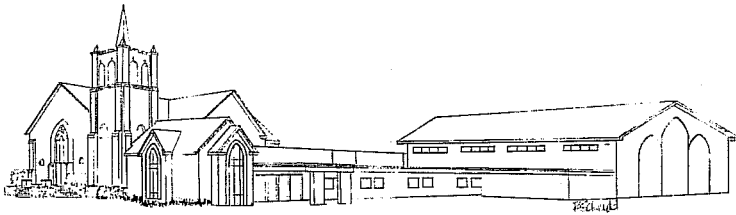


# ~ JANUARY 2012 EAGLE ~

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### JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

January 7 Christopher & Meredith Weiss

January 16 Andrew & Kathy Calcaterra

January 20 Nicholas & Sheila Ruggirello –

*Happy 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!*

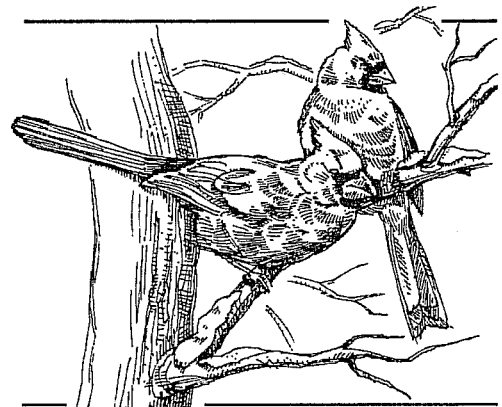
January 30 Mark & Sandra Kegler

### WEDDINGS

December 30 John Niehaus & Kimberly Graham

### BAPTISMS

December 3 Evan Patrick Lane



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# THE EAGLE NEWSLETTER

## Pastor's Page ~ JANUARY 2012 Eagle ~ V. 476

So how was your Christmas? Mine was just about as different as it could be. Because of an accident, I spent this holiday season like a bird with a broken wing, and it's given me a lot of time to think and reflect on life.

This is how it happened. We were in Ohio celebrating Thanksgiving with our cousins. On Friday the grandkids and I walked down to the farm. Paige and Garrett were outside playing with the cats while I went inside the barn to shoot a little hoop. The basketball was up in the hayloft so I went up and threw it down. I climbed down the hay bales and as I reached the last row I stepped into an open bale of hay and flipped over backwards onto the concrete floor. At that instant there was a loud cracking sound --- intense pain shot through my body, and I knew I'd done something really bad to my arm.

I called for Paige, and she came running. My cell phone was in my jacket pocket; Paige called Jan, and, thank God, they were only twenty minutes away. Our cousin called 911 and soon I was on my way to the emergency room where x-rays were taken, and it was clear that I'd broken my right arm and wrist. We came back to Romeo on Sunday; Monday was a trip to my doctor who sent me to a surgeon who told me I needed metal plates implanted in my wrist and shoulder. So on December 1<sup>st</sup> the surgery was performed, and now I've joined the ranks of the *Bionic*, with metal plates and screws permanently imbedded in my bones. *If you'd like to see the x-rays just let me know.*

Now the healing process has begun and that takes time --- time to ponder on what this means. So here's what I've learned.

First, how very uncertain life can be, for with just one unexpected misstep my life changed from being in control to being dependent on others for even the smallest tasks.

Second, I marvel at how God is at work when we least expect him. During this entire ordeal the hardest time for me was lying on that cold barn floor and waiting for help to arrive while intense pain kept shooting through my body. But then I looked up, and there about four inches behind my head was a large metal feeding trough. I said a prayer of thanks to God as I realized I could have hit the back of my head on that feed trough and been paralyzed, or worse.



As the minutes went by the preacher in me came out and I thought to myself; 'I have to get a hold of Dave Hudson and let him know that he will have to preach this weekend.' Then my cell phone rang, and it was Gary Orr calling from Romeo to tell me his wife, Sharon, was in the hospital. At the end of our conversation I asked Gary to contact Dave and he said he would. Again, a prayer of thanks went up to my Lord.

Third, I have learned how the power of love brings about healing and hope. Throughout this ordeal I have been blessed with care and love from so many people. All of the medical personal, the doctors, nurses, and med-techs have been so kind and caring. Your cards, phone calls, and visits brought me up when I've been feeling low. And then there is my beautiful wife. When I hold my pre-marriage seminars I do one segment on the joy of being married for a long time. A significant part of that joy is this; no matter how long you are married your spouse will continue to surprise you. Jan and I have been married for 43 years. I know she loves

me, but I had no idea of the depth of her love until this accident occurred. She has been my nurse, my cheerleader, and when I've tried to do something really stupid she has put on her principal face and said, "I don't think so Buster, you're not superman."

St. Paul said it so well when he described how all of life is fleeting; all of life just melts away with the passage of time. All but three things remain ---faith, hope, and love, and the greatest of these is love.

Here is my New Year's wish for us all --- may we all be better LOVERS in 2012.

Pastor Mark

## JANUARY THEMES & LESSONS

### **December 31/January 1**

**Theme:** Called to Gift

**Lessons:** Key Text: Matthew 2:1-12, Isaiah 60:1-6, Psalm 72:1-7, 10-11, Ephesians 3:1-12

### **January 7/8**

**Theme:** LOVE

**Lessons:** Key Text: Mark 1:4-11; Genesis 1:1-5, Psalm 29, Acts 19:1-7

### **January 14/15**

**Theme:** Called and Recalled

**Lessons:** Key Text: 1 Samuel 3:1-10, 11-20, Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18, 1 Corinthians 6:12-20, John 1:43-51

### **January 21/22**

**Theme:** Moving Forward

**Lessons:** Jonah 3:1-5, 10, Psalm 62:5-12, Key Text: Mark 1:14-20, 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

### **January 28/29**

**Theme:** With Authority

**Lessons:** Key Text: Mark 1:21-28, Deuteronomy 18:15-20, Psalm 111, 1 Corinthians 9:16-23

## UPCOMING JANUARY EVENTS:

**January 1:** Worship, 10am,  
NO Sunday School  
*Happy New Year!!!*

**January 10:** Men's Club Euchre, 6pm

**January 11:** 50+ Group, 10:15am

**January 13/14:** Scrapbooking Event

**January 14:** SWAT Meeting

**January 18:** WELCA, 12:30pm

**January 22:** Confirmation DIA Trip

**January 24:** Men's Club, 6:30pm

## VOLUNTEER MINISTERS SCHEDULE FOR COUNTERS

Month: JANUARY 2012

- 1/1 - DROP BAG
- 1/8 - Jan Gallagher Kopriva, Erin Rodgers
- 1/15 - Dave & Ryan Dau
- 1/22 - Steve Springstubbe,  
Marie Germundson
- 1/29 - DROP BAG

## Senior Adult Fellowship

The second 50 Plus gathering was well attended (about 50 seniors) with Mr. Rich from Channel 6 here to tape our function.

The group will meet on the **2nd Wednesday of each month**. Our next meeting is **January 11** at 10:15am. The theme is "PLANNING FOR THE INEVITABLE AND PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE." Guest speakers will be Pastor Mark and Henry Malburg from Malburg Funeral Home. A delicious catered luncheon will be prepared by Mr. Bob Schultz with a free will offering to help defray the luncheon expenses. A sign up sheet/board is in the gathering area for those who plan to attend. Please consider signing up to help out and attend!

**“The Fresh Flower Ministry”**  
**has begun!**

There is a poster board in the Gathering area for you to sign up for flowers. You can pick any date, and then honor, remember, or celebrate anyone you choose with an announcement in the Weekly Bulletin. See more details on the order form.



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**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 JANUARY PROJECT**  
**HEALTH KITS:**

- ☆ Bath Towel, Hand Towel ☆
- ☆ Washcloth, Bar of Soap ☆
- ☆ Toothbrush, Toothpaste ☆
- ☆ Comb ☆
- ☆ Nail File or Clippers ☆
- ☆ Box of Band-aids ☆

**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**

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**Tuesday Night Euchre**

**Tuesday, January 10<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 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

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**Meijer Community Rewards for November 2011**  
**\$ 34.43**

**Year to Date: \$338.91**  
**Thank you, Shoppers!**

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



**FEED THE HUNGRY**

### JANUARY PANTRY NEEDS FOR SAMARITAN HOUSE

- \* Cooking Oil \* Cereal \* Flour \*
- \* Coffee/Tea \* Juice \* Crackers \*
- \* Pasta Sauce \* Ramen Noodles \*
- \* Tomato Sauce \* Pancake Syrup \*
- \* Macaroni & Cheese \* Oatmeal \*
- \* Diapers Size 4, 5 & 6 \*
- \* Deodorant \* Laundry Soap \*
- \* Toothbrushes \* Bar Soap \*
- \* Feminine Pads & Tampons \*

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.

### SAMARITAN HOUSE NEWS

**The Second Annual all-you-can-eat Spaghetti Buffet will be at the Capital Banquet Center on 31 Mile just east of Van Dyke on Wednesday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012, 4-8 pm.**

**\$15 per adult or 2 for \$25 \$6 per child, 5 & under**

**If you have any auction items you could donate to help increase our event income, please call Samaritan House at 586-336-9956.**

## NEWSPAPER AND MAGAZINE RECYCLING

Thank you for the tremendous response with this! In **October** we recycled **4.93 tons** and received **\$87.50**. Landfill space saved – 15.38 cubic yards. Total 2011 Year-to-date: **\$300.02**. 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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**St. John Lutheran is a STEPHEN MINISTRY Congregation.**

### How does the referral process work?

1. A person, either yourself, a relative, or friend is hurting and in need of Christian care.
2. The Stephen Ministry Referrals Coordinator learns about this need for care from a pastor, a friend, or from the person in need of care and only after the person has granted permission.
3. The referrals coordinator meets with the person to talk about Stephen Ministry.
4. With the person's permission, the referrals coordinator assigns a Stephen Minister to meet on a weekly basis with that person.
5. The Stephen Minister provides distinctively Christian and strictly confidential care.



Our Stephen Ministers are there to help...

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

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

<b>Total Contributions and Other Income:</b>	\$	18,355
<b>Expenses Paid in Nov.</b>	\$	(18,161)
<b>Surplus(Shortage) for Nov.</b>	\$	194
<b>Expenses Not Paid in Nov.</b>	\$	-
<b>Actual Surplus(Shortage) for Nov. 2011</b>	\$	194

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

<b>Total Contributions and Other Income Year to Date:</b>	\$	206,776
<b>Total Expenses paid Year to Date:</b>	\$	(213,967)
<b>Surplus(Shortage) Year to Date 2011:</b>	\$	(7,191)
<b>Add Unpaid Expenses:</b>	\$	-
<b>Actual Surplus/(Shortage) Year to Date 2011</b>	\$	(7,191)

**Mortgage Reduction Fund Through Nov. 2011**

<b>Contributions Nov.</b>	\$	5,703
<b>Interest Received:</b>	\$	-
<b>Total Income:</b>	\$	5,703
<b>Less Mortgage Payment to Thrivent:</b>	\$	(6,401)
<b>Surplus(Shortage) for Nov.</b>	\$	(699)
<b>Total Surplus(Shortage) Year to Date 2011</b>	\$	(4,668)

	05/15/1997	11/30/2011
<b>Mortgage Principal Balance Remaining:</b>	\$ 900,000	\$ 275,641
<b>Months of mortgage Remaining:</b>	240	50

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

In his name:

Finance Committee

## THE BELL

### I KNOW WHO I AM


**I am God's child (John 1:12)**  
**I am Christ's friend (John 15:15 )**  
**I am united with the Lord (1 Cor. 6:17)**  
**I am bought with a price (1 Cor 6:19-20)**  
**I am a saint (set apart for God). (Eph. 1:1)**  
**I am a personal witness of Christ. (Acts 1:8)**  
**I am the salt & light of the earth (Matt 5:13-14)**  
**I am a member of the body of Christ (1 Cor 12:27)**  
**I am free forever from condemnation ( Rom. 8: 1-2)**  
**I am a citizen of Heaven. I am significant (Phil 3 :20)**  
**I am free from any charge against me (Rom. 8:31 -34)**  
**I am a minister of reconciliation for God (2 Cor 5:17-21)**  
**I have access to God through the Holy Spirit (Eph. 2:18)**  
**I am seated with Christ in the heavenly realms (Eph. 2:6)**  
**I cannot be separated from the love of God (Rom 8:35-39)**  
**I am established, anointed, sealed by God (2 Cor 1:21-22 )**  
**I am assured all things work together for good (Rom. 8:28 )**  
**I have been chosen and appointed to bear fruit (John 15:16 )**  
**I may approach God with freedom and confidence (Eph. 3: 12 )**  
**I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me (Phil. 4:13 )**  
**I am the branch of the true vine, a channel of His life (John 15: 1-5)**  
**I am God's temple (1 Cor. 3: 16). I am complete in Christ (Col. 2: 10)**  
**I am hidden with Christ in God (Col. 3:3).. I have been justified (Romans 5:1)**  
**I am God's co-worker (1 Cor. 3:9; 2 Cor 6:1). I am God's workmanship (Eph. 2:10)**  
**I am confident that the good works God has begun in me will be perfected. (Phil. 1: 5)**  
**I have been redeemed and forgiven ( Col 1:14). I have been adopted as God's child (Eph 1:5)**  
**I belong to God**  
**Do you know**  
**Who you are?**

**'The LORD bless you and keep you;**  
**The LORD make His face shine upon you**  
**And be gracious to you;**  
**The LORD turn His face toward you**  
**And give you peace...**  
**Numbers 6:24-26**

# St. John Building Use Calendar

JANUARY 2012

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> Worship 10:00am only No Sunday School 	<b>2</b> Can-Do Ringers (CH) 6:30pm Pack 259 Committee (G) 7pm	<b>3</b> Rotary Club (F) 6:30am Weight Watchers (B) 5:45 pm	<b>4</b> LOVE Day II (B) 8am- 12pm Tai Chi (F) 10:30am Praise Ringers (CH) 6:30pm Praise Singers (CH) 7:30pm	<b>5</b> AA (B) 8pm Alanon (B) 8pm	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Worship w/ Communion (S) 5pm
<b>8</b> Worship w/Communion 8:30 & 10:30am Sunday School 10:15am	<b>9</b> Can-Do Ringers (CH) 6:30pm Stephen Ministry (C) 7pm Pack 259 (L) (F) 7pm	<b>10</b> Rotary Club (F) 6:30am LOVE Day (B) 9am-3pm Weight Watchers (B) 5:45 pm Boy Scout Trp.#156 (C) 6:30pm Men's Club Euchre (F) 6:30pm Symphonia (S) 7pm	<b>11</b> 50+ Group (G) 10:15am Tai Chi (F) 10:30am Praise Ringers (CH) 6:30pm Praise Singers (CH) 7:30pm	<b>12</b> Finance (C) 7pm AA (B) 8pm Alanon (B) 8pm	<b>13</b> Scrapbooking (G) 6-10pm	<b>14</b> Scrapbooking (G) 10am – 10pm Worship (S) 5pm SWAT Meeting
<b>15</b> Worship 8:30 & 10:30am Sunday School 10:15am Rental (F) 12pm Confirmation 11:30	<b>16</b> Can-Do Ringers (CH) 6:30pm Quilting (G) 7pm Council (C) 7:30pm	<b>17</b> Rotary Club (F) 6:30am Weight Watchers (B) 5:45 pm Symphonia (S) 7pm	<b>18</b> Tai Chi (F) 10:30am WELCA (G) 12:30pm Praise Ringers (CH) 6:30pm Praise Singers (CH) 7:30pm	<b>19</b> AA (B) 8pm Alanon (B) 8pm	<b>20</b> Rental (F) 6- 10pm	<b>21</b> Rental (F) 9am-4pm Sound Disciples (S) 10am-12pm Worship w/ Communion (S) 5pm
<b>22</b> Worship w/Communion 8:30 & 10:30am Contemporary Worship 10:30am Sunday School 10:15 Confirmation DIA trip	<b>23</b> Can-Do Ringers (CH) 6:30pm Stephen Min. (C) 7pm Pack 259 Comm. (G) 7pm	<b>24</b> Rotary Club (F) 6:30am Weight Watchers (B) 5:45 pm Men's Club (G) 6:30pm Symphonia (S) 7pm	<b>25</b> Tai Chi (F) 10:30am Praise Ringers (CH) 6:30pm Praise Singers (CH) 7:30pm	<b>26</b> AA (B) 8pm Alanon (B) 8pm	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Worship 5pm
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