

NEWSLETTER

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Choir News

Our choirs have begun their new music season and rehearse each Wednesday from 6:30-8PM in the chapel. Our director, Dr. William Bland has already brought a lot of energy and excitement to our choirs and we want to build on that progress this coming fall.

The choir is hoping to recruit new members in the near future and they are very anxious that each member hear their invitation to join them in singing to the Lord.

Music is a wonderful and magnificent segment of worship and choir singing is especially glorious. Please think about sharing your voice with the choir!

Feed My Sheep

This month our gifts of food will be shared with the **Martinsburg Union Rescue Mission** located on King Street across the railroad tracks. The Mission is dedicated to serving the needs of homeless men and women. Meals are offered to all in need on a daily basis as are sleeping facilities. It is a food pantry and open to all in the community.

As always, when thinking of gifts of food, think of the staples of life. Pastas, soups, canned goods all are appropriate. Think about kids and most likely you will have a pretty good idea about what to buy.

Nursery Workers Wanted

All interested members should contact the church office or contact Susie Smith at 754-3147. The church attempts to provide nursery care during the second service each Sunday.

Children's Sermon Providers

Children's sermon time during worship has become an important part of "church." We are looking for people who will help provide this special time for our little worshippers. Andrew Banks heads this project, so please contact him or the church if you are interested in helping.

RALLY DAY, "Move-Up" Day, and Church Picnic

Sunday, September 13 - 9:45AM

RALLY DAY is our name for the beginning of a new Sunday School year at St. John's. We gather in Luther Hall for some food, fellowship and time to meet our Sunday School teachers and then talk about the coming new year of learning. There will be a couple of fun activities but especially an opportunity to get excited about a new year of learning about Jesus.

We also call this day "Move-Up" Day since it is the time that students are recognized for moving up to their new classes and teachers.

The church picnic will begin around 4PM at the main pavilion in War Memorial Park on Tennessee Avenue. The church will provide fried chicken, plates, cups, etc.. You are asked to bring the veggies, desserts, and drinks and utensils.

The church also provides free golf for the whole family at the miniature course in the park. There is also a volleyball court for all ages and it has seen a lot of use over the years. And, of course, there are slides, swings, and merry-go-rounds for the little ones.

This is a wonderful time of fellowship for the congregation and I hope you will plan to be present

Adult Sunday School Announcement

The Adult Sunday School Class will meet in the main room of Luther Hall on Sunday, September 20 at 9:45AM. We will be beginning a new project of the ELCA called the "Book of Faith" project. It is a special program of the church to promote the use and knowledge of the Bible. It is a program that will be stressed over the next five years.

In this new season we will begin specific Bible studies to help develop the learner's skills in reading the Bible and better understanding its meaning.

Budget Requests

Members of the Trustees, Finance Committee and Church Council will be meeting this month on the 22nd to begin the process of developing the General and Benevolence Funds budgets for 2010. It is important that all requests for funding be submitted early. The deadline for requests is Sunday, September 10th. Please submit your requests to the church office.

Last Call for Email Addresses!

Every so often we have important news to share with the members of the church and the information often comes between bulletins or newsletters. Email is a great way to keep our members informed. If you would like to share your address, contact the church office.