

St. John's Church
3833 8th Ave

2012
August &
September

MESSENGER

Words from Pastor Jim Lynch



Special points of interest:

- ◆ **Bike ride for a cause**
- ◆ **Piano Dedication**
- ◆ **Get to know; Pat & John Tomscheck**

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*O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things. Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises. Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody. With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord. **Psalm 98:1, 4-6***

When we offer our worship and praise to the God who is the fount of all blessings – and we do mean all – we can do it in many ways. Music and song is at the top of almost every list. Accompanied by a top-flight instrument, that worship and praise can sound all the much sweeter. Not that God minds if we hit a clunker now and then but there are some people who do. And with our organ (which really is beyond repair, according to the person whose job it is to keep it up and running), the clunkers are happening a little more frequently – through no fault of the people who play it. It truly is time to say good-bye to our old friend. What makes that easier to do is that we at St. John's have been very blessed to have been given a heavenly sounding grand piano for our worship. What a stunningly generous gift from our musician Audrey Walsh. Please take a moment to thank her for this. On Aug. 26, we officially will dedicate this piano for use in our services. At the same time, we will retire the organ. It will be a service of music and celebration, of making a joyful noise, tinged, no doubt, with a bit of melancholy. Take heart, though: We may not be singing to the Lord a new song but the old ones will sound a little better on our new piano.

**Sponsorship for Flowers, Bulletins
& Fellowship**

Thank you to everyone who helps with the service by sponsoring a monthly Bulletins and/or the weekly flowers that are set on the altar.

<p><u>Altar Flowers for August</u></p> <p>5 - Lorraine Paul 12 - Audrey Walsh 19 - Erv & Dorothea Prust 26 - Nancy & Lee Otis</p>	<p><u>Monthly Bulletin Sponsors</u></p> <p>Both August & September are still open. Please sign up in the gathering space.</p>	<p><u>Altar Flowers for Sept.</u></p> <p>2 - Tisch Family 9 - Zieseemer 16 - Irene Bashinsky 23 - Judy Jankiewicz 30 - Nancy & Lee Otis</p>
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OTHER AREAS OF NEED

Fellowship Host sign up is another way that you can help out. The 2012 Fellowship sign up sheet is in the gathering space along with the Communion Assistant sign up. Please pick your dates. Your contributions to the church service is much appreciated. **FELLOWSHIP:**
August 5 - Mary Davis, 12 - A. Walsh, 19 - Prust, 26 - C. Robbins
September 2 - Amy Jabs, 9-OPEN, 16 - Zieseemer, 23&30-OPEN

As of today, no one has signed up for Communion Assistants for August or September

Thank you for your help in all of these areas.

Flower Chairperson - Ruth Kulich
 Fellowship Chairperson - Judy Jankiewicz
 Bulletin Sponsorship Chair— Irene Bashinsky
 Communion Assistant Chair - Jim & Debbie Paddock

Message from your Church Council President

We appear to be in the dog days of summer already! In addition to the hot weather, I have some HOT NEWS! I am very pleased to announce the Debbie Paddock and Victor Main have agreed to serve on the Congregation Council, and have been appointed to serve until the next annual meeting when they can be elected by the congregation. We have been running with a rather lean team this year. We were saddened to accept Marv Modder's resignation from the council. Marv needs to take a break from his council responsibilities to work on strengthening his back. We have been very fortunate and thankful for Marv's service and will pray for his speedy recovery.

On July 15th, we sent our young people off to New Orleans from a joint worship service at Grace Lutheran Church, and can't wait to hear what they have to share about their adventures. We will be hosting a joint worship service at St. John's on July 29th to mark their return.

On August 26th, we will celebrate the retirement of our organ and installation of the grand piano through worship and song. Following the retirement, if you would like a "pipe" from the organ as a memento, please speak with me or send me an e-mail at: Carolziesemer@msn.com

You will see many activities and opportunities to serve listed elsewhere in the Messenger. Please join in on the fun and support of the congregation through our good works in the church and community.

Carol Ziesemer

MEET YOUR FELLOW MEMBERS

John Tomsheck was born in Michigan City, Indiana, one of four brothers. His love of the dunes area led to many delightful trips for family and students later. He graduated from Earlham College and taught school in Rochester, NY before coming to Kenosha. He taught at Washington JH for 29 years before going on to SC Johnson in the mail room. He met Pat Febinger while she was teaching at his home church-St. Paul's Lutheran in Michigan City. Pat was born in PA, grew up in Ohio, graduated from Capital University in Columbus) and enjoyed eight great years teaching in St. Paul's School. She also got her Masters at Valparaiso University. They moved to Kenosha after marrying. Pat also taught in Kenosha at Grant, McKinley and Washington as well as substituting while their children were small. They have two children-- Jessica (Steve) Gesicki in West Bend and Paul (Krista), and grandchildren Kati, Chloe and Nathan in Fort Worth, Texas.

Since retiring, John does a lot of house painting which he has always enjoyed and worked for a while at Lakeview Decorating. He sings with the Carthage Community Chorus which is now Kenosha Choral Arts Society.

Pat has played the organ at several churches--Holy Nativity, Messiah and St. John's. She now plays for the senior center chorus, enters ceramics in craft fairs and swims at the Y for fun. Both John and Pat enjoy traveling (both foreign and domestic) Jamaica, Costa Rica and Ireland were favorites as well as visiting family and friends all over the US

We were brought into St. John's family 42 years ago by the Kulich family and have been working with the church ever since. God has blessed us with many friends and a great location by the lake.

***The Mission Basket Collection
for the following months
August—ELCA Urban Outreach Center

September - ELCA World Hunger
Thank you in advance for your
generous donations to these causes.***

Pastoral Care

Please call the office, 262-654-7113, when someone is hospitalized so that a visit can be arranged or a phone call made. Because of Federal privacy laws, hospitals rarely inform Pastors when people are patients.

We are relying on your help & information so that people can be properly cared for.

Pastor Jim Lynch will be in the office from 10 a.m. until around 5 p.m. Tuesday & Wednesdays.

To make an appointment, please call the church.

Pastor also can be reached on his cell phone at 414-491-5033.

Phone messages are answered on a regular basis.

Church office email address:

stjohnswi@tds.net

Pastor Jim's email address:

stjohnspastor@tds.net

MISSION STATEMENT

***BY THE GRACE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, WE
WILL REACH OUT AND SHARE CHRIST'S
LOVE, OUR LIVES, AND OUR GIFTS WITH ALL
PEOPLE.***

**If your
Birthday was
missed,
please let
Mary in the
Church Office
know, so that
we keep our
records up
to date.
Thank you.**

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 7th— Edward Ellsworth
- 9th— Jacob Mayer
- 12th— Audrey Walsh
- 15th—Phyllis Anderson
- 18th— Mollie Darula
- 18th— Phyllis Hopf
- 26th—Gavin Houghton
- 31st— Julie Harbert



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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| 1st— John Peterman | 15th—Irene Bashinsky & Maria Cobo |
| 2nd—Ronald Waynes | 16th—Millie Barengo |
| 3rd— Jennifer Otis | 18th—Laurie Retzlaff |
| 5th— Matthew Burnett | 19th—Julie Merow |
| 6th— Sydney Tisch | 21st—Paul Slagoski |
| 11th—Nancy Otis, Margery Richter
& John Tomsheck | 27th—Michele Schmidt |
| 14th—William Darula & Amy Ziesemer | 30th—Elisabeth Schalk |

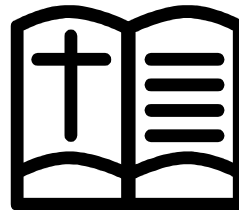


Welcome to Pastor Heather Bumstead

Pastor Heather Bumstead, who will preach and preside at the August 5 service with Pastor Jim on vacation, is a board certified professional chaplain. She is on staff at Froedtert Hospital in Wauwatosa. Before coming to Wisconsin, she was a pastor in her home state of Virginia. Please make Pastor Heather feel welcome during her time here at St. John's.

Midweek Bible study

at 11 a.m. on Tuesdays in the Gathering Space. Come with a friend—everyone is welcome.



Each month a few members will be asked to write a bio so that we get to know a little bit more about each other.

*Watch for your request letter,
your turn maybe next.*



MEN'S MINISTRY

Calling all Men! This group meets on the first Saturday of each month at 8:30 a.m. In August they will be meeting at Gateway Café and in September at the Marina Gardens Restaurant. Look for the table of St. John's guys having a good time.

**Active Men's
Ministry
members**

*Marv Modder
Erv Prust
John Tomsheck
Victor Main
Lee Otis
Pastor Jim Lynch
Ed Johnson-past
member of St. J.*

**This groups are open
to all men iof the
Congregation.
Why not get involved.**

Social Ministry Report:

We are in need of your help with the Soup Kitchen, Wednesday, August 29, 2012. We need sandwich makers, starting at 3:15, and servers to work from 4:15 to 5:30. Please check your calendar then call me or talk to me at church if you are able to help. Thanks in advance.

Mary Zorn—764 - 0425



The road is long; the ride is fun

Supporting Outreach for Hope is as easy as riding a bike. Or watching someone else ride a bike.

Three simple steps necessary to take part in the fifth annual Outreach for Hope Family Bike Ride on Saturday, September 8, 2012 at Cory Park in Dousman, a simple, relaxing 86-minute drive from St. John's. OK, maybe a little long but the bike ride after the car ride definitely is worth the trip.

The three simple steps? **Sign up** now and **Support** Outreach for Hope at www.outreachforhope.org. Then **Share** the fun with hundreds of other bikers while enjoying the satisfaction of helping others in the Greater Milwaukee Synod.

Not able to ride? Join in the **Support** portion and make a donation to Outreach for Hope. You can donate at www.outreachforhope.org, or mail your check to Outreach for Hope, 1212 S. Layton Blvd., Milwaukee WI 53215. Your gift will enrich the lives of many as Outreach for Hope supports the work of 21 ministry sites in our Greater Milwaukee Synod, including in Kenosha. The need is great . . . the rewards are priceless!

HOW YOU CAN HELP THE URBAN OUTREACH CENTER

Each Month an item is chosen for the "Item of the Month" by St. John's Council, to be collected for the Urban Outreach Center. These are the items for the following months:

AUGUST - Shaving Razors

SEPTEMBER - Size 5 Diapers & Wipes

Thank you for anything you can do to help the work of the Urban Outreach Center. Call for information about getting involved. They can use clean, used grocery bags; and rags for cleaning; now everyone has those. Monetary support is also welcome.

Thank you to each person who provides information to the Messenger.

Please include in your prayers:

Kaylen Birk (niece of Kate & Dennis Tisch), Louis Cobo, Paul Gehrke (son of Donna Schneider), Alice Kobrow, Judy Kroening, Bill Mattie, Brian Piecuch, (all friends and relatives of John Tomsheck), Carol Morse (daughter of Irene Bashinsky), Chuck Richter, Jim Reilly (friend of Carol Larsen), Donna Schneider, and their families. Also keep in your prayers the people who are dealing with results of natural disasters and economic hard times. Please inform the church office with changes to the prayer list.



On Aug. 26, during service, we officially will dedicate the new piano. At the same time, we will retire the organ.

More information regarding this event can be found on the front cover and also page 3 of this newsletter.

If you are interested in becoming a member of St. John's or you would like envelopes assigned to you, please contact the church office.

Pick N Save We Care Program You can help St. John's every time you shop at Pick N' Save! Just fill out a *We Care Card* or fill out a *NEW We Care Card* and put St. John's ID number (774640) in the space marked for charity. There are forms in the Gathering Space if you need one. Thank you for helping with this project.

LETTERS OF THANKS

A decision was made to list names of people who make special donations or memorials to the church. If you are supposed to be listed and are not, please contact the church office to make sure that your donation was received and noted properly. Mary

Dear St. John's Church,
Thank you for your recent gift of \$100.00 to ELCA World Hunger. Your faithful generosity makes a life-changing difference for people in need around the corner and around the world.

As the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), we do more together than any one of us could ever do alone. WE are a church that believes God is calling us into the world - together. Thank you for your support.

In Christ's service,
Daniel Raft
Director, ELCA World Hunger

Dear St. John's

Thank you so much for awarding me scholarship money from the exceptional gifts committee. The money will be put to good use as I start my college career at Eastern Michigan University this Fall. I really appreciate the support throughout the years.

Signed,
Mason Waynes

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your \$25.00 gift. As you know, the needs are many and resources few. Your donation has brightened our day and will strengthen our mission of giving help and hope to those experiencing homelessness and hunger.

Gratefully,
The Shalom center Board and Staff



A gift in the amount of \$218.00 was sent and accepted by Carthage College for the purpose of the Nicaragua Medicine Fund. Thank you to all who contributed to this fund.

**St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church
TREASURER REPORT
January - June**

	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>
Current Ministries & Other*	\$49,419	\$43,874	\$39,594
Rent:	5,100	5,100	5,100
Total Income:	<u>\$54,519</u>	<u>\$48,974</u>	<u>\$44,694</u>
Total Operating Expenses**:	(\$55,714)	(\$52,363)	(\$41,105)
YTD Surplus (Deficit):	(\$1,195)	(\$3,389)	\$3,589

*Other income includes contributions to church year celebrations, memorials for Current Ministries, Sunday School, plate cash, bulletin support, fellowship collections and interest earned on checking acct.

**Operational Expenses do not include Mission payouts, Pride in Property (PIP) expenditures.

Checking Account Balance 6/30/2012 **\$43,151.19**

Thank you,
Nancy Otis, Treasurer

Two events have figured large in the life of the community of faith that is St. John's in the past couple of months. One is the sending of our two youth to New Orleans for the Triennial Lutheran Youth Gathering. It indeed does take a village. Everyone at St. John's should be proud of the part they played in this effort. A special thanks goes out to Erv and Dorothea Prust for sitting at the bake sale tables during the election days. Several congregation members and relatives of congregation members joined together to give them a break at various times. And many, many of us contributed a delicious variety of baked goods. The bake sales, when combined with the women of the church's bake sale on Palm Sunday, brought in more than \$800 for the trip.

The other big event: The annual spaghetti dinner. Thanks to Lany Stika for organizing the dinner and contributing the food for the meal. And thanks to all those who came together to cook, set up serve and clean up.

A Great Big Thank You to all who signed up to receive the Messenger and other Church related items by email. This saves the church money. If you would like to sign up, please inform the Church office.

If you move, change your phone number, marital status, have a baby, etc.; please let the church office know so that we may maintain our church records accurately.

Articles or information for the Messenger or Calendar should be submitted to the church office, electronically preferred, by the 15th of the previous month. Articles for the next **Messenger** should be submitted to Mary by September 15th, 2012.
 The deadline for Bulletin submissions is Tuesday at noon.
 Submissions can be e-mailed to stjohnswi@tds.net
 Thank you!

LABOR DAY
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 September 3rd
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Please pray for your Church Council Members

Alice Kobrow Deb Paddock Meg Wolfers

Pat Tomsheck Victor Main Mary Zorn

Carol Zieseimer – President Eric Houghton – Vice-President

Nancy Otis – Treasurer Dennis Tisch - Secretary

Amy Zieseimer - Financial Secretary