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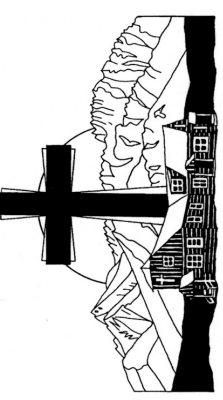
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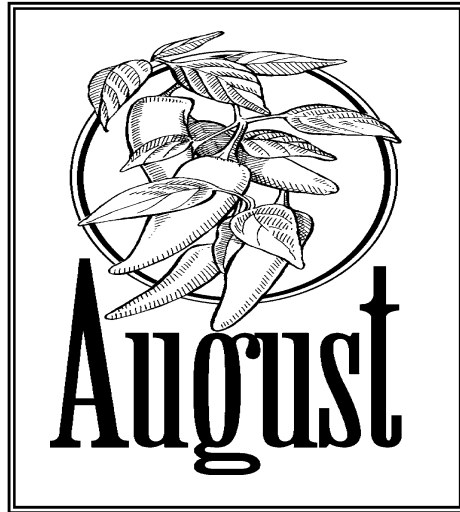
ST JOHN LUTHERAN MISSION STATEMENT

Guided by God's Holy Spirit,
we will share our Savior, Jesus,
so our members, our commu-
nity, and all people live and
grow in Biblical Christian Faith.

"SHARE-LIVE-GROW"

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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER August

- 08-13 Kopperud—Stinn Reception
 - 08-21 "Back to School"
All Church Picnic
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Official Acts

Baptisms

Karsyn Lynn Kimpton 06-15-2011
Hayden Robert Fike 07-10-2011

Weddings

Kaitlyn A. Tidd & Caleb Wil White
07-08-2011

Funerals

Date	Offering	Attendance
07-03-11	\$12,759. 00	138
07-10-11	\$6,720.00	149
07-17-11	\$10,133.00	185
07-24-11	\$4,843.00	172
07-31-11	\$8,314.00	181



**WE ARE
ALL
GOD'S CHILDREN**

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

08-03 Bob Lnetz	08-14 Matthew Hartman
08-04 George Hermon	08-15 Deo Keil
08-06 Mattison Leonard	08-17 Kristy Pluard
08-06 Carlee Nufer	08-18 Hannah Curry
08-06 James Summers	08-22 Curt Christiansen
08-06 David Sutton	08-23 Marina Hermon
08-06 Clancy Tooke	08-23 Pauline Schaller
08-07 Briana Isackson	08-23 Hayden Fike
08-08 Dalton Jones	08-25 Duaine Richards
08-09 Julie Donn	08-26 Joel Butcher
08-09 Jean McMahan	08-26 Cole Jacobson
08-11 Jacob Butcher	08-29 Jacob Hartman
08-13 Bill McMahan	08-31 Cameron Christiansen
	08-31 Kris Knapp

Anniversary Wishes



08-02 Carl & Dorothy Jacobson
 08-06 Noel & Jean Woods
 08-12 Robert & Rhoda Zanell
 08-20 Jonathan & Kathy Rockey
 08-21 Matthew & Stephanie Hartman
 08-21 David & Marilee Nufer
 08-22 David and Marcie Sutton
 08-24 Alvin & Gloria Okeson
 08-24 Duaine & Ardith Richards
 08-26 Carol Strouse & Hugh Trump



Dear Members and Friends of St. John,

In September of 2001 I wrote a newsletter article that described changes in our home. Josh had left for school. Kathy's mom, Alice was in an assisted living home. And Andrew had just left for the Air Force. We had gone from a home of 7 people in 1999 to a home of 4 in 2001. What a change!

Now, our home will change even more in the coming month. There will be no more children permanently living at home! Mary leaves on August 8 to teach school in Chevak, AK. Tim leaves on August 23 to begin attending the University of Montana in Missoula. Kathy and I will be 'home alone.' (Though, she says with a phone call we can have a house full of grandchildren.)

What a flood of emotions from thankfulness that our children are doing well, to grief as we no longer have children permanently at home for the first time in 30 years!

Life is full of change. Sometimes that change is very difficult, and very personal. But we have help and strength in the midst of the changes in this world. The writer of the Hebrews reminds us in Hebrews 13:8 **Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.** In the midst of the challenges of this life we have the love of God in Jesus Christ. So we continue in new circumstances serving the same God whose love in Jesus never changes.

I pray that as you face the changes of life that God's love and His people strengthen and help you as we walk on the road to our heavenly home.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Rockey



Christian Growth
Got a Problem?



When you face a perplexing problem,
take time out to talk it over
with your heavenly Father.

Drop your troubles into God's lap.
Take your mind off your problems
and think about God.

For a few minutes meditate
on God's peace rather than the
specific details of your troubles.

This will refresh and renew you.
*"And the peace of God, which transcends
all understanding, will guard your hearts
and your minds in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:7)*

God will not solve all your problems.
He will not dissolve all your troubles.
But a sense of His presence
and confidence in His power and love
will keep you from falling apart.

You can survive whatever life brings,
stronger for having had a tough experience.
You'll be better equipped to tell others
what God has done for you.

You Are Precious
By: Alma Kern



The **LWML** will be putting together health kits for Lutheran World Relief, to send in with the quilts they make in Fall 2010 and Spring 2011.

People who must flee their homes quickly often do not have time to pack essential items. Health kits can help refugees maintain personal hygiene while living in exile. Items may also contribute to a new start for those who can return home.

Items in the Health Kit include:

- *One bath-sized towel, (approx. 52"x27") dark color recommended (lighter weight, not very heavy/plush)
- *Two bath-size bar (4-5 oz.) of soap, any brand in its original wrapping
- *One adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging. (Toothbrush multi-packs may be used by sealing an individual toothbrush in a business envelop; no plastic bags or wrap.
- *One sturdy comb, remove packaging
- *One metal nail clippers, remove packaging

If you would like to help with the health kits for Lutheran World Relief (LWR), contributions of an item or items, as listed above, may be placed in the collection box by the LWML Gift Nook.

Do not add other items or leave out any of the items listed. All items should be new and in good condition. Wrap all items in the towel and tie securely with ribbons or yarn. Do not enclose the Kit or any of its contents in plastic bags.

LWML is now collecting old eye glasses for the Lions Club. Bring your old eye glasses and place them in the box located in the Gift Nook.

MITES

LWML District Mite Grants that we are highlighting for this newsletter are: MEKANE YESUS EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH in Seattle, Washington, a grant to be \$6,000. The Mekane Yesus (Dwelling Place of Jesus), is the only Ethiopian Lutheran Church that is found in the Seattle area with a mission of reaching over 30,000 Ethiopians living in Seattle and surrounding suburbs with the Gospel. Through providing a church home and loving community, Mekane Yesus seeks to reach these families with the Gospel through Evangelism materials, books and supplies for the church's outreach program.

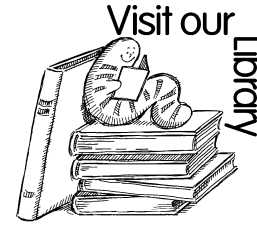
Prayer: Heavenly Father, please continue to keep Pastor Berhanu Seyoum strong in his faith and full of Your Spirit as he ministers to the Ethiopian people in the Seattle area. Bless those who train to reach the lost by sharing the Gospel. Bless the outreach efforts as the Washington-Alaska District LWML contributes its mites so that many can be led to faith. In Your Name we pray, Amen.

The second grant is for NORD EST HAITI LUTHERAN MISSION IN OUANAMINTE, HAITI, a grant to be \$15,000. The House of the Lambs of God Girls' Orphanage in Ouanaminthe, Haiti will use these MITES to purchase hurricane resistant windows for the buildings, allowing the children and furnishings to remain dry during the storm seasons. The NEHLM supports both the proclamation and social ministry of the Lambs of God Orphanage.

Prayer: Dear Father in Heaven, Christ the Lord has led the LWML to assist in providing for the spiritual and physical needs of the orphaned girls in Haiti. Through our mites and prayers, may this grant help support the ministry and further your kingdom and bless the lives of the children at this orphanage. In Your Blessed Name we pray, Amen.

DIVORCE CARE

Are you going through, or do you know someone who's going through the pain of divorce or separation? St. John Lutheran Church is offering a Christian-based program called **DIVORCE CARE**. Please contact Bev Dubos @ 745-0514 or Judy in the church office: 745-3338 for more information.



New to us books and other resources are:

In Inspiration and Miscellaneous: #2536 *The Messiah* by Marjorie Holmes. With *The Messiah*, inspirational writer Marjorie Holmes completes the novelistic retelling of the life of Christ that she began with the best selling *Two From Galilee* and *Three From Galilee*. The young man from Nazareth, *Two From Galilee* is #126 in our church library. In the General Reference section: #2085 *The First Ladies*, biographical portraits of the Presidents' wives from Martha Washington to Pat Nixon, written by Sol Barzman.

There are two copies of Pastor Jonathan Rockey's doctoral theses, submitted to the Department of Doctor of Ministry Studies in Candidacy for the Degree of Doctor of Ministry. You can find these in the Theology and Doctrine section under #1739.

Listed next are Bible Studies that can be used individually or in a group. There is a DVD as well as the study guide. These are done by the Men's Network of Lutheran Hour Ministries. Located in Bible Helps Devotionals etc., #1944 *Facing Disaster, Like A Man*. #1045 *He Who Dies With The Most Toys Still Dies*. #1946 *Home Run King*, #1947 *How We Got The Bible*, featuring Dr. Paul Maier. #1948 *The Challenge of Islam, Part One, What Is Islam?* #1494 *The Challenge of Islam, Part Two: Defending The Christian Faith*, #1950 *Explaining All The Scary Stuff In Revelation* featuring the Rev. Ken Klaus, former *Lutheran Hour Speaker*. #1951: *Working For The Man Upstairs, Your job, Your calling, Your life*. #1952: *Out Of Nothing, The Word, Creation and Faith*. #1953: *We The People, Citizens of Two Kingdoms*, hosted by Dr. Dale Meyer.

Opportunities to Serve St. John

Historian/Archivist to keep scrapbooks about our congregation. Willie Pedersen is currently doing this job.

A person to lead **Children's messages** somewhat regularly.

If you would be interested in any of these ways to serve, please talk with Pastor Rockey, contact Judy in the church office or look for the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

UPCOMING EVENTS

WEDNESDAY WORSHIP –Wednesday worship continues each week at 6:30 p.m. The goal for Wednesday worship is to provide an alternate opportunity for those who can't make Sunday worship, and to provide extra opportunities for time with the Lord and His people for people who nevertheless can attend on Sundays.


Wednesday worship is focusing on the readings for the coming Sunday, but the theme and sermon are different from Sunday. Come and join us for “An Evening with the Lord and His People.”



“SERVING THE LORD WITH GLADNESS!”

The **Lutheran Women’s Missionary League (LWML)** monthly meetings will Tuesday, September 13th at 7:00pm in the North Fellowship Hall. Bible study/devotional followed by refreshments. All ladies of the church are welcome to attend.


Lutheran World Relief Project will involve collecting and assembling **Personal Care Kits** to be sent with the quilt shipment in October 2011.



Back To School Picnic

Sunday, August 21st
After Late Worship

Bring a friend and a picnic dish to share!!



LWML Picnic

All ladies of the church are invited to attend this annual event. Tuesday, August 2nd, 11:30am at the home of Gloria Okeson. For more information and directions please contact Eleanor Allen at 746-3919 or Gloria Okeson at 745-3091.

*Open House
Celebrating the Marriage
Of
Kristin Louise Kopperud
And
Kevin Edward Stinn
Saturday, August 13, 2011
1 PM to 5 PM
St. John Lutheran Church*

*Please join us in celebrating as
Kristin and Kevin begin
their new life together
as husband and wife.*

The Kopperud Family

LWML Alaska Zone—Fall Retreat/Rally, September 16, 17, 18, at Anchorage Lutheran in Anchorage. Any woman interested in attending please call Eleanor Allen at 746-3919. The Retreat theme is entitled “Shaped to Serve”.

LWML—WA-AK District Retreat, September 30—October 2, 2011, at Ross Point Camp and Conference Center, Post Falls, Idaho. See information board in East entry for registration forms.

