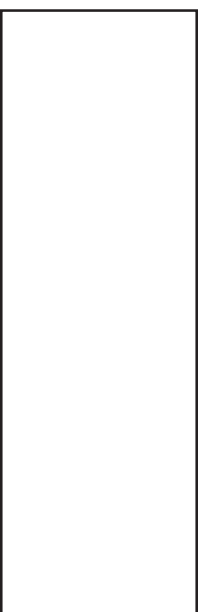


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# St. John's

September/October, 2006

## Craving God's Milk!



*1 Peter 2:2 "Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation,"*

The picture is common and easily understood. We all have seen babies and we all know that newborn babies love one food only, and that food is milk. When that baby is hungry, which happens every few hours at first, the thought of milk fills his or her mind.

Jesus uses that same picture to teach us about the craving he has awakened in our souls through faith. When God made us his child, through the faith he planted in our hearts, he planted a "craving" or "want" for his Word. Now God speaks to that desire in our hearts and urges us to 'crave' the pure word, to be eager to read and hear it.

These words are hard to hear for us. We may have a love for God's Word through faith, but we still have a hatred for God's Word through our sinful nature. Because of that hatred, we all have moments in our lives when we have not 'craved' God's Word. For this sin we pray that God forgives us.

And we know that we are God's newborn children through faith. Within us there is a love for his Word as well. Jesus speaks to that "craving" in his message above. He urges us to act on that desire and make use of every opportunity to hear the word of God and grow. May God bless us as we use the opportunities presented to us to grow in God's Word in the days ahead.

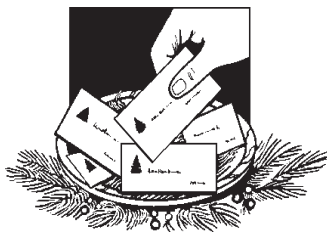
## ***"Membership Has Its Privilege"*** **A Fall Stewardship Program**

St. John's Congregation adopted a "plan for ministry for 2006" in its January meeting. The Church Council through its committees, working with the pastors of St. John's, created the plan. They called the plan "Focus 2006". "Focus 2006" draws the attention of every member of the congregation to the challenges we face as a church. The idea is that we will take steps to address all our challenges and, with the blessing of the Lord, begin to make progress in dealing with them.

Focus 2006 identified "congregational stewardship" as an area in which we as members of God's family need to grow. God has entrusted each of us with time and talents and treasures. What we have in each of these areas is a gift from the Lord himself. We are managers of what is his. The word "stewardship" refers to this area of our lives. It allows us to explore how well we are managing God's gifts and it allows us to compare our "management" with

God's expectations as he explains them in his Word.

Our Stewardship Committee has been working with the pastors to create a program this fall that will give each member a chance to explore this important area of our lives. The



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program we will follow is called “Membership Has Its Privilege.” The Stewardship Committee will present this program in two parts. The first part will take place in late October and early November. During that time every member will be given the opportunity to examine how well we have been managing the treasures God has placed into our care. The second part will take place in early December. It will give each member the chance to examine how well we have been managing the time and talents God has given us.

As the Stewardship Committee leads us through this program, we will learn to see the privilege that God has given us through our membership in St. John’s congregation. As you prepare your hearts for these events, give careful thought to this simple question. “What is the one privilege you receive when you become a member of St. John’s?”

### **The Answer May Surprise You!**

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*“What is the one privilege you receive when you become a member of St. John’s?”*

# Fall Bible Classes!

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## Playing God!

**Beginning Sunday: Sept.10, 2006 &  
Wednesday, Sept.13, 2006**

*Six Weeks of Bible Study on the Issues of Life and Death*

**Topics to Consider:** *genetically engineering “better” children,  
cloning human beings for replacement parts and cells to cure  
disease, euthanasia for dignified death*

**Sunday Morning: 9:15 a.m.**

*(Between worship services in Fellowship Hall)*

**Wednesday Morning: 9:30 a.m. (Fellowship Hall)**

The Bible is clear. Jesus is the “Author of Life.” God names himself as the “Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End.” All life originates with God and God alone is the one who decides when life ends. Woe to any individual or animal who takes this matter into his own hands. Such people will account to God for what they have done. So the Bible approaches the “life issues.”

But sinful man abhors the boundaries of God. As man’s scientific knowledge increases, the boundaries set by God come within range of the hand of man. Soon having power over life decisions seems appealing to man. And once again the voice of Satan whispers in the ear of man, “You will be like God.” As Eve found the temptation irresistible, so human beings find the boundaries of life inviting.

Thus we find ourselves facing questions each day that challenge the core of our relationship with the Lord. Our world is changing. Now the future promises “made to order babies geneti-

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cally engineered in a test tube.” In the world of the future, people can ‘clone themselves’ to create spare parts that might fail in their bodies over time. And in a world where people are living longer and suffering the consequences of advanced age more severely, the promise of “humane and dignified” ways to end your life on your terms are already being offered.

How do we as Christians deal with the questions of a modern world that sees stem cell research as a beacon of hope for the ailments of life? These and other questions will be the driving force that carries us into God’s word seeking the answers of God to the questions of man.

We will hold a six week Bible study on the issues of life. The Bible Class will be held two times each week. Sunday morning class between services and Wednesday morning class at 9:30 a.m. All are welcomed to attend. Materials for the class will be available at the Church Office. Once again, a free will offering of \$5 is encouraged to defray the cost of printing the materials. Come and take part in this modern application of ancient truths.

## **Teen Bible Class!**

**Beginning Sunday, September 10, 2006**

**Topics:** the Issues Confronting our Modern World.

**Time:** Sunday morning, 9:15 a.m., between services

**Place:** Men’s Club

**Participants:** All Confirmed Teens in the Congregation

St. John’s will be offering a special Bible Class on Sunday morning for the teenage members of our congregation. All teens from the newly confirmed to seniors in high school are invited to come and take part in this Bible study of our modern age. Each week armed with Bibles and newspapers, the class will study the issues of life that appear on the pages of our daily newspapers. We will study what God says and how God reacts to what happens in this sinful world.

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Classes begin Sunday morning, September 10. They will be held in the Men's Club between services. All teens are encouraged to come and take part.

## **Adult Refresher Course (ARC)**

**Sunday, September 24, 2006**

*Time: 6:30 p.m.*

*Place: School Music Room*

We are what we believe! Knowing this, we offer a class each fall and spring to share the teachings of God's word and to show people who we are and what we believe. The next class, our ARC, begins on Sunday, September 17, 2006. Classes will be held once each week on Sunday evening at 6:30 p.m. These classes are for two groups of people. They serve as a refresher course for members to review the basic teachings of the Bible. And they serve as an ideal vehicle for people who are not members to take a closer look at our church and learn what we believe. The class is a weekly discussion format in which people are urged to bring their questions and then to examine God's answers. If you know someone who is interested in learning what the Bible teaches, invite them to come with you to the class. If you have questions, please speak to either of the pastors.



## **Sunday School Begins**

**Sunday, September 10, 2006**

**Time:** 9:00 a.m., between Worship Services

**Place:** Old Church Offices

**Ages:** 4 years old through eighth grade

**Register:** Call Mr. Jay Storm or the Church Office

*In the September/October time frame, the members of St. John's need to make a decision about the future of Contemporary Worship at St. John's. So far the worship opportunities have been well received on a once a month basis. Now there are two questions the congregation must answer.*



## Contemporary Worship Decision!

### Two Questions to Answer

**Should we increase the frequency of Contemporary Worship to two weekends each month?**

**If the answer to the first question is "yes", when during the month should these services be held?**

### Two Options

1. *We can hold the services on the second and fourth Saturdays each month at 4:00 p.m. at the gym.*
  - a. *Advantages: the time is well received by the people who come to the service;*
  - b. *Disadvantages: the gym is needed for other activities on Saturdays in the winter; the pastors have weddings on Saturday afternoons; the Sunday services would have to be combined into one service at 9:00 a.m. due to reduced attendance; if we disrupt the Sunday worship schedule in this way, we face the possibility of losing worship opportunities for people who can only worship on Sunday; also, since this is an infrequent schedule, it would be*

*harder for people to follow the schedule of twice a month having only one Sunday service and the other weekends having two Sunday services; with three worship days in the week (Thursday, Saturday, Sunday), the pastors' time would be constrained by more preparation time, limiting their ability to carry out their other duties;*

2. *We can hold the services on the second and fourth Sundays of the month at the gym in place of the 10:30 a.m. service.*
  - a. *Advantages: frees the gym for use on Saturdays for other school related activities; takes some pressure off the pastors time demands; leaves the Sunday worship time schedule in tact at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. with only the location changing twice a month for the 10:30 a.m. service;*
  - b. *Disadvantages: it takes away the 4:00 p.m. worship time on Saturday, running the risk of making it harder for some to worship; it also moves a major worship service out of the church building and into the gym*

*The answer to the second question is complicated. Because of the use of video in contemporary worship and the limited viewing angles in the church building, contemporary worship must be held in the gym.*

*The Council wants to hear from everyone in the church on these issues. Please try to attend a Contemporary Worship service in the next month or two so you can develop an "informed opinion." Then add your voice to the conversation. Please note that we must answer this question in terms of what is best for the future of St. John's. That answer may not necessarily be what is most convenient for us personally. The welfare of the work of God's kingdom among us must be our primary concern.*

# Coming Worship Events!



## Celebrate Christian Parents Sunday

**Thursday, Sept. 7 -- 6:30 p.m.**

**Sunday, Sept.10 -- 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.**

“Bring your children up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.” We might call it the “parent command.” The Lord gives children into the arms of loving parents and then the Lord urges those parents to place those children back into his arms. No other parent responsibility is more important than this and no parental goal means more to the success of a child’s life than this. For these reasons, this is the highest desire of a Christian parent. All joy and contentment and security comes from a strong relationship with the Lord.

And Christian parents know that accomplishing this goal and maintaining it for the entire length of their child’s journey through this world is a two-step process. First the child must come to know that Jesus is his or her Savior. Through Jesus children can count on God’s love for them and his help in every need. Second, the children need to develop a strong relationship with other Christians. Parents can’t be at their children’s side forever. Some day the children will be on their own. The devil is a powerful enemy who can poison a Christian’s relationship with God. He did that for Adam and Eve and he can do that for us as well. For this reason

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Christian parents work hard to teach their children the importance of forming a connection with a visible church where Christians can watch out for one another and provide support.

**Thank God for Christian parents who value the 'parent command'!**

St. John's congregation members know the challenges Christian parents face in accomplishing these goals for their children. And for over 100 years our church has been committed to helping parents to accomplish these goals. That is why our members pool their resources to run a Lutheran Elementary School. That is why the congregation operates a Sunday School and a teenage youth group. That is why St. John's supports a Lutheran High School. All these are tools meant to support Christian parents and assist them in their important work.

To celebrate the Christian parent's in our midst and the important work they do, St. John's congregation will dedicate the worship services on the weekend of September 10 to giving thanks to God for Christian parents. Every parent of a child from birth through high school will be invited to join us in worship at those services. We will thank God for the work he has done in the hearts of these parents. And we will pledge our support as a congregation to these parents to assist them and let them know they are not alone. We stand with them. Come and join in thanking and praising God.



## **Celebrate the Called Workers!**

*Special Worship Services of Thanksgiving*

*Preacher: Pastor Stelter*

*Thursday, September 14 and Sunday, September 17, 2006*

On Thursday, September 14, and Sunday, September 17, St. John's will dedicate its worship services to the theme of celebrating the Called Workers God has given as gifts to his church. Jesus says of the Called Workers, "He who receives you, receives me, and he who receives me, receives him who sent me." The Lord tells us in Ephesians that pastors and teachers are gifts that God gives to his church to bless the church with the teaching of his Word. In this weekend of worship, the members of St. John's will gather to give thanks to God and to its Called Workers for the blessings God gives our church through his Called Servants. We will also use these events to recognize the special ministry anniversaries of our Called Workers in their service to the Lord.

At each service all our Called Workers will be present and members will have opportunity to offer personal thanks to the workers after the service is over.

The greatest treasure God gives our congregation is the pure teaching of his word. That word comes to us through these dedicated Called Workers. Let us all gather to thank the Lord for the gift he gives us through them.



**Future  
Operation  
Focus Worship  
Events for 2006**

**September 7 & 10, 2006  
Christian Parent Sunday**

*We will celebrate Christian parents in our church, thanking God for moving Christian parents to want to connect their children with the Lord.*

**September 14 & 17, 2006  
Called Worker Sunday**

*We will spend our worship weekend thanking God for the called workers he has sent to serve us and our families with his word. Pastor Stelter will preach the sermon this weekend.*

**October 5 & 8, 2006  
WELSSunday**

*We will give thanks to the Lord for his blessings on the work St. John's does with the other churches of the Synod to train pastors and teachers and to send missionaries to spread God's word throughout the world.*

## From the President

Dear St. John's Members,

My last message opened with "Summer has arrived and a transition of sorts has begun." I can say with confidence summer is nearly over and the planning for the transition is nearly complete. Even though short handed at times during the summer months the committees have been very active and diligent in planning their work for the fall. May these coming efforts be blessed by God.

### **Bible Study Planned!**

Bible classes are transitioning into Wednesday & Sunday sessions. The Sunday night classes are discontinued. The classes will be of 6 to 8 weeks in duration. The topics discussed will be germane to today's world and focus on current issues. The Cross Generational class will no longer be held. Regular Sunday School Classes will return and a Sunday morning Teen Bible Class will be added for our teenage members. You are

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## More Future Operation Focus Worship Events for 2006

**Week of October 29, 2006**

*“The Privilege of  
Membership” Week  
Cottage meetings for all  
members on the privilege  
of membership in St. John’s*

**November 9 & 12, 2006  
Relationship Sunday**

*Our worship will offer thanks  
to God for the gift of friend-  
ships through which we can  
share God’s love with others.*

**December 3, 2006**

*Privilege of Membership  
We can serve with our talents  
and time!*

all invited and encouraged to hear what the Bible says about these topical issues, ask your questions, get your answers, and apply them to your life. Eph. 6:17 says “Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.”

### Two Special Worship Events!



The Congregational Life Committee with the assistance of the Christian Education Committee will hold a special Celebration of Christian Parents service in the Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> services. The Christian Education Committee will be implementing plans to work more closely with the faculty and families with children to strengthen their relationships with the Lord and with the congregation. The Church Servants Care Committee will lead us to celebrate God’s gifts of Called Workers in special worship services on Sept. 14 and 17. In those services we will recognize our Called Workers who are celebrating length of service milestones.

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## **Stewardship Opportunity in October/November**

Also, the Stewardship Committee is finalizing plans to hold cottage meetings with our membership. These meetings will present what privileges are available to us as a member of God's church with an emphasis on the privilege of giving. 2<sup>nd</sup> Cor. 9:7 says "Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." The aforementioned Stewardship program is an effort to educate our members about the privilege God gives us to return to him in thankfulness what he has given us. "All" that we have is a gift from God.

## **Financial Challenge Continues!**

As was mentioned in my last message, if our budget shortfall approaches \$150,000 for this year, we can anticipate the Building Fund being depleted or nearly depleted. This assumes the Endowment Fund will have a small return on investment. At the time of this writing, Aug. 23<sup>rd</sup>, the Sunday Bulletin



reported a shortfall of \$109,439.93. What will the next four months bring? If this trend continues the Church Council will be faced with the decision of cutting the 2007 budget to the \$600,000 range as was discussed in the June Voter's meeting. Someone once said "If nothing changes nothing changes." In this case if the offerings trend doesn't change the budget for 2007 must change.

## **Salvaging Value!**

The scrapping and salvaging of materials from the old school continues. Volunteers are working weekends and weekdays when

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time allows. It is hoped that sometime in September we will hold a silent auction for the members of the congregation to have an opportunity to bid on any usable materials or items of memorabilia. More on this when the time is appropriate. Also, the asbestos removal contractor is planning on being in the old school in early September to remove the floor tiles that are on concrete surfaces. Lastly, the demolition contractor is scheduled to begin his work in November. There is a possibility of beginning demolition in October if his schedule on other projects is finished early.

### **Important Meetings Ahead!**

#### **Information/Discussion Meeting:**

Sunday, Sept. 17, after 10:30 worship service at church

#### **Voters' Meeting**

Monday, September 25, 6:30 p.m., at the church

The Church Council has set Sunday Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> as the Informational meeting and Monday Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> as the Thirdly Voter's meeting. The above financial issues, an adjustment to the Preschool Enrollment Policy, a decision on the Contemporary Worship Service schedule, and election of one council member to fill the vacated seat by the resignation of Doug Dewey will be on the agenda for the meeting. Please bring your ideas and input to these meetings. Your participation is wanted and needed. This is also one of the privileges God provides as a member of this church. Please take the time to exercise it.

Sincerely,

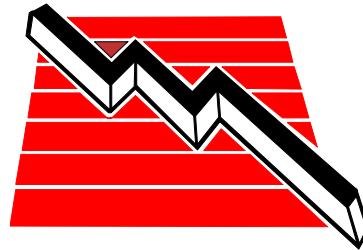
Glenn Gates  
Church Council President



# News from the WELS

## WELS Membership Trends!

*(Pastor Bruce Becker is serving as the Parish Services Administrator in the Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod. He recently posted this article on the WELS blog stating his thoughts on the most recent statistics for our Synod.)*



Each year, after the annual WELS Statistical Report is produced, I analyze the membership trends in WELS. The statistics for 2005 reveal that the 15-year downward membership trend is continuing and may be accelerating.

WELS reached its membership peak in 1990 – 421,396 members. At the end of 2005, we were at 398,282, a decline of over 23,000 members. From 2004 to 2005 the losses were exceptionally large. In the last year we experienced a decline of 1,089 communicant members and 1,487 children for a total loss of 2,576 members. We are a church denomination in decline, no matter how you slice the numbers.

But there is some good news to report! In 2005 there were 3,956 adult confirmations – people who came to know the living Jesus for the first time and joined one of our WELS congregations. Yet, 45% of those 3,956 adult confirmations came from just 10% of WELS congregations and almost two-thirds (66%) came from 20% of our congregations.

The five congregations blessed with the most adult confirmands in 2005 were St. Mark, DePere, Wisconsin (44), St. Marcus, Milwaukee, Wisconsin (42), Crown of Life, Corona, California (37), Trinity, Crete, Illinois (35), and St. Paul, Muskego (34). I know the leaders in these congregations and they would be the first to say “to God be the glory!”

These five congregations are each unique in their size, age, location, ministry approach, etc. But, based on my knowledge of and/or personal experience with them, they all share at least one characteristic. All five have a passion for taking the good news of the living Jesus to the spiritually dead and dying people in their community AND they are doing it!

# St. John's Lutheran Elementary School Begins a New School Year!

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## School Enrollment 2006-07

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Having added a 3-yr-old class this year, our total enrollment at St. John's Lutheran School in 2006-07 is **86**

in grades P3 - 8<sup>th</sup>. That compares with **85** in P4-8<sup>th</sup> last year of which 78 were in K-8. We lost four students in grades K-8 besides graduating 11 eighth graders. On the up side, we picked up three new students in K-8 as well as adding 8 new 4-year-olds and 5 new 3-year-olds. Altogether we lost 15 and gained 16.

The enrollment by grade follows: P3 has 5 students, P4 has 8 students, Kgn has 6 students, grade 1 has 11, grade 2 has 8, grade 3 has 4 students, grade 4 has 9, grade 5 has 14 students, grade 6 has 7 students, grade 7 has 10, grade 8 has 4 students. There are 86 students this year in Grades P3 - 8<sup>th</sup>, of which 73 students are in Grades K-8.

### Parent/Teacher Welcome Meeting!

**Monday, Sept.18, 2006  
6:30pm to 7:30pm  
At the School Commons**

*Parents and teachers form a team to provide Christian education for their children. All parents are invited to come for an hour of fellowship and get to know their fellow team members as we begin another school year.*



## Christian Education: A Task for the Whole Congregation Team



Our Lutheran Elementary School is owned and operated by the congregation of St. John's Lutheran Church. We operate the school to assist Christian parents in connecting their children with the Lord Jesus through faith. We also hope to help the parents connect the children with the congregation so they will see the continuing value of having a Christian faith family supporting them on their spiritual journey through life. 60% of our offerings at St. John's are spent paying for the costs of our school. At this moment that cost is about \$4,500 per child per year. May God fill all the members of St. John's with the joy that comes from serving the Lord in this special way.

### COUNCILMENANDTHEIRCOMMITTEES

**Glenn Gates**, 794-8019 Council President  
**Richard Messman**, 553-2665, Council Vice President,  
Building & Grounds Chairman  
**Ed Hinshaw**, 553-3007, Secretary, WELS  
**Dennis Evers**, 553-8555, Christian Education, MLHS  
**Todd Hermann**, 467-6611, Called Workers Care Committee  
**Ed Morley**, 793-4064, Congregational Life Chairman, Financial  
Secretary  
**Preston Jones**, 794-1664, Christian Education Committee  
**Joe Cook**, 684-3205, Treasurer, Financial Committee  
**Dean Jacobs**, 553-1628, Stewardship  
**Jim Smith**, 553-1240, Evangelism Committee, Financial Secretary  
**Jerry Retzlaff**, 682-8732, Stewardship

# Treasurer's Report

May Balance	15.76
June Receipts	44,676.20
Borrowed from BLDG Fund	<u>11,200.00</u>
	\$55,891.96

Payroll	\$31,443.53
Worship Supplies	94.27
Office Supplies	256.45
School	274.20
Utilities	2,686.49
Maintenance	390.15
Insurance	8,070.75
Car Allowance	
Pastor Scherbarth	154.17
Pastor Arndt	154.17
S Jones	75.00
MLHS Commitment	5,507.93
WELS Commitment	6,008.33
Miscellaneous	<u>746.83</u>
	\$55,862.27

\$55,891.96 June Receipts  
\$55,862.27 June Expenses  
 \$ 29.69 As of 6/30/06

June Balance	\$ 29.69
July Receipts	50,419.83
Borrowed from BLDG Fund	<u>3,150.00</u>
	\$53,599.52

Payroll	\$34,306.24
Worship Supplies	315.91
School	46.57
Conference Expenses	67.00
Utilities	1,678.25
Maintenance	254.91
Insurance	5,011.94
Car Allowance	
Pastor Scherbarth	154.17
Pastor Arndt	154.17
MLHS Commitment	5,507.93
WELS Commitment	6,008.33
Miscellaneous	<u>66.53</u>
	\$53,571.95

\$53,599.52 July Receipts  
\$53,571.95 July Expenses  
\$ 27.57 Balance as of 7/31/06

<b>Year to Date Reconciliation</b>	
<b>Offerings and Interest Year to Date</b>	<b>\$355,677.34</b>
<b>Expenses Year to Date</b>	<b><u>\$442,149.77</u></b>
<b>Operating Gain (Loss) Year to Date</b>	<b>(\$86,472.43)</b>
<b>Money Borrowed fYear to Date</b>	<b><u>\$ 86,500.00</u></b>
<b>Total Reconciliation Year to Date</b>	<b>\$ 27.57</b>

MLHS Commitment Fund	\$790.00
Partners In Christ	\$128,598.70
Recorder Fund	\$315.45
Building Repair	(\$1,383.26)

**Building Fund**

Balance 1/1/06	\$268,991.35
Schwake Estate CD*	15,372.41
Donations	1,000.00
Year to Date Interest	<u>\$ 941.35</u>
	\$286,305.11
To Date to General Fund	<u>\$204,549.04</u>
	\$ 81,756.07

\*Estate was given for the purchase of land for the church

**Endowment Fund**

Value 1/1/2006	\$1,031,771.72
Value As of 7/31/2006	\$1,059,282.58



# Official Acts

## Deaths

LaVern Bohm -- Died June 20, Funeral June 23

Eugene Stuebs -- Died July 7, Funeral July 11

Darlene Siebert -- Died August 18, Funeral August 22

## Weddings

Steve & Rose (Garceau) Pagels -- August 19

## Membership Matters

### Adult Confirmation

Mrs. Rose Pagels

Ms. Dawn Wodsedalek

Mr. Greg LeClair

### Members Received into Membership

Ms. Sally Graczykowski, Grace Crabb

from First German, Manitowoc

Mr. & Mrs. Robert & Kristina Lischka, Aaron, Evan and Jenna

Lischka from St. Johns, Gibson

### Members Transferring from St. John's

Mr. & Mrs. Clay & Jeanie Hill, Andrew Hill to Grace, Manitowoc

Mr. John Ruether, Jr., to Grace, Milwaukee

**September Greeters**

**Sunday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8:00 & 10:00**

Dennis & Avis Bleick – EM Helen Bialkowski – ES  
Howard & Hazel Havlichek – LM Tracy Messman – LS

**Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup> – 6:30**

Bill & Kathy Marshall – Main Entrance  
Elaine Buyeske – Side Entrance

**Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup> – 8:00 & 10:30**

Glenn & Maxine Gates – EM MaryEllen Graham – ES  
Harry & Lila Arneman – LM Dennis & Kathy Evers – LS

**Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup> – 6:30**

Martha Eichmann – Main Entrance  
Jean Kennedy – Side Entrance

**Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup> – 8:00 & 10:30**

Lon & Mari Grimm – EM Michael Meyer – ES  
Ron & Renee Prausa – LM Darlene Vander Bloomen – LS

**Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup> – 6:30**

Mildred Stegemann – Main Entrance  
Don Oestreich – Side Entrance

**Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup> – 8:00 & 10:30**

Maurice Ribble – EM  
Bertha Smith – ES  
Randy & Connie Kramer – LM  
Ed & June Hinshaw – LS

**Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup> – 6:30**

Marvin & Debra Jahnke – Main Entrance  
Kelly Bialek – Side Entrance

*If a Greeter is unable to greet as scheduled, please arrange a switch with another greeter and notify the Church Office of the schedule change beforehand (794-7300)*

# October Greeters

**Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup> – 8:00 & 10:30**

Tom & Lori Garceau – EM Duane Schulz – ES  
Gail Arndt – LM Jean Eckley – LS

**Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup> – 6:30**

Neysa Behnke – Main Entrance  
Mary Lou Beninghaus – Side Entrance

**Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup> – 8:00 & 10:30**

Allan & Audrey Shambeau – EM Jim Smith – ES  
Preston & Sandi Jones – LM Jean Haefner – LS

**Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup> – 6:30**

Tod Frenz – Main Entrance  
Sharon Hansen – Side Entrance

**Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup> – 8:00 & 10:30**

Dick & Rosemary Zastrow – EM Bonnie Vanne – ES  
Gary & Jelane Stone – LM  
Theresa, Sydney & Taylor Jacobs – LS

**Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup> – 6:30**

Ron & Patricia Thiel – Main Entrance  
Leona Siebert – Side Entrance

**Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> – 8:00 & 10:30**

Todd, Beth, Kaylee, & Brian Messman – EM Polly Zelinski – ES  
Randy & Connie Kramer – LM Jeff & Sandy Wachowski – LS

**Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup> – 6:30**

Claire, Charlie & Tom Messman – Main Entrance  
Ed & Marlene Morley – Side Entrance

**Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup> – 8:00 & 10:30**

Bernice Swoboda – EM Randy & Connie Kramer – ES  
Howard & Pearl Schultz – LM Phyllis Barner – LS

# **Ushers Schedule For September 2006**

## **Trustees**

**Thursday, 6:30 P.M.**, *Dean Jacobs, Jerry Retzlaff*  
**Sunday, 8:00 A.M.**, *Preston Jones, Jim Smith*  
**Sunday, 10:30 A.M.**, *Todd Hermann, Dennis Evers*

## **Ushers**

### **Thursday, 6:30 P.M.**

**Main Floor**, *Charles Schroeder, Gordon Pautz*  
**Balcony**, *Carver Hansen, Randy Hansen*

### **Sunday, 8:00 A.M.**

**Main Floor**, *Mark Stelter, Thomas Garceau*  
**Balcony**, *Lee Glaser, Duane Schulz*

### **Sunday, 10:30 A.M.**

**Main Floor**, *Alan Rodewald, Mark Anderson*  
**Balcony**, *Gerald Nelson, Gary Stone*

*Ushers who are unable to usher at their scheduled time should call the trustees who are scheduled with them and the trustee will find someone to fulfill their responsibilities.*

# **Ushers Schedule For October 2006**

## **Trustees**

**Thursday, 6:30 P.M.**, *Ed Hinshaw, Ed Morley*

**Sunday, 8:00 A.M.**, *Glenn Gates, Joe Cook*

**Sunday, 10:30 A.M.**, *Dick Messman*

## **Ushers**

### **Thursday, 6:30 P.M.**

**Main Floor**, *Donald Last, Ronald Thiel*

**Balcony**, *John Langman, Brad Langman*

### **Sunday, 8:00 A.M.**

**Main Floor**, *James Wondrash, Duane Swoboda*

**Balcony**, *Walter Christoffel, Larry Shambeau*

### **Sunday, 10:30 A.M.**

**Main Floor**, *Russel Strutz, Randy Kramer*

**Balcony**, *Jeffrey Wolf, Brandon Wolf*

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# Dates to Remember

Friday, September 1, Church Office Closed, No School, SJS  
Monday, September 4, Church Office Closed, No School  
Thursday, September 7, 6:30 p.m. fall Worship Schedule Resumes  
Sunday, September 10, 8 & 10:30 fall Worship Schedule Resumes  
Monday, September 11, 6:30 p.m. Committee Meetings  
Sunday, September 17, 11:30 a.m. Information Meeting at Church  
Monday, Sept. 25, 6:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m. Voters Meeting at Church  
Monday, October 2, No School, SJS & MLHS  
Friday, October 6, 8:30 a.m. Children's Worship Service at SJS  
Thur.-Fri, October 26-27, No School, SJS & MLHS  
Sunday, October 29, 4:00 p.m., Area Reformation Service

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## Memorials

### **Christine Nocker**

St. John's General Fund \$ 10.00  
MLHS \$ 20.00  
St. Johns School \$ 30.00

### **LaVern Bohm**

St. John's General Fund \$ 90.00  
MLHS \$ 95.00

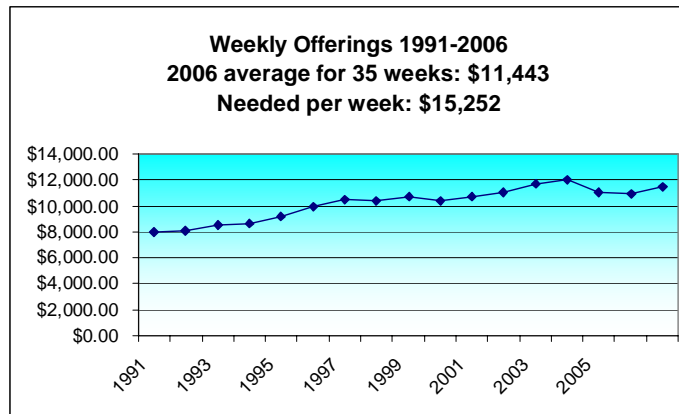
### **Eugene Stuebs**

St. John's General Fund \$ 20.00

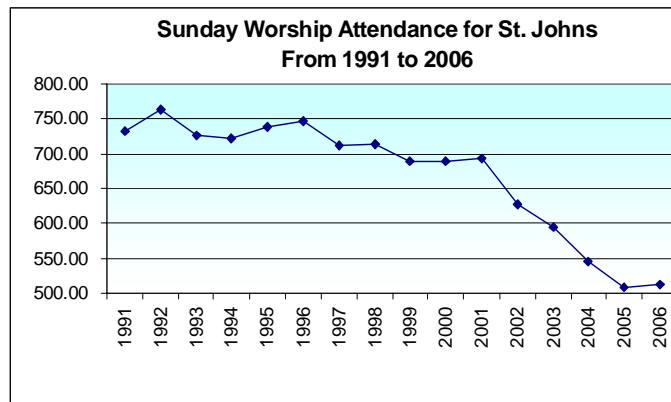
### **Hilda Rehbein**

MLHS \$ 10.00

# St. John's In Charts



*Offerings at St. John's for 2006 average \$11,443 vs \$10,932 last year, an increase of over 4%*



*Worship attendance is averaging 511/wk compared to 507/wk last year at this time.*