

Monthly Newsletter

St. John
Lutheran
Church
Farmersburg, IA

Pastor
Bruce Hanson

*Come and join us in
worship and praise!*

Second Annual Parish Dinner

The second annual parish dinner will be held at Maggie's restaurant on Sunday, November 17th at 12 noon. A sign-up sheet will be distributed in church Sunday, November 3, for those wanting to attend. You may also contact Cheryl Bossard. There will be a good time and good food to be had by all who attend.

Election Day Luncheon

Farmersburg Community Center
Tuesday, November 5th
Serving 10:00 AM—7:30 PM
Turkey Dressing Sandwiches
BBQ Sandwiches
Salads, Pie, Cake
Milk and Coffee
Everyone Welcome!

November
2002

Special points of interest:

- Parish Dinner
- Dick's Offering
- Election Day Luncheon
- Thankoffering Service
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- Thanksgiving Eve Services
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Thankoffering Service

November 24th is Thankoffering Sunday. Please use your Thankoffering envelope or mark your offering "Thankoffering" and place in the special basket on Sunday, November 24. Thankofferings help women of the ELCA do mission and address concerns of women and children in crisis—especially the crisis related to poverty, health/AIDS and domestic violence. Thankofferings also make up part of an annual gift to the ELCA that helps the church reach out in ministry.

WELCA YEARBOOK

There will be a WELCA yearbook committee meeting on Thursday, November 7, at 7:00pm.

WELCA Unit Board

The WELCA Unit Board will meet Monday, November 25 at 7:30pm.

Thanksgiving Eve Service

On Wednesday November 27 at 6:00 pm there will be an UCC Ecumenical Service. At 7:30 pm a Thanksgiving worship service will be held with the Luther League serving pie following.

Save Dick's Receipts

Dick's Supermarket will again donate 1% of all purchases made at Dick's Between October 30, 2002 & November 26, 2002. As before, please put your tapes in Shirley Marmann's box on a regular basis as there is a time frame on this project and we don't want to miss any of them. Moore's in Monona has also done something in the past that you put your name on the back and left it in the store.



Parrish Notes

The flowers on the organ on October 6 were from the funeral service of Pauline Leib (aunt of Dorothy Bos-sard).

The Flowers on the alter on October 6 were from the funeral of Donald Schlitter (Father of Karen Steege).

The flowers on the alter on October 13 were in honor of the wedding of Kent and Lissa Seitz. Congratulations!

November 3rd is Food Shelf collection Day. The first Sunday of each month is designated for the Clayton County Food Shelf. Place your donated items in the basket in the Narthex.

Upcoming Event

The Sunday School Christmas Program will be Sunday, December 22 at 2:00 pm.

Luther League Highlights

The October 6, 2002 meeting was held at Bob Eggen's house in McGregor. Roll Call was answered by six members, Pastor, Don, Cheryl, and two guests.

Bible study was led by Jeff. Snacks were served by Sara. No secretary report was given. The treasurer's report showed \$224.17 in checking, \$1785.31 in Savings and \$462.80 in Atlanta Funds.

Business

*Cheryl gave report on Atlanta trip. Quarters for Hunger is the extra offering for the assembly. We're asked to raise \$20 each in quarters.

*Pancake & Sausage Breakfast at Maggie's Diner on October 27 from 7-

Luther League Notes

We will collecting for UNICEF at 6:0pm in both Farmersburg and McGregor November 3rd and the meeting will follow at Bob Eggen's at 7:30pm with pizza following Roll call will be Plans for Thanksgiving? Bible Study will by Justin Nading. Serving will be Chris Chappell. We will be setting a date for Setting up Nativity scene and decorate outside for Christmas. Business will include Committees for Christmas Party and selling Wreathes

St. John September Financial Report

Funds on hand beginning of month

\$-20.39

Funds Received \$10146.17

Total Funds \$10125.78

Funds Disbursed \$9116.25

Funds on hand en of month
\$1009.53

1. Free-will donation.

*UNICEF-going to collect for it November 3 before the meeting and have a jar in church.

*Halloween party- November 3 we will go out for pizza after the meeting. Members and guests are asked to wear one piece of a Halloween costume.

* Raking leaves-Going to rake leaves for a free-will donation.

*Car cruise-Home base is McGregor and mid-point will be Farmersburg for the July 2003 Cruise. We will be selling food again.

*Christmas Wreaths- Will be selling them again. Money raised by person going to Atlanta will go towards Atlanta, money raised by member not

Highlights of the September Women's Meeting

Annual church cleaning was completed by Lafonda. We still are taking donations towards the cleaning. Please make your check payable to St. John Women of the ELCA and give to Sandi Rohde, Treasurer.

St. John will be serving an Election Day Luncheon on Tuesday, November 5th at the Community Center in Farmersburg. Every group is to have workers assigned to each shift.

Thankoffering Service will be November 24th. Christmas Party will be Tuesday, December 3rd at 7:30 pm with the Women of First Lutheran as our guests. Group 1 is in charge of lunch, Group 4 is in charge of decorating the basement Christmas tree.

Election of officers was held. President-Becky Fuelling, Vice-President-Joyce Muller, Secretary- Sandra Roeder, Mission Growth & Community -Nancy Moon. Carry-over officers are Sandi Rohde, treasurer and Mission Action-Virginia Pate, Bev Moon and Shirley Henkes. The old & new officers, group chairpersons & vice-chairpersons will met Thursday, November 7 to work on the 2003 Yearbooks. Any changes should be given to Sandi Rohde before November 7th.

going to Atlanta will go to general funds.

*Homemade Candy- Idea for fundraiser is to make homemade candy around Christmas or Valentines Day and offer it for sale.

* We will be asking the congregations for fund raising ideas.

Tasha Muller, Sec'y

September Council Highlights

September council meeting was held on September 11, 2002 with the following present Trent Meine, Tammy Muller, Bill Scherf III, Teresa Rodas, Pastor Hanson and Tasha Muller.

The Transfer of Kevin Tilson to St. John in Luana was approved. Home communion list was updated with 15 current parishioners being seen by

pastor. A sign was donated by Maggie's to Pastor for use to advertise during hog dinners, fish fry, auctions, etc. by both churches. Will need a small trailer donated to transport this back and forth. Auction was a success, we raised much needed funds and helped some needy families in the area obtain furniture, etc. Approximately \$5000 raised. Annual meeting is moved to the first Sunday in February due to change in service times.

Gilbert Brainerd will work on porch at parsonage. Broken basement window to be looked at. Damaged yews to be moved and replaced. Fire Deptpartment may wash church. Next meeting will be at 7:30 October 9th.

Weekly Bible Questions and Answers

Weekly Bible Answers

October 6: Why did the people of Malta believe Paul was a God? Paul's ship had wrecked near the island of Malta. The people living there built a fire to warm the cold wet passengers. Paul helped by gathering sticks of wood. Suddenly a poisonous snake came out and bit Paul's hand. The people Malta Exclaimed, "this must be a evil man. First the sea tried to kill him and now this snake has bitten him!" and they waited for Paul to die. But nothing happened. The snake did not harm Paul at all. The islanders thought surely Paul was a god to have such power.

October 13: How did Paul spend his time in prison? Paul spent two years under arrest in Rome. Although he was chained to a soldier night and day, he was allowed to live in his own house as he waited for his trial. Since Paul could not continue his journeys, he wrote letters and spoke to the many people who came to visit.

The Bible says that many of the soldiers assigned to guard Paul in Rome became Christians. Even with His Missionary in prison, God caused the good news about Jesus to spread as the soldiers traveled through the Roman Empire.

October 20: What are the Epistles? The word "epistle" means "letter." Many of the books in the New testament are actually letters that Paul wrote to the early Christian churches. The new believers had no book to guide them, so Paul wrote about the real-life problems they faced. He taught them how to live so their lives would show Christ. The churches treasured these letters. People laved them to read over and over again. Even today, hundreds of years later, Paul's words still speak to us as we try to live god's way. Some of the Epistles are Ephesians, Galatians, Romans, 1st and 2nd Corinthian, Philipians and Colossians.

October 27: How did Paul Die? The Bible does not tell what happened to Paul after he was imprisoned in Rome. From other written records, we believe Paul was released two years later. He continued to travel, and may have taken the Word of God as far away as Spain. Later, Paul was put in prison again. He was be-headed sometime around the year 66 A.D. and buried in the caves of Rome.

Office Notes

I hope you have noticed the format with the newsletter this month. We are now typing it on the computer. Since I am doing this please try to have monthly newsletter items in the office the Friday before or of the 21st of each month. I will typing all the articles and running them off and Marilyn will putting them together and mailing them. I would also appreciate help with the birthday calendar as the one I currently use is from 2000 Please let me know if you see any changes or updates that need to be put in it. I do want to include everyone. Any question please feel free to call me.

Joanne

November Birthdays

November 1 - Mark Glaw
Justin Fuelling
3 - Beth Radloff
Don Marmann
5 - April Koopman
Danny Leuchtenmacher
7 - Betty Shady
8 - Jeremiah Schoenfeldt
9 - Kenneth Kuehl
Rick Muller
10 - Ryan Moon
11 - Ethel Lenth
Erin Scherf
Beverly Moon
Amanda Lnenicka
Kim Koopman
12 - Lynda Krugger
Rodney Stagman
Selma Bakkum
14 - Ann Smith
Shirley Kutzbach
Richard Huckstadt
Pastor Bob Edwards
15 - Jim Lenth
Robert Pate
Randy Looby
Kayla Hauschild
16 - Jeff Peake
17 - Steve Trumblee
Marilyn Lamker
Travis Henning
Kevin Tilson
19 - David Radloff
Clarence Engelhardt
20 - Craig Rodas
Rebecca Knickerbocker
21 - Vernice Moon
Audrey Tschirgi
24 - Alvin Rodas
Kris Edwards
Bill Fuelling
Ardee Fascher
27 - Katherine Heck
28 - Diane Kluth
Ben Erickson
30 - Kristen Fuelling

Acolyte Schedule - November

November 3 - Kayla Hauschild
10 - Brian Rodas
17 - Charles Tuecke
24 - Amy Suhr
27 - Kristen Fuelling

November Greeters

November 3 - Randy & Diane Wiedenman
10 - Brian & Sue Glawe
17 - Carl & Vergean Schmidt
24 - Lee & Iva Klinkenberg
27 - Larry & Linda Friedlien
(Thanksgiving Eve)

November Ushers

November 3 & 10 - Captain - Rod Stagman
Jim Rohde
David Vogt
Jeff Wiedenman
November 17 & 24 - Captain - Dale Henning
Bill Scherf, Jr.
David Schoenfelt
Jill Jennings
November 27 (Thanksgiving Eve)
Captain - Don Erickson
Gilbert Brainard
Verdine Schlake
Jim Lenth

Sunshine Committee

Sandra Roeder & Marlene Glawe

Alter Guild Schedule

Shirley Marmann, Joyce Muller, Cheryl Bossard
