

REMINDER

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

**November 14th, 2010
In the Sanctuary
(after the second service)**

***Presentation of Church Budget
Approval for Bi-Law Changes***

A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

2010 is the 200th anniversary of the birth of Louis Nollau, the founding pastor of St. Johns Church in 1838. During the first week of November a delegation of 12 persons from Germany will be in St. Louis to celebrate the life and ministry of Pastor Nollau. In addition to starting St. Johns Church, Louis Nollau organized the Evangelical Synod of North America in 1840 which was one of the four predecessor traditions that became the United Church of Christ in 1957.

The Nollau Celebration will involve special events at Eden Seminary, and visitation to St. Johns Church. On Thursday, November 4, the German delegation will view the St. Johns Archives and the cemetery. That evening we will host the group with dinner. On Sunday, November 7, several members of the delegation will be at St. Johns Church to bring greetings. It will be an historic day for St. Johns Church.

In addition to founding St. Johns Church, Louis Nollau was instrumental in organizing St. Paul United Church of Christ on Telegraph Road and St. Peter's United Church of Christ now located in Ferguson. Nollau's efforts lead to the founding of the Evangelical Hospital in St. Louis which became Deaconess Hospital and the Evangelical Children's Home.

When Nollau emigrated to America it was his intent to be a missionary to the Indians. That desire was never fulfilled, but instead he helped the German immigrants of the Gravois Settlement (now Mehlville) to organize the first evangelical congregation in St. Louis County, as well as subsequent social agencies of the church. Without question he was a most energetic, pioneering pastor.

On Sunday, November 7, members of St. Johns Church will have a unique opportunity to celebrate their Nollau heritage.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

November 7th

On the first Sunday of November, the 7th, St. Johns Church will be celebrating All Saints Sunday (Totenfest). The names of all those who have died during the past twelve months and whose services were provided through the ministries of St. Johns Church will be read.

As part of the ritual of remembrance a candle will be lighted and a chime on the organ played as each name is read.

*The following names will be
read in order of their death:*

Esther DeCamp, Roy K. Jaeger, Alvin J. Mueller,
Marie L. Woehrle, Jean A. Boody, Orlan Mauldin,
Patricia Cannon, Lorrene Latham,
Mary Virginia Steffen, Mark C. Wiethop,
William B. Bialik, Harold J. Hauck,
Gladys Verna Mueller, Marian Helen Hurych,
Norman A. Reinheimer, Lorine Marie Nipper,
Temple DeCamp, and Jackie Dee Graham.

FROM THE SEARCH COMMITTEE

Thanks to everyone who was able to complete the demographic form in church on October 17 and October 24. If you were unavailable to complete the form, the Search Committee will be making contact with you to obtain this information.

Now we need your **WRITTEN** input. Soon you will be receiving a **survey in the mail**. It asks for your input about the future of St. Johns and our next Senior Pastor. Please take prayerful time to reflect on your responses. Surveys can be returned to the church in person or by mail.

And we want to **LISTEN** to you. The Search Committee will be offering two **round table discussions**.

The first meeting will be held on **Wednesday, November 10** (following Bible Study) at **11:30 a.m.** in the dining hall. Bring a sack lunch. Drinks and desserts will be provided.

The second meeting will be held **following both the 9:00 and 10:30 services on Sunday, November 21**. Grab a donut and coffee and join us in the large Council Room.

Topics to be discussed will include:

Ideas on how a new pastor might participate in mission projects, educational programs, ecumenical and interfaith activities, etc. Identify the strengths/positives of St. Johns. Discuss problem areas confronting our community that the church should address.

If you are unable to attend either of these meetings, please feel free to share your thoughts with any of the members of the Search Committee. We are open to your ideas.

*This is an important time in our church.
Your input is vital to presenting a clear and accurate picture
of who we are and what we want to become as a
community of faithful Christians.*

The Search Committee

Lynne Dearmont

Doug Hurt

Pam Nazzoli

Bryan Rapp

Steve Hornung

Fred Mueller

Kelly Paulus

Pat Rettinger

Jill Weimann

Women's Fellowship

Our October, 2010 meeting put us in the mood for autumn. The hostesses, Ruthann DeNoyer, LaVerne Jecmen, Lois Lenz and Pat Weber decorated the tables with fall foliage and we each received a Halloween treat.

Our program was with Support dogs, Inc. Amy, a volunteer with the program, brought Obie, a black lab, to the meeting and explained some of the dog's skills and job duties. We all were taken in by Obie. He was a very sweet and obedient dog.

We welcomed a visitor, Brenda Barnard, soon to be our newest member.



Apple Butter, made in September, was sold at the Harvest Fest. We made 73 quarts, 357 pints and 136 1/2 pints. The Bake Sale was sold out early in the afternoon. Our group also sold knives and donated two baskets for the Silent Auction.

Remember to bring in your Thank Offering to the November 4th meeting. The offering will be given to the Fisher House in Jefferson Barracks. A representative from the house will be one of our speakers at the meeting. We will also have a representative from Hobby Lobby to show us how to decorate with new Christmas ideas. The meeting will be in the Dining Hall at 11:30 a.m. The Executive Meeting will be at 10:30 a.m. on the same day, November 4th. The hostesses are: Marilyn King, Lois Lenz, Marie Roth and Sharon Streib.

As the leaves begin to fall and the days start to get crisp, let us count our blessings and give thanks for all that we have received.

Wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Marilyn Stegmann, Secretary

Worship & Music Commission

Reformation Sunday, October 31st will mark the anniversary of Martin Luther's sixteenth century religious movement that changed the Church forever and resulted in the formation of the Protestant churches.

All Saints Sunday (Totenfest), a celebration of the lives of those who have gone to join with the saints of the Church across the ages, will take place on Sunday, November 7th. Bishop Prietz, of the German Evangelical Church, will bring greetings to St. Johns on that day from a delegation that will be in St. Louis to celebrate the legacy of Rev. Louis Nollau.

The choir has begun practice on several new pieces of music selected by Music Director Bob Fletcher for the **Christmas worship program** scheduled for **Sunday December 19th**. Once again that Sunday's worship service will be followed by a catered holiday meal of sirloin of beef, pineapple glazed ham, mashed potatoes with gravy, Amaretto glazed carrots, Italian salad, rolls and butter, dessert and a choice of coffee or iced tea.

Reservations may be made between services on November 28th and December 5th and 12th. The cost for adults is \$10 a person; children under the age of twelve, \$5. While they will need a reservation, children under the age of five may eat for free.



Members of the Commission ask God's continued blessings on our church family as we offer our thanks for God's grace.

***To Love is to serve,
The Worship & Music Commission.***

LANDSCAPE TASK FORCE

UPDATES

The Crossing grounds have been seeded and strawed. Grass and rocks are both growing. Many hands have helped get the Crossing green and remove some rocks. Thanks to all that have offered their time and labor. Special thanks to Oz Harper and Bob Bailey for assistance in watering.. Soon nature will take over the process and the hoses can be put up for the winter. Work on the Crossing still needs to be done. The rain garden will be a spring project as will potential over seeding. Rock pickup will be a continual effort. Additional plans and proposals for landscaping will be in future Messenger articles and at congregational meetings.

Mary and Marthas

As I am writing this we are planning a really large rummage sale. I really think this is the most stuff we have ever had, so we will need lots of help. We made \$1,514.00 so far on furniture and turned that amount over to the Crossing Improvement Fund. We gave some items to Lydia's House and still have items we will try to sell at the sale. This year instead of names of the needy for Christmas, we will be glad to take to Isaiah 58 Ministries new items that their clients can purchase for a small amount and turn around and give the gift to a family member. We plan on delivering the first Saturday in December, so please pick up a toy unwrapped or a monetary gift.

We have found, in among the rummage, eleven sheets of twenty-cent U.S. postage stamps from 1983 in perfect shape, and in trying to make some money, the best offer I got was half-price from a dealer....so I would like to sell them. Christmas is coming and folks will be sending cards.

We will sell them at 3/4 face value, so instead of 20 stamps costing \$4.00 and 10 four cent stamps costing \$.40, total of \$4.40, we will sell to you for \$3.00. You save \$1.40 and mail 20 letters @\$.44 each.

Thanks. Caroline Rombach—314-892-3990

Library News

Once again the library has been showered with donations from several generous patrons. Diane Sterett gifted us with a moving and compassionate work by two hospice nurses – Maggie Callahan and Patricia Kelley. They share their intimate experiences in dealing with the terminally ill who are at the edge of life. They stress that knowing how to listen and what to look for can often supply the answers to how we can help allay fears and help loved ones face death with serenity. Final Gifts “is clear, authentic, responsible, and profoundly moving.”



From Marilyn King we've received several donations – among them...Bleachers by John Grisham; Kate (a biography of Katherine Hepburn) by A. Scott Berg; and Stories for the Family's Heart. This book contains over 100 stories by Erma Bombeck, Paul Harvey, Max Lucado, and many more that “captivate the heart... appealing to parents, grandparents, and children of all ages.” They can be read together or alone.

Gayle Uthoff has donated a beautifully bound copy of Marley and Me by John Grogan. It tells the story of “life with the worst dog” – a favorite of her son when he was growing up.

And last, but not least, Emma and Ben Allison arrived several Sundays ago with a wonderful collection of board books they wished to donate to our library. They have enjoyed them in their “younger years” and now wish to share them with us. They are all in “like-new” condition and will be well received by our younger set. Thanks so much to Ben & Emma and their mom, Cheryl.

We've had so many donations recently that your librarian needs to concentrate on processing them. This takes some work, so please understand if they're not on the shelves immediately. I'll do my best.

The library has been quite busy through the summer months, but we always welcome new patrons. Try us...you'll be glad you did!

JoAn Alspach, Librarian

The Oakville Choir Parents Association presents...

"So You Think You Can Sing?"



St. John's Evangelical UCC Gymnasium
11333 St. John's Church Rd
(Right behind Denny's on So. Lindbergh)
Saturday, November 20, 2010
7:00 pm-10:00 pm
(doors open at 6:30 p.m.)

Trivia Night

Be ready to "Name That Tune", finish that song and answer all other forms of trivia! Bring the family and enjoy spotlight performances by choir students and get a jump start on your holiday shopping holiday shopping.

- \$10.00 per student/ child/alumni student
- \$15.00 per adult
- Tables of 8 or we will try to match you with other players
- Cash prizes for 1st and 2nd Place Teams
- Silent Auction-Over 50 amazing baskets & gifts to bid on
- Proceeds support the entire Oakville Choir Program
- Spotlight performances by choir students throughout the evening

Soft drinks and light snacks will be provided. You may bring additional snacks for your table. This is a family-friendly event; therefore *no alcohol will be permitted*

For questions or to donate to the silent auction, contact:
Karen Kuechenmeister (314) 293-1170 or kuechenchef@att.net

Oakville High School Choir Parents Association

Trivia Night

Saturday, November 20, 2010
St. John's Evangelical UCC Gymnasium
 7:00 pm-10:00 pm (doors open at 6:30 p.m.)

\$10.00 per student/child/alumni student
 \$15.00 per adult

Recruit friends to fill a table or we will try to match you with others to form a team.

	Name	Address	Phone
1.	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____
5.	_____	_____	_____
6.	_____	_____	_____
7.	_____	_____	_____
8.	_____	_____	_____

**Reservations Due By
November 15th**

Seating is limited;
tables will fill quickly!

Make Checks payable to OHS CPA
Amount Enclosed

\$ _____

Please send registration form and payment to:

Christa Greenlee
2863 Spring Water Dr.
St. Louis, MO 63129

DIRECTOR OF YOUTH and YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES...

Debby Harnett

Youth Web site: www.stjohnsyouth.weebly.com

November

Sun – 7th Youth Group Meeting 6 – 7:30 pm
Sun – 21st Food to Isaiah 58

December

Sun – 5th Sheltered Workshop Christmas Party 1-3 p.m.
Sun – 12th Youth Group Meeting 6 – 7:30 pm

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL

We meet each Sunday morning (except the 1st Sunday of the month) at 9:00 a.m. in the youth room located on the 3rd floor (6th – 12th grades). All are welcome.

November 7 th	No Class – First Sunday
November 14 th	Class
November 21 st	Class
November 28 th	Class

WORKCAMP— June 18 – 26, 2011 - Back Bay Mission, Biloxi, Miss.

www.thebackbaymission.org



The focus of this workcamp is on disaster recovery work following Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Current work includes insulation, drywall, painting, roofing, flooring and some demolition. Cost per person is \$150 – which includes everything except spending money. 50% deposit was due on September 19, 2010 and final payment is due by February 6, 2011. See Debby to sign up. Limit of 10 people.

DIRECTOR OF YOUTH and YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES...

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CONFIRMATION CLASS

Confirmation Class meets in the Youth Room on the 3rd floor each Wednesday from 6:30 – 7:45 p.m.

November

Wed., Nov 3 rd	Class
Wed., Nov 10 th	Class
Wed., Nov 17 th	Class
Fri., Nov 19 th	Synagogue trip

December

Wed., Dec 1st	Hanging of the Greens
Wed., Dec 8th	Class
Wed., Dec 15th	Class

FRESH FOOD FOR ALTAR

We are asking members of St. Johns to bring fresh food for the altar on Sunday, November 21st, to be taken later in the morning to Isaiah 58. We are looking for bags of potatoes, carrots, onions, etc, anything you would buy for your feast for Thanksgiving. Food at a food pantry is usually in cans, so this is a treat for many. The youth will collect the food you bring, take it up to the altar and then after the second service, we will take the food to Isaiah 58. Following the drop off, we will go out to lunch!

SHELTERED WORKSHOP NEEDS HELPERS AND COOKIES!

On December 5th from 1-3 pm our youth will be sponsoring the sheltered workshop for 40 members of Lafayette Industries, who employs developmentally disabled adults. We provide a meal, a craft and lots of singing. Helpers are needed because many of our guests need one-on-one help. Please call Debby if you can help or bring cookies.

**FROM THE ...
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMISSION**

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School is available for children 3 years old through 5th grade during both services. The children are invited to be a part of worship and go forward during the Children's Message.



Date	9:00 Class	10:30 Class
November 7th	Class	Class
November 14th	Class	Class
November 21st	Class	Class
November 28th	Class	Class

BERTT'S BELLS SCHEDULE

Children of all ages are welcome to play the bells. We practice each Sunday at both services during Sunday School. Our schedule for the year:

November 21 st	"We Gather Together "
December 12 th	"Silent Night"

SUNDAY SCHOOL MITTEN AND HAT TREE

The children in Sunday school are collecting mittens, gloves, scarves and hats during Advent for the needy. The tree is located outside the Library and we would love to see it overflowing.

NURSERY HELPERS NEEDED

We need to have two people in our nursery each week to stay in line with our "Safe Church policy." As a helper you will not be asked to change diapers. The sign-up sheet is located on the door to the Nursery.

FROM THE ... CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMISSION (continued)

10:30 SUNDAY SCHOOL HELPERS NEEDED

Our 10:30 Sunday School is doing "Rotation Sunday School" and we are looking for an extra set of hands once a month. Call Debby if you can help.

Our story for November is Samuel:

Date	Area	Helper
November 7 th	Movie	
November 14 th	Cooking	Judy Zielinski
November 21 st	Storytelling	
November 28 th	Art	

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES

DAY: Day Adult Bible Study class meets each Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. thru November 17.

Day class meets in the Dining Hall



EVENING: Evening Adult Bible Study meets on Mondays at 7 p.m.

Evening class meets in the Wintermeyer Room

CHAIRS FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

We have many broken or unsafe chairs in our Sunday school. Women's Fellowship has given us \$500 of seed money to begin the process of replacing these chairs, and we are inviting other members to assist as well. Each chair is about \$50 and we hope to replace 25 chairs. If you would like to donate – please mark on your check "chairs for Sunday School."

HARVEST FEST RESULTS

Thank you to everyone who shared the day with us at Harvest Fest on October 3. It was a wonderful celebration of the season.

We served 604 chicken dinners and sold what leftovers we had for a total of \$4,960.00.

The decorative gym welcomed many visitors. The basket auction was a huge hit and yielded a profit of \$1,846.00. There are some jars of apple butter left to be sold but as of this printing the profit was \$2,372.00. Women's Fellowship contributed \$260.05 by selling homemade goods. The produce stand yielded \$531.50.

The musical groups added a special atmosphere to our festivities. Donations were made to each group in thanks for their participation.

After paying all expenses, the total earnings for the Harvest Fest were \$7,209.55. Profits will be divided between the Roof Fund and Crossing Debt Reduction Fund.

Dennis Earley and Pam Nazzoli thank everyone who volunteered to help and contributed homemade desserts for the Fest. For all who purchased dinner tickets, bid on a basket, or bought homemade goods or home-grown produce, thank you. Your contributions will benefit St. Johns.



ORDER YOUR CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA NOW

Members of the congregation may order a poinsettia to be placed in the sanctuary for Christmas worship and take it home for the remainder of the holiday season after worship on Christmas Day. You will find the order form in this issue of the messenger.

A Big “BASKET” of THANKS!!

Thanks to all who donated items, bid and purchased. You helped to make this year's Harvest Fest Basket Auction our best year ever! The grand total is \$1846.00 and will be used to pay principle on the Crossing. As promised, we are sending out a special thank you, here in the Messenger, to all of the business people who donated gift certificates and merchandise.

A special thank you to:



RuthAnn DeNoyer, Avon Representative
Dean Weiss, Dave Sinclair Sales Representative
Around The Corner Paperbacks
AT&T
Autotire
Bayer Garden Shop
Bristol Bar & Grill
Changes Salon and Spa
Culver's
Drury Hotels
Dobbs Tire & Auto Center
Great Clips
Home Town Buffet / Ryan's Old Country Buffet
Las Fuentes Mexican Restaurant
Li Yuan Restaurant
Lotawata Creek Grill
McDonald's Restaurants
Real Mex Restaurants (includes Casa Gallardo & Chevys)
U-Gas (Phillips 66-Towne South)
Walter Knoll Florist
Wehrenberg Theaters

ADVENT 2010

First Sunday in Advent - Sunday, November 28th

- Services at 9AM and 10:30 AM
- Lighting of the Advent wreath
- Children will receive advent activity to take home for Advent

Hanging of the Greens - Wednesday, December 1st

- Come decorate the church for Christmas
- Please bring a pot luck dish for dinner at 6 p.m. before we decorate the church.

Second Sunday in Advent - Sunday, December 5th

- Services at 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM
- Lighting of the Advent wreath

Third Sunday in Advent - Sunday, December 12th

- Services at 9AM and 10:30 AM
- The 9:00 Children's Sunday School Class will present "A Bunch of Gifts for Christmas" at the 9:00 service only
- There will not be a Children's Christmas program at the 10:30 service.

Fourth Sunday in Advent - Sunday, December 19th

10:00 AM Service Only

- Choir Christmas Program and Holiday Meal
- Choir will present a special worship celebration followed by a meal
- Reservations for the meal can be made between services at the end of November

Friday, December 24th - Christmas Eve

- 5:00 PM Family Worship - a relaxed service where children's participation is encouraged.
- 11:00 PM Candlelight Worship - traditional service of song and word

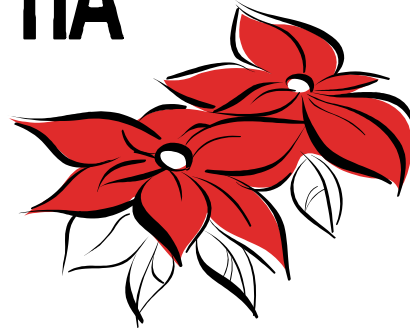
Saturday, December 25th - Christmas Day

10:00 AM Service Only

Sunday, December 26th

- 9:00 AM Service
- 10:30 AM Service

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA ORDER FORM



Because we must place our order with the florist by **NOVEMBER 30th**, we must receive your order and payment no later than Sunday, **NOVEMBER 27nd**. Thank you.

No phone orders please.
Make checks payable to St. Johns EUCC. Place this form in an envelope with your payment and return it to the church office.



I wish to order _____ (number) six inch-poinsettia(s) at \$7.00 each

Total amount enclosed \$ _____

Name of donor: _____

In memory of _____

In memory of _____

In honor of _____

In honor of _____



Thanks for your prayers, cards, and phone calls during my recent mishap. It's nice to have such a wonderful church family. I missed coming to church

and seeing all of you and am glad to be back.

Pauline Meier

Dear St. Johns Friends,
Thank you for all the cards, calls and well wishes that I received while recovering from my hip fracture. It was also very kind of Debby Harness to visit me while I was in the hospital.

Fondly, Ellie Stampfer

I would like to send a very big thank you out to John & Barb Schroeter, John & Donna Schroeter, Erwin Walter, Steve Schuetz, Marvin Keller and workers for their efforts in making this year's produce stand a success. As everyone knows, the weather has been an uphill battle from the beginning of the season, but we managed to make \$531.50 that we would not have had. I am also retiring as chairman in charge of the produce stand, but I'm hopeful that since this booth has been a part of the Fall Festival for many many years, someone will want to keep it running and continue the traditions people look forward to. I have detailed paperwork that organizes everything and makes the job easier.

Patty Schuetz

MEMORIAL SERVICE

A memorial service for Jack Graham was held at St. Johns Saturday morning, October 16, at 10:00. Janet Graham has requested that any memorials in Jack's name be directed to the Crossing Fund.

TRANSFERS

Keith & Laura Cochran transferred to St. Lucas United Church of Christ.

WEDDING

September 25th, 2010
Christy Bracken (daughter of Tom and Nancy Holstein) was married to William Sommer

SOCCER SEASON

Soccer sign-up sheets for the 2011 season are posted on the bulletin board in the Dining Hall. Age brackets are 5-7, 8-10 and 11-13 based on age on January 1, 2011. Invite your friends! Games will start mid-January. Coaches are also needed. For additional information please call Steve Hornung at 314-846-8115.

**Next "Messenger" Articles
Due November 15, 2010
Reminder that you can "E-mail"
articles to church at
donna@stjucc.org
or save the article to
a disc and turn it
in to the office!**

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