



Dear Fellow Redeemed:

Where were you when you first learned about the terrorist attacks on 9/11/01? For most of us that moment will forever be imprinted on our memories. In a similar fashion those who were alive when President Kennedy was assassinated remember that moment of where they were, and an even older generation remembers the attack on Pearl Harbor. These moments are imprinted on our memory because of the trauma, emotion, and the intent awareness that "our lives will never be the same again." I recently came across the sermon I preached the Sunday after 9/11/01 and how true it was that, as a nation and down to the individual, we never would be able to predict on that beautiful September day all the events of the succeeding ten years.

But one other thing from that sermon on 9/16/01 that caught my attention was on the enduring power and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. He, as His holy writer in Hebrews reminds us, is the same yesterday, today and forever (Hebrews 13:8). His grace and compassion never fails.

As we page our way through God's Word we come across the Old Testament book of Lamentations. Lamentations was most likely written by the Prophet Jeremiah right after the destruction of Solomon's temple in 586 BC. It is an interesting read on the reminders of the frailty of earthly life. In this book Jeremiah reminds his hearers how it was the lack of Judah's faithfulness to their God that brought about their own destruction. Lamentations reads as if Jeremiah is wistfully remembering the beauty and splendor of Jerusalem and what that nation was when it followed the Lord's leading.

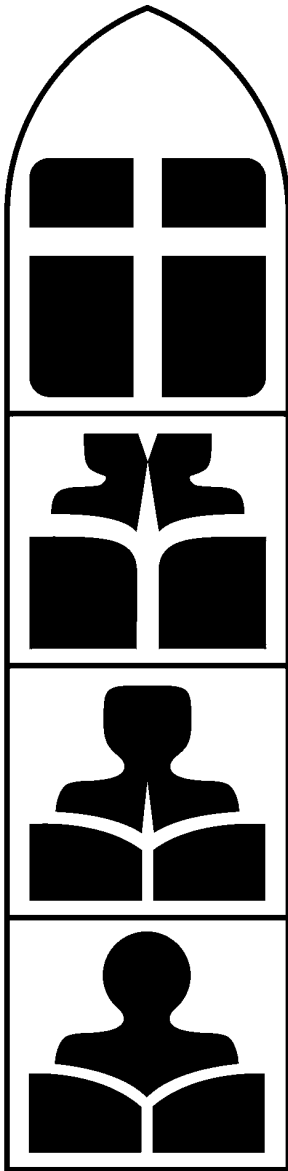
Yet right smack in the middle of this book are some treasured words that gives me great courage and strength when I think about our nation...and, more importantly, our own life and relationship with our Savior Jesus Christ. Right in the middle of Lamentations we read, "Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness. I say to myself, 'The Lord is my portion; therefore I will wait for Him.'" (Lamentations 3:22-24)

What appropriate words to put some direction to our thoughts and remembrances of 11 September 2001. The Lord's compassion, love and faithfulness are without end! We immediately saw this enduring power of our Lord in the days after 9/11. No doubt the attendance at the worship services at Suburban Bethlehem the Sunday following 9/11 was like the parish I was serving at the time: it was almost as good as Easter Sunday. The Lord bringing people back to Him as He was reminding them He is the faithful and loving God. Our collective attention as a nation was riveted upon how the Lord was going to comfort and lead us through the days ahead. Sadly, however, we fell right back into the same "rut" we were in. Our Lord became a distraction from our lives instead of being the center. Any mention of growing in faith in Christ and, even more so, of being faithful to Him has become a derisive thought for many people. Whether we intend to or not, we give the appearance of only wanting to express our faith – and faithfulness – to our Lord in times of stress and tragedies.

We have the opportunity this month to change this. We have the opportunity to take a stand and remind ourselves, our family and friend, our community and our nation that we are among those who remember our Lord's faithfulness to us and we will praise and thank Him in word and deed! September 11, 2011 happens to be a Sunday this year. What a great opportunity we have to praise and thank God for His faithfulness to us. We also have the opportunity to thank God for the members of our community whom He uses to protect us. In all three of our worship services on 9/11/11 we will recognize our "Hometown Heroes" – fire fighters, police officers, medical care providers – for the service they provide for us...and how they are God's protective agents. Please see the accompanying article in this newsletter about 9/11/11. This is our opportunity to not be like faithless Judah in the Old Testament. This is our opportunity to be faithful as God's people!

With you in the Lord's Faithfulness,

Pastor Bill Mueller



Bible Studies through the Week so we aren't Weak ~ Here are Bible Study opportunities through the month of September:

Sunday Morning – 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.

Sunday Morning Small Group Women's Bible Study! We meet during the Sunday School hour at 10 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)**

Senior Youth Breakfast & Sunday Bible Study - We have a special Bible study time set aside for all of our high school youth every Sunday from 10:00-10:55 AM in room 204. This is a great chance to nourish yourself both spiritually and physically (there will always be food).

Women's Evening Bible Study ~ This group meets every **Monday at 7:00 pm** at the Mocha Lounge on Covington Road, Fort Wayne. These ladies from Southwest Lutheran and Aboite Lutheran study various Bible Study books and welcome all women. Tina Harmeyer has been a member of this group, as it has been together for years. Call Tina Harmeyer @ 436-8592 if you would like to join.

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.

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**.

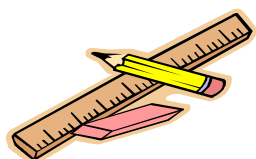
**Learn
&
Grow**



**Membership
Class**

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 - 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 1 ~ November 7. For more information contact Pastor Bill at: billm@deeplyrootedtogrow.org or 484-7873. Keep watching for information on our next “Growing Disciples” opportunity!

Suburban Bethlehem Lutheran School



SBLS Times

September 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

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Welcome

As we start the 128th school year at SBLS we have some new faces around. We would like to take this opportunity to welcome the new students and parents to Suburban Bethlehem. We have a whole new group of children in kindergarten, as well as a number of new students in the other grades. When you see someone you do not recognize, please take the initiative to greet them and make them feel welcome to our very special family here at SBL.

While our core teaching staff remains in tact from last year, I would like to welcome them back. They include Mrs. Terri Hobbs, Mrs. Kathy Enterline, Mrs. Ann Fichtner, Mrs. Peggy Zilz, Miss Amy Loppnow, Mrs. Pam Brune, Mr. Dan Gottschalk, Mrs. Rachael Johnson, Mr. Aaron Barnholt, Mrs. Alyson Akey, and Mr. Gary Mews.

2011-12 Ministry Theme

This year we center our thoughts on the theme verse from Ephesians 3: 17-19, "...being rooted and established in love." This ties in nicely to our logo of "Deeply Rooted to Grow." The love that St. Paul speaks of here is God's love for us. God loves us so deeply that we can't even comprehend the depth. That is where we find the strength to preserve us

throughout life.

We fully trust that God will be with all of us in the coming year and throughout life.

A Look Ahead

The following list gives a brief look at the school year ahead.

Aug. 22 – Class began

Oct. 17-18 – All Church Worker's Conference

Nov. 24-25 – Thanksgiving Break

Dec. 22 - Jan. 2 – Christmas Break

April 2-6 – Spring Break

May 31 – TENTATIVE Last Day of School

Thank You!

Recently the school was blessed with the gift of an AED, Automated External Defibrillator. This gift was given in loving memory of wife and mother, Elaine Felger by her family. Elaine was a member of St. John Lutheran Church, Lake Township, where Norman is still a member. Their daughter, Cheri, attended Suburban Bethlehem Lutheran School from kindergarten through 8th grade in the late 70's and early 80's.

We also thank Darlene Stahlhut, a family friend and member of SBLC, for facilitating this gift.

Good Advice

The following two articles are re-prints from *Home & School Connection*. They both offer some good suggestions and reminders for us.

Article 1: A Recipe for Respect

Ava listens quietly when her teacher talks. Ben claps for each performer at his piano recital. These children show respect for others. Here's how you can encourage your youngster to do the same.

Demonstrate ~ Your child will learn respectful behavior by watching the way you treat others. When she makes a mistake, for instance,

gently tell her what she's done wrong – and out of earshot of others. Also, let her see you respect ideas and beliefs that are different from your own. For example, point out that you're happy a friend is voting in an election even though you each favor a different candidate.

Notice ~ When you see your youngster acting respectfully, let her know that you've noticed ("I like the way you asked your sister before borrowing her sweater"). Your words and attention will encourage her to show respect in the future. **Tip:** If you see disrespectful behavior on TV (a child rolling his eyes or talking back to a parent), tell your youngster that isn't okay in real life. Then, ask her to be on the lookout for respectful actions by characters. How many can she spot before the program ends?

Article 2: Study Smarts

From a history test at the end of each month to a spelling quiz every Friday; studying is a skill youngsters will need throughout their years of school. Help your child study with these tips.

Start a habit ~ Encourage your youngster to treat studying as a daily assignment, not just something he does the evening before a test. For example, he might study 15 minutes every night for a spelling test on Friday. After he finishes his regular homework, he can spend a little time reviewing his notes and handouts.

Tackle textbooks ~ When your child has a chapter to study, have him "preview" it to increase his understanding. He should glance over headings, graphics, and photos and go to the glossary to look up boldfaced words. **Tip:** If he finds a section hard to grasp, he could read a picture book on the topic. For a science unit on matter, for instance, he could try *What Is the World Made Of?* By Kathleen Weidner Zoehfeld.

Mix it up ~ If your youngster reviews information in several ways, he'll be more likely to remember it. He might use colored pencils to copy each spelling word or match fact onto

a separate index card. Then, he can shuffle the cards and study them in a different order each time. For extra reinforcement, suggest that he spell each word or recite each fact aloud.



"Your assignment was supposed to be a book report on John Adams, not a review of the mini-series on HBO."

from: Gary Olsen Cartoons

Worship Attendance

We are nearing the mid-point of the August-September-October quarter for worship attendance for school parents who are members of our church. This is a gentle reminder that all members of SBLC with children in our school have committed to worship at least 50% of the time each quarter. Please be sure to fill out an attendance card every time you worship at SBLC so the Elders are aware of your attendance. We want to encourage all of us to be an active part of the body of Christ here at Suburban Bethlehem. We build each other up by worshipping together.

In His Service with you,

Rich Bruene

September Birthdays

1 Hudson Carter	15 John Willyard
2 Chris Hudson	16 Noelle Brennan
2 Jeffrey Bennan	16 Chelsea Schwarz
2 Andrea Oliver	17 Paul Schmidt
3 Glen Stahlhut	17 Leann Mosser
3 Ryan Harmeyer	17 Jessica Lineman
3 Drake Dillman	18 Helen Schaefer
4 Kay Bradtmiller	18 Bryce Kanning
4 Brent Lahey	19 Todd Johnston
4 Dylan Bowers	19 Sam Ulrich
5 Marvin Hitzeman	20 Vickie Hollabaugh
5 Ina Puff	20 Raymond Martin
5 Hannah Blake	20 Cathy Banet
5 Angelica Willyard	20 Gavin Smith
5 Madison Straw	20 Destiny Sorg
6 Allison Lewis	21 Catherine Bowers
6 Stephanie Kanning	21 Kristin Zeedyk
7 Carl Linnemeier	21 Kirsten Ogg
7 Billie Hook	21 Eli Knepper
7 Jack Belschner	22 Brent Kroker
8 Gregory Zelt	22 Kristi DeTar
8 Stacie Gass	23 Elmer Schaefer
8 Kyle Bolyard	23 Gabrielle Stockert
9 Kathleen Yarrington	24 Aileen Eastman
9 Michael Ostrander	24 Lisa Stahlhut
9 Dawn Luebke	24 Brittany Schoenle
9 Latacha Frederick	24 Mitchell Pattee
10 Christopher Stratton	25 Robert Sunderland
11 Virginia Perry	25 Brian Macke
11 David Willyard	25 Amy Ecenbarger
11 Kim Schaefer	27 Tim Eastom
12 Gary Mews	27 Jim Koeneman
12 Debra Rennecker	27 Sarah Mueller
12 Klarissa Towne	28 Zach Duffitt
12 Fabian Alexander	28 Jarod Wiehe
13 David Weimer	28 Logann Tuttle
13 Leeanne Koeneman	29 William Barlow
13 Mitchell Corn	29 Cindy Clark
13 Amanda Gotzh	29 Kitt Johnson
14 Matthew Dirig	30 Jeffrey Coburn
14 Adam Gottschalk	30 Chad Hockmeyer
	30 Abbey Brennan
	30 Cami Werrell

"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. Thank You!*

On the Horizon

October

Fall Festival	8
Church Workers Conf. (No School)	17/18

November

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

December

School Christmas Vacation	22 - 1
Christmas Eve Worship (5 & 7 pm)	24
Christmas Day Worship	25
New Years Eve Worship	31

January

School Resumes	2
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GESTURES OF GENEROSITY

In September, we shout out a huge thank you to Randy Schaefer who has just completed thirteen years of coaching basketball at our school. That is a whole lot of practices, games and tournaments he has faithfully coached our young people through. Randy diligently taught them not only the fundamentals of basketball, but also how, through example, those same principles will carry them through life. When you see Randy, say "thank you" for a job well done. He is one of SBLC's unsung hero's.

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.

Special Observance – September 11, 2011: We will be honoring our "Hometown Heroes" on Sunday, September 11, 2011 at all three of our worship services. If you know someone who is a local fire fighter, law enforcement or medical care provider, please extend an invitation to attend this very special Sunday worship. There also may be some special visitors in worship that day, especially the 8:45 worship service.

"WHAT'S GOING ON???"
SEPTEMBER 2011



'Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.' Romans 12:2

And so...have you seen them??? The butterflies of all different shapes and sizes fluttering around you when you least expect them??? The monarchs especially; aren't they just gorgeous this year??? And to think...how life started for them, all the stages they go through, and how we use them so often to talk about Jesus, our Savior, His life, His love for us, as we study these creatures. To capture the wonder on the face of a child...as they hold an emerging Monarch...is always a transforming moment for me. As Pastor Paul says, my mind is renewed as I consider once again the gift that I have the privilege of sharing with others...the only gift that promises life and forgiveness. My prayer is that you will be blessed with a butterfly soon, one that you can share with someone who needs one☺

Several ladies of our congregation enjoyed some transforming moments in Indy as we were treated at the LWML TREATSHOP. We have come home with even more ideas to share with you as we are excited to continue to share Jesus with more women in our community. And then, I hope you were as blessed as I was at our LADIES NIGHT IN last week! What a gathering of incredibly blessed gals just bursting to share their gifts with you, all tied up with such a neat reflection of our Lord...wow!!! I can't wait for the next one☺ Speaking of getting together, please jot down these dates because YOU are invited...

- ⇒ Join us on SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 10, beginning at 10:00 in our narthex for some great conversation, super planning and sharing, and neat surprises. Bring your favorite drink in your favorite mug☺
- ⇒ Join us on SATURDAY OCTOBER 1 at Our Hope, Huntertown for breakfast, a wonderful speaker sharing about our military families and their needs, and a special blessing, our own Mary Zelt, installed as Zone President for our North Zone, LWML☺
- ⇒ Join us, and find yourself a perfect fit as you become immersed in God's Word and find your spot in one of the many Bible Studies being offered right here. Please call Tina Harmeyer at 436-8592 if you have questions, or keep your eyes peeled for the bulletin announcements inviting you!
- ⇒ Join us, as very soon we will be working on our Advent By Candlelight preparations. There are some very special surprises being planned for this year, so please, look for the details in your bulletin, and as you are led to be involved, please, don't hesitate...



Summer Ministries was once again blessed by a most happy and safe summer for both Little Disciples Summer Day Camp and the super 'BIG JUNGLE ADVENTURE', our VBS that was awesome again☺ Thanks to all, and I will be looking for you around here as we, together... **Fully Rely On God**...on our journey being 'rooted and established in love.'☺

Linda Harlow

Lutheran Youth Fellowship - LYF

Youth Accounts – Don't forget that as we start up on our new activities if there is ever a cost you can take it out of your youth account.

Pizzas!!! – We will once again be making and selling pizzas for a fundraiser for our youth. This is an open fundraiser for both our Junior and Senior Youth. Funds raised can be used for any youth activities. Pizzas can also be purchased by filling out an order form (included in this newsletter) and returning it to the church office by September ?? or by dropping it into the youth drop box by the youth bulletin board. *Youth if you are interested in selling pizzas* pick up an order form from the youth bulletin board or contact Justin Gudel. All orders must be in by September 25th. Everyone who sells pizzas should also be prepared to make pizzas on Saturday October 1st. Pizzas can be picked up after the services on Sunday October 2nd.

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

Fantasy Football – We will once again be offering a fantasy football league for any interested youth (and eager family members). To join you will need a free yahoo account. For more information/an electronic invite contact Justin Gudel JustinG@DeeplyRootedToGrow.org. If we have enough interest we will offer two leagues.

Junior Youth (Middle School Youth)

Seventh & Eighth Grade Coffee House – We've got a great new offering for this year's 7th & 8th graders at Sub Beth. As an additional opportunity for fellowship the last Tuesday of each month we'll be hosting a 7th & 8th Grade Coffee House in the church Narthex from 7:30 to 7:50 AM. At each of these coffee houses we'll have several coffee "like" beverages and pastries free of charge. The youth simply get the chance to come sit down and enjoy them and some time with Mr. Gudel. Each 7th & 8th Grade Coffee House will also end with a short devotion and prayer. After we're done we'll return into the school commons as a group. This is just for our 7th & 8th graders (and any teachers that want to walk over for a hot or iced beverage). Our first coffee house will be on 8.30.11.

Junior Youth Kick Off Party – We will be hosting a special Kick Off party for our Junior Youth on September 17 from 6:30-9:30 PM. The party is being hosted at the Steven's house (7606 Arcola Rd). There is no cost for the event; instead we are asking people to bring a small snack to share (examples could be a bag of chips, cookies, or 2 liter of soda). There will also be a hot meal & Smores provided for the kids. This is open to all of our 5th, 6th, 7th, & 8th graders. Please sign up either on the youth bulletin board or on Mr. B's door.

Senior Youth (High School Youth)

Youth Information Cards – We are once again sending out information cards. The purpose behind them is to make sure that we can get news about youth activities out to you guys. Please follow the instructions and return them when you get them. Thanks! This year we'll have a raffle with all of the cards that come in before September 30. The winner gets a prize! (probably a gift card from The Family Christian Book Store).

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.

Wednesday Senior Night "LYF" – In September we'll be hosting our Senior Night LYF every Wednesday Night*. Join us in the commons from 7:00-8:30 pm, with Open Gym til 9! We'll have a variety of stuff going on around a short Bible Study. Most nights there will also be some form of snack/refreshments. This is a great chance to casually hang out and share in some fellowship.

EIGHTEEN2TWENTY-FIVE

Sweetwater Thursdays – All 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. September's Bible Studies are on 9.1.11, 9.15.11 & 9.29.11.

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



If you have a child or children in College, please contact the Church Office (484-7873) and let us know their address. We like to make sure that they receive a monthly newsletter, so that they can be up to date on events happening here at home! Thanks for your help!



What's Happening @ CLHS

Cadets Marching Band ~ The marching band's first competition will be at Bluffton on Saturday, September 10. Drum Majors Ian Holloway & Jennifer Reynolds are heading the efforts to take *Three in One* as far as it can go. See the school calendar for competition dates or call the high school at 483-1102 for details on upcoming Saturday shows.

Johnny Appleseed ~ The band will once again serve delicious stuffed potatoes & berry shortcake at the Johnny Appleseed Festival on Saturday/Sunday, September 17/18. Find the Band Booth and taste what the early pioneers may very well have enjoyed as a meal! Band Boosters will be serving the stuffed potatoes & yummy shortcake. Any alumni, alumni parent, or friend interested in helping should contact Dianne Moellering (483-1102, ext. 198).

Seniors Gathering at Goeglein's Homestead ~ The Luther Institute and CLHS Classes of 1937 - 1960 are invited to gather for a celebration luncheon on Friday, September 9 from Noon to 2 pm at Goeglein's Homestead. This marks the 15th year the Seniors will meet. Cost is \$18.50 per person. Contact Valerie Messerschmidt at (260) 485-9127 or svmes109@comcast.net for further info. or to RSVP

Thrift Shop Donations Needed ~ If you are cleaning out your closet, please consider donating your gently used items to Concordia's Thrift Shop. In addition to clothes and school uniforms, the Thrift Shop gladly accepts kitchen items, books, candles, gift items, DVDs, games, baby items, sporting equipment, bedding, luggage, etc. Please call 482-1403 for drop-off information.

September Thrift Shop Sale ~ Come in from September 16 - 24 and fill a bag with clothes for just \$5! (Some exceptions apply.) Store hours are: Mon: 10 am - 6:30 pm; Tue. - Fri.: 10 am - 5 pm; & Sat: 9:30 am - 3:30 pm.



"Worship for Shut-Ins"

September 2011

September 4, 2011 - Psalm 32:1-7

"Blessed Are the Forgiveness" by Rev. Paul E. Shoemaker, Emanuel ~ New Haven, IN. All have sinned. Forgiveness is found in Christ alone. Forgiveness brings spiritual & temporal comfort and peace. Let us confess our sins and receive God's gracious forgiveness.

September 11, 2011 - Isaiah 54:10

"Remembrance and Thanksgiving" by Chaplain Col. Retired Jim Cotter ~ Fort Wayne, IN. We all remember where we were on certain days in our lives. You probably know where you were ten years ago on this day when terrorists attacked the United States. This special service is one of remembering, but especially one of thanking and trusting in the Lord.

September 18, 2011 - Matthew 20:1-16

"God Is Fair and Generous" by Rev. Karl Frincke, Concordia Lutheran Church (retired) ~ Fort Wayne, IN. Measuring God's fairness by the way we think is perilous. God is fair, but even more importantly, He is GENEROUS/GRACIOUS. By some people's standards God is not fair, but He is! And even better, He is GENEROUS/GRACIOUS beyond expectation.

September 25, 2011 - Psalm 25

"God's Way" by Rev. Daniel J. Brege, St. Paul's ~ Decatur, IN. Our way will not work; it only leads to death. God's way, is the way of true love, finding its ultimate expression in Jesus Christ. He is indeed THE way of love, salvation, and life. God's way can only be realized by those who have been emptied. These are those who acknowledge they are sinners, and they are the humble.

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



September Elders Corner

Dear Brothers and Sisters, we all are sinners who are loved unconditionally by our Father in heaven, a Father that sent His Son to die for us so that we can be a part of His family forever. It is when we feel small and helpless to save ourselves that we are just the right size to fit into His loving arms. Talk to your Heavenly Father, He's always there waiting to hear from you and His arms are always open. Dan Linnemeier

Thank you Dan. By the numbers we have 988 Baptized Members & 724 Communicant Members. Last month saw the Baptism's of Regina Abigail Mews & Elise Marie Yoder and the Wedding of Tony Eberle & Lori Straw. God be praised for these new beginnings! Brianna Koehler & Elizabeth Brune were Peacefully Released from membership.

Please keep them in your prayers, John Wiehe and your Board of Elders Acts 14:23



September is a time of both beginnings and endings. Summer is wrapping up but the new school year is just kicking off! A new routine is starting and a new schedule will soon be put in place. Now is a great time to schedule a musical group into your fall routine.

- **The Bethlehem Chorale** will begin on *September 7th* with a *Get Back to Singing Party at 6:30* at Andrew Schempf's house. Come and join us at 2006 Flaugh Road, (it's a white cape cod house with blue trim on the east side of the road.) Please bring a dish to pass, the main dish and drinks will be provided. The following week **(9/14) rehearsal will begin on its normal schedule at church 6:30-8:00 Wednesday nights**. All are welcome and don't worry about experience, we'll teach you the parts! If you are interested please call Andrew Schempf at 403-1802 .
- **The Handbell Choir** will begin rehearsing on Thursday **September 15th at 6:30**. If you are interested please talk to Jenny Fearnow or Andrew Schempf at 403-1802. No experience is necessary, we'll teach you the basics and you'll be playing in no time! Handbells are a great activity to help you get involved in playing music so if you've been thinking about it, now is the time to get involved!
- **Resonate is in need of musicians of all types and talents**, including vocalists, keyboards, and guitars. If you think you could help, we could use you! It's a low pressure group where we'll help you feel comfortable and synthesized into the group. We currently rehearse Monday nights from 8:00-9:30. Come and try it out, we've got a place for you, call Andrew at 403-1802 .

God gave us many different talents and if music is one He's gifted you with don't let it go to waste! Get involved a musical group here at Suburban.

Blessings,
Andrew Schempf



The Stephen Ministry of Suburban Bethlehem Lutheran Church consists of compassionate and trustworthy lay ministers who share a Christ-centered journey with people who are hurting.

Ah, September, the Fall Season, school starts again, the weather begins its very colorful change, we turn off the air and turn on the heat. We experience many changes each day of every year. Some changes are very good, some...are not so good. Do you find your relationship with your Savior solid, ever trusting, without question or fear? What a blessing! Could you share that relationship with someone else? You may have the gifts needed to be a successful Stephen Minister! If you and your Lord seem disconnected, you may need a Stephen Minister. This doesn't mean you're a bad Christian, it may mean the world has sent you some challenges that you need help to cope with. That is the purpose of this ministry, to help Christians to re-connect with the Lord. Sometimes we forget He is ALWAYS just a prayer away. We have left Him, He has not left us.

In September we will start the next instructional class for new Stephen Ministers. We only meet once a week and schedule in a "Retreat Saturday" that allows us to cover several lessons in just the one day. We need at least 4 students, 6 would work better and 12 or more would be tremendous! The class consists of a great deal of role playing situations, so everyone's input is welcome. We all view things in different ways. That's a good thing, because we all understand things in different ways. But, we still come to the same conclusion.

If you want to join this vibrant ministry, pick up an application, [from the church office] or call Linda, [also in the church office]. We look forward to working with you!

*"I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in Me should stay in darkness."
John 12:46*

Come, be that light!