



"So God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them... God saw all that He had made, and it was very good." (Genesis 1:27, 31 – emphasis mine)

Dear Fellow Redeemed:

I've been thinking about that passage above a great deal lately. For some reason, of all the topics that we looked at this past summer in our "I always wanted to hear a sermon about..." series, the topic that still is hanging onto my heart is the topic of divorce and marriage. I've been thinking and praying about what can we as a congregation – and I as a pastor and individual Christian and husband – do to help improve marriages? Just recently I attended a luncheon sponsored by Cross Connections Counseling that was especially for pastors on the topic of helping marriages in crisis and preventing divorce. This helped tip me from just thinking and praying into thinking, praying, and doing something about it.

The good folks at Cross Connections shared some startling statistics about divorce and remarriage. Here are some of the stats on divorce and remarriage in our society (for the technically minded, I have the references for the numbers):

- First marriages last on the average about 8 years.
- 20% of first marriages end in just 5 years.
- 43% of first marriages end within 15 years.
- 65-70% of 2nd marriages end in about 8 years.
- It takes couples 6 years (on average) of marital distress before seeking counseling.
- Only 30% of divorcing spouses report more than 3 serious quarrels in the past month.
- 86% of unhappily married couples who stick it out find that 5 years later their marriages are happier.

That last statistic jumps out at me! Across the great spectrum of our society 86% (almost 9 out of every 10) of married couples in crisis who, for whatever reason, decide to stick with it and remain married, within 5 years they find their marriages a lot better. And this statistic doesn't even speak about where those couples are in relationship with their Savior, Jesus Christ! My comment about that presumes that those who know their Savior will want to make sure they use the available resources to help and improve their marriage.

And then, to top this all off, at the same Cross Connections luncheon, they gave us a copy of a column by Linda Chavez, which appeared in the June 7, 2011 New-Sentinel that quoted a study that 30% of divorcing couples say they would be willing to reconcile if there were low cost approaches to saving their marriages available. Again, I'm presuming that statistic would be higher (much higher?) for those who 1) haven't gotten so far as the stage of divorce and 2) are active Christians. This leads me to cry out "What are we doing as Christians about this!" If there are hurting people and couples – and those who are especially grasping at the straws to get help and encouragement – we have some of the best resources at our disposal. What are we doing about it!

This leads me to say the following:

- 1) If you and your spouse are in a troubled marriage, please come and meet with me. You will be met with a non-judgmental attitude. I desire to pray with you and for you. And, if it's what's right for you, we have a great resource in Cross Connections (talk with me about the details).
- 2) We all need the encouragement of fellow Christian couples who are at similar life-stages as we are. For example, there are unique – but similar pressures put on a couple when their first child is born. There are unique but similar pressures on a couple when they become empty nesters. Have we encouraged these groups to gather and support/pray for each other? The Small Group Bible Study Julie and I belong to offers a great deal of this (and we all have kids about the same age).
- 3) Don't give up! If God can raise the dead and we need look no farther than Easter to see He does! Then He also has the power to raise a faltering marriage.

You'll hear more from me on this in the months ahead. Let me encourage you with the words of St. Paul in the verses just after our theme verse for this year ("being rooted and established in love"). God is able to do "immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine." (Ephesians 3:20). He wants to do that with your marriage – let's talk and pray about it!

With you in the joy of marriage at the cross of our Savior, Jesus!

- Pastor Bill Mueller

Did you know that the Indiana District of LCMS supports a wide range of missions outside of Indiana? Yes, in fact missionaries in Ireland, Indonesia, New Guinea, Haiti, India, Germany and Japan are supported and up-lifted by the Indiana District.

Know of someone heading off to college? They can plug into the local Campus Ministry supported by Indiana District. The Indiana District also serves a growing number of hearing impaired individuals through the Deaf Ministry. The list goes on and on.

This and more will be presented by Rev. Dr. Daniel May, District President, on Sunday, October 2nd at SBLC. He will be guest minister as we celebrate "Mission Sunday".

INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP AT SUBURBAN BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN? "Growing Disciples"



is a Bible Study that provides an introduction to what we believe and teach on the basis of God's Word at Suburban Bethlehem. The next offering of "Growing Disciples" will begin Saturday, October 15 from 9 am - Noon in room 106 of the school. In the fall the Growing Disciples class is offered in a mini-seminar format over four Saturdays – October 15 through November 7. For more information contact Pastor Bill at: billm@deeplyrootedtogrow.org or 484-7873.

Sunday Morning Bible Study – 10:00 am in the School Commons – "Revelation" is the topic for study as we are working our way through the last couple of chapters of Revelation. This is a great interactive Bible Study where everyone provides input into the discussion (it's not just pastor talking!). Pastor Bill Mueller facilitates.

Cyber Saints - Sign up for a weekly note of encouragement and news from Pastor Bill Mueller. Go to the church website - www.deeplyrootedtogrow.org; click on the link for the church; click the very top tab that says "Sign up for our Cyber Saints Newsletter" and complete the form and you'll receive these weekly notes of encouragement. If you are having trouble signing up you can email Pastor Bill directly at billm@deeplyrootedtogrow.org



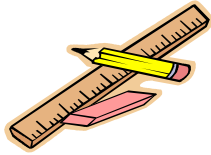
IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR SUBSCRIPTION! If you currently receive the Lutheran Witness please call the church office to let Klarissa know if you would like to keep or cancel your subscription. The renewal price for 2012 is \$15. If you don't receive the Lutheran Witness but would like to can sign up on the Lutheran Witness Additions Sheet found in the back of the church. If you have any questions, please call Klarissa at 484-7873. The Deadline to Renew/Start your subscription is October 15th!

Upcoming Change Pastor Bill Barlow, our Pastor Emeritus, has informed Pastor Bill Mueller and our Board of Elders that he will be concluding his service among us as Pastor Emeritus at the end of 2011. Pastor Mueller and the Elders are beginning to look at various options for moving forward. If you have thoughts and/or suggestions, please mention it to them! We thank and praise God for the service and ministry of Pastor Barlow among us.

Suburban Bethlehem Lutheran School

SBLS Times

October 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>

Fall Festival

Please join us for our **1st annual Community Fall Festival on Saturday, October 8th at SBL**. This is an event designed for the whole SBL family as well as an outreach tool to the community. Grab your friends & neighbors and join in the fun. Enjoy games, rides, a photo booth & much more from 4:00 ~ 6:00 pm. Two corn hole tournaments will start at 4:00 pm. One corn hole tournament will be for adults & one tournament will be for adults with students. A meal will be served from 5:45 ~ 7:30 for a free will donation. At 7:00 pm sit around a bonfire and enjoy the company of all those around and trunk or treat. Please ask your family, friends, neighbors & co-workers to join in the fun.

Remodeling Thank You

On behalf of the students and staff of SBLS we would like to take this opportunity to say "thank you" to the congregation for voting to proceed with some much needed repairs and remodeling in our school. We also offer thanks to the many volunteers and trustees, led by Jeff Arnold, who were responsible for getting the tasks completed.

The complete remodeling of the restrooms in the upper hallway is amazing. Not only has the plumbing been modernized to eliminate

many previous problems, but they look so very nice and modern also. Add carpeting to that upper hallway and the whole area looks like a different place. Replacement of the plumbing fixtures in the bathrooms in the commons has also been a big improvement.

Leak repairs on the roof and grout repairs to the exterior walls of the lower hallway near the kindergarten and pre-school rooms and installation of a new ceiling and lighting makes that area look new as well.

Likewise, resealing of the upper parking lot, along with the restriping of the entire campus parking lots, make the outside facility look so much better. We thank Justin Hoffman and the School Ministry for their efforts to make that project happen this summer.

There were many volunteers involved in these projects. We are sure we don't even know who all helped out. Yet, we hope that each and every one of you feel the heartfelt thanks that goes out for all you do. We are all blessed in so many ways by the huge amount of volunteers we have at SBL. It shows how much you love and care about your church and school. We can only imagine the complications we might have without such dedicated people. God bless you as you continue to care for our property as gifts from God.

Graft Basketball Scholarship

With basketball season approaching it seems like a good time to remind you about the Graft Scholarship. It is a scholarship to support SBLS male and female athletes in our own basketball program. The scholarship has been established in memory of Don & Sue Graft. Mr. & Mrs. Graft had a passion for basketball. Mr. Graft coached

at Suburban Bethlehem for over 40 years. This memorial fund was established to help children who might not otherwise be able to afford participation in our own school program, a shooting/skills camp or other school related programs in Northeast Indiana. This scholarship is operated through the School Ministry Board and can supply funds to aid students according to their financial need, up to 50% of the cost of these programs. Those in need and interested in applying for this financial help may speak with Mr. Brune to request an application.

Recycling 4 Cash

Did you know that we can earn money for SBLS by collecting empty inkjet cartridges, laser toners, cell phones, laptops, etc.? Bring in any of the above items from home or work. We can turn them into cash for our technology program. Bring any of these recyclable items in and place them in the collection box outside the school office or in the back of church. Help save the environment and earn extra cash for school!

21st Century Scholars ~ Free College Tuition!

Did you know.... The Twenty-First Century Scholars Program is Indiana's way of raising the educational aspirations of low and moderate-income families. The program aims to assure that all Indiana students can afford a college education. Income-eligible 6th, 7th and 8th grade students who enroll in the program and fulfill a pledge of good citizenship to the state are guaranteed the cost of four years of college tuition to any participating Indiana college or university.

Students and their parents must complete and return the application by June 30th of their 6th, 7th or 8th grade year. Application forms and more information are available by calling 1-800-992-2076.

Spring 2011 ISTEP Results

Over the years we have been very blessed by the scores our students have achieved on the ISTEP tests. The results from this past

Spring are no different. As a whole, our students placed in the top 5% of all Indiana schools tested. Likewise, every one of our 8th Algebra I students passed the high school End of Course Assessment.

We are very thankful for the validation we continue to receive regarding the academic quality of students and our academic process.

Indiana District All Church Workers Conference

The church and school staff will be attending our LCMS District combined church and school workers conference later this month. This is an every three-year event that brings our church and school staff together to focus on our joint ministry. The conference will be in Indianapolis on October 17 & 18. There will be no school those two days.

We want to thank SBL for offering the support necessary for our workers to attend such events. It is an opportunity to grow and learn. Attendance helps make us more effective as servants of Christ. Thank you for seeing and supporting the value in such professional growth opportunities.

Commitment To Be A Worshipping Family

All parents with children enrolled at SBLS and who are members of our church have signed a form with this title. It is very important that you live up to that commitment. Statements are sent to families who are identified by the elders as worshipping less than 50% of the time. While this might feel like Law, it is truly Gospel. We care about the Spiritual well-being of each of you. Faith fellowship is an important opportunity in the life of a Christian. Please make a priority of worshipping with your brothers and sisters in Christ. **Also, please be sure to fill out an attendance card located in the pews so the elders know you are worshipping.** See you in church!

In His Service with you,

Rich Brune

October Birthdays

1 Jane Wiehe	16 Susan Kanning
1 Jack Kidd	16 Deb Myers
1 MaKinzie Ford	16 Maddie Pattee
2 Jeff Fearnow	17 Bob Schaefer
2 Jonathan Adams	17 Jesse Frederick
2 Taylor Gosnell	17 William Pipenger
3 Deborah Dreyer	18 Tim Schaefer
3 Donna Schaefer	18 Jamie Koeneman
3 Caleb Nichols	18 Clayton Clifford
3 Madison Zeedyk	18 Benjamin Eckert
4 August Kruse	18 Wyatt Lukins
5 Kevin Gass	19 Diane Hille
5 Amanda Schaefer	19 JT Harmon
6 Dorothy Gilmore	19 Conner Mills
7 Logan Hille	19 Michael Furniss
7 Brayton Hook	20 Linda Schaefer
8 William Fairfield	21 Marilyn Kreig
8 Nicholas Gottwald	22 Tadan Michalski
8 Grace Gallmeier	23 DJ McCall
9 Kerry Hitzemann	23 Kevin Banet III
9 Annique Bleeke	24 Bev Weimer
9 Anna Stockert	24 Audra Thomas
9 Kaiden Linnemeier	25 Pastor Keith Knippenberg
10 Sherrey Blad	25 Judy Buffington
10 Marcy McKinley	25 Jackie Greener
10 Celina Drummond	25 Brian Kidd
10 Brennan Martin	25 Trevor Banet
11 Patricia Kruse	26 Cindy Dirig
11 Nancy Johnston	26 Katie Turner
11 Roger Stahlhut	27 Edna Schaefer
11 Grant Meeks	27 Lowell Stahlhut
12 Larry Yarrington	27 Zeb Stahl
12 Beverly Harrison	28 Jessica Brundige
12 Daniel Schaefer	28 Noah Werner
12 Nathan Johnson	28 Dakota Hitzemann
13 Molly Joyal	29 Cheryl Fabian
13 Bethany Carter	29 Ryan Johnson
14 Rita Freed	29 Noah Jank
14 Jerry Miller	29 Jenna Akey
14 Karen Bickle	30 Pastor Norm Aman
14 Cindy Berning	30 Susan Davis
14 David Reinhard	31 Dawn Bryie
14 Jacob Felton	31 Ryan Poling
15 Lilly Lahey	
15 Samantha Kellaris	

On the Horizon

November:

Last Monday Evening Service	14
Ladies Night In	20
Thanksgiving Eve Worship	23
School Thanksgiving Vacation	24-25
The First Sunday in Advent	27
Wednesday Evening Worship	29

December:

Advent By Candle Light	4
Holiday Pops Concert	17
School Christmas Vacation	22 - 1
Christmas Eve Worship (Times to be Determined)	
Christmas Day Worship (Times to be Determined)	
New Years Eve Worship	31

January:

School Resumes	2
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GESTURES OF GENEROSITY

In October we say thank you to SBL's Stephen Ministry Leadership team. Terry Morrison, Norma Thiele, Peter and Linda Harlow give countless hours to our Stephen Ministry program by planning, guiding and supervising the Stephen Ministers so they can be effective and caring caregivers. These four people truly are "God's love in action". Please say "thank you" the next time you see them.

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.

Dear Suburban Bethlehem,

On behalf of my Brothers and Sisters in Fire Service, I would like to Thank my Church Family for your generosity in the various ways you remembered us on 9/11. Obviously it's a time of strong feelings for us. Several of our members at Washington Township Fire Department did go and help in the recovery efforts as well as stood in the Honor Guard at the Firemen's Funerals. Others such as myself were on the list to go but didn't make it there. The healing continues. Thanks for your encouragement. We are happy to be in God's service and yours.

*Respectfully,
Doug Rodenbeck*

"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.

WHAT'S GOING ON???
OCTOBER 2011

Indeed... "there is a time for everything, and a season for everything under heaven" Ecclesiastes 3:1

For those of you who don't know, it has been a very interesting summer at the Harlow household. We have always felt very blessed to live right across the river from the Seminary and right next to Shoaff Park. This city gal has enjoyed wildlife the likes that she has never seen close up and personal! This summer was extraordinary as Pete and I were blessed to witness the birth of two gorgeous fawns and to have the company of them and their mother throughout the warm summer days and evenings. At first we did not see them, and I was worried sick. Mom, however, showed up each day munching everything in sight. Soon the two babies entertained us with all of their antics the best of which was when our Greyhound Max felt that they should play with him, they just snubbed him, kicked up their heels and were gone ☺

As far as I am concerned they left us far too soon... But, they, along with the Baltimore Orioles, Hummingbirds, and many other examples of wonderful and gorgeous wildlife knew that it was fall and that it was transition time. So too for us, our Heavenly Father gives us transition time to ease into the seasons of our life and the changes or moves that need to be made. May you be blessed with glimpses of His incredible creation this fall as you move into places and spaces that He has set apart just for you.

So...as we transition into this new season once again, excited for what our Lord has in store for us, I'll be looking for you at any or all of these wonderful opportunities...

- Don't forget to stop by on October 2 at any of our services for something special from some Lutheran Women in Mission around here!
- I'm excited for the Fall Festival on October 8! Who have you invited to join you in all the fun???
- A second spectacular Ladies Night In is being planned for Sunday November 20 with a couple of new twists...it will start earlier than the last one, so that our men can shop ☺, and bring a non-perishable food item for our Casserole Closet or St. Matthews Food Bank in thanks for all that our Lord has blessed you with this year!
- Speaking of new...our Advent by Candlelight celebration will include a wonderful Nativity Walk on Sunday, December 4 beginning at 6:00 pm. Think of whom you will invite today and share in this special night.
- Join us, as once again we will be enjoying 'Holiday Pops', a delightful afternoon of music from our own Philharmonic and then super fellowship with one another. All will be happening on December 17!

And...by now you may have noticed that there are lots of invitations to be in God's Word, morning, afternoon, or evening, find your spot today!



I'll be seeing you as we, together, **Fully Rely On God...**
while being deeply rooted and established in love...

Linda Harlow

Lutheran Youth Fellowship - LYF

YOUTH PIZZAS – The youth who sold pizzas will be putting them together on Saturday October 1st. We'll be assembling the pizzas at 9:00 AM and we should be finished by Noon. Please contact Justin Gudel if you have a conflict with this time. The monies that you raise will be held in your youth accounts and can be used for all youth related activities here at Sub Beth. ***Those that supported us in this fundraiser*** can pick up their pizzas Sunday October 2nd in between services from the kitchen in the commons. We'll have youth present to hand off your orders.

Eighth Grade Confirmation Retreat – The eighth grade will be going on a short confirmation retreat to Camp Lutherhaven on **October 28th & 29th**.

Donate Your Cans! – *Thanks again for 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 on time.

Senior Youth (High School Youth)

Youth Information Cards – *Please get these back to us so we can make sure you're getting our updates!* Parents you can also find us and many of our updates (senior youth updates) at the group Sub Beth Rocks on Facebook.

Harvest Festival – ***Our first annual Fall Festival is October 8! Family and Youth are invited!*** Amongst the many needs for this event are helpers to set up our hay maze! We will be meeting at noon on October 8th to assemble the maze. All youth are invited. The task will probably last between one or two hours. ***If you are looking for a fun way to get some service hours please join us!***

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.

New Times for Our Senior "Night LYFs" – Each Wednesday we'll be meeting from 7:15-8:30 PM (9:00 PM for those who can stay out that late). But that's not all that's new! Check out these other additions based off of youth suggestions. Each month we're mixing it up a bit. ☺ The first Wednesday of each month we'll be at Sweetwater Sound in their cafeteria. Again meeting for fun, a devotion fellowship! ☺ Also once a month we'll leave our regular haunts, to do an activity away from both Sub Beth and Sweetwater. **In October we'll meet at Pro Bowl West.** Youth should bring \$5 to cover both their shoes and a single game of bowling (BCEY will cover the rest!). Don't forget that your youth account can be used for these outings; also if you ever need help to cover the cost of a youth event just talk to Justin.

Mission Trip Meeting – Youth and Parents of youth interested in our Summer mission trip (for 2012) are invited to join us in the commons on **Wednesday, 10.26.11** (the same night as bowling at pro bowl west). We'll be meeting from 6:30 - 7:00 PM (giving us enough time to get to Pro Bowl West) to discuss our mission trip plans for this coming summer. If you can't make it; information will be available after the meeting on the youth bulletin board in the narthex.

EIGHTEEN2TWENTY-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. October's Bible Studies are on 10.13.11 & 10.27.11.

FRIENDS ARE ALWAYS INVITED TO ALL YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT OUR ACTIVITIES



What's Happening @ CLHS

Homecoming Chicken Dinner ~ A Nelson's Chicken Homecoming Dinner is scheduled for Friday, October 7 from 5 - 7 pm in the high school cafeteria. Tickets will be available from any band member or by sending your payment to CLHS to the attention of Dianne Moellering. Take-outs will be available. Call Dianne at (260) 483-1102, ext. 198 for details.

Homecoming at CLHS ~ Homecoming at Concordia is Friday, October 7th. The Cadets will take on Lakeland in the last home game of the football season. Come out to the game and experience the excitement of high school football, Cadet style. The game begins at 7 pm at Zollner Stadium.

Future Cadet Night ~ October 7th is also Future Cadet Night, meaning that all fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth graders can receive a free ticket to the game, free popcorn, and be eligible to win prizes throughout the evening. For information on Future Cadet Night, contact Krista Friend at (260) 483-1102, ext. 219.

Annual Fruit Sale ~ Concordia Music Department's annual fruit sale is almost upon us. We promise sweet, tasty fruit of the highest quality. *All music students will be gathering orders for the Florida oranges, grapefruit and gift boxes from October 19 to November 2.* Tentative delivery is set for Monday, December 12, just in time for Christmas gift-giving! Anyone wishing to place an order may call the Music Office (483-1102, ext. 198) or ask any music student.

Half-Off Entire Store at Concordia Thrift Shop ~ Fall is in the air and that means great savings at the Concordia Lutheran High School Thrift Shop. Come in October 21 - 29 while the entire store is **half-off!** (Some exceptions may apply.) Decorating for fall? The Thrift Shop has an assortment of Halloween and fall decorating items.

The Thrift Store is located at 3436 N. Anthony. Hours are Monday, 10 am - 6:30 pm; Tuesday - Friday, 10 am - 5 pm; and Saturday, 9:30 am - 3:30 pm.

Volunteers to help are always welcome at the Thrift Shop. Volunteer for a day, part of a day, or as often as you like. To volunteer, contact the Thrift Shop at (260) 482-1403.



Worship for Shut-Ins

October 2011

October 2, 2011 - I Corinthians 15:58

"Always Abounding in the Work of the Lord" by Rev. Dr. David P. Stechholz, Bishop President, English District-LCMS. We have the message of reconciliation, love, grace, hope and peace with God.

October 9, 2011 - Matthew 22:1-14

"Worthy of the Kingdom" by Rev. James L. Elsner, Prince of Peace ~ Hudson, IN. Those whom God has called in His grace and who receive His gift of forgiveness and faith can look forward with hope and confidence to eternal life.

October 16, 2011 - Matthew 22:15-22

"Whose Image?" by Rev. Daniel J. Brege, St. Paul's ~ Decatur, IN. With our pains and our miseries we see that we are fallen, we are barely a blurred image of the Creator. But Christ makes the eternal payment, restoring the image of God in us, and bringing us back to God the Father.

October 23, 2011 - Matthew 22:41-46

"David's Son and Lord" by Rev. Dr. Walter A. Maier, III, Concordia Theological Seminary ~ Fort Wayne, IN. Because all people are sinful, the Messiah, the promised Savior, had to be God. But because He was God, He was triumphant in His mission. Therefore, we can be certain of having the forgiveness of sins and everlasting life, through faith in Jesus.

October 30, 2011 - Revelation 14:6-7

"The Eternal Gospel" by Rev. Paul E. Shoemaker, Emanuel Lutheran Church ~ New Haven, IN. The Gospel message never changes even though we live in a world of constant change. The message is sure: Christ Jesus died on the cross to pay for my sins and earn a place in Heaven for me.

WORSHIP FOR SHUT-INS:

6:30 am Sun: WPTA-TV21 Comcast 2

8:00 am Sun: FiOS-TV9; Comcast 252; Digital 33.2

11:30 am Sun: WINM-TV12/38; (Comcast 10; Fios 12; Directv 377 & Dish 7442

4:00 pm Sun: Comcast 55 Fox; FiOS 25

www.worshipforshutins.org





October Elders Corner

In God we trust...we see it every day on our currency. Virtually every court of law has it engraved somewhere on the building. When our country was started it was one of the building blocks for our young nation. As Christians today what does it mean? I fear at times we are relying too much on ourselves or the world instead of trusting that God will provide all that we need. This does not mean we should not be good stewards of what God has entrusted us with but we do need to trust that God will be with us every step of the way. Martin Luther helps us understand this in his explanation of the First Commandment; You shall have no other gods. What does this mean? We should fear, love and trust in God above all things.

Last month saw Darlene Bolz, Billie Hofman, and John Pontius transfer their memberships. Unfortunately, Sherman and Cathy Bowers, their son Logan and Autumn Zonker were given a peaceful release from their membership. Please keep them all in your prayers.

We saw the Baptism's of Elizabeth Evelyn Herzberg & Abby Elise Griewank. We were also blessed to have our congregation grow by having individuals transfer their memberships in and new members from our Growing Disciple classes. Please make a special effort to welcome them.

Transferred in

Judy Bostwick
Matt & Rachel Freimark (Lily)
Angela Holley (Jeffery)
Terry & Christine Hudson
Shirley Kaeding
Jerry Miller
Steve & Angie Pipenger (William)
Mary Stairheim (Kathleen & Kason)

Growing Disciples

Lori Eberle (Morgan, Madison)
Todd Lehman
Lacy Nichols
Megan Nichols

By the numbers we have 976 baptized members and 740 communicant members.

✠ Blessings ,

John Wiehe and your Board of Elders



Magnificent Journey

"He Chose ~ We Go ~ He Gives"

Join us for an inspiring "ladies day out!"

Where: St. John's Lutheran Church
7914 West Cook Rd

When: Saturday November 5

Time: 9:00 am-4:00 pm (Doors open at 8:15)

Cost: \$15 includes Conference, lunch, music and more

Featured Speakers: Lynne Ford
& Paula Lofstrom

Music: Faith Amplified

Registration Deadline: October 21. Limited to the first 200 Ladies. You don't want to miss this!

Lutherfest 2011 ~ Join us for this annual event of fun & fellowship sponsored by the Seminary Guild. This feast of German food will take place in Katherine Luther Dining Hall and Luther Hall on the seminary campus on Friday, October 7 beginning at 6:00 pm. Prices are \$7.50(ages 10 & up); \$3.00 (ages 4-9); Free (up to age 3). For additional information contact Karen Fuelling at Karen.Fuelling@ctsfw.edu or 452-2168 .

Join us for Donation Day on Tuesday, October 11. In recent years, LWML Districts and Societies have joined with the Seminary Guild to gather needed items for the seminary's Food and Clothing Co-op. Additionally, monetary donations are used to purchase food at low cost through local food banks. A complete schedule can be found at www.ctsfw.edu/Guild, then choose Donation Day. Registration for the day is \$12.00 and includes the luncheon. For additional information or to register, please call 260-452-2168 .