

Announcements and Upcoming Events

Sunday, May 16, 2010

Requested prayers: Bernie Kapper, Bob Dosien, Betty Havlik, Kody Strieter, Sheryl Artmann Salinas, Robert Miller, Wayne Sparks, Phyllis Montgomery, Alana Thurmond, Jean Butler, Derald Doehring, Tamra Dugger, Olivia Catanzaro, Laverne Barbee, Larry Price, Ava Gass, Deborah Barnes, Lisa Choundard, Dave Miller, Diana Wuornas, Mary Downs-Hawker, Kenneth Maleske, Elinor Dungan and Howard Nelms.

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.

Church Attendance: May 9th - 418 May 12th - 34

Schedule for May 16th thru May 23rd

Sun.	8:00, 9:15, 10:30 am Worship w/ Holy Communion	9:00 am Quilters
	9:15 am Sunday school	5:30 pm New Member Class - FH
	1:30 pm Student Recital	7:00 pm 8 th Grade Graduation
	5:00 pm FIRE meeting	Wed. 7:00 pm Worship service
	5:30 pm Over 50	Thur. 8:30 am Exercise Classes
Mon	8:00 am LOL	9:30 am Adult Bible Study
	8:00 am Tennis	1:30 pm Ladies Aid
	4:30 pm Market Day	7:30 pm Chancel Choir
	6:00 pm Pre School Graduation	Fri. Last Day of School
	6:00 pm Stewardship Committee	2:00 pm Closing Chapel
Tues.	6:30 am Men's Bible Study at Pagliacci's	Sun. 8:00, 9:15, 10:30 am
	8:30 am Exercise Classes	9:15 am Sunday school

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*.

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

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.

New Sunday Morning Bible Study on the teachings of Jesus from the Sermon on the Mount. This study will last for 12 weeks. Join us in the Fellowship Hall as we study God's Word together!

Women's Saturday Morning Bible Study - Join us at Common Grounds at 8:30 am. We're starting a new 4 week study called "Beautiful Feet" and would love to see your 'beautiful feet' there. Any questions? Contact Andrea Countryman at 234-4573.



VBS - "The Egypt File" will be held June 14th -18th. Please register your child so we can order supplies. We are in need of lots of teachers and helpers. We are also looking for snack, craft, music, drama, and decorating coordinators. We need about 50 people to serve as helpers. To be apart of the fun, please sign up ASAP in the hallway outside the kitchen or call Kim Fanelli at 235-3065.

If you would like to help make decorations for VBS, there will be a workday today at 1:00 pm. Come and be creative.

Mission Trip to Kenya Trinity Lutheran Church, Bloomington is planning a short term mission trip to Kenya, November 11-21, 2010. Cost \$3,000 plus passport, immunizations and spending money (\$150-300). This is an eyeglass trip. No experience necessary. Trinity is partnering with Salem Lutheran Church, Tomball, TX. They will provide the training. Last year they sent a man to Bloomington for the training. Last year Trinity, Bloomington went in November and it was unbelievably successful. Over 400 souls were baptized and later reports say many more have been baptized. Trinity Lutheran Church Bloomington needs more members. Each team is 8 to 11 people. If anyone is interested please contact Bruce Cluver(member of Trinity, Bloomington) at bruce@gobbx.com and he can send more information

“When faced with an unplanned pregnancy, teens need to realize the decisions they make are permanent and will affect them for the rest of their lives. Abortion may seem like the only choice and the easiest way out, but abortion is permanent. There is no bringing back a dead baby.” Grace Kern, director of Word of Hope (888-217-8679) This “Life Quote” is from Lutherans For Life www.lutheransforlife.org

Baby Bottle Blessings the Crisis Pregnancy Center reaches out to women with the love of Jesus to try to make a difference in each life. As we help them with physical needs, offer resources and listen without judgment, we look for teachable moments to talk about spiritual issues. We tell them the truth from God’s word truth about mercy, forgiveness and the power to change. We want them to personally experience finding an intimate relationship with Jesus Christ. You still have time to fill up a Baby Bottle with change the bottles will be due back to the church on Father’s Day June 20th.

Thrivent Choice Voting SM Event continues until May 21

Don’t forget to vote! If you are an associate or benefit member age 16 or older and haven’t voted yet, please help choose where to distribute \$1 million in Thrivent Financial for Lutheransout reach funds through our first Voting Event Vote for one of 10 Lutheran and non- Lutheran national charities. Each organization will receive a portion of the \$1 million, based on the percentage of votes it receives. Learn about these organizations and cast your vote now at www.thrivent.com/choicevote. You may also vote by returning the business reply card in the Spring issue of *Thrivent*® magazine. Or for more information contact Elizabeth Houser at 217-962-0189



The FIRE has put together a list of names and phone numbers of youth that are available to baby-sit to members of the congregation. The youth have generously offered half of their earnings to go to the youth group. The list of names and numbers are available in the church office. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Heidi Lucier at 217-259-1353. If you would like to add your name and phone number to the list please contact either Heidi or the church office and it can be added at any time.

FIRE at the lake! School is out so let's celebrate! Sunday, June 6 the FIRE will meet at Lake Mattoon for fun, food and fellowship hosted by Eric & Marcy Anderson. Anyone who needs a ride can meet at the church at 3:30. Dress to get wet!! If you have any questions or need directions call 246-0201

UPDATE ON THE CALL PROCESS The Board of Elders and the Call Committee have submitted four additional names to the Central Illinois District office requesting information on additional candidates for Senior Pastor. In addition, we have asked Rev. Buelman, CID President, for any additional names he feels appropriate for St. John's to consider for our open pastoral position. We expect that we will receive information on the additional candidates within a few weeks. At that time we will reconsider all the candidates previously considered, as well as new candidates. We pray for patience and guidance as the call process continues, knowing a new pastor for St. John’s will come in our Heavenly Father’s time. ~ St. John’s Board of Elders