

**SEPTEMBER 2011**

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**Worship & Sunday School  
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# HEARTBEAT NEWS

*St. John United Church of Christ*



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## ***Pastor's Message***

Dear St. John Family,

We are starting our Fall schedule with several important and fun activities. On September 10<sup>th</sup> we will be holding our annual Craft Fair. This is a great time to meet people from our community and raise money for our church. The Craft Fair committee has been working on this for many months and there will be many volunteers donating things and helping on that day.

September 11<sup>th</sup> is Rally Day. Our special guest will be Edwin Joseph from the island of Trinidad. He will be playing the steel drums and sharing about life on that island.

Our annual Golf outing will be on the 24<sup>th</sup> at Riversbend Golf course. The cost of the golf and lunch is \$20.00. Please contact Rollie Pieper @ 262-677-1001, or call the church office to sign up. It's always a great morning of fun and fellowship.

The success of our Fall season is dependent on each of our members. If all of us will determine to participate in weekly worship, volunteer for the choir, for fellowship activities, to be liturgists and teachers we will continue to be a place of spiritual growth and outreach.

Keep me and our church family in your prayers each day. God can do more than we can imagine.

*God's best to you,  
Rev. Michael J. Matheny, Sr.  
Pastor*



# Of Note

## September Birthdays

- |                  |                        |
|------------------|------------------------|
| 1 Jessica Biddle | 20 Craig Thomas        |
| 2 Gary Johnson   | 22 Alexis Toth         |
| 5 Ryan Wendt     | Lillianne Tess         |
| 8 Elise Kubosch  | 23 Jordan Schaetzel    |
| 12 Sherry Palmer | 26 Diane Ramthun       |
| 13 Mary Johnson  | 28 Jennifer Schneider  |
| 15 Sharon Reeder | 29 Michelle Pickett    |
|                  | 30 Kelly Wallschlaeger |

## September Anniversaries

- |                                 |            |
|---------------------------------|------------|
| 8 Craig & Andrea Thomas         | (11 years) |
| 11 John & Sheila Schaetzel      | (40 years) |
| 20 Jacob & Ashley Skrober       | (3 years)  |
| 22 Mike & Ann Wallschlaeger     | (21 years) |
| 23 Ken & Joan Schaetzel         | (50 years) |
| 24 Rev. Michael & Donna Matheny | (45 years) |
| 30 Patrick & Jill Lemke         | (16 years) |

**Reminders:** Please remember to bring items for the food pantry each week. Especially 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, peanut butter, & personal hygiene items. Paper bags are also needed.

### **PLEASE, CHECK THE EXPIRATION DATES BEFORE YOU DONATE!!**

The Food Pantry cannot accept expired items!

Dates for September are Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> & Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup> in the new building!

## ***Please Remember***

### **Get Well Wishes**

To Lisa Graveen; she had shoulder surgery on August 1, 2011.

To Jim Koedinger: who suffered a heart attack on August 13, 2011, and had five bypasses on August 16, 2011.

To Jim Ruben; he had surgery to remove a brain tumor on August 10, 2011.

### **Sympathy**

To the families and friends of Jacob Skrober; his Uncle Charles was called to his Eternal home on August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2011.

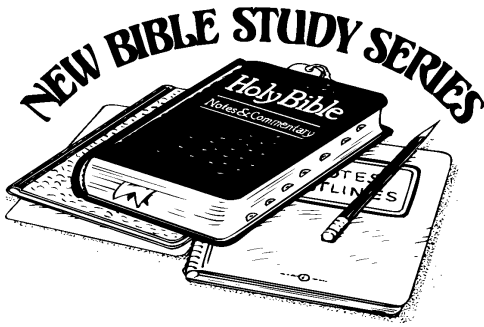
To the families and friends of Joan Schaetzel; her brother, Ralph Reimer, was called to his Eternal home on August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

### **Congratulations**

To Lisa Hillstrom; she was on the 2011 Spring Dean's List Honor Roll at UW Oshkosh

# Upcoming Events & Information

Written by Beth Moore



Kay Arthur Precept Bible Study

## Jeremiah Part 1-You've Forsaken Me: Return and Repent

(Jeremiah chapters 1-24; 9 lessons)

Jeremiah, a prophet appointed by God, spoke a hard message to the people. God's still calling us to listen to His Word. Heeding Jeremiah's message can bring healing and hope to all.

## Jeremiah Part 2-When God's Judgment Finally Comes

(Jeremiah chapters 25-52; 8 lessons)

Will Judah finally heed the warnings of the prophet Jeremiah to return to God, or are they doomed to be taken into captivity?

## Lamentations-Hope and Healing in the Aftermath of Rebellion Against God (3 lessons)

How do people survive when they have no hope? The only true hope Christians have is in the Lord. Study Lamentations and get a glimpse of the God whose compassions never fail.

## Tuesday Evenings

August 30, 2011-March 13, 2012

(no classes November 22-Thanksgiving break, December 6-January 17-Winter break, February 21-Week of Ash Wednesday)

Time: 7:00pm-9:00p.m.

Place: St John UCC, Germantown

Cost: \$48.00

To register please contact Jennifer Andrae

262-675-2449 or jen3125@yahoo.com

## Events

### Meetings

- Outreach Committee – Sunday, Sept. 4<sup>th</sup>, 9:30am
- Church Council – Thursday, Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm
- Women's Guild – Wednesday, Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm

### Special Services

- Rally Day – Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup> 10:30am

### Activities

- Our 26<sup>th</sup> Annual –  
*Fall Country Art & Craft Fair*  
Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 9 am-4 pm



- Rally Day – Sunday Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>  
4<sup>th</sup> graders receive their Bibles; Ice Cream Social following the service, hosted by Outreach Committee
- Culver's Fundraiser – Tuesday, September 20<sup>th</sup> – 10am-10pm
- St. John's annual golf outing – Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at Riversbend Golf Course at 9:30 am  
(find more information elsewhere in this *Heartbeat*)

### In the Coming Months

- World Communion Sunday – October 2, 2011.  
Potluck to follow worship.

## Greeters, Ushers & Liturgists

<b>Sunday, September 4, 2011</b>	<i>Greeter:</i> Carol Vanderlois <i>Ushers:</i> Bill Kaiser and Karen Becker <i>Communion Ushers:</i> <i>Liturgist:</i> John Schaetzel
<b>Sunday, September 11, 2011</b>	<i>Greeter:</i> Marilyn Boettcher <i>Ushers:</i> Bob and Jeannie Lehmann <i>Liturgist:</i> Eric Hillstrom
<b>Sunday, September 18, 2011</b>	<i>Greeters:</i> Marilyn Gabrielson <i>Ushers:</i> Donna and Lillianne Tess <i>Liturgist:</i> Joan Schaetzel
<b>Sunday, September 25, 2011</b>	<i>Greeter:</i> Mary Johnson <i>Ushers:</i> Janet Robinson and Scott Passineau <i>Liturgist:</i> 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 August 11th, the St. John Church Council:

- Reviewed the status of the Pastoral Sharing Agreement with Our Saviour's UCC.
- Discussed the status of the proposed Prayer Garden project.
- Discussed a proposal for new audio-visual equipment for the sanctuary.
- Approved the use of the sanctuary for a wedding and rehearsal on October 28-29.

Present: Eric Hillstrom, Mary Ann Toth, Dick Wallander, Judy Luckow, Sharon Reeder, Jay Schaetzel, Donna Tess, Pastor Matheny

Absent: Cherie Bersch, Karen Becker

Next Council meeting: July 14, 2011

# Committee Reports

## *Craft Fair Committee*

St. John UCC  
 Fall Art & Craft Fair & Flea Market  
 Saturday, September 10  
 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

It's almost time for the BIGGEST FUNDRAISER of the year! We hope you're getting excited about the big day! Be sure to invite your family, friends, co-workers and neighbors. We love a big crowd!

A few reminders:

- \* There's still time to put up a yard sign. Help us promote the Fair to our neighbors.
- \* We need the help of a few men to put out signs the evening before the Fair. Please give a hand if you are able!
- \* We need everyone's participation to make the Fair a success so please fill out a Helping Hands questionnaire, if you haven't already done so. Another copy is enclosed with the newsletter.
- \* There's still time to make a cash donation towards the raffle ticket cash prizes.
- \* Turn in your raffle tickets as soon as possible. Unsold tickets should be turned back in so they can be sold at the Fair. Please turn in your sold tickets by the morning of the Fair if not before.
- \* Last count, we still needed a few more calendar/holiday theme baskets. Please join with family or friends to and make one. The sign up sheet is in the narthex.
- \* BAKERY!! Please package your goodies and list the ingredients (especially nuts). This is a main attraction for the Fair and we need lots of items! Try to have your items at the church by Friday afternoon or early Saturday morning.
- \* Please give suggested prices on the items you donate to the St. John Craft Booth because we don't want to undersell anything. Try to have your items to the church by September 9<sup>th</sup>.
- \* Don't forget to come to the Fair hungry! There'll be lots of good food coming from the kitchen.

Last but not least, come to have a great time! It's a wonderful way to share our church and grounds with neighbors and friends.

See you at the Fair!!

Submitted by Merry Lison

## Outreach Committee

Our fourth Brat Fry was held on Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Our Brat Fry sale profit was \$308.00. As always 10% of all the Brat Fry sales goes to Mission Alive.

A special Thank you to Katie Wallschlaeger and Luke Schaezel for helping during the Brat Fry sale.

Adult Fellowship planned the Brewer Game outing, which was held on July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011. The weather was sunny and hot. Following church service 65 members and friends of St. John UCC; tailgated to Milwaukee Co. Stadium parking lot. Many different snacks, salads and desserts were served at the tailgate outing. Game time was at 1:10pm. The Brewers played the Houston Astros and won 5-4.

A special Thank you to Bob and Jeannie Lehmann for organizing the event.

### Mark your calendars - Up Coming Events:

#### **Culvers Fundraiser - Tuesday September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011 10:00am – 10:00pm**

Join St. John UCC at Culvers Restaurant W188 N9581 Bancroft Dr., Menomonee Falls

Members, friends, neighbors, co-workers and relatives will take coupons to Culvers that day and for every order and coupon received when ordering a meal St. John UCC will receive 10% of the sales profit. **You must have the coupon and present it with your order or we will not receive 10% of the sale.**

Coupons may be used on dining in or at the drive up window. Coupons will be available at church in the church bulletin or on the church website at [www.stjohnuccgermantown.org](http://www.stjohnuccgermantown.org).

All proceeds from this sale will benefit future Outreach events at St. John UCC. See Rich Bersch for more information on the Culvers Fundraiser.

### **Sunday October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2011 - World Communion Sunday – Pot Luck Dinner**

On Sunday October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2011 we will be having a Pot Luck Dinner following church 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 desert to share. We encourage you to invite your friends, neighbors, and families to the Pot Luck Dinner.

### **Fellowship**

Please join us for Fellowship following the Rally Day church service celebration on Sunday September 11th.

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). Join us after church. All members and friends are welcome. Any question contact Annaliesa Kubosch 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 member wishing to join the committee are welcome. The next Outreach Committee meeting is September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 8:30am. We will be meeting in the Fraederich Education room. Contact Caroline Romaine at 262-385-1327 for more information.

Submitted by Caroline Romaine

# State of the Church

## Income & Attendance

## General Fund Activity

July 2011

July 2011

nd waved a large, majestic hand  
 nd gave us sky and trees and land  
 nd gave us birds to chirp each morn.  
 nd stout, yd me rows of big trees  
 rn.  
 nd gave us forests in whose shadows  
 ep  
 eer keep watch as their children sleep.  
 nd gave us clouds of fluffy white  
 shield us from the sun's bright light.  
 God gave us homes to keep us warm,  
 o keep us secure and safe from harm.  
 In short, God gave us all he could;  
 God gave us all things great and good.

Date	Attendance	Income
7/3	n/a	5,376.43
7/10	n/a	923.00
7/17	n/a	330.00
7/24	n/a	1,115.00
7/31	46	2,604.15
	-Unknown	
<b>Total Offerings:</b>		<b>10,348.58</b>
<b>Year-to-Date Income:</b>		<b>66,033.54</b>
<b>July Earmarked*:</b>		<b>3,287.43</b>
*Our Saviour's Pastor's fees		

<b>Checking</b>	
Balance Forward	451.86
Deposits	10,348.58
Transferred from (to) general savings	0.00
<b>Total available</b>	<b>10,800.44</b>
<b>Disbursements</b>	
Personnel	9,198.99
Operations	899.08
Program	94.45
Benevolence	0.00
Earmarked	0.00
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>10,192.52</b>

**Balance 7-31-2011** 607.92

### Current Account Balances

Checking	607.92
Savings	427.33
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,035.25</b>
Summer Sports Camp-Earmarked	(810.00)
Mission Trips-Earmarked	(2,185.31)
Parking Lot-Earmarked	(3,235.75)
<b>Available to General Fund</b>	<b>(5,409.08)</b>

**Disbursements Due 8-31-2011** 6,424.23

Submitted by Mike Szymik, Treasurer

Submitted by Cherie Bersch, Financial Secretary

# Honor Teachers

James Michener, the author of books such as *The Source* and *Hawaii*, was once invited by President Eisenhower to a dinner at the White House. He answered the president with these words:

“Dear Mr. President: I received your invitation three days after I had agreed to speak a few words at a dinner honoring the wonderful high school teacher who taught me how to write. I know you will not miss me at your dinner, but she might at hers.”

President Eisenhower answered Michener by saying, “In his lifetime a man lives under 15 or 16 presidents, but a really fine teacher comes into his life but rarely.”

Remember all of our teachers – they sacrifice their time to prepare lessons, decorate classrooms, teach with loving care, and most importantly, to be “there” for their students.



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