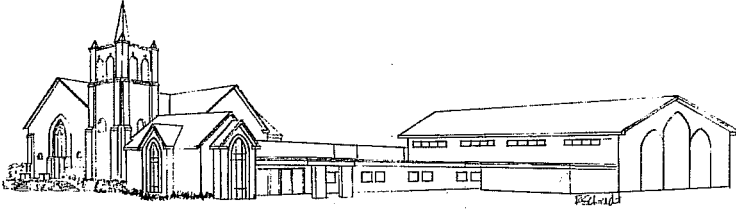


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### JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

June 5 Rick & Karen Joyce  
June 7 David & Shirley Kidle  
*Happy 59<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*  
June 7 Todd & Jennifer Fracalossi  
June 8 John & Debra Bidigare  
June 10 Hank & Rita Frech  
June 10 Chris & Nancy Bolda  
June 14 Jerry & Jennifer Foor  
June 14 Dave & Laurie Hudson  
June 14 Fred & Sarah Kelliker  
June 14 Chris & Lisa Price  
June 17 Don & Sue Schwartz  
June 17 John & Alana Phillips  
June 18 Richard & Debra Eggleston  
June 19 Ronald & Lisa Schocke  
June 19 Donald & Deena Van Ittersum  
June 20 Steve & Marlene Springstubbe  
June 20 Lawrence & Pamela Schorling  
June 21 Michael & Dianne Phillips  
June 22 Mark & Jan Evans  
June 22 Rod & Pat Rohloff  
June 22 William & Julie Fisher  
June 22 Brent & Conchi Streeter  
June 24 Edwin & Phyllis Werderman  
*Happy 61<sup>st</sup> Anniversary!*  
June 25 Waldemar & Marilyn Semrau  
*Happy 53<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary!*  
June 28 James & Debra Hinkley

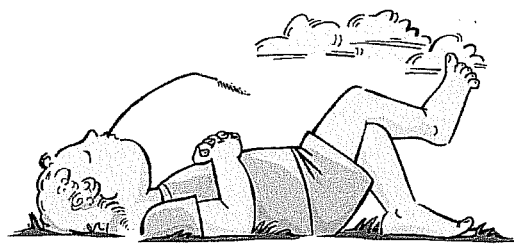
June 29 Leo & Dolores Bernick  
June 30 Robert & Marjorie Neubacher  
*Happy 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!*

### BAPTISMS

May 15 Ashlyn Lily O'Neill  
May 22 Lillian Margaret Black

### DEATHS

Ted Hillman April 24  
John Paulina April 24  
Harvard Eberling May 3



# JUNE

# 2011

# THE EAGLE NEWSLETTER

## Pastor's Page—June 2011 Eagle—V. 469

*"Summer time and the living is easy."*

I hope you take the time this summer to: soak up the sun, stroll on the beach, and watch the sun go down over beautiful Lake Michigan.

While you are enjoying these wonderful rites of summer I'm going to ask you to do something. I want you to pray and think about the Worship and Christian Education of our St. John Congregation.

We are blessed with wonderful music and dedicated Sunday school and Confirmation leaders; however our numbers are decreasing.

Just this past year three members of our Praise Singers: Jurg Hauptli, Hank Frech, and Bev Huard have moved away. We need to replace these faithful singers, or the day is coming when there will be certain musical pieces we will not be able to sing because we don't have enough people in our choir. Our bell choirs have had to scramble all year to make sure they had enough people to play on a Sunday morning. Darcy Mackenzie had to discontinue the youth choir because of a lack of participation.

Marlene Stieve didn't know some Sunday mornings if she would have enough children for the KOK kids to sing. Our Sunday school superintendent, Joan Stofflet, did a marvelous job with a very limited staff. I just wonder what she could have done with more adult leaders.

So there it is folks. Do you want inspiring music? Do you want Christian Education for our youth? Pray about it. Talk to any of our music people: Diane and Mike Phillips – Pat Koleda, Karen Palmer, Darcy

Mackenzie, Marlene Stieve, and Jan Evans. To learn more about Sunday school talk to Joan Stofflet. For Confirmation give me a call.

You can make a difference!

God's Peace,

Pastor Mark

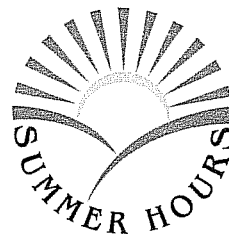


### Upcoming June Events:

June 5: Our beautiful Choir Sunday!

June 20: Cedar Point

June 26: Confirmation Camp begins



### **Summer Worship Schedule:**

Saturday Worship at 5:00 p.m.

Last day of Sunday School is May 22<sup>nd</sup>

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 31<sup>st</sup>)

## Worship Themes and Lessons for June

The Prayers of the Day for June are taken from Ted Loder's book of poetry/prayer entitled "Guerrillas of Grace" Dave Hudson will be hosting an evening study of this powerful book

### **June 4-5**

THEME - *Why did he have to go?*

LESSONS - Key Texts - Acts 1:6-14 Psalm 68 1-10 & Key Text

1 Peter 5:6-11 John 17:1-11

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God...are you there? We've been taught and told we ought to pray. But the doubt won't go away, yet neither will our longing to be heard. Our soul sighs too deep for words. Do you hear us Lord? Are you here with us this day? Amen

### **June 11-12, 2011**

The Celebration of Pentecost

THEME - *Where did this come from?*

LESSONS - Key Text - Acts 2:1-21 Psalm 104:24-42 1 Cor. 13:3b-13 John 20:19-23

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God empty us of angry judgments, and aching disappointments, and anxious trying, and breathe into us something like quietness and confidence, that the lion and the lamb in us may lie down together and be led by trust as straightforward as a little child. Amen

### **June 18-19**

THEME - *Why do we make the Christian faith so boring?*

LESSONS - Genesis 1:1-3,26-27,31 Psalm 8 2 Cor. 13:11-13 Matthew 28:16-20

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, who out of nothing brought everything that is, out of what we are bring more of what we dream but haven't dared; direct our power and passion to creating life where there is death, to putting flesh of action on bare-boned intentions, to lighting fires against the midnight of indifference, to throwing bridges of care across canyons of

loneliness; so we can look on creation, together with you, and behold call it very good; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **June 25-26**

THEME - *God! You can't be serious!*

LESSONS - Key Text Genesis 22:1-14 Psalm 13 Romans 6:1`2-23

Matthew 10:40-42

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Eternal God lead us now out of the familiar setting of our doubts and fears, beyond our pride, and our need to be secure into a strange and graceful ease with our true proportions and with yours; that in boundless silence we may grow strong enough to endure and flexible enough to share your grace. Amen!

### VOLUNTEER MINISTERS SCHEDULE FOR COUNTERS Month: JUNE 2011

6/5 - Jerry & Jennifer Foor (Monday count)

6/12 - Dave & Ryan Dau

6/19 - DROP BAG

6/26 - Jan Gallagher, Erin Rodger



Our heartfelt "Thank you" for cards, prayers and well wishes, as we celebrated our Golden Wedding anniversary.

Art and Dori Bock

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**THANK YOU!**

*Samaritan House is able to help the low-income residents of our community because of the wonderful support we receive from our community.*

**Thank YOU!**

**The Blum Scholarship Committee wants to congratulate the five individuals who applied for the 2011-2012 scholarship awards.**

The committee awarded scholarships to the following students:  
Brittany Petzold, Sarah Kimmel and Kristi Harms.

Blum grants were awarded to: Kelly Petzold and Alyssa Weyersberg.

It is hoped that these students have a successful and rewarding year at the college of their choice.

Everyone, their parents and the congregations of St. John, should be proud of each of these students, as they truly fit the image of what Fred and Edith Blum envisioned when the scholarship program in their names was established and endowed.

**The Blum Scholarship Committee**

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A thank you from Joan Stofflet – Sunday School Superintendent

I would like to thank our 2010-2011 Sunday school staff: Nicole Beaufait, Marie Germundson, Monica Howard, Hannah Hunt, Mellissa Lehman, Sharon Long, Joan Stofflet, Kristin Stofflet, Jason and Sue Sturmer, Linda Trott and McKenna Witt.

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**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.

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**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.

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*Women of St. John*

**Women's Circles** 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 September 7<sup>th</sup>.



**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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Over 30 women's ministry resources available to you free at [www.womenoftheelca.org](http://www.womenoftheelca.org)

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***Thank you for saving your pop can tabs! This fundraiser is for the purchase of kidney machines. Over 302.5 lbs. have been collected since we began in February 2007!***

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**Meijer Community Rewards for APRIL 2011 - \$25.20**

**YTD for 2011: \$87.22**

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

***Thank you, Shoppers!***

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**NEWSPAPER AND MAGAZINE RECYCLING**

Thank you for the tremendous response with this! In April we recycled **3.38 tons** and received **\$16.87**. Landfill space saved – **10.55 cubic yards**. Total 2011 Year-to-date: **\$106.73**. 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
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**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.

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**HIS TABLE**

♥ Every third Tuesday of the month we will be joining the United Methodist Church in Romeo in serving a free meal to the community. We need three to five volunteers for each service day. The meal is served from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at United Methodist. Food can be prepared here and transported to United Methodist or prepared there. All food will be paid for by St. John from our Community Outreach budget. Currently the program is serving 40 meals and 4 to 5 delivered meals to shut ins. There is a sign up sheet in the gathering area if you are interested in participating. Total time invested would be about 5 hours.

♥ **PAYING IT FORWARD** ♥



### JUNE PANTRY NEEDS FOR SAMARITAN HOUSE

- JUICE – COFFEE – TEA – SOUP
- JELLY – CANNED FRUIT – MACARONI AND CHEESE – CRACKERS – TOOTHBRUSHES – BAR SOAP
- PADS & TAMPONS
- LAUNDRY DETERGENT

#### NEEDS FOR OUR DIABETIC CLIENTS:

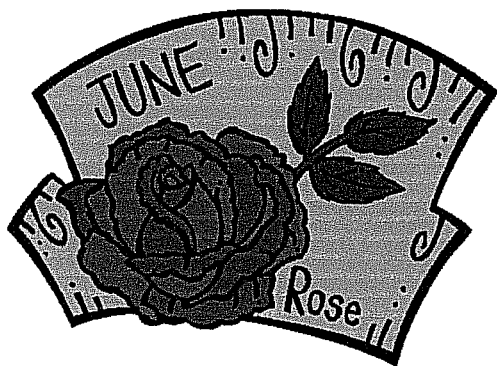
- SUGAR FREE JELLO – SPLENDA
- SUGAR FREE JAM/JELLY
- SUGAR FREE PANCAKE SYRUP
- NO SUGAR ADDED FRUIT
- CRYSTAL LIGHT

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

*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.

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### 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!

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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, or just

have questions, talk with one of our Stephen Ministry Leaders (Jan Alling, Jan Gallagher, Bob or Jan Gallardo, Jerry Foor), Pastor Mark or call the church office.

# St. John Building Use Calendar

## JUNE 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
			<b>1</b> Love Day 2 (B) 8am-12pm Tai Chi (F) 10:30am WELCA (G) 12:30pm Praise Ringers (CH) 6:30pm Praise Singers (CH) 7:30pm	<b>2</b> AA (B) 8pm Alanon (X) 8pm	<b>3</b> Rehearsal (S) time?	<b>4</b> Sound Disciples (S) 10am-12pm Wedding (S) 3pm Worship w/Communion, 5pm
<b>5</b> Worship, 9:30am Contemporary Worship <b>CHOIR SUNDAY</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Weight Watchers (B) 4pm	<b>8</b> Tai Chi (F) 10:30am	<b>9</b> AA (B) 8pm Alanon (X) 8pm	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Worship (S) 5pm
<b>12</b> Worship w/ Comm. 9:30am Blood Pressure	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Love Day (B) 9am- 3pm Weight Watchers (B) 5:45pm	<b>15</b> Tai Chi (F) 10:30am	<b>16</b> Finance (C) 7pm AA (B) 8pm Alanon (X) 8pm	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Worship w/ Comm. 5pm
<b>19</b> Worship, 9:30am	<b>20</b> CEDAR POINT Council, (C) 7:30pm Quilting (C) 7pm	<b>21</b> Weight Watchers (B) 5:45 & 7pm Council (C) 7pm	<b>22</b> Tai Chi (F) 10:30am	<b>23</b> AA (B) 8pm Alanon (X) 8pm	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Worship, 5pm
<b>26</b> Worship w/ Comm. 9:30am	<b>27</b> Stephen Ministry (C) 7pm	<b>28</b> Weight Watchers (B) 5:45 & 7pm	<b>29</b> Tai Chi (F) 10:30am	<b>30</b> AA (B) 8pm Alanon (X) 8pm		