

THE EAGLE NEWSLETTER

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Greetings and God's Blessings,

You have heard by now that a Long Range Planning Committee is being formed to come up with a plan for our congregation. This Committee is now being formed and it will be assigned the following tasks:

1. Review our church constitution and form a mission statement.
2. Draft a statement that forecasts future conditions and needs for our church.
3. Identify and prioritize congregational concerns
4. Clearly state and prioritize congregational goals based on conclusions drawn from tasks 2 and 3.
5. Provide strategies and time frames to accomplish these goals.
6. Establish methods to evaluate, review and monitor progress and, when necessary, alter our course.
7. Keep the congregation informed of their progress and devise methods to get input and support from the congregation.

This is a great challenge, and beginning this summer the committee will start to do its work. In September, Pastor Walter Dickinson from Emmanuel Lutheran in Livonia, will help the committee to fulfill its goals. Recently Pastor Dickinson helped to guide his congregation through a similar process.

I'm excited and pleased that we are taking these steps to insure the growth of our St. John congregation. It is my hope that when the committee has completed its work that together we will move forward into the future sharing the "Good News" of the Gospel, not only inside our beautiful sanctuary, but to our community and beyond!

God's Peace,

Pastor Mark



Upcoming May Events:

May 1: Confirmation Sunday, 10:30am

May 10: Men's Club Euchre, 6:30pm

May 13/14: Synod Assembly

May 21: Pre-Marriage Seminar, 8am-1pm

May 29: Begin one Sunday service at 9:30am



Summer Worship Schedule:

Saturday Worship at 5:00 p.m.

Last day of Sunday School is May 22nd

One Sunday Service at 9:30 a.m. begins Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend.

Summer Church Office Hours:

Monday through Thursday, 8am – 4pm
(beginning May 31st)

Worship Themes and Texts for May, 2011

During the month of May we will be spending time with the early Christians and St. Paul as they appear in the book of Acts.

APRIL 30 – MAY 1 Confirmation at the 10:30 Sunday Worship

THEME – *We are all witnesses*

LESSONS – Key Text - Acts 2:22-25,29-32

Psalm 16 1 Peter 1:3-9 John 20:24-31

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Gracious God remind us that the story of Your Son is too good not to be shared. Teach us how to 'witness' for you.

In Jesus name Amen!

MAY 7-8

THEME – *Where do I sign?*

LESSONS – Key Text - Acts 2: 36-41 Psalm 116:1-14

1 Peter 1:17-23 Luke 24:18-35

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord you tell us our job is to scatter the seed and your Spirit will do the rest. We read this in your Holy Word, now may we live it in our lives. Amen

MAY 14-15

THEME – *It doesn't get any better than this!*

LESSONS – Key Text - Acts 2:42-47 Psalm 24 1 Peter 2:19-25

John 10:1-10

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord we yearn for a perfect world and search far and wide to find it while it's been right here all the time in your Holy Word. Amen

MAY 21-22

THEME – *Not everyone loves to hear about your Son.*

LESSONS – Key Text Acts 7:54-60, 8:1 Psalm 31:1-5,15-16

1 Peter 2:2-10

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Being a follower of Jesus is not for the weak of heart. Loving Jesus can get you killed! Lord, give us courage and faith to face our enemies, and to love them as Jesus loved his. Amen

MAY 28-29 Begin 9:30am service on Sunday

THEME – *Your love is stronger than our hate!*

LESSONS – Key Text Acts 9:1-6, 11-20 Psalm 65:1-8

1 Peter 3:13-17 John 14:15-21

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord, Saul hated Jesus and all who believed in Him, but you turned his hatred to love. Please do the same thing to us when we are ruled by our hatreds. Amen

VOLUNTEER MINISTERS SCHEDULE FOR COUNTERS

Month: May 2011

5/1	Herb & Karen Schroeder (Monday)
5/8	Dave & Ryan Dau
5/15	DROP BAG
5/22	Deb Thompson, Cheryl Hozdish
5/29	Volunteers Please! (Memorial Day)



Many thanks to our St. John family for your concern, thoughts, cards, notes, and most of all, your prayers during this time. The power of prayer is without limits. We miss you and hope to be back in Michigan in early summer.

Ed & Jean Goebel

SYMPHONIA CHORALE

Presents

MEMORABLE MELODIES TO MOTOWN MAGIC

Annual Fundraise Event

Dinner Concert

May 1, 2011

3:00 p.m.

Addison Oaks Banquet Center

1480 W. Romeo Rd.

Leonard, Michigan

Tickets \$28

(See Karen Palmer)

Or go to:

www.symphoniachorale.info

DID YOU KNOW...

Our Fellowship Hall is available to rent for your graduation parties, bridal or baby showers, family reunions, etc.? Members and non-members alike can rent our space (kitchen facilities included) for a very reasonable fee. Call the church office at 586-752-4588 for details!



Ever Thought About Becoming a Stephen Minister?

St John Lutheran Church will be training another class of Stephen Ministers this fall. Stephen Ministers work alongside our pastor to care, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support to people who are going through a difficult time. If God gave you the gifts for caring, encouragement, and listening, please begin to prayerfully consider whether you might want to be part of this exciting ministry. If you think you might be interested, talk with one of our Stephen Ministry Leaders, Pastor Mark or the church office.



Church Group - Meets at 12:30pm on the first Wednesday of the month at the church. Please feel welcome to attend Bible study at any time. For more information, call Martha Kegler at 586-784-5439.

LOVE Day - Meets 9am-3pm on the second Tuesday of the month in the church basement. Contact Leona Thorman at 810-798-8532.

LOVE Day II - Meets 8am - 12pm on the first Wednesday of the month in the church basement. Contact Jan Alling at 586-752-7016.

Women of St. John



Many of you will remember when we had 11 or 12 Bible Study Circles. That was quite some time ago. As of today, we have one - the church group. We are inviting you to join us on the first Wednesday of every month (except July and August). We meet at 12:30pm in the Gathering area. We're fortunate to have Pastor Mark teaching our studies. Our next meeting is on February 2nd.

WELCA MAY/JUNE PROJECT

Misc. Items We Need All Year

- ☆ Used Sheets
- ☆ Quilt Batting
- ☆ Any Color Thread
 - ☆ Material
 - ☆ Toiletries
- ☆ Paperback Books
- ☆ Playing Cards for our Vets
- ☆ New Greeting Cards & Envelopes
 - ☆ School Supplies

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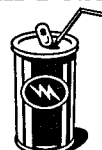
Thank you from WELCA

Since Jan. 2011 we have received 455 Greeting Cards for the Veterans & many pounds of cancelled postage stamps for schools.

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Over 30 women's ministry resources available to you free at www.womenoftheelca.org

Thank you for saving your pop can tabs! This fundraiser is for the purchase of kidney machines. Over 293 lbs. have been collected since we began in February 2007!





Tuesday Night Euchre

*Sponsored by the
St. John Men's Club*

Come join us on **May 10th** and
on the 2nd Tuesday of each
month after that.

6:00 pm Registration

6:30 pm Start time

\$10 Fee includes snacks, and
prizes.

Meijer Community Rewards for MARCH 2011 - \$25.19

YTD for 2011: \$62.02

NOTE: Purchases made at meijer.com,
Meijer gas stations and
convenience stores will
now be included (must
pay inside gas station.)



Thank you, Shoppers!

NEWSPAPER AND MAGAZINE RECYCLING

Thank you for the tremendous response with this!
In **January** we recycled **3.06 tons** and received
\$15.32. Landfill space saved – **9.55** cubic yards.
Total 2011 Year-to-date: **\$15.32**. Thank you!

LIVE GREEN

PLEASE, NO CARDBOARD or PHONE BOOKS

Member Service Directory

Seamstress – Deb Aude 786-9189
E.P. Collision – Bumping, Painting, Glass
752-4452



L & C Enterprises

"Your Sprinkler Guy"

Irrigation Service & Maintenance Specialists
586-336-1556

L & C Enterprises is the company that has been
maintaining our outdoor sprinkler system for
several years now. They do all the annual
maintenance (turning on the system in the spring;
checking all sprinkler heads to make sure they are
in good working order; draining and turning off the
system in the fall) at **no charge to our church!**

L & C comes to our church highly recommended.
We are thankful for the excellent service they have
provided us, helping to keep our grounds beautiful
each season. We hop that you will remember them
and call for your free estimate and perhaps new
installation at your home or business.

Food Shelf



MAY PANTRY NEEDS FOR SAMARITAN HOUSE

Ensure * Sugar-Free Pancake Syrup *
Rice * Beans * Sugar-Free Jello *
Sugar-Free Jelly * Cereal * Baby Food *
Shampoo * Toothbrushes * Bath Tissue
* Shampoo * Artificial Sweetener *

We always need low-sodium foods and sugar-free
foods in our pantry for clients with health problems.

Mail Carrier Food Drive is May 14th
Samaritan House will be closed May 27
– June 1 for the Memorial Day holiday.

*We appreciate any non-perishable food
items and toiletries that you can donate.*
Drop off your food donations during our
normal business hours: Tuesday and
Wednesday, 10-6 and Friday 10 – 4. We
are located at: 62324 Van Dyke,
Washington, MI 48094, (586) 336-9956.
➤ **Please note** that there are black
cupboards in both the main hallway and
also up near the entrance to the
sanctuary for Samaritan House Food
collection.



BLUM SCHOLARSHIP

This year, the application period began March 1, 2011 and the final date for application is May 15, 2011. As in years past, the following individuals are eligible for consideration:

Recent high school graduates, students currently attending college, and people who may be enrolled in career-enhancing studies or vocational enrichment programs.

Applications and instructions for scholarships and grants are available through the church office or in the gathering area. Again, all completed paperwork must be submitted to the church office no later than **May 15, 2011.**

MACOMB COUNTY INTERFAITH VOLUNTEER CARE-GIVERS Reach Out in Faith - Help a Neighbor In Need

Many older and disabled adults in our community find themselves faced with a variety of basic chores, yardwork and minor repairs. For those who are frail or handicapped, have no family nearby, and are living on very low incomes, these tasks - which most of us handle routinely - are overwhelming and impossible to manage.

If you can rake leaves, put up storm windows, fix a leaky faucet or handle any other routine chores or minor home repairs, we need to hear from you. Even if you have just a few hours to spare, you can help a desperate neighbor remain in their own home a little longer. Work is arranged entirely around your schedule and near your home or office. For more information, call 586-757-5551. Your gift of time will make a real difference!



Marriage Enrichment Seminar

Pastor Mark will be holding a one-day Marriage Enrichment Seminar to be offered Saturday, May 21st. This seminar is especially meant for couples either recently married or who will be within the next year.

In the class we'll use work sheets designed for individual couple use. We'll share in role-playing and brief talks designed to help us see various styles of communicating which are often found in marriage relationships.

The group will be limited to the first fifteen couples. There will be a nominal cost of \$25.00 per couple, which will pay for the materials and food.

The seminar will also be open to married couples within the congregation and community. I've found from previous seminars that couples appreciate the mix of married and engaged couples. Pastor Mark has been trained by our former Michigan District to lead marriage enrichment seminars and retreats.

The seminar will be held here at St. John Lutheran Church in the Gathering Area. The date is Saturday, May 21st. We will begin at 8:30 a.m. with a continental breakfast, and then go into our morning session. There will be a break for lunch followed by the afternoon session, which will end at about 1:30 p.m.

Please call the church office at 586-752-4588 to make your reservation. Remember, the seminar will be limited to the first fifteen couples who register. Please give this your serious and prayerful consideration.



Day Camp

St. John Lutheran Church.....246 Benjamin St., Romeo, MI.....586-752-4588

THERE IS NO FEE FOR THIS PROGRAM. FOR THOSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO HELP DEFRAY OUR COSTS THERE WILL BE A FREEWILL OFFERING ON FRIDAY.

REGISTRATION / INFORMATION FORM

Name of Child _____
 Child's Birth Date _____ Grade Completed _____
 Address _____
 Home Phone _____
 Home Congregation (church & city) _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____
 Parent/Guardian's Location while child is at camp (employer, home, school, etc.) _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ Pager _____
 Address _____

Person to be notified in emergency situation when parent is not available
 Name _____
 Address _____
 Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ Pager _____

Name of persons other than parent to whom child may be released

1. _____	3. _____
2. _____	4. _____

Name of individuals child CANNOT be released to

1. _____	3. _____
2. _____	4. _____

DAY CAMP SCHEDULE

- * August 1 - 5, 2011
- * 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- * At St. John Lutheran Church, 246 Benjamin St., Romeo, MI 48065

St. John Building Use Calendar

MAY 2011

B=Basement C=Conference Rm CH=Choir Rm F=Fellowship Hall G=Gathering Area L=Library/Sisson St. Rm S=Sanctuary X=Extra Classroom Y=Youth Rm

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 CONFIRMATION DAY Worship 8:30 & 10:30am Sunday School 10:15am	2 Can-Do Ringers (CH) 6:30pm	3 Weight Watchers (B) 5:45 pm Symphonia Chorale (S) 7pm	4 LOVE Day II (B) 8am-12pm Tai Chi (F) 10:30am Youth Choir (S) 6:30pm Praise Ringers (CH) 6:30pm Praise Singers (CH) 7:30pm	5 Basketball (F) 6-9pm AA (B) 8pm Alanon (B) 8pm	6	7 Worship w/ Communion (S) 5pm
8 Worship w/Communion 8:30 & 10:30am	9 Can-Do Ringers (CH) 6:30pm Stephen Ministry (C) 7pm	10 LOVE Day (B) 9am-3pm Weight Watchers (B) 5:45 pm Men's Club Euchre (F) 6:30pm	11 Tai Chi (F) 10:30am Youth Choir (S) 6:30pm Praise Ringers (CH) 6:30pm Praise Singers (CH) 7:30pm	12 Basketball (F) 6-9pm Finance (C) 7pm AA (B) 8pm Alanon (B) 8pm	13	14 Worship (S) 5pm
15 Worship 8:30 & 10:30am Sunday School 10:15am	16 Can-Do Ringers (CH) 6:30pm Pack 259 (F) 7pm Council (C) 7:30pm Quilting (G) 7pm	17 Weight Watchers (B) 5:45 pm	18 Tai Chi (F) 10:30am WELCA (G) 12:30pm Youth Choir (S) 6:30pm Praise Ringers (CH) 6:30pm Praise Singers (CH) 7:30pm	19 Basketball (F) 6-9pm AA (B) 8pm Alanon (B) 8pm	20	21 PRE-MARRIAGE SEMINAR (G) 8am-1pm Sound Disciples (S) 10am-12pm Worship w/ Communion (S) 5pm
22 Worship w/ Communion 8:30 & 10:30am LAST Sunday School 10:15am Contemporary Worship 10:30am	23 Can-Do Ringers (CH) 6:30pm Stephen Min. (C) 7pm Pack 259 Comm. (F) 7pm	24 Weight Watchers (B) 5:45 pm Men's Club (G) 6:30pm	25 Tai Chi (F) 10:30am Youth Choir (S) 6:30pm Praise Ringers (CH) 6:30pm Praise Singers (CH) 7:30pm	26 Basketball (F) 6-9pm AA (B) 8pm Alanon (B) 8pm	27 Wedding	28 Worship 5pm
29 Worship 9:30am	30 Memorial Day	31				

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