

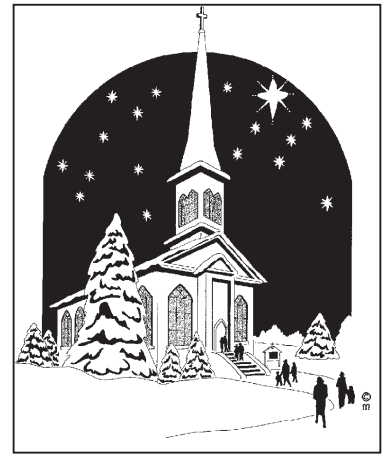
St. John's

NEWSLETTER

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Giving Statements Have Been Mailed

The 2010 individual giving statements were mailed January 28th. If you have not yet received yours, please contact the church office immediately. Thank you!

Feed My Sheep Gifts

This month our gifts of food will be shared with the Bethany House (a Community Networks affiliate) located on John Street in Martinsburg. It is an agency responsible for housing children and women from abusive families.

The usual staples are important - soups, canned goods of all kinds along with peanut butter and jelly. Cleaning supplies and paper products will also be appreciated.

Annual Meeting February 6- 12:30PM

The purpose of the meeting will be to accept the reports of all treasurers, and presidents of committees and organizations in the church. The pastor and congregational president will also submit reports. The floor will also be open to any business brought by parish members.

Before the meeting the members of our youth group **FLYTE** will be sponsoring a special luncheon of soup as part of the national program entitled "Souper Bowl" Sunday. They will have crockpots of soup as well as desserts.

If you are interested in contributing soup or desserts to this meal, please call the church office as soon as possible.

In Case of Bad Weather

In the event of snow or other inclement weather we will announce church closings using our telephone system and radio station WRNR (AM740).

Concordia Lutheran College Choir Coming

The Performance is 7PM February 24

St. John's will be the first stop for this choir from Bronxville, New York, which last visited our congregation two years ago. The choir is an auditioned mixed-voice choir which sings music from a wide spectrum of cultures, eras, and styles. This year's program is titled *Sing Alleluia*.

Besides giving concerts at area churches, the Tour Choir will perform for the *Bulding Hope in City HymnFest* in Cleveland, Ohio and be filmed for the *Worship for Shut-ins* Lutheran television ministry in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

We are looking for 12 families to host the members of the choir on the evening of February 24th which is a Thursday and then provide breakfast for them on Friday morning. There are 15 women (six groups of two and one group of three). There are ten men (five groups of two). There are two adults (the director and accompanist). If you can be a host, please contact Pastor Riley or the church office.

Open Flower Dates

Our Altar Guild chair Gail Newman wants the congregation to know of several dates that are available to place flowers on the altar. Through the first half of the year these are the available dates: February 27; April 10, 17, 24; May 8, 15, 22 and June 12 and 26.

The cost for providing the two vases is still the same amount of \$40 and is payable to the church.

If you are interested in providing flowers, contact Gail for further information at 304-579-4983 or contact the church office.

New Lock for the Martin Street Door

The single door on Martin Street now has a new lock. Thank you for your patience as we waited to replace the lock with something newer and more convenient to each of us.

The lock is a combination lock that no longer uses keys but a series of four numbers. In the beginning it will be a little difficult to get used to but in the long run it will be a blessing. **Just remember to press "enter" after you punch in the numbers.** Call the office for the code.

Mitten Tree Report

Once again many of you were very generous in sharing items of clothing for those in need in our community. 35 hats, 32 pairs of gloves/mittens and 10 scarves were sent to C-CAP (Congregation-Community Action Project) for distribution. What a wonderful showing! **Thank you** to each contributor and thank you Becky Roberts for getting these gifts to right places!

February is BLANKET FUND Month!

More information and an envelope is included later in this newsletter!

From the Parish Record The Reception of New Members

Bryan and Marianne Chin

On Sunday, December 19 Bryan Seng Chin and his wife Marianne Elizabeth Darrow Chin and sons Christopher and Conner joined the congregation by Affirmation of Baptism. Connor and Christopher were baptised in 2009 in St. John's. Previously the Chins were not members of a congregation.

Bryan is an accounts manager with a firm in Reston, Virginia and Marianne is a service coordinator with Birth to Three in Berkeley County. They live on Rustling Leaf Place in Kearneysville and normally attend the second service.

Please take a few moments to personally welcome this lovely family to St. John's.



Larry and Anne Moore

On Sunday, January 23 we welcomed Larry and Anne Moore to our congregation. They came by Letter of Transfer from St. Andrew Lutheran Church in Whit-California. Their new home is 106 S. Delaware Avenue Martinsburg. The Moores have been visiting with us about five years on an infrequent basis as they searched for a home in this area. Larry retired from AT&T and Anne was a registered nurse. I will leave it up to you find an answer to the question of why they moved here. Moores normally attended the second service. When you meet the couple be sure to ask them about their meeting the other famous resident of Whittier - Richard Nixon.



Sunday School Pajama Party

The members of our Sunday School program celebrated the end of their collection of food for local agencies by throwing a pajama party for all students who participated in the project.

It was a great effort and hundreds of canned goods and dry package food was collected and distributed.

Again, thanks to the Sunday School department for another successful program for our youth.

The four girls in the picture at the upper left are from left to right: Jordan Kelso, Danica Propst, Charlotte Hutzler and Abigail McBee.



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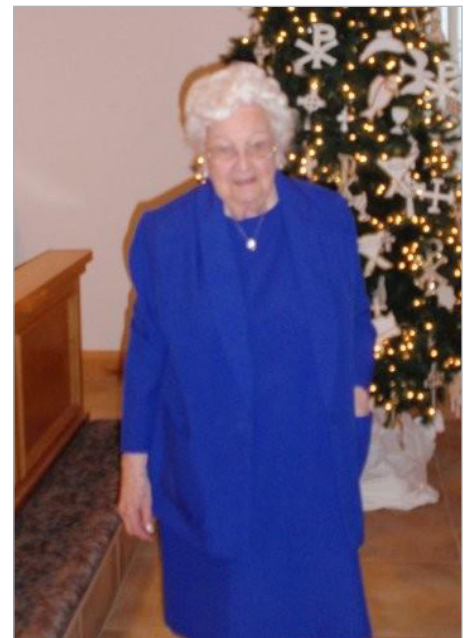
Remember!! February Is THE BLANKET FUND APPEAL

Envelopes are enclosed with
this newsletter!

For every \$5 received Church World Services can purchase a wool or cotton-blend blanket. To a child shivering in the cold, a warm blanket can mean the difference between life and death. To a family whose home lies in rubble, a sturdy blanket offers a small measure

of shelter and security.

It is so easy to take something as simple as a blanket for granted, however, to a family in need it truly can be the difference between life and death. See the envelope for other options of giving.



Karen Middleton sent this picture of our former member Ruby Fansler now living in Florida. After all these years it looks like time stood still.

**Confirmation Classes on February 20 at
4PM in Luther Hall!**

We continue to look for a **Worship
Tape Coordinator**. Call the Pastor!