

# Announcements and Upcoming Events

Sunday, April 11, 2010

**Requested prayers:** Bernie Kapper, Doris Stortzum, Bob Dosien, Betty Havlik, Mike Hagen, Kody Strieter, Sheryl Artmann Salinas, Robert Miller, Wayne Sparks, Phyllis Montgomery, Alana Thurmond, Burma Anderson, Jean Butler, Derald Doehring, Tamra Dugger, Gianna & Olivia Catanzaro, Laverne Barbee, Larry Price, Ava Gass, Deborah Barnes, Lisa Choundard and Dave Miller.

Prayer for the sick is a very important ministry in the church and we want to keep our list current. When we receive a name for the prayer list we will publish it for four weeks. If you would like to keep a name on the list beyond four weeks please notify the church office.



Altar Flowers are a beautiful way to remember a loved one or to celebrate a special time in our lives. There are dates open on our Flower Calendar outside the church office.

**Church Attendance:** April 4<sup>th</sup> - 756 April 7<sup>th</sup> - 35

## Schedule for April 11<sup>th</sup> thru April 18<sup>th</sup>

<b>Sun.</b> 8:00, 9:15, 10:30 am Worship 9:15 am Sunday school <b>1:00 pm Community Blood Service Drive</b>	<b>Wed.</b> 5:30 pm Confirmation class 7:00 pm Worship service
<b>Mon.</b> 8:00 am Tennis 8:00 am LOL 5:30 pm Activity Center 5:30 pm Trustees 7:00 pm Finance 7:00 pm Missions 7:00 pm New voters orientation <b>7:30 pm Voters Meeting</b>	<b>Thur.</b> 8:30 am Exercise Classes 9:30 am Adult Bible Study 1:30 pm Ladies Aid 7:30 pm Chancel Choir
<b>Tues.</b> 6:30 am Men's Bible Study at Pagliacci's 8:30 am Exercise Classes 9:00 am Quilters	<b>Fri.</b> 5:30 pm Girls Scouts F-H & Gym <b>Sat.</b> 8:30 am Women's Bible Study @ Common Grounds <b>Sun.</b> 8:00, 9:15, 10:30 am Worship w/ Holy Communion 9:15 am Sunday School 5:00 pm FIRE 5:30 pm Over 50

**Summer Sunday School** is still very much in need of help. You can sign-up for just one week or for the whole summer. The sign-up sheets are in the Fellowship hallway.

**Update on Giving Plus Challenge 2010** - As of March 17th we are two-thirds of the way to meeting the challenge. We encourage you, if you have not already made a contribution, to do it soon. We must meet the challenge by June 2010.

**Thursday Morning Adult Bible Study** -- We will be reading and discussing one chapter a week from the book *Christ Have Mercy: How to Put Your Faith Into Action*.

**Register now for the 2010-2011 School Year** please turn in registration forms for the 2010-2011 school year to Anita Polston in the school office. Classes are filling up and registration is now open to the public. For questions, call the school office at 234-4911.

**BLOOD DRIVE:** The Community Blood Services of Illinois will be holding a blood drive on Sunday, April 11th, from 1:00pm-4:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Prospective donors are reminded to bring their donor card or any form of i.d., which includes their address. Any questions, please contact Joyce Zschau at 234-8227.

**Still have your 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Mission Sunday offering envelope?** Due to an oversight we will be observing our 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Mission Sunday on Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Attention Women!** What are you doing Saturday morning? A new Saturday morning women's Bible study has started. Join us at Common Grounds on Saturday mornings 8:30am. We are using 4 week bible study called "Treasured" Based on Deuteronomy 14:2 ("You were bought at a great price") and Romans 5:8 ("While we were still sinners, Christ died for us"). Deb Burma, the guest speaker from our fall women's event wrote this study. Any questions? Contact Andrea Countryman at 234-4573.

**PRAYER WALK** - check out the flyers posted around the building. The first ever Prayer Walk is coming on May 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Interested in becoming a member of St. John's...or do you just want to learn more about what it means to be a Lutheran?** Pastor Countryman has scheduled the next round new member classes. Please contact the church office or email [church@stjohns-mattoon.org](mailto:church@stjohns-mattoon.org) to let us know if you would like to attend. The classes will be offered on Tuesday evenings starting on April 20<sup>th</sup> and will end on May 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Thrivent Financial for Lutherans** regional field office in St. Louis continues to collect shoes for "The Shoeman Project". Please tie or rubberband your shoes together and bring them to church. The Shoeman says, "I don't want your \$, I want your soles!" If you have any questions call your Thrivent Representative Elizabeth Houser at 962-0189

**Calling All Younger Women** Don't forget to make plans now to attend the one day Camp Cilca Retreat on May 1. Designed for ages 13 to 35, this is an opportunity for young women to spend a day in a beautiful setting with time for Bible studies and all sorts of activities. Friendship Guild will pay the fees for the first four to register. Contact Pat Wetzel with questions and to get reimbursed for the \$25 registration fee. Forms and information are across from the church office.

**Friendship Guild Herb-fest** will be Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 am-Noon in the Fellowship Hall we invite you to see the different types of herbs and other plants that will be available. Shirley Kolbus and Phyllis Schultz, Master Gardeners, will be here to answer gardening questions. We will be offering a continental breakfast, and remind everyone that our plants are indoors so you can enjoy the sights and fragrances of our Herbfest without concerns about the weather. For more information contact Verna Tice at 217-728-4239

**Diners' Club for April** - join us at Johnny's (Old D&W) on Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. The sign up sheet is at the mailboxes. Any Questions: call Dick Anderson 217-273-7589

**Voters Meeting - Monday, April 12, 7:30pm**

If you have not yet become a voting member you will have an opportunity to go through new voter orientation prior to the meeting on April 12 at 7:00 pm. Our agenda for the meeting includes a number of important issues.

God has blessed us richly at St. John's and it is because of this that we need to look to the future and make plans for our growing needs. We will be making some vital decisions regarding an opportunity to expand the space available for our Church's physical facilities. As members of the church, your input will help guide and determine the best options for our church family.

While one of our more urgent needs is related to the upcoming 2010-2011 school year (with the blessing of a projected enrollment increase, we have need for additional classroom space), the opportunity to add to our physical plant will also potentially provide space for a gathering area before and after worship services, additional room for Sunday School classes, more meeting space, and more storage space...