

to know and proclaim Jesus Christ and as disciples reach out in love

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Worship Times

Saturday 5:15 pm
 Sunday 8 & 10:30 am

Christian Education

Monday Night Study 6:30 pm
 Sunday School (K-6) 9:15 am
 Sunday Adult Education 9:15 am

Coffee Fellowship

Sunday 9:15 am

Office Hours

Monday–Thursday
 8 am to noon
 1 pm to 5 pm
 Friday–8 am to 12:30 pm

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From Pastor Jerry

Grace and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ!

It is never easy to say goodbye. I have had to do that too many times in my ministry. It seems to be one of the hazards of ordained ministry. You have been very gracious to receive me into your congregation and your lives. I am humbled by that priceless gift.

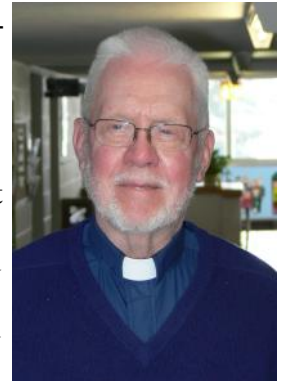
You have many good ministries going on in your midst, and I pray that God will continue to bless and empower you for these and other opportunities that are presented to you. This is not an easy time for the church; it seems to be shrinking in so many ways. But all the more reason for us to be faithful and claim all that God is doing through us in our section of the world. As James reminds his readers in the first chapter of his letter, “Be doers of the Word, and not merely hearers.” And in the second chapter of his letter we are reminded that “faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.”

Stand fast in the faith, not only with your words, but with your actions; that is what

witnesses to the power of the faith that has been implanted in you. There have been and are always attempts to stamp out the faith, but courageously do what God wants and what our faith encourages, and the world will see and hear how God’s rule has come among us.

I will continue to pray for you and your ministry. I ask the same of you for me. I will be doing ministry at First Lutheran Church in Stoughton. I served that congregation for a period of time around 1970, so it will be in a way like going home. My primary responsibility will be with homebound and hospital visitation.

Again, thank you for welcoming me and my ministry and making me feel a real part of the St John family. I have been blessed to be among you.



Away in the Basement



At the Cal Center

**Tuesday, November 29, 2011
 2 pm & 7 pm**

We have tickets available through the office for a group rate price of \$25. Also, there will be a potluck at church in Fellowship Hall at 5:00 pm on the 29th for any who wish to join us before or after the performance. For more information call the office or Patty Sauey.

Church Potluck at 5 pm

Annual Meeting

Sunday, November 20, 9:15 am, between services in the Sanctuary.

Forums: 9:15 am, Nov 6 & 13

Congregational Council Meeting October 11, 2011—7pm

Meeting was called to order, and opened with devotions by Migs Percy

Ben Berg, director of Youth and Family, shared highlights of the activities that have taken place during the summer and, thus far, this fall.

Mission trip to Minnesota in July – 11 youth attended. The group worked in a soup kitchen, also at the *Feed My Starving Children Center*. They attended the Sonshine Music Festival in Willmar, Minnesota the last half of the week, where they were introduced to many Christian bands and music that they didn't know. (Ben is now organizing the CD music library at St. John, which will be placed in the adult library where anyone can sign them out..)

High School summer barbeques went well. These were hosted at different homes with attendance ranging from 2 to 11 youth. During the school year, the youth group meets at church at 7 pm on Wednesdays.

King's Kids and Son Seekers meet on alternate Wednesdays at 3:30 pm.

SHINE is a praise and teaching time and will take place on Sunday mornings at 9:30 am, for anyone who likes to sing and learn contemporary worship songs. There will be about 15 minutes of teaching at each session.

The Saturday Harvest Fest Worship and BBQ went well. We thank Willard and Linda Thies for being outstanding hosts.

In the works is a 6 week family study on Monday nights. One topic may be "How to do Family Devotion Time." Topics are designed to "bring church home."

Call Committee Update – The Call Committee has held two interviews; the committee is still searching for a more realistic match for St. John. (Pastor Jerry will end his ministry at St. John at the end of October. He has received a call from First Lutheran in Stoughton.)

Treasurer's Report – Blaine Hedberg Net balance in bank account is \$255,239.93. *Taste of St. John* event netted \$390.37. Proceeds were placed in Benevolence Focus account, which stands at \$4,922.57 so far for the year.

Gifts and Memorials disbursed funds for needed projects around the church.

September contributions were \$36,322.36, or 92% of the September budgeted amount. Year to date income exceeds expense by over \$9,500.00. Average attendance in September was 300, compared to 355 in 2010.

2012 Proposed Budget as recommended by Budget Task Force approved.

Pastor's Monthly report – He thanked Ben and the Thies family for Harvest Fest event. He also expressed thanks to those people who helped make the Harvest Fest Sunday a special day. Sunday school attendance is down a bit, but good things are happening, especially with Beth's efforts with 4th through 6th graders.

Annual report preparation is underway, as is the *Be-frienders* program. Thanks to Shirley West and Congregational Life Board for their efforts with sponsoring and organizing *The Taste of St. John*. Looking to the future, a congregational learning focus in January, *40 Days in the Word*, may begin. Help is needed to get the program underway. Several baptisms are taking place in October and November. The lighting project is ongoing. A request toward that project for \$1,500.00 has been approved by Gifts and Memorials. The council has been asked to move forward with Pastor David's annual review by the end of December.

Annual Meeting, November 20, 2011, 9:15 am. Forums will be held on November 6 and 13. November 6 is to discuss the budget; and November 13 is for other concerns, which may include: call committee update; staffing, which may include the music coordinator position, and any other questions from the annual report. The forums will take place at 9:15 am in the Choir room.

Annual Meeting Agenda Approved by Council. It is on file in the office.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Blessings to you all,

Migs Percy, Council President.

Habitat for Humanity Needs Volunteers

The Baraboo ReStore is off and running but needs help. The ReStore, at 1216 8th Street, is open Thursdays and Fridays (10-6), and Saturdays (9-4). It takes a crew of about 4 to 6 people each day to help customers when they're open, but they also have a need for people on the days that they are not open to the public to get items ready for the sales floor. Volunteers are needed to go out and pick up donations of items for the ReStore. Please consider donating some time to help Habitat's ReStore in order to make this a success and help them build more homes for families in need. Please call [608-356-0332](tel:608-356-0332), and thanks for your consideration!

From Pastor David

The other day I had a moment to myself, nothing pressing, no meetings to prepare, nothing on the agenda, so I turned the TV on. Now, that may not be all that unusual, people do it every day, but in our house lately we are more apt to be looking at a screen attached to the internet rather than a TV signal. So, after I hunted down the remote, an effort that almost persuaded me not even to bother, the TV popped to life and I started channel surfing. Flip, flip, flip, channel after channel, show after show slipped by, and finally after wasting a good half hour looking for something to watch, I just shut the silly thing off.

Back in 1992 Bruce Springsteen had a song called "57 Channels (and nothing on)" We have many, many more than 57 channels, and yes, still nothing was on! Back in 1973 when I was just a pup, we lived in a small town called Dovray in far Southwestern Minnesota, if memory serves we had, um... two channels, on a good day. Channel 11 from Sioux Falls, and if you stood on your left foot, and held the rabbit ears just so, we got channel 12 out of Mankato, too.

You might think with such a restricted slate of choices there wouldn't be much on that I wanted to watch. You would be wrong. But there is one show I never got a chance to watch at all, and that show was Davey and Goliath. This show was a stop motion animated children's show and I loved it, if nothing else for the shows name sake! But did my parents let me watch this show; no they did not. I mean for Pete's sake the show's theme song was "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" and the Lutheran Church produced it! With all that good stuff lined up behind it, why couldn't I watch this show you may ask? Good question! Well, it was because it was on at the same time as church. TV no matter how good, how values oriented, how Lutheran, did not take the place of going as a family to church.

In fact, I never got to see a whole episode of Davey and Goliath until I was a bit older and we moved to Stoughton where we had four, count'em, FOUR TV channels! We also got a color TV and that made the experience all the better and now with the internet I can watch nearly all of episodes on YouTube with no commercials and I don't even need a TV!

Am I scarred from this experience? No, not really. Have I been blessed because I was dragged sometimes against my will to church? Absolutely! Really, did you expect me to say anything other than that? Seriously, to this day many of my fondest memories of those days in Dovray were centered around life at Our Savior's Lutheran. From being doted on by the ladies from the Circles who let me eat my fill of lefse, and other sweets, to the family of faith that surrounded and loved my family in the mist

of the death of my newborn brother. In the midst of all of this I was encouraged, chastised, taught, shaped and formed in the love of God.

In our vast multi-channel world there are many things going on all at the same time and many of them are good things, some of them even Davey and Goliath good; others are just distractions, the spiritual equivalent of candy—it may taste good for the moment but it supplies no real benefit, only the risk of cavities.

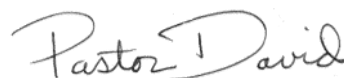
This reminds me of a story from scripture where Jesus is visiting some of his most favorite people: Mary, Martha and their brother Lazarus. ³⁸Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. ³⁹She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." ⁴¹But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; ⁴²there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

There are many things that vie for our attention, our lives and our hearts. Jesus knows this and reminds Martha that first things need to come first. "There is only one thing that is needful" and when you attend to that the rest will follow. That is why the first commandment is the first: *You shall have no other gods before me.* When we get that right, when we place God first and foremost on our to-do list, we find that the rest falls into place.

My parents placed before me good food to eat when I rather would have had anything sweet, they encouraged me to attend to my studies when I would rather do just about anything else, and they made me go to church... with THEM. Parents, if you have young children and you are reading this, do not underestimate the influence your example has on your kids. If you make them go to Sunday School, but do not go to church or study and grow in your faith, what do you think they will make of it? It doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure that out.

May God bless your choices, your growth in faith, and the example of your life in Christ.

Together in Christ,



Pastor David

Christian Education News

This logo represents Christians of mature faith holding the cross, inspiring the growth of others, while creating a shell of love and guidance.



Meeting Dates

Tenth Grade Confirmation Program

Sun Oct 2 4-6 pm Confirmation Retreat in Fellowship Hall

Tues Oct 25 6:30-8 pm Confirmation Rehearsal and Picture

Sun Oct 30 10:30 am Confirmation Service

Ninth Grade Confirmand Mentor Year

No group meetings this month—meet individually with mentor.

Seventh and Eight Grade LIFE

Wednesday @ 6 pm Memory Work

Nov. 2 Turn in all make-up memory work

Nov. 9 Deuteronomy 6:4

Nov. 16 Apostles' Creed Article One pg. 229

Nov. 13 No LIFE Class—Thanksgiving Break

Nov. 30 Advent Decoration (Normal class time)

Note: Acolytes schedule is on page 10. You are asked to find your own substitutes and notify the office of any changes.

Sunday School Dates to Remember



Nov 6 9:30 am — Parent Breakfast

9:30 am— First Sunday for 6th grade—stay in Sanctuary for Usher training

10:30 am —Sunday School Kids Sing!

Nov 27 No Sunday School—Thanksgiving Break

Sunday School Scripture Focus

Nov 6 Matthew 25:1-13

Ten Bridesmaids

Nov 13 Matthew 25:14-30

Parable of the Talents

Nov 20 Matthew 25:31-46

Sheep and Goats

Nov 27 No Sunday School

Adult Education

Monday @ 6:30 pm

Nov 7 *The Screwtape Letters*

Nov 14 *The Screwtape Letters*

Nov 21 *The Screwtape Letters*

Nov 28 *The Screwtape Letters*

Befriender Schedule

Sunday @ 6 pm

Nov 6 *Alcohol/substance abuse*

Nov 13 *Depression*

Nov 20 *Prayer and healing*

Youth and Family Events

Sun Nov 6 4-6 pm Family Fun Night & Supper
6 pm Operation Christmas Child Assembly night

Tues Nov 15 5 pm Operation Christmas Child Assembly night part II
—Beth, CED

From the Parish Nurse

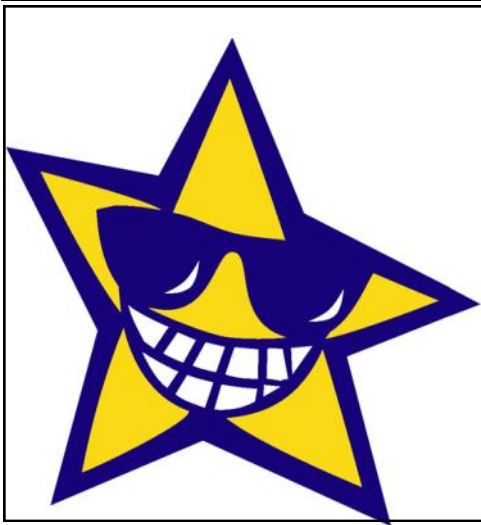
I recently received a letter from Susan Price, the Volunteer Coordinator for the ADRC Regional office of Southern Wisconsin offering a new volunteer opportunity in our community. Her letter follows:

“I am writing on behalf of LEEPS (Language Enriched Exercise plus Socialization), which is a program for individuals with mild to moderate dementia. We offer a program of individualized physical and cognitive exercise and social outings for persons with dementia through volunteer assistance. The program is free, and not only provides opportunities for the individual with dementia to become active, but also gives caregivers time to rest and refresh or to complete tasks that are easier for them to do alone.”

Susan is looking for individuals who could benefit from this new program, and community volunteers who are willing to assist participants in exercise and social outings. Volunteers will receive training.

The number to call to volunteer is posted on the kiosk.

**Daylight Savings Time ends November 6.
Set your clocks back!**



SHINE

SHINE is a time to get together for music, fellowship, and teaching.

The goal of SHINE is to help those who attend to grow in their walk with Christ and fellowship with others from our congregation.

When: Sunday

Time: 9:30-10:15

Where: Sanctuary

Family Fun Night

When: Sunday, Nov. 6

Time: 4-6 pm

Where: Fellowship Hall

Cost: Free Will Offering (for dinner)

Come and join us for a night of laughter, friendly competition, and fellowship. We will be playing game from the popular T.V. show *Minute to Win It*. We will end the night with spaghetti and prizes. Then after we eat we will have the chance to stay and help pack shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child from 6-7:30. We will also have the Packer game on in the background during *Minute to Win It* games. I hope to see you all on Nov. 6.

Time: 9:30 am

When: November 6

Where: Fellowship Hall

Who: Anyone and everyone

Menu: Make your own breakfast sandwiches hash browns and juice

Calendar of Events

King's Kids November 2nd & 16th

Son Seekers November 9th & 23rd

MSYG

••• Progressive Dinner Nov. 20, 5-8:30 p.m.

YG

••• Wednesday nights at 7:00 in Youth Room!

MSYG

Progressive Dinner

When: November 20

Start: TBA

End: United Methodist

Time: 5-8:30 pm



These members of St. John have accepted nominations to Congregation Council, Foundation Board or Cemetery Board. Elections will take place at the Annual Meeting held between services Sunday, November 20.

Congregational Council: Four three-year positions and one two-year position are open. Vote for five.



Patty Sauey

Patty lives in Reedsburg and has been a member of St. John since 1992. She and her husband, Todd, have raised four children. While the kids were growing up Patty taught Sunday School, served on the Education Board and was actively involved with the LIFE program. She has completed

two terms on the Parish Support Committee and now completes her first term on the Council. Currently she helps coordinate CareNet and *Befrienders*.

Rich Sorom

In the 41 years that Rich has been a member of St. John, he has served as an usher, a radio monitor, and on numerous committees. Previously he has served six years on the Congregation Council, two as president. Rich just completed an additional three year term. He is a professional painter. He currently is on the Parks and Recreation Committee for the city and has worked with the Reedsburg Historical Society.

Rich and his wife, Kathy, have two children and five grandchildren.



Jim Wheeler



Jim was born and raised in Reedsburg and baptized and confirmed in St. John Ev. Lutheran Church. He is a 1973 graduate from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in Agricultural Engineering. He has been a dairy farmer for 23 years. The last 18 years he has worked as a dispatcher for Korth Transfer in Hillpoint.

Jim and his wife of 18 years, Vickie, have three children: Justin, Erin, and Matthew. Jim's hobbies include restoring John Deere tractors, woodworking, & hunting.

“It has been an honor to be on the Congregation Council for the past three years. I look forward to the opportunity to serve on the Council for another term.”

Jennifer Kitson

Jennifer has been a member at St John Reedsburg for 18 years, and has enjoyed participating in a variety of activities over the many years at St John including Senior Choir, Dorcas Circle, Christ Care, several Bible studies, and serving as an usher. She is married to Mark Kitson, and they have three children. Even though they have just become empty nesters, their first grandchild is due to enter the world in November.

“I have had the good fortune to fill a vacancy position on St. John council since this spring, and would look forward to the opportunity to serve an entire term.”



Steve Atkinson

Steve and his wife, Sherry, have lived part-time at Lake Redstone since 2002 and now reside there full-time since Steve retired in June of 2010. They became members of St. John in April 2006.

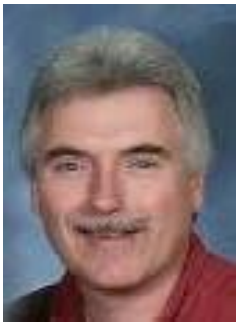
Steve is a retired 5th grade teacher, coach, and athletic director for the Highland School District in Highland, WI. Steve currently works part-time as the Commissioner of the Scenic Bluffs Conference. He also works part-time at the Just a Game Fieldhouse in Wisconsin Dells.

In addition he referees high school football, volleyball, basketball, and softball. He enjoys all types of sports. As a member of St. John he is involved in the senior choir, ushering, communion assistant and has helped assist with the radio broadcast. He has also served on the church council at their two previous churches in Montfort and Cobb, Wisconsin.

“Sherry and I both enjoy fellowship here at St. John and have gotten to know many people because of our church life. We feel very welcome here and consider it our home. I would be very honored to be on the Congregation Council here at St. John.”



Foundation Board: Three three-year positions are open. Vote for three.



Terry Penkwitz

Terry and his family moved to Reedsburg in 1991 when he joined the Pizza Hut team. He managed the Reedsburg Hut for seven years before becoming an area coach for five franchises in central Wisconsin.

Terry and his wife, Lori, have three young children, Logan, Anna and Jenna.

Jane Zuehlke

Jane has been nominated to run for another term on the Foundation Board. She has been a member of St. John since her baptism. She was also confirmed at St. John and later taught Sunday School and served as a LIFE Guide.

Presently Jane works at Reedsburg's Senior Life Center. She has worked in long-term care for almost thirty years. Before that she was a teacher. Jane has four grown sons and two beautiful grandsons.



Tom Seamonson

Tom and his wife Anna have two daughters and five grandchildren. They have belonged to St. John since March of 1965 and lived in Reedsburg since the 80's. Tom has served on the Congregation Council, St. John Foundation and the Reedsburg City Council. He is retired, and he and his wife Anna are avid runners and participate in many races and marathons around the United States.



Cemetery Board: One four-year term as president is open. Vote for one.

Lou Kirt

Lou and his wife, Diane, have two sons and have been members of St. John since November of 1994. Lou has previously served on the Council and Foundation Board. He is employed at Foremost Farms and enjoys antiquing and spending time with his family.



Steve Muchow

Steve has been a member of St. John since November of 1964. He and his wife, Debra, have two children. Steve currently serves on the radio monitor team for the 8:00 a.m. worship service (9:00 a.m. in the summer). He has also served as an usher. Steve works as the Commissioner of our Sauk County Highway Department .



Maggie Andres

Maggie has lived in the area all of her life, moving from Cazenovia to Reedsburg in 1975. Her two daughters and five grandchildren also reside in the area. Maggie has been an insurance agent for 25 years and is co-owner of Lentz & Andres Insurance Agency in Reedsburg. Her interests include watching sporting

events, walking, golf and spending time with the grandchildren. In September 2009, she became a member of St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church and has served as a greeter and usher.



Bill Weis

Bill and his wife, Jill, have two children, Gabrielle and Casey. They joined St. John in May of 2004. He has served one full term on the Foundation Board. Bill works at Pamida as store manager and loves baseball.



Ken Perkins

Ken has been a member of St. John for 27 years. Ken works for Wingfoot Commercial Tire as a sales representative. He and his wife, Carol, live outside of Loganville with a dog named Fred. He enjoys building things in his garage .



Parochial Report

Funerals

We wish to extend deepest sympathy to the family and friends of:

Dale M. Longley, who died October 10, 2011

Marriages

September 30—Cynthia Wohling & Kenneth Andreelis

Baptisms

September 25—Hunter Nordahl, son of Melanie Nordahl

Sponsorship Calendar— November Availability

Altar Flowers (\$30) — weeks of Nov 16,13,20

Bulletins (\$25) — all weeks available

Radio Broadcast — all weeks available

(\$30, \$60, and \$90)

TV Cable Broadcast (\$40) —all weeks available.

Coffee Fellowship — Check out the three ring binder in the coffee serving area to reserve a Sunday.

We need volunteers to continue this ministry

Thrivent Choice Dollars

This month St. John deposited \$427 because Thrivent Financial members have designated their “Choice Dollars” to St. John. These people include: Donna Bergman, Barbara Buss, Michael Masica, LeRoy Petersen, Scott Polak-Bezotte, Diane Thieding, Verna Watts, Wendell Watts.

Meetings & Greetings

Dorcas Circle — 9:30 am, Wednesday, November 16

Hannah Circle — 2 pm, Tuesday, November 1

Sarah Circle — 1 pm, Thursday, November 17,
Thanksgiving Potluck

Sunshine Circle — 1:30 pm, Thursday, November 10

St. John Quilters — 9 am, Thursday, November 3
9 am, Friday, November 18

Card Ministry — 2nd Monday of the month

Men’s Breakfast — 7:30 am, the 1st & 3rd Fridays of
each month at Marty’s

Park Street Study — 10:30 am, Tuesday, November 15
Park Street Apts

Sheep than Therapy 4-6 pm, weekly on Mondays
in the Fireside Room

Thank You

To Leta Palmer for stepping in to help record offerings for the past few weeks and for covering the office so Carol and Arlo could attend *Women of Faith*.

To Patty Sauey and Andrea Holcomb for organizing a splendid Senior Luncheon.

To Dave Champeau and Dennis Hintz for helping with Christ’s Cupboard: inventory, orders, unloading, packing grocery bags, and keeping the freezer full.

To Frank Neumann for the digital photo frame gracing our office counter, and...

To Pete and Crystal Link for the photos of the loading of the kits and quilts for Lutheran World Relief.

A great gift

From Pastor David—

I want to give a big thank you to Pastor Jerry for the gift of his ministry and time since March. Pastor Jerry came to us as an interim pastor to help St. John meet its ministry needs. Interim ministry is a temporary ministry to help a congregation do its work in the time between regularly called pastors. We will be sorry to see him go, but his new commute is much more reasonable and with winter coming on, that is a very good thing. In the months ahead you may be seeing him yet if we need pulpit supply; in any case, please offer a prayer of thanksgiving for his ministry, and, might I add, a prayer for the call process as well.



Salvation Army volunteers

From Derek Horkan: I will have the sign up sheet posted in back of church starting the last weekend of October. (FYI: I will have the schedule in church on weekends and take it back to office during the week) Ringing will occur Saturdays and Sundays, beginning December 3, ending December 24. Locations are IGA; Pamida and Viking Village Foods. People can contact Roxanne Roloff or myself at our office [608-524-8231](tel:608-524-8231).

Spiritual Reflection for November 2011

Hesitation

For days now I have been postponing the inevitable—sitting down to write this reflection. Somewhere along the way I began to second guess whether I could put words on paper that would engage the reader. Some of this concern has come from my review of a few past messages where I discovered several spelling errors, grammar glitches and word usage problems, yikes! In addition, I wondered if the messages I was trying to convey were too simple. My fingers stop. There it is again, a pause in my thought process, a hesitation.... Guess what this reflection is going to be about? That's right, hesitation.

Hesitation: Where does it come from? Does it come from fear? Or is there some other reason for it? Could it be a protective mechanism? When I stop to think about it, times of hesitation have lead me to *Be Still, Wait on the Lord* and *Trust God in all Things*. Simple words, but powerful messages when put into action.

Over the past few weeks I have found myself sharing these very words with individuals as they struggle with some tough decisions for their lives. They seem to understand what needs to happen, to be aware of what they need to do and yet they tell me they experience hesitation in doing it. They wonder, *why the hesitation?* I wonder if the hesitation is sent from God to encourage them/us to actually *Be Still, Wait on the Lord*, and *Trust God in all Things*. Does hesitation protect us from making hasty decisions that we might regret in the future? I do not know, but I suspect that indeed there is a purpose for moments of hesitation.

Hesitation may be the protective armor we need to preserve life, to go on living, to make clear choices or to gain strength for the battle raging inside. Perhaps it is even the most important step of any change we encounter in life. You know, even as I write this reflection I am feeling more positive about this word *hesitation* and also its close friend *postpone* when these words are associated with the act of listening to the simplistic words of God to, *Be Still, Wait on the Lord* and *Trust God in all Things*. Simple words: Powerful messages.

When I look back at the many messages God has asked me to share with you, I believe it has been only in my hesitation to hastily place words on the paper, only in my quieting myself, only in my waiting and only in my trusting that I have been able to actually share the true message God wanted me to share. Many of my life's decisions have come after moments of hesitation that afforded me the ability to fully understand where God was leading me. I am sure many of you have experienced this kind of guidance as well.

Let me encourage you that in the task before you, the decision you are faced with making, or the unexpected change in your life, the moments of hesitation are sent from God as a way of letting you know that he is with you and will be the armor you need to succeed. Don't feel compelled to rush into things in the way our world would encourage us, but rather move into the future with moments of hesitation serving as check-in points to ensure that you are headed in the direction God would have you go.

May God Bless You,

Tammy Koenecke, RN, BSN, MASL

Spiritual Care Coordinator, RAMC



But let us who live in the light think clearly, protected by the body armor of faith and love, and wearing as our helmet the confidence of our salvation. 1 Thessalonians 5:8

Scripture Readings for November

November 6 — Revelation 7:9–17; Psalm 34:1–10, 22; 1 John 3:1–3; Matthew 5:1–12

November 13 — Zephaniah 1:7, 12–18; Psalm 90:1–8, 12; 1 Thessalonians 5:1–11; Matthew 25:14–30

November 20 — Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24; Psalm 95:1–7a; Ephesians 1:15–23; Matthew 25:31–46

November 27 — Isaiah 64:1–9; Psalm 80:1–7, 17–19; 1 Corinthians 1:3–9; Mark 13:24–37

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Worship Assistants November & December

November	Greeters	Lector	Acolytes	Ushers	Communion
6-Nov 8:00 AM	Gary & CJ Neumann	Julie Adelman	Hannah Erdman Cody Plachetka	Jennifer Kitson, Barb Demaske Bob Weix, Ryan Hayes	Arlo Ketchpaw, Migs Percy, Jeannine Mueller
10:30	Warren & Bunny Frank	Rachel Burkel	Brent Firari Ross Baldwin	Bill & Barb Klang Ron & Kim Chovan	Rachel Burkel, Bunny Frank, please volunteer
13-Nov 8:00 AM	4th Grade Youth	Alice Vande Water	Kate Gesteland Riley Fusch	Dan Biermeier, Deb Vanthournout JR Colvin, Shawn Foss	Deb Adams, Migs Percy, Arlo Ketchpaw
10:30	4th Grade Youth	Lynn Horkan	Tasha Haase Gabriel Gauf	Derek & Lynn Horkan Tami VanBeek, Todd Sauey	Norma Peters, Patty Sauey, Andrea Holcomb
20-Nov 8:00 AM	Jerry & Mary Zuhlke	Blaine Hedberg	Tyler Hongisto Alexis Johnson	Louis Voltz, Art Behnke Lorraine Kaun, Teri Senzig	
10:30	Diane Douglas Alice Adams	Joy Nowak	Tarek Horkan Chris Johnson	Bill & Julie Ratajczyk and family	
23-Nov 7:00	Dennis Hintz & Arlo Ketchpaw	Jeannine Mueller	Hannah Erdman	Steve and Sherry Atkinson Keith & Andrea Holcomb	
27-Nov 8:00 AM	Donald & Myrtle Farber	Barb Exner	Caitlin Voltz Marissa Miler	Myron LaRowe, Dave Buss Glen Weirauch, Maggie Andres	Shirley West, Jeannine Mueller please volunteer
10:30	Charles, & Naomi, Mwakisunga	Donna Hahn	Andy Matz Issac Mwakisunga	Keith & Andrea Holcomb Norma Peters, Lorraine Kaun	Norma Peters, Patty Sauey, Chris McGee
December		Lector	Acolytes	Ushers	Communion
4-Dec 8:00 AM	Please volunteer	Deanna Benish	Mike Olson Libby Peterson	Jennifer Kitson, Barb Demaske Bob Weix, Ryan Hayes	
10:30	Please volunteer	Lynn Horkan	Darcy Ondersma Max Steinhorst	Warren & Bunny Frank Bill & Barb Klang	
11-Dec 8:00 AM	Please volunteer	Blaine Hedberg	Logan Penkwitz Danielle Schmidt	Dan Biermeier, Deb Vanthournout Tom & Linda Reeder	Blaine Hedberg, Deb Adams, please volunteer
10:30	Please volunteer	Wendy VanDusen	Cody Plachetka Ross Baldwin	Norma Peters, Lorraine Kaun Tim & Becky Greenway	please volunteer
18-Dec 8:00 AM	Please volunteer	Bev Hoege	Rebecca Schwerman Riley Fusch	Don Erickson, Mel Hahs JR Colvin, Al Exner	
10:30	Please volunteer	Joy Nowak	Maddie Stieve Gabriel Gauf	Derek & Lynn Horkan Tami VanBeek, Todd Sauey	
24-Dec 3:30 PM	Please volunteer	Please volunteer	Please volunteer	Please volunteer	Shirley West Ardell Albers
5:30	Please volunteer	Please volunteer	Please volunteer	Please volunteer	please volunteer
11:00 PM	Please volunteer	Please volunteer	Please volunteer	Please volunteer	
25-Dec 9:00 AM	Please volunteer	Please volunteer	Please volunteer	Please volunteer	please volunteer
1-Jan 8:00 AM	Please volunteer	Please volunteer	Please volunteer	Please volunteer	
10:30	Please volunteer	Please volunteer	Please volunteer	Please volunteer	

Communion

Bread



*November 5 Tracy Schmus
November 13 Carol Schulz
*November 19 Diana McGlynn
November 27 Sheri Weldy

*December 3 Patty Sauey
December 11 Lisa Hoff
*December 17 Yvonne Brekke
December 24 & 25 (4 services)
LaVera Craker
December 31 Cindy Sandberg
*Saturday Service only

Radio Monitor

Steve Muchow

Videographers

Todd Gardner
Fred Farber

Money Counters

Audrey Throndsen/
Linda White
Jean Holtz
Maxine Wheeler

Note to ushers:

Usher training November 6, 9:15 am, between services.

Please make your own arrangements when you need a substitute.

Also, head ushers are responsible for: turning on lights; taking attendance count and recording; and offering follow-up.

Acolytes are also asked to find their own substitutes and notify the office of any changes.

Gift Ideas:

TOYS

small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, small Etch A Sketch®, toys that light up or make noise (with extra batteries), Slinky®, etc.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

pens, pencils and sharpener, crayons or markers, stamps and ink pad sets, writing pads or paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, etc.

HYGIENE ITEMS

toothbrush, toothpaste, mild bar soap (in a plastic bag), comb, washcloth, etc.

OTHER

Hard candy and lollipops (please double bag all candy), mints, gum, T-shirts, socks, ball caps; sunglasses, hair clips, toy jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries)

A personal note: In a separate envelope, you may enclose a note to the child and a photo of yourself or your family. (If you include your name and address, the child may write back.)

Do Not Include: Used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives or military figures; chocolate or food; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans

Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child is a world wide effort to spread Christ's love at Christmas time. Samaritan's Purse is the organization that first started this great event. It entails collecting simple shoebox gifts and then dispersing them to children from hundreds of countries who may not be getting any other Christmas gift at all. The TASK is to put together a shoebox full of goodies for either a boy or girl in the age groups of 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14. These are very simple, inexpensive gifts. You can easily pack a box for under \$20. There are great instructions on "how to pack a shoebox" on the website: www.samaritanspurse.org/index.php/OCC/Pack_A_Shoe_Box. We'd like to **CHALLENGE** you to join us. As an organization we'd love to put together at least 120 shoe boxes this year.



We ask that you consider putting a shoebox together as a family at home... while discussing the love that you're spreading to a child in another part of the world. **We will then organize all the shoeboxes here at St. John beginning on Sunday November 6, and finishing on Tuesday, November 15.** It would be wonderful to have as many supplies as possible by this date. We will then bring them to one of the regional collection locations in mid-November. A collection of money to assist in their mailing costs is always helpful and appreciated. Please help us with this *great* mission. Don't hesitate to contact us for assistance.

(415-5999)

With Christ's loving Spirit,

Steve, Deanna, Grace, Naomi, and Lincoln Benish

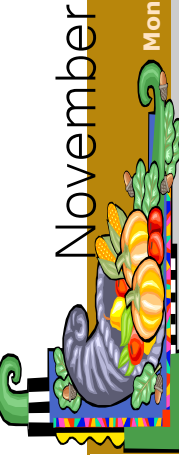
From Church in Society:

November is here and that brings to mind Thanksgiving which brings to mind **PIES!!** Church in Society is having our annual pie sale on the weekend of November 19 and 20, and we'll need your homemade pies to sell. This year we will also have quartered pies on sale. The money from the sale will go to the Reach Our in Love Benevolence challenge.



Ice Cream Buckets

Please bring to church **ice cream buckets** for Christmas Cheer Baskets (cookies and treats, and /or fruit for our homebound members). You may leave the buckets in the kitchen area.



November

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

<p>30</p> <p>Reformation Sunday</p> <p>8:00 AM Worship w/ HC</p> <p>9:15 AM Coffee Fellowship</p> <p>9:15 AM Education Hour & Sunday School</p> <p>9:30 AM SHINE</p> <p>10:30 AM Worship w/ HC & Confirmation</p> <p>6:00 PM <i>Befrienders</i></p>	<p>31</p> <p>4:00 PM Sheeper Than Therapy</p> <p>6:30 PM Adult Study</p>	<p>1</p> <p>9:00 AM AA</p> <p>11:00 AM Staff meeting</p> <p>2:00 PM Hannah Circle</p> <p>5:30 PM Yoga</p> <p>5:30 PM Cong Life Bd</p> <p>6:30 PM Education Bd</p> <p>7:00 PM AA</p>	<p>2</p> <p>3:30 PM King's Kids</p> <p>6:00 PM LIFE</p> <p>6:30 PM Bell Choir</p> <p>7:00 PM YG</p> <p>7:30 PM Sr Choir</p>	<p>3</p> <p>9:00 AM AA</p> <p>9:00 AM Quilting</p> <p>5:30 PM Yoga</p> <p>6:30 PM Admin Bd</p> <p>7:00 PM AA</p> <p>7:00 PM ChristCare</p>	<p>4</p> <p>7:30 AM Men's Breakfast at Marty's</p>	<p>5</p> <p>5:15 PM Worship w/ HC</p>
<p>6 All Saints Sunday</p> <p>8:00 AM Worship w/HC</p> <p>9:15 AM Coffee Fellowship</p> <p>9:15 AM Usher Training</p> <p>9:15 AM Annual Meeting Forum—budget</p> <p>9:15 AM Sunday School</p> <p>9:30 AM Breakfast Club</p> <p>10:30 AM Worship</p> <p>4:00 PM Family Fun Night</p> <p>6:00 PM Pack Shoe Boxes</p> <p>6:00 PM <i>Befrienders</i></p>	<p>7</p> <p>4:00 PM Sheeper Than Therapy</p> <p>6:30 PM Adult Study</p>	<p>8</p> <p>9:00 AM AA</p> <p>11:00 AM Staff meeting</p> <p>5:30 PM Yoga</p> <p>7:00 PM AA</p> <p>7:00 PM Council</p>	<p>9</p> <p>3:30 PM Son Seekers</p> <p>5:00 PM Parish Support</p> <p>6:00 PM LIFE</p> <p>6:30 PM Bell Choir</p> <p>7:00 PM YG</p> <p>7:30 PM Sr Choir</p>	<p>10</p> <p>9:00 AM AA</p> <p>1:30 PM Sunshine Circle</p> <p>5:30 PM Yoga</p> <p>6:00 PM United Fund Meeting</p> <p>7:00 PM AA</p>	<p>11</p> <p>6:00 PM Jessica Peper & Bob Newkirk III Wedding</p>	<p>12</p> <p>5:15 PM Worship</p>
<p>13</p> <p>8:00 AM Worship w/ HC</p> <p>9:15 AM Coffee Fellowship</p> <p>9:15 AM Annual Meeting Forum —general questions</p> <p>9:15 AM Sunday School</p> <p>9:30 AM SHINE</p> <p>10:30 AM Worship w/ HC</p> <p>6:00 PM <i>Befrienders</i></p>	<p>14</p> <p>4:00 PM Sheeper Than Therapy</p> <p>9:00 AM Card Ministry</p> <p>6:30 PM Adult Study</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Evangel Articles DUE</p> <p>9:00 AM AA</p> <p>10:30 AM Park St Study</p> <p>11:00 AM Staff meeting</p> <p>5:00 PM Pack Shoe Boxes</p> <p>7:00 PM AA</p> <p>7:00 PM Church in Society Bd</p> <p>7:00 PM Worship Bd</p>	<p>16</p> <p>9:30 AM Dorcas Circle</p> <p>3:30 PM King's Kids</p> <p>6:00 PM LIFE</p> <p>6:30 PM Bell Choir</p> <p>7:00 PM YG</p> <p>7:30 PM Sr Choir</p>	<p>17</p> <p>9:00 AM AA</p> <p>1:00 PM Sarah Circle</p> <p>5:30 PM Yoga</p> <p>7:00 PM AA</p> <p>7:00 PM ChristCare</p>	<p>18</p> <p>7:30 AM Men's Breakfast at Marty's</p> <p>9:00 AM Quilting</p>	<p>19</p> <p>5:15 PM Worship w/ HC</p>
<p>20</p> <p>8:00 AM Worship</p> <p>9:15 AM Coffee Fellowship</p> <p>9:15 AM Annual Meeting</p> <p>9:15 AM Sunday School</p> <p>10:30 AM Worship</p> <p>5:00 PM MSYG</p> <p>6:00 PM <i>Befrienders</i></p>	<p>21</p> <p>4:00 PM Sheeper Than Therapy</p> <p>6:30 PM Adult Study</p> <p>6:30 PM Open Table</p> <p>Core Group</p>	<p>22</p> <p>9:00 AM AA</p> <p>11:00 AM Staff meeting</p> <p>5:30 PM Yoga</p> <p>7:00 PM AA</p>	<p>23</p> <p>6:15 PM Sr Choir</p> <p>6:30 PM No Bell Choir</p> <p>7:00 PM Thanksgiving Eve Service</p> <p>7:00 PM YG</p>	<p>24</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p> <p>Thanksgiving</p> <p>9:00 AM AA</p> <p>7:00 PM AA</p>	<p>25</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>26</p> <p>5:15 PM Worship</p>
<p>27</p> <p>1st Sunday in Advent</p> <p>8:00 AM Worship w/ HC</p> <p>9:15 AM Coffee Fellowship</p> <p>9:15 AM No Sunday School</p> <p>9:30 AM SHINE</p> <p>10:30 AM Worship w/ HC</p> <p>4:00 PM Open Table</p>	<p>28</p> <p>4:00 PM Sheeper Than Therapy</p> <p>6:30 PM Adult Study</p>	<p>29</p> <p>9:00 AM AA</p> <p>11:00 AM Staff meeting</p> <p>5:30 PM Yoga</p> <p>7:00 PM AA</p>	<p>30</p> <p>6:00 PM LIFE</p> <p>6:30 PM Bell Choir in Memorial Hall</p> <p>7:00 PM Set up Christmas Trees</p> <p>7:00 PM YG</p> <p>7:30 PM Sr Choir</p>	<p>1</p> <p>9:00 AM AA</p> <p>9:00 AM Quilting</p> <p>5:30 PM Yoga</p> <p>6:30 PM Admin Bd</p> <p>7:00 PM AA</p>	<p>2</p> <p>7:30 AM Men's Breakfast at Marty's</p>	<p>3</p> <p>5:15 PM Worship w/ HC</p>

Operating Fund Income & Expense Report and Proposed 2012 Ministry Spending Plan

Income	2009 Actual	2010 Actual	2011 Actual to 9/30/11	2011 Budget	Proposed 2012 Budget
Operating Offerings	436,868	444,994	321,174	470,645	506,371
Benevolence Offerings	16,847	17,795	13,666	21,197	18,665
Lent, Easter, Thanksgiving, Christmas	18,465	18,465	11,411	19,138	19,849
Interest & Facilities Rent	3,035	2,540	1,687	2,554	2,700
Debt Reduction	554	23,192	18,221	22,225	26,059
Subtotal Income	475,769	506,986	366,158	535,759	573,644
Harvest Festival	3,356			2,750	2,750
Cemetery & Foundation	4,985	6,558	2,172	3,400	3,400
Total Income	484,110	513,544	368,330	541,909	579,794
Disbursements					
Administration Board					
Utilities, Phone, Maintenance, Etc.	35,276	34,118	28,525	42,249	41,730
Property & Workers' Comp Insurance	10,616	10,309	11,124	10,312	11,200
Custodian Salary	15,654	15,591	13,593	20,000	20,600
Pension & Insurance	2,854	2,996	2,401	2,860	2,740
Employer's FICA	1,197	1,192	1,049	1,530	1,576
Debt Reduction	8,155	7,766	6,205	7,661	8,220
Subtotal Administration Board	73,752	71,972	62,897	84,612	86,066
Church in Society	1,245	259	230	1,050	1,050
Congregational Life	1,685	1,971	1,340	2,700	2,550
Benevolence					
Synod Benevolence	20,601	23,886	18,052	24,691	25,600
5% wh from synod as designated—Safe Harbor Shelter		1,928	1,560	1,600	1,650
World Hunger	3,050	2,386	1,932	3,200	3,200
Global Missions	1,500	1,500	1,125	1,500	1,500
Other Benevolence - Urgent Situations, LAMP, LSS	892	2,236	3,414	1,750	4,100
Local Benevolence—Good Samaritan Fund	13,745	13,446	8,483	15,800	11,515
Subtotal Benevolence	39,788	45,382	34,566	48,541	47,565
Education Board					
Christian Education Director	13,714	13,040	13,913	18,550	19,107
Employer's FICA	1,047	967	1,064	1,419	1,456
Pensions & Insurance	7,018	4,974	1,989	2,789	2,541
Sunday School, Bible School, Supplies	3,620	3,558	2,782	5,700	5,450
Library		64	282	100	100
Confirmation	1,149	1,328	811	1,250	1,250
Adult Education	888	411	754	500	1,000
Subtotal Education Board	27,436	24,342	21,595	30,308	30,904
Worship Board					
Salaries	13,664	13,139	10,103	13,590	16,170
Employer's FICA	1,061	1,026	785	1,100	1,232
Congregation at Worship Resources	9,379	10,284	5,949	10,637	11,586
Radio & Cable TV Broadcast	6,345	6,530	4,475	6,736	6,600
Subtotal Worship Board	30,449	30,979	21,312	32,063	35,588
Youth & Family Board					
Youth Director Salary	30,437	30,437	23,513	31,351	32,292
Employer's FICA	2,323	2,328	1,793	2,398	2,470
Pension & Insurance	14,940	18,881	14,370	18,978	19,547
Continuing Education	10	400	0	400	400
Car Allowance - Reimburse Expenses	1,800	2,200	1,754	1,800	2,200
Activities, Subscriptions, Supplies	1,534	2,458	1,698	3,100	2,400
Subtotal Youth Board	51,044	56,704	43,128	58,027	59,309
Ministry Support					
Salaries - Pastors & Support Staff	170,117	123,102	81,787	161,267	153,896
Employer's FICA	4,639	4,603	3,439	5,498	4,795
Pensions, Continuing Education, Insurance	69,525	114,441	61,932	67,242	110,873
Office Supplies, Paper, Postage, Printing	25,603	24,527	17,931	27,880	27,700
Cars, Gas, Registration	7,954	6,990	3,517	6,200	8,100
Synod Assembly, Workshops, Books, Materials, Supplies	5,473	4,914	2,686	5,361	5,236
Call Committee Expense		0	156	5,000	0
Subtotal Ministry Support	283,312	278,577	171,447	278,447	310,600
Subtotal Disbursements	508,710	510,186	356,515	535,748	573,632
Harvest Fest	3,356	2,754		2,750	2,750
Cemetery & Foundation	4,985	3,804	2,172	3,400	3,400
Total Disbursements	517,050	516,744	358,687	541,898	579,782
Net Income & Expense	-32,941	-3,200	9,643	11	12

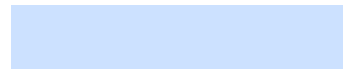
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