

THE ST. JOHN NEWS

May 2011

Artwork in the Church

The Chasuble as Tapestry

In the first few months of this year, Pastor Elliott and I have begun to wear special vestments for the celebration of Holy Communion. Those vestments are known as "chasubles." For more information on the history and use of the chasuble, please see my article from last month's newsletter. As you may have noticed, each chasuble bears its own color and its own artwork. You will find that much of what is used within the Church's worship service has similar artwork and color. This is not by accident. What I will discuss in this newsletter article is what the artwork means for each of the chasubles that I will be wearing. Knowing that the artwork of the Church does not stop with the chasuble, I intend, in the future, to revisit the different uses of art within the Church and what it all means.

The Lenten Chasuble

The chasuble for Lent was the first chasuble that I wore. Matching the altar parament colors, the chasuble for Lent is purple. The central image on this chasuble is what is called a "budded cross." Historically, the three nodules of each point of the budded cross signify the Holy Trinity. Falling underneath the budded cross are what are called "passion flowers." The passion flower was adopted by the Christian Church in the past as a picture of the suffering of Christ. The stem of the flower is often surrounded by wispy vines and signify the whip marks borne by Jesus. There are ten main petals on the flower indicating the ten apostles who did not deny or betray Jesus. The three yellow pistils represent the three nails placed in Christ's hands and feet. In the flower itself, there are dozens of tendrils that surround the three pistils. Those tendrils are said to



point to the crown of thorns placed on Jesus' head. Such artwork then reminds the viewer and the wearer of all the many wounds Christ suffered for our sins, the wounds by which we are healed.

The Easter and Christmas Chasuble

This chasuble is off-white in color to match the seasons and celebrations of Christmas and Easter. The image that holds the focal point of this chasuble is that of the letters "IHS" woven into a cross. The letters "IHS" are the first three letters of Jesus' name in Latin. These letters have been used throughout the Church's history and can often be found in artwork throughout the church's building. These letters and the cross keep central the saving message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ crucified for sinners when Christmas and Easter are celebrated. The other designs on this chasuble are also historic, having been used to denote a regal element of Jesus' identity, highly appropriate considering his title as the King of kings.



The Chasuble for the Celebration of Pentecost, the Reformation, and Other Festivals

The next chasuble to be worn will be for the celebration of Pentecost on the fiftieth day after Easter. This chasuble is red and has as its centerpiece the well-recognizable symbol of the Holy Spirit, which is the dove. Luke writes in the Book of Acts that items that looked like tongues of fire appeared over the heads of the disciples on that first Pentecost. These tongues of fire have a representation in the burning lamp seen below the dove. Two crosses finish out the decor of



this chasuble, once again rooting the artwork in the work of Christ on the cross. This chasuble will also be worn for the celebration of the Reformation and when the Confirmation service is held.

The Chasuble for the Season of Pentecost

While the day of Pentecost has traditionally used the color of red for its celebration, green is the color for the season of Pentecost. This season can make up half of the Church's year which has been known as the half of the year focused on the teaching of Jesus and the strengthening of faith in his followers. Standing as the center of that strengthening of the faith of the Christ is the very Sacrament of the Altar, the Lord's Supper. This Sacrament is front and center on this chasuble as the bread, marked with IHS, is suspended above the chalice carrying the blood of Christ. A vine with grape clusters adorns the bottom portion of this chasuble so as to support the Lord's Supper theme and also the growth and life of the Church.



The Chasuble for the Season of Advent

As of this writing, I do not yet have a chasuble for the season of Advent. I can tell you that it will most likely be blue and include artwork that indicates the hope that we have in the Christ who has come, who comes to us now, and who will come again on the last day.

This concludes the look at the artwork found on the chasubles that I will be wearing at the celebration of the Lord's Supper. The artwork of the Church continues to be a blessing to all who behold it as each work of art communicates a Biblical truth and ultimately points the viewer to the truths of the Gospel and the one who is the center of that Gospel, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Thanks be to God for his gift of art to his Church!

In the service of Christ and his Church,
Pastor Caithamer

Let Us Pray

For Peace and Comfort: Susan & Andy and family at the death of Susan's mother, Sue & Alex and Millie and family at the death of Sue and Millie's mother Irene, Jim and family at the death of wife Mary, Bruce & Eleanor and family at the death of Bruce's sister Gale



Following Surgery: Tom, Kathy

Hospitalized: Wilbert, Barbara, Evelyn, Jim

Healing and Recovery: David, Bob, Mary, Rev. Don Ehlers, Jean -mother of Bonnie

For Favorable Test Results and Healing: Larry, Joan

During Treatments: Juleigh, Gene

Military: John, Jimmy, Dustin, Brandon, Keidi, Christopher, Taylor

Missionaries: Pastor David Rakotonirina and the Madagascar Lutheran Seminary, Pastor Magnus Bengston and Lielsalaca Lutheran Church in Latvia, Pastor Obot Ite and the Lutheran Mission in Kingston, Jamaica

Men's Prayer Breakfast

The men of the congregation are invited the second Thursday of each month to Original Pancake House for prayers, devotion, food and fellowship. Please join us this month on Thursday, May 12th, at 6:30am.



CID Day at the Ballpark – This year's CUBS vs CARDS game is scheduled for July 30th, 3:10pm at Busch Stadium. If anyone would like to coordinate the ordering of tickets for this event, and possibly the rental of a bus, please contact the church office. Tickets need to be ordered May 31st.

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 ⊕ Mission Statement ⊕
 ⊕ United in faith, we serve the ⊕
 ⊕ Kingdom of God by building lives ⊕
 ⊕ that are rooted in the Word, centered ⊕
 ⊕ on Christ, and motivated by Grace; ⊕
 ⊕ to reflect Christ's love and share His ⊕
 ⊕ Gospel with all. ⊕
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Lutheran Women in Mission

SALAD SUPPER FOR LWML LADIES of St. John: May 16th at 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Come join us for a simple salad supper and some great fellowship.

New LWML Officers for 2011-2012 are:

- President - Eleanor (one year term)
- Vice-president - Linda (one year term, then moves up to President)
- Secretary - Jan (two year term - elect even years)
- Human Care - Shirley (two year term - elect even years)
- Christian Growth - Pam (two year term - elect odd years)
- Treasurer - Jean (two year term - elect odd years)

LWML CONVENTION in JUNE: The following ladies will be working and/or attending the National Convention in Peoria in June: Shirley, Jean, Eleanor, Jan, Donna, Mae, and Linda. There is still time to attend and/or help at the convention. Contact Jan if you are interested!



ATTENTION Ladies and Gentlemen! You are invited to the annual Mary Martha Luncheon on Thursday, May 12, at 12:30. Please bring a dish to share if you are able; tableware and drinks will be furnished. Come and enjoy delicious food, good fellowship, and great entertainment by the school children.

Summer Sunday School Teachers Needed

Interested in teaching Summer Sunday School? Your help would be greatly appreciated! A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board across from the Fellowship Hall. Thank you!

As requested by the voters assembly, here is an update on 2011 offerings received through Mar 2011.

Envelope Giving for Mar 2011

Unified Fund*			
Needed Each Month**:	\$ 135,821.16		
Total Received Mar 2011:	\$ 129,473.80	-\$ 6,347.36	
Env./Plate/S Svc Mar 2011:	\$ 73,784.14		
Tuition Mar 2011:	\$ 55,689.05		
Needed YTD:	\$ 407,463.48		
Received YTD:	\$ 339,783.63	-\$ 67,679.85	
Debt Retirement			
Needed Each Month**:	\$ 5,000.00		
Received Mar 2011:	\$ 5,352.00	\$ 352.00	
Needed YTD:	\$ 15,000.00		
Received YTD:	\$ 18,142.27	\$ 3,142.00	

* Includes envelopes, plate offering, special services not designated for other purposes and school tuition.

** NOTES: Needed values are based on year 2011 estimated budget figures **NOT** actual expenditures.

2011 Proposed Unified Budget:	\$ 1,629,853.92
2011 Proposed Debt Retirement Budget:	\$ 60,000.00

Giving compared to 2010***

Mar 2010	Mar 2011
Envelopes, Plate, Special Services	
\$ 184,354.47	\$ 193,632.72
Tuition	
\$ 147,229.15	\$ 146,366.16
Debt Retirement	
\$ 25,802.98	\$ 18,142.27
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\$ 357,386.60	\$ 357,925.90



RETIREMENT RECEPTION

for
Carol Niemann
Little Lamb Preschool Teacher

Sunday, June 5
Open House 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Presentation 3:00 p.m.

St. John Lutheran Fellowship Hall

Families of present and former students
as well as all congregation members and
friends are invited to attend.

MANY THANKS FROM THE YOUTH

Thank you to all who helped with the Lenten dinners, either by providing food and/or joining us for dinner. We raised \$1,727.00.

Thank you to all who helped to make the youth garage sale a success. We raised almost \$3800 for our youth servant events and other youth activities. Thanks to all the congregational members who donated items, purchased treasurers, and helped with the sale. Thanks to the youth and their parent helpers who put in a lot of time and effort before, during, and after the sale.



Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

He has Risen! May God bless you all this Easter Season. We wanted to take this time to thank you all for your continued prayers and support.

We also wanted to let you all know that on May 2nd we will be placed for our vicarage. Below is the address of our blog for those who wish to follow our journey.

In Christ, Adam & Sarah

thegloryofourpilgrimage.blogspot.com

News from Cub Scout Pack 113



We have enjoyed another wonderful year in Scouting! There are currently 18 boys in our Pack. Most of the Scouts have earned their Rank this year and others are very close. The boys have enjoyed many special opportunities this year because of Scouting: building and racing their cars for the Pinewood Derby, participating in Council events like archery and BB shooting, collecting food from the community for the St. John food pantry, and much more. We also had presentations by a U of I athlete and a Scout Leader from Australia, and finished the series with a presentation on disabilities by one of our St. John/Pack 113 families. We welcome boys to join at any time during the year and at any age from grades 1 to 5 (and we have a Boy Scout Troop for older boys). We are especially interested in recruiting new Tigers for next year (which begins June 1st.) All boys, currently in Kindergarten, are invited to join us at the Fire Station on Windsor Road on Thursday May 5th from 6:30 to 7:30. The boys will get a tour of the fire station and the parents will receive information on Scouting. We thank the Lord for giving us this opportunity to serve our youth, and we thank the congregation at St. John for their support through the year. Also, thanks to those who purchased popcorn last fall to fund our Pack events and candy bars this spring to help send the boys to camps this summer. We look forward to our summer events and starting a New Year with new Scouts!!

SIX FLAGS ST. LOUIS THEME PARK REDUCED PRICE TICKET OFFER

Thrivent Financial for Lutheran invites you, your family and friends to participate in a special discounted ticket offer to Six Flags St. Louis for only \$24.99! Enjoy over 100 rides, shows and attractions, including Hurricane Harbor Water Park. Purchase tickets online from May 1 to June 30, and use tickets anytime from June 1 to August 31, 2011. Tickets can only be purchased online at

www.sixflags.com using the promotional code:

Thrive. Price does not include tax, parking or handling fees. Children 2 and under are free. Contact your Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Representative for more information!



St. John PTF Happenings

www.stjohns.com

Mark your calendar for the annual PTF Car Wash!

Saturday May 7th at 9:00am – 3pm at St. John Lutheran School parking lot.

Funds raised will go towards buying new stage curtains for the school gym.

For more information please contact Linda



Danville Gardens \$10 Gift Cards

PTF is having their annual Danville Gardens Gift Card Sale. Each Card is worth \$10 towards your purchase of plants and flowers. Danville Gardens has a store on Prospect Avenue in Champaign (open now) and a booth at the Urbana Farmer's Market on Saturday mornings starting May 14th.

Cards are available through the St. John School office or by contacting Karen

Cards will be sold thru the end of May. This is a great gift for Mother's Day as well as a great way to give back to the school while doing your spring planting. PTF earns \$3 from every card sold! Cards will be sold between church services on May 1 and 15.

St. John's MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) would like to thank everyone for coming out to its annual fund-raising bake sale. This year, the congregation of St. John's supported our MOPS group of 36 moms and 46 preschoolers from C-U and the surrounding communities. We had our first annual MOPS and Pops night out this year, we made baby blankets for Salt and Light, and we assembled Easter baskets for Women in Transition. We are thankful for the Christian fellowship, the parenting and personal support, and the opportunity to serve our community. After a successful year, we are looking forward to next year and appreciative of all the support from St. John's.

Stewardship Message

Your Giving Speaks

At the appointed time in each church service, time is set aside to worship the Lord with our financial treasures. This time is sometimes referred to as taking the collection. The Apostle Paul wrote to the Corinthians regarding the collection: *"On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income, saving it up, so that when I come no collections will have to be made"* (1 Corinthians 16:2).

The Greek word for collection means "to say something". When you put your money into the offering or collection plate, you are saying something. You are making a statement about what you value as a person as well as what your priorities are. Your giving, or lack thereof, says something about your understanding of stewardship, because the proportion of your income that you give tells what kind of steward you are. Your giving, or lack thereof, indicates whether your treasure is here on earth or in heaven.

Only by God's grace are we enabled to give. We tend to want to hang on to what we think of as ours, out of greed, insecurity, and for other reasons as well. However, we, as redeemed children of God through Whom the Holy Spirit is working through word and Sacrament, can learn to rely on God instead of money for the provision of our needs.

Giving begins by acknowledging God's ownership as well as trusting that God will provide. When you give generously, you are saying that you believe God to be the owner and provider of all things. May your faithful giving be a response to our faithful Lord who has first given to you.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 Rachel , Sadie , Anne | 16 Debbie, JoAnne , Marshall, Will , Linda, Jeremyž
.....Jeff |
| 2 Jim , Jayden , Tori | |
| 3 Sarah | |
| 4 Jim , Daniel | 17 Sarah , Kayla , Zach |
| 6 Rhonda , Rebecca, Laura, Rex | 18 Lauren , Stephanie , Alyssa |
| | 19 Nathaniel, Jean |
| 7 David , Jacquelyn | 20 Chad , Nina |
| 8 Leona , Cameron | 21 Penny, ValeriežCaitlin |
| 9 Brenda, Raine, Joel, Alvin | 22 Lucille , Linda, Jodie,
Roger, Kyle |
| | 23 Erinl, Olivia |
| 10 Isabel, Spencer , Daniel ,
Kristina | 24 John |
| 11 Don , Nick | 25 Jackson, Silas |
| 12 Bruce , Abby, Micah , Jim | 26 Nancee, David |
| | 27 Lisa, Addison, Jacob |
| 13 Sherry , Steve , Kate,
Makayla | 28 Allison, Vanessa, Leah,
Chuck |
| 14 Sarah | 29 Janell |
| 15 Brendan , Pat, Elizabeth ,
Addison , Pryce | 30 Andrew |
| | 31 Katie , Joyce |

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Keith & Beverly (63)
- 3 Brett & Kelli (3)
- 4 Jeremy & Angi (15)
- 5 Larry & Jeanine (32); Rod & Sheryl (23); Gary & Maura (10)
- 7 Bill & Kathy (28)
- 8 Gary & Cynthia (51)
- 9 Andrew & Jennifer (2)
- 17 Bret & Kara (3); Larry & Terry (31)
- 18 John & Fay (37)
- 20 Don & Shirley (44); Mike & Lori (23)
- 21 Dan & Timmie (17); David & Jodie (34)
- 25 Dan & Julie (26)
- 27 Walt & Nina (22); Aron & Laurie (16)
- 29 Kurt & Satomi (13); Joel & Sara (7); Dan & Joan (29)
- 31 Al & Lisa (25)



PLEASE notify the church office (359-1123 or pmartin@stjohn-lcms.org) if your birthday or anniversary is missing or incorrect. Unfortunately, we don't have 100% of our members' birthdays & anniversaries on file. Help us complete and correct our records by letting us know of any errors or omissions. Thank you!

ATTENDANCE FIGURES FOR APRIL



	Worship		Holy Week Comm	
Palm Sunday 8:00	243		190	
Palm Sunday 10:45	240		n/a	
Maundy Thursday	206		177	
Good Friday	237		n/a	
Easter Sunrise	143		n/a	
Easter 8:00	378		273	
Easter 10:45	208		141	
Sundays	8:00	10:45	Comm	
April 3	210	174	172	
April 10	234	175	130	
Wednesdays	3:30	Comm	7:15	Comm
April 6	135	79	79	68
April 13	128	n/a	80	n/a
April 27		21		

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