

JANUARY 2012

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NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Information for the Heartbeat is due
the **10th** of each month.

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(Editor A.J. Schroeder)

HEARTBEAT NEWS

St. John United Church of Christ

the little church with
a big heart



historically rooted
branching toward the future

Pastor's Message

Dear St. John Family,

I am writing this letter during Christmas week, so it will be difficult to shift gears and think of January and the New Year.

I hope your Advent-Christmas season was enjoyable and inspirational. I know Donna and I enjoyed various parties, music presentations and worship experiences.

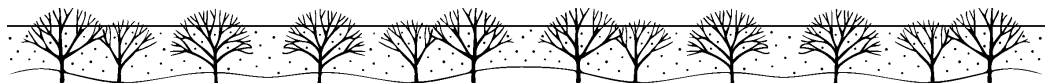
The New Year will bring with it certain predictable things and some that are unpredictable. The unpredictable happenings are the ones that cause us concern and sometimes worry or fear. Who knows what kind of conflicts will erupt in the Mid-East and Asia, or what the financial situation will be in the New Year, or what kinds of medical issues we and or our families will deal with. There are a lot of unknowns.

The one predictable reality will be that our wonderful God will be with us through all of life's experiences. We are not promised good health, prosperity or a lack of problems, but we are promised that God's love, forgiveness, joy and peace and comfort will be with us each day.

With this great truth we can be people of faith, hope and optimism. The saying is true that we don't know what the future holds, but we know who holds the future. May this great truth go with us into the New Year.

God's best to you,

Pastor Matheny



Of Note

January Birthdays

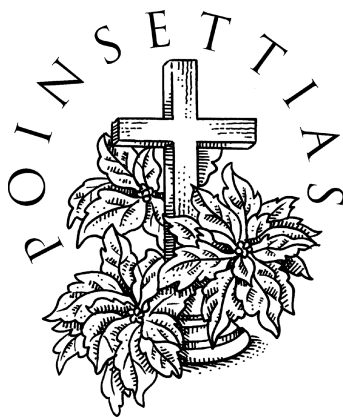
5 Dorothy Peterson	17 Annaliesa Kubosch
6 Bryce Thomas	18 Marge Wundrock
8 Eric Hillstrom	Scott Maly
11 Ned Romaine	23 Suzanne Pieper
13 Jeff Wendt	24 Greg Schwartz
14 Caroline Romaine	25 Polly Weber
16 Richard Bersch	31 Gayle Johnson



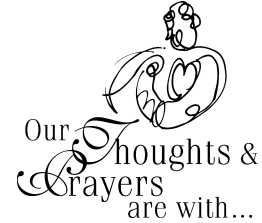
January Anniversaries

7 Greg & Chris Pickett (34 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

Beulah Maederer; she is at Linden Grove for therapy.

Sympathy

To the Dennis Johnson family; Douglas Johnson was called to his Eternal Home.

New Address

Jim and Jean Koedinger
W19132 McDivitt Rd.
Wittenberg, WI 54499

Poinsettias From:

Ken & Joan Schaetzel in memory of Harold and Edith Schaetzel

Al & Bonnie Pfeil in memory of Viola and Sam Schwartz

Ned & Caroline Romaine in memory of Curt and LaVerne Romaine

Elliot & Emily Romaine in memory of Anthony and Delores Miller

Carol Olson in memory of Paul Olson

Larry Powers in memory of Kim Wisz

Karen & Ken Roskopf in memory of Harold and Edith Schaetzel

Jim & Paula Ruben in memory of Bob and Alvina Ruben

Dorothy Peterson in memory of Harold Peterson

Dick Wallander in memory of Mike Wallander

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

(262) 251-0640



Events

Meetings

- Outreach Committee – Sunday, January 8th, 9:00am
- Women's Guild – Wednesday, January 11th, 7:00pm
- Church Council – Thursday, January 12th, 7:00pm
- Worship Meeting – Sunday, January, 22nd
- Annual Congregational Meeting – Sunday, Jan. 29th, 11:30am

Congregational Meeting



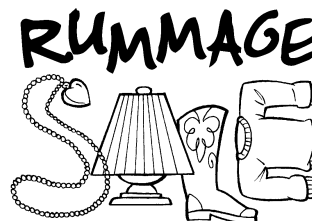
Activities

- Take down Christmas decorations – Jan. 8th after Fellowship (information under *Outreach Committee News* in this newsletter)



In the Coming Months

- 2nd Annual Dart Ball Game – Saturday, February 18th, 6:00pm (information under *Outreach Committee News* in this newsletter)
- St. John Spring Rummage Sale – Friday, April 20th and Saturday, April 21st (information under *Outreach Committee News* in this newsletter)



Greeters, Ushers & Liturgists

Sunday, January 1, 2012

New Year's Day

Altar Communion

Sunday, January 8, 2012

Sunday, January 15, 2012

Sunday, January 22, 2012

Sunday, January, 29, 2012

Annual Meeting

Greeter: Karen Becker

Ushers: Rich and Cherie Bersch

Liturgist: Jane Etnyre

Greeters: Marilyn Boettcher

Ushers: Bob and Jeannie Lehmann

Liturgist: John Schaetzel

Greeter: Marilyn Gabrielsen

Ushers: Marge Wundrock & Diane Daub

Liturgist: Joan Schaetzel

Greeters: Gary Johnson Family

Ushers: Eric Hillstrom & Dick Wallander

Liturgist: Eric Hillstrom

Greeter: Gayle Johnson

Ushers: Ken & Joan Schaetzel

Liturgist:

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 December 8th, the St. John Church Council:

- Discussed the status of the proposed Prayer Garden project.
- Received an update from the Maintenance committee regarding needed roof repairs.
- Discussed the 2011 Board of Trustees annual meeting.

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

Absent: Cherie Bersch

The next meeting of the Church Council is scheduled for January 12, 2012 at 7:00 pm

A Note of Thanks

Thank you to those who helped out at the Food Pantry in November. The time you offer is invaluable in supporting an important mission in our community.

Committee Reports

Outreach Committee

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

On November 27th, 2011, a group of joyful Christmas Carolers - members from St. John UCC, went Christmas Caroling to the Arboretum. A special thank you to Karen Roskopf for accompanying us on the piano. The residents who attend the performance were given a Christmas card from St. John UCC with a Pincredible pin they could wear for the Christmas season.

Up Coming Events:

Volunteers needed – January 8th, 2012 - Tree/decoration take down following the church service. A sign-up sheet will be posted. Please sign-up. February 2012 College / Armed Forces Care Packages – February 5th, 2012

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 assembling the packages together and sending them out to college students on February 5th, 2012. We will need items to be 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 student's name and current address. Look for more information in the February Heartbeat Newsletter.

Culvers Fundraiser - Date TBA. More information in the February Heartbeat Newsletter.

6th Annual Dart Ball Night -

Saturday February 18th, 2012 at 6:00pm. More information to follow.

April 2012

Rummage/Bake Sale-Friday April 20th and Saturday April 21st, 2012

Adult Fellowship - Play outing - "*Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat*" - April 29th, 2012

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). Join us after church. All member and friends are welcome. Any question contact Annaliesa Kubosch 262-243-9381.

Volunteers needed to provide rides to church members who do not have transportation to/from church. Please contact: Pastor Matheny or A.J. if interested 262-251-0640. Any member wishing to join the committee are welcome. The next Outreach Committee meeting date January 8th, 2012 at 9:00am. We will be meeting in the Fraederich Education room. Contact Caroline Romaine at 262-385-1327 for more information.

Submitted by Caroline Romaine

Women's Guild

The Women's Guild Christmas Party "Totally Pot Luck" was a huge success. The food was wonderful and there were no doubles on the dishes. The next business meeting is January 11th, 2012.

Thank you to everyone who brought and bought Christmas Cookies. Our profit was \$234.00.

Submitted by Lisa Graveen

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**Count Your Blessings
Maintenance Committee**

If you reduced the world's population down to 100 people, 57 (or 57 percent) would be Asians, 21 would be Europeans, 14 would be from the Western Hemisphere and eight from Africa. Among those 100 people would be 32 females and 48 males. Seventy people would be non-white, 30 would be white. Seventy would be non-Christian, 30 would be Christian. Six people would possess 52 percent of the world's wealth, and those six would all be Americans. Eighty people would live in substandard housing, 70 would be unable to read and 90 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 are alive at this time next week, you won't be among the one billion people who died during that time. St. John and its needs as we move forward to improve our facility for the future. Think about your blessings as you start a new year in this most favored and wonderful nation.

**Your Maintenance Committee Thanks You
All for your support for this project.**

Community Blood Drive

**Our Saviour's UCC
Lower level Fellowship Hall**

**W172 N12533 Division Road
Germantown**

Tuesday, January 17th

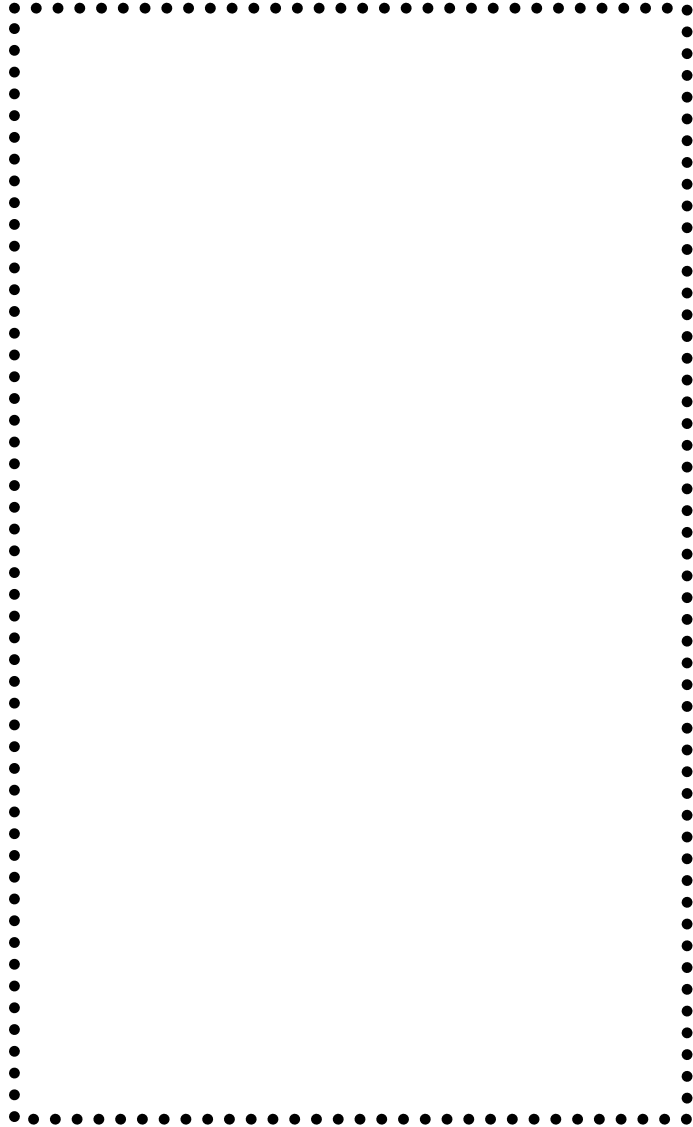
2:00pm – 6:00pm

THE HOPPER FAMILY AS SEEN ON THE GAITHERS TV SHOW

March 17, 2012 - 2 PM
Location: Stephanie H. Weill Center for the
Performing Arts
826 N. 5th Street, Sheboygan, WI

Cost for the group rate of 15 or more: \$15.00
per person
Mode of transportation is carpooling.

If you are interested contact Marge Miller 262
242 2466 or Rev. Matheny



State of the Church

Income & Attendance

General Fund Activity

<u>Date</u>	<u>November 2011</u> <u>Attendance</u>	<u>Income</u>
11/6	46	2,192.00
11/13	34	4,408.43
11/20	45	1,247.00
11/27	47	3,775.00

<u>Checking</u>	<u>November 2011</u>
Balance Forward	479.45
Deposits	13,049.47
Transferred from (to) general savings	0.00
<i>Total available</i>	13,528.92

Total Offerings:	11,622.47
Year-to-Date Income:	107,262.18
Earmarked*:	
*Our Saviour's Pastors fee	3,287.43

Disbursements	
Personnel	0.00
Operations	0.00
Program	0.00
Benevolence	0.00
Earmarked	0.00
<i>Total Disbursements</i>	0.00

<i>Balance 11-30-2011</i>	13,528.92
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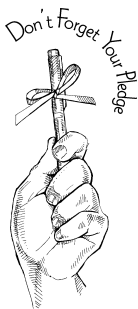
<u>Current Account Balances</u>	
Checking	4,349.00
Savings	<u>2,427.45</u>
Total Available	6,776.45

Earmarked	7,461.10
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<i>Available to General Fund</i>	(684.65)
<i>(Total Available less Earmarked)</i>	

Disbursements Due 12-31-2011	6,086.50
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Submitted by Mike Szymik, Treasurer



Submitted by Cherie Bersch, Financial Secretary

Other News and Notes

Very Special Thanks

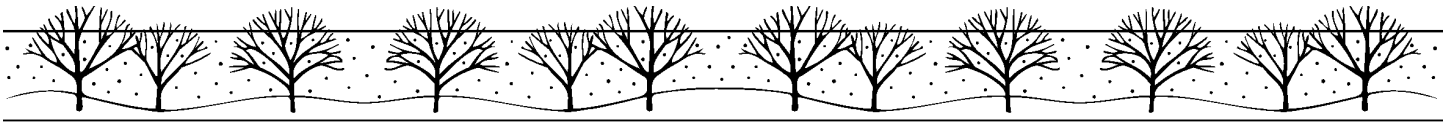
To everyone who helped make the Sunday School Christmas program so special – *We Thank You!*

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 5, 2012, so that the Annual Report can be prepared and distributed to members in time for our Annual Meeting on January 29, 2012.

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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