



November 2009

From the Desk of.....Pastor Wascom

Notes from the Church Office.....

Adult Inquirer's

If you wish to join St. John's or find out more about the Lutheran expression of Christianity, please contact the church office at 266-2240 and appropriate discussions will be planned.

Directory Update

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St. John's November/December 2009 Deacon Assignments

Please let me know as soon as possible if the dates assigned to you are not convenient. The assignments are randomly picked (unless you have made a special request) so please call me as soon as possible to reschedule if necessary. If you have any special dates you wish to serve please let me know. These schedules appear on the "Disciple Duty Schedule" page in this "Messenger".

I have assigned two Deacons for each Sunday until we find out if two are necessary. I will call both people assigned to see which one of you is available. Thanks for your understanding.

Thank you for serving God and His church in this way.

Audrey Sass 467-9422

September Council Clips

SJLC is a beneficiary of the estates of Ed Burbott & Grace DeRyscher

Council accepted resignation of Kim Emmanuel as our organist

We will hset-up a donation program for the Thrivent Habitat for Humanity home.

Approved date for Annual Congregational Meeting (see notice)

Approved the Ministry Site Profile for submission to Synod to start call process

Approved policy related to alcohol not being served/used on premises.

Approved new use of building permit for those wishing to use the premises

Clarified & approved the duties of the Transitional Pastor and set up a committee to create a job description for a part-time (20 hours/week) pastor

Approved the supply pastors and supply organists submitted by Pastor Wascom.

Approved paying routine/repetitive bills under a standing order process

Approved paying all employees by check and not using payroll company

Approved having secretaries of St Martins and St John's share phone coverage

Next meeting will be November 17th at 7PM.

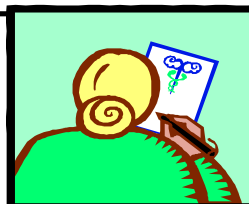


ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
NOVEMBER 22

After Worship Service on Sunday November 22.

Elect new council members
Review & Adopt 2010 Budget
Review & Accept Annual Reports

ST. JOHN'S WOMEN of the ELCA
November 2009 -- "Messenger"



Report

Important Info from WELCA:

DATES AND OTHER INFORMATION ARE HERE FOR YOU TO PUT ON YOUR CALENDAR, NOW!!

PLAN TO COME!!

Synodical Convention -- Oct. 2-4, 2009

Fall Conference Assembly , Oct 24

Reports in December "Messenger"

Planning Committee -- November 4 at Transfiguration LC -- 6:00pm -- Please bring a dish to pass. It is most important to attend these planning committee meetings so that we may add our comments and ideas to the Women of the ELCA programs. I would really appreciate having someone attend with me, just call me and I can pick you up.

The Advent Gathering, Monday, Dec. 7 at 7:00pm at Resurrection LC -- Hoping to have the Harpist Lady, who we enjoyed SO MUCH before. Please bring an unwrapped toy or wrapping paper that we will donate to Rochester Family Mission -- **St. John's** -- **Registration!!!** Registration fee -- \$3.00 (This small fee defrays the cost of mailing and purchasing stamps for other mail).

Complete information as it comes available at a later date.

I'M SURE YOU WILL NOT WANT TO MISS ANY OF THESE EVENTS SO "PLEASE" PUT THEM ON YOUR CALENDAR TODAY!!!

ALL WOMEN ARE ENCOURAGED TO COME TO THESE
MEETINGS. WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU !!!

Audrey Sass, St. John's Women of the ELCA Conference Rep.

MEMORIAL REPORT NOVEMBER 2009

IN LOVING MEMORY OF MYRTLE JOHNSON BY:

Evelyn Taillie

IN LOVING MEMORY OF PEGGY STUDICK BY:

St. John's XYZ Group

IN LOVING MEMORY OF LOUISE SUDERLUND BY:

Robert Wittmann and Ronald Wittmann

Many thanks to all for the generous gifts you have given to remember your dear friends and/or relatives. May the loved ones who died, be resting in God's eternal love and care and may God grant His comfort to the grieving families and to those who have given these generous gifts in their memory.

If you have not received an acknowledgement in the "Messenger" or an acknowledgement by separate mail please call Audrey Sass at 467-9422. Thank you.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

We will again be collecting items and putting together shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. Our plan is to send out 20 shoeboxes this year. The collection box for items will be on the table next to the LOVE Team board in the Social Hall. In addition to individual items, you may also do an entire shoebox and donate that if you wish. Children 2-14 are our target age range and may live anywhere in the world. For this reason we will be purchasing plastic shoeboxes which can continue to be used to hold the child's treasures. Our schedule is as follows:

OCTOBER 25 – NOVEMBER 14

COLLECT ITEMS (List is included on separate page for easy access)

NOVEMBER 9-13

SHOP FOR ITEMS TO COMPLETE BOXES

NOVEMBER 15

WRAP BOXES

PACK BOXES

NOVEMBER 16-23

DELIVER BOXES TO DROP OFF POINT

RAIHN

Rochester Area Interfaith Hospitality (Help for Homeless Families)

The next rotation of RAIHN that our church supports is from Nov.22-29.

This, of course includes Thanksgiving Day. At the last RAIHN meeting there was a request for someone to bring a Thanksgiving Meal -- Anyone interested in helping?

Also at the same meeting requests for towels and pillows was made -- if you have any extras please bring them to church and mark FOR RAIHN PROGRAM and give them to Audrey.

Our usual special workers have agreed to work the rotation week again, I am waiting for the volunteer "hours" scheduler to get back to me as I write this report. Thanks again in advance to: Marilyn Yaniak, Jeff Schug, Audrey, Kathy Schaurer, Carole Mattison, Gary Hoffman and Bill Heeder.

Another special request was made to have some meals prepared for the week we serve. One, two or three people can work on a meal to be brought to IUCC about 5:30 on one day of the week we serve. A suggestion so that all the work doesn't fall on one person's shoulders, one could make the entree, one a salad and one a dessert. Help, Help, Help!! Thanks, Thanks, Thanks after this request appeared in the Oct. "Messenger" I had someone call and offered two pumpkin pies. I am trying to reach the "food" scheduling lady to report this generous offer.

To ALL OF YOU who helped beyond the shifts (you know who you are) and answered the request to bring in "Small Health Aids" more thanks. Your overwhelming contributions were so very gratefully accepted by the IUCC coordinators when I took them in. In fact there were enough items that the coordinator asked me if it was OK to take some of them to the Center where the guests spend their daytime hours.

That's another big THANKS! I have repeated this part of my report as many members didn't receive the October "Messenger".

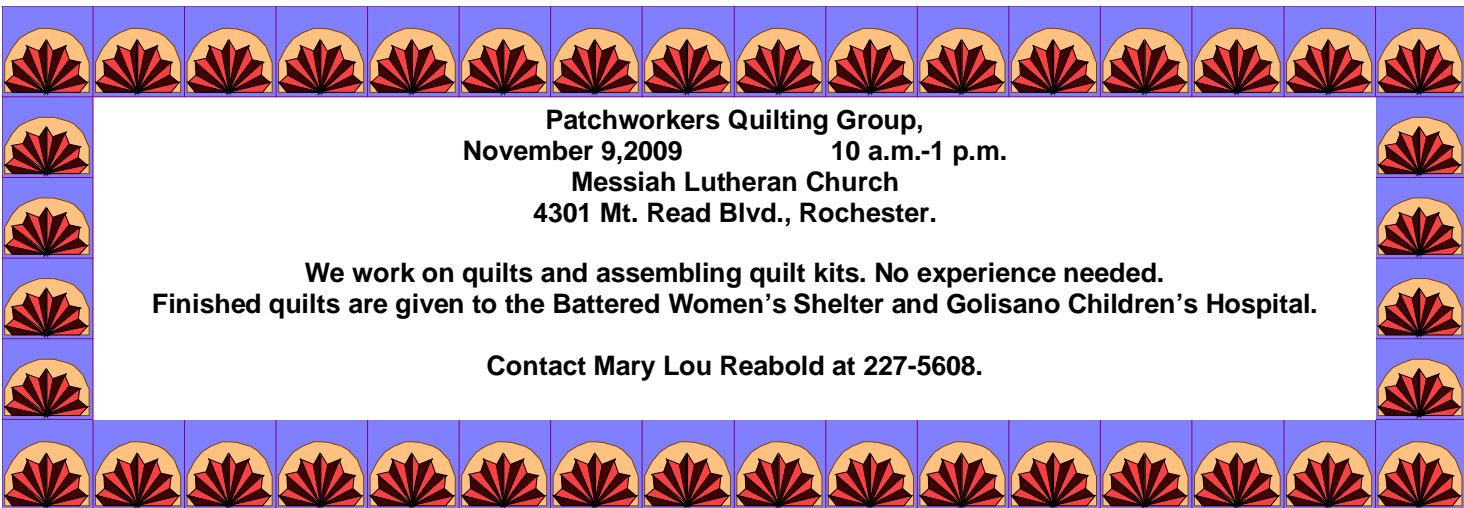
Please Remember We all need you for many jobs.

Audrey Sass, Penny Dake & Bill Heeder
Co-chairmen

Brighton Church Hosts Annual Benefit Craft & Food Fair

18th Annual Labors of Love Craft Fair. 9:30 – 4pm., Atonement Lutheran Church, 1900 Westfall Road, Rochester, NY 14618. Crafters from Atonement as well as other regional crafters offer a variety of seasonal and gift items. Members of the congregation host a luncheon including our famous homemade soups and sandwiches. Proceeds from the sale help support a local agency chosen by the organizers. This year's sale is Saturday, Nov. 7th, from 9:30 AM to 4 PM. Lunch is served from 11:30 - 1:30 PM. Come early for best selection!

The Crisis Nursery of Greater Rochester on Genesee Park Blvd. has been selected as our 2009 Labors of Love recipient. This nursery--one of only two in NY state--offers safety and respite to families with any kind of crisis. It offers temporary care for children whose parents don't have extended family or close friends to care for them. It could be the mom in jail, a parent or sibling with a serious injury, a parent who has to be at work and the baby sitter did not show, a medical student who couldn't afford to miss classes to care for his three children when his wife was hospitalized. CNGR is a place for children to spend time while families spend time solving problems related to crisis. They are open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. They can provide housing for up to 6 children at a time. Their website is www.cngr.org



**Patchworkers Quilting Group,
November 9, 2009 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
Messiah Lutheran Church
4301 Mt. Read Blvd., Rochester.**

**We work on quilts and assembling quilt kits. No experience needed.
Finished quilts are given to the Battered Women's Shelter and Golisano Children's Hospital.**

Contact Mary Lou Reabold at 227-5608.

FALL MISSION INTERPRETER WORKSHOP

November 7, 2009 9:30AM - 2:30PM
St. John's, Victor.

The Upstate New York Synod will offer a workshop to train people in telling the story of how we are living our mission to be resurrection people who pray first, walk together and change lives. (Please note that this is one of two Mission Interpreter Workshops being held in our Synod. The other is on Saturday, October 10 at St. Peter's, Verona, from 9:30AM - 2:30PM) There is no charge to attend. Lunch and resources will be provided free of charge.

Mission Interpreters can be a great resource to congregations in explaining the mission and ministry of the wider church. Mission Interpreters inform others of how God's work is being done throughout the world with our hands and our resources. The presence of Mission Interpreters helps to promote mission-minded thinking and inspire a spirit for ministry in congregations. The Mission Interpreter brochure (http://upstatenysynod.org/documents/mi_brochure_2009.pdf) tells more about this important ministry. Whether you are an experienced Mission Interpreter or are new to this ministry, plan to attend. To learn more contact one of the Synod Mission Interpreter Coordinators:

Nan Bader, 315-699-7533, catznan3@live.com, Denise Ballou, 315-652-8956, nene57622@hotmail.com, Ann Myers, 585-335-9352, myersah@gmail.com, To register, contact: Sheila Penney, Upstate NY Synod - Amsterdam Office, 518-842-3441, upnysynodamsterdam@upstatenysynod.org

THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKETS

In an effort to ease the lives of those in our community we will be assembling and delivering 10 food baskets (boxes) for Thanksgiving. Each recipient will also receive a gift card from Wegman's or Tops to purchase meat or other perishables. We are hoping that as you shop for groceries during this season that you will purchase that extra item and donate it to our basket drive (see list of needed items below)

In addition we are requesting you to let us know of anyone that you feel may be in need of this gift. Just submit their name and address in a note that can be placed in the offering plate on Sunday or call the church office (266-2240 and leave contact information for the person in need.

Items that are needed:

Potatoes
Canned vegetables (2 per box)
Large box of cereal
Pasta
Sauce
Stuffing mix
Can/jar of gravy
Peanut butter
Jelly
Cranberries
Canned fruit
Jello
Cake mix, brownie mix

Operation Christmas Child Shopping List of Suggested Gifts

Small cars
Balls
Small dolls
Stuffed animals
Kazoos
Harmonicas
Yo-yos
Jump ropes
Small games
Pens
Pencils & sharpeners
Crayons
Markers
Small pads of paper
Stamps & ink pads
Solar calculators
Small coloring books
Small books
Toothbrush
Toothpaste
Mild bar soap
Comb
Washcloth
Small hand towel
Hard candy
Lollipops
Gum
t-shirt
Socks
Ball cap
Sunglasses
Hair clips
Toy jewelry
Watch
Flashlight w/ extra batteries
Plastic cup

REMINDER

We cannot send chocolate, any type of war like toy (gun, knife, etc) or anything that is liquid.

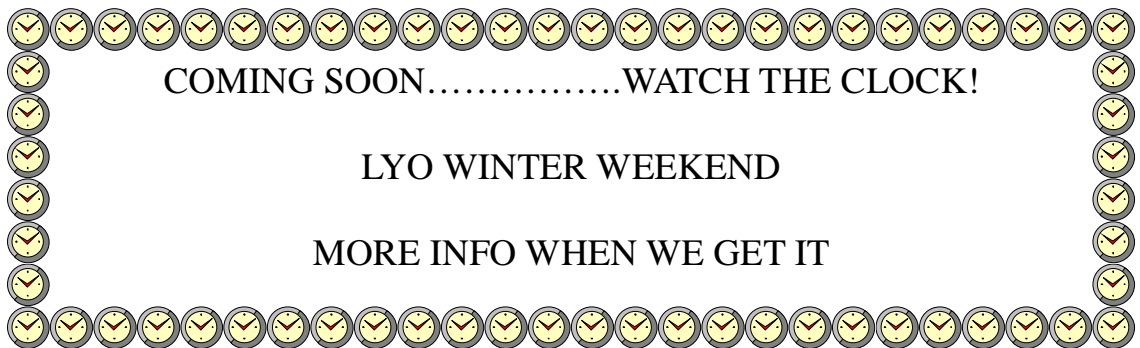
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NEXT MEETING BE:

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**Watch for date in
Weekly Messenger**

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COMING SOON.....WATCH THE CLOCK!

LYO WINTER WEEKEND

MORE INFO WHEN WE GET IT

IMPROVING COMMUNICATION

To improve your ability to contact Pastor in the most timely manner our church secretary and the church secretary from St. Martin's will be sharing phone answering duties. Therefore on Wednesday you will get the secretary at St Martin's when you dial the St John's number. On Friday the members of Stmartin's will reach our secretary when they dial their church number.

ELECTION DAY 2009

We are again hosting the voters of this area on Election Day, Tuesday November 3rd. We plan to serve a soup and biscuit lunch from 11AM-2PM, as well as a "pot luck type" casserole supper. From 4PM-6:30PM. Please join us for one of these meals to visit with our neighbors over a good meal.

We would also like to set-up a baked food sale table to raise money for our community Thanksgiving baskets/boxes. We are looking for donation of home baked items from congregation members. Please bring your donation on Sunday, November 1 and leave in kitchen (marked for the sale) or stop and deliver it yourself on Election Day.

Hoping to see you here !!!

COMING IN DECEMBER

Annual Christmas Dinner

St. Nicholas Party

Children's Christmas Program

Christmas Caroling

Church Decorating