

THE ST. JOHN NEWS

St. John Lutheran Church

September 2012

Toward a Lutheran Piety

For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, while we wait for the blessed hope—the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. Titus 2:11-13

If a Christian is pious in the practice of living out his or her Christian beliefs this is a good thing. If you are pious, this means that you show yourself to be a godly and true Christian by what you say and by how you live. How do we become pious? First God must declare us pious, or holy in Christ. This new status of being considered pious, godly, or holy in God's sight is conferred upon us freely, just by believing in Jesus Christ. In the moment that we believe in what Christ has done for us as our Savior from sin, in that very instant God -- no longer sees the sin in us that He has forgiven. Now in Christ God chooses instead to see us as pious or holy through faith in His Son. Once the Holy Spirit has converted our hearts to believe in this declared righteousness that God confers upon us, then the Spirit also moves to create a new heart within us, along with a new desire to lead a holy life in Christ. **This undeserved love of God and His favor in Christ is what motivates Christians to live good and godly lives.** We express this Christian piety by everything that we believe, teach, and confess.

Christian piety is different than a certain movement in church history called "Pietism". **Real Lutherans believe that piety begins and ends with faith in Christ.** Pietism by contrast was a movement within the church that actually de-emphasized the work of Christ to declare sinners godly or pious. For it focused on what Christians must do in their own spiritual strength to make themselves pious. **The historic movement called Pietism denied the importance of Lutheran doctrine regarding the person and work of Christ in making a person pious.** Pietism declared that those who practiced a piety that depended on doctrinal content were intellectualizing faith instead of living the faith. **They called this reli-**

ance on the doctrine of Christ a false form of piety that they labeled as "dead orthodoxy". This led Pietists to assert that the deeds that Christians do, and not the creeds that they believe and teach make Christians pious.

True Lutherans renounced Pietism as a dangerous movement that led unassuming Christians to trust in their own human response to the gospel more than in the gospel itself. Pietism began among Lutherans in the 17th and 18th centuries, about 100 years after the Lutheran Reformation began. Pietism then spread to all denominations. **Unfortunately pietistic beliefs still live on in America because Pietism was the main form of Christianity that was brought over to our continent.** Pietism hated all things Catholic and believed that Luther had not gone nearly far enough in his reform of the church. During the age of Pietism Lutheran piety that centered around the outward Word and the Sacraments suffered much as a result. Private confession was abandoned by most Lutheran churches because of the unhealthy spiritual influence of Pietism. The value of Baptism and of the Lord's Supper were radically diminished by pietistic Lutherans. Along with this Holy Communion was no longer received in every Sunday service as it had been throughout all of Christian history, but was reduced to being received four times a year. **The Holy Spirit was no longer thought to come through the external words of Scripture but rather through subjective religious experience.** Eucharistic robes stopped being worn by the clergy, and crucifixes and statuary of the saints were all too frequently removed from the sanctuary. And the great Reformation hymns of doctrinal substance were replaced by overly sentimentalized songs that spoke more of the Christian experience of living the Christian life than of the saving events of our God in Christ, and of the saving doctrines of the Bible.

True Christian piety is always the result of believing in Jesus. For without this faith, no one is pious no matter how godly they sound or act. In very many places in the Bible Christians are encouraged to lead godly lives in

Christ. This is what it means to be pious. So what does it mean to move towards a more Lutheran form of piety? This is the subject that we will explore in upcoming newsletter articles. **Lutheran piety are the distinctive ways in which we Lutherans practice our faith.** Many forms of Christian piety in our American culture are not Lutheran nor are they biblical. For example, a current and popular form of American piety believes that our departed Christian loved ones look down on us from heaven, with some type of angelic ability to watch over us, and to intervene in our lives. But the Bible says no such thing. Another American religious form of piety is to view prayer as a means of grace, and as a two way conversation between God and the believer. While we can see the appeal of believing this, this is simply not what prayer is according to Scripture. Prayer is our pouring out our hearts to God in the full assurance of faith that God hears and answers our prayers for the sake of Jesus. **A Baptist form of piety is to go down to an altar call in order to make a personal decision to ask Jesus into our hearts. Just as a Roman Catholic form of piety is to pray to Mary.** And yet as Lutherans we practice neither.

Let me offer a Lutheran form of piety. **As we move toward more Lutheran forms of piety we need to understand that the cross is central to everything that Lutherans believe, teach, and confess.** Indeed it is what Christ did in our place on the cross that makes any of us pious in God's sight. **And so the cross while appreciated by many Christians is absolutely essential and central to our Lutheran piety.** The cross is at the core of our faith and informs everything that we believe, say, and do as Christians. As St. Paul says: "But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world" [Galatians 6:14]. And again we take our cue from the Apostle Paul when he says: "For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified" [1 Corinthians 2:2]. **Our Lutheran piety will not allow us to put anything else "except Christ and Him crucified" in this most preeminent place in our theology and life.** For trusting in the salvation accomplished for us on the cross by God's Son is the very highest and holiest thing that we Lutherans hold to be true and dear to us. This is how God overcame sin, death, and the devil by dying in our place. And so the cross representing everything that Christ has done for us is central to our Lutheran beliefs or piety. For without faith in the forgiveness that Christ accomplished by His cross none of us would be considered holy or pious in God's sight.

In His service, Pastor Mark Elliott

Lutheranism 101



A course for those interested in learning more about Lutherans and as preparation for becoming a Lutheran and a member of our congregation

In a university town like Champaign-Urbana many will recognize the "101" as an introduction to an academic subject. Only in the case of our subject -- Lutheranism 101 -- is not only an academic introduction to the subject of Lutheranism, but a spiritual one as well. Those of you who are interested in joining St. John will hopefully have all of your questions answered by this class, and embrace what Lutherans believe, teach, and confess as being Biblical and Christ centered. Others of you who are already Lutherans will get a lot out of this course offering as well. Here is an opportunity to review and renew your Lutheran faith, and to get to know some of our newest members. Bringing a possible new member to the class would be even better.

Lutheranism 101 is being offered on Sunday morning so that you can take the class as you grow into the godly habit of attending the divine service regularly and faithfully. This is important since regular worship is also an expectation for any who are taking this class with the intent of becoming members of the church. The class begins this Sunday, September 9th, and meets after first service at 9:30am in room 4A. All are welcome. I hope you can attend.

Blessings in Christ, Pastor Mark Elliott

Let Us Pray

For Peace and Comfort: Bill & Phyllis and family at the death of Phyllis' mother Marie, Don & Delores and family at the death of Don's brother Bill, the family of P.A. at his death, the family of Glen at his death, the family of Quinton (former student of St. John Lutheran School) at his death



Hospitalized: Mel, Duane, Bob -father of Brenda

Upcoming Surgery: Lela

Following Surgery: Sue

Healing and Recovery: Vince, Gladys, Barbara, Joan, Jeremiah -7 year old friend of the family, Mary, Larry

For Successful Pregnancy: Lyndsi

For Successful Treatment: Anita, Thelma

Praise & Thanksgiving: Jimmy's safe return from Afghanistan, the birth of Parker Fred to Brandon & Jennifer

Military: Zachary, Jimmy, Brandon, Keidi, Christopher, Taylor, Suzzanna, Robert, Kerry

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, September 13th, at 6:30am.



New Church Directory

Plans are underway for a new church directory using a company called "Life Touch" which comes highly recommended by other Lutheran churches. Please plan to participate. The dates for having your picture taken are December 5, 6, 7, 8, 12, 13, 14, 15. Additional days will be added if needed. These are the soonest dates that Life Touch has available and by choosing December, they will give a 20% discount on any pictures you may wish to purchase (no purchase necessary to participate and you will receive a free directory by participating). We will begin signup for picture appointments in October. A lot of volunteers are needed to help with this project. If you are willing to help, please let Susan or Carol know, or put a note in the Evangelism mailbox in the church office. A church directory is a great tool for getting to know each other by putting names with faces.



Campbell labels are still being collected by St. John Sunday School for Lutheran Special Education Ministries. The collected labels are counted, boxed and mailed to the Special Education Ministries once a year during the month of February. THE FRONT PANEL PRODUCT LABELS ARE NO LONGER ACCEPTED as submissions for redemption and banking; therefore it is essential to save the UPC and joining Campbell Icon. You may wish to continue saving the entire eligible label with the UPC and the Campbell icon attached and place them in the designated box in the cloakroom. A list of participating products has been placed on the bulletin board by the fellowship hall.

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.

Last fall our congregation made the final payment on our mortgage. We have much to be thankful for as a debt-free congregation. In response to this blessing, the voters assembly passed a motion at the February meeting, stating that any funds provided to the congregation as being designated for the Debt Retirement Fund should be held for the purpose of reducing a need to borrow in the future. Any permanent transfers from this fund will require approval of the voter's assembly. As of July 31st, the fund held approximately \$32,250. Any additional monies marked for the debt retirement on offering envelopes will be held on account in this fund.

HOW ABOUT HELPING TO USHER

The elders would like to encourage more of the congregation to help participate with the ushering during the worship services. Ushering presents an opportunity for most members of the congregation to help out in some way and to get to know new people. As everyone has observed, ushering is not a complicated activity BUT a very worthwhile and needed one. It falls upon the elders each Sunday to recruit people for this task and remains a weekly problem for the elder in charge who has other duties to look after. All who are interested can contact Jim, Dan, or the church office.



THE MARY MARTHA LADIES will kick off the new year on Thursday, September 13 at 1:30. Interesting and informative programs have been planned for the coming months. We invite new members to join us for Christian inspiration and fellowship. Refreshments will be served.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW for Saturday, October 20! That's the date for our annual Bake Sale and Mini-Bazaar. Coffee and homemade rolls will once again be served. We will also have some "white elephants" for sale. Any donations will be greatly appreciated. Proceeds will be used for missions and service both at home and abroad.

As requested by the Voters Assembly, here is an update on 2012 offerings received through June 2012.

Envelope Giving for July 2012

Unified Fund*		
Needed Each Month**:	\$ 119,212.50	
Total Received Jul 2012:	\$ 102,933.46	-\$ 16,279.04
Env./Plate/S Svc Jul 2012:	\$ 66,627.11	
Tuition Jul 2012:	\$ 36,306.35	
Needed YTD:	\$ 834,487.50	
Received YTD:	\$ 766,349.00	-\$ 68,138.50
Debt Retirement		
Received Jul 2012:	\$ 4,996.00	
Received YTD:	\$ 28,823.05	

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

** NOTES: Needed values are based on 2012 estimated budget Figures, **NOT** actual expenditures.

2012 Proposed Unified Budget: \$1,430,550.00

Giving compared to 2011

	Jul 2011	Jul 2012
Envelopes, Plate, Special Services	\$ 63,177.56	\$ 66,627.11
Tuition	\$ 33,549.83	\$ 36,306.35
Debt Retirement	\$ 7,222.25	\$ 4,996.00
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	\$ 103,949.64	\$ 107,929.46



LIFELIGHT is back!

Join us for "REVELATION," a 9-week Bible study of the most often misunderstood book of Scripture. Forget what you may have heard from certain books or radio/TV shows. Learn how Revelation was meant to be read, and what God is telling us—not just about what He *will* do but about what He *has* done and *is* doing right now. You can join us Wednesdays at 5:45 p.m. or Thursdays at 8:30 a.m. or 6:30 p.m. Classes start September 12. Look for our table in the overflow to sign up, or contact Steve, Eunice, Cindy or Matt .

Meals on wheels

St. John has a new church contact—Carol . If you would like to help out your community by volunteering to this very worthy cause or if you have questions please contact Carol.

Leftover items in the kitchen - After cleaning the kitchen, some serving and baking dishes, a Tupperware container, and a cookie sheet were found left from previous events. Also, there are some bed sheets and a dust ruffle that were used for VBS. If you are missing any of these items, please check the kitchen and take them home.

From the St. John Parish Nurses:

Children have the right to be safe; share this with them.



You should check with your parents, or the person in charge, before going anywhere. Tell them where you're going, who is going with you, how you're getting there, and when you're getting back.

Don't get into a car or leave with anyone, even someone you know, without getting permission first. Check before changing plans. It's always safer to be around other people than by yourself.

You should know your home phone number, address and your parents' work numbers in case of an emergency.

You should feel comfortable talking to your parents or a trusted adult about problems that you are unable to handle on your own.

You should know, if anyone tries to touch you in ways that make you feel scared or uncomfortable, you should tell someone you trust, who will listen and help you.

God loves you and wants you to be safe.

Grandparents and Special Friends Day at St. John Lutheran School is Monday, September 10. Some of the students do not have grandparents who live close enough to attend, so we are seeking others who would be willing to be an adoptive grandparent or special friend that morning. If you are free the morning of September 10 and would like to help, contact Joy Lou in the school office at 359-1714. Thanks for your continued support of our school.

MOPS of St. John - MOPS stands for **Mother Of PreschoolerS** and meets Monday mornings, sixteen times throughout the school year at St. John Lutheran Church and School. While moms attend the meetings, our preschool children enjoy play-time, bible stories, songs and crafts. We are blessed to report that this ministry to moms is currently full and we are accepting interested moms onto a waiting list. *However, we are in need of helpers in our children's classrooms.* If you or someone you know would be willing to devote a few hours a month as a worker or as a substitute with our young children, please call Megan or Abby . Thank you for your ongoing support and prayers for MOPS!

Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet, praise him with the harp and lyre,
Praise him with timbrel and dancing, praise him with the strings and pipe,
Praise him with the clash of cymbals, praise him with resounding cymbals.
Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. (Psalm 150, vs.3-6)

While our pipe organ console is being refurbished at the Buzard factory, we have certainly been taking these words from psalm 150 to heart! Each Sunday, instrumentalists have been joining me in the balcony to lead worship "in many and various ways," much to the delight of all concerned. Just in the past few weeks, Leslie & Rachel, Randy, Sal, Matt, Terry, and Chuck have offered their talents. Opportunities continue for anyone and everyone who plays an instrument over the next several weeks – just show up ½ hour before the service starts. I am continuing to prepare instrumental parts for the coming week's hymns and have them available the preceding Sunday. If you would prefer to have parts emailed to you please let me know.

Singers and ringers are also welcoming new (and returning) members as we get the Fall season underway. Regular rehearsals continue as follows:

Alleluia Ringers	6:00 – 7:00 pm Wednesday
Men's Choir	6:00 – 6:45 pm Thursday
Mixed Choir	6:45 – 7:30 pm Thursday

Performance schedule is as follows. This information is now also available at: http://stjohnmedia.org/choir/Fall2012_ChoirSchedule.pdf

Sunday, September 9	8:00	Men's Choir
Sunday, September 16	8:00	Lois
	10:45	Mixed Choir
Sunday, September 23	8:00	Instruments
Sunday, September 30	10:45	Men's Choir
Sunday, October 7	8:00	Handbells
	10:45	Handbells – Prelude
Sunday, October 14	8:00	Mixed Choir
	10:45	Day School Choir



Upcoming events alert:

On Sunday, October 28 (Reformation Sunday) we will be having a grand and glorious morning celebration, to be followed by special events, including an Organ Concert in celebration of the work that has been completed this year on our church's pipe organ. I will be playing a couple of solo selections, and it seems appropriate that we also have music for organ and instruments, which will include the Alleluia Ringers, and many different combinations of players from our congregation (organ & trumpet, organ & flute, organ & 'cello, etc.) Mark your calendar now- details to be confirmed shortly.

Music for Corno da Caccia - Sunday, October 21, 2012 • 7:30 p.m., McKinley Presbyterian Church 809 S. Fifth St., Champaign. The seventeenth concert season of the Baroque Artists of Champaign- Urbana opens with the return of Michael Tunnell playing *corno da caccia* (hunting horn), including two concertos by Roellig and Telemann and a selection of arias by Handel and Bach in which that instrument is featured.

On Sunday, November 4 at 4:00 pm Keith will be presenting an organ concert at St. John Lutheran Church in Royal, in celebration of the recent renovations of that church's pipe organ by Buzard Pipe Organ Builders. The concert is free and open to the public.

St. John Youth News



September Events

Sunday, September 9
2:00-pm—4:00pm

LYF FEST Kick-Off: Bible Devotion, Ice Cream, Games, Get to Know Your Youth Leaders and Plan Future Events

Sunday, September 9
4:00pm to 5:00pm

National Youth Gathering Information Meeting: For grades 8 through grades 12

Sunday, September 23
2:00pm -4:00 pm

LYF Fest: Food Scavenger Hunt; Meet at the church.; We will need drivers for this activity.

COME TO LYF!

Save the Date:

LYF Kick-off

September 9, 2:00 - 4:00 pm

**Our LYF Leaders
For 2012-2013**

**Jr. High Girls:
Mrs. Mihm & Mrs. Lange**

**Jr. High Boys:
Mr. Prom & Mr. Bohlen**

**High School Boys and Girls:
Mr. and Mrs. Block**

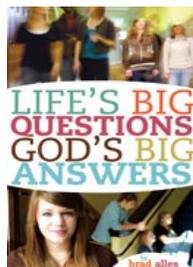
Starting this fall the High School Youth will be exploring, "Life's Big Questions, God's Big Answers."

Teachers are Mr. Jones and Mr. Block

We hope to see all High School Youth in Sunday School.

13 big questions—13 in-depth answers:

- 1.) Are You Ready to Defend Your Faith?
- 2.) What is a Worldview?
- 3.) Does Evolution Explain the World?
- 4.) Does Creation Explain the World?
- 5.) What are Humans?
- 6.) Is the Bible True?
- 7.) What is the Canon?
- 8.) Was Noah's Flood a True Worldwide Event?
- 9.) What About Dinosaurs?
- 10.) Did Jesus Really Exist?
- 11.) What About Jesus' Death, Resurrection, and Their Effects?
- 12.) What is Postmodernism and the New Tolerance?
- 13.) How Can We Witness Effectively Today?



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The National Youth Gathering is July 1-5, 2013. The gathering will take place in San Antonio, Texas. An informational meeting will take place on September 9, 2012 after the LYF Fest at 4pm. We hope to have general information and registration materials available at the meeting. Anyone in grades 8 through grades 12 can attend the youth gathering.



What's Happening at School this Month

Another school year is well under way! There are several events planned for the month of September. All congregation members are invited to our PTF Back to School Picnic and K-8 Open House on Friday, September 7. Grandparents and Special Friends Day is Monday, September 10 with coffee, juice, and pastries served at 8:00; Chapel at 8:50; classroom visits; and a lunch rotation beginning at 11:30. Congregation members are invited to attend this special day too. Mr. Yagow's class will be at Camp CILCA on September 20 and 21, with Mrs. Milas's fourth graders joining them on Friday. Our eighth grade students are looking forward to their trip to Gettysburg and Washington, D.C. which is September 24-29.

Come and cheer for our girls' volleyball teams as they play teams from Trinity Springfield, Our Savior Springfield, and Trinity Bloomington beginning at 9:00 for the junior varsity team and at 11:00 for the varsity team on Saturday, September 8. Our soccer team will play Judah Christian at Dodd's Park at 5:30 on Friday, September 21.

Stewardship Corner

In Season and Out of Season

Ecclesiastes 3 begins with words familiar to much of the world: "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under Heaven." Like it or not, the summer season is over. Many sighed with regret that relaxing, fun-filled, less structured days are over. Others, refreshed and invigorated, have eagerly plunged into the routines of fall again, excited about new challenges and enthusiastic about projects and activities that lie ahead.

Even though the ebb and flow of our lives change with the variation of the season, some things remain constant. One of those constants is, of course, God's presence with us: "I will never leave you nor forsake you," promises the Father. "So we can confidently say, 'The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; What can man do to me?'" (Hebrews 13: 5-6)

Another is God's complete control over the seasons. We may become impatient, but God's timing and His response are always right. "At an acceptable time, O God, in the abundance of Your steadfast love answer me in Your saving faithfulness," (Psalm 69: 13), we boldly pray, asking that God's will be done.

Another constant is the privilege to be about our Father's business. As long as we remain on earth, God has a purpose for us. The Apostle Paul exhorts us, "Preach the Word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching" (2 Timothy 4: 2). He goes on to remind us that our words will not always be heeded. In every season, throughout the history of the Church, there have been scoffers and those who "will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions" (2 Timothy 4: 3). We leave them to God; we are called simply to be "ready in season and out of season."

As stewards, we don't go on vacation. Wherever we are we are preaching the Word, to whomever God places around us. The whole object of our stewardship is that God's Word be preached and taught. We do this directly and indirectly. We provide the sustenance of those whose entire lives are given to this preaching and teaching even as we use the gifts God has given us to witness to His saving grace as we go about our daily lives. "In season and out of season" we joyfully proclaim His gift of salvation to all who will hear.



September Market Day Sale:

When: Wednesday, September 19

Where: Fellowship Hall

Time: Pick up between 3 and 4pm

September order forms are on the Narthex table and need to be turned in to the church or school by Friday, September 14 at 3pm or you have until 11pm that day to place an on-line order at marketday.com. You may also call your order to Diane . Order forms will be sent home with school children as well.

Promotions this Month

- 1) Purchase 3 qualifying items and receive a FREE 13x9 insulated carrying bag
 - 2) Purchase \$90 or more on-line and enter promo code: SEPbonus to receive a FREE Apple Pie
 - 3) Free-Quent Buyer – make at least 2 \$40 purchases between September and November and with your \$40 purchase in December receive a FREE large insulated tote.
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Select Ram Rebate Gift Cards are available for purchase in the school office or you may place an order on any of the following dates. Order forms can be found on the Narthex table. Please make checks payable to “St. John PTF” when placing your order. Cards purchased can go toward tuition reduction for a **current or future** St. John or Little Lamb student or you may indicate that your rebate support our St. John PTF.

September Ram Rebate Order Dates

Mondays:

September 10 & 24

For a complete list of national gift cards available go to www.shopwithscrip.com. If you would like cards that are not on our order form, just write them in with their dollar amount and quantity on the side. Contact if you have questions.

Game on...Box Tops for Education...Cubs vs. Cardinals

St. John School faculty and staff are divided into Cub's fans and Cardinal's fans. Bring your Box Tops to help your favorite baseball team score “runs” in our Box Top Baseball Contest. The first 9 weeks of school will each represent an “inning” of our game. After 9 “innings,” the winner will be announced and the teachers and staff who are fans of the losing team will have to wear the winning team's shirt for the day. Bring your Box Tops to the church or school office to help bring a victory to your favorite team and also earn money for our school.

PTF Back to School Picnic will be held on September 7th from 5:30-7:00 pm in the west parking lot, weather permitting. Come celebrate the start of a new school year and join in fellowship with the teachers, staff, school and church families. PTF provides chicken, rolls, and drinks. Please bring table service for your family and a dish to share. The St. John School Open House for K-8 will begin at 6:15 pm that evening.

Mark your calendar for Friday October 19, 2012. PTF is planning a Fall Festival/Fundraising Auction. This event should be fun for the whole family.

It is time to purchase Mums for your home for fall. PTF has 40 Danville Gardens Gift Cards left to sell. If you purchase mums, pansies, cabbage, kale, pumpkins, or gourds during the fall season, consider purchasing a Danville Gardens \$10 gift card and take them straight to Danville Gardens 2 on Prospect to purchase your goods. Danville Gardens gives back \$3 for

September Birthdays

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| 1 Hannah, Chris, Danielle, Terry, Melissa | 24 Sara, Keith |
| 2 Jean, Vicki, Jaime, Judy | 25 Theresa, Alice, David |
| 3 Rachael, Carol | 26 Blake, Cindy |
| 4 Jake | 27 David |
| 5 Susan, Jim | 28 Kim, Paul, Jessica, Jeremy |
| 8 Stephanie | 29 John, Ron |
| 9 John, Terry, Rebekah, Leona | 30 Haleigh, Helen |
| 10 Esther, LuAnn, Norm, Stuart, Alexander, Vi, Keith | |
| 11 Delaney, Matt, Lori, | |
| 12 Joan | |
| 13 Rachel, Dan, Donna, Phyllis | |
| 14 Rochelle, Karen, Stephen | |
| 15 Barbara, Benjamin, LaMae, Zakary | |
| 16 Mimi, Sarah, Christina, Robert | |
| 17 Terry, Tim, Damyan, Doug | |
| 19 Christy, Norma, Peggy | |
| 20 Beth, Warren | |
| 21 Amanda, Annette, Jordan, Lyle | |
| 22 Kyleigh | |
| 23 Elmer, Todd, Adam, Kiley, Jim | |

September Anniversaries

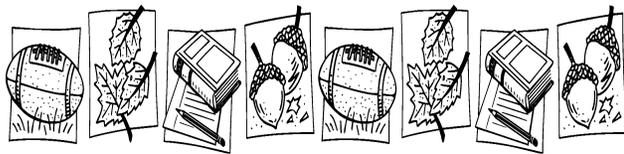
- 1 Elton & Lea (33); Brandon & Jennifer (5)
- 2 Kevin & Cissy (33)
- 3 Dan & Rita (29)
- 4 Ken & Karen (30); Keith & Judith (36)
- 5 Jeremy & Lana (3)
- 6 Dean & Karla (26)
- 7 Kwame & Amanda (4)
- 9 John & Linda (38)
- 11 Steve & Peggy (30); Terry & Robin (30)
- 14 Jim & Stephanie (10); Walter & Anita (44)
- 15 Shane & Sara (11); John & Kathy (28)
- 16 Bud & Barb (59)
- 18 George & Karen (36); Steve & Susie (42)
- 19 Bob & Joan (58); Stephen & Donna (20)
- 20 Kyle & Edna (26)
- 21 Chris & Linda (27)
- 22 Jeffrey & Jessica (5)
- 24 Mark & Diane (18)
- 25 Doug & Janet (30); Mark & Letha (31)

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. Please help us complete our records by notifying us of any corrections or omissions. Thank you!

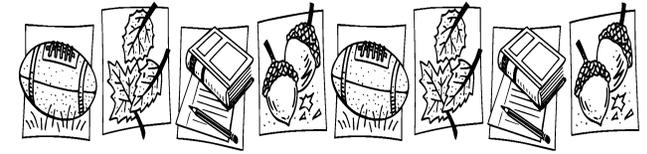
ATTENDANCE FIGURES FOR AUGUST



Sundays	8:00	Comm	10:45	Comm
Aug 5	195	140	215	149
Aug 12	189	165	188	151
Aug 19	227	170	198	131
Aug 26	273	175	180	131
Wednesdays	7:15	Comm		
Aug 1	49	34		
Aug 8	20	15		
Aug 15	26	17		
Aug 22	33	23		



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