

The St. John's Messenger

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Your Feet Are Beautiful

We all agree that mission work is important. After all, without mission work how would our church grow? This is true for the Christian church in the world wherever it is found, as well as the Wisconsin Synod, and also for us at St. John's in Sleepy Eye. God has decided that he would grow his church through the spoken Word. Paul makes that eloquently clear in Romans,

“How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, ‘How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!’” (Romans 10:14-15)

The answer to all of Paul's questions is “They can not!” No one can believe in Jesus as their savior unless they have heard that Jesus died for their sins. No one can hear about Jesus unless someone tells them.

It is important to support mission work with our prayers and our offerings so we can send missionaries out into this country and in the world with the Gospel. Here are a few ideas.

- Our Mission Festival Sunday (October 14th) will focus on India. Pastor Mark Zarling will share God's Word with us regarding mission work and he will also tell us about some of the things that have happened in India as God works through his Word to enlarge his kingdom.
- In connection with our Mission Festival an offering will be taken to help build chapels for the people who gather around God's Word in India. There are about 60 congregations in India that do not currently have their own building. In India these chapels are modest structures costing only \$3,000 to \$5,000 each. With this offering we can help our Christian brothers and sisters in India build their own church! Doesn't that sound like a wonderful way to thank God for giving us our own beautiful building where we can hear about his grace?
- At the end of October we have the opportunity to celebrate the Reformation at a worship service at MLC. It is a good time to remind ourselves of the wonderful blessing we have in God's truth. This is something we want to share in a world full of Satan's lies.

The opportunities we have to share the Gospel are endless. This is not something that should be left to paid professionals but God intends it to be the work of every Christian. Remember, as you share that good news your feet are beautiful.

Pastor Draper

St. John's Mission statement:

The continuing purpose of this congregation is to serve all people in God's world with the gospel of Jesus Christ on the basis of the Holy Scriptures.

Presidents Report to St Johns Church Council & Congregation September 2012

1 Timothy 5:17

The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of **double honor**, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching.

October is Pastor Appreciation Month and we want to thank Pastor, Sallie and family for all they contribute and do for our congregation here at St. John's. One way we can do that will be to contribute to a fund to help defray Pastor's cost to go to Israel in January. I know there will be other opportunities to contribute to Pastor and Sallie as we get closer to October. Keep an ear out for the ideas!



The hog roast was a huge success. It was different from previous years in that we had one service at 9 am and the meal wouldn't be served until 11:15. What we had for that time in between service and the meal was a very well attended bible study of 60 or so. The topic of the Minnesota marriage amendment and what God says about marriage was very interesting.

*Thank
you*

I want to thank Steve Meyer for stepping forward to volunteer to count with the finance committee and Jon Meyer for taking a place on the school board. Their time and contributions to St John's are too very much appreciated. I do have positions open on the board of Elders, church council secretary and a need for another finance committee counter. Please contact myself or Pastor if you would like to help out!

We are continuing our Sunday 9am service and Monday evening, now 7 pm service, through October. At the October 20th voters meeting we will discuss going year round with this schedule. There has been good reason to stay with this schedule, the Sunday service is a fuller, larger group for worshipping and the Monday evening service fulfills the needs of those gone or working during the weekend. I think Monday nights could be an outreach opportunity also. The new schedule will pose some challenges for those involved in administering the services, Pastor, the organists, elders and flower committee which hopefully can be worked through. The additional two months of September and October on the summer schedule is giving us an opportunity to see how this schedule would work during the school year. We will want to discuss all these concerns before making the decision.

Our major projects continue on with the parking lot, school sprinkler system and the organ renovation. Watch the bulletin for updates on the completion and funding status of these projects.

Yours in Christ,

Steve Windschitl
President, St John's Congregation

Church Council Minutes September 13, 2012

Present: Mike Crabtree, Jerry Dittbenner, Steve Windschitl, Andy Lochner, Shorty Haus, Dave Silfies and Pastor Draper.

Pastor Draper opened the meeting with devotion and a prayer.

Minutes

Andy Lochner/Shorty Haus made a motion to approve the August 2012 minutes. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report

No report.

Treasurer's Report

No report available.

President's Report

A thank you will be included in the newsletter to the Ladies Aid for their generous gift of \$1,000 to the street project.

The hog roast was a success.

Board of Elders

Pastor Zarling will be preaching for Mission Festival on October 14th.

Principal & Board of Education

The school year is off to a good start. Attendance is 25 students.

The state fire marshall was here this week. Pastor had a good visit with him.

Sarah Spike is our part-time Pre-K teacher.

Worship Committee

Our annual hog roast was held Sunday, September 16th.

MVL's congregation night will be held September 25th.

Mission Festival will be held Sunday, October 14th. Pastor Zarling will talk about India. There will be a free will offering.

Maintenance Committee

No report.

Outreach

No report.

Stewardship

Dave Silfies is searching for volunteers for some committee members.

MVL/WELS

No report.

Endowment and Trust Fund Committee

No report.

Old Business

The voter's meeting has been moved to Monday evening, October 22nd.

New Business

Congratulations to Stanley Draper for winning the National merit scholarship.

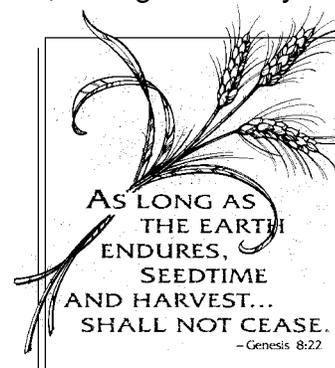
There was discussion on the possibility of having Paula Anderson teach violin at St. John's Church. Our insurance company will be called regarding liability.

The next Church Council meeting will be held Tuesday, October 9th at 7:30 p.m. Our circuit Pastor Tessmer has been invited to attend.

Shorty Haus/Jerry Dittbenner made a motion to adjourn. Motion carried.

The meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted
Barry Hillmann, Acting Secretary



Principal's Newsletter Mr. Dan Rick

Welcome to the 2012 and 2013 school year! Once again, the faculty is privileged to provide a quality Christian education to primary and grade school youth. Our theme for this school year is "No Greater Love" taken from John 15:13. Jesus gave his life for me and for you. He offered up His life as the perfect sacrifice so that we will enjoy eternal life in heaven with him. What a wonderful act of love that reaches out to all people! It is this truth that we will share with our students this year as we reflect on our theme: "No Greater Love."

St. John's is off to a great start with many events! We started our school year with Chapel and will continue to have chapel every first Wednesday of the month. You are invited to attend! Chapel begins at 8:10am. Our first quarter mission offerings will be designated to The Lutheran Home.



Two new sports have been added this fall, Soccer and Cross Country. Participating students have enjoyed their time learning new skills and will have the chance to display them in upcoming games and meets. Our new Athletics page on the website has the times and dates for these fall sports. Please come and support St. John's Athletics!

Students have also enjoyed participating in Safety Day, singing in church, and showing their school pride on Spirit Day. Activities and events like these provide fun learning opportunities to our students and enrich them with thankfulness and happiness.

We also appreciate everything you do for St. John's School. Please continue to support us by using your Target REDcard, buying SCRIP from Mrs. Draper, collecting milk caps and labels, and recycling print cartridges. These great opportunities make our school successful!

We can also use your help. There are a few jobs and duties that need to be done. We are currently looking for a lunch cook on Fridays. We have volunteers helping, but not every Friday is filled with a volunteer. Second, there are a number of bulletin borders that need to be laminated. It would be sincerely appreciated by the teachers to have these laminated and cut. Lastly, outside by our school garage are four large cement blocks. If there are any gentlemen who have a truck and could move these, that would also be sincerely appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Rick.

May God continue to bless you in everything you do. We are tremendously blessed here at St. John's and our love for one another will continue to encourage us to hold on to Jesus and treasure his saving promise. We are grateful to be involved in God's Word every day. The teachers are joyful once again to tell children God's great love. We are happy to teach our students this year as we reflect on our theme: "No Greater Love."

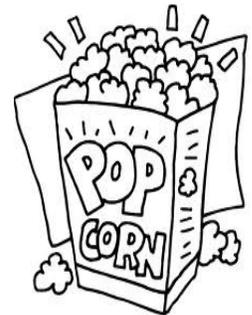


Mrs. Shrum's Classroom News

The 2012-2013 school year has gotten off to a great start! We have 8 students in our Preschool and Kindergarten class, and a new afternoon Preschool Helper as well. Mrs. Sarah Spike was hired to work with the Preschool students every afternoon while Mrs. Shrum teaches Kindergarten Language arts and all school music. This addition to the program has been a wonderful blessing already.

During the first few weeks of school the Preschool and Kindergarten students have learned the classroom rules and routines. They have also worked through some Back to School Social Study Themes like "All about Me", "My Family" and "School Friends". This month they started with the letter "A" as their first letter of the week, and have been learning about counting, shapes, colors and patterns with the monthly calendar. They have also observed the weather and learned about the life cycle of an apple! They enjoyed tasting different kinds of apples and graphing their favorites.

The Kinders have started their journey of learning how to read with their "POPCORN Word Wall". They already know the words: the, in, and here. They have spent time in the computer lab every afternoon, learning their letter/sounds on the smartboard. They also write an entry in their journals every day.



The Preschool and Kindergarten students are all looking forward to their first field trip to Nelson's Pumpkin Farm in October!



Mrs. Halvorson's Classroom News

God has given his precious children another new school year ahead to learn and grow in faith!

October's Fall days are beautiful and busy ones for grades 1-4.

In our Christ Light Bible lessons we are studying New Testament lessons. This month we begin hearing about Jesus' public ministry. We will see the many ways he showed his almighty power as he preached and did miracles.

Later in the month, the children will learn about Martin Luther in our afternoon devotions. We will learn that Luther discovered in the Bible that we are saved by faith alone.

Our Mathematicians will be busy this month. Grade 1 will be working on learning doubles facts in addition and showing number sentences through their drawing. They will also work with balances and pattern blocks. Grade 2 will be learning to read a thermometer to the nearest 10, tell time to the half hour, count dimes and pennies, find missing addends, sort, and draw and write number sentences.

Grade 3 is busy writing fractions, working with thermometers and counting coins. Multiplication is just around the corner! Grade 4 is working from a hard book for the first time. This transition is a new challenge!



Social Studies

Grade 3-4 is studying Maps, climate and weather patterns on earth. Then we will learn about the Midwest. This will be familiar to most, and interesting to learn new facts about our home state and part of the country.

Science 1-4

We are all learning about life in the ocean. What wonders God has put beneath the sea for us to study!

Calendar Time and Poetry Corner are favorite times of the day that help us keep some of our Math and Language skills sharp. We can count by odd and even numbers, graph our weather, practice patterning, enjoy sharing poetry and more!

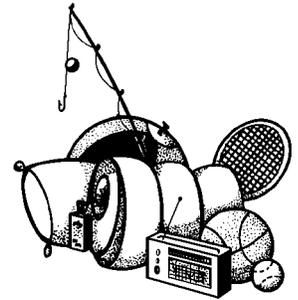
We have only just begun our year. Walking hand in hand with our Savior assures us it will be a wonderful journey!

Mr. Rick's Classroom News

Mr. Rick's classroom has been busy, busy, busy! The students have been involved in many research assignments and projects. They have also been reading numerous outside resources. For example, fifth and sixth grade is studying Minnesota History and seventh grade is learning about US History. These students read newspaper and magazine articles, research the Internet, and find interesting facts about historical events and people. The students have also shown great work in other subjects. All three Math classes are learning about story problems. We are in the New Testament this year for Christ-Light and have studied stories from Christ's birth to Jesus' baptism. The seventh grade class has really enjoyed their reading novel, *Hatchet*, and the fifth grade just finished up their book *The Hundred Dresses*. The students also have Catechism, English, Science, Phy. Ed., Art, Music and Current Events.

The students have been great helpers in the classroom and really enjoy their studies. It is a great blessing to have young students who model their Christian words and actions in the classroom.

In other classroom news, the students will soon go on their field trip to Camp Croix in Danbury, Wisconsin October 15 through the 17th. The students are looking forward to this trip and enjoying Christian fellowship with other school students.



For more classroom news, check out our classroom web page or come visit us!



Hosanna Circle

Hosanna Circle will meet on October 4th at 6:00 p.m. in the church basement.

Please join us if you are able.

October is Pastor Appreciation Month!



Did you know that October is Pastor Appreciation Month? Although we can (and should!) show our appreciation to him often, it is a special treat to get together with our fellow members of St. John's and show our support for Pastor Draper. He regularly offers

prayers for all of us, gives of his time, studies scripture, leads our congregation and school, visits shut-ins, performs special services, and much more in addition to being a husband and busy father.

Pastor Draper is planning on going to Israel in January to explore the Holy Land with other WELS pastors and members. He will be paying for the cost of the trip himself. We know he will come home with greater understanding and wisdom after learning from the other scholars on the trip and experiencing first-hand the sights, sounds and histories of the land our Savior walked in.



The church council has endorsed the suggestion that monetary gifts to help fund his trip would be an excellent way to show him our support. If you would like to participate this way, you may drop a card into a special card box in the narthex. You may make your check out to St. John's Church, and write "Israel Trip" on the memo line. You could include that check in a greeting card if you prefer, or just a plain envelope is fine too. Please remember to drop your card in the box by October 27th, as that is the day we will present Pastor with this gift after worship service.

Thank you...

... but mostly, thank YOU, God for Pastor Draper!

Ladies Aid

The Ladies Aid met on Thursday, September 6th at 7:00 p.m. For a joint meeting with the Hosanna Circle. President Marlys Lochner presided.

Pastor Draper led us in our devotion from Ephesians 3:14-21. Paul prayer that God would strengthen their inner being, lead them to know his love and grasp the fullness that is theirs as members of God's family.



The proceeds from the Corn Days Pie Sale on August 17th totaled

\$865.85, including the leftover pies that were served after Sunday

services. The Youth Group will receive half of this amount (\$432.93). Many thanks to those who delivered the pies from church and cut and plated the pies all day. Thanks also to the Youth Group for selling the pies and to all the talented pie bakers for all the delicious pies. We give thanks to the Lord for giving us such a beautiful day for the sale!

The LWMS Fall rally will be at Zion in Winthrop, MN on Saturday, September 29th.

The MLC Auxiliary meeting will be held on October 27th.



A motion was made, seconded and passed to give \$50.00 to the Jesus Cares Ministries.

A motion was made seconded and passed to give \$1,000.00 to the Street Project. This motion was voted by ballot.

Our annual due of \$5.00 are due at this time.

Block 4 served lunch after the Minnie Stockstead funeral. Block 1 is up to serve.

Pastor Draper lead us in prayers to close our meeting.

Marilyn Deibele, Secretary



Mission Festival

MLC Pres. Mark Zarling will be our guest speaker on Sunday, October 14th for our annual Mission Festival. There will be one service that day at 9 a.m. Students of St. John's School will be singing for this service. Pres. Zarling will also present a bible study after the service with more information about the work of WELS missions in India.

There will be a potluck meal to follow the bible study. Because it is a bit earlier than some meals, feel free to bring either luncheon or brunch items. Hosanna Circle will serve the event, and everyone is welcome to stay and enjoy the meal. Donations received that day will go towards building church facilities in India.

Invite a friend or two along to hear about this fascinating culture and learn how God's Word is affecting the lives and souls of people there. See you on the 14th!



Kemps Nickels For Schools Program To Be Retired

Kemps would like to thank you for your participation in our Nickels For Schools program, which we started back in 2002.

For many years, the Nickels For Schools program was embraced as a fundraising tool by a growing number of schools. However, participation rates have declined.

With participation rates continuing to steadily decline, we have made the difficult decision to end the Nickels For Schools program. In order to prepare your school for this transition, we will continue to redeem all specially marked caps and proof-of-purchase symbols through November 1, 2012.

Please drop yours off at St. John's no later than October 10th. Thank you!

Shannon Landkammer

Memorials

In Memory of Minnie Stockstead

Street Repair

Charles & Betty Armstrong - \$25
Bev Bartz - \$10

St. John's School

June Grundmeyer - \$10
Linus & Marilyn Deibele- \$10

Ladies Aid

Lyla Schottenbauer- \$3

St. John's Trust Fund

Ralph Grundmeyer- \$5

In Memory of Wally & Mary Ann Trebesch

St. John's School

Loren Meinert - \$25

In Memory of Harvey Lendt

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Steve & Paula Windshidl - \$15

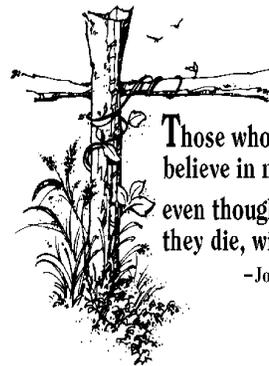
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June Grundmeyer - \$10
Marlys Lochner - \$10

In Memory of Dorothy Haus

Street Repair

Greg & Mary Bartz- \$10



Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live.

-John 11:25