
A Word From The Pastor

Time for a little levity, a light-hearted piece from Holy Humor appropriate for the pastoral search process.

Perfect Pastor Survey

The results of a computerized survey indicate the perfect pastor preaches exactly 15 minutes. She speaks the truth, but never upsets anyone. He works from 8 am until midnight and is also the janitor. And he never misses his children's school, soccer, or ballet events.

He makes \$50 a week, wears good clothes, buys good books, drives a new car, and gives about \$50 weekly to the poor. She is 28 years old and has been preaching for 30 years. He has a burning desire to work with teenagers and spends all of her time with senior citizens.

The perfect pastor makes 15 calls daily on parish families, shut-ins, and the hospitalized. He spends all of his time evangelizing the unchurched and is always in his office when needed.

If your pastor does not measure up, simply send this letter to sixteen other churches that are tired of their pastor, too. Then bundle up your pastor and send him to the church at the top of the list. In one week, you will receive 1,643 pastors and one of them should be perfect.

See you in church.

Pastor Hale

DIRECTOR OF YOUTH and YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES...

Debby Harness

Youth Web site: www.stjohnsyouth.weebly.com

MIDDLE/SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP

October

Sun – 3rd Work games and activities at Harvest Fest
 Sun – 10th Youth Group Meeting 6 – 7:30 pm
 Sun – 24th Volleyball 6:30 – 8:30 pm
 Sun – 31st Usher and take food to food bank

November

Sun – 7th Youth Group Meeting 6 – 7:30 pm
 Sun – 21st Food to Isaiah 58
 Sun – 28th Volleyball 6:30 – 8:30 pm

MIDDLE/SENIOR HIGH 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. All are welcome.

October 3 rd	No Class – First Sunday
October 10 th	Class
October 17 th	No Class – Debby is preaching
October 24 th	Class
October 31 st	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...
(continued)**



CONFIRMATION

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

October

Wed., Oct 6th Class
 Wed., Oct 13th Class
 Wed., Oct 20th Class
 Wed., Oct 27th Class

November

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

FAMILY MINISTRIES

The goal of Family Ministries is to support families of all shapes and sizes in their journey to raise children in a Christian community.

*We want to hear from you...
 What things would you like us to offer?
 What works for your family?
 How can we work together?*

Please call Debby Harness at church and give her feedback!!!

2ND SATURDAY MOVIES

6:00 p.m. we eat, 6:30 p.m. movie begins in the Dining Hall at church. We will supply the popcorn and movie—you bring the kids, a drink, food and a friend. Kids—bring your sleeping bag or a blanket to put on the floor to watch the movie.

Date	Movie
October 9 th	Lion King
November 13 th	Toy Story

COUNCIL PRESIDENTS REPORT..... Thea Loehr

As I write this article, the Harvest Fest is well underway. I'm sure it was a great success. Thanks to everyone who has helped along the way for this event.

It was great to welcome the Choir back on Sunday, September 12th.

There have been lots of positive comments made about our new electronic sign. It has drawn in two individuals who are attending the Bible Study Class because they read it on the sign.

I am glad to Welcome Alan Uthoff and Glenn Mueller on the Property Committee. Thank you.

I look forward to seeing you all in church.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE COMMISSION

Congregational Care will meet on Monday, October 18th at 10:00 a.m. We welcome anyone who would like to visit or be a part of our group. We will review and update our list of shut-ins as this list changes constantly. Also, we will be making Christmas plans for those on our list, sending them our congregation's remembrances for the holiday season as we celebrate the birth of the Christ child.

We still have a few medical items that are available for use by anyone in the congregation. Perhaps someone in your family needs a walker during a knee or hip replacement, or a shower chair that might make it easier getting in and out of the tub. Feel free to call Donna at the church office or Jane Roeper (544-4159) if you have a need or questions regarding these type of items.

Our shut-ins' names appear in the bulletin, weekly. Please remember them with cards and prayers.

CAST YOUR CARES ON THE LORD AND HE WILL SUSTAIN YOU. Psalm 55:22



Worship & Music Commission

St. Johns was blessed to have Andrew Laudel share his musical gift with us on two occasions this summer. Andrew, the grandson of sound technician Bob Killen, was in town for his fifth season with Stages, St. Louis, and was warmly welcomed by the congregation. Gifts from anonymous donations contributions to the **Memorial Fund** help provide gratuities for vocalists and musicians whose gifts enhance our worship, but who are not members of St. Johns.

World Wide Communion will be celebrated on Sunday, October 3rd. Because the Harvest Fest also falls on October 3rd, there will be only one worship service offered at 10:00 a.m.

The choirs have returned to practice and to worship and will soon be hard at work preparing for their musical **Christmas** offering on **Sunday, December 19th**. As has been the practice for the past several years, the worship service that Sunday will be followed by a catered **holiday meal**. Reservations for the meal may be made between services November 28 and December 5 and 12.

To love is to serve,
The Worship & Music Commission

Horizons

Horizons encourages everyone to participate in **Harvest Fest** as volunteers as well as diners. There are many jobs to be done and there will be many activities and opportunities to purchase home made goods and produce. And don't forget the basket auction. For the pet lovers among you, Horizons will offer a "**Welcome the New Puppy**" basket to help your furry new family member settle in.

**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
October 3 rd		<i>One Class at 10:00</i>
October 10 th	Class	Class * <i>Grandparents Day</i>
October 17 th	Class	Class
October 24 th	Class	Class
October 31 st	Class	Class

***GRANDPARENTS DAY in Sunday School – October 10th**

All Grandparents are welcome to come down to Sunday school with their grandchildren on Sunday, Oct. 10th to create a project together.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL MISSION PROJECT
HEIFER PROJECT INTERNATIONAL**

The children have been collecting money each week as they teamed up with the Mission Commission to purchase a gift called “Joy to the World” (four goats, two sheep, two llamas and one Heifer) for \$1,500. Currently we have collected \$250 toward our goal. Please watch our bulletin board at the bottom of the stairs by the Sunday school classes as we reach our goal. There will be piggy banks on the tables in the Dining room if you would like to help us reach our goal!

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”

FROM THE ...**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMISSION (continued)****NURSERY HELPER\$ NEEDED**

We need to have two people in our nursery each week to stay in line with our "Safe Church policy" so we are asking members to sign up for one Sunday each month as a helper. That is only 12 times a year, or if you choose the 5th Sunday of the month it is only 4 times a year! The signup sheet is located on the door to the Nursery.

ONCE-A-MONTH HELPER\$ NEEDED AT 10:30 SUNDAY SCHOOL

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 October is Isaac, Jacob and Esau:

Date	Area	Helper
October 10 th	Storytelling	
October 17	Games	
October 24	Cooking	Judy Zielinski
October 31	Art	

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM – Sun., Dec. 12th at 9:00 ONLY

Children will begin practicing for the Christmas program beginning in November. Only the 9:00 class will do a program, so if you want your child to be a part of a Christmas program, they will need to come to 9:00 Sunday school in November. There will not be a Christmas program for the 10:30 class.

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

Women's Fellowship

Our September meeting began with a bountiful display of salads. You name it, it was there. Our hostesses (Billie Kraemer, LaVerne Moersch, Gloria Whitson and Ginny Woehrl) surprised us with pies for dessert. This was a wonderful way to start the afternoon.

We are requesting members to bring *Thank Offerings* to the October 7th meeting instead of the November meeting. The hostesses for the October 7th meeting are Ruthann DeNoyer, LaVerne Jecmen, Lois Lenz and Pat Weber. Our program will be on Life Support Dogs. .

We have two members needing our get well wishes. They are Ellie Stampfer and Mildred Niemeier.

In the hustle and bustle of our busy lives, summer is coming to an end and we are starting to experience the cool, crisp days of autumn. Let us remember to look around at all the wonders of God. Each season he brings us new beginnings.

Marilyn Stegmann, Secretary

LANDSCAPE TASK FORCE

**UPDATE\$ **

The planned grass seeding the week of Sept 6th was delayed because of wet weather. Hopefully when this Messenger is available the Crossing will be seeded, strawed and green sprouts popping through the straw. Volunteers to help move sprinklers and donations of hoses are still needed.

*Contact Dennis Earley (843-6160)
to offer your help!*

FALL CHILL GOT YA?

Warm up with Ham and Bean vegetable soup, corn bread, dessert & beverage on Sunday, Oct 24th from 11am -2pm.

Serving warmth for only \$6.00 in advance (\$7.00 at the door).

Child's meal (hot dog, chips, dessert & beverage available for \$5.00.

Evangelism

Thanks to Women's Fellowship, Youth, 20+ Couples in Christ and Missions for serving Coffee and doughnuts during the summer months.

September started our regular coffee hour servers. Welcome to Rich and Marilyn King and June Jaeger for joining our faithful servers: David and Millie Jackson, Marilyn Geitz, Judy and Zach Zielinski, Jane Walter, Sid & Lil Horn, Ruth Haul, Rosalie Meyer, Caroline Rombach, Bob & Tina Coplin, Pat Rettinger, Geri Mier and Norma Winiger.

Our Thanks to Pam Nazzoli for her dedication and service while on our Evangelism Commission. Pam will now be on the Search Committee. She will be missed. We welcome and are happy to have Brenda Barnard on our Evangelism Commission.

We will be contacting our Home bound Shut-Ins to check if they would like to have a Chicken Dinner brought to their home on October 3rd (Harvest Fest). If you know of someone who would like a meal brought to their home, please contact LaVerne Moersch by September 29th.

Early reminder—Remember *Sharing Cookies with our Neighbors*. Bring the cookies to Church on Sunday, November 14th and we will deliver them on Monday,

REMINDER

The Day Bible Study group meets on Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. The Evening Bible Study group meets on Monday at 7:00 p.m. Both groups will study the Prologue of the Bible, Genesis 1-11. All sessions are 75 minutes in length. There was a time when Protestants were known as People of the Book – meaning, people who knew the Bible. Here are two opportunities to expand and deepen your understanding of Scripture.

Bible Study



MISSION COMMISSION

“If you want to change the world, be that change” --Ghandi

NEIGHBORS IN NEED

On Sunday, October 3, we will be collecting for Neighbors In Need. This special offering supports ministries of justice and compassion in the United States and Puerto Rico. It provides direct service projects supported through these ministries. It is one of the five special offerings we support through the Wider Mission of our Church. The Envelope is included with your regular Sunday envelopes. Thanks for helping; your help and support is deeply appreciated.

MANNA MARCH

On Sunday, September 19, Feed My People sponsored the Annual Manna March at Jefferson Barracks; also included was a free concert by the Soulard Blues Band. Thanks to all who walked or donated. Your help is greatly appreciated.

SPUD SUNDAY

Please mark your calendars. On Sunday, October 31 we will be sponsoring our third annual Spud Sunday. We will be serving “really” large baked potatoes with all the “trimmings”, salad, and dessert. The proceeds will benefit the food pantries we support.

PINK PIGGIES

Please don't forget to feed the “piggies” for Heifer International. Save your change during the week and bring it along on Sunday because the little pink “piggies” are really hungry by Sunday.

The Sunday school Kids and the Missions Commission are co-sponsoring a project to purchase the “Joy to the World” Collection in December 2010. It includes two sheep, four goats, one heifer, and two llamas. This collection costs \$1,500. Please help us toward this goal and thanks.

MISSION COMMISSION

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LYDIA'S HOUSE

On October 20, Missions will be responsible for a meal for Lydia's House. Jan Spathelf will be touch with you shortly. Thanks for cooking and baking!

CAMP MO-VAL BENEFIT DINNER PARTY AND AUCTION

On Saturday, October 23, there will be a benefit dinner and auction for MO-VAL. It will be held at St. John's UCC, 15370 Olive Boulevard, Chesterfield. It will begin at 6 PM and the cost of the dinner is \$20.00 per person. To make reservations or if you have any questions, please call Rev. Carleton or Marilyn Norton at 636-797-5643. Proceeds will be used to benefit the annual operating expenses of Camp MO-VAL.

ALLOCATIONS

Back Bay Mission	\$150
Camp Mo Val	\$150
Lydia's House	\$350
Shannondale	\$150

THANK YOU

As always, thanks for all you do to help Missions. It takes all of us to help.

Thanks and Blessings, Kathie Spross

TWENTY PLUS

Our love and prayers go to the Nipper and Heath families on the passing of Lorrie. This is the hardest article I've ever had to write. The 20+ family is a very unique group and we are all mourning one of the most wonderful individuals we have ever met! Lorrie was in 20+ for almost as long as 20+ has been a part of St. Johns and was truly dedicated to this group. She was in charge of Breakfast and Lunch with Santa for many years and so much more. She always had a warm smile on her beautiful face whether she was in pain or not, and for many years she was in pain. She was loved by every member very much and we will not be the same without her!

As I said before our hearts go out to Mike and his family and to Eileen and her family. We loved Lorrie with all of our hearts and we are so glad that she is finally out of her pain and in the arms of our Dear Lord. Please know that Lorrie was our Angel and we know she will always be with us whenever we are together. Twenty Plus will miss her very much!!!

We did have a lovely day when we had our family get together at the Sach's Farm. There was something for everyone to do and it was a beautiful day! Thank you to Mike and Teri for a wonderful day; it is one of our favorite activities of the year.



We will be having our 1st Bean Soup lunch on Sunday, October 24 from 11:00 - 2:00. Tickets will be on sale in the dining hall to purchase. Also, we have decided to make some new changes for Breakfast with Santa. There will be a new menu and lower prices this

year. We want everyone to come and bring your children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews and have a wonderful time with us. We are looking forward to another very special day. Enjoy the beauty of the fall season.

Donna Hylton
Secretary

HARVEST FEST...



BEFORE OR AFTER?

Depending on when you receive and read your October Messenger, the Harvest Fest is either coming up or has come and gone.

Either way we would like to thank everyone who participated. To those who worked a few hours or worked the whole day, your commitment to this church-wide event is truly appreciated.

To those who purchased tickets, ate a delicious meal, and enjoyed musical entertainment, thank you for contributing.

Results from the Harvest Fest will be announced at a later time but profits will be divided between the Roof Fund and the Crossing Debt Reduction Fund.

Thanks be to God for the people of this church and community who always come through when needed. As the hymn says' "I am the church. You are the church. We are the church together."

Pam Nazzoli and Dennis Earley



That time has come again...

RUMMAGE SALE!!!!

Help is needed on Saturday, October 16th to set up tables and bring sale items from the Crossing garage to the gym starting at 8:30 a.m. We have a trailer full already. We will sort, set up and price all week long starting at 9:00 a.m. There are lots of different jobs. Some are boring but we need to make shopping for the customers easy so they buy lots.

Sale day is Saturday, October 23rd starting at 7:00 a.m. We need lots of help to sell, carry out, keep everything looking neat and most of all to clean up at 2:00 pm. We need lots of strong folks to help pack items up.

HERE ARE SOME GUIDELINES

**NO TVs or Computers
they don't sell**

**Last day to bring sale items to
the gym is Wednesday,
October 20th**

**NO Large Furniture
there is no place to show them**

**A light lunch and snacks will be
served every day to workers**

**The congregation is invited
to pre-sale shop on
Thursday until 7:00 p.m. &
Friday until 5:00 p.m.
(This is the best time as things will be
in place and marked by then)**

Call me if you have any questions.
Caroline Rombach—314-892-3990

*****REMINDER*****

**Week of October 16th to October 23rd
The GYM will be CLOSED for all activities due
to the Rummage Sale**

PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE

We, your Search Committee, first met on August 10 with Reverend Jeff Whitman, Conference Minister. He provided guidance and promised ongoing support for our group as we embark on a very important journey.

Our first step is to compile data and write a church profile. Part of the profile includes your input. Our committee will use a variety of methods to collect your ideas and comments about a new pastor. Potential candidates will have an opportunity to read St. Johns' profile, on-line, and determine if God is calling him/her to our church.

This first task will take approximately 5-6 months. Therefore, we will not start to review pastoral applications until early next year.

We are a faithful group doing God's work for the people of St. Johns. Our team will act with trust, integrity, and confidentiality. We will listen with open minds and be accountable and responsible for the search process. Most importantly, we will listen to God's will through prayer and reflection.

We ask that you keep our committee and our church in your prayers.

The Search Committee

Lynne Dearmont

Doug Hurt

Pam Nazzoli

Bryan Rapp

Steve Hornung

Fred Mueller

Kelly Paulus

Pat Rettinger

Jill Weimann



We want to thank the entire St Johns Church "family" for all of your support during Lorrie's illness. She has had a hard year and your prayers, cards, visits, and encouragement kept her fighting the disease that kept knocking the wind out of her sails. You were all there for the entire family and we are also so grateful to Debby and Pastor Hale for visits that enriched this Christian woman. Heaven just got one heck of an angel and the world is a better place now that she is watching over us .

The Mike Nipper & Eileen Heath Families

Thank you so much to Pastor Hale for his visits and caring. To our church family for all the loving thoughts, prayers, cards, memorials and kindness shown during Harold's illness & death. Thank you to the Prayer Chain for your helpful prayers. You have all been such a blessing!

Ruth Hauck

Email UPDATES

Every Wednesday, St. Johns sends out an Email update. Unfortunately some people have not been able to receive them and we are trying to get this corrected. If you haven't given us your email address, please call the Church Office so we can add you to the list.

FUNERAL

The funeral for Lorrie Nipper was held at St. Johns Church on Tuesday, September 14 with burial in St. Johns Old Cemetery. Remember Mike Nipper and the entire family in your prayers.

BAPTISM

The baptism of Dillon Patrick McKim was celebrated at St. Johns on Sunday, September 19. Parents are Ted & Tammy McKim. Grandparents are John & Kathleen McKim.

COMMISSION & BLESSING

As requested by many, following is the Commission & Blessing often used by Pastor Hale

Friends,

Life is short and we haven't much time:

So, be quick to be kind, fast to forgive and swift to love.

Knowing that:

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit goes with us in our respective ministries this week. Amen

**Next "Messenger" Articles
Due October 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
into the office!**

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