

2013



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St. John Eagle

New Carpet

Help is needed to get ready for the new carpet.

Sunday, August 4th 1:00 pm

The carpet and pews will be removed from the Sanctuary.

Monday, August 5th

Carpet installation will begin in the Sanctuary

Sunday, August 11th 1:00 pm

Carpet will be removed from the hallway & Fireside Room

Monday, August 12th

Carpet installation will begin in the hallway & Fireside Room



Come to "Rummageland," St. John's version of a rummage/pie/bake sale. It will be held on Friday, August 2nd from 8:00 - 5:00.

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Drive carefully!
School will begin this month

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MONTHLY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday Services

6:00 p.m.

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Holy Communion

1st and 3rd Weekend

of each month

Sunday Services

9:00 a.m.

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Radio Broadcasts...

9:00 a.m. on 2nd Sunday

of each month

KAYL 101.7FM.

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Lutheran Hour Ministries

KAYL 8:00 a.m.

Every Sunday

SUNDAY MORNING— FAITHBUILDERS AND BIBLE CLASSES

Faithbuilders, for ages 3 years thru 8th grade, and the **High School Bible Class** both meet at 10:15 a.m. on the 2nd Floor.



Be in the Word

Adult Bible Classes meet at 10:30 a.m. in the Fireside Room (led by V. Winterhof) and in the Library (led by Pastor Lesemann).

Message from Pastor Lesemann

“Taking Time Off”

Mark 6:31 (ESV) *And he said to them,*

“Come away by yourselves to a desolate place and rest a while.”

Some of you probably know this already, but going on vacation isn't an easy thing for me. I struggle with and feel guilty about the things I want to get done and wonder how I can set everything aside for two weeks and simply try to relax? But when I am confronted with the verse above I realize that at times “taking time off” can a part of God's will for us.

Last week Amy, the kids and I, for the first time in a long time did something we haven't done for a while. We went on a road trip to simply “take time off” to see the sights, to explore a part of God's world, to relax and spend time together as a family (instead of just visiting family). We went to Mount Rushmore, drove around and hiked in the Black Hills, saw Crazy Horse Monument, Wind Cave, Wall Drug, Corn Palace, the Badlands, bison, prairie dogs, pronghorns, elk, deer, and more (Amy did a wonderful job organizing it all!).

Looking back on it though, one of my major goals was to relax, and I have to say I did accomplish that. My favorite place where that happened was at a cabin overlooking a 50 acre field of recently bailed oats. I would get up early in the morning, take a walk to a gas station about a ¼ mile away, get a cup of coffee, walk back and sit outside on the cabin's porch chairs, read and pray. There I read more out of the Bible than I had in a long time; and that is to simply read it, not concerned about needing to write a sermon or do a Bible Study out of it.

And do have to say that I couldn't have done any of it without YOU! Thank you for the time off to relax! I do really appreciate it AND all the ways you take care of your Pastor and his family! May God bless you for it! May He also bless you with some time to relax.

In His grace,

Pastor Bruce H. Lesemann

In CHRISTIAN *Sympathy*

Burial services for Dennis Benna, son of Naomi Benna, were held on July 5, 2013 at 10:30 am. Following the burial, a luncheon was served. Hy-Vee catered the sandwiches and salads. The family furnished cupcakes. Ron and Linda Falck and Gilbert and Sally Wilkens worked in the kitchen. Thank you to everyone.



A Note from the Treasurer

Our checking account is running very low. Last week's offering for home expenses was only \$1,659.00. I need \$3,000 every other week just for payroll. Our budget indicates we need \$3,824.50 every week to meet regular expenses. Your offerings are certainly needed and appreciated. Karen Fletcher

Worthlessness

By: Celeste Cummins

Have you ever read Ecclesiastes? Most of it can be summarized in one word: depressing. Solomon laments the futility of everything that the world has to offer. He expresses that “everything is meaningless” (Ecc 1:2) and that “there is nothing new under the sun” (Ecc 1:9b).

By reading through this book, we realize that we work and accumulate money, a house, possessions, knowledge – for what? Even if we are able to find meaning in these things, what will become of them? Solomon tells us, “I must leave it to the man who comes after me, and who knows whether he be wise or a fool? Yet, he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun” (Ecc 2:18-19).

As I read these verses, I thought about my dad’s death shortly over a year ago. Images of two days after my dad died came to my mind. I saw my brother cleaning out dad’s jewelry box and dresser drawers, throwing out all the things that my dad had treasured over the years. I recalled a conversation I had with my kids on July 4, 2012. My kids were begging for more toys and complaining because they all wanted Ipods and the latest electronic gadgets. As a parent, I wanted to point out those things are not necessary and that “things” will not make us happy. I reminded them of Grandpa and how he was not able to take his flat screen TV that he loved to watch, his favorite recliner, or his farm with him. He had to leave everything behind, but there was one thing that he could take with him, in fact, one thing that got him to Heaven: his faith. I told my kids it is nice to have those electronic things, gadgets, and possessions, but just like Grandpa, your faith is the only thing that will matter when you die.

Solomon is making the same point. If you are able to get past the bemoaning of the futility of life on earth and accumulation of possessions, you will see that Solomon is really telling us what many of the New Testament writers reiterate in their works. In the words of Paul, “Set your mind on things that are above” (Colossians 3:2a). Luke states it this way, “One’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions” (Luke 12:15b). And, Matthew tells us to store up treasures in Heaven “for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also” (Matthew 6:19-21).

Now, I better get back to cleaning out that filing cabinet of worthless papers I’ve accumulated 😊



FOR SALE: Two cemetery plots are for sale in BV County Memorial Park Cemetery. Contact Coleen Imming (299-0387) for more information.

THANK YOU for the \$200 that was given to Rev. Carl and Chen-Hsi Hanson and to Michelle and Sandro Cagnin and for the \$72 that was also given to Michelle and Sandro. Michelle wrote: "Thank you so much for your July donation of \$72 to support the work that God accomplishes through me in Asia! I am humbled to have your continued support. I praise God for your dedication to bring the love and salvation of Jesus to those living in darkness." In a separate note, she added, "And thank you also for your June donation of \$100 from your coffee fund!"

FAITHBUILDERS TEACHING TEAMS NEEDED: Would you be willing to be a teacher on one of the 4 teaching teams for Faithbuilders? To make Sunday School the best experience for the children, 8 volunteers are needed to make up 4 – 2 person teaching teams. The idea is that you would be teamed up with another person so you can balance your Sunday responsibilities with less pressure. Here is how Faithbuilders will work. It is all open to your input and enthusiasm. **CROSS EXPLORATIONS** is our new program from Concordia Publishing House. It is built on a rotation model, which means you would be able to focus on 1 part of the Sunday morning experience. Two people are needed for the Engagement, which is our opening, music, prayer, and story introductions. Then we move to Explore, which is our Bible story portion. The children will then be divided in to two separate groups: PK-4th Grade and 5th Grade to 8th Grade. Two teachers are needed for Group 1 and 2 teachers for Group 2. You will only be responsible for the day's Bible study. Then the final move is Express, which is a time for the children to play games, do art, perform in skits, participate in servant events and watch subject related videos. 2 people are needed to help organize each Sunday's Expression event. There is something for all interests. Do you like to teach? Do you like to do crafts? Do you like to organize games and events? Do you like to sing? There is something for everyone: parents, volunteers and the children! Please contact Deb Matasovsky and let her know which part of Faithbuilders you want to be a part of or if you have any questions. You can also send your questions, comments, and picks to Johnson@bv.edu. So what would you like to do: engage, explore, or express?

Mission Spotlight

This month's mission spotlight begins with Rev. Jon and Julie Muhly. Jon will be at St. John to give a presentation on Tuesday, August 27th at 7:00 pm. He and Julie will also be at Mission Central on August 31st at 1:30 pm. The Muhlys are missionaries in Eurasia and live in Warsaw, Poland. Jon is the area facilitator of LCMS work in Russia, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Mongolia. His main responsibilities are to enhance the peoples' ability to reach out to non-believers, to support the churches' efforts to mature in Christ, and to provide theological resources. Jon and Julie's children are David, Nathaniel and twins Hannah and Rebecca. They await the arrival of their fifth child later in 2013.

Ivan and Jennifer Rasch have been serving the Lord in West Africa since 1999. The Rasches now live in Ghana. Ivan works in The Gambia, Ghana, Liberia, Nigeria and Sierra Leone, helping to connect American short-term missionaries and missionary teams with work being done in our partner Lutheran churches. He also serves as the assistant to the LCMS area facilitator. Jennifer hosts short-term missionaries and missionary teams as well as contributing in a variety of ways to the Lutheran schools in Ghana. Ivan was born in Jos, Nigeria, the son of a missionary family. Ivan and Jennifer both graduated from Concordia University Nebraska. The couple has two children, Heather and Timothy. Timothy is with his parents in Ghana, assisting with mission work and completing high school through online schooling. Heather is in the United States for her senior year of high school and then college. The Rasches will be at Mission Central at 1:30 pm on August 31st to give a presentation (Yes, it's the same time that the Muhly's will be there). P.S. I knew both Ivan and Jennifer in college. He is a very brilliant guy (math and physics major!). I think he will have an interesting presentation, especially since he grew up in Africa while his dad was a missionary there.

The following missionaries will be at Mission Central in August. Each presentation will begin at 1:30 pm.

- 3rd - Anthony & Jamie DiLibarto (Lima, Peru) and Alissa Asmus (Macau in Southern China)
- 10th - Eric Kunkel (Macau)
- 31st - Jon & Julie Muhly (Warsaw, Poland) and Ivan & Jennifer Rasch (Ghana, West Africa)



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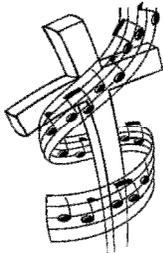
To God be all the Glory.

We're on the Web! Http:
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Special Music

You are invited to share
your musical talents in our
worship services here at
St. John.

The choir
will rehearse
on
Wednesday,
August 28th
at 8:00 pm.



August Worship Assistants

Altar Guild: Laura Bumann & Jerene Neir

Greeters: **Saturday**
Ron & Jerene Neir
Sunday
Diane Krueger

Bell Ringers: **Saturday, 6:00 p.m.**
Henry Hardt
Sunday, 9:00 a.m.
Emily Johnson

Acolytes: **Saturday, 6:00 p.m.**
Still available
Sunday, 9:00 a.m.
Still available

The KAYL Broadcast for this month
is sponsored by Marvin & Laura Bumann.

Altar Flowers

4th - Randy & Joy Schuler

11th - In honor of our relatives who survived cancer by Ron & Linda Falck

18th - In honor of Martin Mack's 96th birthday.

25th - In thanksgiving for Marvin & Laura Bumann's 60th Anniversary.

WE WELCOME YOU TO
JOIN US FOR WORSHIP!