



The HERALD

Donated items needed for the 'Homeless and Hungry' Event!

Please bring items to St. John by
noon of Sunday, October 17!

- ◆ Non-perishable food items
- ◆ Frozen or fresh meats
- ◆ Fresh produce, Juices
- ◆ Body wash/bar soap
- ◆ Laundry Detergent, Dish soap
- ◆ Ibuprofen, Children's Tylenol
- ◆ Diapers/Baby Wipes, Pull-ups
- ◆ Pillows/pillowcases
- ◆ Sponges/scour pads
- ◆ Ziploc bags
- ◆ Large Garbage bags
- ◆ Toilet paper
- ◆ Shampoo/conditioner
(regular and travel size)
- ◆ Toothbrushes, Dental floss
- ◆ Toothpaste (regular and travel size)
- ◆ Towels/washcloths
- ◆ Twin size sheets
- ◆ Feminine hygiene products
- ◆ Deodorant
- ◆ Shaving cream
- ◆ New Socks (adult and child sizes)
- ◆ Hair brushes/combs
- ◆ Q-tips, Lotion, Chapstick
- ◆ Paper towels, Cleaning supplies
- ◆ Office supplies/paper
- ◆ Phone cards
- ◆ Bus tokens
- ◆ Razors (disposable & electric)
- ◆ Infant formula/baby food
- ◆ New or gently used winter items:
hats/gloves/scarves/coats/boots
(children & adult)
- ◆ New underwear (children & adult)
- ◆ Kitchen utensils (especially forks),
pots, pans
- ◆ Shower curtains & rings
- ◆ ***Furniture – please contact
H&H for pickup
- ◆ Stamps
- ◆ Children's books, Baby clothes-
new or gently used
- ◆ *Financial contributions (payable
to 'Homeless & Hungry')*

You are needed for the "Homeless and Hungry" Event!

October 16 & 17, Saturday-Sunday

Volunteers are needed for the weekend.

Donate items and/or your time!

Check out the youth bulletin board for sign-up sheets.

Needed items are listed on the left.

Worship on Sunday, October 17 will focus on the
Homeless and Hungry Event with a special offering.

For more information: www.homelessandhungry.org

God's plan for us: Let's rediscover it together!

The Discovery Task Force is hosting 3 separate congregational
activities in the coming months.

Check out the separate flyer in this Herald for more information!

New Member Gatherings

Sundays-Oct. 17 & Nov. 7 ; 10-11 am

New Member Sunday: November 14 – 11:00 am service

See pg. 2 for more information

5th Grade Bibles: Sunday, October 3 at 11 am (pg. 5)

Healing Service: Sunday, October 24

8:45 & 11:00 am (pg. 4)

Service of Confirmation/Affirmation of Baptism

Sunday, October 31 at 11:00 am (pg. 5)



from the pastor...

Dear Friends in Christ,

This is the first of a number of monthly letters from me. My name is Aanen Gjovik and I have agreed to function as your interim pastor until you secure the services of a new full time pastor. As it will avail itself, this would be a good time to give you a brief introduction.

I'm a Norwegian immigrant which explains the unusual name. I grew up on a farm on the Sheyenne River, south of Pekin, ND. Mayville State was my undergraduate institution where I earned a degree in Physical Education and Mathematics. Through the years, I had teaching assignments in Edinburg, Stanley, Maddock, and McHenry, ND. I coached football, basketball, track, cross country and baseball, plus taught high school mathematics and physical education. The classroom assignments progressed to taking on the responsibilities of being a school principal and school superintendent. A Masters in Educational Administration from NDSU was secured prior to the call to Christian Ministry.

My Bachelor of Divinity was attained at Luther Seminary at St. Paul, MN. My call has been primarily to special situations in various congregations in the Dakotas: Wing, Rugby, Killdeer, Crosby in ND and Valley Springs and Brookings in SD. I was then Academic Dean and Superintendent at Oak Grove in Fargo. My last call was to Dickinson, ND as a Mission Developer to form and organize Peace Lutheran Church.

My wife, Carroll, and I moved to Fargo in October of 2008 and have been enjoying the Fargo area very much. I have agreed to serve at St. John as best possible until the culmination of a new pastoral call takes place. Special training in Interim Ministry should aid in the endeavor.

We ask for your prayers as we move forward in assisting your congregation prepare for a new pastor. Looking to proclaim the gospel in a clear and articulate manner, I remain your servant.

Peace in Christ,
Pastor Aanen Gjovik

(Pastor Aanen will be working at St. John 4 days/week: Sunday-Wednesday.)

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY: *Sunday, November 14*

New Members will be received into the congregation at the
11:00 am service on Sunday, November 14.

New Member Orientations will be held
Sunday, Oct. 17 and Nov. 7 at 10:00 am

For more information, call the church office, 232-8521.

What is the mission of St. John? What expectations do we have of those who belong? What does it mean to be a "Lutheran Christian?"
Who are the new people joining us?

St. John members are encouraged to come to the first session to meet the new members!

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS
ON SUNDAY, NOV. 7!**

Remember to set your clocks back 1 hour before going to bed on Sat., November 6.

'The Herald'

St. John Lutheran Church
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web page: www.stjohnfargo.com

The Ministry Team of St. John
All the People of God, along with:
Rev. Aanen Gjovik, Interim Pastor
Pat Mugaan, Administrator
Dawn Papenfuss, Director of Music/Organ
Brenda Bauer, Faith Community Nurse
Jessica Miller,
Director of Youth & Family Ministries
Judy Haugo, Secretary
Richard Henderson, Custodian
Jana Bruhschwein, Preschool Director
Connie Tranby, Kellie Knodel,
Preschool Teachers
Jeri Ekstrom, Wedding Coordinator
Lindsay Boyd, Youth Choir
Robert & Bonnie Ames, Gospel Group
Peggy Hammerling, Recorders
Jessica Westgard, Handbells
Dean Froslic, Web site manager
Editor: Judy Haugo

Articles accepted before
1 pm on Friday, Oct. 15 for the
Nov./first half Dec. 2010 'Herald'.

CHURCH COUNCIL

Rachel Asleson-*President*
Deb Magnuson, Keith Burck -*VP*
Larry Papenfuss-*Secretary*

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Rachel Asleson, Keith Burck,
Deb Magnuson, Larry Papenfuss,
Pastor Aanen Gjovik, Pat Mugaan

God has a plan for us; let's rediscover it together!

Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ!

The leaves are beginning to change colors, school is back in session, and my favorite season has begun again...that's right it's football season! Autumn has begun and schedules are crazy, packed with all the wonderful things that this season brings about. The schedule at St. John is no different! We have so many wonderful events coming up which we hope you will attend! I want to take this opportunity to update the congregation on a couple of these happenings!

The Discovery Task Force is hosting 3 separate congregational activities in the coming months. These are activities that you are invited to! **We need you to help rediscover God's mission for our congregation.** So, on behalf of the Task Force, I invite you to come share, listen and learn with us. Everyone has gifts and talents to offer and we look forward to seeing you at the events listed below:

- **October 3rd** from 2-3:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall
The Topic: The Book of Acts
Question: How is God calling us to respond?
- **November 14th** following worship, 12:15-2:30 pm (*a catered lunch will be served!*)
The Topic: St. John's History
An afternoon of storytelling, learning where we've come from
- **December 5th** from 2-3:30 pm
The Topic: Our Hopes and Dreams
This is your chance to tell us what you would like to see St. John become and to help us discover where we are going!

As a Task Force, we will also be hosting a couple of Sunday morning Adult Forums to help answer some of the other questions that we need to ask about our congregation during this process. We hope that you can join us for these dates during the Sunday school hour between services:

- **October 31st**
The question: Who are we?
- **November 21st**
The question: Who are our neighbors?
- **December 5th**
This forum will be conducted in conjunction with the Hope and Dreams activity

If you have any questions now or along the way, please don't hesitate to contact me or any member of the Discover Task Force: ***Dave Duval, Cindy Bloom, Sarah Franson, Keith Burck, Jessica Miller, Larry Papenfuss, Rachel Asleson, Stephanie Christeson, Diane Edwardson and Joel Kangas.*** Visit with any of the Task Force members on Sunday mornings or send me an email at r.fugleberg@live.com. I look forward to seeing you at our congregational events as we embark on this journey together! CU in Worship!

In Christ,
Rikki Fugleberg
Discovery Task Force

“For I know the plans I have for you”, declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” ~Jeremiah 29:11



— MUSIC NOTES —

Dawn Papenfuss, Director of Music (232-8521), dawn@stjohnfargo.com

CHOIRS have started, but you can still join! Yeah! There is a place for everyone of any age. Starting times are listed below. If you have questions, email dawn@stjohnfargo.com or call 232-8521 ext. 108.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR: 4 years-grade 5, Wednesdays, 5:30-6:15 pm, music room, Director Dawn Papenfuss

YOUTH CHOIR: 6-12 grades, Wednesdays, 5:30-6:15 pm, sanctuary, Director Lindsay Boyd

ST. JOHN CHOIR: Adults & post high school, Wednesdays, 7-8:00 pm, sanctuary

HANDBELL CHOIR: High School and up, Wednesdays, 5:30-6:30, room B-11

CHILDREN'S CHOIR & MUSICAL (age 4-5th grade)

This group sings about once every 4 weeks. In addition, they will present the musical **"Fat Fat Jehoshaphat" on Sun., Feb. 14 at 10 & 11 am.** All children ages 4 through 5 grade need to join the Children's Choir SOON because we are starting to learn the musical along with other music. Come to rehearsals Wednesdays from 5:30-6:15 pm in the choir room. Call Dawn Papenfuss if you have questions!

YOUTH CHOIR & MUSICAL (6th-12th grade)

Tentative Musical date: May 1, 8:45 & 11 am
Mark your calendars NOW if you are in Youth Choir!

CHOIR SCHEDULE

- Oct. 3: 8:45-St. John Choir;
11:00-Children's Choir, Bibles given to 5th Grade
- Oct. 10: Worship Band
11:00 Youth Choir
- Oct. 17: Homeless & Hungry Weekend/Worship
Basically Brahms: Postponed
- Oct. 24: Healing Service, no choirs
- Oct. 31: Reformation/Confirmation Sunday
8:45-St. John Choir, Handbells
11:00-Confirmation Service, Youth Choir
- Nov. 7: 8:45-Children's Choir: 11:00-St. John Choir
This is the weekend of the time change so please set your clocks back and get an extra hour of sleep!

EVENT POSTPONED

The event 'BASICALLY BRAHMS!' (sponsored by the American Guild of Organists) has been postponed. Please watch for further notices concerning a new date for this event.

A thank you from Pastor Ron & Nancy Bock!

Love, laughter, tears and thanks . . .

These four words come to mind when remembering our St. John family.

We want to thank you for allowing us the privilege of sharing your lives with us the past ten years. The many gifts, cards and words of encouragement have been in our hearts as we have begun this new chapter in our lives. It has not been easy to leave the familiar, but your prayers and love have sustained us.

As with all new things, there is excitement as well as terror! We have settled into our new rental home and really love the location. It's close to church, is very central to shopping and backs up to a beautiful trail system which we have been enjoying! We haven't gotten lost (thanks to our wonderful GPS systems) and are getting to know our new community. The church has been welcoming and we're SLOWLY getting to know a few names. They are very pleased to have a pastor after 18 months of vacancy and are ready for some fresh ideas in ministry as well as someone with energy. Leah, Kirsten and Daniel have yet to see their "new" home, but plan visits soon. Nancy is not working yet, but will begin looking soon.

Again our thanks for the wonderful send off and the 10 years of partnership in ministry. You will always be remembered with *love, laughter tears and thanks!*

Pastor Ron, Nancy, Leah, Kirsten and Daniel
3805 Lee Circle,
Wheat Ridge CO 80033
(303)-955-5037

p.s. If you're ever in Denver, give us a call.
We love to hear from family!



**Parish Health
Ministry**

For More Information on any of these Programs Contact:
Brenda Bauer, Deaconess, RN-FCN
Coordinator of Health, Healing, and Care Ministries
BBauer@stjohnfargo.com 232-8521, ext 109

Blood Pressure Screenings: Sunday, October 17th
Between services in the Parish Health Office.

YOUNG AT HEART!

Wednesday, October 27th, 12:00 Noon

Join the post retirement age group on Wed., October 27th at 12 noon for a look at St. John's Heritage and Roots. Please RSVP to the church office for a lunch count. The noon meal will consist of 'Lutheran Hotdishes'. Please let Brenda know if you can help in providing for the lunch.

ST JOHN GIVES GENEROUSLY!

Thank you to all who shared in the St. John Blood Drive. At the time of this publication we did not have the final results. But, we wish to say a big thank you for all those donating and volunteering. THANKS to the great team who assisted in coordinating: LaVonne Rustad, Becky Deitch, Merrie Dunlop, Holly Gapp and Wendy Brekke. This team really made the event go smoothly.

Scholarships Available for Babysitting Clinic

Olivet Lutheran will host a Babysitting Clinic on November 11th. If there are youth ages 11 and up who wish to take the class please contact Brenda at the Parish Health Office. Students will be reimbursed for attending the class if they are willing to help in St. John Nursery on Sunday Mornings. To register, call Olivet at 235-6603. Cost is \$15.00 and students are to bring a sack lunch.

**GRIEF CARE PROGRAM: Will begin on All Saints
Sunday, November 7th at 2 pm**

More information will be in the November newsletter.

HEALING SERVICE

Join us on **Sunday, October 24th** as we share in the service of Healing and Care. Come to share in words of scripture that are healing, songs that bring peace for the soul, and a time for prayer and blessing/anointing for your own concerns.

At this service we hope also to obtain parishioner's input on future programs and an assessment of congregational needs and desires for health, wellness, and healing programs. There will be other opportunities to give your input, also.



St John Foot Care Clinic- October 19th

The next foot care clinic is scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 19th. Please call the Parish Health Office to Schedule an appointment. Cost is \$16 for the trimming and is paid to 'Sanford Home Care-Fargo'. Donations are appreciated and go to support this ministry of foot washing, screening, and pampering. We also will be collecting socks and foot care supplies for the homeless from September through November.

Yoga Continues on Mondays, 10 am



Our usual instructor, Gini Duval, is laid up after a biking accident, but we are appreciative that Carolyn Espel, a certified yoga instructor, will be giving of her time to substitute for Gini for another two weeks in October. Carolyn will be with us through October 11th. Come to learn the art of Gentle Yoga. Exercises will be adapted. We ask that participants bring a yoga mat, small pillow and a donation of \$5 per session/\$25 for 5 weeks. This will go towards a mission project selected by the group. Wear comfortable, stretchable clothing. At the October 11th class, there will be a discussion on future classes



Faithfully Fit Forever: Wednesday, October 6th, 20th at 11:00 am

A Beginning Exercise Program Includes: Heart Aerobic Workout, Stretching-Strengthening, Balance Work, Education Topic, Devotion or Meditation. **No class on October 13** to enable leaders to attend a training for "Matter of Balance", a fall prevention program. We hope to share this program with you in January.

Are You Hospitalized or in need of a Visit! Please call or have your loved one inform us if you happen to be hospitalized. The hospitals do not automatically inform us of your being admitted.

If you are homebound and in need of a visit please call and we will arrange to visit at your residence.

Volunteers Needed!

Foot Care Screening Helpers - Food Providers; Prayer Chain Coordinator; Office Work and Data Entry; Prayer Teams-Musicians for the Healing Service. *Call the Parish Health Office to volunteer.*

Brenda will be out of the

office Sept. 27-Oct. 10. If there are emergencies please contact the office and you will be directed for care.

The next Parish Health Team meeting will be **Tuesday, October 12 at 6:30 pm.**



October Sunday School News!

Cindy Bloom (280-9544), Shelly Hawley, Heidi Twedt - Sunday School Leadership

Sunday Schedule: Kids age 3 years-6th grade will meet in Fellowship Hall each week. We will not be serving snacks in Fellowship Hall this year. Kids are welcome to get a treat in the parlor, and may bring it downstairs if they would prefer to eat it with the other kids. Children can be picked up in their classrooms at 10:50 am.

Special Events

Oct 24th (NDEA/MEA weekend): Movie and Popcorn Party in Fellowship Hall. Bring a pillow and a blanket, we'll watch a movie and eat popcorn.

Mission Project:

This year's mission focus will be ELCA World Hunger. If your child did not receive a coin bank, they can get one during Sunday School. They can bring in their banks any week and dump them into the collection bucket. For more information, follow this link <http://www.elca.org/Our-Faith-In-Action/Responding-to-the-World/ELCA-World-Hunger.aspx> In January we are planning a church wide, multigenerational educational effort on this cause. If you would like to get involved in planning this, please contact Shelly Hawley: hawleyX5@live.com or 218-299-5762.

Confirmation

October 3: Bible Sunday for all 5th graders & parents!



On Sunday, October 3 - at the 11:00 worship service - we have the gift of a Bible to give you on behalf of your parent(s) that you can use throughout your confirmation years and beyond. Please plan on attending.

Confirmation for 7 & 8 grade students

Confirmation sessions will be every Wednesday evening in October at 6:30 pm unless otherwise notified. Please plan on attending all Wednesday sessions. And continue your Bible readings and worship notes!

Confirmation Rehearsal, Photos & Brunch Program

In honor of our 2010 Confirmands!

Saturday, October 30 9:30-11:30 am

Confirmands, Mentors and Families are invited to join us for a special morning of fun, rehearsal, photos & a brunch program! Please call the church office, 232-8521, with the number who will be attending. **RSVP by Wed. Oct. 27.**

Service of Confirmation/Affirmation of Baptism
Sunday, October 31, 2010 at 11:00 am

Join us for **Confirmation Sunday** as:

Elizabeth Bresson, Chelsey Letnes, Taylor Letnes, Grace Miller, Caleb Stubstad, Paige Vance and Bailey Vertin

affirm their baptisms and God's call to mission. All are invited!

9th Graders & Mentors:

There will not be a regular Mentor Gathering for October. Instead, you and your mentor will participate in at least 1 volunteer event during the Homeless & Hungry Event, Oct. 16 & 17.

Reminder for 7 & 8 Graders:

As part of your service responsibility for confirmation, you are expected to participate in at least 1 volunteer event during the Homeless & Hungry Event, Oct. 16 & 17.

Acolytes for October

- October 3** Jayci Altenbernd (8:45)
Lars Erickson (11:00)
- October 10** Lars Erickson (8:45)
Jordan Elliott (11:00)
- October 17** Jordan Kaiser (8:45)
Hunter Skramstad (11:00)
- October 24** Hunter Skramstad (8:45)
Jordan Kaiser (11:00)
- October 31** Nathan Staigle (8:45)
Lindsay Tennyson (11:00)



MEMORIALS

St. John Foundation:
In memory of Virgil Johnson and Laverne Nystul:
 Clarine Erickson
In memory of Dan Sperling: Lois & Bruce Nelson,
 Clarine Erickson, Judy & Fred Haugo

Parish Health Fund:
In memory of Virgil Johnson: Mary Ann Walen,
 Marlene Ames, Lois Mayer, Jane Nissen
In memory of Art Arett: Richard & Shirley Bolme,
 Don & Carolyn Thue

Good Samaritan Fund:
In memory of Virgil Johnson: Jeri Ekstrom,
 Joyce Meyer, Fred & Judy Haugo, Wes Myhre
In memory of Harvey Melby and Vernetta Engness:
 Jeri Ekstrom

General Memorial Fund
In memory of Virgil Johnson:
 Donna Nelson, Don & Carolyn Thue

Special Music Fund
In memory of Dan Sperling: Carol Stevens

St. John Scholarship Fund:
In memory of Dan Sperling:
 Bea Ihlenfeld, Lois Mayer

KEEP THESE MEMBERS IN PRAYER

Members with Special Concerns:
 Mike Root; Lily Flaten; Ginny Jahnke;
 June Tharaldson; Elmer Ekern;
 Nicole Wishnak; Nick Moret.

Deaths:

The families of Virgil Johnson and
 Dan Sperling.

Military Personnel on active duty:
 Zachary Hagensen

Prayer Chain: Would you like to join the prayer chain at St. John or be willing to coordinate the email list?



To be placed on the list or to express your desire to coordinate the group email, please email BBauer@stjohnfargo.com.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED:

Annual Fall Meeting & Luncheon
Friday, October 8 at 11:00 am
 Olivet Lutheran Church,
 1330 University Dr S, Fargo
 Presentation of gifts to local agencies:
 YWCA, Nokomis, New American Ministry,
 Churches United.
 \$5 for luncheon. Everyone is welcome.

ADDRESS CHANGES

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 701-484-1212

David & Tressa McMahon
 1084 Parkway Ln
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 3442 16th St S
 Moorhead, MN 56560

Transfers: Lucas & Shanna
 Fischer and Victoria to Dilworth
 Lutheran Church, Dilworth, MN

2010 Financial Status

(January 1-September 30, 2010)

Income-to-Date	\$362,162
Average Weekly Receipts:	9,286
Amount needed weekly to meet budget:	9,877
Preschool Playground Fence:	1,845

Celebrating Birthdays in October

2: Blanche Estlund	3: Ledene Suppa
6: Dave Duval	10: Don Thue
14: Nancy Burkland	25: Elwood Rieke
26: Ray Nelson	27: Lorraine Nelson
28: Marvin Heaton	31: Wes Myhre

Blanche Estlund will turn 90 on Oct. 2!
 Send her birthday greetings to:
 Wintergreen Apartments #101
 1312 Wisconsin St
 Hudson, WI 54016

ADULT FORUM for October 3 & 10: "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry. . ." (John 6: 35a). Jesus gives the answer to daily living to finding spiritual nourishment. We will explore different ways to find the nourishment we need to sustain us spiritually and physically for daily living. Join us for a guided discussion led by Terry Hagensen. *Sundays at 10 am in room B-11. All are welcome.*

A big THANK YOU to CHELSA ALENE SALONS for their \$1,000 match for the cornfeed monies. Chelsa Swaser is the daughter of Lavonne and Richard Rustad and owns the salon. She graciously made this offer when she heard that we didn't have anyone to match our income. Her salon is on 1617 32 Ave. S, Fargo (by the Breadsmith). They also started THE NAIL BAR in the historic Ford Building, 505 Broadway. Thanks again Chelsa.

Dawn Papenfuss and St. John Music Ministry

OCTOBER 2010 (Unit # 1)

Jack Anderson	Carla Johanson	Scott Pryor & Amy Rand
Steve Bethke	Marvel Johnson	Amy Reinhart
Brent & Kandyce Blumhagen	Trevor & Naomi Keney	John & Vonnie Sandland
Jill & Scott Bresson	Larry Mohr	Nancy & John Teeuwen
Bethany & Ryan Grahm	Madison & Jacob Murray	Donna Wallgren
Russell & Deb Hedstrom	Frayne & Jill Olson	Steve Wennblom & Carol Renner
Jeff & LeAnn Hovdenes	Glenda Petry	Travis & Corinda VanDyke

NOVEMBER 2010 (Unit #2)

Elaine Benner	Robert & Erika Hageman	Scott & Debra Schrock
Lowell & Sheryl Bennes	Greg & Diane Kaiser	Lee & Margrit Schwartz
Darrell & Nancy Burkland	Elvin & Ruth Lee	Shawn & Lanelle Vasicheck
Kevin & Joan Chose	Ralf & Karen Mehnert-Meland	Mark & LaRayne Vollmers
Janice Dahl	Sylvan & Caroline Melroe	Walter & Ursula Vollmers
Jay & Marilyn Goos	Lynann Rustad	Loree Walvatne
Jack & Bonnie Gruhl	Beverly Schierman	David & Judi Workin



Mission of the Month for last half of October/November : “ELCA World Hunger”
(*Special emphasis set for Oct. 31-Nov. 21*)

We hear a lot about the needs of hungry people in our local area, and rightly so! There are many in need. Fortunately, there are agencies in Fargo-Moorhead that can and do help. We are fortunate to live in the United States where there are ‘safety nets’ so people do not starve.

When we look at the world-scene, the situation is entirely different. Because of the effects of the world-wide economic recession, there are now over one billion people living on the edge of starvation. Many of these are on the continent of Africa. Every day 34,000 people, many of them children, die from hunger, poverty, and lack of proper nutrition. Because geographically these people are so far away, it is easy to forget them and not realize how much they need our help. They live where there are few if any ‘safety nets’.

Can we at St. John Lutheran make a difference? We can! Our Lord calls us to feed the hungry. In the 25th chapter

of Matthew, Jesus makes it so very personal when he says, “for I was hungry and you gave me food. . .” The righteous answer Jesus, “when did we see you hungry?” Jesus responds, “As you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you did it to me.”

So what can we at St. John do? Beginning Sunday, October 31, and continuing through Sunday, November 21, we will have a four-week emphasis highlighting the needs of the hungry in our world. Then on that final Sunday (Nov. 21) we will have our financial ingathering. ELCA World Hunger offering envelopes will be available that you may use for your gift. Please consider prayerfully what your gift might be.

Watch for more information in the coming weeks. If you have questions, feel free to call Elwood Rieke at 293-0717.

Please Note: The Mission of the Month for the *first half of October* continues to be “Homeless & Hungry”. Checks can be made out to ‘St. John Lutheran’. Memo line, write ‘H & H’.

Stewardship: A Time for Reflection and Celebration!

The return of fall and the changing season can be something one person looks forward to and the next person dreads. Sometimes we find the same reaction to our stewardship efforts at St. John Lutheran. Talking about stewardship is as predictable as the falling leaves.

For some people, putting emphasis on stewardship can make them uncomfortable as we go about the business side of the church. But stewardship is about so much more than the business of the church. It is about the celebration of our faith and doing what God has called us to do as we consider what God has done for us.

Much like the person who intended to exercise, sometimes the good intentions of giving to the church just does not happen. Too many missed Sundays and it becomes hard to find the money to “catch up”. Or maybe our priorities were mixed up from the start and the church gets whatever is in the wallet on Sunday or maybe what is left at the end of the month and we all know there is usually little left by the end of the month.

For others, stewardship time is a time of reflection and celebration as they get satisfaction for doing as God called them to do. As they reflect on the gifts God has provided them, they look forward to the discipline of a pledge and faith that God will provide as He has in the past. They even look forward to the “stretch” that comes from stepping up their giving as they move toward a full tithe. If they already tithe, they celebrate in the fact that God allows them to keep 90% of their resources!

You will learn more about our stewardship program in October and November. As a stewardship committee, we look forward to working with Pastor Aanen as we celebrate our faith at St. John Lutheran and we look forward to what God's plans are for our church as we go through of visioning process and call a new pastor in the future.

Keith Burck, Stewardship Council Representative

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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED



HOMELESS & HUNGRY: October 16 & 17

Goals:

- +To raise at least \$175,000 to donate to area shelters
- +To collect 25,000 pounds of donated items for those in need
- +To involve over 600+ participants (participants sleep in a cardboard box, fast for 30 hours, work on service projects, and raise money)

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

*A food and item drive will be conducted here at church - bring donations anytime between now and October 17th (donations can be placed in the box in the St. John narthex).

To learn more about our movement, check out our website at www.homelessandhungry.org

We are still looking for participants, volunteers, & sponsors!

The Inclusion Ministry Network presents: ***"Rest and Rejuv" on Saturday, October 16***

For mothers of children with special needs

Hope Lutheran Church (North Campus) 2900 Broadway North, Fargo

Registration: 8:30-9 am Program and brunch: 9 am-1 pm

Program: Carole Achterhof, speaker

Complimentary Pampering Choices include: Crafts, coffee bar, massages, prayer, fellowship and more!

Please RSVP by October 9 to Karen at 218-287-4448 or e-mail: gkurlacher@yahoo.com.

Special Edition: Friday, Oct. 15, 7-8:30 pm

Moms, Dads and others are invited to a bonus presentation of Carole Achterhof.

Hope Lutheran, North-Free childcare for first 20 kids registered.

(St. John member, Dawn Papenfuss, is on the planning committee)