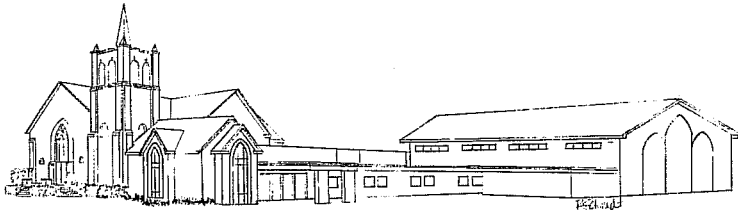


# ~ NOVEMBER 2011 EAGLE ~

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## NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

November 4	Christopher & Sarah Nyeholt
November 5	Steven & Suzanne Jaroh
November 6	Craig & Beverly Nyeholt
November 11	Andrew & Wendy Hough
November 12	Tim & Donna Breault
November 13	William & Sharon Creed
November 15	Greg & Vicki Laseke
November 21	Scott & Pam Colbert
November 24	Jeff & Linda Horney
November 24	Clint & Erin Rodger
November 27	Dave & Cheryl Dau
November 28	Arthur & Ana Corker

## WEDDINGS

September 30	Tracy Jurek & Kerry Dillard
October 8	Erik Mueller & Emi Lizama

## DEATHS

October 15	Erwin R. Hahn
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# THE EAGLE NEWSLETTER

## Pastor's Page ~ NOVEMBER 2011 Eagle ~ V. 474

In our green hymnal is a love song entitled: *Amid the World's Bleak Wilderness*. It's one of my favorites and I've tried to understand why it never became popular. The words are beautiful poetry. The tune caresses your senses with a melancholy sweetness. I believe that is why we haven't embraced it. We live in an age of hype and hurrah where we are told that life is all about searching for the next emotional high. We can't allow ourselves to be quiet, or pensive, or reflective, or melancholy, and we certainly can't allow this to happen in worship!

I would suggest to you that we can! In worship we bring everything to God and to each other. Joy, happiness, pain, sorrow, courage, hope, fear, and yes, melancholy. All can be brought to our Lord for He knows us better than we know ourselves. Now November is the month for melancholy. It is a dreary month. The trees stand stripped of their leaves and the sky is often bleak and gray; truly a melancholy time, and in worship we begin November with the celebration of *All Saints*.

On Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup> we remember those loved ones - those saints - who died this past year. Their names will be honored during the prayers. Please call the church office and give us the names of your loved ones. Now understand, this is not a time for despair or hopelessness. As we remember our loved ones, yes there will be sadness, but we also will draw strength and

courage from how they lived their lives and what they mean to us. In addition to honoring our loved ones we will use the liturgy for healing. During the service you may come to the front of the sanctuary to receive a blessing and the holy oils as the mark of the cross is placed on your forehead. You may come for yourself or for another person you know who is in need.

I'll see you in worship!

PM



### UPCOMING NOVEMBER EVENTS:

November 5/6: All Saints' Days; Healing Services:

November 8: Men's Club Euchre, 6pm

November 9: NEW Senior Group, 10:15am

November 20: Thank Offering Sunday

November 21: Ecumenical Thanksgiving

Worship Service at St. Thomas Presbyterian - Mound, S/26 Mile, 7:30pm

November 24: Blessed Thanksgiving!

### VOLUNTEER MINISTERS SCHEDULE FOR COUNTERS

Month: NOVEMBER 2011

11/6 - Ron Weyersberg, Deb Thompson

11/13 - Pat Hahn, Joanne Banghart (Monday)

11/20 - Dave & Ryan Dau

11/27 - Drop Bag

**NOVEMBER  
THEMES  
AND  
LESSONS**

**November 5-6 (All Saints)**

**Theme – Saint \_\_\_\_\_ (fill in the blank)**

**Lessons –** Revelation 7:9-17, Psalm 34:1-10,  
Key Text - Hebrews 12:1-2, 12, Matthew 12:46-50

**Prayer of the Day**

Lord, you have surrounded us with so great a cloud of witnesses. May we be inspired by their example to live our lives in faith and love towards all who cross our paths. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen

**November 12-13**

**Theme – You Go Girl!**

**Lessons –** Key Text - Judges 4:1-7, Psalm 124,  
1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians 5:1-11, Matthew 25:14-30

**Prayer of the Day**

Lord, give us a dose of persistence to remain in your presence, for our minds wander to other things. You are the timeless God for which we do not have time. So catch and hold us with the wonder and mystery of your grace, so that we will hear and believe. Amen

**November 19-20**

**Theme – And the beat goes on**

**Lessons –** Key Text Ezekiel 34:11-16 Psalm 100 Ephesians 1:15-23 John 10:11, 17-18

**Prayer of the Day**

O God you are never satisfied! You keep searching and searching till you find what you are looking for.....the lost – the lonely - the suffering. Like our Gracious God may we never be satisfied till we find the lost. Amen

Advent Sermon Series based on an Advent Devotional by Max Lucado entitled *Celebrating Christmas With Jesus. (Continues into December.)*

**November 26-27**

**1<sup>st</sup> DAY 1 of your Devotional Booklet**

**Theme – Jesus Birth**

**Text – John 1:14,17-18**

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**ALL SAINTS' DAYS**



**All Saints' Day will be observed both Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>.** It celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who make up the body of Christ. We remember all the faithful departed, especially those dear to us who have passed on. All

members of St. John who have died within the past year will be named during worship. If you would like anyone else included on this list, please call the church office by November 1<sup>st</sup>. In addition to remembering our loved ones we will offer the liturgy of healing where you may come to the front of the sanctuary to receive an individual blessing and the use of the healing oils. You may come to receive healing for yourself or for a friend or family member.

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**Thanks to all who attended the Harvest of Praise Concert on October 23<sup>rd</sup>. We raise \$705 for Samaritan House!!!**



This is your "PERSONAL INVITATION" to the beginning of a new group. We don't have a name as of yet, but it is aimed at folks who are in the "mature" stage of life...50 plus! This group will come together once a month to hear guest speakers and take part in events that are of importance to folks our age!

The group will meet on the **2nd Wednesday of each month beginning on the 9th of November.**

The first meeting will take place in the church gathering area at 10:15am. We will start with "Our Local Farmers..The Fun of It All!" A delicious catered lunch will follow...at no charge! Then after lunch will be FUN TIME. Stay for a game, craft, cards or just to visit with old and new friends and enjoy each other's company! Invite a friend or neighbor! Each month will be something special and new. Your idea is of value to us, and you being a part of every month, when you can, will help make this a very successful and FUN TIME program here at St. John.

Soooo...come on the 9th of November at 10:15am (arrive a little early for a snack & coffee if you would like) and then enjoy a stimulating presentation – good food – and fellowship!

God's Peace, PM

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**HARVEST WALK**



We had a beautiful day to walk on Sunday, October 2 for our first **Samaritan House Harvest Walk**. Thank you to our seven walkers/runners: Carol Gallagher, Paul & Wanda Hansen, Ryan Schmidt, Sue Schwartz, Pastor Mark, Paige, and Garrett. Special thanks also to Leslie Hauptli for her help as a recruiter and to both Leslie and Paul Hansen for working during set-up, registration and cleanup at the event. Thank you to all the St. John members who so generously donated! Your help will truly make a difference to hurting people in our community.



**Women's Fellowship**

**Church Group** – Meets at 12:30pm on the first Wednesday of the month at the church.

Please feel welcome to attend these Bible studies at any time. For more information, call Kay Pauly at 810-724-1993, or 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 9am – 12pm on the first Wednesday of the month in the church basement. Contact Jan Alling at 586-752-7016.

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**WELCA NOVEMBER PROJECT**

**Remember Thank Offering November 20th and also the Veteran items:**

Disposable razors, shaving cream, toothbrush, toothpaste, note paper, writing paper, playing cards, envelopes, stamps, small games, magazines, paperback books, and other toiletries

THANK YOU!

Over 30 ministry resources available to you for free at:  
[www.semi-welca.org](http://www.semi-welca.org)

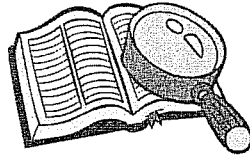
Please save your pop can tabs and turn them in at the church across from the coat rack. Over **317.5 lbs.** have been collected since February 2007! This fundraiser is for the purchase of kidney machines.

**MORE WAYS YOU CAN SAVE:**

- 1. Box Tops for Education**
- 2. Campbell's Soup Labels**

**Two New Bible Studies for Your Consideration:**

**1. Through Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup>**, we are offering a Bible Study entitled; **"Eight Principles of Being Lutheran"**.



This study will be more teaching than interactive, as the participants will learn 8 fundamental principles for being Lutheran. This eight-week study will help answer the ongoing question, "Do you know what you believe?" from an entirely Lutheran perspective. The studies begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. All are welcome!

**2. Through Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>**, we offer a Bible Study entitled, **"More Grace Than You Can Imagine"**. This study is based on the NOOMA video series by Pastor Rob Bell (Mars Hill Church, Grand Rapids, Michigan). These short, individual studies will begin at approximately 9:40 a.m. in the Conference Room and last no longer than 40 minutes. A new and excitingly different topic will be presented each week. All are welcome! Any questions, contact Dave Hudson at 586-786-1696 or [bgj8184@aol.com](mailto:bgj8184@aol.com)

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**Tuesday Night Euchre**

**Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>** is the next Euchre Night! Sponsored by the St. John Men's Club, Euchre Night is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month (off during summer months). Registration is 6pm and start time is 6:30pm.

A fee of \$10 includes snacks and prizes. Proceeds are used to fund local Romeo charitable organizations. Future dates are December 13<sup>th</sup>, January 10<sup>th</sup>, February 14<sup>th</sup>, March 13<sup>th</sup>, April 10, and May 8<sup>th</sup>.

**COME JOIN THE FUN AND SUPPORT THE COMMUNITY!**

Don Schwartz, 2011-2012 President  
Men's Club



**NOVEMBER THANKSGIVING & PANTRY NEEDS FOR SAMARITAN HOUSE**

- \* Pancake Mix & Syrup \* Ravioli \*
- \* Boxed Oatmeal \* Cereal \*
- \* Pork & Beans \* Rice \* 1# Sugar \*
- \* Canned Meat (Salmon, Tuna, Beef, etc.) \* Chili (Canned & Mixes) \*
- \* Soups (Cream & Vegetable) \*
- \* Crackers \* Macaroni & Cheese \*
- \* Chicken Broth \* Canned Gravy \*
- \* Canned Vegetables \* Cranberry Sauce \*
- \* Boxed Instant Potatoes \*
- \* Canned Evaporated Milk \* Canned Yams \*
- \* Boxed Stuffing Mix \* Canned Fruit \*
- \* Boxed Dream Whip \* Canned Pumpkin \*
- \* Pie Crust Mix \*

**\$15 Food Gift Certificates for turkey or cash donations.**

NOTE: We always need low-sodium, gluten-free and sugar-free foods.

*We appreciate any non-perishable food items and toiletries that you can donate. Thank you! 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 (between 28 & 29 Mile Roads in Washington)*

Phone: 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.



**THANKSGIVING**

## NEWSPAPER AND MAGAZINE RECYCLING

Thank you for the tremendous response with this!  
In **August** we recycled **3.15 tons** and received  
**\$15.78**. Landfill space saved – 10.61 cubic yards.  
Total 2011 Year-to-date: **\$212.52**. Thank you!

# LIVE GREEN

### You can recycle:

- +Magazines
  - +Mail
  - +Shopping Catalogs
  - +Newspaper
  - +Office & School Papers
- You can recycle anything listed here from your business as well. The Bin is located in the back lot next to the garage.



**PLEASE, NO CARDBOARD or PHONE BOOKS!**

### IMPORTANT NOTE!

When we collect under 4 tons of paper, we earn under \$20.00. But when we collect 4 tons or more, we earn at least \$60.00!!!  
So a little bit more paper from each of us earns the church 3 times as much money!

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### Meijer Community

**Rewards for September 2011**

**\$38.20**

**Year to Date: \$275.05**

**Thank you, Shoppers!**

**Enrollment Applications are in the Gathering Area.**

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



## STEPHEN MINISTERS: The After People

Frequently friends will ask, "I know you're involved in Stephen Ministry. Can you tell me exactly what a Stephen Minister is?" I like to explain that Stephen Ministers are "After People."

### Stephen Ministers are there:

- ...after you've washed and returned the last casserole dish.
- ...after the divorce papers have been served and the bottom falls out of your world.
- ...after the last child honks the horn, waves and drives away – and the house suddenly seems so empty.
- ...after you arrive home following the funeral service and the emotions you've held at bay come crashing in on you.
- ...after the relationship has ended but the wounds are still bleeding and painful.
- ...after the doctors have said, "There's nothing more we can do."
- ...after the baby has arrived, putting more demands on you than you ever dreamed possible.
- ...after you find the pink slip inserted with what is now your final paycheck.
- ...after your family and friends have heard your story one too many times, but you still need to talk it out.

Stephen Ministers are the "After People." We are ready to come alongside you – or your friends, neighbors, coworkers, or relatives – and provide comfort and *confidential* support for as long "after" as we are needed.



Samaritan House  
logo and year  
2011 will be here

# Samaritan House Christmas Celebration Tree

Samaritan House is creating a special *Christmas Celebration Tree* to adorn our front yard. This tree will be a visual celebration of the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the lives of your family, friends and neighbors. Your help is needed to decorate this tree. There are two ornaments. The first ornament for the Samaritan House tree will have the name of your family member, friend, neighbor, or that special person in your life to honor or remember written on it. (Let us not forget that person on your Christmas List who is difficult to buy for). You will receive the second ornament, a Samaritan House 2011 Special *Christmas Celebration Tree Ornament* (this year's ornament is a golden angel as shown above) to present to the honoree with a card explaining how you have honored them and inviting them to visit our Special *Christmas Celebration Tree*. The total cost per person is \$25.00. We will begin to decorate the Samaritan House *Christmas Celebration Tree* November 15, 2011 and will continue through December 20, 2011. Ornaments may be purchased on line at our website [www.samaritanhousemichigan.org](http://www.samaritanhousemichigan.org) at Samaritan House or see your Samaritan House church representative. For additional information, please call Kimberly at 586-336-9956 or see your Samaritan House representative at church.

Purchaser: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of

In Memory of

Name to be added to the Samaritan House Christmas Celebration  
Tree: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE PRINT

# MURDER MYSTERY DINNER SHOW

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## "TILL DEATH DO US PART"

Join us for an evening of fellowship and suspense as you are given roles to play in this interactive murder mystery experience! Register today for this fantastic event that supports Living Water Ministries and receive your role when you register.

Nov. 12th  
6:00 pm

Shepherd of the Lakes,  
Walled Lake  
2905 S. Commerce  
Walled Lake, MI

\$25 per person for  
show and dinner.

For tickets or credit card  
purchases call Shelley at  
(231) 861-4138

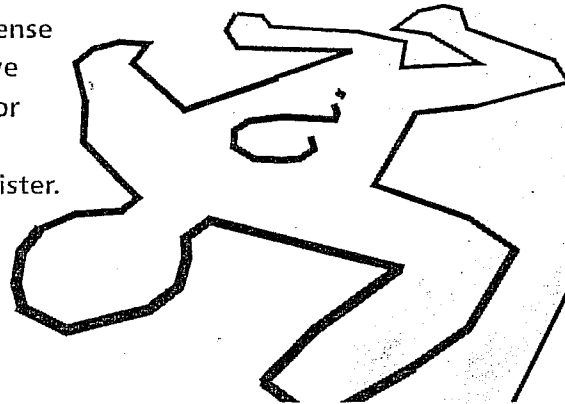
- Prize for 1st place
- 50/50 drawing



Proceeds benefit:

**Living Water Ministries**

A Shared Mission of the Lower Michigan Synods, ELCA



**St. John Lutheran Church  
Sep. 2011 Finance Report**

**General Fund: Jan. 1 to December 31, 2011**

<b>Total Contributions and Other Income:</b>	\$	17,282
<b>Expenses Paid in Sep.</b>	\$	(18,530)
<b>Surplus(Shortage) for Sep.</b>	\$	(1,248)

<b>Expenses Not Paid in Sep.</b>	\$	-
<b>Actual Surplus(Shortage) for Sep. 2011</b>	\$	(1,248)

**General Fund: Year to Date Through December 31, 2011**

<b>Total Contributions and Other Income Year to Date:</b>	\$	168,566
<b>Total Expenses paid Year to Date:</b>	\$	(174,386)
<b>Surplus(Shortage) Year to Date 2011</b>	\$	(5,820)

<b>Add Unpaid Expenses:</b>	\$	-
<b>Actual Surplus/(Shortage) Year to Date 2011</b>	\$	(5,820)

**Mortgage Reduction Fund Through Sep. 2011**

<b>Contributions Sep.</b>	\$	4,911
<b>Interest Received:</b>	\$	-
<b>Total Income:</b>	\$	4,911
<b>Less Mortgage Payment to Thrivent:</b>	\$	(6,401)
<b>Surplus(Shortage) for Sep.</b>	\$	(1,490)
<b>Total Surplus(Shortage) Year to Date 2011</b>	\$	(4,706)

	05/15/1997	09/30/2011
<b>Mortgage Principal Balance Remaining:</b>	\$ 900,000	\$ 285,968
<b>Months of mortgage Remaining:</b>	240	52


**NOTE: Thank you for your generous contributions that make all of our ministries possible.**

In his name:

Finance Committee

# St. John Building Use Calendar November 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> Weight Watchers (B) 5:45PM Symphonia Chorale (S) 7pm	<b>2</b> LOVE Day II (Q) 8am-12pm Tai Chi (F) 10:30am-1:30 WELCA (G) 12:30pm Praise Ringers (CH)6:30pm Praise Singers (CH)7:30pm	<b>3</b> Bible Study (S) 6:30pm AA/Alanon (X) 8pm	<b>4</b>	<b>5 All Saints' Day</b> Worship w/Communion 5pm
<b>6 All Saints' Day</b> Worship, 8:30 & 10:30am Sunday School, 10:15am New Member Class after 2 <sup>nd</sup> service	<b>7</b> Can-Do Ringers (CH) 6:30pm	<b>8</b> LOVE Day 9am-4pm Weight Watchers (B) 5:45pm Men's Club Euchre (F) 6:00pm Symphonia Chorale (S) 7pm	<b>9</b> Tai Chi (F) 10:30am-1:30 Senior Group (G) 10:15am Praise Ringers (CH)6:30pm Praise Singers (CH)7:30pm	<b>10</b> Bible Study (S) 6:30pm Alanon (X) 8pm	<b>11</b> Tignanelli Wedding 5pm	<b>12</b> Sound Disciples (S) 10am-12pm Worship (S) 5pm
<b>13</b> Worship w/ Comm. 8:30 & 10:30am Bible Study (C) 9:40am Contemporary 10:30am Sunday School 10:15am CONFIRMATION 11:30am-2pm	<b>14</b> Can-Do Ringers (CH) 6:30pm Stephen Ministry(C)7pm	<b>15</b> Weight Watchers (B) 5:45pm Boy Scout Trp. 156 (C) 6:30pm Symphonia Chorale(S) 7pm	<b>16</b> Tai Chi (F) 10:30am-1:30 Praise Ringers 6:30pm Praise Singers 7:30pm	<b>17</b> Bible Study (S) 6:30pm Finance (C) 7:30pm Alanon (X) 8pm	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Worship w/Communion 5pm
<b>20</b> Worship, 8:30 & 10:30am Bible Study (C) 9:40am Sunday School, 10:15am CONFIRMATION 11:30am-2pm	<b>21</b> Can-Do Ringers (CH) 6:30pm Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service at St.Thomas Presb. 7:30pm Quilting (G) 7pm Council (C) 7:30pm	<b>22</b> Weight Watchers (B) 5:45pm Men's Club (G) 6:30pm Symphonia Chorale (S) 7pm	<b>23</b> Tai Chi (F) 10:30am-1:30 Praise Ringers 6:30pm Praise Singers 7:30pm	<b>24 BLESSED THANKSGIVING!</b> Alanon (X) 8pm	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Worship (S) 5pm
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