

Announcements and Upcoming Events

Easter Sunday, April 4, 2010

Requested prayers: Bernie Kapper, Delores Norviel, Doris Stortzum, Creed Cole, 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 and Lisa Choundard.

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.



The Altar Flowers this week are in celebration of
Lue Miller's 90th Birthday with love from sons & daughters & grandchildren

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: March 28th - 485 April 1st - 309

Schedule for April 4th thru April 11th

Sun. Easter Sunday No Sunday School 6:00 am Easter Sunrise w/Communion 7:00 am FIRE Easter Breakfast 8:00, 9:15, 10:30 am Worship w/Communion	Wed. 9:00 am LFL 7:00 pm Worship Service 7:30 pm Church Council Meeting
Mon. Easter Break-No School 8:00 am Tennis 8:00 am LOL 7:00 pm Friendship Guild 7:00 pm Elder's Meeting	Thur. 8:30 am Exercise Classes 9:30 am Adult Bible Study 7:30 pm Chancel Choir
Tues. 6:30 am Men's Bible Study at Pagliacci's 8:30 am Exercise Classes 9:00 am Quilters	Fri. 8:00 am Ladies Aid Rummage Sale Sat. 8:00 am Ladies Aid Rummage Sale 8:30 am Women's Bible Study @ Common Grounds Sun. 8:00, 9:15, 10:30 am Worship 9:15 am Sunday School 1:00 pm Community Blood Service Drive

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*.

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.

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.

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

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 is planning for the next round new member classes. Please contact the church office or email church@stjohns-mattoon.org to let us know if you would like to attend. Tentatively, the classes will be offered on Tuesday evenings

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

Ladies Aid Rummage Sale will be held Friday April 9th from 8:00 am till 2:00 pm and Saturday April 10th from 8:00 am until 11:00 am. For more information contact Janice Mann at 234-6084

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 24th 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 17th 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...