

# THE JOURNAL

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## Worship and Christian Education Opportunities



Saturdays @ 6:00 PM  
*Contemporary Holy Communion*

Sundays @ 8:15 and 11:00 AM  
*Holy Communion*

Sundays @ 9:45 AM  
*Sunday School with Classes for ALL Ages!*



*There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. • Galatians 3:28*

*Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world.  
Red and yellow, black and white, they are precious in His sight.  
Jesus loves the little children of the world.*

A number of years ago, Barb and I were blessed to be able to travel to England. During our stay in London, we stayed at a bed and breakfast run by a Lutheran pastor and his wife. When Sunday came around, we attended his church — the only Lutheran Church in London proper.

It was an amazing place, just a few blocks from Westminster Cathedral, at the historic Church of St. Anne and St. Agnes. But the building wasn't what I found amazing. Being the only Lutheran Church in London, it drew a very diverse crowd. As I looked out at the congregation, I thought to myself, "This must be what Heaven is like — people of every race, every nationality, every social strata all gathered for a common purpose — to praise our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

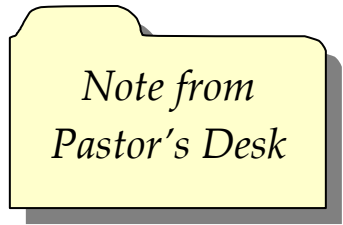
St. John is much the same way....people from different communities, different walks of life, different ages, different ethnic backgrounds gather here to make a difference in the world, and together to praise our Savior. If you've ever heard me speak of St. John, you know I have nothing but love and admiration for this parish. It's a wonderful place to be.

Recently, there have been some controversial moves by the ELCA that have many Lutherans "taking sides." I believe the way the issues were handled did not allow adequate voice by the average "Lutheran on the street," and that is unfortunate. But regardless of how you stand on the issues, my hope and prayer is that St. John can be a place where people can be passionate about what they believe, disagree with each other, even debate and argue — but still be a place where we practice daily Jesus' command to "love one another as I have loved you." I really think we can be. As one observer of the early church wrote, "See how they love one another...." I pray that will always be said of us as well.

The ministry we do here is vital. Jesus imperative to share the Gospel is still before us. People are hurting both inside and outside this congregation, and they need the love and compassion we have to share. These are the things I think about when I think of St. John, not some decision made at the Church wide Assembly in Minneapolis that frankly, I don't think will ever affect what we do here.

My love – and my commitment – for St. John continues unabated. I intend to practice daily Jesus' New Commandment to love as best I can. I pray that you will join me.

*Blessings,*  
*Pastor Bruce*



## **Community Thanksgiving Service**

On Sunday, November 22nd, at 7 PM, Christians from throughout the Carnegie area will be gathering at the Carnegie Presbyterian Church, for our annual Community Thanksgiving Service.

The service is sponsored by the Carnegie Area Ministerial Association, and clergy from many area churches will take part. The new priest at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton parish, Fr. David Poeking will be preaching. Following the service, there will be a time of refreshment and fellowship in their auditorium, (please bring something to share).

Although this past year has had more than it's share of trials, God has guided us through all of them. Don't neglect to remember what God has done, and take pause on the 26th to give thanks to God for His amazing grace.

## Worship Notes

The fall colors are on display outside of our sliding glass door as I write this...with a strong presence of Black and Gold! And in November, every liturgical color will be used to beautify our church, except for Red and Purple. Come and see why!

**October 31/November 1: All Saints' Weekend:** Join us for Saturday worship at 6:00 PM and Sunday worship at 8:15 and 11:00 AM. And, of course, Sunday School at 9:45 AM! The Sunday services will be Festive Services of Holy Communion, with special music by The Adult Choir and the Saint John Brass.

**Midweek Prayers – Wednesday, November 4<sup>th</sup>:** Our monthly services of midweek prayers continue with a candlelight service of Taizé Prayers at 7:30 PM. The service will include prayers for healing. Please come and pray with us!

**November 7/8: The Twenty Third Weekend after Pentecost / ThankOffering Weekend:** The Women of Saint John will lead us in worship and receive their annual ThankOffering at all three of our weekend liturgies. And, don't forget Sunday School at 9:45 AM!

**November 14/15: The Twenty Fourth Weekend after Pentecost:** On Saturday night at 6:00 PM, join us for our Contemporary Communion Service; on Sunday morning we celebrate Holy Communion at 8:15 and 11:00 AM. Sunday School classes for all ages begin at 9:45 AM!

**November 21/22: Christ the King Weekend:** It's New Year's Eve in the church...which means it's time for a party! Join us for worship and, of course, Sunday School! The Sunday services will be Festive Services of Holy Communion, with special music by The Adult Choir and the Saint John Brass. *At 7:00 PM on Sunday, the annual Carnegie Community Thanksgiving Service will be held at Carnegie Presbyterian Church in Collier Township. Members of our choir will participate in the ecumenical choir.*

**November 28/29: The First Weekend of Advent:** Happy New Year! Advent marks the start of the new liturgical year , so start our your new year on the right foot by joining us at one of our weekend services! We'll light the first candle in our Advent Wreath this weekend. And remember to come to Sunday School at 9:45 AM!

See you in church!

## Saint John Fun and Fellowship: A Christmas Tour

You may have heard that we are trying to form a group at the church that enjoys doing fun things together. Singles, couples, young adults and not-so-young adults are all welcome at our events. The first outing was in late September, when 27 people went to see the hysterical play *Church Basement Ladies* in downtown Pittsburgh. What a great time! And now for our next adventure...

We are arranging a tour of the spectacular Nationality Rooms at the University of Pittsburgh's Cathedral of Learning in Oakland on **Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup>**. Each room will be decorated in the specific nationality's holiday splendor. The cost of the tour is a mere \$3.00 per person, and everybody will pay when we get to Pitt. We will leave the church PROMPTLY at 12:30 PM and car pool to Oakland. Following the tour, we will head to Squirrel Hill and have a meal at Gullifty's. You don't want to miss their desserts!

If you are interested in joining us for this fun afternoon, please contact the church (call 412-279-2952, or email [sjelc@saintjohncarnegie.com](mailto:sjelc@saintjohncarnegie.com)) and give Bessie your name and how many from your family will be coming. The deadline for reservations is Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>.



**SPECIAL MESSAGE**

SUE O'BRIEN'S SON IN LAW JOSH REBER WILL BE SERVING A YEAR IN IRAQ. PLEASE KEEP HIM IN YOUR PRAYERS AND IF INTERESTED IN SENDING CARDS OR A CARE PACKAGE - HERE IS HIS ADDRESS AND A LIST OF WHAT THE MEN AND WOMAN SERVING OVERSEAS WOULD ENJOY RECEIVING FROM HOME.



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DISPOSABLE CAMERAS  
CANDY / STARBURSTS / NO CHOCOLATE  
MAGAZINES, ESPECIALLY SPORTS  
JERKY  
GUM / NUTS / TRAIL MIX

# Greetings from the the Women of Saint John...

Thank you to everyone who attended the Harvest Festival Breakfast on October 11th. 101 people attended and \$900 offering was collected (we will receive matching funds from Thrivent). We would also like to thank Elaine Schneider for delivering 155 quilts (31 boxes) to Zelienople on September 28. This is the second year she has delivered them and we appreciate it. Thankoffering is our next event on Nove. 7 & 8. Elaine Dively will be bringing the message and the women of St. John will lead the worship service. Your letter and offering envelope have been mailed. This money goes the Women of the ELCA for their work. Combined Meeting and Election of new officers is Sunday, November 15. We need a new President, Vice President and Treasurer. If you are interested contact Bessie in the office. Lunch will be provided. All women of the church are invited to attend. Our Christmas Luncheon will be held on Saturday, December 5 at Noon at Wright's Seafood Inn in Heidelberg. Tickets will be available at the office. See upcoming bulletins for cost and more info. Please mark your calenders and join us these events.

**Cindy White Sutton and Edie Berg**

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## Giving at the end of the year

As the end of the year approaches, you may want to review your giving. Are there gifts you would like to make to the congregation before the end of this year? Have you made gifts to all of the other ministries you want to support in 2009?



Remember that some gifts, such as gifts of appreciated securities or gifts from an IRA, may take some time to process. So, in order to be sure that any gift you intend to give in 2009 is actually *completed* by the end of 2009, make arrangements for your gift well before December 31, 2009.

Lutheran Planned Giving and the ELCA Foundation can help you. Call the Regional Gift Planner, Barbara Carl at 724-438-7741, or the ELCA Foundation at 800-638-3522 ext. 2970, for assistance

Barbara B. Carl, Regional Gift Planner  
ELCA Foundation/ Lutheran Planned Giving  
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Uniontown, PA 15401  
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Cell: 724-366-7439

## Book Club News



The next meeting of the St. John Book Club will be Thursday, November 12th at 7:30 pm in the Scheel Friendship Room. This month's selection is Home by Marilynne Robinson, Also the author of Gilead one of our previous selections. Home is "a brilliantly imagined retelling of the prodigal son parable, set at the same moment and in the same Iowa town as Gilead."

Please consider joining us. To join the email chain, send an email to: [hilesdavid@verizon.net](mailto:hilesdavid@verizon.net)

*Hope to See you there*  
Lanie Hiles

We are always looking for people to help lead our congregation in worship, and to serve as Greeters and Ushers – our *Ministers of Hospitality*. If you are willing to serve the Lord at Saint John in any of these capacities, please contact the following people:

Worship Assistants: Joanne Henigman – 412-257-1822  
(*Readers, Assisting Ministers, Communion Assistants*)

Greeters: Charlotte Lange – 412-279-3397

Ushers: Bill Henigman – 412-257-1822

*Serving  
the  
Assembly*

## Serving in October

**8:15 AM**

Jan Schade

*Lectors/Assisting*

**11:00AM**

Charlotte Zelch

Ruth Schreiber - 15th

*Communion Assistants\**

Leigh Blunkosky

Lanie Hiles - 22nd & 29th

*\*The "Communion Assistant" is the second wine pourer when communion is distributed in procession*

## Ushers

**8:15 AM:** *Tim Krasousky, Mike Krasousky, Grant Brown, Joe Nordeen*

**11:00 AM:** Mike Naleppa, Bill Henigman, Wil Henigman, Tom Elia

## USHERS NEEDED

Anyone wishing to help at either the early or late service, please contact Bill or Joanne Henigman. Ushering is necessary during our church service, and right now we have a shortage of those committed to the job! We are praying that you who are able, will respond to the call!

Thank you and Blessings!

*Bill and Joanne*

412-721-1994

**Note: The deadline for December's Journal is November 20th.**

The following members of Saint John are known to have been sick or hospitalized since the last issue of *The Journal*.

Please continue to keep them in your prayers:



Garnet Sibilia, Susan McGrogan, Tom Naujelis,  
Lorraine Mlinarich, Dick Tarbert, Charlotte  
Lange, Helen Minton, Ruth Pronko, Marge  
O'Brien, Barb Grdunac

**CONFIRMED**

October 25, 2009

Alison Frampton, Brittini  
Moehring, Haleigh Tropeck

**BIRTH**

October 4, 2009

Joshua Aaron Monsma

Parents - Zach & Kayla (Vincenti)  
Monsma,

Granparents -Stephen Vincenti and  
Valerie Foucart

# The Church Staff

The Rev. Bruce P. Nordeen  
Jeffrey H. Gray  
Bessie M. Kwasniewski  
Donna Petrell  
John B. Mikus

*Pastor*  
*Director of Music and Liturgy*  
*Parish Secretary*  
*Financial Secretary*  
*Church Administrator*

## Officers of the Congregation

Herb Brant  
Laureen Temple  
Ashley Fryer  
Karen Galehan

*President*  
*Vice President*  
*Recording Secretary*  
*Treasurer*

## Members of the Congregation Council

Representing the SJWELCA

Cindy White

### Class of 2009

Bill Reed (*Worship*)  
Bobbie Danziger (*Property*)  
Ruth Schreiber (*Evangelism*)  
Jennifer Wischman (*At-Large*)

### Class of 2010

Jayme Gardner (*Cemetery*)  
Jeff Gray (*Parish Education*)  
Lanie Hiles (*Hospitality*)  
Lorraine Mlinarich (*Membership*)  
Charlotte Zelch (*Stewardship*)

## Statement of Our Mission

*Confident in the Good News of Jesus Christ, Son of God,  
We of Saint John Evangelical Lutheran Church:*

**Proclaim this Gospel** boldly in Word and Sacrament according to the confessions of the Lutheran Church and its traditions of Theology and Liturgy;

**Model a Community** of love and stability in which the Holy Spirit gives life to this gospel today, and within coming generations;

**Invite and welcome our neighbors** to join with us in worship, learning, witness and service as we joyously proclaim our Risen Savior; **Accept the challenge** to be transformed into a new people of God as we minister in the diverse and changing population in our community.