



“Rooted and established in love... Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him

be glory...” (Ephesians 3:17, 20)

Dear Fellow Redeemed:

I've been thinking about our theme verse for this year, and the verses that follow it (quoted above), a great deal in the past few weeks. God has rooted and established us in love. He has built us upon the firm foundation of His love and grace for us in His Son, Jesus Christ. Call to mind Jesus' parable of the wise and foolish builders in Matthew 7:24-27. He has firmly rooted us in His love so that He can do immeasurably more than we could ever imagine. We have seen God's ability to do far more than we could ever imagine time and again this year, to just scratch the surface of His love for us. And, true to His form, we will continue to see it into the future.

This continuing mercy and grace of our Lord is especially meaningful to us as we move into the next few months. For a variety of reasons Pastor Bill Barlow, Linda Harlow, and Klarissa Towne will be drawing their ministry and service among us to a conclusion – we have included the statement I shared with the congregation in worship on October 16th in this newsletter. We praise God for them and I encourage you to keep an eye out for future announcements of how we will thank and praise God for them – and also for Don and Kathy Enterline (see Mr. Brune's article in this newsletter). Let me share with you some thoughts and ideas that our Board of Elders and I have about moving forward with the Pastor Emeritus, Parish Assistant, and Church Secretary positions. I also invite you to view the table on the next page that provides a handy reference to my thoughts in the rest of this article.

Our Board of Elders and I have been praying and working on the next Pastor Emeritus person since Pastor Barlow informed us in September about his decision to worship more regularly with their son at Ascension. We have done two things about this position. First, we

have searched and the Lord led us to **Pastor Dave Dubbelde** as our next Pastor Emeritus. Pastor Dubbelde was on staff at the Indiana District Office for a number of years and, before that, was instrumental with the startup of Ascension Lutheran here in Fort Wayne. The second thing we have done with this position is increase the duties of the position so that it is 20 hours per week. Pastor Dubbelde will begin ministry among us here in November. Pastor Dubbelde is beginning even before Pastor Barlow is done so that Pastor Dubbelde can help with some of the ministry items in Linda Harlow's absence.

The Elders and I have also begun the search process for **Church Office Administrator**. As in the Pastor Emeritus position, we are making a slight change in the position Klarissa Towne is currently holding. We have added some administrative details to the position to assist with the smooth flow of information and assisting staff and volunteers to enhance congregational ministry. What does that mean? It means some of the coordination items that it doesn't take a pastor to do will now be in the Office Administrator's position. We have already begun to advertise the position – if you know of someone who is interested (or you yourself) please submit a resume to me by November 10. It is our prayer to have this person in place by December 1st so there can be some overlapping and training between Klarissa and this new person.

We are just now in the beginning stages in the process to fill Linda Harlow's position. Suburban Bethlehem has a long history, since 1990 to be exact, of having a professional Synodically-trained woman on her church staff. Linda Harlow has been a tremendous asset to the ministry of SBL. We are truly **blessed** that Linda and Peter will remain members of SBL and remain involved in various ministries. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with her and seeing the many wonderful things our Lord has done through her in the spiritual care of God's people at SBL. The Board of Elders and I strongly believe it is in the best interest of the ministry of this place to continue this prac-

practice. We will, therefore, begin the call process for this position in November. This means there will be a "Search Committee" (we call this part a "Search Committee" because the Board of Elders technically function as a Call Committee) to be formed in the next couple of weeks. We will be looking at all the categories available to us – Parish Assistant (which was Linda Harlow's official designation), Deaconess, Director of Christian Education, Director of Christian Outreach to just name a few. Again, please stay informed by watching the weekly bulletin announcements, upcoming newsletters and the weekly Cyber Saints.

Looking ahead, there are two other positions that have our attention: 1) Part Time Church Secretary and 2) Full Time Associate or Assistant Pastor. We had originally tried to fill the Part Time Secretary position in the Spring of 2011, but our congregation financial position was not good at the time. With there being no raise to the base salary for all of staff for the 2011-12 Fiscal Year we do not think it is right for us to fill the position until the beginning of the 2012-13 Fiscal Year. From our research, and with the added thought that when Linda Harlow's position is filled we will have 4 full time professional staff members (Sr. Pastor, Music, Youth, Parish Assistant / Deaconess) and 1 half time professional staff member (Pastor Emeritus), there will be more work than one support staff member can adequately do.

The Elders and I would also like your input into the thought that we consider calling a Full Time Associate or Assistant Pastor in the future. Would it work in the 2013-14 Fiscal Year? Should it be sooner?

We considered pushing for this position sooner but we feel so strongly the Lord has led us into the position of bringing Pastor Dubbelde on board with increased hours and duties that, at least for the time being, we are being the best stewards with what the Lord has given us. And, in the case of a Pastor Emeritus at 20 hours per week, we are still increasing pastoral ministry among us.

We also give thanks to God that Pastor Keith Knippenberg will continue to provide some assistance with Shut-in Ministry Visitation among us. I also thank and praise God for the mission and ministry of our Music Minister, **Andrew Schempf**, and our Youth Minister, **Justin Gudel**. They are treasured gifts of God to the ministry of SBL and, selfishly speaking for a moment, to me personally as well! Thank you!

There is a great deal of prayer that needs to go into this. We, our Board of Elders and I, have been discussing and praying about this and we invite you to pray along with us. Share your thoughts with us. There will most likely be some time at the November 21st Voters' Meeting where we will update the congregation and ask for input as well. The bottom line through all of this is that our Loving Lord has so richly blessed the ministry of SBL throughout her history and He will continue the process of blessing her into the future. The Lord is doing what He has always promised – to do "immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine." And to this we add a hearty "Amen!"

With you as a Partner in the Gospel,

Pastor Bill Mueller

<u>Pastor Emeritus</u>	<u>Church Office Administrator</u>	<u>Parish Assistant / Deaconess</u>	<u>Part Time Church Secretary</u>	<u>Full Time Associate / Assistant Pastor</u>
On staff November 2011	God willing, on staff by 12/1/11	Call Process begins November 2011	Bring on staff with 2012-13 Fiscal Year	Call Fiscal Year 2013-14?
Duties (among other things): * Preach 15-18 times a year * Assist with Pastoral Care * Inactive Ministry * Senior Ministry * Assist with Outreach Ministry	Duties (among other things): * Increased administrative details * Volunteer Coordination	Duties (among other things): * Assist with Pastoral Care * Stephen Ministry * Women's Ministry * Summer Ministry * Assist with Confirmation Ministry * Assist with Outreach Ministry	Potential Duties: * Responsible for publication of weekly worship services, bulletins, and monthly newsletters * Other TBD	Potential Duties: * Small Group Ministry * Other TBD

Staff Changes at SBL ~ [The announcement Pastor Bill read at the worship services October 16th]

Due to a variety of reasons our Lord has led four of our staff members to soon conclude their service and ministry among us. Pastor Bill Barlow, as announced in the October newsletter, has decided the Lord is leading them to more regularly worship with their son and his family at Ascension. Don & Kathy Enterline will soon be moving as Don has received a new job at a YMCA in Cumberland, MD. Kathy has been granted a peaceful release from her Call by our School Ministry Board effective at the Christmas break. Don will be concluding his service as Elder at the end of October. Linda Harlow has also asked for - and been granted by our Board of Elders - a peaceful release from her Call effective the end of October. Linda's continued care for her parents and the time constraints it places on her has led her to this conclusion. And also Klarissa Towne will be resigning her position the end of December as she will be moving to Oklahoma.

We certainly thank and praise God for the great and many blessings He has bestowed upon us through the care and love of each of these dear people. We are blessed that Linda and Peter Harlow will remain members of SBL and will continue to volunteer in a variety of ministries. Over the next few weeks we will have opportunities to thank and praise our loving Lord for giving us the blessing of having worked with and alongside of these treasured gifts of God.

Our School Ministry Board and Board of Elders are already working on the next steps for these ministry areas. I invite you to stay tuned in to the weekly bulletin announcements, the Cyber Saints newsletter, and, especially, the monthly newsletter for updates and more information. Jesus Christ is the Good Shepherd of His Church and He will continue to provide and care for these dear people whom we have had the pleasure of knowing and loving, and He will continue to bless and guide SBL and her ministry moving forward. - Pastor Bill Mueller

Position Opening ~ The Board of Elders and Pastor Bill Mueller invite interested persons to apply for the position of Office Administrator in the church office. This is a full time position. Please send your resume to billm@deeplyrootedtogrow.org. Position Description will be available upon request.

Bible Studies through the Week so we won't be Weak:

The Main **Sunday Morning Bible Study** begins a new study November 6. This new study is on the **Life of Jesus** at 10:00 am in the School Commons. We will work our way through the four Gospel accounts of the life of Jesus in a chronological order. Here in November we will take a look at the beginnings of each of the Gospels, the promise and birth of John the Baptist and the Annunciation of Jesus. At each stage in the earthly life of Jesus we will see many comparisons with our life today and we will discover how the life of Jesus isn't just something dusty from history but has a direct impact on our life every week. Please rest assured we are making a concerted effort to begin Sunday Morning Bible Study at 10:00 am every week, even when there is communion at 8:45. (Thank you to those who completed a Bible Study Questionnaire – Pastor Bill Mueller will share copies of the results at Bible Study on 10/30/11.)

Here is a listing of Bible Studies through the week:

- ⇒ **Sunday Morning Small Group Women's Bible Study!** We meet during the Sunday School hour at **10:00 am** in the nursery classroom at schools so that children three and under may join us. **If you have any questions, please call Susan Kanning (241-3026)**
- ⇒ **Women's Afternoon Bible Study** ~ We will meet every **Tuesday from 1:30 - 2:45 pm** at the church. This is a more traditional Bible study with weekly take home scripture studies. Please call Tina Harmeyer @ 436-8592 about childcare questions and the book that we will be studying.
- ⇒ **A New Evening Women's Bible Study** ~ Please join us for a newly formed evening women's Bible study. **We meet on Tuesday night at 7:00 pm.** Our first book to study is "Friendship of Women" by Dee Brestin. Please call Angie Zelt (710-5558) for the meeting location or if you have any questions. We are praying to see you there.
- ⇒ **Women's Morning Bible Study** ~ We will meet every **Wednesday from 8:00 - 9:15 am.** This is a "Walk - Talk" Bible study. We will walk in small groups around the school/church parking lot as we discuss scripture and how it relates to our lives right now. Please call Tina Harmeyer @ 436-8592 for more information.
- ⇒ **Men's Saturday Morning Bible Study** ~ Meets in the school commons every **Saturday at 8:00 am.**



“Filled Beyond Measure” Stewardship Emphasis ~ Our worship services October 30/31, November 6/7, 13/14 and 20 will have our Stewardship Emphasis based upon Ephesians 3:17-21. We will discover how we are “Filled beyond Measure” as we look at our lives in light of four people from God's Word:

King Josiah discovered the part of God's Word buried and neglected in the temple during his reign as King of Judah. The effect God the Spirit had upon Josiah and those with him through His Word was profound! This reminds us when we are in the presence of God the Spirit has a profound effect upon us. Read about King Josiah in 2 Kings 22 and 23:1-30. (October 30/31)

Gideon was the least in his family – and his family not any of the “movers and shakers” in his time. Yet the Lord used Gideon to accomplish something great through him: the protection of His people. We are no different than Gideon. God is doing great things through us, through the time, talents and treasure He motivates us to use for His purposes. Read about Gideon in Judges 6 – 8. (November 6/7)

Joseph interpreted the dreams of Pharaoh for the saving of many lives. We could say that the Lord gave Joseph more than just a fancy outfit. So also the Lord has done much more for us than merely giving us “window dressing.” He fills us with countless gifts so that He can spread the message of salvation through us. Read about Joseph in Genesis 37, 40-50. (November 13/14)

Abraham was told by God to “count the stars” if he were able. The innumerable stars is but a picture of the many – the exact number beyond count – blessings the Lord would provide for Abraham and His people through him. Can we adequately measure the blessings God gives to us? Yet the Lord invites us to grasp the depth of His love. The more God touches us with His mercy and love the more we respond. Read about Abraham in Genesis 12, 15 and 18. (November 20 – Commitment Cards returned in worship this Sunday)

Special Worship Services ~ With the Thanksgiving – Advent – Christmas Seasons upon us we invite you to celebrate God's rich love for you at the following worship services:

Wednesday, Nov. 23 – **Thanksgiving Eve Worship at 7:00 pm.**

Sunday, Nov. 27 – **First Sunday in Advent** (regular worship services at 7:30, 8:45 & 11:00 am)

Wednesday, Nov. 30 – **Advent Service at 5:30 pm Grades 5-8 Advent Service at 7:00 pm**

Sunday, Dec. 4 – **Second Sunday in Advent**

Wednesday, Dec. 7 – **Advent Service at 5:30 pm Grades 2-4 Advent Service at 7:00 pm.**

Sunday, Dec. 11 – **Third Sunday in Advent**

Wednesday, Dec. 14 – **Advent Service at 5:30 pm Preschool – Grade 1 Advent Service at 7:00 pm.**

Sunday, Dec. 18 – **Fourth Sunday in Advent**

Wednesday, Dec. 21 – **Advent Service at 7:00 p.m.**

Saturday, Dec. 24 – **Christmas Eve Worship Services:**

Traditional Christmas Eve Worship at 4:00 p.m.

Contemporary Carol-Based Christmas Eve Worship at 6:00 p.m.

Traditional Christmas Eve Candlelight Service with Communion at 11:00 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 25 – **Christmas Day Worship with Communion at 10:00 a.m.**

Please Note: This is a rare opportunity to have ONE worship service on a Sunday. Let's pack the pews on Christmas Day! (No Sunday School or Bible Class)

Saturday, Dec. 31 – **New Year's Eve Worship with Communion at 7:00 pm.**

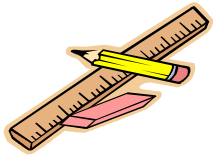
Sunday, Jan. 1 – **New Year's Day Worship at 8:45 and 11:00 am.**

Communion at 8:45 service. Adult Bible Class will be held but no Sunday School.

Thank You

“Thank you for all your cards, gifts and well wishes for Clergy Appreciation Month. The people of Suburban Bethlehem are truly a blessing to Julie, our kids and I. Thank you for your kindness and love shown to us.” - Pastor Bill Mueller

Suburban Bethlehem Lutheran School



SBLS Times

November 2011



Our Mission:

We believe that Suburban Bethlehem Lutheran Church and School and all our members exist to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord, Jesus Christ and to go share the good news of His love with our community and the world.

Stay in Touch With SBLS

www.suburbanbethlehem.org

<http://fastdir.com/sbls>

Fond Farewell

It is with both a sense of loss and yet joy that we say goodbye to Mrs. Kathy Enterline at the end of December. Mr. Enterline has accepted a work promotion and they are moving back to Maryland where Mrs. Enterline's parents live. It was nearly fourteen years ago that Mrs. Enterline became our kindergarten teacher. Kathy brought with her a very sincere compassion for children as well as solid educational experiences. While we are happy for this opportunity for her to be closer to her family, we will truly miss her here. Well done thou good and faithful servant!

Matching Endowment Grant From The Lutheran Foundation

First we need to say a big "thank you" to all who have contributed to the matching grant opportunities the last two years. Those efforts have netted an endowed tuition assistance account of @ \$95,000 through the Lutheran Foundation. This endowed account is intended to produce a gift that will keep on giving for many years to come as we can only use the interest from these funds.

Now for more exciting news; the Lutheran Foundation is offering another matching

donations collected between July 1, 2011 and June 30, 2012 will be eligible for the one-to-one match. That means that every \$1 you contribute really becomes \$2. Please consider making a contribution to this matching grant.

Advent Services & School Tuition Assistance Fund

The last Wednesday of November and the first two Wednesdays in December are the dates for our annual Advent Services. This year the 5th – 8th graders will be leading worship on the first Wednesday, November 30. The 2nd – 4th grades will lead worship on Wednesday, December 7. The nursery – 1st will lead the final service on December 14. Service time for all three is 7:00 pm. To hear the Advent/Christmas message as told by our children is always a special blessing. We pray that the services will again be a blessing to all those who hear.

Also, all the plate offerings given at those Advent services are designated for the Student Tuition Assistance Fund. This fund helps supply necessary financial help to some in our school who struggle with ability to pay for their child's education at Suburban Bethlehem Lutheran School. These gifts help not only current children, but also will continue to help many children in the future. Think how often we spend \$10, \$20, \$30 or more on eating out or on some unnecessary item of our desire. Loving donations to the School Tuition Assistance Fund can give a very special gift of Christian education to a child who otherwise may not be able to attend our school. Please prayerfully consider what God would have of you & how He can make your gift become a gift for eternity.



Fall Festival Success

As the dust settles on our first Fall Festival, many very positive things rise to the top. The event was very well attended by church, school, and community families. It was estimated that 350 people came. The goal of reaching out into the community beyond SBL was accomplished. More than just a few unfamiliar faces were here. Finding common enjoyment for various generations seems to have been met. Games, rides, candy, food, and fellowship left something for everyone to do. Some people were re-acquainted with Trunk-or-Treat fun, while others were exposed to it for the first time. Kids, and some adults as well, were given the opportunity to dress up and live a fantasy for a little while. Overall, great family fun was the order of the day.

So where do we go next year? It is our desire to see this event grow in many ways. We want to get even more of our own church and school folks involved. We pray that more of your friends, family, and neighbors will join with us to experience the joy that SBL holds. Start thinking now about who you might want to include on your guest list for next year! We would also like to see more folks involved with planning and guiding the fun. Will our adults catch the spirit of fun & Trunk-or-Treat options?

Do you have other ideas that might make this event even better? Please feel free to share them with Patty Macke or Alyson Akey as they formulate plans for the future.



Kindergarten 2012-13

Yes, we are already making preparations for the next kindergarten class. We are now in the process of collecting names and mailing addresses for children in that age group. We are looking for children who have a birth date prior to August 1, 2007 who might be interested in attending SBLs. Please take the time now to call the school office with the names of children that should be included on our mailing list for Kindergarten Round-Up.

No School

We have parent-teacher conferences scheduled for the evening of November 3 and during the morning on November 4. On that Thursday our afternoon latchkey will be available during the regular hours of operation. Classes are not in session on Friday, November 4.

Suburban Bethlehem Lutheran School admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan program, and athletic and other school-administered programs.

In His Service with you,

Rich Brune

November Birthdays

1 George Lutz	17 James Witte
1 Jodi Behrer	17 Leslie Witte
1 Shannon Brady-Ford	17 Kinsey Helmkamp
1 Andrew Belschner	18 John Leeper
2 Tim Jank	18 Linda Grepke
2 Finn Kincaid	18 Jill Kanning
3 Don Enterline	19 Ella Dreyer
3 Dawn Barnholt	20 Daniel Beiswanger
3 Sophia Lahey	20 Evan Johnson
5 Wilbur Weber	21 Eric Dirig
5 Walter Krier	21 Dawn Esterline
5 Donna Dornseif	21 Jennifer Fearnow
6 Megan Nichols	21 Rachel Johnson
6 Collin Sorg	21 Emily Zilz
7 Julia Weber	22 Jay Freed
7 Michael Reinking	22 Augustus Chavis
7 Steven Kanning	23 Jessica (Stahlhut) Ingle
8 Edgar Schaefer	24 Sammie Zelt
8 Claudia Bobay	24 Jody Kaiser
8 Lane Lewis	25 Steve Felton
10 Jacob Behringer	25 Jacob Ruch
10 Olivia Coburn	25 Eli Yarnelle
11 Christina Schwarz	26 Donald Mock
11 Jordan Stevens	26 Celeste Arens
11 Regale Gunn	26 Debra Knippenberg
12 Mary Moss	26 Jessica Hanley
12 Katelyn Bowers	27 Sally Hutchisson
13 Brian Gottwald	27 Beverly Thompson
13 Merista Fuelling	27 Pat Poling
14 Andrew Rennecker	27 Allyson Gallmeier
14 Alexandra Thomas	28 Dorothy Bradtmiller
14 Kyla Flanery	28 John Koehler
15 Michael Johnson	28 Xander Tuttle
15 Brian Koontz	30 Elaine Tom
15 Travis Nichols	30 Jenny Kidd
16 Larry Link	30 Kyle Johnson
16 Hollie Johnson	30 Sarah Brennan
17 Hugh Reusser	

*"God Bless and Keep You the Whole Year Through"
If your birthday is not listed or is incorrectly listed, please
call the church office with the correct information.*

On the Horizon

December

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January

School Resumes	3
Women's Retreat (Camp Lutherhaven)	TBA



November is ...

Seminary Food Bank Month!

On Going Food Co-Op Needs:

Canned Fruits & Vegetable; Cereals: Crackers; Peanut Butter/Jelly; Baby Foods; Rasta & Rice; Spaghetti Sauces; Juices; Canned Meat & Tuna; Soups; Flour; Sugar; Salt; Baking Powder & Soda; Cake & Brownie Mixes; Coffee & Tea; Personal Hygiene Products; Shampoo & Conditioners; Shaving Cream; Toothpaste, etc.; Baby Care Products; Laundry Detergent; Dish Soap & Paper Products.

November is also Thanksgiving & Christmas ~ Baking Fun is almost here! When shopping don't forget the extra things like Stuffing Mixes; Pumpkin; Cranberry's; Whip Cream; Chocolate Chips, Brown Sugar; Evaporated & Condensed Milk; Nuts; and any other special things to help make the Holidays feel like home.

As always, boxes are available in the Narthex for your donations. Thank you for helping our Seminary Families.



Lutheran Youth Fellowship - LYF

Thanksgiving Pie Social! – As a “Thank You” to the congregation the youth will be making pies for our second annual Thanksgiving Pie Social. The social will be after the Wednesday Thanksgiving service which starts at 7:00 PM. This is a free event!

Youth Making Pies – The Tuesday night before the Pie Social (11.22.11) we will be making pies. We will begin making the pies at 7:00 PM. We need help. This pie making event is open to all our youth. This project is a great service project to say thanks to our congregation.

Donate Your Cans! – Thanks again to all of your support. We will continue picking up cans the 1st Sunday of every month. Just add your cans to the truck parked by the dumpster between the second and third service on Sunday. Here’s a secret... if the truck isn’t there leave your cans next to the dumpster (or talk to Justin) and we’ll still get them.

Junior Youth (Middle School Youth)

Seventh & Eighth Grade Coffee House – The last Tuesday of every month is “seventh & eighth grade coffee house” day. 7th and 8th graders are invited to join us from 7:30-7:50 for free “coffee like” beverages, pastries, and maybe even some hot chocolate. This is a free event. At the end of every coffee house Justin will make sure we all get to class in time.

Senior Youth (High School Youth)

High School Sunday Bible Study & Breakfast – We meet every Sunday in room 204 (upstairs from the commons) for breakfast and a Bible Study. Bible Study runs from 10:10 AM to 10:55 AM.

“Courageous” @ The Rave – Any youth wanting to see the new movie Courageous can join us Sunday (11.13) at the Rave. The movie starts at 12:35 PM (times may change). We will meet in front of the Rave at 12:20 PM. Youth can use their youth accounts for this event!

November’s Senior “Night LYFs” – Our weekly Senior Lutheran Youth Fellowship activities will be a bit different in November as we begin to approach the holiday season. There will be no Senior “Night LYF” on 11.23.11; instead the youth are encouraged to come hang out or even help at our Pie Social. We will still be meeting the first Wednesday at Sweetwater Sound.

11.2.11 – Sweetwater Sound @ 7:15 PM

11.9.11 – Commons/204 @ 7:15 PM

11.13.11 – The Rave to see “Courageous” @ 12:35 PM (meet in the lobby @ 12:20)

11.16.11 – Commons/204 @ 7:15 PM

11.22.11 – Make Pies in the Commons @ 7:00 PM

11.23.11 – 2nd Annual Pie Social

11.30.11 – Commons/204 @ 7:15 PM

EIGHTEENTWENTY-FIVE

Sweetwater Thursdays – All on our young adults (being classified between the ages of 18-25) are invited to join us for our bi-monthly gatherings. We meet in the cafeteria of Sweetwater from 7:30-9:00 PM. Your friends, significant others, and roommates are all welcome to join us. August’s Bible Study will on 11.10.11.

AS ALWAYS FRIENDS ARE INVITED TO ALL YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT OUR ACTIVITIES



**"Worship for Shut-Ins"
November 2011**

November 6, 2011 - Revelation 7:15

"A Sheltered Life" by Rev. Thomas R. Ahlersmeyer, Holy Cross Lutheran Church ~ Fort Wayne, IN. God's Word tells us that those in Heaven live a sheltered life. From that vantage point of eternal life with Jesus Christ—for ourselves and those we love who have died in faith—we face the prospects of life with eyes and ears focused on our Savior. This changes everything!

November 13, 2011 - 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

"Destined for Salvation" by Rev. Paul E. Shoemaker, Emanuel Lutheran Church ~ New Haven, IN. People have always been concerned about the end of time. What will happen? When will it be? For the Christian, the end of our journey on earth is but a transition to life with Christ in Heaven.

November 20, 2011 - Matthew 25:31-46

"The Day It's All Gone" by Rev. James L. Elsner, Prince of Peace ~ Hudson, IN. Jesus Christ will come again! On the Last Day. Are you ready?

November 27, 2011 - I Corinthians 1:3-9

"Perfectly Prepared" by Rev. Dr. Lawrence R. Rast, Jr., President-Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN. God prepares sinful human beings through the works and merits of Christ. We are perfectly prepared!



November Music Events at Concordia Theological Seminary:

Sunday, November 6, 2011

Organ Recital by Dr. Craig J. Cramer at 4:30 pm ~ Craig Cramer is Professor

of Organ at the University of Notre Dame. He also serves as organist at St. David of Wales Episcopal Church in Elkhart. Cramer holds degrees from Westminster Choir College and the Eastman School of Music where he earned the Doctor of Musical Arts degree in Organ Performance. The Eastman School also awarded him the prestigious Performer's Certificate in Organ.

All Saints' Choral at 7:30 pm ~ Bach Cantata #1 - Mov't 1, "How Brightly Shines"; Brahms "Let Nothing Ever Grieve You"; Busarow "Nunc Dimittis" Sung by the Seminary Schola Cantorum accompanied by members of the Fort Wayne Philharmonic.

Monday, November 7, 2011

1:00 pm: *Musik Ekklesia* - Early Music Ensemble

4:30 pm: *Choral Evening Prayer with the Children's Choir of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Des Peres, Mo*

7:30 pm: *Hymn Festival with organist Kevin J. Hildebrand*

All events are held in Kramer Chapel. A freewill offering will be received.



What's Happening at CLHS

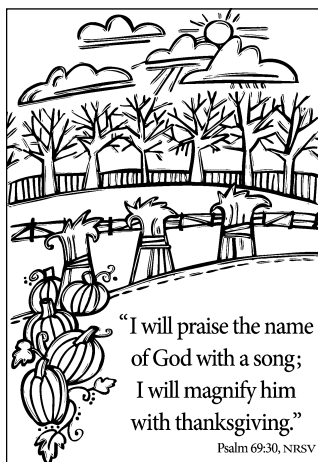
Concordia Day is November 11 ~ Concordia Day, an event for eighth grade students to learn more about what Concordia has to offer (parents may certainly visit), will be held on Friday, November 11, from 9 am ~ 2 pm at the high school. All current eighth grade students from any area middle school are invited to attend Concordia Day—including those who attend public schools. Walk through high school classes; watch the band and color guard perform; meet teachers, athletes, cheerleaders, student council members; and enjoy lunch in the cafeteria. For more info., contact Krista Friend at 483-1102, ext. 219 or kfriend@clhscadets.com.

Discover Concordia Night ~ Discover Concordia Nights are designed to give prospective parents (and students) an opportunity visit Concordia Lutheran High School and learn about all it has to offer. Mark your calendar for this fall's **Discover Concordia Night to be held on Tuesday, November 15, at 6:30 pm.** The evening includes a chance to experience "a day in the life" of a Concordia student, sit in on various "classes" and have your questions answered about Concordia's admissions process, scholarships and financial aid. To sign up, contact Krista Friend (483-1102, ext. 219) or kfriend@clhscadets.com.

Bag Sale at Thrift Shop ~ This is definitely something to be thankful for. *Stop by the Concordia Thrift Shop between November 18 and 26 and fill a bag with clothes for just \$5!* Some exceptions may apply. The shop is located at 3436 North Anthony Shopping Center. Hours are: Monday 10 am ~ 6:30 pm; Tuesday ~ Friday 10 am ~ 5 pm; and Saturday, 9:30 am ~ 3:30 pm. ***The Thrift Shop will be closed Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 24.*** Also, if you have unused Concordia uniforms, other clothing or household items, please consider donating them to the Thrift Shop.

All-District Honor Band ~ The Northeast Indiana area of the Indiana Bandmaster Association sponsors an All-District High School Honor Band each year. *This year it will be hosted by DeKalb High School on Saturday and Sunday, November 12 and 13.* The concert begins at 4 pm at the DeKalb High School auditorium. More than 130 students applied for

this outstanding band. Congratulations to the following Concordia Lutheran High School students who were selected for this honor: Mackenzie Herring (alto saxophone), Brandon Stilabower (clarinet), **Katelyn Reinhard (oboe)**, Chris Frank (percussion), James Alliger (trombone), Jennifer Reynolds (trumpet), Jacque Watkins (trumpet), Cory Maisonneuve (tuba), and Ross McMurray (tuba).





November Elders Corner

November is the traditional time we express our thankfulness for our many blessings. This past month has been a huge season of change. We found out that KlariSsa Towne, Linda Harlow, and Pastor Barlow are leaving, each for their own reasons. I am so thankful for each of them, for all their devotion and efforts to SBLC. I am thankful for Pastor Mueller, Justin Gudel, and Andrew Schempf for the critical role each of them plays in the ministry of SBLC. I am thankful for Don & Kathy Enterline who will move to Maryland for job and family. Don has been on the Elder team for years and Kathy has been our kindergarten teacher for years also. Speaking of teachers, I am thankful for Rich Brune and all the school staff, what a blessing to have these Godly people teaching our young people. I am thankful for all the volunteers in leadership positions and on boards, the Trustees have done an outstanding job this year upgrading and maintaining the church and school campus. I am thankful for this board of Elders that I have the privileged to serve with, especially Dan Linnemeier who is leaving his position at the end of the year. I am thankful for my wife Jane; she is such a blessing to me. I am thankful for my children, family and friends. BUT I am most thankful for my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ Who died on the cross for me a poor miserable sinner. What are you thankful for? Don't wait until Thanksgiving to express those thoughts, do it every day! We are thankful for the new beginnings we have celebrated this past month with the Baptism of Emma Nichols and the start of a new life together that John & Courtney Arnold now share. Also, we pray for strength for the Hook, Harmeyer, Furniss & Eastman families after the loss of Chris Hook, Louis Harmeyer, Charlene Furniss & Aileen Eastman. We hope that the Lord will continue to guide and strengthen both Richard Shroyer & Marisa Shroyer as they have asked for a peaceful release.

Blessings,
John Wiehe and the Board of Elders

BY THE NUMBERS:

1005 baptized members
732 communicant members.

GESTURES OF GENEROSITY

In November we say thank you to Darlene Stahlhut☺ Darlene has been a member of Suburban Bethlehem most of her life. She has been blessed with many talents and generously shares them with many other people. Some of the activities in which she participates are decorating the sanctuary for church festivals and holidays and caring for flowers and plants at regular services. Darlene also assists in counting money after services and taking care of Bible class collection. She also plays hand bells and decorates the tables for funeral luncheons. Darlene keeps busy with food preparation (She was recently featured in The Journal Gazette for her cooking and baking skills). She helps prepare and serve the Senior's lunch every month as well as co-chairs the potato salad committee for our annual fish fry. Just about anywhere something needs to be done around SBL, Darlene is there pitching in! We thank Darlene for her diligent work among us!

The Stewardship Board will feature an unsung hero each month to say "thanks" for their love of the Lord through their time and talent. If you know of an "unsung hero", please let a Stewardship Board member know and we will feature them in future newsletters.

Dr. Paul Maier will present "**Christianity and the Competition – Who Is Right,**" **Saturday, November 19, 2011, 9:00 am – 2:30 pm, at St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church (LCMS),** 8601 Harrison, Munster, Indiana. The cost of the presentation is \$15.00 per person, which includes the presentation and lunch, and a special rate, \$25 for two. You can register or ask questions by phone by calling 219-836-6270 219-836-6270 or by email teagly@aol.com. It is advised to pre-register, seating is limited. Dr. Maier will also have copies of his excellent books offered for sale. The presentation offers a comparison between Christianity and what it offers to Eastern and Western non-Christian religions and cults. Dr. Maier also offers ways for Christians to offer a winsome witness to the truth in Jesus Christ.



Monday ~ November 21st
7:00 pm

Hope to see you there!

A Thanksgiving Poem

*T is for THANKFULNESS, to Jesus,
which we should all be.*

*H is for the HOLINESS of Jesus we
should all revere'*

*A is for the ABUNDANCE of love
given freely to us from our Lord..*

*N is for the NURTURING, Jesus
showers us with..*

*K is for our KING who shed His blood
for you and for me.*

*S is for our SAVIOUR so full of
love and mercy.*

*G is for the GENEROSITY of our
loving Heavenly Father, in His gift
of salvation so freely given.*

*I is for our INIQUITIES that Jesus
saved us from on the cross that day.*

*V is for the VICTORY we have in
defeating satan.*

*I is for the INJUSTICE of Jesus'
suffering for us, so all could abide
with Him in His Heavenly realm.*

*N is for our NEEDS, that Jesus never
fails to fulfill.*

*G is for the GRACE of God that is
supplied to us, no matter how
undeserving we are.*

Read more: <http://www.inspirational-poems.net/thanksgiving-poems/344-thanksgiving-acrostic-poems#ixzz1buLJAeyA>

Movie on C.F.W. Walther

Concordia Seminary in St. Louis has produced a full-length movie on the life of C.F.W. Walther. Walther was the first President of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and one of the early theological leaders of our church body. The church office has received a couple of copies of this movie (DVD) and it is available to anyone in the congregation who would like to borrow it to view it. Stop in the church office and ask to borrow the Walther Movie. October 25, 2011 was the 200th anniversary of Walther's birth.