

You will be able to pick up your raffle tickets for selling after church or during office hours. Please pick your packets of tickets up in person and save us the cost of postage we'd have to pay if we mail them.

If you are attending other craft fairs or know someone who would like to exhibit at our fair, please help spread the word to these crafters. Applications can be picked up or e-mailed from the church office or even downloaded from the St. John web site! Don't forget flyers and post cards advertising our Fair to vendors are also available.

Submitted by Merry Lison

Women's Guild

Women's Guild Meeting in May was our planning session for the fall programming. Our next meeting is September 14 (please note the later date, due to the Craft Fair.) Donations are being taken for our Thanksgiving Basket for the Craft Fair. Shady Lane Coupons are for sale until June 30th. Bingo Bash will be August 17 at 12:30 pm. Sign up sheet will be posted. See you there. Have a GREAT SUMMER.

Submitted by Lisa Graveen

State of the Church

Income & Attendance

General Fund Activity

| <i>April 2011</i> | | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| Date | Attendance | Income |
| 4/3/11 | 53 | 5,929.43 |
| 4/10/11 | 90 | 3,075.00 |
| 4/17/11 | 24 | 911.00 |
| 4/24/11 | | |
| Easter 7am | 20 | 799.94 |
| Easter 10:30am | 76 | 1,567.59 |
| <hr/> | | |
| Total Offerings: | | 12,282.96 |
| | | |
| Year-to-Date Income: | | 39,787.24 |
| | | |
| Earmarked*: | | 3,287.43 |
| <i>*Our Saviour's Pastor Expenses</i> | | |
| Earmarked*: | | 60.00 |
| <i>*Easter flowers</i> | | |
| <i>*OGHS</i> | | 320.00 |
| <i>*Prayer Garden</i> | | 2,200.00 |

| <i>April 2011</i> | |
|---|-------------------|
| Checking | |
| Balance Forward | 1,191.17 |
| Deposits | 12,282.96 |
| Transferred from (to) general savings | 0.00 |
| <hr/> Total available | <hr/> 13,474.13 |
| | |
| Disbursements | (11,336.60) |
| <hr/> | |
| Balance 4-30-2011 | 2,137.53 |
| | |
| Account Deposits | |
| Checking | 12,282.96 |
| Savings | 0.00 |
| <hr/> Total | <hr/> 12,282.96 |
| | |
| Current Account Balances | |
| Checking | 2,137.53 |
| Savings | 427.21 |
| <hr/> Total Available | <hr/> 2,564.74 |
| | |
| Earmarked: | |
| Sportslife | 0.00 |
| CBE/Youth | 1,000.00 |
| Prayer Garden | 1,950.00 |
| Parking Lot | 2,300.00 |
| <hr/> Total Earmarked | <hr/> 5,250.00 |
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| Available to General Fund | (2,685.26) |
| (Total Available less Earmarked) | |

Submitted by Cherie Bersch, Financial Secretary

Other News and Notes

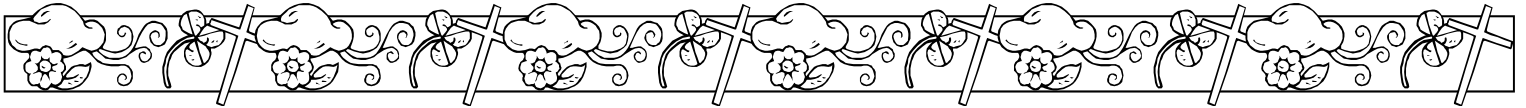
Heartbeat Publication Update for Summer

For the summer months, the *Heartbeat* is only published and delivered twice. June and July will be combined into one issue. Therefore, the deadline for submitting information to be included in that issue will be May 10th. The deadline for the August issue will be July 10th.

Dreams

"So many of our dreams at first seem impossible, then they seem improbable, and then, when we summon the will, they soon seem inevitable."

-Christopher Reeve



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