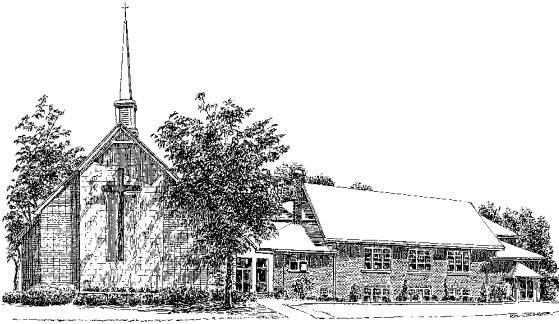


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The CELEBRATE November/December 2010

*“We humbly yet boldly step into the future, following
in the footsteps of Jesus on our journey of faith.”*

November Highlights

November 1st ~ 7pm

Common Meeting Night

November 6th ~ 8:00am-2:00pm

Garage/Bake/Book Sale

November 14th ~ 10am

Worship - Stewardship Sunday – Congregational Meeting

November 15th ~ 7pm

Session Meeting

November 23rd ~ 7:30pm

Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service @14 Holy Helpers

November 28th ~ 10am

Worship Service – 1st Sunday of Advent

December Highlights

December 6th ~ 7pm

Common Meeting Night

December 20th ~ 7pm

Session Meeting

December 24th ~ 7pm

Christmas Eve Worship Service

PASTOR'S PLACE

Dear Friends,

At the past Presbytery meeting I was elected to be the Presbyter of Discipleship, Communication and Transformation. This new position begins January 1, 2011, and is a full time job. So it is with sadness that I inform you that my last Sunday with you will be the 26th of December. There is a team in place from the session that is ready to interview for my replacement and our prayer is that they will be here come January. It has been a pleasure getting to know you as we have shared the rhythms and seasons of the church year together. You welcomed me into your midst and allowed me to minister to you but you also ministered to me during our time together and I am deeply grateful. This is a fine congregation that has much to give to the community around it, so continue to look for where God is calling you in ministry. We still have work to do together before my departure so I expect to see you in church and to continue to share with one another the love and kindness that you have shown me.

I invite all of you to the adult study we will have the second and third Wednesday of November and again in December. Meet in the parlor at 7 pm for stimulating conversation and a deeper insight into who we are as people of God. We will also be preparing for Advent and Christmas so watch for the opportunities to serve and join in!

Let us have a grateful thanksgiving season and a joyous Christmas together
See you in church!

Blessings,
Bronwen

FOLLOW THE LECTIONARY

November 2010

<i>November 7th</i>	Haggai 1:15b-2:9 Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21 Psalm 98 2 Thess. 2:1-5, 13-17 Luke 20:27-38	<i>November 21st</i>	Jeremiah 23:1-6 Luke 1:68—79 Colossians 1:11-20 Luke 23:33-43
<i>November 14th</i>	Isaiah 65:17-25 Thess. 3:6-13 Luke 21:5-19	<i>November 28th</i>	Isaiah 2:1-5 Psalm 122 Romans 13:11-14 Matthew 24:36-44

<i>December 5th</i>	Isaiah 11:1-10 Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19 Romans 15:4-13 Matthew 3:1-12	<i>December 19th</i>	Isaiah 7:10-16 Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 Romans 1:1-7 Matthew 1:18-25
<i>December 12th</i>	Isaiah 35:1-10 Psalm 146:5-10 or Luke 1:47-55 James 5:7-10 Matthew 11:2-11	<i>December 26th</i>	Isaiah 63:7-9 Psalm 148 Hebrews 2:10-18 Matthew 2:13-23

WORSHIP & MUSIC

CALLING ALL KIDS



Kids wouldn't it be nice to be able to sing a couple of Christmas Songs during the services this year? Sue Maciejewski is going to start a Children's Choir to perform for the holiday season. Rehearsals will be on Sundays immediately after church. While moms and dads are at coffee hour the kids can rehearse in the sanctuary. The first meeting will be Sunday, November 7th right after worship. Be sure to join Sue and help make a joyful noise.

YOUNG AT HEART

As you read this it is hard to believe that Thanksgiving and Christmas are just around the corner. It seems like we just started to have our luncheons and the holidays are almost upon us. For November we will only have ONE luncheon and that will be the third Wednesday (11/17). In December we will meet on December 1st and December 15th. So mark down on your calendar these following dates:

- November 17th
- December 1st
- December 15th

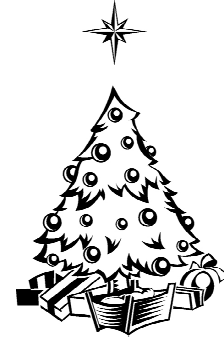
We hope to see you all on these dates for food and fellowship.

YOUR HAPPY COOKS: Dick and Edie Fischer

CHURCH & SOCIETY

HELPING HANDS TREE

This year our Christmas mission will be a little different. We are asking our congregation to help St. John's Lutheran, as they get ready for their first hosting of Family Promise (the former IHN). No, we are not volunteering your services/time although St. John's would really appreciate any volunteers. We will assist by providing some of the items on their wish list.



The wish list is:

- Toothbrushes, toothpaste
- Soap (bar, liquid, sanitizer)
- Books – coloring / activity and puzzle books (crossword, word search, etc.)
- School supplies (paper, scissors, pencils, etc.)
- Baby wipes
- Towels/washcloths

Each guest will receive a bag of the above items while staying at St. John's. When you purchase these gifts please remember that Family Promise aids both adults and children.

Don't like to shop in the cold weather? Diane, Sue, or Barb will accept monetary donations and do the shopping for you.

Please leave your unwrapped donations at the church no later than December 12th as the first hosting is December 26th. Again, thanks so much for sharing with those who have less than you have.

If you are interested in volunteering your time, there is additional information on the Opportunities to Service table in the entryway of see Barb for a contact person.

NOVEMBER 2010						
Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
	1 Common Meeting Night 7pm	2	3	4 Choir Rehearsal 7pm	5	6 Garage/Book/Bake Sale 8:00am
7 10am Worship w/ Communion Faith Education 11:15am Fellowship	8	9	10	11 Choir Rehearsal 7pm	12	13
14 10am Worship Faith Education 11:15am Fellowship <i>Congregational mtg. Stewardship Sunday</i>	15 Session meeting 7pm	16	17 Young at Heart Luncheon 12pm	18 Choir Rehearsal 7pm	19	20
21 10am Worship Faith Education 11:15am Fellowship	22	23 Thanksgiving Service @ 14 Holy Helpers 7:30pm	24	25 <i>Happy Thanksgiving</i>	26	27
28 10am Worship Faith Education 11:15am Fellowship <i>1st Sunday of Advent</i>	29	30				

DECEMBER						
Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
			1 Young at Heart Luncheon 12pm	2 Choir Rehearsal 7pm	3	4
5 10am Worship w/ Communion Faith Education 11:15am Fellowship <i>2nd Sunday of Advent</i>	6 Common Meeting Night 7pm	7	8	9 Choir Rehearsal 7pm	10	11
12 10am Worship Faith Education 11:15am Fellowship <i>3rd Sunday of Advent</i>	13	14	15 Young at Heart Luncheon 12pm	16 Choir Rehearsal 7pm	17	18
19 10am Worship Faith Education 11:15am Fellowship <i>4th Sunday of Advent</i>	20 Session meeting 7pm	21	22	23	24 Fellowship 6:30pm Christmas Eve Worship service 7pm	25 <i>Merry Christmas</i>
26 10am Worship Faith Education 11:15am Fellowship	27	28	29	30		

FINANCIAL NEWS

Dear friends in Christ,

On this our 100th year of Christian ministry we are facing an uncertain time in our ministry. You are an integral part of our congregation and we cannot exist without your help. For this years' stewardship program we are asking members and friends like you to do three things.

The first is to "PRAY"! Christians that needed the love of God and each other founded our church. Everyone prayed and worked together and prospered. Prayer and worship was the cornerstone of their faith and kept it strong. They grew together. It must have been hard work. They were raising families and working hard, but they wanted to pray and worship together. Jesus assured us that "whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it and it will be yours". So as we continue our ministry we ask you to pray as Jesus asks us to do. Without the cornerstone of prayer we will not succeed.

The second is to "PARTICIPATE"! Without your presence in the pew on Sunday or in our outreach programs we are missing your strength and effort. If all members can participate a little we'll be stronger and more effective. Christians are instructed, (Ps 100) to make a joyfull noise unto the Lord!! We can do that with our participation! Giving of our time and talent is one way we can worship God.

The third is to "PLEDGE"! "The one who sows sparingly will reap sparingly, each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. (2nd Corinthians 9);

By pledging, we commit to our faith and allow it to prosper. Please consider pledging, or increasing your pledge in 2011.

Thank you for your support
Bob Doll

This year the last day for the recording secretary to accept pledges and Per capita is December 26th. If you want credit for your tax returns please submit by this date. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. If you have any question as to what you have left to complete your pledge call me and I will be glad to assist you. Thank you

Edie Fischer
Recording Secretary

FELLOWSHIP NEWS

Check out the two fellowship opportunities you won't want to miss!

There will be a luncheon on November 14th in conjunction with the Congregational/Town Hall meeting. Please join us in the downstairs fellowship hall for discussion about the future of our church and its mission.

On December 24th at 6:30pm we will again be hosting fellowship time prior to the Christmas Eve service. Please join us for cookies and refreshments as we come together to celebrate Christ's birthday.

Janice Jones
Fellowship Chair

In The Life of The Church

NOVEMBER & DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

November	1 st	Brody Stoklosa
	21 st	Lisa Shriver
	26 th	Eric Hendel
	30 th	Bob Bengert

December	1 st	Richard Jones
		Tim Miller
	3 rd	Nancy Galley
	9 th	Barb Kissel
		John Lindak
	11 th	Bob Barnhart
		Carol Vaughan
	12 th	Donna Cieslinski
	13 th	Betty Rasp
	22 nd	Ethan Rowe
	25 th	Jason Perillo



NOTES OF THANKS

My Dear Church Family,
Thank you to all of you who were so kind in sending cards and making phone calls to me, when my dear sis, Ellie, passed away September 19th. Also thank you for the gorgeous mum plant from the altar. Someone will plant it for me in memory of my sister.

Ellie and I were like twins although 3 years apart. She and I clung together when I was 2 and she was 5, when our dear mother passed away at age 25.

Thank you again for your prayers and kind thoughts.

Lovingly,
Myrt Halligan

PRAYER CONCERNS

Family & Friends of our congregation

Elaine Bergman (Sandy Fiegl) ♦ Kathy Miller Colmerauer (Jane Lankes) ♦ Dan & Judy Cravotta (Janice Jones) ♦ Pauline Deletti (Sandy Fiegl) ♦ Linda Dories (Sandy Fiegl) ♦ Cathy Folaron (Cheryl Wilczak) ♦ Rosanne Folaron (Cheryl Wilczak) ♦ Ed & Dorothy Gutowski (Ed Gutowski) ♦ Carolyn Halley (Marilyn Mohr) ♦ Jill Miller-Kisker (Jane Lankes) ♦ Dee Dee Labby (Cheryl Labby) ♦ Aaron Miechurski (The Halligan's) ♦ Dave & Pam Misko (Sue Piersa) ♦ Jennifer Noe (Sue Piersa) ♦ Mary Orofino (Marilyn Mohr) ♦ Maureen Patti (Helen Somer) ♦ Elizabeth Shaffer (George Shaffer)



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Elders

Class of 2011	Class of 2012	Class of 2013
Janice Jones	Sue Piersa	Debbie Wilson
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