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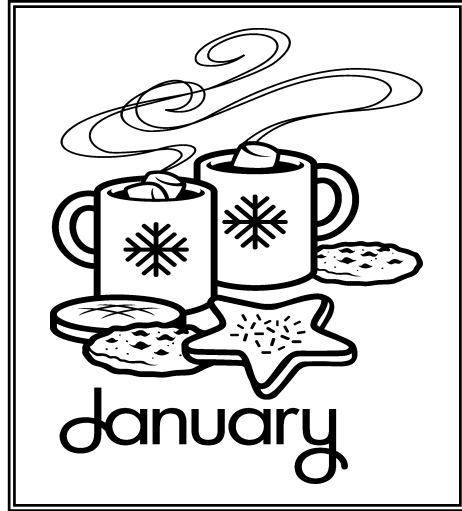
ST JOHN LUTHERAN MISSION STATEMENT

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 JANUARY



Dear Members and Friends of St. John,

Which year is your favorite of all the years in your life? I have seen a number of years of many blessings. But the years 1977 and 1994 really stick out for me. They were times of family blessings, faith blessings, and church blessings that still bless me today. Now, as you consider these 'good years' in your life, did anything bad happen during those years? There are problems every year. That is why New Year's Day is looked at with such longing. People crave a new beginning.

You and I know that when a calendar page turns, life often stays the same. But, there one real source of new life, and that is found in the saving love of God. That is what the Apostle John was told in Rev. 21:3-5, *3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. 4 He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away." 5 He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."* God is giving new life to His children in heaven.

But, that new life is found in heaven, actually, there is a new life found today in the love of God in Jesus. In 2 Corinthians 5:17 we are told, ***Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!*** The new life from God is given to us today through forgiveness that takes away sin today, and eases the sting today, and gives us the reason to love as we have been loved today.

As 2011 rolls around, I pray for the new blessings found in Jesus for you and your family!

A blessed 2011 to each of you!

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Rockey



Christian Growth



Official Acts

Baptisms

12-12-10 Madelyn Dulcinea Nystron

Weddings

Funerals

12-16-10 Emil "Butch" Fondahn

Date	Offering	Attendance
12-05-10	\$11,206.22	181
12-08-10		69
12-12-10	\$11,357.50	212
12-15-10		68
12-19-10	\$10,723.51	192
12-24-10	\$10,410.00	662
12-25-10		50



All of God's Children!

Celebrating a



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|-------|------------------|-------|-----------------------|
| 01-03 | Brittany Arlow | 01-22 | Hailey Tardiff |
| 01-03 | Zachery Richards | 01-25 | Chiemi Karino |
| 01-04 | Zachary Arneson | 01-25 | Jonathan Lentes-Moore |
| 01-04 | Rick Skonberg | 01-26 | Jenna Arlow |
| 01-07 | Chase Rosenberg | 01-27 | Chuck Deda |
| 01-09 | Pat Ball | 01-27 | Mary Olson |
| 01-09 | Nathan Ellis | 01-28 | Marna Ziegler |
| 01-10 | Pastor Allen | 01-31 | KyMBERly Miller |
| 01-10 | Kevin Hale | | |
| 01-10 | Jesse Kruger | | |
| 01-14 | Audrey Jordan | | |
| 01-16 | DeeAnn Arlow | | |
| 01-16 | Erin Rockey | | |
| 01-18 | Cassidy Jones | | |

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| 01-12 | <i>Dennis and Ann Knuth</i> |
| 01-17 | <i>Michael and Linda Harm</i> |
| 01-19 | <i>Eric and Shawna Hurst</i> |
| 01-27 | <i>Roy and Marta Robertson</i> |



MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES



Choir Rehearsal

SENIOR CHOIR is held each Wednesday from 5:30pm to 6:45pm. New senior choir members **ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!** Sara Guhl serves as Choir Director. Please come and join us!



Bell Choir **ST. JOHN BELL CHOIR** practices on Thursdays at 5:30pm. If you would like more information, contact Sharon Allen.

JOYFUL NOISE worship team practices the Fridays before the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the Month in the Sanctuary at 5:30pm.

JANUARY ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES—CON'T

LIFELIGHT BIBLE CLASSES have been held Wednesdays from noon—1:00pm for about 19 years. A group of St. John members and friends meet at noon to study God's Word and share pot luck lunch. This year we will start studying *Proverbs*. Class meets Wednesdays at noon. Come, bring leftovers to share and participate in a fulfilling Bible study. This year we are studying *Ruth and Esther*.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES for students in grades 6-8 . These classes help middle school youth to grow in knowledge, faith, and Christian friendship. Classes are held from 2:30 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. each Wednesday. **PLEASE REMEMBER THE MENTORING OPPORTUNITY** at 5:00pm.

FRIDAY EVENING BIBLE CLASSES are held twice a month, on the Fridays before the 1st and 3rd Sundays at St. John. This group studies a variety of topics and includes much lively discussion and prayer. Everyone is welcome.

THE PROPHET

THE PROPHET is a dramatic presentation of verses from Old Testament prophets in the Bible by Shakespearian actor, Brad Sherrill of Atlanta, Georgia. ***The Prophet*** will have 4 shows in Anchorage, one in Soldotna, one in Palmer at St. John on Saturday evening, **January 22, 2011**. Plan now to attend this 90 minute presentation that looks at judgment and hope as God speaks.

The Alaska Christian Conference is bringing Mr. Sherrill to Alaska. He previously presented ***The Gospel of John***. Tickets will be on sale and any proceeds exceeding cost will help the local Food Banks.

Tickets prices are: Adults \$15, Youth/Seniors/Military \$10
(This presentation was to have taken place October 30th, 2010 but due to Mr. Sherrill's health, needed to be rescheduled)



GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES

DEVOTONS FOR 2011—This year I am encouraging everyone to use the *Portals of Prayer* for daily devotions. There is a special unity of faith and mission that happens when a whole congregation of God’s children study His Word together as a congregation. However, we have received the *Portals of Prayer* for decades, and many St. John members use them for devotions, but we have never used these as our official congregational devotion for the year.

Portals of Prayer devotional booklets are available each quarter on the counter in the back of the church.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND BIBLE CLASSES FOR WINTER 2011

The Following Classes are being offered.

18 months to 3 years old - “Wooly Lambs Sunday School is lead by Carol Gustafson and friends!

3 years through 5th Grade – Sunday School this year will be held in VBS style, with classes attending each of 4 stations. This year, classes focus on Jesus and His work and life.

Middle School and High School Classes – These are held each Sunday. High Schoolers meet in the portable classroom building in the parking lot.

Adult Bible Classes – Three Adult Classes are scheduled for Sundays this year –

- *Philippians* led by Pastor Rockey in the Library.
- **Bible Stories for Adults**—Kathy Rockey is teaching this class which gives adults an opportunity to relearn the Bible stories we learned in Sunday school, or learn them for the first time.
- *Sermon on the Mount*, from the Friendship Bible Study Series, is a ladies Bible study lead by Mary Jo Lentz.

WEEKLY GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES

PROMISE KEEPERS MEN’S BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER GROUP will meet on Tuesday nights beginning October 5th at 7:30 p.m. This group is open to all men of the congregation and provides a time of sharing, support, Bible Study and prayer.

This year’s Bible Study will be a new study from Lutheran Hour Ministries Men’s Network, “*Working for the Man Upstairs – Your Job*”

All men of the congregation are encouraged to join us for this time of growth and support!

MITES

International Mite Grants featured for this month are: Ten Chapels, Transportation, and Pastoral Training in Tanzania a grant for \$88,000. Tanzania is one of the poorest countries in the world with an average income of \$210 per year. The church in Tanzania is growing and in need of places to worship, motorcycles and bicycles for the local pastors and evangelists and training for those seeking to bring the good news of all sins forgiven in Jesus. This \$88,000 grant supplies roofs for church buildings, motorcycles and bicycles for pastors and evangelists, and training for those seeking to serve the Lord's people as pastors.

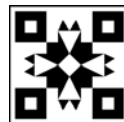
Psalm 69:14 Project—Emergency Disaster Aid in Texas, Oklahoma and Louisiana, this grant is for \$50,000. "*Rescue me from the mire, do not let me sink*" are the words for Psalm 69 that inspire the work of Lutheran Social Services of the South. Hurricanes, floods, tornadoes and other disasters leave families, especially in the south, in the mire of poverty, sickness and affliction. LSSS has been there to give financial aid and the comfort of the Gospel. Lutheran congregations in the area can provide financial aid and the comfort of the Gospel. Lutheran congregations in the area can provide financial help to cover shelter, medicine, and other critical needs not covered by other resources. This grant of \$50,000 helps LSSS to provide one-time hardship grants, averaging \$300 to those in the mire of disaster. Pray for the success of these projects and pick up your own Mite Box and/or deposit your Mites in the large Mite Box on the counter in the narthex.

Our thanks for your support.
Lutheran Women's Missionary League



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the environment and money?
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QUILTING for Lutheran World Relief meets Wednesday mornings at 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall. This is a good opportunity to

