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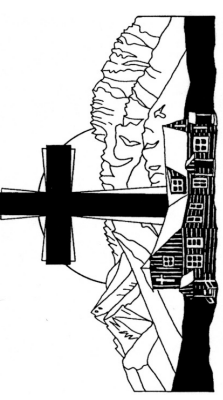


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## ST JOHN LUTHERAN MISSION STATEMENT

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

*"SHARE-LIVE-GROW"*

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### IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER MAY

- 05-01 May Day
- 05-05 National Day of Prayer
- 05-06 Fellowship Night at VPA
- 05-08 Mother's Day
- 05-15 Last Day of Sunday School
- 05-21 Armed Forces Day
- 05-30 Memorial Day

### Official Acts

*Baptisms*

*Weddings*

*Funerals 04-18 Charles Fox*

Date	Offering	Attendance
04-03	\$12,116.75	174
04-06	\$1,771.00	103
04-10	\$8,599.50	194
04-17	\$10,950.75	259
04-21	\$3,253.25	103
04-24	\$11,863.67	508



*Susan Lentes Moore  
Carol Moorman*



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|---|--------------------------|
| 05-01 Margrye Bouwens   | 05-14 Jake Colberg       |
| 05-03 Zackery Kolberg   | 05-17 Joel Larson        |
| 05-04 Ryan Murphy<br>Peter Probasco<br>Matthew Robinette                | 05-19 Sigurd Colberg     |
| 05-07 Zachary Forsyth   | 05-22 Jacob Osterkamp    |
| 05-08 Sophia Rose<br>Carol Strouse                                      | 05-23 Chantelle Perdue   |
| 05-09 Bridger McIntosh  | 05-25 Quillan Jacobson   |
| 05-10 Gloria Okeson<br>Jonathan Rockey<br>Leona Thompson                | 05-26 Stephanie Hartman  |
| 05-11 Lorelai Lawton<br>Sarah Svedin                                    | 05-27 Ryan Pluard        |
| 05-12 Mike Harm   | 05-28 Kallen Probasco    |
| 05-13 Cara Brown<br>Barbara Dietz<br>Shirley Kelpie<br>Matthew McDonald | 05-29 John Busch         |
|   | 05-30 Bryce Jacobson     |
|   | 05-31 Susan Lentes-Moore |



Dear Members and Friends of St. John,

With the recent birth of a new grandbaby, Kendall Jean Rockey on March 28, I started thinking again about the birth of my own children. The day of the birth of each child was a day of joy. But, the blessings did not stop when that birth date was over. The joy and love and challenges we faced together continue today.


When you receive this newsletter Easter celebration will have been completed about a week ago. However, the blessings of Easter do not end when we walk out of the church building on Easter day.

In John 14:19 Jesus says, “. . . *Because I live, you also will live.*” The new life we have in Jesus continues, BECAUSE he has risen and lives.

In Romans 6:3-4 Paul tells us, <sup>3</sup>*Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?* <sup>4</sup>*We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.*” In other words, because Jesus has been raised, we have new life now and eternally.

Sometimes when a holiday is over we can forget that the blessings continue. The victory of Jesus over sin and death continues. May the joy and peace we have in Jesus continue to bless you as you respond by serving our Lord.

Yours in Christ,  
Pastor Rockey



05-08 Rick & JoAnn Skonberg  
 05-12 David & Cheryl Williams  
 05-17 Pete & MaryAnn Probasco  
 05-23 Nate & Wendy Ellis  
 05-31 George & Pat Ball



## Christian Growth



### *Don't Worry About Tomorrow*

*We need to think about the future.  
That's where we'll spend the rest of our life.*

*We need to prepare for what may lie ahead.  
But we cannot be fully ready for the future,  
Because we cannot be certain of what will happen.*

*We must not borrow trouble from the future,  
Torturing ourselves with thoughts such as:  
What if this or that happens?  
What shall we eat? What shall we wear?*

*Living today well requires all our strength.  
We must not spoil it worrying about what might be.*

*"Therefore do not worry about tomorrow,  
For tomorrow will worry about itself.  
Each day has enough trouble of its own." (Matthew 6:34)*

*Worry means we do not think God can  
Look after the practical details of life.*

*We must expect some setbacks.  
Skies won't be sunny every day.  
There will be clouds, rain, thunder.*

*But of this we can be sure:  
Though we may live under the shadow of clouds,  
Our heavenly Father is above them.*

*He is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow.  
His love is all we can count on. It's enough!*

**By Alma Kern**  
*You Are Precious*

## MITES



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 not collecting old eye glasses for the Lions Club. Bring your old eye glasses and place them in the box located in the Gift Nook.



**“SERVING THE LORD WITH GLADNESS!”**

The **Lutheran Women’s Missionary League** (LWML) monthly meeting will be held on April 12th 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.

	<b>QUILTERS WILL BE TAKING TIME OFF FOR THE SUMMER TO ATTEND THE FLOWERS ON THE CHURCH GROUNDS AND TO THEIR OWN FLOWERS AND GARDENS. PLEASE JOIN THEM IN SEPTEMBER.</b>
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LWML will be meeting on May 10th, Tuesday evening at 7:00pm, in the North Fellowship Hall. Gloria Okeson will be leading a Bible study from the *Lutheran Women’s Quarterly*. Women of the congregation are warmly invited to come.

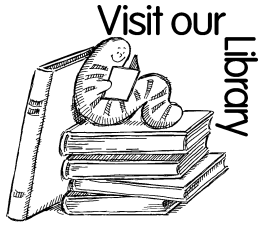
**MITES**

This month we will begin focusing on “District Mite Projects”, these projects were chosen as grants for 2010-2012 biannual at the District convention in 2010. The Mission Grants voted on a total of \$85,000. The large MITE box on the table in the Narthex helps us to meet these Grants.

The Grant of \$16,000 will aid four Seminary students. Shawn Neider is in his final year of study at Concordia in St. Louis, MO. Brian Alrech6 serves St John’s Lutheran Church in Spokane, WA and is studying in the “Specific Ministry Pastor Program” through Concordia Theological Seminary in Ft. Wayne, IN. Kirk Hulvey is in his first year and Mike Miller is his second year at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. Our Prayer for them is: Heavenly Father, we ask your blessings upon these four men who have been called to serve You as full-time workers in your Kingdom. May these students studies be blessed with the loving assistance that the Washington-Alaska District LWML will supply with its mites. Please also bless their families during this time of transition and growth. In Your Holy Name we pray. Amen.

<p><b>“ROOTED IN THE GARDEN OF GOD’S LOVE”</b></p> <p><b>“MAY YOUR ROOTS GO DOWN DEEP INTO THE SOIL OF GOD’S MARVELOUS LOVE...”</b> <b>EPHESIANS 3:17b</b></p> <p><b>MOTHER-DAUGHTER SALAD LUNCHEON</b> <b>SATURDAY MAY 7, 2011</b> <b>12:00—1:00PM</b> <b>ST. JOHN FELLOWSHIP HALL</b></p> <p><b>MOTHERS, DAUGHTERS AND ALL WOMEN ARE INVITED TO ATTEND</b></p> <p><b>BRING A SALAD TO SHARE</b></p> <p><b>DAUGHTERS WILL MAKE SOMETHING SPECIAL FOR THEIR MOTHERS</b> <b>JOYFUL NOISE LADIES WILL LEAD THE SINGING</b> <b>PLEASE COME AND JOIN US FOR A GOOD TIME.</b></p>
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<p><i>Mom</i></p> <p><i>Mom is such A special word The loveliest I’ve ever heard.</i></p> <p><i>A toast to you, Above all the rest Mom, you’re so special You are simply the best.</i></p>
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*FORGIVEN* is in the Inspirational and Miscellaneous section of the Library. The painting on cover by Thomas Blackshear II, and *Heart Reflections* written by Roy Lessin. *Forgiven* is designed to take you step by step through 12 key visual symbols within Thomas Blackshear the 11's painting. Each chapter contains one aspect of the painting, a topical selection of Bible verses,

a heart reflection based upon the truth revealed in both the painting and the verses and a prayer.

#32 *REFINERS FIRE* is in the Christian Fiction section, this book written by Sylvia Bambola. *Refiner's Fire* is an extraordinary story of secrets, suspense, persecution, and faith. Two brothers on opposite sides of the Iron Curtain must learn together how to discover their destinies and each other.

#301 *NIGHT LIGHT*, a devotional for couples by Dr. James & Shirley Dobson is in the Devotional Helps section of the library.

#524 C. S. Lewis, *LETTERS TO THE CHILDREN* is in the youth & teen section of library.

#957 *A PORTRAIT OF JESUS* by Joseph F. Girzone, the author of *JOSHUA* and *ALONE*. This is found in the Mission and Evangelism section of the library.

#958 *JESUS HIS LIFE AND TEACHINGS*, also by Joseph F Girzone. Mr. Girzone retired from priesthood in 1981, his second career is as a writer and international speaker. He established the Joshua Foundation, an organization dedicated to making Jesus better known throughout the world.

#1212 *THE STEWARDESS*, by Eleanor Bockelman and donated by Eleanor Allen, she says "an oldie but goodie", a book on the stewardship of time. Found in the Administration and Stewardship section in the library.

#1936 *LIFE LESSONS FROM WOMEN IN THE BIBLE* by Rhonda Harrington Kelley, in the Bible Helps, Devotionals etc. section.

### 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

**FELLOWSHIP NIGHT AT Valley Performing Arts** – We have reserved 26 tickets for the performance of Valley Performing Arts on Friday, May 6. The play begins at 8:00 p.m. We also have reservations at Evangelo's restaurant at 6:00 p.m. Come and join your fellow Christians in a night of fellowship.

**MOTHERS' DAY WORSHIP** – May 8 our worship will focus on thanking God for our mom's. Begin celebrating Mothers' Day at church that day!

**CONGREGATIONAL WORK DAY** – The Trustees are sponsoring a work day on Saturday, May 14, beginning at 9:00 a.m. We will be cleaning up outside for the summer. Come and join us.

**GRADUATION RECOGNITION REQUEST** – As in past years the Youth Board will be recognizing graduates in worship, this year on Sunday, May 15. Please let Jamie Walters know the names of anyone graduating from high school, college, or trade school this year.

**COMMUNITY PICNIC AND COLONY DAYS PARADE** – June 11 is the day of this year's Colony Day's parade. St. John will enter a float in the parade, followed by a free picnic for the community.

A picnic will be held on our property to the East of the church beginning after the parade. Thrivent is helping with costs for the picnic. We'll serve hot dogs, hamburgers, and ice cream, and then hand out invitations to St. John.

#### **We need help in a couple of areas.**

- Cooking.
  - Setting up and taking down tables and equipment.
  - People to march in the parade (hopefully children and adults).
- Also, we need side dishes of salad, or chips, or brownies (etc.) for the picnic. Sign up sheets will be on the counter in the narthex. Please consider how you can help in this outreach activity.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will be coming soon.** Monday, June 20, through Friday, June 24, at 1:00 p.m. St. John will be offering Vacation Bible School for children of all ages. Plan now to attend.

## WEEKLY GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES

### TUESDAYS

**Divorce Care** – This group which helps to bring support and healing is being offered on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.

**Promise Keepers** – Promise Keepers men's group meets on Tuesday evenings for sharing and support, Bible study and prayer. We meet in Pastor Rocky's office from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. Come and join us.

### WEDNESDAYS

**Quilting** – The ladies are taking the summer off to work on their flowers and gardens. Please join them in September.

**Lifelight** – This is our 19<sup>th</sup> year of this noon Bible Study. We are studying *Proverbs* this year from noon to 1:00 p.m. each Wednesday. Bring leftovers to share pot luck.

**Wednesday Worship at 6:30pm.** 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.

### THURSDAYS

**Stephen Ministry Supervision** happens the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of each month at 6:30 P.M.

### FRIDAYS

**Friday Night Bible Study** – This long-term small group of interested people meet on the Fridays before the first and third Sunday of each month at 7:00 p.m. (after music group practice.)

### SATURDAYS

**Lay Ministry** – Lay Ministry Classes on Worship are being held at 9:00 a.m.



**MAY**

**High School Youth Schedule**

- 1- FISH @ Our Redeemer  
Meet @ 2:30-5:30pm
- 4- YNBS ~Baseball  
Sports Night @ 6pm
- 8- MOTHER'S DAY
- 10- Sports Night ~ Soccer  
6pm @ Wasilla High
- 11- YNBS  
7-8:30 in Youth Lounge
- 13- Movie Night  
7-10pm in Youth Lounge
- 15- GRADUATE SUNDAY
- 17- Colony High Grad(7p)
- 18- Palmer High Grad(7p)  
(NO YNBS)
- 19- Wasilla High Grad (7p)
- 25- YNBS  
7-8:30pm in Youth Lounge
- 31- K-Scope Apps DUE!



### **Neon Bowling**

Saturday, May 21st

6:30-9:30pm

Cost: \$12

Sign-up TODAY!



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.



Jamie L. Walters, DCE

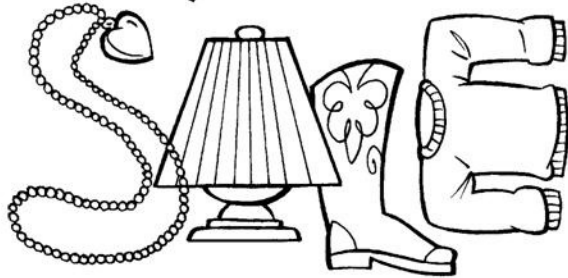
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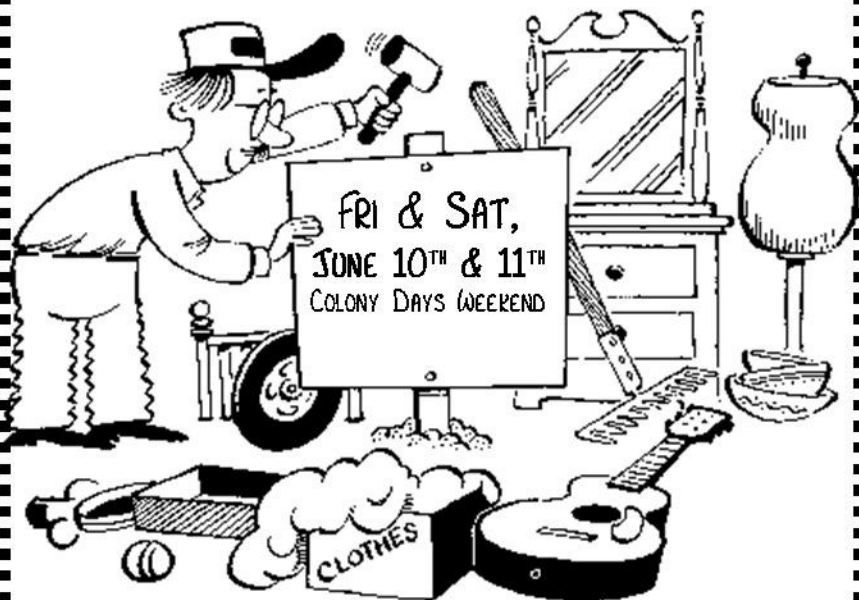


THE YOUTH GROUP WILL BE SPONSORING A  
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## WE NEED YOUR STUFF!!

PLEASE BRING ANY DONATIONS YOU MIGHT HAVE  
TO ST JOHN'S YOUTH LOUNGE  
NO LATER THAN JUNE 8<sup>TH</sup>

~THIS FUNDRAISER WILL REPLACE THE DINNER AUCTION~



# VBS:2011



JUNE 20-24  
1PM-3:30PM

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