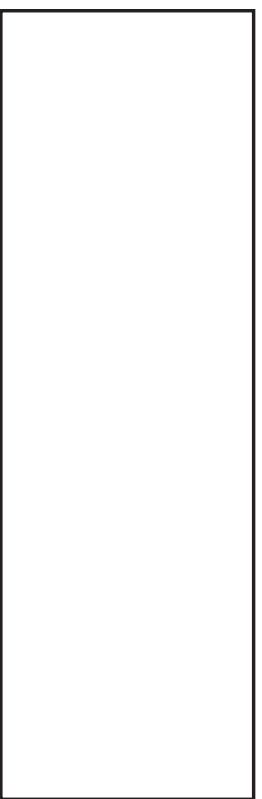


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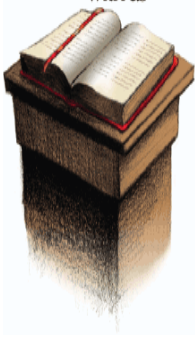
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St. John's

November/December, 2009



Thanks is Meant to Be Given, not Felt!

The plight and experience of the ten lepers is well known. Ten men united by a common bond of misery. They faced a disease with no cure, a disease that separated them from the world around them, a disease that took away all their hope. And then came news that offered a tiny sliver of light in their dark world. There was someone named Jesus who healed people. Together they made the decision to go and see this great healer and ask for his mercy.

Jesus told them to go and to show themselves to the priest. On the way to the priest all ten were healed. We can surely assume that all ten of the lepers “felt thankful” upon discovering their healing. They had hope now where before they had only despair.

But one of the lepers teaches us the true character of thanks. It is not meant to be “felt.” It is meant to be “given.” One leper went back to Jesus and gave thanks. And he alone heard the words “*your faith has made you well.*” When the heart moved by faith in God gives thanks to God for blessings given, that heart sees the blessings for what they are. Not good fortune! Not luck! Blessings from God’s loving hands.

And so for us, as we approach Thanksgiving, let us do so with the clear intention of giving thanks rather than merely feeling thankful. Only in that act can we learn to see the giving hand of our giving God blessing us and caring for us.

Where are you on ... the Path to Becoming a Giver!



St. John's congregation is built on a "giving truth." We are members of God's family by his design and choosing. He chose us to be his people. As a result of that choosing, God planted faith in our hearts and

taught us to believe that Jesus is our Savior. That faith changes our hearts. We are what God calls "a new creation." And the clearest way that change shows, the most visible distinction between us now and us the way we were before God's grace, is that God has made us into "givers." We are people for whom "giving" is important, a way of life!

The Stewardship Committee has planned a program designed to help each of us become who we are, the giving children of a giving God. The theory is simple. We have the desire to give in our hearts. God put it there. The more we exercise that impulse, the more we will become "givers", and the more we will stand out as God's children in a selfish world.

Each of us needs to take an inventory of our lives to see where we stand on the path to becoming a giver. Are we still standing at the beginning of the journey, having the desire to give but not acting on that desire? Have we taken the first few steps of faith down this road, responding to one or another of the "giving opportunities" the Stewardship Committee is providing for us? 15% of the congregation has requested the monthly "red envelope" to restore God's portion for the WELS and MLHS. Are you part of that 15%? 38 members stepped forward to give their blood this past week. Were you one of them?

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God has chosen us as his children. God has changed our hearts in the process. Giving is important to each of us. These are the truths on which our church is built. But “giving” will not happen by itself or be automatic for our selfish hearts. It will only happen when we apply the faith God gives us to the actions of our lives. There will be more giving chances in the near future. God will stand before us in every giving moment and challenge us to be who he created us to be. Plan now to join hands with one another and walk by intention down the path to becoming the giving child of a giving God.



*“That we might become
the giving children of a giving God!”*

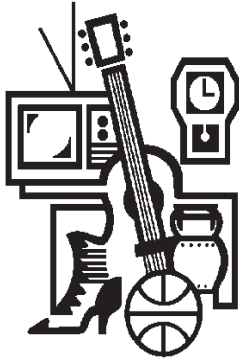
Christmas Poinsettia's A Chance to Give!

In preparation for the birth of our Savior, we will be decorating the church with poinsettia plants during the Advent Season. Anyone interested in beautifying our church in this way, please call the office (794-7300) to sign up. Plants will range from \$10 to \$20, depending on the size. We will be placing our final order on November 26th. You are welcome to take your single color plant home after the worship service on Christmas Day.



A Spring Rummage Sale???

Stewardship Input Needed!



The Stewardship Committee is working to plan many different kinds of giving opportunities for the members of St. John's. God has formed us into a congregation for the purpose of giving. We are the "giving children of a giving God." The Committee hopes to offer a wide variety of giving moments so that every member of the congregation can find a way to travel on the path of giving. The "Red Envelope" offers a chance to give money for those whom God has enabled and whose hearts are willing. The blood drive was a chance for those who wish to give in a more personal way and to demonstrate what God has done in their hearts. No matter what the giving vehicle, the Committee wants this always to be true: that we give because of the change God has worked in our hearts, and that what we give is in turn given away by the congregation. The congregation gains nothing for itself through this effort.

This brings us to a question that the Committee is considering. In order to provide a much wider giving moment for the members of St. John's, the Committee is contemplating the suggestion that St. John's hold a congregation wide rummage sale in the spring of 2010. All members whose hearts God has touched would be invited to give some of their possessions to this sale. Money raised from the sale would be given entirely to support the efforts of local food pantries to gather food for those in the community who had need.

The Committee would like to know what you think about this idea. St. John's held rummage sales many years ago, and finally stopped holding them out of fear that they were harming our Stewardship. Some people were more willing to

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He Gave so We Can Give!

Red Cross Blood Drive Results!



St. John's held its first congregation blood drive on Wednesday, Oct.

21, 2009. The Red Cross workers came with all the necessary equipment. Twenty volunteers from St. John's were on hand to walk donors through the steps involved in giving blood. There were forms to read, physical screens to pass, and questions to answer. 38 members from St. John's came to donate blood. 32 were able to give. Thank God for moving those who took part in this important giving event and for the volunteers who made it possible to do so in an atmosphere of joy.



work to gain other people's money than they were to give their own. That danger still stands. However, it might be modified somewhat if we give all the money away, and continue to support the work of St. John's only with our own offering.

If you think this is a good idea to hold a spring rummage sale for the purposes stated, please call the members of the Committee to tell them so. You might also tell them when you see them in church. Or you can call the Church Office and register your thoughts there. We would like to know if you think this is a good idea and we would like to know if you would want to be part of this plan.

Holiday Worship Schedule

Thanksgiving Worship

Worship Wednesday Evening, Nov.25, 6:30 p.m.

Worship Thursday Morning, Nov.26, 10:00 a.m.

Advent Worship

Wednesday, December 2, 2009 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 9, 2009 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 16, 2009 6:30 p.m.

Christmas Worship Schedule

Christmas Eve, Thursday, December 24

12:00 p.m. Church Office Closes

5:00 p.m. Children's Worship Service at the School

10:00 p.m. Service of Nine Lessons & Carols at Church

Christmas Day, Friday, December 25

9:00 a.m. Christmas Day Service at Church

Sunday, December 27

8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Memorial Services

Thursday, December 31

12:00 p.m. Church Office Closes

6:30 p.m. New Year's Eve Service with communion

Friday, January 1 -- Church Office Closed

CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS *need to be into the Church Office by 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 15th.*

Advent By Candlelight

Saturday, December 5, 2009

Location: St. John's School Gymnasium

Table Viewing from 1:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Program Begins at 2:00 p.m.

The Advent by Candlelight will be on **Saturday, December 5** in the **afternoon**. Table viewing will take place from **1:30 - 2:00**. The program will begin at **2:00 p.m.** *It is our hope that this time choice will allow more people to be able to schedule it into their day.*

The theme this year is **“Keeping Christ in Christmas: Symbols of Christmas and Their Christian Meaning.”** If you would like to display your creative side, we are in need of table hostesses. The committee does have plenty of tablecloths and decorations if you would like to use what's there. There will be an **informational hostess meeting** on **Tuesday, November 10 at 6 p.m.** in the **school music room**. *Table set up* will take place **Friday, December 4, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.** and **Saturday, December 5, 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.**

Inspiring Worship
Event

Punch and Fel-
lowship

Delicious
Desserts



Decorated
Tables

Live Nativity

Come To Bethlehem
Saturday, December 12, 2009
4:30 to 6:30 p.m.
Central Park, Two Rivers

Live animals *chili*

St. John's Live Nativity will be held on Saturday, December 12, 2009 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in Central Park. Members of St. John's will present the live Christmas Nativity entitled "Good News for All People". This outdoor event includes a walk or drive through the Little Town of Bethlehem where you can interact with the Bethlehem citizens, pet the live animals, sing Christmas Carols and hymns of praise on the birth of our Savior. After your tour of the town, stop in the Fellowship Hall for a visit and warm up with some hot chocolate, chili, and freshly baked goodies.

For all members of St. John's, the Live Nativity is a "Giving Opportunity." Those whose hearts move them to donate can give of their time and talents to help make the Live Nativity happen. It takes many hands and there is room for all. Those unable to help present the Live Nativity still can play a role. You can make sure you "walk through Bethlehem" yourself and invite others to come with you. Either you can help present the event or you can attend. Either way, make sure you "Come to Bethlehem" this year.

*Meet the villagers in
Bethlehem*

Angel Choirs



hot chocolate

Christmas carols

A Day for Remembering



Remembering Those Who Passed On in 2009

Sunday, December 27, 2009

God tells us that we are “strangers” on this earth, passing through on our way to our permanent home at his side in heaven. Each year members of our congregation and members of our extended families make the journey from this life to the one God has prepared.

In this final Sunday of the calendar year, the members of St. John’s will use this worship opportunity to remember those who have passed away during this past year and to pray for God’s comfort for those who mourn their passing.

We plan to specifically note the members God has called home and to note secondarily those families among us that have lost loved ones during this year who were not members of our congregation. During the worship service, we will pause to remember each member of St. John’s whom God called home in 2009. The bulletin will also attempt to list the names of any immediate family member of any St. John’s member (father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife) who passed in 2009. If you have suffered the loss of an immediate family member and would like to list their name in the bulletin for that service, please call the Church Office to inform us of your wishes.

This memorial weekend of worship will help us remember that we are all temporarily on this earth and our permanent home is in heaven. This sets a true perspective in our hearts as we begin a new year.

Back To Basics National Conference of Christian Life Resources

You are cordially invited to the Back to Basics National Conference of Christian Life Resources at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Slinger, Wisconsin on Saturday, November 7. The conference runs from 8:45 to 5:30. Registration forms are available from your pastor, congregational life witness, or online at christianliferesources.com. Free registration and transportation is also available by contacting your local branch chairman Don Potthast (920) 756-3340. Please do so by October 28.

47th Annual LWMS Convention

The ladies of the Mid-America and Missouri Valley Circuits are excited and privileged to host the 2010 LWMS Annual Convention in St. Louis. We invite you to be there to meet and hear from missionaries here and around the world. Learn of the exciting work being done to share Jesus with the lost. You will find the convention informative, edifying, inspirational, encouraging, supportive, helpful, and fun!

St. Louis is centrally located and thus close by! There is easy access whether driving or flying. We can't wait to see you there and look forward to sharing time with you. We ask God to bless you and all you do serving Him. Join us in St. Louis, Missouri Hear First-Hand What Missionaries around the world are doing to spread God's Word June 24-27, 2010

Missouri Valley Circuit and Mid-America Circuit
Mrs. Donna Cook, Publicity Chairman
Mt. Olive Lutheran Church
9514 Perry Lane
Overland Park, KS 66212

News from the WELS!

New Congregation and Ministry Support Group

A letter from the office of WELS President Mark Schroeder explaining the changes in Synod Administration which were brought about by decisions in this summer's synod convention



In its meeting last week, the Conference of Presidents (COP) took action to reconfigure the former Parish Services units into a new Congregation and Ministry Support Group (CMSG). The move comes after representatives of the various units of Parish Services and the COP developed a proposal that was in keeping with the intent of a 2009 synod convention resolution.

The convention spent considerable time discussing the role of the synod in helping to strengthen congregations and their members as they carry out their ministries. The convention recognized that the units of Parish Services provide valuable help to congregations, and it wanted to ensure that those resources are more widely accessible and utilized. Since the district presidents are called to supervise doctrine and practice in congregations, the convention eliminated the Board for Parish Services and the position of BPS administrator and placed the units of Parish Services under the responsibility of the Conference of Presidents (COP). The intent of this decision was to create a closer and more di-

rect cooperative relationship between the district presidents and the resources available to them and the congregations in their districts.

The new CMSG offers some new and more targeted approaches to helping congregations. It will operate as an arm of the district presidents primarily to provide resources and training to called workers and congregational leaders. Familiar programs of direct ministry to laypeople such as youth rallies and various retreats, publications, and Web sites will continue to be offered and coordinated as possible. The CMSG will be responsible to the COP through the synod president. It will work closely with Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary and Martin Luther College to deliver continuing education to called workers. It will develop networks of district pastors and teachers who will work with the CMSG to deliver assistance to congregations. With its various areas of expertise, it will provide a unified team approach to identifying the needs of congregations and their leaders.

CMSG composition

The units of the former Parish Services, along with their grassroots commissions, remain in place, with the following changes:

- The administrators for all of the entities are now called “directors.”
- Adult and Youth Discipleship retain separate commissions but are served, at least temporarily, by a single director.
- The Commission for Parish Schools will now be called the “Commission for Lutheran Schools” to reflect its broader work of serving Lutheran high schools and early childhood education programs. The unit will be headed by a director and an associ-



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Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>2 1:30 p.m. Ladies Afternoon Fellowship @ SJS 3:15 p.m. Confirmation Class 6:30 p.m. Advent 7:30 p.m. Choir</p>	<p>3 6:00 p.m. Communion Service</p>	<p>4 Mid-quarter reports go home on Monday, Dec. 7 8:30 a.m. School-wide Chapel 6:00 p.m. MLHS BBB @ Mishicot</p>	<p>5 2:00 p.m. Advent by Candlelight @ SJS 7:00 p.m. LLC Christmas Concert @ St. John's, Newtonburg</p>
<p>9 3:15 p.m. Confirmation Class 6:30 p.m. Advent Worship Service 7:30 p.m. Choir</p>	<p>10 6:00 p.m. Worship Service 4:30 p.m. MLHS BBB St. Mary Central - Parent's Night</p>	<p>11 4:30 p.m. MLHS GBB @ St. Mary's Central 5:00 p.m. SJS Basketball Games @ Home</p>	<p>12 ACT Test 4:30 p.m. Live Nativity downtown 4:30 p.m. MLHS BBB Sheboygan Lutheran</p>
<p>16 3:15 p.m. Confirmation Class 6:30 p.m. Advent Worship Service 7:30 p.m. Choir</p>	<p>17 6:00 p.m. Communion Service</p>	<p>18 4:30 p.m. MLHS BBB Brillion</p>	<p>19 12:00 p.m. SJS Basketball Games @ Maribel 4:30 p.m. MLHS GBB Brillion - Parent's Night</p>
<p>23 11:30 a.m. Early Dismissal - Christmas vacation begins 4:30 & 7:30 p.m. MLHS Christmas Concert @ Capitol Civic Ctr.</p>	<p>24 Church Office Closes at Noon Christmas Vacation @ SJS & MLHS 5:00 p.m. Children's Christmas Eve Service 10:00 p.m. Candlelight Service @ Church</p>	<p>25 Church Office Closed Christmas Vacation @ SJS & MLHS 9:00 a.m. Christmas Day Service</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>30 Christmas vacation @ SJS & MLHS</p>	<p>31 Church Office Closes at Noon Christmas vacation @ SJS & MLHS 6:30 p.m. New Year's Eve Communion Service</p>		

November 2009

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

**St. John's Lutheran Church 3607 45th Two Rivers (920) 794-7300
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

<p>1 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Communion Services 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Teen & Adult Bible Class 1:30 p.m. MLHS Reformation Service 7:00 p.m. ARC Class</p>	<p>2 Report cards go home 3:15 p.m. Confirmation Class 6:30 p.m. Committee Meetings</p>	<p>3 11:00 a.m. Hamilton Home 6:30 p.m. Ladies Society @ SJS 7:30 p.m. Open Gym</p>
<p>8 8:00 a.m. Worship 9:15 a.m. Sunday School, Adult & Teen Bible Class @ SJS 10:30 a.m. Blended Worship @ SJS 3-7:30 p.m. Youth Group Scavenger Hunt</p>	<p>9 3:15 p.m. Confirmation Class 5:30 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting</p>	<p>10 11:00 a.m. Hamilton Home 7:00 p.m. Men's Club 7:30 p.m. Open Gym</p>
<p>15 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Communion Services 9:15 a.m. Sunday School, Adult & Teen Bible Class 3:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting 7:00 p.m. ARC Class</p>	<p>16 8:30 a.m. Ladies Fellowship Breakfast @ M&M 3:15 p.m. Confirmation Class 6:30 p.m. PTO Meeting</p>	<p>17 11:00 a.m. Hamilton Home 7:30 p.m. Open Gym</p>
<p>22 8:00 a.m. Worship Service 9:15 a.m. Sunday School & Teen Bible Class @ SJS 10:30 a.m. Blended Worship @ SJS 7:00 p.m. ARC Class</p>	<p>23 3:15 p.m. Confirmation Class 6:30 p.m. MLHS LS</p>	<p>24 11:00 a.m. Hamilton Home 6:00 p.m. MLHS BBB Sheboygan Christian 7:30 p.m. Open Gym</p>
<p>29 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Worship Services 9:15 a.m. Sunday School & Teen Bible Class 7:00 p.m. ARC Class</p>	<p>30 Classes Resume 3:15 p.m. Confirmation Class</p>	

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Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>4 9:30 a.m. Bible Class 1:30 p.m. Ladies Afternoon Fellowship 3:15 p.m. Confirmation Class 6:30 p.m. Choir P-T Consultations after school</p>	<p>5 6:00 p.m. Worship Service Parent-Teacher consultations after school</p>	<p>6 No School @ SJS - Parent-Teacher Consultation Day</p>	<p>7 MLHS FB WIAA Level 3 MLHS VB State</p>
<p>11 9:30 a.m. Bible Class 3:15 p.m. Confirmation Class 6:30 p.m. Choir</p>	<p>12 6:00 p.m. Communion Service</p>	<p>13 8:30 a.m. School-wide Chapel</p>	<p>14 9:00 a.m. MLHS Federation Meeting 9:30 a.m. MLHS Senior Seminar-Scholarship Writing</p>
<p>18 9:30 a.m. Bible Class 3:15 p.m. Confirmation Class 6:30 p.m. Choir MLHS Girls BB Practice Begins</p>	<p>19 6:00 p.m. Worship Service</p>	<p>20 MLHS FB WIAA State</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>25 Thanksgiving Breakfast @ SJS 11:30 a.m. Early Dismissal 6:30 p.m. Thanksgiving Worship Service</p>	<p>26 Church Office Closed Thanksgiving vacation - No School @ SJS & MLHS 9:00 a.m. Thanksgiving Day Worship Service</p>	<p>27 Church Office Closed Thanksgiving vacation - No School @ SJS & MLHS</p>	<p>28</p>

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
<p>St. John's Lutheran Church 3607 45th Two Rivers (920) 794-7300 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.</p>		<p>1 11:00 a.m. Hamilton Home 5:30 p.m. Ladies Christmas Party @ Machut's 7:30 p.m. Open Gym</p>
<p>6 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Communion Services 9:15 a.m. Sunday School & Teen Bible Class 4:00 & 7:00 p.m. LLC Christmas Concert @ Grace, Manitowoc 7:00 p.m. ARC Class</p>	<p>7 3:15 p.m. Confirmation Class 6:30 p.m. Committee Meetings</p>	<p>8 SJS Book Fair December 8-16 11:00 a.m. Hamilton Home 4:30 p.m. MLHS BBB Reedsville 6:00 p.m. MLHS GBB @ Reedsville 7:00 p.m. Men's Club 7:30 p.m. Open Gym</p>
<p>13 8:00 a.m. Worship Service 9:15 a.m. Sunday School & Teen Bible Class 10:30 a.m. Blended Worship @ SJS 4:00 p.m. Grade School Band Christmas Concert @ MLHS 7:00 p.m. Youth Group</p>	<p>14 3:15 p.m. Confirmation Class 5:30 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting</p>	<p>15 11:00 a.m. Hamilton Home 4:30 p.m. MLHS GBB Valders 6:00 p.m. MLHS BBB @ Valders 7:30 p.m. Open Gym</p>
<p>20 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Communion Services 9:15 a.m. Sunday School & Teen Bible Class 7:00 p.m. ARC Class</p>	<p>21 11:30 a.m. Ladies Luncheon Fellowship @ M&M 3:15 p.m. Confirmation Class</p>	<p>22 11:00 a.m. Hamilton Home 6:00 p.m. MLHS GBB Two Rivers 7:30 p.m. Open Gym</p>
<p>27 8:00 a.m. Memorial-Worship Service 9:15 a.m. Sunday School & Teen Bible Class @ SJS 10:30 a.m. Memorial Blended Worship @ SJS 7:00 p.m. ARC Class</p>	<p>28 Christmas vacation @ SJS & MLHS</p>	<p>29 Christmas vacation @ SJS & MLHS 11:00 a.m. Hamilton Home 7:30 p.m. Open Gym</p>

ate director, with the possibility of adding a second associate director in the future to provide assistance to struggling schools and to congregations seeking to begin or improve early childhood programs.

□ Since the COP has replaced the Board for Parish Services as the calling body and because of some changed responsibilities, the COP issued the following calls: Rev. Mike Hintz (Evangelism), Rev. Bryan Gerlach (Worship), Rev. Carl Ziemer (Special Ministries), Rev. Dave Kehl (Adult and Youth Discipleship), Greg Schmill (interim director of Lutheran Schools), and Jeff Inniger (associate director of Lutheran Schools).

□ Each unit will be responsible for its own program and budgeting, but all units will also work in close cooperation with each other in areas where cooperation is beneficial.

□ A new “Congregation and Ministry Support Council,” comprised of CMSG directors, COP members, and representatives from WLS and MLC, will coordinate the work within the CMSG and the work of the CMSG with the COP and the synodical schools.

□ One of the directors of the CMSG will serve as a coordinator of the CMSG units. This position will be filled by COP appointment on an annually rotating basis. Rev. Bryan Gerlach has been asked to serve in this capacity.

□ In the interest of gaining better and more consistent distribution of CMSG resources, the COP will consider in the coming months whether the commissions should be comprised of the district coordinators of each unit.

Parish Assistance program discontinued

The Parish Assistance program will no longer exist in its current form. The COP eliminated the positions of Rev. Paul Kelm (effective Dec. 31, 2009) and Rev. Elton Stroh (effective June 30, 2010). The Forward with Lutheran Schools program (which had been a part of Parish Assistance) was placed under the responsibility of the Commission for Lutheran Schools.

Should Greg Schmill accept the call as the interim director of Lutheran Schools, he will oversee a continuation of the Forward with Lutheran Schools program as time allows.

Parish Assistance is currently working with a number of congregations. In order to avoid a sudden discontinuation of services, congregations may choose to engage directly Kelm or the part-time consultants now serving them. These direct arrangements would be made between congregations and consultants and would not be a part of a synodical program. Stroh will work with other congregations now being served by Parish Assistance to determine how they will best be served.

The COP recognized that some form of consultative services to support congregations and their ministries should continue. It envisioned an entity with its own commission and director (as a part of the CMSG) that would provide short-term assessment of congregational needs and advice as to how those needs could best be met. The COP directed the synod president to appoint a committee to outline the scope and function of this new entity and to bring recommendations to the COP by its April 2010 meeting.

The importance of congregational health

These efforts to reconfigure the ministries of Parish Services underline the importance of congregational health. We have also recognized the valuable role that the ministries of the new Congregation and Ministry Support Group can play in helping congregations and called workers to address the challenges facing them. Please join us in the prayer that God will bless this new entity and that it will receive the full support and encouragement of our entire synod.

Serving in Christ, Mark Schroeder

Church & School Office Numbers & Schedule

8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

3607 45th, 794-7300 or 793-5001

Pastor David Scherbarth – 794-7945

Pastor David Arndt – 553-2973

Mr. Michael Rohrick, Principal - 553-8635

Church, 17th & East Park Street – 553-8469

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COUNCILMEN AND THEIR COMMITTEES

Steven Wegner, 553-1259 Council President

Jim Ernst, 553-1081, Vice-President, Chairman of Building & Grounds

Larry Cudahy, 682-4252, Congregational Life Committee

David Wiesner, 553-4409, WELS

Keith Rosado, 794-1181, Christian Education Committee

Dennis Bleick, 553-3097, Christian Education Committee

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Ed Hinshaw, 553-3007, Treasurer, Finance Committee

Lee Glaser, 793-2505, Stewardship

Jim Smith, 553-1240, Evangelism Committee, Financial Secretary

Jim Marshall, 755-4340, Stewardship, Financial Secretary

Joe Cook, 684-3205, Called Worker's Care Committee, Council Secretary

Treasurer's Report

July Balance	\$66.11
August Receipts	<u>48,656.96</u>
	\$48,723.07

Payroll	\$29,827.13
Car Allowance	
Pastor Scherbarth	378.75
Pastor Arndt	378.75
Utilities	1,897.45
Worship	671.02
Office Supplies	199.45
Maintenance	961.47
Insurance	3,600.46
WELS	500.00
MLHS	500.00
Scholarships – Professional	248.00
Miscellaneous	<u>242.20</u>
	\$39,404.68

\$ 48,723.07 August Receipts
\$ 39,404.68 August Expenses
\$ 9,318.39 Balance as of 8/31/09

August Balance	\$9,318.39
September Receipts	<u>42,696.65</u>
	\$ 52,015.04

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Payroll	\$30,212.87
Car Allowance	
Pastor Scherbarth	378.75
Pastor Arndt	378.75
Utilities	1,534.79
Worship	406.34
Office	2,652.01
Conference Expenses	90.00
Maintenance	1,233.47
Insurance	7,854.96
MLHS	500.00
WELS	500.00
Miscellaneous	<u>185.55</u>
	\$45,927.49

\$52,015.04 September Receipts

\$45,927.49 September Expenses

\$ 6,087.55 Balance as of 9/30/09

Year to Date Reconciliation	
Offerings and Interest Year to Date	\$428,160.71
Expenses Year to Date	<u>\$463,323.16</u>
Operating Gain (Loss) Year to Date	(\$35,162.45)
Borrowed from BLDG Fund YTD	<u>\$41,250.00</u>
Total Reconciliation Year to Date	\$6,087.55

MLHS Commitment Fund	\$1,076.00
Recorder Fund	\$841.95
Building Repair	\$420.88
Schwake Estate CD	\$17,034.01
(Estate was given for the purchase of land for the church)	

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Building Fund

Balance 1/1/09	\$108,694.28
Weekly Offerings	965.00
Year to Date Interest	<u>\$146.98</u>
	\$109,626.26
To Date to General Fund	<u>\$41,250.00</u>
Cash Value as of 9/30/09	\$68,556.26

Endowment Fund

Value 1/1/2009	\$681,786.68
Value As of 9/30/2009	\$813,338.39

Memorials

Harlan F. Boettcher

Manitowoc Lutheran High School, \$85.00

Edna Steger

St. John's General Fund, \$20.00

Bill Pappathopoulos

St. John's School, \$20.00

Pearl Schultz

St. John's General Fund, \$1,200.00

Edna Last

Manitowoc Lutheran High School Tuition, \$105.00

St. John's General Fund, \$600.00

Lola Wilsmann

St. John's General Fund, \$20.00

Official Acts

Baptisms

Gabrielle Nicole Pappathopoulos
Daughter of Michael & Rana Pappathopoulos
Born September 20, Baptized September 20

Deaths

Bill Pappathopoulos, *Died Sept. 3, Funeral Sept. 8*
Gabrielle Nicole Pappathopoulos,
Died Sept. 20, Funeral Sept. 24
Lola Wilsmann, *Died October 2, Funeral October 5*

Weddings

Dane & Raissa (Kusiak) Hansen, October 24

Membership Matters

Profession of Faith

Dane Hansen

Members Transferring from St. John's
Leah Strutz and family, Kirsten & Samuel
to Bethany Ev. Lutheran, Manitowoc, WI

Members Transferring to St. John's
Georgia Patzer
from Calvary Ev. Lutheran Church, Thiensville, WI

Released

Tonia Gauthier & Son, Gavin Musial

November Greeters

Sunday, Nov. 1 – 8:00 & 10:30

Polly Zelinski – EM Randy Detjen – ES
Larry & Elise Shambeau - LM Phyllis Barner - LS

Thursday, Nov. 5 – 6:00

Bob & Barb Schroeder – Main Entrance
Leona Siebert – Side Entrance

Sunday, Nov. 8 – 8:00 & 10:30

Carol Bloedorn – EM Dennis & Avis Bleick – ES
Vonnie Daetz @ SJS Theresa Jacobs Family @ SJS

Thursday, Nov. 12 – 6:00

Liz Pietroske/Lisa Thielbar – Main Entrance
Mary Lou Beninghaus – Side Entrance

Sunday, Nov. 15 – 8:00 & 10:30

Glenn & Maxine Gates– EM Lon & Mari Grimm – ES
Jean Haefner – LM Sandy Daffner – LS

Thursday, Nov. 19 – 6:00

Dorothy Wolf – Main Entrance
Marilyn Jergenson – Side Entrance

Sunday, Nov. 22 – 8:00 & 10:30

Martha Eichmann – EM Sharon Kitzerow – ES
Kris Philippon @ SJS Dave & Sue Wiesner @ SJS

Thursday, Nov. 26 – Happy Thanksgiving

Sunday, Nov. 29 – 8:00 & 10:30

Kris Lischka – EM Preston & Sandi Jones – ES
Vicki Melius - LM Jenny Watry – LS

December Greeters

Thursday, Dec. 3 – 6:00

Linda Warden – Main Entrance
Caroline Everson – Side Entrance

Sunday, Dec. 6 – 8:00 & 10:30

Lisa Yanda Family – EM Sari Saubert – ES
Jim & Shawn Smith - LM Robert & Elaine Specht - LS

Thursday, Dec. 10 – 6:00

Lloyd Gass – Main Entrance
Arnie & Jean Dewey – Side Entrance

Sunday, Dec. 13 – 8:00 & 10:30

Bernice Swoboda - EM Susan Marshall Family – ES
Jackie Schaefer @ SJS Tracy Peeschek @ SJS

Thursday, Dec. 17 – 6:00

Mary Lou Erickson – Main Entrance
Jean Kennedy – Side Entrance

Sunday, December 20 – 8:00 & 10:30

Don & Pat Marshall – EM Dick & Rose Mary Zastrow – ES
Sue & Annalise Koeppe – LM Scott Siech - LS

Thursday, Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve Worship

Sunday, December 27 – 8:00 & 10:30

Jim & Sharon Wondrash – EM Bill & Kathy Marshall – ES
Darlene Vander Bloomen @ SJS Ginny & Faith Willis @ SJS

Usher's Schedule For November

Trustees

Thursday, 6:00 P.M. *Jim Ernst, Lee Glaser*
Sunday, 8:00 A.M. *Keith Rosado, Dennis Bleick*
Sunday 10:30 A.M. *David Wiesner, Jim Flessert*

Ushers

Thursday, 6:00 P.M.

Main Floor, *John Nagel, Dave Luebke*
Balcony, *Randy Hansen, Carver Hansen*

Sunday, 8:00 A.M.

Main Floor, *Glenn Gates, James Wondrash*
Balcony, *Todd Messman, Brian Messman*

Sunday, 10:30 A.M.

Main Floor, *Charlie Schwake, Bob Schaefer*
Balcony, *Mike Rohrick, Gerald Nelson*

Usher's Schedule for December

Trustees

Thursday, 6:00 P.M. *Ed Hinshaw, Steve Wegner*

Sunday, 8:00 A.M. *Joe Cook, Jim Marshall*

Sunday 10:30 A.M. *Jim Smith, Larry Cudahy*

Ushers

Thursday, 6:00 P.M.

Main Floor, *Charlie Schroeder, James Anderson*

Balcony, *Joe Moore, Preston Jones*

Sunday, 8:00 A.M.

Main Floor, *Mark Stelter, Peter Stelter*

Balcony, *Merle Beth, Bob Lischka*

Sunday, 10:30 A.M.

Main Floor, *Mark Anderson, Todd Mueller*

Balcony, *Heath Kluba, Dale Kappelman*

**“If there are any questions or comments about the ushering
schedule please call Ed at 793.4064.”**

Dates to Remember

Monday, November 2, 6:30 p.m. Committee Meetings
Tuesday, November 3, 6:30 p.m. Ladies Society @ SJS
Wednesday, November 4, 9:30 a.m. Bible Class
1:30 p.m. Ladies Afternoon Fellowship @ SJS
6:30 p.m. SPECIAL CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
6:30 p.m. Choir
Sunday, November 8, 3-7:30 p.m. Youth Group Scavenger Hunt
Monday, November 9, 5:30 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting
Tuesday, November 10, 7:00 p.m. Men's Club
Wednesday, November 11, 6:30 p.m. Choir
Friday, November 13, 8:30 a.m. School-wide Chapel Service
Sunday, November 15, 3:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting
Monday, November 16, 8:30 a.m. Ladies Fellowship Breakfast @ M&M
6:30 p.m. PTO Meeting
Wednesday, November 18, 6:30 p.m. Choir
Wednesday, November 25, 6:30 p.m. Thanksgiving Worship Service
Thursday, November 26, 9:00 a.m. Thanksgiving Worship Service
Tuesday, December 1, Ladies Christmas Party @ Machut's Supper Club
Wednesday, December 2, 1:30 p.m. Ladies Afternoon Fellowship @ SJS
6:30 p.m. Advent Worship Service
Friday, December 4, 8:30 a.m. School-wide Chapel Service
Saturday, December 5, 2:00 p.m. Advent by Candlelight Program @ SJS
Monday, December 7, 6:30 p.m. Committee Meetings
Tuesday, December 8, 7:00 p.m. Men's Club
Wednesday, December 9, 6:30 p.m. Advent Worship Service
Friday, December 11, 5:00 p.m. SJS Basketball Games @ Home
Saturday, December 12, 4:30 p.m. Live Nativity downtown
Monday, December 14, 5:30 p.m. Finance Committee
Wednesday, December 16, 6:30 p.m. Advent Worship Service
Saturday, December 19, 12:00 p.m. SJS Basketball Games @ Maribel
Sunday, December 20, 3:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting
Monday, December 21, 11:30 a.m. Ladies Fellowship Luncheon @ M&M
Wednesday, December 23, 11:30 a.m. Christmas vacation begins
Thursday, December 24, 5:00 p.m. Children's Christmas Service in the gym
10:00 p.m. Christmas Candlelight Service @ Church
Friday, December 25, 9:00 a.m. Christmas Day Worship Service
Sunday, December 27, 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Memorial Worship Services-
Thursday, December 31, 6:30 p.m. New Year's Eve Communion Service