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November 2006

Thanksgiving Day Service, Thursday, Nov. 23, 10:00am

We will join to "Lift Up Your Hearts" at St. John congregation on the national observance of Thanksgiving, the fourth Thursday of November. As we prepare to join around family tables for feasts of reunion, community, and gratefulness for the bounty God provides into our use, we will first join around that greater table of Thanksgiving, the Lord's Table to receive the blessings of repentance, forgiveness, and the presence of our Lord, which empowers us to live more thankfully, generously, and givingly with all of those gifts.

The Thanksgiving Day offering will be dedicated to the ELCA World Hunger Appeal / Lutheran Disaster Response, with a continuing emphasis on aiding the rebuilding efforts in Louisiana, Mississippi, and Florida, as well as work of the Hunger Appeal that is being shared in a series of Sunday bulletin inserts. We will also receive non-perishable and paper goods/ household supply gifts to be shared with the Parkston and Tripp Food Bank pantries. Let Us Give Thanks to the Lord!

2007 Lutherans Outdoors Camp Registration Opens Nov. 7

Registration for Lutherans Outdoors camps for 2007 opens Monday, Nov. 6. Youth Bible camps, Servant camps, Adventure camps, and Family camps are scheduled June through August at five different sites. Brochures are available in the parish education office, and at the narthex bulletin board area. Contact the church office if you would be interested in having your youth camper be a part of the week that are being coordinated for a group of youth from St. John to attend. Information is also available through the Lutherans Outdoors website, www.lutheransoutdoors.org. Applications for St. John camperships will be published in the April newsletter.

W/ELCA Thankoffering Service Enriches Our Opportunity to Give Thanks

St. John's Women of the ELCA will share their annual Thankoffering Service with the whole congregation on Sunday, November 19. All women of the church are reminded that this is the day to bring donation amounts that have been put aside during the year for the support of the ministries of the Women of the ELCA. The offering will be received along with other offerings of the day. St. John W/ELCA leaders will serve as liturgists and assisting ministers for the service. We will also dedicate the quilts which the women have been preparing for distribution through Lutheran aid agencies. Thankofferings make up part of the organization's annual gift to the ELCA. They also support Women of the ELCA programs and services and help the church reach out in ministry worldwide. Join us in celebrating thanks with our women's group.

CHRISTMAS AT DAKOTA WESLEYAN **What Child Is This?**

A Celebration of Christmas for the Entire
Community

Saturday, December 9, 2006, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 10, 2006, 3:00 p.m.

Sherman Center, DWU Campus

Music, Art and the Message of Christmas

Carols for Choir & Audience

New Music for the Wesleyan Choir

New Arrangements for Brass & Woodwinds

Carols for Organ and Piano

Nearly 100 Examples of Nativity Art

Narration by Jack Mortenson and Jessica Schultz

Seating is limited. Please call Paul Almjeld at 995-2658 or 995-6171 (hm) for FREE tickets.

(Or just ask him after church services.)

St. John Membership Report:

Membership as of Oct 1:

Baptized - 398, Confirmed - 322

Transfers Out:

Troy, Jill, Alexandra, & Jenna Pierce, to First United Methodist, Mitchell

Jeremy Olawsky to Zion Lutheran, LC-MS, Sioux Falls, (deferred transfer)

Confirmed: 10/29/2006 - Michael Rosencrans, Alyssa Storm

Membership as of Oct. 31:

Baptized - 393, Confirmed - 321

Dear Members of St. John's,

Greetings from Wartburg! I'm pleased to say we made it back to Dubuque safely. Scattered showers followed us between Sioux Falls and Albert Lea, steady rain in Albert Lea to Waverly, then scattered showers again from Waverly to Waterloo and Dubuque.

Today is officially my first day of classes. Among the things I'm studying this semester are:

Evangelism and Community Development: This class is intended to help students articulate the uniqueness of Christ and announce the Good News to those who have never heard or lapsed from the church. Right now, it looks like there will only be two of us from North America in this class. The rest is made up of students from Palestine, Africa, Asia, and India.

Spiritual Seekers: This one's title is actually kind of deceptive. This class looks at various cults and religious sects, what they teach, their history, and some of the characteristics that draw people to them, and how the church may respond to such groups.

Marriage in Pastoral Perspective: Pre-Marital, Re-Marital, and Marital Counseling: This class is designed to look at some of the things that go on in pre-marital, re-marital, and marital counseling, to look at some of the materials available to help with these things, and to consider the place of marriage in the congregation.

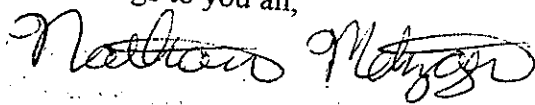
8th Century Prophets and Justice: This month-long class is intended to look at how justice fits into the mission for the church and in preaching.

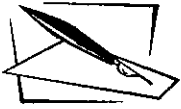
Throughout this, I've also resumed my workstudy position at Kids' Zone, and started making arrangements for my endorsement interview with the Candidacy Committee and my faculty advisor. This will give me permission to go on internship the following year, as well as some suggestions on what to look for in an internship site.

Kim and the baby are both doing well. Kim intends to continue at Pier 1 and substitute-teaching for as long as she is able. Some time in after Christmas Kim will also be joining me in for an interview the Wartburg's intern placement committee where we'll discuss what we would like to see in an internship site. The baby continues to grow and kick and generally make his or her presence very well known.

More importantly, I'm writing to express my gratitude for the scholarship support provided by this congregation. Thank you! It has been and continues to be a tremendous blessing in this endeavor!

Blessings to you all,





St. John Church Council Minutes

OCTOBER COUNCIL MINUTES

St. John's Lutheran Church Council met on October 9, 2006 in the church basement at 8:00 pm. Pres. Don Burmeister called the meeting to order. Linda Logan, a representative of LSS, from Mitchell was present. She shared with us information about the different services they offer and gave us various brochures. They have an annual fund which helps with day to day operations but any additional gifts are greatly appreciated. We donate a portion of our Mission Fest offering to LSS yearly. Pastor will have any of the info in anyone is interested.

Roll call was taken with one member absent. Ron N. had devotions explaining that in times of family crisis we need to build our house upon the rock and keep God as our refuge and stronghold.

Secretary minutes were read of the Sept meeting. They were approved by Ron J with a second from Stan. The treasurer's report showed a balance on hand of \$1,170.53. Payment amounted to \$11,648.56 without the Kountry Glass bill which will be paid from memorial funds. Benevolence is paid thru July and needs to be caught up. American Family Insurance wants to be paid fore frequently than monthly. Pay what we can when we can. Motion by Shannon to pay bills. Second by Mark. Motion approved. Lunch break was served by Russell.

Pastor's Report: Baptism for Taylor Storm was held Sept 24th. A new women's bible study group to begin meeting Oct 18th. LYO has gifted the Confirmation League with \$1,000 to help expenses for those attending a Jr. High gathering in Sioux Falls Feb 2-4th. Registration complete for 9. Requested more complete information on Pastor's visits. Oct 29th is Reformation Day Confirmation Service with Holy Communion. Pastor handed out a Congregational Ministry Assessment Survey to be completed by the next meeting.

Unfinished Business: The stained glass windows up front are finished and installed and they look great. Jesus is now holding the lamb on his right etc. They are still attempting to match the side window and will get back to us as soon as they can. We want to thank Cal for all of his efforts and time spent on this project. The windows in the back of the church will also be getting stained glass sometime in the future thanks to the Hazel Neugebauer and Vernon Metzger memorials. Tracy Neugebauer is in the process of replacing the church sign at the Dimock corner. Ron N reported that the Grazer is in bad shape and need repairs in the range of \$800 to \$1000. Cal made a motion to get it fixed. Shannon seconded. Carried. A bid on the rear door of the church was received from Bob B. of Ethan Lumber

(\$1593 plus labor) and Unteriner's (\$1690 plus bar kit). This decision was tabled to check on price of just a bar kit since the door is sound but the latch is bad. Jodi Neugebauer has agreed to attend meetings for the Eutyclus Project and Pastor will be talking to others also.

New Business: The Prairie Rivers Mission dinner will be held Tues. Oct 31st at Salem Lutheran in Parkston from 5:00 to 7:30. pastor and Don B. plan to attend and others are welcome. Gladys Sperlich has suggested that the benches be stored in the garage over the winter. The Budget meeting will be held in November.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, Nov 13th at 8:00 pm. Lunch will be served by Stan and Cal and Ron J will have devotions. Communion on Oct 29th with confirmation will be at the altar with Don and Carol assisting. Assistants for communion on Nov 5th will be Cal and Russell. Communion will be at stations on Nov 23rd with Don, Carol, Ron J. Mark and Ron N assisting. Stan and Shannon will assist with the ushering. Motion to adjourn was made by Stan and Cal seconded. Closed with the Lord's prayer.

Council Secretary

Linda Kurtenbach



St. John Women of the ELCA Minutes

The St. John's Women of the ELCA met on Tuesday afternoon October 17th in the church basement with 14 members present.

Devotions were given by Care Group #2. Bible study was led by Pastor Dave. The business meeting was called to order by Associate Coordinator Kathy Winterfeldt. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved as read. Thank yous were read from Travis & Kara Zomer and Bob Coleman (SD Developmental Center resident).

The Treasurer's Report shows a balance of \$714.68. It was approved and placed on file.

Mission Action Report by Marilyn Mueller – Care Group #3 will have devotions and Care Group #2 will be hostess in November. Please remember Bobby Coleman on his birthday which is Oct 30th.

Mission Growth Report by Bev Mueller: Prayer books for confirmants have been purchased. Devotional books for newly married couples have been given to those recently married. Quilt days have been set for November 9th & 10th. The Lutheran Outdoors Quilt Auction made \$34,000.00 The Anniversary Quilt Committee has met and an article will be in November Newsletter concerning this.

Unfinished Business: Pastor will order the Bible Study Leader's Guide for use in our bible study. Care Groups #1 & #2 played bingo at the Corsica Home on Oct 11th. Those who attended the Officer's Workshop reported on it.

New Business: The SD Women's Synod passed a resolution and pledged support the "Answer the Call" which is to help young people going into the ministry. 50% of present pastors will retire in 10 years and there are now 34 vacancies so there is a need for this. Scholarships will be given out with a preference for those from South Dakota and women to qualify they will need to return to SD for a minimum of 5 years. This will be discussed at a later time. A request for contributions for the Safe House from the Douglas County Community Health Council was read and will be printed in the newsletter. A joint fundraiser of the Women's and Men's groups for the purchase of a safe for the church will be held on Nov 5th. It will be matched by Thrivent. Coffee and baked goods will be served between 9am and 10am and a basket for contributions will also be placed at the back of the church after the service. The clipboard will be passed in church the Sunday before asking for volunteers to bring baked goods. October birthdays were recognized. Care Groups for 2007 met over lunch to decide on leaders. The Thankoffering will be in November. The meeting was adjourned. Lunch was served by Care Group #3.

Recorder

Linda Gerlach

Mitchell Safe House: The Douglas County Community Health Council would like to ask for your help. They will be collecting donations for the Mitchell Area Safe House during the next month. Please be aware that there is a great need within our county for the services the Safe House offers. The shelter offers aid to women and children in Douglas County during and after episodes of domestic violence. They are asking churches and schools from Douglas County to help them collect items from the Safe House "wish list" (see list in newsletter).

Junior Lutherans Host Families: There is a notebook in tub #1 with activity sheets to be filled out after each activity. The two important reasons for filling it out are:

- 1 - It helps families plan monthly ideas without repeating an activity too soon.
- 2 - It is used to prepare the Jr. Lutherans report for the annual meeting

Thank you for your attention to this detail

125th Anniversary Wall Hangings: In commemoration of the 125th anniversary of our church, we will be making wall hangings for the church basement. The wall hangings will consist of quilt blocks made by members of the congregation. We would like every individual or family to be represented. Feel free to have someone else make your block if you desire. Suggestions for your quilt blocks are: appliqué, painting, embroidery, counted cross stitch, needlepoint, hardanger, pieced quilt, picture print, machine embroidery, etc. you are limited only by your imagination! Your quilt block should be made of cotton-blend material that you pre-wash and cut into a 12-inch square. Leave one-inch border on all sides. In the lower right hand corner, inside the one-inch border, leave a 4 inch wide by 1 ½ inch deep black space that will be used for your family name. A sheet of paper will be available for you to indicate how you want your family name to be printed on your block. The deadline to have these blocks completed will be May 31st, 2007, as the blocks will need to be assembled and quilted before January, 2008.

The Quilt Committee:

Linda Gerlach

Doris Herbst

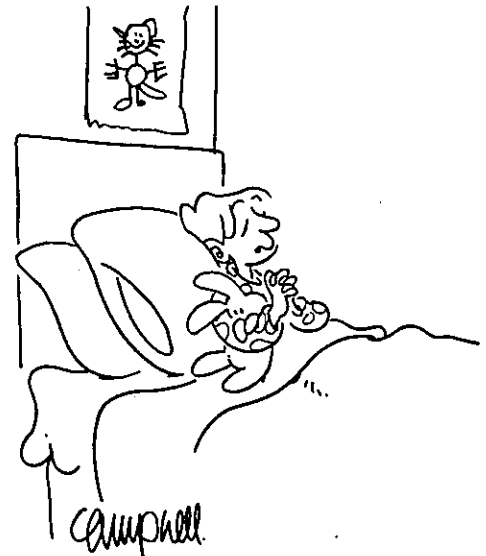
Betty Luebke

Dee Storm

Lois Storm

Coborns Receipts: Please turn in your Aug, Sept, and Oct Coborn's receipts by November 12th. There is a basket at the sanctuary entrance for your convenience. Thank you.

Junior Lutherans: Come for a thankfulness celebration! November 1st from 7:00-8:30 pm. Hope to see you all there.



"I GUESS YOU'VE NOTICED THAT MOST OF THESE TRESPASSES ARE RERUNS..."

Mitchell Area Safe House Wish List

Immediate Needs:

Large Size Diapers (4-6)
Pull Ups
Baby Powder
Diaper Cream
Deodorant
Feminine Hygiene products
Alarm clocks
Garbage bags
Women's socks
Women's underwear (6-8)
Batteries (AA, 9V and C)
Light bulbs (60W)
Bed pillows

Anti-Stalking Kits:

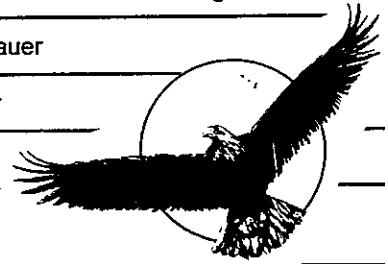
Disposable camera with date and time
Wrist watches with date and time
Notebooks and pens
Whistles
Ziploc baggies
Micro-cassette players with tapes

Other needs:

Phone cards
Gas cards
Digital camera
Child toothpaste and toothbrushes
Laundry baskets
Cookware/bakeware
Dish towels and rags
Bath towels, hand towels and washrags
Cooking utensils
Radio and flashlights
Mops and brooms

St. John Lutheran Church – Member Life Events for November

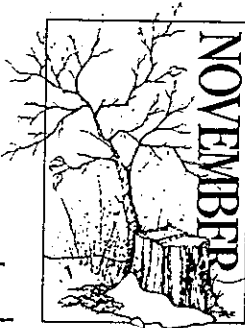
	<u>Birthdays</u>	<u>Baptism Anniversaries</u>	<u>Wedding Anniversaries</u>	<u>Memorials</u>
1		Emily Storm		1981-Alvin Tecklenburg Sr.
2				2002-Virgil Herbst
3		Aliea Kretshmer-Webster, Logan Hettinger	Dave & MaryAnn Neugebauer	
4	Keith Sargent, Justin Boomsma	Jennifer Schlaffman	Doug & Sharyl Burmeister	
5	Elmer Jendersee†	Stacy Endres, Byron Storm		
6	Brittni Moke, Glenn Storm		Eric & Sarah Neugebauer	
7				
8	Selma Jendersee †, Marilyn Mueller	Richard Hartwig		
9	Suzanne Dorzok	Kristin Almjeld		2002-Charles Durfey
10		Douglas Mueller		
11	Heath Kurtenbach, Daniel Hoffman, Kody Klumb			
12	Scott Klumb, Connie Bruske, Mark Neugebauer, Carol Gerlach, Mark Herbst			1960-Albert Moke
13		Russell Metzger, Don Tecklenburg, Shaylin Waugh		1952-Herman Moke
14		Glen Moke		
15	Paul Gerlach	Courtney Storm	Jay & Angela Mueller	
16			Harley & Phyllis Titze, Clay & Brittany Anderson	
17	Gary Klumb, Eric Storm	Pernell Titze		
18	Rebecca Von Eye	Carson Brouwer		
19		Gerhardt Gerlach		1974-Pauline Metzger
20	Larry Neugebauer	Brittany Anderson, Shelly Neugebauer		
21	Nelda Neugebauer, MaryAnn Neugebauer, Lewis Bruske	Jonathon Freeman		
22				
23		Gary Neugebauer		
24	Betty Metzger, Richard Luebke, Myron Storm	Daniel Hoffman, Marilyn Mueller	Dan & Linda Kurtenbach	
25	Annalise Buening	Tracy Neugebauer		
26	Francis Hoffman†	Suzanne Dorzok		
27		Mark Herbst, Mark Neugebauer, Jackie Spies	Calvin & Betty Luebke	
28		Glenn Storm		1979-William Sperlich
29	Carl Buening, Matthew Boomsma, Damon Klumb	Betty Metzger, Phyllis Titze		
30	Charlotte Larsch	Lance Bruske, Scott Klumb, Bryan Vogel		1987-Harold Larsch



November



With Sympathy

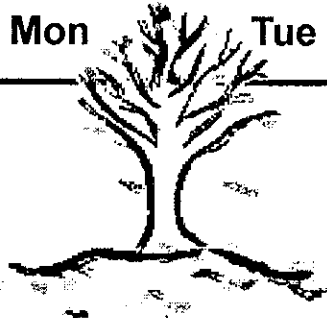

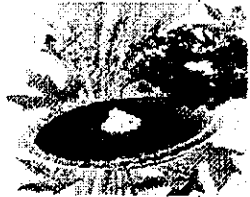


Now Thank We All
OUR GOD

Greet your friends in Christ! Send a card, make a call, or include them in your prayers.

If your birthday, anniversary, baptism, or other significant date is missing or incorrect, please contact the church office
(Names preceded by a cross symbol, "†", indicate a special memorial date for a member who has died, included by request)

November 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>November Worship Assistants Ushers: Bryan & Carmen Neugebauer Greeters: Curt Mueller Family Acolytes: Brady Moke & Lewis Bruske Lectors: 11/5-Dave Neugebauer, 11/12- Susan Almjeld, 11/19- W/ELCA Lector, 11/23- Paul Almjeld, 11/26- Curt Mueller</p>			<p><i>1</i> 7:00pm - Junior Lutherans 7 - 8:30pm - Confir- mation Classes</p>	<p><i>2</i> 10:00am - Weekly Bulletin Announce- ment Deadline</p>	<p><i>3</i></p>	<p><i>4</i> 9:00am - 4:00pm - Training Event to Help with Prisoner Re-Entry, East Side Lutheran, Sioux Falls</p>
<p><i>5 All Saints Sunday</i> 9:00am - Sunday School 9 - 10:00am - LMM \ W/ELCA Morning Cof- fee Fundraiser for Safe 10:00am - Holy Communion, Alleluia Hymn Setting Liturgy</p>	<p><i>6</i> Lutherans Outdoors 2007 Camp Regis- tration Opens</p>	<p><i>7 Election Day</i> VOTE!</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	<p><i>8</i> 7:00pm - <i>LYO</i> 7 - 8:30pm - Confir- mation Classes with 6-8th grade mentors</p>	<p><i>9</i></p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;"> 9:00am Thurs & Fri W/ELCA Quilting </div> <p>12n - Parkston Min- isterial Mtg</p>	<p><i>10</i></p>	<p><i>11</i></p>
<p><i>12 23rd Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:00am - Sunday School 10:00am - WOV Service of Word & Prayer, Answer the Call Emphasis, Mark Wag- ner, guest speaker</p>	<p><i>13</i> 7:00pm - Council Mtg, (Budget Set- ting) 7:00pm - W/ELCA Bd.</p>	<p><i>14</i></p>	<p><i>15</i> 7:00pm - Evening Women's Bible Study Group 7 - 8:30pm - Confir- mation Classes</p>	<p><i>16</i></p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;"> 8:30am Thurs & Fri Support to Ministries Cmte, Sioux Falls </div>	<p><i>17</i></p>	<p><i>18</i></p>
<p><i>19 24th Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:00am - Sunday School 10:00am - W/ELCA-led Thankoffering Ser- vice</p>	<p><i>20</i> 8:00pm - Lutheran Men in Mission</p>	<p><i>21</i> 1:30pm - W/ELCA Bible Study</p>	<p><i>22</i> 7 - 8:30pm - Confir- mation Classes</p>	<p><i>23</i> 10:00am - Thanks- giving Day Holy Communion Ser- vice, "Lift Up Your Hearts" & "Joyful, Joyful" Liturgy</p>		<p><i>25</i></p>
<p><i>26 Christ the King Sunday, Pentecost</i> Last 9:00am - Sunday School 10:00am - LBW Setting 2 Liturgy of Daily Worship 2:00pm - Bormann Manor Service</p>	<p><i>27</i> Newsletter Deadline</p>	<p><i>28</i> 9:30am - PR Confer- ence Pastor's Mtg @ Trinity, Mitchell</p>	<p><i>29</i> 7 - 8:30pm - Confir- mation Classes</p>	<p><i>30</i> 10:00am - Newslet- ter Mailing Com- mittee</p>	<p>Mon. - Thurs. Standard Schedule 8:30-10:00am - Parsonage Office 10:00am-12:00n - Church office or Mtgs. 1:00-5:30pm - Visits or Church Office 7:00pm-10:00pm - Meetings, Scheduled Visits or Parsonage Office Fridays - Pastor's Day Off</p>	