

February - 2009

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Consecration Sunday 9:00 AM Spiritual Education Hour 10:15 AM Worship 11:30 AM Luncheon 12:30 PM People Pushers @MCH Trustee – Wendell Grimm	2 9:00 AM Mom's Group 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study 6:00 PM Finance / Library 6:00 PM Praise Band 6:00 PM LL Baseball / Gym 7:00 PM Praise Team	3 6:30 PM BB / Gym 6:45 PM Hand Bells	4 6:00 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast 6:30 PM Hamlin Rec. / Gym 7:00 PM Adult Choir	5 5:30 PM BB / Gym 7:00 PM Church Council 7:00 PM Bd. of Youth 7:00 PM Klafehn BB / Gym	6 9:00 AM Quilters	7 10:00 – 10:50 AM Hamlin Rec. 3-5PM Klafehn BB 5:00 PM Girl Scouts / Gym "Father & Daughter Dance"
8 8:15 AM Worship Youth Cookie Sale (Between Services) 9:30 AM Trustee Meeting 9:45 AM Spiritual Education Hour 11:00 AM Worship / Communion - Altar 12:30 PM Ringers 1:00 PM Bd. of Youth Mtg. 1:00 PM Youth Gathering Trustee – Bill Stephenson	9 9:00 AM Mom's Group 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study 6:00 PM Praise Band 6:00 PM LL Baseball / Gym 7:00 PM Praise Team 7:00 PM Stephen Ministry / Meeting Room 7:00 PM Evangelism / Lower Level – Conference Room	10 9:30 AM Finance / Library 6:30 PM BB / Gym 6:45 PM Hand Bells 7:00 PM Dorcas / Meeting Room 7:00 PM PTL Meeting / Library	11 6:30 PM Hamlin Rec. / Gym 7:00 PM Adult Choir	12 5:30 PM BB / Gym 6:30 PM Brownies / Meeting Room 7:00 PM Klafehn BB / Gym	13 6:00 PM Family Fun Night / Bowling & Gym Night	14 – Valentine's Day 10:00 – 10:50 AM Hamlin Rec. 3-5PM Klafehn BB 5:30 PM M&M's / Mtg. Rm., Kitchen & Gym
15 8:15 AM Worship / Communion – Walking Line 9:45 AM Spiritual Education Hour 11:00 AM Worship 12:30 PM Chimers Trustee – Bill Stephenson	16 9:00 AM Mom's Group 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study 6:00 PM Finance / Library 6:00 PM Praise Band 6:00 PM LL Baseball / Gym 7:00 PM Praise Team 7:00 PM Worship Committee / Library	17 6:30 PM BB / Gym 6:45 PM Hand Bells 7:00 pm Mission Meeting / Meeting Room	18 6:00 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast Noon – LWML Meeting 6:30 PM Hamlin Rec. / Gym 7:00 PM Adult Choir	19 5:30 PM BB / Gym 7:00 PM Klafehn BB / Gym	20 9:00 AM Quilters	21 10:00 – 10:50 AM Hamlin Rec. 3-5PM Klafehn BB
22 8:15 AM Worship 9:45 AM Spiritual Education Hour 11:00 AM Worship / Communion – Walking Line 12:30 PM Ringers 1:00 PM Youth / Parent Volleyball - Gym Trustee – Howard Hueser	23 9:00 AM Mom's Group 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study 6:00 PM Praise Band 6:00 PM LL Baseball / Gym 7:00 PM Praise Team 7:00 PM Stephen Ministry / Meeting Room	24 9:30 AM Finance / Library 9:45 AM Hamlin Seniors / Gym 5:00 – 6:30 PM Shrove Tuesday "Life Solutions" Pancake Dinner 6:45 PM Hand Bells	25 Ash Wednesday 11:00 AM Ash Wednesday Service 7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service 7:30 PM Adult Choir	26 5:30 PM BB / Gym 6:30 PM Brownies / Meeting Room 7:00 PM Bd. of Parish Education 7:00 PM Klafehn BB / Gym	27	28 10:00 – 10:50 AM Hamlin Rec. 11:30 AM – 2:30 PM Gym Reserved 3-5 PM Klafehn BB

Birthdays
St. John Lutheran Church

February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Nettnin, Virginia	3	4 Scheg, Justin	5 Baase, John	6 Kingsbury, Taylor Knapp, Joshua La Due, Erin Miller, Wesley	7 Wietz, Eric
8 Leverenz, Luther Lewis, Estelle	9 Scheg, Brendan	10 Jakaub, Jacob Willis, David	11 Clark, Noah Crumb, Mary Draper, Maria Hugelmaier, Judith Seifert, Shawn	12 Baase, Jacob Gaffney, Elizabeth	13 Goltermann, Kurtis Jennings, Marjorie McPherson, Jeffrey	14 Bevan, Keith Klafehn, Robert Unterborn, Brittani Unterborn, Ida
15 Stetson, Breeann	16	17 Baase, Jeremy Nundy, Naomi Ophardt, Donna Rockow, Keith	18 Lehning, Henry	19 Dolby, Colleen Hamlin, Roselyn Marshall, Brandon Staab, Jessica	20 Knapp, Marianne	21 Ophardt Jr., Michael
22 Warren, Valerie	23 Gruttadauro, Annmarie Peters, Paula Warren, Steven	24 Baker, Jeffrey Marshall, Barbara Morehouse, Deborah Nesbitt, Pamela Wencek, Braiden	25 Doan, Alayne Drain, Karla Rockow, Bella	26 Coons, Nathan	27 Marks, Cathy Moses, Paul Stiegler, Leslie	28 Cole, Amanda Ettinger Jr., Michael Gilfilian, Andrew Gray, Caitlin Hurlbutt, Diane

Stewardship Notes – February 2009

When you ask people about what happens in February they will most probably say “Valentine’s Day.” And that certainly is a day to remember and practice what real love is all about. How sweet to be part of a family where the love of Valentine’s Day is practiced, not only between husbands and wives, but also between family members and friends. As the Bible teaches, “how sweet it is when people live together in peace and harmony.”

Some other people may point out that February includes celebrating Ground Hog’s Day, a time that according to lore predicts how many more weeks of winter are left. Most people hope that “Punxsutawney Phil” will not see his shadow when he peeks out of his hiding hole. That is supposed to mean that a shorter winter and milder weather are on the horizon.

There is another event that takes place in February and that is “Presidents’ Day,” when we remember and give thanks to God for good presidents like George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. “Presidents’ Day” is a reminder that as citizens of this great and blessed country we owe respect, loyalty and service to our country and our leaders. By God’s goodness we are citizens of this great country and thus have an obligation to love, respect and serve our country as good and Godly citizens.

This privilege of being Americans and serving our country with respect and loyalty reminds us of an even greater citizenship, namely that of being the children of God through faith in Jesus Christ as our Savior and Lord, and the respect and loyalty that we are to demonstrate as children of the Heavenly Father. What an honor! What a privilege! Because of what Jesus has done for us we are **“God’s redeemed stewards, in partnership with and encouragement from fellow redeemed stewards, who freely and joyfully manage all of life and life’s resources for God’s purposes.”** As St. Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 13:7: **“If you love someone you will always be loyal to him whatever the cost...”** (Living Bible).

God has done so much for us in Christ. We can offer only our thanks and praise and that is best expressed when we live as God’s stewards **“freely and joyfully managing all of life and life’s resources for His purposes.”**

May all that we do in giving of our time, talent and treasure reflect our love and loyalty to our God who first loved us! (1 John 4:19)

By His Stripes
Healing Wounded Relationships
Special Services For Lent

Join us on Wednesdays in Lent beginning
Ash Wednesday, February 25th
for worship at 10:00 AM or 7:00 PM.

An Old Twist On New Relationships ...

Christianity is about relationships: Our relationship with God and our relationships with others. Follow Christ along his Lenten way and discover how he reclaims us and all our relationships in this exciting, topical, hard-hitting series of services for Lent. Written by relationship expert Rev. Roger R. Sonnenberg, the sermons bring the powerful message of God's death-defying love directly into the family!

- Ash Wednesday. **The Destructive Pattern of Escalation** is seen as troops overtake Jesus in Gethsemane and he stands before Caiaphas.
- First Week of Lent. **The Destructive Pattern of Invalidation** is seen in the testimony against Jesus at his trial.
- Second Week of Lent. **The Destructive Pattern of Negative Interpretation** is seen in the High Priest's reaction to the claims of the Christ.
- Third Week of Lent. **The Destructive Pattern of Withdrawal** is seen in Peter's denial of his Lord.
- Fourth Week of Lent. **The Secret of Not Having Unrealistic Expectations** is seen in Jesus' willing sacrifice.
- Fifth Week of Lent. **The Secret of Forgiveness and Absolution** is seen in Jesus' opening of paradise to a sinner.

The six homilies provide practical advice on how to change destructive patterns and tap into the secrets of healing wounded relationships.

**Tech Team
to Form
February 28th!**

Do you have a love of technology and modern ways of communicating information?

Do you like computers and audio/visual equipment?

Do you have ideas that you would like to share with others interested in such matters?

If so, we'd love to have you join us on Saturday, February 28th at 9:00 AM to talk about how technology can improve our worship and communication here at St. John.

Come with your dreams and ideas of how technology could be used to improve every aspect of our ministry.

AN EPIPHANY EPIPHANY!

I'm writing this in the last week of our Consecrated Stewards emphasis which has been held during the Epiphany season. Four weeks of worship and Bible study have focused our attention on the truths about stewardship. We have learned that being stewards is all about being salt and light in the world; that stewards manage what God has entrusted to them cheerfully, not out of duty; that stewards equipped with the truth of God's Word engage in risky living for the sake of the Kingdom of God. This week we will learn about stewardship that is lived in the present, based on what God has done in the past, so that we can pass it on to future generations.

What has been especially meaningful to me during this emphasis has been the witnesses shared by members of the church in worship. I marvel at the way God has used the circumstances of people's lives to call them to himself in order to bless them with his love and forgiveness. It also impresses me how many of the stories involve people from St. John who were good stewards of God's grace as they reached out in love to apply the Gospel as they loved others as they had been loved by God in Jesus Christ.

Through Consecrated Stewards, Christ has been made manifest (think Epiphany) in the sharing that has happened in worship and Bible study. It has truly been an Epiphany epiphany!

In His Service,
Pastor Gary Bauch

PASTORAL ACTS:

Baptisms:

On 1/04/09 Emma Marie Minster, daughter of Doug & Emily Minster were baptized at St. John's by Pastor Gary Bauch. Sponsors are Danielle Tipton & Erin Locke.

On 1/21 09 Callahan & Colby Speer, sons of Shad & Staryl Speer were baptized at St. John's by Pastor Gary Bauch. Sponsors are Roger & Kim Cole.

SCHEDULES FOR FEBRUARY:

ACOLYTES:

2/01 Jennah Albone

8:15 Service

2/08 James Gaffney

2/15 Stephanie Krygier

2/22 Brittany Prevost

11:00 Service

Lyndee Hurd

Emily Paap

Hannah Van Duzee

GREETERS:

2/01 Marianne Knapp, Doris Waliszewski

8:15 Service

2/08 Linda Marshall, Doris Koss

2/15 Gail Jacobs, Christine Klotzbach

2/22 Robert Klafehn, Steve Ergott

2/25 Ash Wednesday Barb & Karl Klafehn

11:00 Service

Cindy & Tom Metherell

Paul & Carol Ernstberger

Kim & Bill Putnam

Annex

Dian Bannister

Karl Klafehn

Barb Lehning

FAMILY FUN NIGHT- FEBRUARY 13TH

The Youth group is planning bowling from 6:00 – 7:00 PM. Plans are also being made for an activity in the gym from 7:00 – 8:00 PM. We hope you will join us for a night of family fun and fellowship.

Sunday School is looking for a music volunteer. This volunteer would lead the children in songs with the help of a CD player. It would be from 9:45 – 10:00 AM. You may volunteer all year or once in a while. Please contact the church office at 964-2550 or Barb Braun at 964-3906.

