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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 September

09-05	Labor Day
09-07	Quilters Begin
09-09	Tracking the Spirit
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09-11	Sunday School Begins
09-13	LWML
09-18	Church Council
09-23	Koinonia
09-23	Fall Begins

### Official Acts

#### Baptisms

8-14-2011 Kendall Jean Rockey

#### Weddings

8-06-2011 Emily Nelson & Andrew Elliott

#### Funerals

8-14-2011 Robert Lee Thomas

Date	Offering	Attendance
08-07	\$8,976.00	165
08-14	\$5,584.00	164
08-21	\$8,164.00	173
08-28	\$5,948.00	134
Wed. 08-03		8
08-10		11
08-17		10
08-24		11



**WE ARE  
ALL  
GOD'S CHILDREN**

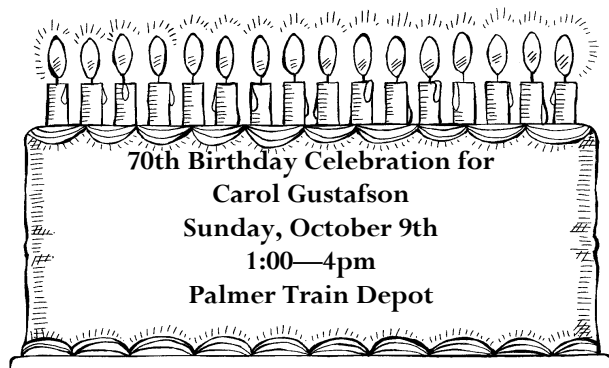
## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

09-02 Sharon Ambrosius	09-15 Hugh Trumps
09-04 Nathan Olrun Mack	09-19 Adam Christiansen
09-06 Jane McNiven	Matthew Johanson
George Miller	Skye Ziegler
09-10 Gerald Christensen	09-20 Cathy Glaser
09-11 Alvin Okeson	Benjamin Probasco
Gerald Zellar	Shelby Van Orman
09-12 Neill Arneson	09-21 Douglas Meyer
09-13 Colson Fike	09-22 Phyllis Williams
Jacob Moser	09-23 Collin Christiansen
09-14 Megan McDonald	Eric Hale
09-15 Jane Larson	09-27 Jackson Carmichael
Tess McDonald	09-29 Grace Miller
Kaleb Rehak	09-30 Nica Niles

## Anniversary Wishes



09-07 Neil & Meg Arneson  
 09-12 Ted & Jeanette Perdue  
 09-16 Ken & Linda Bingham  
 09-17 Pastor Richard & Eleanor Allen  
 09-20 Philip & Jamie Walters  
 09-27 Joseph & Jennifer Anderson



Dear Members and Friends of St. John,

I guess our family must believe in education. Our son, Tim, just left for his first year of college in Montana. Our son, Josh, and daughter, Mary, are both public school teachers. I have also worked to get advanced education myself. But in today's world, while there may be an understanding of the value of education, education is sometimes disparaged because it is intellectual, rather than something passionate or from the heart.

As Christians we may understand the criticism, but have a little different perspective. Yes, most have heard the proverb that "The longest 12 inches are the distance between the head and the heart." Just because we know something does not mean that we live that knowledge. But God tells us time and again in Scriptures that he uses His Word, and knowledge of His Word, to create faith that begins in our heads but lives in our hearts and shows in our lives. Look at some of these verses.

<sup>30</sup> Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. **31 But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.** (John 20:30-31)

<sup>17</sup> . . . **faith comes from** hearing the message, and the message is heard through **the word of Christ.** (Romans 10:17)

<sup>14</sup> But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, **15 and how from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.** (2 Timothy 3:14-15)

<sup>23</sup> For **you have been born again,** not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, **through the living and enduring word of God.** (1 Peter 1:23)

Sunday School, along with youth and adult Bible Classes, begin this year on Sunday, September 11 between worship services from 9:45-10:45 a.m. According to my research Sunday School may have first started in England in 1751. Maybe Sunday School does seem old fashioned. But, there is nothing old fashioned about the word of God through which God *gives life, creates faith, gives saving wisdom, and gives us new life.*

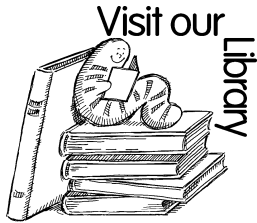
What about the difficulty of traveling that 12 inches from the head to the heart? According to God we are called to plant the seed of God's Word, but ultimately faith is the work of God working through the Holy Spirit. I hope to see you and your family in Sunday School or Bible class so that God may work in your head and in your heart through His Word!

Yours in Christ,  
Pastor Rockey

P.S. Please see the list of 'growth opportunities'. Classes and groups to help God's people live and grow in faith.

**SPECIAL DATES TO REMEMBER IN SEPTEMBER**

- Labor Day, September 5, 2011
- Grandparents Day, September 11, 2011
- Patriot Day (remembrance of Sept. 11), September 11, 2011
- First Day of Autumn, September 23, 2011



Visit our  
Library

There are many books, Bible Studies, DVD's and video in the church library. Stop by and check them out. The library is located across the hall from Pastor Rockey's office.

**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.



**SEPTEMBER**

**High School Youth Schedule**

4: FISH Scavenger Hunt  
2:30-5:30pm @ Church

7: CALENDAR DAY!!!  
7-8:30p in the Youth Lounge

11: Sunday School Starts!  
9:45-10:45a in Youth Lounge

14: Youth Night & Bible Study  
7-8:30pm in the Youth Lounge

18: FISH @ St John  
3-5pm

21: Youth Night & Bible Study  
7-8:30p in the Youth Lounge

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7-8:30p in the Youth Lounge

Be sure to bring your sports & school schedules to YNBS on 9/7 to make our plans for the year!



*Confirmation Classes Return*  
*Wednesday, October 5th*  
*2:30-5pm*

*Parent Meeting*  
*Sunday, October 2nd*  
*12:30pm*

**Please, plan to attend, we're looking at adding some improvements to our program and would like your input!**



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# SUNDAY SCHOOL

RETURNS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

9:45-10:45AM

REGISTER YOUR CHILD TO BE  
"FAITHWEAVER FRIENDS"  
THIS YEAR!

{ WOOLEY LAMBS (18m-3y) }  
{ REGISTRATION IS ALSO AVAILABLE! }



*Christian Growth*

## *Prayer Moments*



*Often we say we have no time.  
But each of us has all the time there is —  
24 hours every day.  
How one spends the moments makes the difference.*

*While doing chores that need little thought,  
Talk to God about the needs of others.*

*Making a bed takes little conscious thinking.  
While doing it, pray for someone who is sick.*

*When you dust, pray for a person  
Who doesn't yet know Jesus as Savior.*

*As you clean up after a meal,  
Pray for the hungry of the lonely.*

*Doing laundry is less boring  
If you are thanking God for your loved ones.*

*Having a conversation with God  
While doing something else  
Doesn't mean prayer is of secondary importance.  
It does turn spare moments into prayer moments.*

## 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.”

**DIRECTORIES** – The St. John Pictorial Directories ARE coming. Our photographer was injured and spent most of the summer in the hospital and doctors' offices. He has indicated he is near production. Keep an ear out for delivery!!

**AUCTION ALTERNATIVE** – Jamie Walters, St. John DCE, has asked me to remind the congregation that **there is not going to be a youth auction this year**. Jamie and the youth board have talked about having an Oktoberfest for families in place of the auction. If you would like to help with this plan, please call Jamie.

**PRAYER REQUESTS?** – Every year while moose hunting I take my congregational directory and pray for all our members and friends. I will leave for hunting this year on September 13. *Is there anything about which you would like me to pray for you?* If so, please let me know, and I'll include your specific request in my prayers while hunting.

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**TRACKING THE SPIRIT—What is GOD'S plan for your life?? Tracking the Spirit is a series of District presentations that helps people see how God empowers us to live as His Children.**

*Tracking the Spirit 2* will be held at St. John, Friday, September 9th from 7-9pm and Saturday, September 10th from 9-12 noon! *Tracking the Spirit 1* was held at St. John a number of years ago and helped create an awareness of opportunities for sharing God's love with others. *Tracking the Spirit 2* will help us see how God has made us who we are and the blessings of living according to God's plan! Part of this presentation will be to consider our spiritual gifts.

Please mark this time on your calendar for an opportunity of Christian growth!



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.



**“SERVING THE LORD WITH GLADNESS!”**

The **Lutheran Women’s Missionary League** (LWML) resumes their monthly meetings on September 13th, Tuesday, in the North Fellowship Hall, beginning at 7:00pm. A devotional Bible Study will be led by Cathy, followed by refreshments and business meeting with adjournment by 9:00pm. All women of the congregation are warmly invited to come....join us as we serve our Lord with gladness!

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

**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.

**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.

*Grandparents  
Are a Gift*



**GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES**

**SUNDAYS**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTS BETWEEN WORSHIP SERVICES ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11**, the Sunday after Labor Day. We are in need of people to help in teaching. Please call Jamie Walters at church at 745-3338 and let her know if you would like to serve God and His people in this way.

**SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE CLASSES BEGINNING ON SEPTEMBER 11**

**WOMEN’S CLASS** - Denise Larsen will be teaching a class on **"The Lutheran Difference."** This class looks at issues of current concern from the Lutheran Biblical perspective. They will meet in the Cry Room in the Sanctuary.

**SCRIPTURE CLASS** - Randy Luffberry continues teaching the **“A First Century Faith for the Twenty-First Century Church.”** This book was written by Pastor Waldo Werning, the grandfather of member Aaron Werning. This class is taking an in-depth look at the teaching of God in Scripture, and practical ways God’s teachings impact how Christians can and do live in today’s world. It is helpful and practical direction for St. John as we seek to be God’s people in our community. They will meet in the church library.

**TOPICAL CLASS** - Linda Griese will teach a class by *Gary Smalley* on **“Relationships.”** Gary Smalley is a well known and well-respected teacher who helps Christian families lives under the grace and direction of God. This Class with meet down stairs in the church.

**MONDAYS**

**Cantora Arctica** – This is not officially a St. John group. But this women’s choir has been practicing at St. John for a number of years on Mondays and brings beautiful music praising the Lord to the Valley community. They practice at 7:00 p.m.

**TUESDAYS**

**DIVORCE CARE** is a 13 session video-based class and support group to help people get through the struggles of divorce with Christian help. This video series is led by St. John member, Bev DuBos. This new group brings Christian help, support, and healing to people who have experienced a divorce. This group met on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays last year. The meeting time is determined by those who attend. If you are interested please call Bev at 745-0514 or the church office a5r 745-3338.

**Promise Keepers** – Our Promise Keepers men’s group meets on Tuesday evenings, beginning October 4, for sharing and support, Bible study and prayer. We meet in Pastor Rockey’s office from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. Come and join us.

**Girlfriends in God** – This group led by Linda Griese and Kathy Rockey offers an opportunity for experienced Christian women to mentor and bless younger Christian women. If you would like a time of Bible study and Christian support, listen for announcements in church or call Linda at 357-0703.

**Lutheran Women’s Missionary League** – Our LWML meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. for Bible study, mission efforts, and planning of service.

### WEDNESDAYS

**Quilting** – Our ladies have quilted for decades on Wednesdays and donate the quilts to Lutheran World Relief to share the Lord’s love throughout the world. Quilting happens at 9:30 a.m. in the North Fellowship Hall.

**Lifelight** – This is our 20<sup>th</sup> year of this noon Bible Study. We are studying **James** this year from noon to 1:00 p.m. each Wednesday. Bring leftovers to share pot luck.

**Confirmation** – Classes to help Middle School Children grow in faith are held at St. John on Wednesdays from 2:30 – 5:15 p.m.

**Senior Choir** – The St. John Senior choir practices on Wednesday evenings beginning at 5:15 p.m.

### THURSDAYS

**Bell Choir** – The St. John Bell Choir practices on Thursdays at 5:00 p.m.

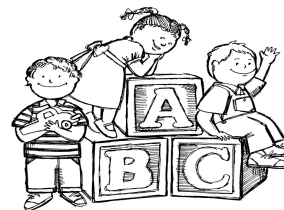
**Stephen Ministry Supervision** is held the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of each month at 6:30 P.M. at the home of David and Kathy Grosz.

### 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.)

### OTHER

**Young Adults** – The St. John Young Adult Group will begin meeting in September. Times and location to be announced.



### **ParentShare Preschool News**

**Parent Share Preschool** – This Christian preschool has met at St. John for about 30 years. There are classes beginning at 9:30 Monday, Wednesday, and Friday for 4 year olds, and Tuesdays and Thursdays for 3 year olds. Mrs. Jenny Nash teaches the 4 year old class and Mrs. Tausha Petrie teaches the 3 year old class. **There are openings in the 3 year old class.**

### **ATTENTION \*\*\* ATTENTION**

#### **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Is looking for people interested in getting involved with the Spiritual education of our children, please consider giving of your time to the Board of Education. It is a fun and rewarding way to give of your time and talents to your church. If you are interested or just have questions please contact Jamie Walters, DCE, at the church office at 745-3338.



### **RALLY DAY SEPTEMBER 11, 2011**

**Come at 9:30am for  
Music, Games and Ice Cream  
Learn what Sunday School  
Will be all about this year.  
Bring your friends for a fun  
morning.  
Learn new songs, play games  
and enjoy ice cream.**