

Vol. 67- 11

THRU THE WINDOWS

St. John's Lutheran Church  
Bennington, Nebraska

Nov 2007

NOVEMBER 2007

**ACOLYTES**

**Nov 4**

8:30am Catherine Iltzsch

11:00am Michaela DiMauro

**Nov 11**

8:30am Sam Steffes, Lizzy Noble

11:00am Cody Bridgeford

**Nov 18**

8:30am Catherine Iltzsch

Rebecca Kander

11:00am Jordan Mohr

**Nov 21- Thanksgiving Eve (WED)**

7:00pm Layne Laaker, Griffin Japp

**Nov 25**

8:30am Justin Mahon & Jon Mahon

11:00am Kesley Carl

**GREETERS**

**Nov 4**

8:30am Ted & Suzanne Kirby

Mark & Sue Hinton-front door

11:00am Josh and Jackie Frost

Holly Peterson-front door

**Nov 11**

8:30am Ted & Suzanne Kirby

Vicki Japp-front door

11:00am Jeannette Putney, Georgia Ford

Holly Peterson-front door

**Nov 18**

8:30am Ted & Suzanne Kirby

Doris Hoier-front door

11:00am Holly Peterson



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**THANKSGIVING  
SERVICE**

**WEDNESDAY  
NOVEMBER 21ST  
7:00PM**

**Nov. 21 Thanksgiving Eve (WED)**

7:00pm TBD

**Nov 25**

8:30am Ted & Suzanne Kirby

11:00am Jeannette Putney, Georgia Ford

**ALTAR COMMITTEE**

TBD

**Counters**

Jenny Hansen, Jan Braden, Sandra Kander

**USHERS**

**Nov 4**

8:30am

11:00am Pierson family

**Nov 11**

8:30am Jim & Kelly Witt family

11:00am Pierson family

**Nov 18**

8:30am John & Stacey Noble family

11:00am Pierson family

**Nov 21- Thanksgiving Eve (WED)**

7:00pm TBD

**Nov 25**

8:30am David & Mary Larsen

11:00am Pierson family

**COMMUNION HELPERS**

8:30am Janiece Coe

**LECTOR/CANTORS**

**Nov 4**

8:30am Lector: Julie Dunn

Cantor: Kerry Frey

**Nov 11**

8:30am Lector: Jane Frost

**Nov 18**

11:00am Lector: David Mills

Cantor: Angie Sukraw

**Nov 21- Thanksgiving Eve (WED)**

7:00pm Lector: Tara Meador

**Nov 25**

8:30am Heather Goertz



### Give Thanks to the Lord

Psalm 100:4 says, “Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise his name. For the Lord is good and His love endures forever; His faithfulness continues through all generations.”

Dear Members and Friends of St. John’s:

November is here and this is the month that our great country has set aside as the time to stop and give thanks for all our blessings. For us as Christians we know that God is the source of our every blessing, so that leads us to give God our thanks and praise for all His benefits to us.

I want to thank God for everyone that has made a financial pledge of their support towards the Mission and Ministry of St. John’s for the coming year. Our scripture verse for our stewardship campaign was 1 Chronicles 29:14; “Giving back to God what God has given us,” which speaks to the reason why we give. We give as a way of saying “thank you” to the Lord our God for all His benefits and to carry out the work of this church which was given to the founders of St. John’s over 109 years ago.

We still have a long way to go to reach our financial goals for the coming year. I know that together we can reach those goals and continue to move forward as we carry the Good News, the Gospel of Jesus Christ crucified for the forgiveness of our sins into the community around us. May we always remember that God has blessed us so that we can “be a blessing” to others. So share part of what you have received with others, especially those in need.

This years Thanksgiving Worship Service with communion will be held **Wednesday November 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m.** If you have out of town guests, please invite them to come with you as we all bow before the Lord our God and give thanks, especially for the sending of Jesus Christ to save us from our sin.

Finally, let me challenge you to do something good for another every day or as often as you can during the month of November. Just think about who you can “Be a Blessing” to and do something kind for them. It could be as simple as being nice to people while driving on the way to work, at work, or on the way home. Then what can you do special for your spouse, and or family this month? Be creative and have fun with it. God has blessed you to be a blessing, so go out and intentionally “make the world a better place” somehow every day this month as a way of saying thanks to God for all that God has given you. May you do it all to bring glory to God!

See you in Church,  
Pastor Jim Price

## Did you know.....



1. That St. John’s Lutheran Church is hosting the **House for Jakson Chili Dinner** **Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup> from 12noon -3:00pm**

Enjoy a bowl of chili or chicken noodle soup.

Your free-will donations are appreciated and will help Build Jakson’s House

2. **A Music in Mission Concert is set for November 11 at 3p.m.**



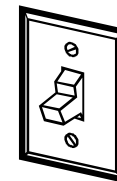
On November 11th at 3:00 p.m. the fall concert in St. John’s Music in Mission series will take place. The organ recital this fall will be performed by Elisa Williams Bickers, a doctoral student of Michael Bauer’s at the University of Kansas. Bickers is a former winner of the San Antonio organ playing competition and she is currently in the second round of the American Guild of Organists Young Artists Competition.

At this concert a free will offering will be taken to support the work of Mosaic, a Nebraska-based Lutheran ministry serving people with developmental disabilities. We hope that you will come to the recital and bring a friend. If you have further questions, please see Michael Bauer.

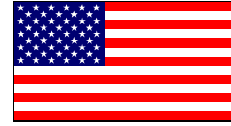


**Everyone, your help is needed.** If you are part of a group meeting at the Church we ask that the lights be turned off when you leave or if there is no one in that room or area. Many times when the church building is locked up at night, a number of lights are still on with no one around. The two main high energy usage areas are the Sanctuary and the Fellowship Hall. In the Fellowship Hall there are five banks of lights that are operated by separate switches. Each globe has a 300 watt bulb. If your group is meeting in the Fellowship Hall during the daytime, please use only the number necessary. This would also apply in the evening. There are a number of security lights that remain on at all time. Through conservation we also demonstrate good **Stewardship.**

Your Property Committee



**Two forums** have been scheduled for **Nov. 4 and 11** at 9:45am in the Fellowship Hall. We will discuss a proposal for a 2008 Minister of Arts Position for Michael Bauer. Therefore, his title would be Organist/Minister of Arts.



We would like to be in contact with our local and congregational service men and women. If you know of anyone serving, please call the church office with this information.



### **Men's Ministry Meeting/ Community Clean-up Day**

The next Men's Ministry Meeting will be on Saturday November 10 at 7:15 beginning with a full breakfast. We will begin our fall yard cleanup in and around the Bennington Area to help older residents as well as any single parent household's yards ready for winter. We want to invite everyone both men, women, as well as, students to come and participate in this service project to our community. If you know of someone that might need help getting his or her yard ready for winter, please contact the church office.

### **Thankoffering Service November 11 at 8:30 worship service**

Women of the ELCA has a long tradition of gathering to give God thanks and praise in Thankoffering services. This year, as we observe our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary, we also pray for our ministry to continue for as long as God can use us.

It is important to connect the actual moment of thankfulness with both a prayer and an offering. Why? Because by responding with a prayer and an offering, we recognize more fully how many blessing we have and how frequently we experience them.

Women of the ELCA Thankofferings support the total outreach of the ELCA, including specific programs of the women's organization.



### **New Adult Education Class on Prayer**

Prayer is central part of the Christian life. It is a critically important component in our developing relationships with God, with ourselves, with other people, and with the world. From November 18 through December 16 Michael Bauer will lead a class that considers different aspects of prayer. The class will be held during the 9:45 education hour in the conference room. Each class session will combine the study and practice of prayer. Classes will begin with a lecture on one of a variety of different topics related to prayer including: a theology of prayer, the history of prayer, daily prayer, contemplative prayer, and prayer and the arts. We will then transit to a time of prayer together to conclude the class. All are welcome.



**"THANKS"** to all who came, shared, and participated in the wonderful Consecration Service and Celebration Luncheon on Sunday Oct 21<sup>st</sup>. What an opportunity to share with our Lord and make a commitment to return to HIM a portion of what HE has given us. Charts are on display in the narthex. They will be updated each week on where we are in comparison with:

- Last year's **total** estimate of giving cards received along with the dollar amount indicated by the 2007 numbers.
- This year's most recent update indicated by date and filled with red ink
- This year's goals are indicated by:
  - Bronze being our first goal
  - Silver being our next (stretch) goal
  - Gold being our highest (stretch) goal

**If you have not returned your "Estimate of Giving card" please prayerfully consider your choice and do so as soon as possible so we can finalize our 2008 Stewardship process.**

Your Stewardship committee

**Have you noticed the beautiful landscaping** that has been done on the south side of the church? If not, be sure and check it out. This wonderful project was a gift from Erma Trisler. Thank You Erma!!!!





**Festival of Trees 2007**  
**Help support the Bennington Pubic library Building Fund**

Presented by "Friends of the Bennington Area Libraries"  
"Women's Club."

**When:** Friday, November 16, from 10-8pm

Saturday, November 17, from 10am-2pm

**Where:** St. John's Lutheran Church in Bennington

**Labels for Learning - - Bennington Secondary Music Department**

The high school music department continues to collect the Our Family Product UPC Codes for cash. Please cut off and save the UPC's if and when you have an Our Family label. You can turn the bar codes in to the elementary and high school office collection containers or send them in care of the high school music department. Cubby's, Bag and Save and No Frills Grocery stores carry the Our Family brands in paper products, medicines, canned goods, eggs, frozen products, breads, cheeses, margarines, and many more. We send them in to Nash Finch for cash returns. Cubby's in Bennington has a collection box for the UPC labels for the Bennington Labels for Learning Drive. It is amazing to see how the labels add up when many households collect them! Trash can be turned to treasure!



**Gulf Coast Mission Trip**

Members of St. John's Lutheran Church: The Nebraska Synod sponsored a Youth Mission Trip last summer to the Gulf Coast to help victims of Hurricane Katrina and because of the overwhelming need is going to sponsor another trip this coming summer.

Now the Nebraska Synod is organizing a mission trip this winter for Adults to go to Ocean Springs, Mississippi to help Hurricane Katrina victims.

Sponsor: Nebraska Synod

Dates: February 9-17, 2008

Place: Camp Victor, Ocean Springs, Mississippi.

Pastor and Cathy Price are planning on going as well as others. If you are interested in going with them on this mission trip, please contact pastor for information and how to REGISTER.

**West Omaha Lutheran Mission Church being formed**

Have you heard that now after over 20 years the Nebraska Synod has several Mission Congregations in the process of being developed? One is being organized in West Omaha. Rev. James Lindberg has been hired as the Mission Developer for the new church. Right now, Pastor Lindberg is asking for prayer partners to join with him in praying for this new church so that the church can be built someday on a foundation of prayer. Members of St. John's will you begin praying for Pastor Lindberg as God uses him to establish a new church on the Westside? He will be contracting with a school to begin worship services around Easter. We need to pray that the right location to be made available. We need to pray for the Lord to prepare the hearts of people to be open to his evangelism efforts and that his work will be successful.

Also Pastor James, his wife Lori and their son Noah need our prayer because on Sunday October 28<sup>th</sup>, Lori gave birth to twin girls, Sarah and Rachel.

Picture below:



## 40 Days of Community Coming Lent 2008

During *40 Days of Purpose*, churches answered the question “What on earth am I here for?” Millions of people experienced a new faith awakening—discovering God’s purposes for the first time. Thousands of churches were unified for the first time in years—and many were completely transformed.

### BUT THERE’S A BIGGER IDEA:

**You were never meant to fulfill God’s purposes on your own!**

Dear Friends,

The goal of 40 Days of Community is to water the seeds that were planted during 40 Days of Purpose, and to help people take the next step to spiritual maturity and a meaningful life on earth. 40 Days of Community will deepen your understanding of how God uses other people—specifically others in your church family—for your good and growth. It will also show you how God can use you to bless others.

Imagine what could happen if every small group in your church reached out together, showing love in practical ways to those in your community. Now imagine what could happen if every small group in all churches across the country did it with you! Millions of lives would be touched, millions of people would begin a relationship with Christ, practical needs would be met, and the church would become known more for the love it shows than for what it is against. God would be pleased, and we could see a spiritual awakening that is desperately needed in our culture.

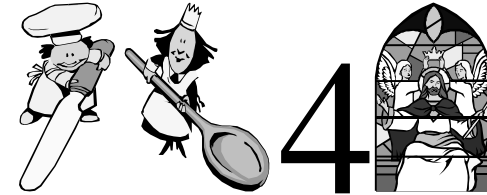
**Are you willing to take the next step in growing a life of purpose and meaning? Then let’s join together for this 40-day spiritual journey**—deepening the community of love within your church and reaching out in love to the community around your church.

We are looking for members for the planning and preparation of this life changing event.

Call Julie at 238-2659 if you can help provide an opportunity for our whole congregation

#### HELP IS NEEDED

40 Days of Community needs people with all kinds of different talents with a little time for the next three months. Please Contact Pastor Price, Jodi or Julie ASAP  
238-2659, 238-2483, 238-2109



## THANK YOU ALL!!!!!!!!!!!!

There isn’t enough space in this issue of Thru the Windows to list all the people or the numbers of items that were donated to Cooks 4 Christ to make the German Harvest Festival a success.

To each chairman we thank you so very much for taking an active part in our October event.

No matter what part you had or what you donated we want you all to know: we couldn’t have done it without you! Blessings to you all!

Jodi & Julie

### Calendar

Nov	7	WOW 5:30-6:30pm
	8	Benn View Noon
	12	<b>2008 PLANNING MEETING 6 pm</b>
	14	WOW 5:30pm
	19	Keenagers Noon
	22	<b>Community Thanksgiving Noon</b>
	28	WOW 5:30pm
Dec	1	Cook-A-Thon 9:00am
	5	WOW 5:30pm
	12	WOW 5:30pm
	*22*	<b>Community Christmas Party</b>



## Volunteer Service Award Reminder

St John's Wellness Committee has teamed with the White House to become a Certifying Organization for the PRESIDENT'S VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD, a national program recognizing Americans who have demonstrated a sustained commitment to volunteer service. Established in 2003, the AWARD was created by President George W. Bush to give Presidential recognition to individuals, families and groups who meet requirements for volunteer service, measured by the number of service hours performed over 12-months. These are awards for all ages, groups, and families. Volunteers are role models in our community, donating their time, energy and talent to bring us closer together as neighbors and a Nation. The AWARD is our way of thanking these volunteers and inspiring everyone in our community to make volunteering a central part of their lives.

**National volunteer week is April 27-May 3, 2008.**

Our community celebration will be scheduled soon. We are planning another special event. This message is a reminder that the hours are tabulated from *January 1, 2007 thru Dec 31, 2007*. Awards are given to those who are nominated or that report their yearly hours to the Wellness Committee. Details about reporting hours and nominating individuals, families or groups for the volunteer awards can be obtained by calling Julie @ 238-2659



## Prayers 2 Christ-Weekly Prayer Schedule

**Nov 4:** Pray for a fair and effective election process

**Nov 11:** Pray for our Veterans

**Nov 18:** Pray for Thanksgiving to be a time of family and peace.

**Nov 25:** Pray for talented people to join the 40 Days of Community team.

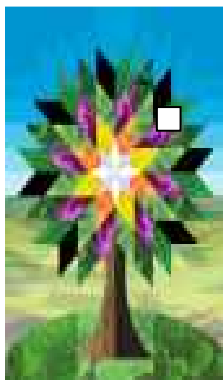
The followers of Jesus approached him with a simple request, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." (Luke 11:1) Obviously, the followers were confused and wanted their teacher to help them in their prayer life. They knew John the Baptist was teaching prayer to his disciples, so what might Jesus teach them? Most probably, these followers had witnessed Jesus praying in many places. Perhaps they had observed how prayer informed and impacted his life. Jesus embodied love and lived with a deep connection to God. How might they experience the presence of God in their life? These questions remain helpful today. Let us continue to learn from Jesus.

### Prayer: A Conversation with a Loving Parent

Jesus shocked his disciples request for a lesson about prayer by beginning with the following words, "When you pray, say, 'Abba' . . ." In a single word, Jesus changed our human understanding of prayer and our approach to God. This word 'Abba' can be translated by a familiar slang of 'daddy' or 'papa'. Abba reflects much more of a loving, doting parent who wants to hear the thoughts and feelings of a child. No longer does God need to be seen as a distant, inapproachable judge waiting to condemn.

Instead, we are invited to approach God in prayer like a child who speaks to a loving parent. We offer to God our joys, hurts, wonderment, confusion, disappointment and all that we experience in this life. We extend our thanksgiving to God who listens to every word - the ranting and raving as well as the praise and joy. Like young children, our words of prayer to God might be blurted in phrases, ramblings, or single words. Some of our prayers might flow in complete, complex sentences or perhaps like poetry. Other times, there are no words. The pain is too deep. Like children, we cry, point to our wounds and sigh in silence, because there simply are no words to express the depth of our pain. (Romans 8:26-27) Like a loving parent who listens to a child, God hears. Yes, God truly listens to our prayers!

# *St. John's Women in Action*



*News and Information for **all** Women of St. John's  
November, 2007*

## Coming Events

### Fair Trade Sales

**Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>**, in Narthex between services  
Coffee, Tea, Cocoa, Hot Chocolate, and  
Chocolate Bars.

### **Thankoffering Service**

November 11<sup>th</sup>  
8:30 Worship Service

### **Festival of Trees**

Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>  
A Bennington Area Library Fundraiser

**Join us in Bible Study  
All Women are welcome!**

Faith Bible Study – Nov. 13, at 1:30 p.m.  
Fellowship Hall  
Lesson Leader – Evangeline Meyer  
Refreshments – Betty Deardoff

Rejoice Bible Study – Nov. 19, at 7:00 p.m.  
Conference Room  
Lesson/Refreshments – Annette Kay

**Thank you to all who contributed to the German Festival Bazaar and Bake Sale. The proceeds netted \$450.00 and Thrivent gave \$100 in matching funds. We are able to give \$550 to the ELCA Seminary Fund!!!**

*Don't forget to **support the Western Douglas County Pantry** with food items. You can place them in the shopping carts located in the entry to the lower level and to the fellowship hall. Also, **Campbell's Soup labels** may be left in the box below the mailboxes.*

### **Young Women of the ELCA – BE BOLD!**

– Check out this website! **[boldcafe.org](http://boldcafe.org)**  
Cafe is a free, monthly on-line magazine for young women offered by Women of the ELCA

## Quilters in Action

Quilts contain little more than fabric and thread. They do not contain medicinal healing properties-at least nothing that can be analyzed in a lab. But the power of quilts sometimes goes beyond the lab.

The Quilting Frame: God can use small ingredients to make big miracles happen: fabric and thread to lift hope in the sick, five loaves and two fish to feed five thousand hungry people, and faith the size of a mustard seed to move a mountain. Shouldn't we give all we have to God just to see what He might do with it?

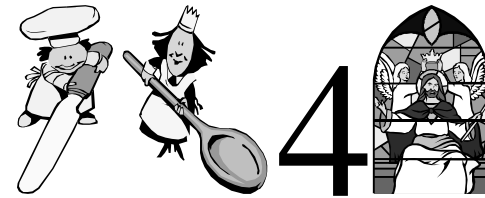
God's Template: "And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work" (2 Corinthians 9:8).

On October 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, the following 8 ladies met: Gloria Jacobsen, Lorene Andersen, Judy Barber, Norma Collins, Mary Weberg, Addie Backhuus, Doris Gottsch and Betty Deardoff. We were able to complete and tie 2 baby and 3 full size quilts. Several ladies also devoted much of their time to sew tops for quilting sessions in the future. A million "thank-you's" ladies for your skills and devotion in working on quilt tops in your spare time to use on a monthly basis. We couldn't complete all we do if it weren't for your abilities in the work you do at home.

**The Binding Stitch:** Thank You, Lord, for being attentive to our prayers and being sure to answer.

### *It's Easy Being Green!*

*At the NE Synod Festival this summer, we were encouraged to become "green" congregations. That means that we are encouraged to do what we can as individuals, families, and St. John's members to recycle, to consider how we use energy, and how we use disposable items. The first step is to become aware of how much we throw away and how much we could save to recycle, etc.*



St John's Cooks 4 Christ

**FREE**



## COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER

Noon

Thanksgiving Day

Thursday November 22, 2007

St John's Fellowship Hall

Turkey and Trimmings

Bring your favorite dish if you wish.

So we will have enough food:

Reservations can be made by calling

238-2483 or 238-2659 or 238-2109

Everyone is invited to come and share!

**Who should attend?**

\*Anyone who might not be going "home" for Thanksgiving.

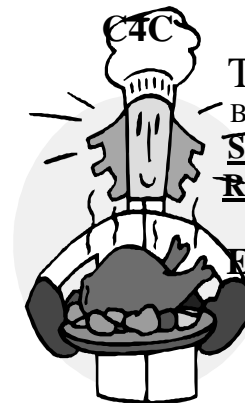
\*Anyone who will be cooking for only one or two.

\*Families who would like to share.

+Rides to & from the church will be provided!

+Meals for shut-ins will be delivered after we serve, if requested.

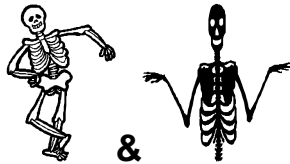
Contact Julie @ 238-2659 for further details.





## Benn Town Gals

Benn Town Gals had lunch at a unique eatery called *Delicious* in Valley. The food was great and the company excellent. The meal included a dessert that you were required to select before the main course. Let's see, huge home-made cinnamon rolls, chocolate bread pudding, pumpkin pie, apple turnovers-----delicious!!!!!! The meal was followed by an extensive tour of Wendy Dean's art studio and her 4000 square foot apartment in the converted upstairs of a former hardware store. It was interesting that the walls featured exposed brick and broken pieces of old lath walls. Art was every where and in multiple mediums. It was amazing. If you are interested in joining us for our next adventure call Emily at 238-2583 or Joyce at 238-2802. Women of all ages are welcome. We have members communitywide. Our goal is to have events that are fun.



### Benders & Stretchers

**NOTICE: Change of location**  
Choir Room Tuesday & Thursday 9-9:30 am



### YOGA

For everyone Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 9am.  
Contact Emily @ 238-2543

## National Health Observances.

November	2007 Dates
Adoption Month, National	1-30
Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month, National	1-30
COPD Awareness Month	1-30
Diabetes Month, American	1-30
Diabetic Eye Disease Month	1-30
Epilepsy Awareness Month, National	1-30
Family Caregiver Month, National	1-30
Flu and Pneumonia Campaign	1-30
Great American Smokeout	1-30
Healthy Skin Month, National	1-30
Home Care Month, National	1-30
Hospice Month, National	1-30
Jaw Joints - TMJ Awareness Month	1-30
Lung Cancer Awareness Month	1-30
Marrow Awareness Month, National	1-30
Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month	1-30
PH (Pulmonary Hypertension) Awareness Month	1-30



The greatest need people have today is not for someone who will solve their problems for them, but rather for someone who will listen empathetically to the darkest and deepest wounds of their inner selves. We may feel as though we were useless and not particularly helpful to a friend in the midst of a crisis, and yet he or she will say in gratitude, "You were there when I needed you."

Prayer I need a friend, Lord, someone who will just listen. Not someone who will try to fix me or attempt to solve my problems, but someone who will accept me for who I am. Not someone who will become anxious, suspicious, or frightened when I share the deepest feelings of my soul, but someone who will accept me. Not someone who will give chatty advice or scold or judge me, but someone who will quietly point me to you. I need someone to listen, Lord, someone like you.

John Gugel [Cries of Faith, Songs of Hope: Prayers for the Times of Our Lives](#)

Call 238-2659 for a friend



### God has a lot to say about aging...

- Aging is normal - Healthy aging is a natural part of God's plan and He promises to stay with us throughout the journey to the very end. -Isaiah 46:4
- Respect those who are aging - We are called to honor our parents and all persons who are aging. -Leviticus 19:32
- Source of wisdom - Because of their extensive life experience, the aging are rich reservoirs of wisdom and understanding for the rest of us. - Deuteronomy 32:7
- Gifted to serve - Aging persons are gifted to serve and the Bible has no concept of retiring. Aging persons are of great value to God and the church. -Psalm 92:14
- Change is inevitable - As we age, our bodies experience physiological changes that change how we see the world and how the world sees us. - 2 Samuel 19:35
- Growth in righteousness - God equips the aging to be continuing examples of right living for all of us. -Proverbs 16:31
- Caring for those in need - Love ones have a responsibility to care for the needs of dependent aging persons. -1 Timothy 5:4
- Legacy to our children - Aging persons are God's plan enabling us to leave a legacy as we teach our children. -Titus 2:3

### People Without Partners (PWP)

Single people joining together to share, care and survive life's crisis.

Grief, divorce, finance, loneliness

**November 2 10:00am**

Conference Room

Lunch to follow

Information 203-2649

## FLOWERS

### Sept 30

**Altar flowers** were given by Dick Fritz in memory of Sherry and in honor of their September 27 wedding anniversary.

### October 7

**Altar flowers** were given to the Glory of God in celebration of Marian Anderson's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on October 10. Marian is Dee Micheel's mother and lives in the Oakland, NE Care Center.

**Rosebud on the altar** was given in celebration of the birth of Grace Pierson by her grandparents, Rev. John and Joan Pierson. Grace is the daughter of Todd and Kelly Pierson. She was born on October 4 and weighed 10lbs 2oz.

**Rosebud on the altar** was given in celebration of the birth of Cyrus Daniel Springer on September 27 by his great-grandfather, Dick Fritz. Cyrus is the son of Jessica Springer, Dick Fritz's granddaughter, and Daniel Moore. Cyrus weighed 6 lbs. 10oz.

### October 14

**Altar flowers** were given to the Glory of God in loving memory of Cassie Jean Mills and Garnetta Mills by David, Paula, Jared and Austin Mills.

**We extend our sympathy to the family of Doris Littrell.** Doris passed away on October 9. The funeral service was held at Crosby Burket Swanson-Golden Mortuary on Friday, October 12, with burial at the West Lawn Cemetery.

### October 21

**Altar flowers** were given by Dick and Leanna Flynn in honor of their 37<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on October 17.

**Rose on the altar** was given in celebration of the birth of Alex Joseph Morrison by his grandparents, Mark & Karla Backhuus and great-grandmother, Addie Backhuus. Alex is the son of Terry and Erica (Backhuus) Morrison of Parker, CO. Alex was born on Grandpa Mark's birthday, October 12.

**Altar flowers** were given to the glory of God in honor of the 2007 confirmation class by the Fuchser family.

**Flowers near the pulpit and lectern** were given in loving memory of Jeanette Mueller by her family.



- 1 Pam Baty  
Jim Peterson
- 2 Emma Kuker
- 3 Doris Ostronic
- 4 Justin Dall  
Randy Eggink  
Kaitlyn Nelson
- 5 Kathy Sigler  
Morgan Dreessen
- 7 Lynn Cox  
Deborah Slechta  
Suzanne Timperley
- 8 Jodi Engel  
Brad Renter
- 10 T. J. Muhleka  
Melinda Schmidt
- 11 Jill Eggink  
Elizabeth Pooley  
Marlene Smith  
Alex Wenz
- 12 Dale Goedeker  
Mary Carol Junker  
Tyler Fritz
- 13 Angela Boever  
Jenny Furstenau
- 14 Marvin Blacketer
- 15 Joyce Baldwin  
Haley Melvin  
Greg Pooley
- 16 Bruce Johnson  
Brandi Purdy  
Shelly Wesemann  
Craig Stockhaus  
Michael Wright
- 17 Mary Bequette  
Ethan Korth  
Lori Nielsen
- 18 Laura Fuchser  
Danny Mohr

- 18 Christine Freyer  
Donna Schmidt
- 19 Marlene Mohr
- 20 Coartney Schneider  
Fred Barnhard
- 21 Brian Jensen
- 22 Derek Christensen  
Ron Showers  
McKenzie Smith
- 23 Shanna Stichler
- 24 Connor Eurek  
Colton Meador
- 25 Dorothy Champ  
Jake Jacobs
- 26 Rodney Kinman
- 27 Gail Wesemann  
Ella Levy
- 28 Jacob Kuhl
- 29 Beth Bergman  
Bonnie Meador  
Mark Coe
- 30 Molly Dorau  
Suzanne Kirby  
Jillian Timperley  
Ember York



- 2 Larry & Karen Arp
- 6 Richard & Sharon Herzberg
- 8 Monte & Jaime Christensen
- 10 Dale & Sue Goedeker
- 11 Travis & Stephanie Lank
- 14 Mike & Gail Wesemann
- 15 Don & Harriette Peetz  
Darrell & CoeLeta Logemann  
Andrew & Kristen Cook
- 16 Reid & Vicki Japp  
Jim & Lori Scott

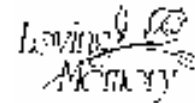
- 19 Vernon & Marlene Reed
- 20 Ryan & Brenda Schroeter
- 22 Al & Marcia Weberg
- 27 Jim & Amy York
- 28 Frank & Susanne Timperley

SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY WISHES  
TO:

- James & Lori Scott, 5
- Richard & Sharon Herzberg, 52
- Vernon & Marlene Reed, 52
- Don & Harriette Peetz, 60



**Alexander Charles Christensen** was received into God's Holy Kingdom through the washing of Holy Baptism this morning. Alexander is the son of Josh and Ronee Christensen. His sponsors are Clayton Swanson and John Christensen. Congratulations!!



**Please keep** Jerry, Eileen, Patrick and Ryan Baker in your prayers. Eileen's father Vern Raabe passed away on Monday, October 1. The funeral service was held October 5 at Zion-St. John's Lutheran Church in Wisner, NE, interment was at St. John's Cemetery in Beemer, NE

**We extend our sympathy to the family of Pastor David C. Bronstad.** Pastor Bronstad was called as Pastor at St. Michael Lutheran Church in Omaha in October 1988, where he served until his death. He fought a courageous battle with cancer, continuing his work as a faithful pastor throughout his treatment, and always displaying a positive attitude.

**We extend our sympathy** to the family and friends of Jeanette Mueller who passed away on Thursday, October 18. The funeral service was held at St. John's on October 22 with interment at the German Cemetery,

**We extend our sympathy** to Amond & DeLores Ohms. Delores's brother, David Rasmussen of Blair, NE passed away on Wednesday, October 17. The funeral service was held October 22 at First Lutheran Church in Blair, NE.

# WELCOME

**OUR NEW MEMBERS** were received into membership on October 14. Welcome to: Lillian Hansen, William and Dorothy Mohr, David and Patty North and daughter Bailey, Jeffrey and Gwen O'Connor and daughter, Leyla, and Kelsey and Patricia Schneider. They were treated to a Luncheon served by the last New Member classes and the Evangelism Committee.

## OCTOBER CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES HIGHLIGHTS

**The Church Council met on October 9, 2007.**

**Present:** Bill Dunn, Jan Braden, Pastor Jim, Jenny Hansen, Jim Peterson, Jeremy Hansen, Caryn Stichler, Mark Misfeldt, Sandra Kander, Jim Pinegar, Ted Kirby, Mert Opfer

**Absent:** Mark Backhuus

**Devotions:** Given by Jim Peterson Devotions for next month: Mert Opfer

**New Business:** Discussed items for November Thru the Windows, Request to use FH for Lion's Club annual rib feed, 22 confirmands, River City renewal, Jakson Delancey House project, Boy Scout memorial, budget process, Leadership Conference, Special Accounts, nominating committee, Wheels for Christ

**Unfinished Business:** Task force, gift bibles, membership roster, insurance

### **Committee reports**

Youth Ministry: Posted on bulletin board located in the office hallway

Worship and Music: No report

Christian Education: No report

Social Ministry: No report

Stewardship: Speaker will be here Oct. 21

Finance: September Current Fund Beginning Balance: -\$2,084.69

Mission Share for September \$2,615.37. September Ending Balance: \$897.38

Endowment Committee: Next Meeting December 18,7pm

Property Committee: Will replace steel bars behind chairs in the narthex.

Pastor's report: Posted on bulletin board in the office hallway.

**Complete Church Council Meeting Minutes are posted on the bulletin board in the office hallway.**

**The next church council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 13 at 7pm.**

### WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

	<u>8:30am</u>	<u>11:00am</u>	<u>2:00pm</u>
Sept 30	100	88	
Oct. 7	115	80	
Oct 14	141	106	
Oct 21		209	Consecration Sunday
Oct 28	109	45	326 Confirmation Service

## THRU THE WINDOWS

St. John's Lutheran Church

322 North Molley Street

**James M. Price, Pastor**

238-2483 (Church)

238-2958 (Home)

[WWW.STJOHNSBENNINGTON.ORG](http://WWW.STJOHNSBENNINGTON.ORG) (website)

STJOHNSOFFC@msn.com (Email)

### Worship Services

**8:30am Traditional with Holy Communion**

**11:00am Contemporary\***

\*Holy Communion will be celebrated on the  
First and third Sunday of each month

### **2007 Church Council**

Caryn Stichler.....	President
Jim Peterson.....	Vice President/ Evangelism
Mark Misfeldt.....	Co-Current Fund Treasurer/Mission Share Treasurer/Music & Worship
Deb Almquist*.....	Co-Current Fund Treasurer /MissionShare Treasurer
Jan Braden.....	Secretary/Worship & Music
Wayne Andersen*.....	Financial Secretary
Wayne Andersen*.....	Finance
Mert Opfer.....	Social Ministry/Special Funds Treasurer
Jim Pinegar.....	Property
Ted Kirby.....	Property
Mark Backhuus.....	Mutual Ministry
Jim Peterson.....	Property
Bill Dunn.....	Stewardship
Sandra Kander.....	Christian Education
Jenny Hansen.....	Social Ministry
* Appointed	

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Youth & Family Director.....	Jeremy Hansen
Secretary .....	Debbie Misfeldt
Organist.....	Michael Bauer
Choir Director.....	Kerry Frey
Junior Choir Director .....	Kerry Frey
Custodians.....	Tom Koziol/Cindy Koziol