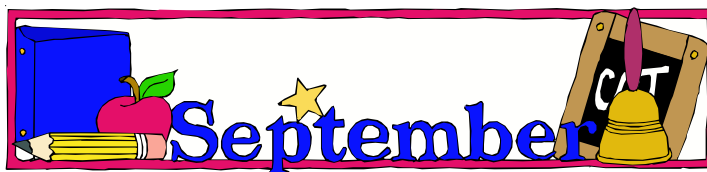


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Dear Friends and Fellow Members of St. John's:

Is anybody else feeling that back to school panic yet? This time of year can be overwhelming with registration, school supply shopping, filling in the calendar with all of the extra-curricular stuff. We want so much for our children to be successful in school, sports, music lessons, dance, etc. The last thing we think we need is pressure from the church to be more involved. Actually, it is the first thing we need! God's love and our faith in that love lay the groundwork for any success we may hope to achieve. Please leave some space on your calendar to be involved here at St. John's and to open yourself to God's grace. "I can do everything through him who gives me strength." Philippians 4:13 -Laura Bartelt

WORSHIP, WORD, AND SACRAMENT WILL KEEP US CONNECTED THIS FALL! Worship keeps us "available" to God; helps us hear God's Word, receive God's gifts, and offer God the praise of our lips and our lives! *As always, be here when you can be; worship elsewhere when you're on the road. Invite a friend, new or old neighbor, or relative to worship too!*

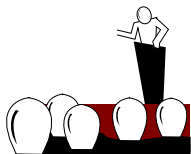


CONFIRMATION CLASS BEGINS ON WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 2 at 7:00!

We ask parents to join us for orientation on this first night. We'll look ahead to a good year of growing in faith, growing in service, and growing together. All 7th & 8th graders please attend with a parent, and *do invite friends who aren't involved in a church!*

SUNDAY CHRISTIAN EDUCATION STARTS SEPTEMBER 13!

Come and meet your teachers at 8:30! We've got a great staff of teachers, but we NEED more people to help team-teach or substitute! This is a great opportunity to get involved, get to know our great kids and have some fun! Talk to Laura Bartelt *If you know of someone 4 years old and up who might like to attend, invite them along!*



ADULT INQUIRERS' CLASS

Starts Thursday, Sept. 24 for those new to the Lutheran Church or those who want a refresher course on basic Christian teachings. Inquirers get to ask questions! Pastor teaches this 7-week class, and if the Thursday evening schedule doesn't work for you, talk with him. We might be able to work out a different day or time.

TANZANIA HUNGER RELIEF

The news out of Tanzania continues to be one of drought (pray for October rains to come!) and increasing difficulty in obtaining food for families. Many Greater Milwaukee Synod congregations and members are helping by donating \$5/week to feed a person or \$20/week to feed a family. Any offerings you give will go directly to the purchase and distribution of food! You can use your regular offering envelope & mark it "Tanzania Hunger."



WOMEN'S TEA, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2:00pm

All women are invited to join us to sample teas & coffees along with light refreshments. We will share with you all of the wonderful opportunities for St. John's women's here at our church and in the community! Come! Bring a friend!

LOTS OF OTHER THINGS HAPPEN THIS FALL, WITH YOUR HELP!

- +**Bell Choir:** Ring Praises to the Lord!!! Bell Choir will start its season with an organizational meeting on Thursday Sept. 10 at 7:00pm. Being able to read music isn't a requirement, but it does help to have the willingness to learn. We welcome past members, future members, and those just curious to know more about how a bell choir works. Let your love of music flow from your heart to your hands. Call Jean Gardipee at 335-1958.
- +**Adult Choir:** This voice choir meets on Wednesdays at 7:00pm. Anyone 9th grade & up is welcome! (You don't have to have a great voice...just love to sing!). The first rehearsal is Sept. 16.
- +**The Young Believers' Choir** is a great way to sing God's praises! This choir meets Sundays from 9:20-9:50am downstairs. Kids in grades 1-6 are welcome! Sharon Ziemer directs and would love to hear from you: 377-1405.
- +**Dartball Team** begins its season Monday, Sept. 14, and plays Mondays through March. Call Joel Heidtke at 375-1535.
- +**New! St. John's Book Club!** We meet the 2nd Wed. of each month at 6:30pm. Our next meeting is Sept. 9. Interested? Contact Sandy Turbin, 377-9235.
- +**Women's Groups:** Naomi Circle meets on the 3rd Monday of each month at 1:00pm at church. Ruth Circle meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm in the Upper Room.
- +**Men's Study** gathers each Monday at 9:00 a.m. *We're slowly working our way through the book of Sirach.*
- +**Prayer Team** meets the 1st Thursday of each month at 9:00 in the Upper Room. Prayer requests are welcome!
- +**Prayer Shawl Ministry** crochets shawls for those in need. You can do this from home! We'll give you instructions! Contact Janet Urbick (532-0193).
- +**Motorhead Ministry** meets most weeks to do help keep somebody's car on the road! See Gary Kielisch, Chad Dhein, or Pastor if you'd like to help; or if you'd just like to learn more about vehicle maintenance and repair.
- +**High School Breakfast Club** meets each Sunday at 8:30am in the parsonage.
- +**Nursery offered during Sunday School Time!** Our Nursery is open downstairs from 8:30-9:15 each Sunday. Our 7th/8th graders & parents will be supervising.
- +**Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation's Walk to Cure Diabetes**, Sept. 12 at the Zoo. Find out more from the Brodesser family (677-8464) or <http://walk.jdrf.org/walker.cfm?id=87306069>
- +**CROP Walk** for the hungry will be Sunday, October 11, in Ridge Run Park/West Bend, starting at 12:30pm.

"We are blessed....Let us be a blessing!"

JULY STATISTICS: Attendance: 153/week; (2008: 174/week); General Receipts: \$11,387; General Expenses: \$16,238.85; Building Fund: \$6804; Monthly Mortgage Payment: \$7382.