

THE EVANGEL



August 2010

To know and proclaim Jesus Christ and as disciples reach out in love.

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Worship Times

Saturdays:

5:15 p.m.

Sundays

9 a.m.

Through September 5

Coffee Fellowship

10:15

Office Hours

Monday through Thursday

8:30 a.m. to noon

1 to 5 p.m.

Friday

8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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Educated people make for a better world!

The Church in Society Board is collecting items for Lutheran World Relief School Kits in the month of August. These kits help parents continue their child's education no matter what their circumstances — floods, wars, refuge camps, or just plain old poverty. We will be targeting one or two items each weekend:

*July 31 & August 1 - unsharpened pencils with erasers and/or
12" rulers with centimeters included

*August 7 & August 8 - blunt tipped scissors

*August 14 & August 15 - pencil sharpeners

*August 21 & August 22 - notebooks, either wide or college ruled

*August 28 & August 29 - crayons, 24 count and/or 2 1/2" erasers

We have many cloth bags but, if you wish to sew some more we will be happy to accept them. (See the page 9 for dimensions and simple instruction.)

The above list is modified because we have some items left from last year. If

continued, see KITS, page 9

African Children's Choir—

We need volunteers!

The African Children's Choir will be visiting Reedsburg for a concert on Wednesday, Sept 15, 2010. A concert group was here in 2006 and it was an awesome event! There will be 23 children from Uganda and Kenya and 8 adult chaperones. We need your help with this community event.



There are numerous opportunities for you to be a part of their visit.

- Help set up and serve meal to choir members prior to concert, 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, September 15 at our church
- Assist at the CAL Center during the Choir event. This includes distributing information to attendees, collecting and counting the free will offering and assisting staff with product sales.
- Be a host family by housing several choir children and a chaperone in your home the night of the concert. You need to be within a 30 minute drive from Reedsburg and your family's schedule should allow the children to be dropped off at church at 10 a.m. on the morning after the concert.
- And of course ATTEND THE CONCERT! Mark your calendars now!

Contact Lynn Horkan, 524-1035, or the church office, 254-9763, to let us know how you would like to help with this event.

Congregational Council Meeting, July 13, 2010

The meeting opened with devotions from Jill Burmester.

- Report from Congregational Life Board (CLB) prepared by Julie Ratajczyk (Members include: Nancy Hahs, Judy Bransted, Kathy Finn, Julie, Council liaisons, Pat Lewis, and Bill Henke).

CLB Mission statement: To unite our St. John family in fellowship in the love of Jesus. We strive to assimilate new members into group and special events, and to motivate all members to fit their unique place here. (Updated 2009)

- They continue to hold receptions for new members.
- Outreach Committee led by Karen and Jake Jacobson
- Fellowship events since November 2009 include:
 - November Open Table,
 - Potluck following Advent Candlelight Service,
 - Coordinating the photo directory.
- Next event: Potluck at Concert in the park, August 4, SwifKick is the band.
- Treasurer's Report
 - June Contributions: \$32,301.35 (88% of budget for June)
 - Expenses were \$788.94 over budget. (Attributed to the fact that we paid the second half of property and worker's compensation insurance premiums)
 - June cash flow was negative \$14,337.19. (In June 2009 it was negative \$38,528.96)
 - Although we were less than \$800 under our benchmark for June we are still \$6414 over our benchmark for the year.
- Pastor David's Printed Report:
 - June is a catching up and planning month
 - Six children baptized in three June weekends
 - We have one applicant for Christian Education Director and will interview her July 20

Program and support staff spent July 13 away from the office scheduling events and ministry for 2010-2011.

 - Weddings – Pastor David has done over 200 weddings, and the usual day for them is Saturday. However, he recently had a wedding on Sunday and one coming up on a Friday. During 2011, he has two scheduled for Thursdays!
 - Financial records audit is completed. Todd Polk, Jeff Steel and Tim Greenway served as auditors.
- Revolving Line of Credit (RLOC)
 - The Executive Committee and Pastor David are making decisions about the long term loan and Line of Credit based on answers to the following questions: are there prepayment penalties, what will the interest rate be based on the 15 year loan, and will the interest rate be locked in for the whole of 15 years? The motion carried

- Motion to approve President Margaret Percy and Secretary Pat Lewis as signers on the loan papers in accordance with our constitution. Motion Carried.

- Goals: No new goals from any of the boards. Will review goals in the fall when council meet at Lorraine Traeder's. Yearly goals have been received from each pastor. The next part of the review process will be forthcoming, depending on dates when Executive Committee and Pastor can get together.

ANNUAL MEETING HAS BEEN SET FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21, BETWEEN SERVICES

If members of the congregation have specific agenda or business items, we ask that they let members of the council or the pastors know before the annual meeting so that the issues could be discussed and considered thoughtfully before the meeting.

- 100th Birthday Celebration

Ruth Roever turns 100 August 16. St. John will observe her birthday on Sunday, August 15, during worship service and with old-fashioned coffee cake at coffee fellowship. [If you would like to provide a coffee cake for this celebration, please sign up on the back of weekly worship attendance sheet.]

- Adjournment

Next meeting, Tuesday August 10th at 7 p.m. Norma Peters will do devotions.

— Blessings to you all,
Migs Percy, Council President

Help Needed:

Christian Education Director (CED): 20 hours per week.

CED works with staff and education board to coordinate the biblical, catechetical, and prayer elements of the Christian education program.

Full job description and application packet available online at www.stjohnreedsburg.com or in church office.

From Pastor David

Oh, boy it's August already! If you can't tell by the calendar you can certainly tell by the heat and humidity outside. These are the "dog days" of summer. I was convinced as a young man that they were the "dog days" because it was so hot and muggy that all you could do was lay around like a dog panting! Historically the "dog days" go back to the ancient Romans who sacrificed a brown dog at the beginning of the Dog Days to appease the rage of Sirius (the dog star), believing that the star was the cause of the hot, sultry weather. These days it still refers to the hottest most sultry days of summer, but dogs are pretty much safe as long as they can find some water and shade.

The problem I remember with the "dog days" from my youth, is that they came at the apex of the summer, when the thrill of the freedom of no school had worn off and the community parades and festivals were all pretty much done and we were left to our own devices. Which meant we hung around the house an awful lot whining that it was too hot, there was nothing to do (besides getting on our siblings nerves) and I am sure generally driving my mother nuts.

At some point, usually shortly after breakfast was consumed, we would hear the command from our mother, "OUT" go outside, go! I know this wasn't just happening in our house because just about the time we found ourselves banished to the oppressive summers day other kids would eventually be found sulking out of their respective homes. We would congregate under a big oak tree or in the shade of someone's house. It didn't take long before we would find things to do. We would ask for an old sheet or blanket and drape it over the swingset in the back yard and a fort was born. We would venture forth periodically to run and play, but we would always find our way back to the shade to rest and regain our strength. Periodically, we would be allowed back into the house where we would mix up some kool-aid and pour it into the tupperware popsicle forms that mom found for us. Or, better yet, we would mix up lemonade and we would set up a lemonade stand, and wait and wait for someone to stop and purchase our goods. Oh, the joy we had when someone actually stopped by for a glass in our out-of-the-way neighborhood!

The key to enjoying the "dog days" was doing something and sharing the time together with others. This holds true for the "dog days" of life. You see the "dog days" can mean any time when things are very hot, stagnant, or dull. To these times, and all other times in our lives, Jesus' call to us as Christians is to serve. In Matthew 20, I can see Jesus and his disciples heading toward Jerusalem on a hot sticky day — the kind of day where the dust just stuck to you — and James and John were fussing about this or that with the other disciples when their mom steps in and asks Jesus if her boys

couldn't have places of honor when Jesus comes into his Kingdom. Jesus tells them that they really don't know what they are asking for and it isn't his to give anyway. Well, this gets the already agitated disciples all bent out of shape and then Jesus lets them know what the Christian life is all about.

"But Jesus called them to him and said, 'You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. It will not be so among you; but whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be your slave; just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.'" — Matthew 20:25-28

When a person (or group of people) refuse to embrace that a call to follow Jesus is a call to serve ... then we've lost sight of who He is and eventually we will make being a Christian all about Jesus following/serving us rather than us taking up our cross and following Him!

When you are faced with the "dog days" of life Jesus calls us to get out, go and do something in service to others. It is in this serving that we find that we too are served by the one who first came to serve, to save and offer his life so that we too might have life now and forever.

Our service comes in many and various forms, some are big and catch the attention of the media and community, others may never be seen except by our Father in heaven. Regardless, we are called to serve in some manner. Maybe one tasty and simple way you might serve this summer is to take the time to stop by the local lemonade stand and buy a cup or more to share.

Your fellow servant in Christ,

Pastor David

In the September issue of *The Evangel*, we would like to recognize our members who have served in the U.S. military.

Please share the following information with the church office for yourself or a family member:

- Name
- Branch of service
- Rank at time of discharge
- Speciality (mechanic, motor pool, etc.)



From Pastor Marsha

Better than an alleluia—sometimes. Sally sang this beautiful song at worship on Sunday, July 18. At New Life Lutheran Church in Bolingbrook. Years after I had watched her grow through her middle school and high school years. Years after I had attended her wedding. Days after her sweet mother Alice had breast surgery.

It's a soft song; perhaps you've heard Amy Grant sing it. And as she sang, I heard words of my own. Ministry is better than an alleluia sometimes! It is wonderful to sing alleluias; to praise our God! We also know how wonderful it is to witness God's work through others. It's wonderful to be in some place where we personally have the opportunity to show God's love through something we can do. When we come that close to God, working side by side with God, we do feel better than an alleluia.

My trip to Bolingbrook was an opportunity to be a part of celebrating their 40th year as a congregation. I'd been a member from their second year until I went off to serve my first parish as pastor, almost 11 years ago. In those years our high school choir, including Sally, rocked us off our seats with a very jazzy rendition of "This little light of mine..."; and they brought us close to God as they sang softly,

Sometimes alleluia. Sometimes praise the Lord
Sometimes gently singing. Our hearts in one accord.

And now Sally sang about what is better than an alleluia, sometimes. She has blossomed into a lovely young woman. For me, that is better than an alleluia.

That is why we are here at St. John. That is why we bring our children here. So that with one voice we can praise the Lord; so that our hearts become one in Christ our Lord. Don't miss out on this sweetness that we call our faith.

Fun and fellowship are part of being church too! On Wednesday, August 4, join your St. John family at the Concert in the Park. SwifKick (Dave Knoble's band) will be playing. Serving starts at 5:30. We'll plant some pink flamingos in the ground to help you find us. Bring a dish to share, your own tableware, your own drinks and your lawn chairs. The concert starts at 7 p.m. It's always a great time; a good chance to meet more folks from St. John, and to hear good music.

One more thing—thank you to those who have already shared your "We Want Your Thoughts..." thoughts. Last month's article is repeated in this issue. We DO hope you will help us with this important Council task force project. It is explained within the article.

Here are two Bible verses to carry you through August: The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. Galatians 5:22-23

Celebrate summer; celebrate at worship Saturdays at 5:15 p.m. and Sundays at 9:00 a.m.

— Joy and peace,
Pastor Marsha

Meetings & Greetings



Thank You to everyone who provided for the luncheon for Lou's memorial service.

Gretchen Trepto

Thanks to Barb Stone & Ardell Albers for their work cleaning and organizing the large downstairs kitchen.

Dorcas Circle

• 9:30 a.m., Wed., August 18. A request for good weather has been submitted, so perhaps we can sit outside in the beauty of God's nature, and study His word. Bunny lives on Lake Redstone, at S1110A E. Redstone Dr., on the south side of the lake, near Johnny Wegner's farm. For directions, please call 985-7455. Everyone is welcome!!

Hannah Circle

• 2 p.m., Tues. August 3, Memorial Hall.

Sarah Circle

• NO Meeting

Sunshine Circle

• 9 a.m., Thurs. August 19, breakfast meeting at Longley's

Garden Club

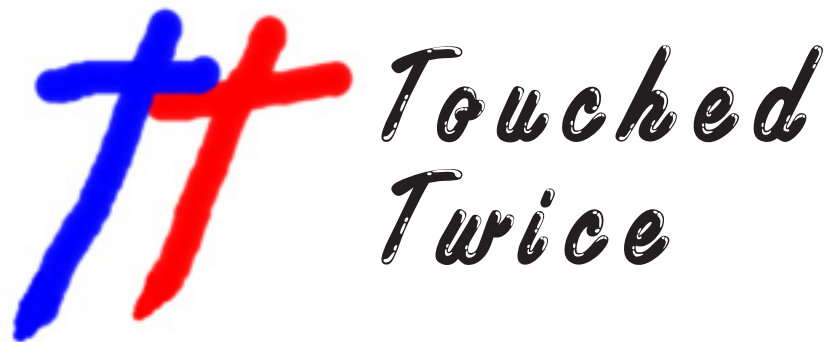
• 7 p.m., Mon., August 9 @ Judy Bransted's - The Courtyards, No. 96

St. John Quilters

• 9 a.m., Thurs., August 5

• 9 a.m., Fri., August 20

Summer days have seen St John quilters busy at work twice each month, the first Thursday and the third Friday mornings. Conversations flow across quilt covered tables as busy hands pin and tie the three layers together. Conversations about what you might ask? Well, the oil spill & not so much who's responsible but let's work together, prevent it from happening again and clean it up ... worry over our missing boy Joey Anderson & the grief felt following his drowning, card games that bring them together some afternoons, the joys and problems of daily living. Our quilters are women who have rich past experiences and yet are an active part of today's world. That is the reason they continue to open the doors of St. John, their arms often full of beautiful quilt tops they made at home, and carefully descend to the basement where they once again pick up needle and thread for the sake of others.



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524-3826

Matt & Danna Hillmer and Ava & Bryce
S3212 Lake Virginia Rd., Reedsburg

Rich & Val Hoefs
1824 Jessica Ln., Reedsburg
524-3020

David Kopp & Katie Kindred
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432-2984

Dave & Carol Melbye
S2530 County Rd H., Reedsburg
524-9931

Carrie Muchow and Jack
543 W. Main St., Reedsburg
393-9219

“TO KNOW AND PROCLAIM JESUS CHRIST AND AS DISCIPLES REACH OUT IN LOVE” is our mission statement. On August 21 you will have the opportunity to fulfill this mission as a volunteer at Touched Twice Clinic.

This is a free clinic manned with volunteers from our community. We need doctors, nurse practitioners, RNs, LPNs and CNAs. We need beauticians to give kids haircuts before school, interpreters for the many Spanish speaking families, and companions to guide the guests through every aspect of the clinic.

Last year 500 guests came through the clinic. Forty-five came for medical issues, and children had their school physicals.

Some people came early and had to wait for several hours because there were not enough companions.

There are many more areas where your help is needed. Please check out the information in the Narthex and take a brochure. Spread the word to others that might help and to those that might need to attend the clinic. If you have a place where you can display the brochures, contact Andrea Holcomb.

The clinic is from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. You can serve for the entire time or just part of the time. If you have questions please call Andrea at 768-3554.

St. John is focusing on collecting two categories of items: 1. backpacks for school age children, 2. clothing for all ages. A box will be placed in the narthex for the backpacks. Donations of new & gently used clothing may be left in room number 6 (downstairs at the bottom of the steps on the north side of the education wing.)

Did You Know? That when a child is baptized here at St. John, they are considered members, even if the parents are not currently on the membership roles.

Thinking Ahead

- **Harvest Fest is set for Sunday, October 10.** As you make plans for that day, remember there is always a need for people to help clean up after the dinner.
- **Board Chairs and Committee Heads** are advised that the deadline for submission of articles for the 2010 printed annual report to the congregation is Monday, October 18. Please mark your personal calendar with your own earlier deadline so you will actually get your report to the office in time. *We invite fellowship groups to submit articles as well.*



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.

For children who have completed kindergarten to those entering fifth grade.

Vacation Bible School August 9 - 13

• Family Meal
5 p.m.

• Activities
5:30 - 8:00 p.m



Wink



Come, Share the High Seas with ...

Lacey



Scully



Marina



Salty

Skipper



Chadder

*You can pre-register on line at
www.stjohnreedsburg.com,
on the back of the weekly attendance sheet,
or by stopping by the church office.*



YOUTH GROUP & FAMILY MINISTRY

A note from Ben

It is that time of the year again. We are getting ready for school to start and taking in every last bit of summer we have left. It always amazes me how fast the summer seems to go by. We are busy playing sports, going on vacation, swimming, trying to stay cool, and everything else in between. One of the best parts of the summer for me is going on picnics with my family. We go to Subway and then to City Park for a nice relaxing meal and some time on the swings. It is a time for us to be together and enjoy the weather. I hope you enjoy every last minute that summer has to offer and that you take the time to just be together and enjoy your family time.

Psalm 62:1-2

¹ My soul finds rest in God alone; my salvation comes from him. ² He alone is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will never be shaken.

— Ben

Calendar of Events

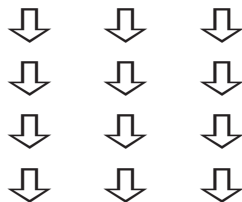
King's Kids — Off 'til September 15

Son Seekers — Off 'til September 22

MSYG — Off 'til September

HSYG — Wednesday nights

See Summer '10 ↓ ↓ ↓



YG Summer '10

Thursday Morning B.S. @Ben's house at 9 a.m. Breakfast will be served every week. Bring your bible.

August 4th: BBQ Tanner's 444 Viking View Dr.

August 11th: BBQ Kitson's 1344 Cadbury Ct

August 18th: BBQ Travis's 320 Laurel St

August 25th: BBQ TBA

All BBQ's start at 6:00 and go until 8:30ish

***** It's a good idea to bring your swimming suit and clothes you can get dirty*****

We Want Your Thoughts... ELCA Sexuality Decision

The Council Task Force on ELCA Sexuality Decision was created to explore the use of a survey instrument to learn your thoughts and concerns regarding the information below. After considering costs and how to ensure accuracy of results, it was decided to: Inform, Ask, Listen, Review— as explained below,— before determining our next step(s), if any.

In August of 2009, after more than 20 years of study, the ELCA, our national church body, voted to approve a Statement on Human Sexuality. It also voted to approve certain recommendations that include allowing persons living in committed same-gender relationships to serve on our roster as church leaders, which includes ordained pastors. Related documents are available at ELCA.org/What-We-Believe/Social-Issues/Social-Statements/JTF-Human-Sexuality.aspx and also in a binder in our church library Reference Section.

The ELCA has always welcomed gays and lesbians into our midst as children of God. In the past they could also serve as pastors and other rostered persons if they remained celibate.

What has changed is that the ELCA now permits pastors to live in committed same-gender relationships, with the understanding that they follow the same expectations we have for a husband and wife.

Any congregation who wishes to opt out of interviewing/calling a pastor/leader in a same-gender relationship to serve among them may choose to do so.

After many discussions we at St. John have learned that we have folks equally passionate at either extreme of this issue, as well as many who have expressed opinions at a quieter level. We also understand that some of you may remain neutral.

Over the summer of 2010, to help discern the position that St. John will take, we invite you to share your thoughts with members of the Council Task Force on ELCA Sexuality Decision:

<u>Names</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Email</u>
Blaine Hedberg	524-2896	jharkins@rucls.net
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Migs Percy	524-5150	mapercy@rucls.net
Pastor David	254-9763	pastordavid@stjohnreedsburg.com
Pastor Marsha	254-9763	pastormarsha@stjohnreedsburg.com

In-person conversation, of course, is welcome too. Thank you for your help.

Treasurer's Notes

Offering benchmark for June was \$33,000.

Offerings were \$32,601.35

Expenses for June were over budget \$502.70

Expenses for June 2010 were \$5,079.37* more than June 2009

*This reflects an insurance payment of \$5,000

Attendance Statistics

Average attendance for June was 263 (June 2009 was 262)

Average attendance to date is 327.

(At this point in 2009 the average attendance was 314.)

Thanks to all of you who sat for a photo for our new directory. The many steps involved in producing it are moving forward. Please be patient. Our best guess on when it will be in our hands is middle of October.



Are you 'specially good at something that you could donate to this year's Harvest Fest Silent Auction?

Maybe you could assemble a gift basket of home canned produce. Or, donate a specific number of hours of yard work or house cleaning.

Silent Auction donations can be more than certificates at local businesses or purchased items (which are always welcome donations).

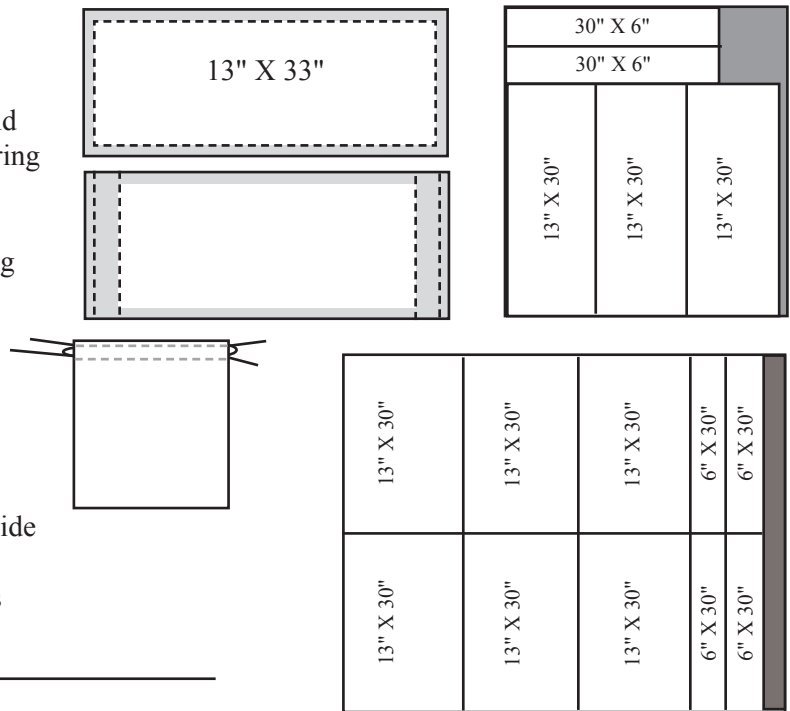
Take a few moments from your summer activities and think about what special thing you do or create that others might use. Then start planning how best to share that talent for St. John's 2010 Harvest Fest Silent Auction, Sunday, October 10. Dorothy Gant is coordinating the auction this year. If you have any question contact her at 524-2826.

Drawstring School Bag

- Cut one piece of fabric 13" X 33"
- Stitch a 1/4" hem around all sides
- Fold down 2" at each short end and stitch 1/2" from fold and from the edge to form a 1" wide casing for a drawstring
- Fold in half, wrong sides together and stitch from the lower casing seam to the bottom
- Cut two drawstrings of heavy cord, 34". Pull each string through both sides
- Turn right side out.

Tote School Bag

- 1-1/8 yd. of 42" - 44" fabric yields three 12" X 14" bags
 1-1/4 yd of 60" fabric yields six 12" X 14" bags
- Finish the sort sides of the 13" X 30" rectangle
 - Fold in half, right sides together and seam. Turn right side out
 - Make tubes of the 6" X 30" pieces, cut into 10" lengths and attach one handle to each side of the bag.



KITS, *continued from page 1*

you'd like to give a complete kit a list may be found on the kiosk in the narthex. There will be a well identified box or basket in the narthex for your donations.

A complete school kit includes

1. Notebook of ruled paper 8" X 10 1/2" totaling 150 to 200 sheets
2. One pair of blunt scissors
3. One 30 centimeter ruler, or combo inches & centimeters
4. One pencil sharpener
5. Six new, unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers (secure together with rubber band)
6. One eraser approximately 2 1/2" long
7. Twelve sheets construction paper in assorted colors (may be folded to fit in school bag)
8. One box of 16 or 24 crayons
9. One sturdy cloth bag with cloth handles or drawstring closure (approximately 12" x 14")

CAUTION ... Many of these items are also being collected at the request of Reedsburg Helping Hands — be sure you place your donations in the box that matches your destination wishes. [The difference is that Helping Hands donations stay in the Reedsburg area and LWR donations are distributed world wide.]

Do You Know ... where our emergency equipment it?

Upper level fire extinguishers are found in the "old usher's room" (off the north side of the sanctuary - where blood pressures are taken), in the hall way on the way to the men's bathroom from the narthex, on the pillar to the side of the chancel area, and in the small kitchen across from the office (education wing). **Lower level extinguishers** are in the kitchen, on the north wall of Fellowship Hall, and on the stage in Fellowship Hall.

First Aid Kits can be found in the bride's room, the "old usher's room, and the kitchen across from the office and in the large downstairs kitchen.

Blood Spill Kits are located in the downstairs kitchen and on the top shelf of the closet in the bride's room closet.

If you notice any of the kits are in need of supplies, please contact the church office or Andrea Holcomb, our parish nurse, at 768-3554. The extinguishers are regularly checked by our local fire department.

Spiritual Reflection for August 2010**Listening For the Echo**

I have experienced firsthand a deep sense of peace coming from the compassion of the many individuals caring for our family. It has been through their compassionate hearts that I have been able to fully witness the Power of One. I have heard the echo. I invite you to reflect with me on this topic, listening for the echo.

When your fear is great what do you do? The first thing I do is ask God to take away my fear. Then I call someone to tell them about my fear. Perhaps in some ways I am looking for them to remove my fear even after I have offered it to God and know full well that he is the only one powerful enough to remove my fear. It is, however, exactly what I do. I call someone so that I can hear a voice. It is what I have found myself doing right now during a family crisis. I offered my fear to God, asked him to remove my fear, and then called a long list of people to ask for their help. I needed to pray and I needed their prayers.

I wonder if I thought God would hear someone else's prayer better than my own. Did I think if I asked enough people to pray it would be like turning up the volume? God would certainly hear my need if I got enough volume behind it. I dialed one number after the other asking for prayers.

As it is with fear my body responded appropriately. I felt nauseous, sweaty yet cold, my mouth was dry, pretty much text book! It was my spirit that kept nudging me to make another call. Then it occurred to me the calls were needed as a support for my spirit. Each person granted me a compassionate ear and offered to pray for healing and peace.

Even as I knelt in the chapel praying fervently I found myself dialing the phone again. I recalled the words found in Matthew 18:20, "For where there are two or three gathered together in my name there I am in the midst of them." I

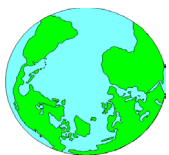
guess I felt that having a friend on the phone with me would fulfill this promise. It was at that time that I realized the depth of compassion being poured forth from others. Their care and concern for my family echoed God's response to my initial prayer request. The words being echoed were these, "Tammy, sometimes I will calm the storm and sometimes I will calm you." Instantly, the words of the song by Scott Krippayne, *Sometimes He Calms the Storm*, came rushing into my head. The song describes the power of God to either calm the storm or calm the child with the surety that indeed he will do one or the other. They kept repeating in my head.

I had not heard his response on my own. It needed to be echoed through the compassion of others. I realized what God was telling me was that these circumstances required a storm, a storm against an infection. What he needed me to do was remain calm and with a calm spirit I was better equipped to be a prayer warrior for my loved one. My renewed, engaged spirit remained calm and allowed me to be an instrument for the awesome power of God. Slowly and methodically I prayed for my loved one and the storm (a raging fever) was calmed by the mighty hand of God.

As I write this reflection the storm continues. New waves of symptoms present themselves and I am reminded to listen for the echo. I must be open to the echoing message coming through the compassionate hearts of others. Listen for the echo. The compassionate hearts around you are echoing the power of God in your life journey.

May God Bless you,

— Tammy Koenecke, RN, BSN, MASL
Spiritual Care Coordinator, RAMC

**The Green Way — Gardening hints**

- Plagued by deer? Place soap shavings or used cat litter along the ground to create a boundary between their grazing area and your garden. Blood meal also works but must be reapplied if it gets wet.
- Mice a problem? Peppermint, mint or cloves will deter mice and rats. Instead of planting mint, which is very invasive, soak string mint essential oils and put in places where mice frequent.
- Worried about fleas and ticks? Mint and lavender deter fleas and ticks. Also, try cedar chips. They smell great to us, but to these insects.

- Are aphids visting? Fill a water spritzer with water and two tablespoons of dish washing liquid. Spray the plant, particularly the underside of leaves. Aluminum foil placed at the base of plants will deter them as well.
- For rabbits you can sprinkle chili pepper around plants. However, this needs to be applied when it gets wet. Plants such as lavender, sage and evergreens will also keep them out of your garden.
- Grass and weeds can be controlled by using vinegar. It acts as a natural herbicide. Apply when temperatures are above 70°. You'll see the long-term effect in a week or two.

Worship Assistant Schedule September through November

We will return to two
Sunday worship services
on September 12.

September 5

Lector: Blaine Hedberg
Ushers Louie Voltz
Fred Behn
Steve Atkinson
Sherry Atkinson

8:00

September 12

Lector Kit Weix
Ushers Scott Sidell
Fred Farber
Art Behnke
Greg Adelman

September 19

Lector Kathy Sorom
Ushers Dave Buss
Ron Snyder
Glen Weirauch
Maggie Andres

September 26

Lector Jeannine Mueller
Ushers Jennifer Kitson
Katie Kitson
Rich Sorom
Don Erickson

October 3

Lector Migs Percy
Ushers Tom Seamonson
Anna Seamonson
Al Exner
Barb Exner

October 10

Lector Fred Behn
Ushers Jerry Zuhlke
Mary Zuhlke
Ev Skinner
Ryan Hayes

October 17

Lector Shirley Buss
Ushers Louie Voltz
Steve Atkinson
Sherry Atkinson
Jim Knuth

October 24

Lector Virginia Erickson
Ushers Scott Sidell
Mel Hahs
Jim Wagner
Monica Wagner

October 31

Lector Les Sandberg
Ushers Dave Buss
JR Colvin
Ron Snyder
Shawn Foss

November 7

Lector Beverly Hoeye
Ushers Jennifer Kitson
Katie Kitson
Beverly Leake
Art Behnke

November 14

Lector Tonia Lange
Ushers Tom Seamonson
Anna Seamonson
Fred Behn
Don Erickson

November 21

Lector Eva Kalin
Ushers Barb Demaske
Maggie Andres
Glen Weirauch
Steve Muchow

November 24 - 7 p.m.

Thanksgiving Eve
Lector Please volunteer
Ushers Please volunteer

November 28

Lector Clara McGlynn
Ushers Jerry Zuhlke
Mary Zuhlke
Greg Adelman
Ev Skinner

10:30

September 12

Lector Lisa Hoff
Ushers Derek Horkan
Lynn Horkan
Jim Thies
Warren Frank

September 19

Lector Andrea Holcomb
Ushers Bill/Julie Ratajczyk
Mick Ayers
Jean Ayers
Diane Thieding

September 26

Lector Derek Horkan
Ushers Keith Holcomb
Andrea Holcomb
Tim Greenway
Becky Greenway

October 3

Lector Lynn Horkan
Ushers Bill Klang
Barb Klang
Kristi Roth
Kasi Roth

October 10

Lector Rosemary LaRowe
Ushers Norma Peters
Judy Willis
Bob Willis
Ed Zobel

October 17

Lector Joy Nowak
Ushers Kathy Finn
Tami VanBeek
Mick Ayers
Jean Ayers

October 24

Lector Norma Peters
Ushers Derek Horkan
Lynn Horkan
Gary Zobel
Patrick Boyd

October 31

Lector Julie Ratajczyk
Ushers Bill/Julie Ratajczyk
and family

November 7

Lector Alice Vande Water
Ushers Keith Holcomb
Andrea Holcomb
Jim Thies
Warren Frank

November 14

Lector Judy Willis
Ushers Bill Klang
Barb Klang
Tim Greenway
Becky Greenway

November 21

Lector Bob Willis
Ushers Norma Peters
Kristi Roth
Kasi Roth
Diane Thieding

November 24 - 7 p.m.

Thanksgiving Eve
Lector Please volunteer
Ushers Please volunteer

November 28

Lector Judy Adelman
Ushers Kathy Finn
Gary Zobel
Ed Zobel
Tami VanBeek

Communion Bread Baker Schedule - please make six loaves.

September 12 - Lisa Hoff
September 26 - Yvonne Brekke

October 10 - LaVera Craker
October 24 - Cindy Sandberg
October 31 - Kristi Behn

November 14 - Rabeca Francour
November 28 - Tracy Schmus

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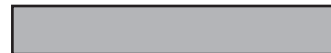
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This newsletter was especially prepared for:



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————— **St. John Staff** —————

Ministers:	Members of St. John	Financial Secretary	Shirley Buss
Lead Pastor	Pastor David Glesne	Saturday Music Coord.	Leta Palmer
Second Pastor	Pastor Marsha Swenson (Cell Phone 415-2277)	Custodian	Tim Brown
Visitation Pastor	Jake Jacobson	Head Organist	Diana McGlynn
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Secretary	Carol Julius	Bell Choir Director	Les Sandberg
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Administration	LeRoy Petersen
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Education	Kristi Glesne
Worship	Jolene Westerman
Youth	Judy Hacker

Pastors' & Youth Director's Days Off: Pastor Glesne - Mondays; Pastor Swenson - Fridays; Ben Berg - Fridays

Sunday, August 1

9:00 a.m. - Worship

Monday, August 2

Tuesday, August 3

9:00 a.m. - AA - Koinonia

2:00 p.m. - Hannah Circle

5:30 p.m. - Yoga - Fellowship Hall

7:00 p.m. - AA - Koinonia

Wednesday, August 4

10:00 a.m. - Staff Meeting - Library

4:30 p.m. - Rainbows Reunion - Webb Park

5:30 p.m. - Concert in the Park Potluck Picnic

6:00 p.m. - HSYG BBQ @ Tanner's

Thursday, August 5

9:00 a.m. - AA - Koinonia

9:00 a.m. - Quilting - Fellowship Hall

7:00 p.m. - AA - Koinonia

Friday, August 6

Saturday, August 7

5:15 p.m. - Worship

Sunday, August 8

9:00 a.m. - Worship w/Holy Communion

Monday, August 9

5:30 p.m. - Vacation Bible School

Tuesday, August 10

9:00 a.m. - AA - Koinonia

5:30 p.m. - Vacation Bible School

5:30 p.m. - Yoga - Fellowship Hall

7:00 p.m. - AA - Koinonia

7:00 p.m. - Council - Memorial Hall

Wednesday, August 11

10:00 a.m. - Staff Meeting - Library

5:30 p.m. - Vacation Bible School

6:00 p.m. - HSYG BBQ

Thursday, August 12

9:00 a.m. - AA - Koinonia

5:30 p.m. - Vacation Bible School

6:00 p.m. - United Fund - Library

7:00 p.m. - AA - Koinonia

Friday, August 13

5:30 p.m. - Vacation Bible School

Saturday, August 14

5:15 p.m. - Worship w/Holy Communion

Sunday, August 15

9:00 a.m. - Worship

Monday, August 16

6:30 p.m. - Open Table Core Group - Library

Tuesday, August 17

9:00 a.m. - AA - Koinonia

5:30 p.m. - Yoga - Fellowship Hall

7:00 p.m. - AA - Koinonia

Wednesday, August 18

9:30 a.m. - Dorcas Circle

10:00 a.m. - Staff Meeting - Library

6:00 p.m. - HSYG BBQ

Thursday, August 19

9:00 a.m. - AA - Koinonia

1:00 p.m. - Sarah Circle

7:00 p.m. - AA - Koinonia

Friday, August 20

6:00 a.m. - Wedding Rehearsal

9:00 a.m. - Quilting - Fellowship Hall

Saturday, August 21

Touched Twice Clinic @ Webb Middle School

1:00 p.m. - Klang/Putz Wedding

3:00 p.m. - Young/Warn Wedding @ Hillsboro

5:15 p.m. - Worship

Sunday, August 22

9:00 a.m. - Worship w/Holy Communion

4:00 p.m. - Open Table

Monday, August 23

5:30 p.m. - Congregational Life Board

7:00 p.m. - Church n Society Board

Tuesday, August 24

9:00 a.m. - AA - Koinonia

5:30 p.m. - Yoga - Fellowship Hall

7:00 p.m. - AA - Koinonia

7:00 p.m. - Council Task Force - Library

Wednesday, August 25

10:00 a.m. - Staff Meeting - Library

6:00 p.m. - HSYG BBQ

Thursday, August 26

9:00 a.m. - AA - Koinonia

7:00 p.m. - AA - Koinonia

Friday, August 27

Saturday, August 28

5:15 p.m. - Worship w/Holy Communion

Sunday, August 29

9:00 a.m. - Worship w/Holy Communion

Monday, August 30

Tuesday, August 31

9:00 a.m. - AA - Koinonia

7:00 p.m. - AA - Koinonia

Worship Assistants

August 1

Acolytes: Dani Imhoff, Laura McGlynn

Greeters: Delores Wersal, Sylvia Weiss

Lector: Kathy Finn

Ushers: Dave Buss
Fred Farber
Bill Klang
Barb Klang

August 8

Acolytes: Sam Peterson, Nichole Schroeder

Greeters: Lyle & Jean Holtz

Lector: Norma Peters

Ushers: Jerry Zuhlke
Mary Zuhlke
Ron Snyder
Gary Zobel

Communion Assistants: Pat Lewis, Migs Percy

Communion Bread: Virginia Erickson

August 15

Acolytes: Ian Senzig, Marcus Stanley

Greeters: Diane Douglas, Delores Ellingson

Lector: Tonia Lange

Ushers: Tom Seamonson
Anna Seamonson
Migs Perrcy
Don Erickson

August 22

Acolytes: Kali Burmester, Hunter Templin

Greeters: Dan Biermeier, Deb Vanthournout

Lector: Donna Hahn

Ushers: Bill Klang
Barb Klang
Ev Skinner
Beverly Leake

Communion Assistants: Patty Sauey, Please volunteer

Communion Bread: Diana McGlynn

August 29

Acolytes: Bethany Thompson, Angie Utley

Greeters: Al & Betty Machmueller

Lector: Clara McGlynn

Ushers: Bill Klang
Barb Klang
Ev Skinner
Beverly Leake

Communion Assistants: Deb Adams, Norma Peters

Communion Bread: Patty Sauey

Radio Monitor — Steve Muchow

TV Crew — Todd Gardner, Fred Farber

August Money Counters

Linda White, Elaine Borman, Jean Holtz

August & September Sponsorships

Altar Flowers are available August 1, 8, 22, 29 and every weekend in September (\$30)

Bulletins are available every weekend in August & September (\$25)

TV Cable Broadcast are available every weekend in August & September (\$40)

Radio Broadcast are available August 8, 22, 29 and every weekend in September (\$95, 60, or \$30)

Parochial Report

Baptisms

— Bryce David Hillmer, July 25, 2010

Marriages

— Courtney Skinner to Jason van der Kooy, July 4

— Aimee Kitson to James Clay, July 16, 2010

Gifts & Memorials

— To Christ's Cupboard in memory of TJ McGinnis and Marsha Davis by Rosemary Fosland

— To Gifts & Memorials Fund in memory of Lou Trepto by family and friends

Cantor: One who leads the congregation in song.

Praise God in the great congregation;
praise the LORD in the assembly of
Israel. — Psalm 68:26 NIV

Singers needed to help lead the congregation of St. John in song and worship! The Worship Board is exploring ways that the members of St. John might be more active in worship. No fancy degrees or clothing necessary! Training and a congregation to lead provided. Contact Pastor David if you would be interested in this ministry opportunity or to find out more.

Scripture Readings for August Services

July 31 & Aug. 1 — Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23; Psalm 49:1-12; Colossians 3:1-11; Luke 12:13-21

August 7 & 8 — Genesis 15:1-6; Psalm 33:12-22; Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16; Luke 12:32-40

August 14 & 15 — Jeremiah 23:23-29; Psalm 82; Hebrews 11:29 - 12:2; Luke 12:49-56

August 21 & 22 — Isaiah 58:9b-14; Psalm 103:1-8; Hebrews 12:18-29; Luke 13:10-17

August 28 & 29 — Proverbs 25:6-7; Psalm 112; Hebrews 13:1-8; 15-16; Luke 14:7-14