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Dear Friends and Fellow Members of St. John's:

You have helped our congregation's Renewal Team identify St. John's current and future core values:

1. Praising and Worshipping God, 2. Christian Education, 3. Everyone Matters to God, 4. Stewardship. This fall, our Renewal Team will help us explore what that means for our vision and mission, and how we do better at "keeping the main thing the main thing." We'll start with an emphasis on WORSHIP in October. We hope that will enrich your worship experience, keep us more centered on God's word, and help us think about why we do what we do as God's people, gathered in this place! *Let friends and neighbors know that they are welcome too, because everyone matters to God!* -Pastor Paul

WORSHIP THE LORD YOUR GOD AND SERVE ONLY GOD!

We'll also keep our tradition of mission emphasis going this month: as we celebrate the work of Lutheran World Relief, Tanzania Hunger Relief, Lutheran Social Services, and our Crossways Camping Ministries. We usually gather a special "mission month" offering in October. Each of these ministries is worthy of our prayers and financial support. Any special gifts you can give may be marked for one or more of these partners in ministry.

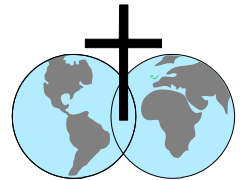


WASHINGTON CO. WALK FOR THE HUNGRY, SUNDAY OCT. 11

The walk starts at 12:30pm at Ridge Run Park in West Bend. Gather pledges or make a pledge in any amount. 25% of the funds help the hungry in Washington County. The remainder helps with food and agricultural projects around the world! It's a chance to "walk the walk" of faithful solidarity with the hungry. We'll have a spry 84 year old walker. Can we get some 4 year olds and parents?

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF QUILTS & HEALTH KITS!

When disaster strikes and people are in need, Lutheran World Relief is there—efficiently meeting needs. **Bring HEALTH KIT ITEM by Oct. 4.** Quilts & blankets are also sent. Money can also be donated to help LWR ship these items where they are needed most! (You can mark the 'Special' box on your offering envelopes "LWR"—make checks to St. John's).



ALL PEOPLES' CHURCH, WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7

Wednesday, Oct. 7 is our next night to go to All Peoples' Church to serve supper and join in activities. Leave St. John's at 4:15 (or meet there at 5:00-5:30.) We're done around 7:30 and back here at 8:00. It's a great opportunity to serve and meet these partners! You won't be disappointed!

FALL CLEAN-UP DAY IS SATURDAY, OCT. 17, 8:00-12:00

The reality is that we've never had a full-time or even half-time custodian and maintenance person, so we count on volunteers to tackle some of the little items and some of the seasonal ones. We'll have jobs for the whole family, outside and inside! Come when you can...leave when you must. (We can also use volunteers on other days when your time schedule allows.)



SHARING GOD'S BLESSINGS

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SHARING AND GROWING:

1. "No Experience Necessary" for those new to St. John's meets on Thursdays at 7:00 starting Oct. 1. This is where you get to *inquire* & ask questions about basic Lutheran Christian teachings, Bible, Church, etc.
2. Cedar Community will introduce **Stephen Ministry** and offer training sessions on this one-to-one caring ministry that supports those who are lonely, hurting, or dealing with hard times. An info session is Monday, Oct. 19 at either 2:00 or 6:30 at Cedar Bay East, 5595 County Road Z, West Bend. Contact Susan Kolb at 306-4201 for details.
3. Visitors from the **Meru Diocese of Tanzania** will be visiting in our Greater Milwaukee Synod this month. We're invited to a Partnership Dinner on Sunday, Oct. 18 4:00-7:00 at Our Savior's Lutheran/Oconomowoc.

TO KEEP YOU IN-THE-KNOW!

+**SUMMER WORSHIP ATTENDANCE** was 168 per week (175 in 2008 & 181 in 2007). Autumn attendance is off to a good start. Keep coming and welcoming the many new folks who are visiting! (Worship attendance for all of 2009 is running slightly ahead of previous years.)
 +**AUGUST GIVING:** General Fund: \$16,015.87. Expenses: \$14,422.85; Building Fund: \$8,494.91. Expenses: \$7,382.07 (is our monthly loan payment). Our Year-To-Date ELCA Benevolence: \$6,637. Our goal is \$14,000. Hunger Appeal: \$3,146.25. Our goal is \$4,200. Missionary Fund: \$3,751. Our goal is \$6,000. Except for the Benevolence Fund, we are slightly ahead of where we were at this time last year in receipts and expenses. Expenses exceed income by about \$9,000 and there is time to catch up!
 +**COLLEGE TOUR** for high school juniors, seniors, and sophomores is Oct. 29-31. Pastor will take a group to visit 4 of our great ELCA colleges in Iowa & Minnesota. It's cheap. It's fun! See Pastor asap.