

2013



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St. John Eagle

PANCAKE SUPPER



Please Come!

Date: Sunday,
November 10th

Time: 5:00—7:00 pm

Place: St. John

Tickets: \$5.00
(Children 5 and under - free)

appreciation DINNER

On Loyalty Sunday, the
Stewardship and Evangel-
ism Boards will hold a
Thank You dinner
for YOU!

Please join us on Sunday,
November 17th at
11:15 am.

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Thanksgiving
Service

**Wednesday,
November 27th
7:00 p.m.**

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Suzanne Winterhof

STAFF

SECRETARY:
Celeste Cummins

CUSTODIAN:
Rena Norwood

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

Since our Thanksgiving celebrations are right around the corner, I have a question for you: What makes you thankful? Sure, we have many things we can be thankful for, but what is it that creates thankfulness in us?

King Solomon was the wisest, richest man on earth. Yet toward the end of his life, he found that his riches, his many possessions, his many wives -- these things really had not given him the happiness he sought. That is why in the book of Ecclesiastes, he advises people seeking happiness and contentment with these words, "*I perceived that there is nothing better for them than to be joyful and to do good as long as they live; also that everyone should eat and drink and take pleasure in all his toil—this is God's gift to man.*"

I believe that true contentment, true joy and thankfulness in a person's life are not necessarily based on one's circumstances. Yes, our situation in life can affect our attitude, but as Solomon found out, the things of this world won't ever fully satisfy.

So then, where does true joy/true thankfulness in life come from? Well, here is a hint: The apostle Paul says in 1 Corinthians 1:4 "*I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus...*" Our thankfulness develops out of the grace of God given to us in Christ!

I personally have to agree with Paul! I give thanks to God for His grace given to YOU as members of St. John. In turn, out of His grace given in Christ, you have responded. How? You have continued to work at and support St. John, all done in thankfulness to God! For this we can all give thanks to God! We are truly blessed!

In His grace,
Pastor Bruce H. Lesemann



Executive director Henry Hardt called the meeting to order at 11:15 am.

Pastor Lesemann's devotion was based on Matthew 25:34 "Your Inheritance." Ours is free and lasts forever and was won by Christ on the cross.

Board of Youth and Board of Education — Jerry Johnson (reported by Hardt)

Three St. John junior high students will attend the youth gathering 10/26-27; two high schoolers to theirs 11/24-25. This afternoon is the Pumpkin Chucking Party for the youth.

Christmas Eve practice will begin 11/24 from 11 am until noon and these will conclude 12/22. A December Christmas caroling and party are being planned with Grace.

Treasurer's Report — Karen Fletcher (reported by Hardt)

All bills are getting paid.

Board of Trustees — Dave Dose (reported by Harlan Matasovsky)

The trustees are spending a lot of time working on Renae's disability with workers' comp, with the insurance carrier, and with her physician. Renae remains on half-time employment.

Board of Lay Ministers — Harlan Matasovsky

A Thanksgiving Eve service is being planned, tentatively at 7:00 pm. The lay ministers are contemplating the future vision of St. John, discussing long-term and short-term ideas.

Their budget was handed out to them for consideration at their next meeting.

Pastor Lesemann

Pastor will be on vacation 11/25 through 12/1. Pastor Kuhn will preach for the Thanksgiving Eve service and for the last Sunday of November and also for the fifth Sunday of December.

Executive Director — Henry Hardt

The Evangelism Board will sponsor a noon meal on November 17 to welcome new members and to express appreciation for the many St. John volunteers. There will be no parish planning meeting in November. The next one will be 12/15 at 11:15 am.

All directors of boards should submit their proposed budgets to Karen Fletcher and Celeste by Tuesday, December 3, so they can be included in the bulletin by December 7 and 8. There will be a budget informational meeting at 11:15 am on December 15 at the beginning of the December parish planning meeting.

The next voters' meeting is January 5, 2014 at 11:15 am in the sanctuary. In anticipation of that meeting, the parish planning council is asking for six volunteers to serve on a nominating committee to prepare a slate of candidates for each board and board director; these will be voted on at the January voters' meeting. At that meeting voters may be asked whether or not to revise our constitution to make it more current with the current operating practices.

Hardt adjourned the meeting at 12:05 pm. We closed by praying the Lord's Prayer.



Ladies Aid

The Ladies Aid held its regular meeting on October 2 with Marvel Rosdail serving as hostess. Eleven members were present and answered roll call by telling of a LWML activity they enjoyed the most. District and National Conventions have provided some of the most memorable and inspirational events, but there is also joy in our local group as we meet as sisters in Christ.

Since October is the month the church celebrates the Reformation, Naomi Benna presented an opening devotion which recounted the events leading to Luther's posting of the 95 thesis and the resulting affect this had for Luther and the world.

Final preparations were made for LWML Sunday which was held on October 6. LWML members sang during the service on Sunday. Joann Oatman prepared a bulletin board display of LWML grants. Ladies read Scripture lessons during the service, and several ladies assisted as ushers. Laura Bumann and Ladene Ponsor made a banner with the theme for the day, "You Are My Witnesses." A special "noisy can" collection of mites totaling \$189.57 was made during the offering.

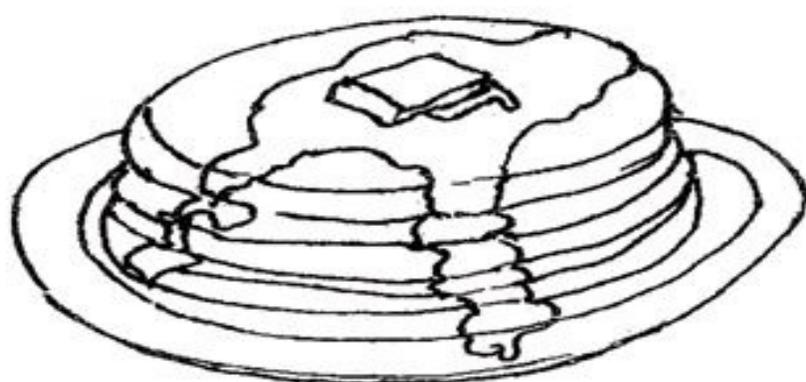
Christian Fellowship Society

Fourteen members and four guests enjoyed the buffet luncheon at Pizza Hut on Sunday, October 13, at which time the Christian Fellowship Society met.

The group set Sunday, November 10, as the date for the Pancake Supper. Initial plans were made for the event. Members also approved the financial support for the Christmas sacks given to the children.

The group motored to Pomeroy where they visited the Kaleidoscope Factory operated by artisan Leonard Olson, who has been featured in national publications. He demonstrated the making of a kaleidoscope from turning the wood on a lathe, positioning the mirrors, and inserting the objects to be viewed. One could also see displays of some other art endeavors by the operator and others. He interspersed his presentation with questions testing our knowledge of physics to his observations of small town life.

Pancake Supper!



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5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Tickets \$5.00

Children 5 and under – Free

**Delicious Pancakes, Sausages,
Applesauce, and Beverages**

St. John Lutheran Church

402 Lake Ave – Storm Lake

Proceeds for CFS Projects

All are WELCOME!

Giving Thanks

By: Celeste Cummins

*“But we ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers beloved by the Lord,
because God chose you as the firstfruits to be saved,
through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth.” (2 Thessalonians 2:13)*

We at St. John have a lot to be thankful for. Pastor Lesemann has been here 7 years leading us, guiding us, encouraging us, and being a friend to those in need. There is a tremendous support staff at St. John, which does not only include the organist, janitor, treasurer, and secretary, but all who faithfully serve in any capacity in the church. However, the biggest reason we have to be thankful is YOU. To date, we have received 12 new members in 2013 (8 through Baptism, 1 Adult Confirmation, 2 Transfers, and 1 Affirmation of Faith). This puts our total membership at 491.

Together, we members make up the body of Christ (1 Corinthians 12:12-30) by supporting and encouraging one another. Just as each of our body parts have different roles and abilities, each of us have different gifts that we can contribute to the church. We have been able to combine our gifts, talents, energy, and resources to accomplish many things at St. John. Each year, I hear several comments about the beautiful flowers that surround the building. This year, we have been able to put new carpeting in, fix the cement in the back parking lot, and pull together during Renae's absence to continue to keep the church clean.

In November, our thoughts center on being thankful for what we have and for what we can do, as well as giving thanks for the blessings and abilities that God has given to us. On Sunday, November 17th, the Stewardship and Evangelism Committees invite you to attend a THANK YOU dinner held in your honor. This is our opportunity to say thank you to each of you for all the help you give to glorify God here at St. John. This dinner is a thank you dinner for **ALL** members of St. John and a welcome dinner for those who have joined St. John since Pastor Lesemann's arrival in 2006. Our thank you dinner will feature pulled pork sandwiches, chips, bars, and ice cream sundaes and will take place at 11:15 am in the basement of St. John. Please plan on attending this special dinner created just to THANK YOU for being a part of St. John and for all your contributions to St. John!!



You have two options for providing poinsettias this year. First, you may purchase your own RED poinsettia(s) and deliver yourself to the church beginning December 18. Second, you may purchase a poinsettia for \$10 and it will be delivered to St. John. The bulletin will list who gave each poinsettia and you may give it in honor or in memory of a loved one or special occasion. Please complete the form below so the names and occasions are accurate (please print).

INSTRUCTIONS....

Please return this form by Wednesday, December 11th using one of several options:

- Mail it to the church office or drop it off (mailbox)
- Email it to the church office...stjohnstormlake@gmail.com
- Call the church office with the necessary information.

We look forward to decorating the Lord's Altar each Christmas reminding us of the joy of celebration as we thank our heavenly Father for the blessings of the Birth of His Son, our Savior. Please help us to continue this expression of joy in our Christmas Worship Service.

Poinsettia given in memory of _____
(Name)

By _____
(Names)

Poinsettia given in honor of _____
(Occasion)

By _____
(Names)

Poinsettias given in thanksgiving for the blessings of the Birth of our Savior
by _____
(Simply state your name)



THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS - You still have time to double your money with your donation of Thrivent Choice Dollars this month! What could be better than that? Until November 30, 2013, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans will **DOUBLE** all Choice Dollars donated to churches (until \$15 million has been awarded). To take advantage of this great opportunity, contact 1-800-847-4836 or log on to www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice to designate your Thrivent Choice Dollars.

NEEDED: SHEETS AND LIGHT WEIGHT BLANKETS - Mission Sewing could use sheets and light weight blankets. We are using 24 a month now and the cupboard is getting empty. If you have any to donate, please leave them in the sewing room. Thank you, Mission Sewing.

NOISY FAN - The Trustees are aware of the noise the basement furnace fan is making. They are going to work on it as soon as they can.

THANK YOU for the \$250 received in support of Rev. Jon and Julie Muhly.

Know Your Church Family

Ron and Barb Walters met each other at the University of Iowa and later married on September 6, 1964 in Storm Lake. Barb graduated from U of I with a B.S. in nursing; Ron graduated three years later from Creighton's University school of pharmacy.

In the spring of 1968, we moved to Denison where Ron opened his pharmacy clinic after working for 5 years. At this time we had three young children. Over the years Barb worked part-time as a nurse, the last job being the elementary school nurse. After 25 years of service, Ron retired and sold his business.

Around 10 years ago, we moved to beautiful Storm Lake to live by the lake.

We are the parents and grandparents of son Dave and his wife Sue, their girls Emily age 7 and Jenna age 4, daughter Deb and her husband Chris and their children, Max age 13 and Anna age 9, and son Dan and his special friend Alesia and her son Cody. God continues to richly bless our family.

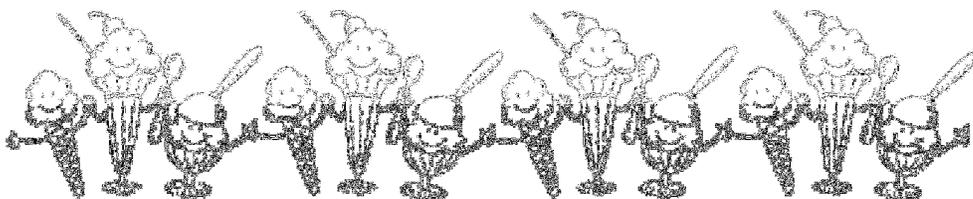
Ron's hobbies include hunting and fishing. He was an active bow hunter for deer for 50 years. Barb likes to read books, to cook and bake food, and to walk for exercise.

Both of us feel very honored to be new members of this church where we enjoy Pastor Bruce and the friendly congregation here. Praise the Lord!

A Special
THANK YOU

*An **All Member** Thank You and Welcome
Dinner will be held at St. John on
Sunday, November 17th at 11:15 am.*

Please join us for pulled pork sandwiches, chips,
bars, and ice cream sundaes.





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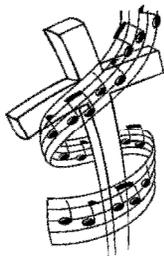
To God be all the Glory.

We're on the Web! Http:
[//www.stjohstormlake.org](http://www.stjohstormlake.org)

Special Music

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

The choir
rehearses
each
Wednesday
at 8:00 pm.



November Worship Assistants

Altar Guild: LaVerne Grigsby/Jim & Renee Phillips

Greeters: **Saturday**
Still available

Sunday
Dave & Donna Dose

Bell Ringers: **Saturday, 6:00 p.m.**
Henry Hardt

Sunday, 9:00 a.m.
Lloyd Bumann

Acolytes: **Saturday, 6:00 p.m.**
Austin Gaffney

Sunday, 9:00 a.m.
Georgea Luedtke

The KAYL Broadcast for this month
is sponsored by Ron & Cindy Gillman.

Altar Flowers

3rd - In memory of Bruce Mandernach by
Eileen Mandernach

10th - To honor vets past and present

17th - Bruce & Amy Lesemann Anniversary

24th - In memory of David Coleman by Dan
Coleman

WE WELCOME YOU TO
JOIN US FOR WORSHIP!