

# St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church

## November 2010



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**Mission Statement:** We are called by God to be the light of the world. We are to go forth and show Jesus' love and forgiveness through loving care for all God's creation.

### Special Upcoming Services

Our Deer Hunter's Service will be held on Thursday, November 18 at 6:30 PM.

Our Thanksgiving Eve Service will be held on Wednesday, November 24 at 6:30 PM. After the service we will have a Pumpkin Pie Social hosted by the Ladies Aid and Evening Guild.

Our Mid-week Advent Services will begin on December 1 at 10:30 AM and 6:30 PM.

### New Members



- Nancy Reese
- Michael McConaghy
- Gary & Shirley Getzloff
- William & Lois Ver Voort

We welcome you to St. John Lutheran Church and look forward to getting to know you better as we worship and work together in serving the Lord.

### Community Day Booklet Sales

This year Younkers Community Day Event is Saturday, November 13. St. John is selling coupon booklets for \$5 which includes a coupon for \$10 off any single item that day with virtually no exclusions, as well as 20% to 60% off coupons. Booklets will be sold after the services in the narthex. November 6 & 7 will be the last weekend to purchase booklets. This is a great fund raiser for St. John and you get \$10 for spending \$5.

### Grant School Volunteers

Hats off to our volunteers that are helping with the Grant School Reading Program. The following are ready to start and some have already started. The group is Toni Hamann, Mona Heindl, Sue Helmuth, Bonnie James, Doug Ross, Judy Shepard, and Garnet Tucker. We have five more volunteers getting ready to start, Alex Cook, Deanna Dhein, Sharon Dix, RoxAnn Heindl, and Cindy Ranum. PLUS any others that wish to join the group. For details please contact Mona Heindl at 715-423-3962.

### Children Singing Date Change

Please note that the date for the children to sing in November has been changed.

We will not be singing on November 7. Instead the Weekday School children will be singing on Sunday, November 14 at the 9:30 AM service. The change was made to coincide with the Board of Education hosting the fellowship after the service on November 14.



### Set Your Clocks Back

Daylight Savings Time Ends November 7.  
Remember to set your clocks back 1 hour.

## Fall Rally Thank You



On Wednesday, September 29 St. John Evening Guild hosted the Fall 2010 LWML Rally. There were 68 people from 10 congregations in Zone 17 who attended the event.

Thank you's go out to Pastor Ader for leading the opening and closing devotions, Donna Weber for sharing her musical talent, to the Guild's "Auxiliary" for assisting with serving the noon luncheon and especially the clean-up duties.

Thank you to all the Guild members who helped in any way—organizing the luncheon, preparing the delicious salads, registering and welcoming the guests, ushering and teller duties along with the clean-up duties.

LWML societies were asked to donate towards the purchase of supplies for Health Care Kits. The LWML ladies assembled 200 Health Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief following the luncheon and viewed a video on LWR presented by Susan Ader.

Due to the generous donations of LWML societies, \$300 cash will also be donated to Lutheran World Relief. LWR will use these monies to help defray the shipping costs of the kits.

## Thank You

A BIG Thank You to Jerry Swen for your time and talents needed to do the electrical wiring of the new entrance box essential to produce enough electricity for our new electric kitchen stoves. Also, thank you to the Valued Input Committee: Bonnie James, Marion Oleson, Judy Shepard and Darleene Swen for their assistance in choosing the two Kenmore electric kitchen stoves that replace the gas stove we had. The gas stove has been sold.

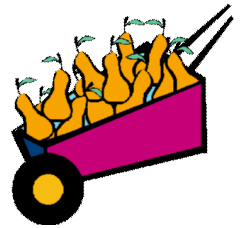
## Thank You

Thank you so much for all your prayers and cards after my recent injuries. I really appreciate your kindness and concern—Kelley Steinke

## Harvest Home Thank You

On Sunday, October 3rd "children of all ages" joined together to enjoy our 2nd Annual Harvest Home Celebration. Games for all ages were sponsored by the Board of Education (everyone won a prize!!!) Higher Ground entertained us with Gospel/Blue Grass music before our luncheon of pulled Pork sandwiches with all the trimmings and again while we were enjoying our cake and ice cream. Barb Tesser of the group shared a very inspirational message with the children.

Thanks to Boards of Education, Human Care and Stewardship for their donation of various theme baskets and the fall mum centerpieces which everyone had a chance to win. Special thanks to the Stewardship Board for planning and organizing the event, the "kitchen crew", clean-up help and every member of our congregation who in any way added to this fun filled family celebration.



The free will offering taken at our Harvest Home Event netted a \$101.00 profit. At Council on Thursday October 14 the Stewardship Board unanimously agreed to donate the profit to the Cemetery Fund for the new shed.

Board of Stewardship

## Evangelism

### Faith Talk Tips

Give Thanks to God from whom all blessings flow



## Bazaar Committee Thank You

The Fall and Holiday Bazaar Committee would like to extend a very large thank you to everyone who donated to the 2010 Bazaar and Bake Sale. The congregation contributed very generously to the event.

Members (and non-members) showed their talents in many ways, including very attractive homemade decorations, beautiful handwork, canned goods, and so much more! As usual, the many fine cooks and bakers showed their talents in the Bakery! Many items were sold out early in the day!

The Committee would also like to thank the "auxiliary" members for the help they provided.

Taylor Funeral Home, Higgins Funeral Home, Ritchay Funeral Home and Country Tots are thanked for their part in promoting the event.

Profits from the Bazaar and Bake Sale are shared between the Ladies Evening Guild and the Ladies Aid, which in turn will designate the monies for several church projects. Items remaining are on display and are for sale in the lower level.

Again THANK YOU for supporting this event! The sharing and giving of our talents in love, along with fellowship is what we as Christians should do!

## Bethesda Thrift Shop

The Bethesda Thrift Shop in the Rapids Mall will be loaded with Christmas decorations and gift items starting the 1<sup>st</sup> week of November. More and more items will be placed in the store as the month goes on.

A special Christmas Open House will be held on Saturday, November 20 with all items in the store going at 20% to 70% off. Refreshments will also be available.

On Friday, November 26 we will again have a special sale for Black Friday. More sales will be held during the month. Please check your weekly bulletin announcements.

November is a big month for us and we need your support to help the folks at Bethesda with intellectual and physical disabilities.

Thank you.



## LWR Collection Reminder

The semi for Lutheran World Relief will be at the Rapids Mall parking lot on Saturday, November 6, 2010 from 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM. Items needed include: blankets, quilts, personal hygiene items, soap, layettes, school kits, health kits (remember, no toothpaste), and sewing kits. Sorry, No Clothing of any kind!

## Keep Kids Warm

Donations of winter clothing are needed to help WRPS Keep Kids Warm during the winter months. Items can be dropped off at each district school's front lobby or at Traditions Cleaners at: 540 E. Grand Ave. Items needed include coats, boots, snow pants, hats gloves/mittens, and scarves. Donations will be accepted until Friday, November 5. Winter clothing will be distributed at the Keep Kids Warm event on Saturday, November 13 at Wis. Rapids Junior High School cafeteria. Questions? Please contact a school counselor or social worker at 715-424-6700.

## Community Thanksgiving Dinner

St. Luke's Lutheran Church will be serving a Community Thanksgiving Day Dinner to anyone who may be alone on this day and/or is unable to prepare the traditional meal for him/herself. Serving will be on Thursday, November 25, from noon until one PM in the fellowship hall. Home deliveries or transportation to St. Luke's will be available. There is no charge for the dinner as funding is supplemented by Thrivent Financial, Veolia Environmental Services, and other donations. Reservations are requested and will be taken starting Monday, November 15. Please call the following to make your reservation: Weekdays at St. Luke's office, 9 AM-4 PM 715-423-5990. St. Luke's is located at 2011 10<sup>th</sup> Street South and is handicap accessible.



## Christmas Families Giving Tree

This year the Human Care Board has received the names and wish lists of two Christmas families. These families need our help to purchase Christmas gifts and food for their Christmas dinner.

The tree in the narthex is decorated with ornaments of one shape or color for family No. 1 and ornaments of another shape or color for family No. 2. Each ornament will have a family member's name on the front and suggested gift on the back. Each family has parents and 4 children.

There is a list on the back table with the list of names and gift of each person. Please check off the name and gift after choosing an ornament.

**Please return your gifts to church no later than December 5.**

We will give each family a gift certificate to purchase the meat for their Thanksgiving dinner.

Thank you and God's Blessing as we share this Blessed Season with those less fortunate.



## 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Cookie and Candy Walk

*Saturday, December 11, 2010*

*It's time to take a look at your favorite cookie and candy recipes!*

*St. John Cooks, Bakers and Candy Makers always produce the best tasting, most beautiful sweet items in the area! This church-wide event has been a great success in previous years—thanks to donations from the entire congregation.*

*Members of the congregation are invited to prepare their favorite cookies and candies for sale by the pound. Shoppers are given a box and protective glove to choose their favorite holiday sweets. Their purchases are then weighed and the satisfied customer pays for their items. The price is \$6.50 per pound to purchase cookies, candies or a combination of the two. There will also be prepared plates and containers ready for gift giving.*

*Donations to the Cookie and Candy Walk are to be to the church on Friday, December 10th.*

*Doors will open at 9 a.m. on Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup> for the public as well as members to purchase cookies and candies by the pound.*

*The Cookie and Candy Walk is coordinated by the Ladies Evening Guild and the proceeds will be donated to a variety of church projects.*