

# January Visitor



## Twelfth Night Carol Sing

The **Annual Ecumenical Twelfth Night Carol Sing** will be hosted this year by our friends at



Grace Lutheran Church in Monroe. Scheduled for Sunday, January 8 at 3 pm, area church choirs will gather to share anthems prepared during the Advent/Christmas season and

lead the congregational singing of favorite carols. Our Sanctuary Choir and Circle of Friends will be among the participating groups. This year's mass choir piece is "Angel's Carol" by John Rutter. All are welcome to attend; refreshments will follow in the church's fellowship hall.

## Euchre at the 'Garden'

Euchre is played the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month. **We begin at 7pm on January 19.** Light refreshments and a time of fellowship end the evening. **YOU** are invited to join us.



## Euchre Night Will Return to St. John's.

St. John's Men's Ministry will again sponsor this year's Euchre Night. This is an enjoyable winter evening activity, an invitation is extended to all, men and women, who enjoy an evening playing euchre. Come on down to St. John's Fellowship Hall on Thursday, January 26th at 7:00pm and be a part of this great fellowship time.

Other Euchre nights are scheduled for February 23, March 22, and April 26 .

## Brown Bag Bible Study

The Brown Bag Bible study continues to meet at 12:00– 1:00 pm on the first Tuesday of the month. Anyone is welcome to join us at any time. We discuss scripture and how it relates to our lives. In January, we will continue reading from the Gospel of John.



The book of John is unique among the gospels. Because of the beauty of the language and the spiritual depths of his insights into the nature and mission of God as seen in Jesus. John is one of the most quoted books in the New Testament.

## Family Promise

Our church will be welcoming homeless guests February 5-11. If you would like to help, we will have our planning meeting on January 17th at 5:15pm in the church library. If you can't make the meeting but would like to volunteer your time, donate food or have any questions or concerns, contact Melva Tschanz, 325.6918 or Kay Krebs, 325.3637. There are also volunteer sign-up sheets in Fellowship Hall.



Have you been to a MOMs meeting yet? If not you are missing out! We have some very exciting events planned for the New Year. Come join Moms On a Mission. Meetings are every other Tuesday from 9–10:30 am. Childcare will be provided in the Nursery and MOMs will meet in the Corner Café, which is located in the lower level of the Faith Zone.

January meeting dates are the 10th and 24th. We will continue our recipe, toy, book and magazine swap, so feel free to bring or take something of interest with you. For more information please telephone the church office at 325.2165 or email Val Blum ~ valsjohns@tds.net



# Looking Back in 2011

“Positive” and “encouraging” are the two words that came to mind when I started to prepare this 2011 annual report; “positive” because during 2011 we engaged in constructive planning for St. John’s future; and “encouraging” because people entered into that

process with commitment and energy, and with a willingness to accept the results of the process.

The Vision Task Force, formed by St. John’s Council in 2010, met during the winter and spring of 2011. David G. Deininger was the chair. Jerry Beckman, Michelle Bruckwicki, Chuck Koch, Ann Prophett, and Tiffyn Riese were members of the task force. Rev. Joanne Thompson of the Wisconsin Conference UCC staff provided invaluable guidance. Rev. Gretchen Sylvester and I also met with the group.

In May of 2011, the task force submitted their final report to the Council. The report “identified six challenges/opportunities we face as a congregation.” Having identified the challenges, the report went on to make recommendations for dealing with them.

The Council met with representatives of the task force, asked questions and sought clarification, and then on June 8, 2011 voted to receive the report and begin to work toward the implementation of the recommendations.

To that end, the Council formed an “Implementation Team”. Those on the team were Sharon Streiff, Council President; Jean Kundert from the Council; Michelle Bruckwicki from the Vision Task Force; Rev Gretchen Sylvester and I. The team met on July 17, 2011, and generated a chart containing the recommendations and who would be responsible for following through on the recommendations. For each recommendation, either a committee, or the Council, or individuals acting on behalf of the Council, were asked to accept the responsibility of keeping the process moving forward.

During the October 12, 2011 Council meeting, the Council voted to form an “Interim Strategic Planning Committee”. Agreeing to be on the committee were: Sharon Streiff, Council President; Dennis Stoneback, Council Vice President; Jim Crubaugh, Council Treasurer; Dave G. Deininger who had served on the Vision Task Force; and Ann Prophett

who also served on the Vision Task Force. Rev. Gretchen Sylvester and I also were asked to meet with the committee. Michelle Bruckwicki, who had served on the task force, agreed to be a consultant to the committee.

The Interim Committee was asked to take the division of responsibilities created by the “Implementation Team” and do their best to make certain that work was moving forward on all of the recommendations.

On October 27, 2011, Sharon Streiff and I met to discuss the work of the Interim Strategic Planning Committee.

The committee then met on November 16, 2011. During the meeting we reviewed the recommendations, attached a priority to each one, and created a time line for the work to be initiated and completed. We also discussed the progress that had been made to date on implementing the recommendations. The committee will meet again on January 12, 2012.

The coming years will be challenging for St. John’s. The hope is that, by implementing the recommendations of the Vision Task Force, we will design creative responses to those challenges.

St. John’s must find a way to both be true to its heritage and tradition as well as to adapt to the realities of this challenging time. This will require a reorganization of budget and staff. It will require that we communicate our ministry to those outside the church family and invite them to join with us as we seek to live and worship in the spirit of Jesus Christ.

I look forward to 2012 with great hope and optimism because we at St. John’s are taking the steps necessary to respond to the changes confronting us. Ever mindful of our history and tradition, of the people who have built and guided St. John’s in the past, we are taking the steps necessary for adapting to the new realities before us.

Thus as we enter 2012, I encourage you to be hopeful and confident of St. John’s ability to minister in the spirit of Jesus Christ to its members and friends, as well as our sisters and brothers in Monroe and on all of God’s earth.

*Peace, Mike*

## St. John's Prayer Tree

For those of you who wish to call upon members of St. John's Prayer Tree to support you with prayers when experiencing difficult times, we encourage you to call the following leaders during January. They will in turn contact their 'branch' and prayers will be offered for a two week period, unless you request a longer time. Should you have a problem



contacting this person, call any of the leaders and they will forward your request. The requests are confidential. We pray, then wait for God to answer in His way. Please phone or email your request to one of the following people.

- January 1** Diana Weckerly 325.4697  
or email at drweckerly@tds.net
- January 8** Kris Winkler 325.9326  
or email at kriswink@tds.net
- January 15** Gloria Rieder 325.6854  
or email at glorchen@tds.net
- January 22** Mary Deininger 325.6394  
or email at deininger@tds.net
- January 29** Diana Weckerly 325.4697  
or email at drweckerly@tds.net

Written requests may be placed in a locked box in the narthex of the church or in a box in the lobby of St. Clare Friedensheim. Please, may we encourage you to use this ministry offered by your church.

## Thank You

We are very pleased to say we had a wonderful and successful 6th Cookie and Candy Sale on Saturday December 10th, and thankfully the weather was very good too! A big THANK YOU to all that helped by contributing over **450 DOZEN** special Christmas cookies, candy, snack and drink mixes to the sale. We certainly have the BEST bakers here at St. John's!!

Thank you also to all that helped get ready for the event by putting together gift baskets and trays, setting up tables and helped in any way the day of the sale. YOU made it a fun day for everyone.

We also appreciate all the shoppers that came and who supported this fund-raiser. We made over \$2,500.00 that will go towards the new roof that is needed on the Faith Zone and Library area.

*Thank you from the committee-  
Lois Meinert, Deb Newman,  
Gloria Rieder, and Kris Winkler*

## Recycling



As you are cleaning out some clutter after Christmas please help MOMS by recycling. Moms On a Mission is looking for gently used toys, books and magazines to circulate between MOMS families. We will also take your used Christmas cards. So if you are going to donate some things consider dropping them off in the Christian Education Office. Don't forget that the Faith Zone also collects used printer cartridges, Labels for Education soup labels and box tops. These can be dropped off in containers above the coat rack by the library or under the bench in the Faith Zone entrance.

## Thank You

Several additional people swelled the ranks of our Sanctuary Choir for the presentation of this past season's *Shout the Good News!* on December 18. The choir, which became the Christmas Cantata Choir, welcomed David Babler, Harlow and Ila Duerst, Randy Teutschmann, Roberli Williamson, Bill Wyss, and Molly and Pam Wyss. All of these singers have participated in the Christmas Cantata Choir for at least two years, and we are grateful for their added support.

*Thanks*

*Deborah Krauss Smith  
Director of Music*

## Thank You

The Altar Guild would like to thank Paul and De Paulson for the beautiful mum plant and to Sharon and Bob Blumer for the corn stalks and gourds which were used to enhance our harvest Altar.

Thank you also goes out to Henry and Melva Tschanz, Ben and Lois Kaster, Chris and Julie Sachs, Tim Binger, Dennis Ganshert, Chandra Deprez, April and Adam Buri, Kris Winkler, and Bill Schmid for the use of his ladder, and all the Altar Guild members which includes Sharon Buri, Jean Cook, Cathy Crubaugh, Ann Prohett, Shelby Wilson and Jane Ganshert for helping with the Christmas decorating. We can't thank you enough for all the time you gave to making our Sanctuary so beautiful during our Advent Season.

*The St. John's Altar Guild*

## Family Promise Book Drive

We will have a box labeled as "book drive" for the collection of children's books for an Eagle Scout project. Books can be brought in at any time. We hope for both new or gently-used books for ages birth to twelve years of age. They will be used for reading to the homeless families who stay at St. John's through the Family Promise Program. Questions about this project can be directed to Josh Riese at 329-4224.



## From the Guests of the Green Co. Pantry, Thank You!

Thanks to the members of St. John's and area churches, Green County families and individuals going through a rough patch in 2011 have been able to stretch their grocery budget through your abundant donations of cereal, rice, beans, canned fruits, vegetables, and meats. This past year was difficult for so many families in our community. Every week, Pantry volunteers welcomed new families, parents and individuals who never thought they would be on the receiving end at the Pantry. We welcomed them as our guests, and we celebrated with families whose circumstances have taken a positive turn and no longer need a hand up.



In the spring, the Pantry will be moving, from its current location adjacent to Grace Lutheran Church, to the old Lanz building one block south of the Square. The Burch family has recently purchased the building and is currently upgrading the windows and utilities. They have generously offered space on the first floor to the Pantry, making it convenient for unloading pallets and boxes of food. There is parking for guests and volunteers right next to the building, at Spring Square. Rather than standing outside in all kinds of weather, there will be room for guests to gather inside. And there will be storage space for storing the Pantry's inventory in one location, rather than temporary overflow spots around town, with the potential to replace several refrigerators with a walk-in cooler. Stay tuned for updates on this exciting project.

Thanks to Stu and Christie Strait for transporting the donations of non-perishable food from the church to the pantry all year long, and to Virgil and Carol Leopold and Lori Zwygart who volunteered to pack food for guests on December 12th. If you're interested in volunteering at the pantry, please email [kaykrebs@tds.net](mailto:kaykrebs@tds.net) or call Kay at 325-3637.

The outlook for 2012 is challenging. There will be even more families and individuals stretched to the breaking point. And we are continuing to work within the limitations of a building that is too small and not designed for pallets and storage shelves. Here's the good news!!

You are welcome to leave your non-perishable food items in the food pantry container located at the entrance to the Christian Education Wing any time during the week. On Sunday mornings the containers are located at each entrance to the church.



## Second Harvest Food Pantry.

Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month the Second Harvest Food Pantry is at St. Vincent de Paul Store to give food to those in need. Distribution is from 3-4pm, however you have to have a voucher to get food so call the store for details. You may be standing outside part of that time so be certain to dress for the weather. **The January distribution is on the 19<sup>th</sup>.**

## Scrip! Scrip! Scrip!

We urge **YOU** to stop by and purchase Scrip cards for your personal purchases or for gift giving. Every Sunday at 10am you will find someone in Fellowship Hall to take your order or sell you cards or, stop in the office during the week where Judy or Yvonne will also help you. The money earned from this program costs you nothing more than the cost of the card you are purchasing, but St. John's benefits financially from your participation.



# FAITH ZONE

## JANUARY 2012

# HAPPENINGS

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

- **Jan. 1**  
NO Faith Zone
- **Jan. 8, 15, 22 & 29**  
Faith Zone rotation focuses on the story of Ruth

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Second grade students unveil the amount of money raised by the Faith Zone in its fall mission drive. A total of \$225 was donated to Project H2O which works to provide clean water for African countries. The mission project was spearheaded by Jennifer Rikkers.

## MEET OUR 7TH GRADE TEACHERS

Catherine Kehoe heads up the seventh grade program assisted by Donna Fenn.

Seventh graders meet each Sunday morning in the Youth Room. Seventh graders have their own curriculum with the year serving as a transition year between the Faith Zone and confirmation.



Catherine Kehoe



Donna Fenn

## Offering envelopes ready for Faith Zone students

A new calendar year means new offering envelopes. Have you picked up your child's 2012 offering envelopes yet?

Envelopes are available for all Faith Zone students who are registered and are now available at the entrance to the Faith Zone.

Please make a point to pick up your child's envelope box and keep them throughout the **2012 calendar year**. Although the Faith Zone operates on a September-May year, the envelopes run the entire calendar year.

If you do not find envelopes for your child or if there is a problem with them, please see Gary Neuschwander in the CE office or leave a message for him at 325-2165, extension 24.

## ADVENT WORKSHOPS

Hunter Lelle (right) and Lance Riese (far right) work on one of the many Advent projects during the Faith Zone's Advent Festival. The yearly festival introduces the Faith Zone students to the meaning of Advent through the symbols identified with the season.



## JANUARY WORKSHOPS

# LOYAL LIVING - RUTH

Children follow Ruth from Moab to Bethlehem where she begins a new life with her mother-in-law, Naomi.

The children will learn what loyal living means by seeing Ruth loyally providing for Naomi. They will see how Ruth and Naomi were faithful throughout their struggles. They also learn that Ruth and Naomi thanked God for their blessings by showing care and kindness to others. They make a connection between Boaz being Ruth's kinsmen redeemer to Jesus being ours.

### WORKSHOP ROTATIONS

#### Bible@yourfingertips

**Concept:** God's presence is shown through loyal living and is a means for blessing others.

**Activity:** "Ruth Slide Show," and "Community of Believers Advice Column"

**Lesson Summary:** Children recall the story of Ruth and help the teacher complete a Power Point Slide Show with details from the story. They learn of Ruth and Naomi's commitment to each other as faithful believers.

The children will learn that they belong to a Community of Believers - their church. The church is a source for faithful advisers.

The children will also write letters on the computer to a "Faithful Adviser" in their Community of Believers asking advice. Pre-designated church members will answer their letters and the answers become part of a Community of Believers Advice Column..

#### Created by the Spirit (Math Workshop)

**Concept:** God's presence is shown through loyal living and is a means for blessing others.

**Activity:** "Multiplying Kindness Math Activity"

**Lesson Summary:** As children hear the story of Ruth, they learn of the loyal and kind relationships between Ruth, Naomi, and Boaz.

The children will learn that God is loyal to them and wants them to live in kind relationships with family, friends and community. They further learn that God is present in their relationships and multiplies their kindness as God did for Ruth, Boaz, and Naomi in ways that is beyond our understanding.

There is a math activity entitled "Multiply the Blessings" that help children visualize how their simple acts of kindness are important to God as God multiplies them for God's purposes. This lesson contains separate math activities for primary and intermediate children.

#### The Oasis (Media Production Workshop)

**Concept:** God's presence is shown through loyal living and is a means for blessing others.

**Activity:** "The Strongest Link Reality TV Show"

**Lesson Summary:** Children will produce a TV program called "The Strongest

Link," a Christian variation of the 2001/02 reality TV series and The Weakest Link. Forming family units, they role-play sticky family situations. They contestants are challenged to resolve the situations using "The Strongest Link," which they learn is the three links of the Trinity - God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. They are further challenged to live their own family life situations using God as their guide to loving and loyal living. Adaptations for primary children are included in the lesson.

#### Super Sunday Cinema

**Concept:** God's presence is shown through loyal living and is a means for blessing others.

**Activity:** Video - "Ruth," Primary Children: "Story Character Pockets; Intermediate Children: "Story-sequencing Activity"

**Lesson Summary:** Children will learn the story of Ruth providing for her mother-in-law Naomi. They will learn what loyal living means by seeing Ruth loyally providing for Naomi and Naomi faithfully praying and caring for Ruth. They will see how Naomi and Ruth were faithful to God throughout all their struggles. They will see how Ruth and Naomi thank God for God's faithfulness by showing kindness and care for others. The children learn that God was faithful to Ruth and Naomi as God is faithful to us today and everyday. This workshop contains separate lessons for primary and intermediate children.

# seniorhigh youthfellowship

## january 2012



## WHAT SORT OF NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION SHOULD WE MAKE?

By Alison Winne and Jason Leopold

The practice of making New Year's resolutions goes back over 3,000 years to the ancient Babylonians. There is just something about the start of a new year that gives us the feeling of a fresh start and a new beginning. In reality, there is no difference between December 31 and January 1. Nothing mystical occurs at midnight on December 31. The Bible does not speak for or against the concept of New Year's resolutions. However, how do we decide what kind of resolution we should make?

By far, the most common New Year's resolution is to lose weight, in conjunction with exercising more and eating more healthily. The vast majority of New Year's resolutions are in relation to physical things. Resolving to start or stop doing a certain activity has no value unless you have the proper motivation for stopping or starting that activity.

So, what sort of New Year's resolution should a Christian make? Here are some suggestions: (1) pray to the Lord for wisdom; (2) pray for wisdom as to how to fulfill the goals God gives you; (3) rely on God's strength to help you; (4) find an accountability partner who will help you and encourage you; (5) don't become discouraged with occasional failures; instead, allow them to motivate you further; (6) don't become proud or vain, but give God the glory. So what is your New Year resolution?

As we, at SHYF, move into the New Year we have a few "New" things up our sleeves; WE hope to see more new faces, fundraisers being planned and young minds to help grow spiritually.

The NEW Year is officially here and we give THANKS for every minute ... as always, **JOIN US** and we look forward to seeing you!!

- January 4th– Lesson
- January 11th– Lesson
- January 18th– Lesson
- January 25th–  
**NO GROUP – NO SCHOOL DAY**

**"For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come."**

*1 Timothy 4:8*

**"I can do everything through Him who gives me strength."**

*Philippians 4:13*

**"I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."**

*John 15:5*

# SwitchPOINT

# Thank You

The Stewardship Committee would like to thank everyone that participated in the fundraising raffle. Again this year the raffle proved to be a fun and exciting way to help St John's. Over 2400 tickets were entered in the raffle and 44 prizes were in the drawing. The raffle raised **\$6325.00** to help defray expenses at St. John's. We want to thank everybody that bought tickets for the raffle; and we especially want to thank the businesses and individuals that donated prizes for the raffle. Without these generous donations the raffle would not exist and fundraising efforts like this would not be possible. Thank you for

## Congratulations to All Our Winners!!!!

### Raffle Prize Drawing Order:

|                                    |                       |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| KK Tire Oil Change                 | Nick Vita             |
| Oak/Walnut Cutting Board           | Elaine Bethke         |
| Papa Murphy's Pizza                | Tim Beckman           |
| Quilted table Runner               | Darris Henning        |
| Family Fun Bowling Pass            | Cash Anderson         |
| KK Tire Oil Change                 | Dick Feller           |
| Napa Auto Parts Tool Kit           | Justin Blum           |
| Papa Murphy's Pizza                | Joy Hanson            |
| Poncho & Lefty's Gift Cert         | Pauline Phillips      |
| Das Baumhaus Gift Cert             | Kim Wilhite           |
| Culver's Gift Cert                 | Mike Werth            |
| KK Tire Oil Change                 | Doreen Sanders        |
| Oak/Walnut Cutting Board           | Barb Wyss             |
| Papa Murphy's Pizza                | Holly Schmid          |
| Family Fun Bowling Pass            | Art and Brenda Payne  |
| Napa Auto Parts Tool Kit           | Kramer Henning        |
| Turner Hall Gift Cert              | Alice Brooks          |
| Anytime Fitness 30 Day Pass        | Ernest Rufener        |
| Quilted Table Runner               | Barb Wyss             |
| KK Tire Oil Change                 | Roxanne Paul          |
| Papa Murphy's Pizza                | Deb Newman            |
| Family Fun Bowling Pass            | Keith Binder          |
| Turner Hall Gift Cert              | Ken Kubly             |
| Decorative Basket (Runner/Candle)  | Cathy Crubaugh        |
| Napa Auto Parts Tool Kit           | Melva Tschanz         |
| KK Tire Oil Change                 | Jesse Anderson        |
| Flowers by Kim Gift Cert           | Donna Amacher         |
| Papa Murphy's Pizza                | Bill Schmid           |
| Portraits by Dawn Portrait Setting | Joyce Anderson        |
| Green County Repair Gift Cert      | Anson Phillips        |
| Green Bay Gift Basket W.C.B        | Dave Schmid           |
| Rieder Dining Gift Certs           | Jerry Von Kaenel      |
| Mini Remote Control Helicopter     | Rich Anderson         |
| Mini Remote Control Car            | Marjorie Schmidt      |
| Green Bay Packer Auto Football     | Karen Wyss            |
| 1/2 Pig w/processing               | Jerry and Joyce Thomm |
| \$250 Tender Filet Meat Cert       | Carol Koch            |
| TV/Audio Sound Enhancer Bar        | Kevin Foley           |
| 1/2 Pig w/Processing               | Tammy Rufer           |
| \$250 Tender Filet Meat Cert       | Jesse Anderosn        |
| Simplicity Snow Thrower            | Shelly Muranyi        |
| Red Leather Recliner               | Linda Colbeck         |
| 50" Plazma HD TV                   | Samantha Schmidt      |
| Plaque/basket                      | Carol Wyss            |



# Church Records

## *Baptized*

**Vesper Lynn Isely** daughter of  
Gregory and  
Samantha Bartelt Isely

**Sydney Jo Hoeft** daughter of  
Mason Hoeft and Becky Bacon

## *Our Sympathy*

To the family and friends of  
Marie Rufener  
Gertrude Voelkli  
Donald Miller

## *Memorial given to St. John's Endowment*

In Loving Memory of  
**Donald Miller**  
**Marie Rufener**  
**Gertrude Voelkli**  
from Dave and Janeen Babler

## *Memorials given to Garden Apartments*

In Loving Memory of  
**John McElhaney** from  
Dorothy Goecks  
Family and Friends

## *Memorials given to St. Clare Friedensheim*

In Loving Memory of  
**John McElhaney** from  
Family and Friends

## *Memorials given to Faith Zone*

In Loving Memory of  
**Trey David Ingold** from  
Charles and Ruth Ingold

## *Memorials to St. John's*

In Loving Memory of  
**Forrest Kubly** from  
Stewart and Christie Strait  
Hedy Swiggum

**John McElhaney** from  
Family and Friends

**Donald Miller** from  
Friends  
Bill and Judy Frazier  
Richard and Margaret Wyss  
Dave and Faye Gordon  
Henry and Melva Tschanz  
Dar Schwarzenberger

**Jake Newman** from  
Richard and Margaret Wyss  
Helen Hafen

**Marie Rufener** from  
Martha Bernet  
Henry and Melva Tschanz  
Dar Schwarzenberger  
Kathy Collins  
Otto and Gladys Schild  
Bob and Gloria Rieder

**Gertrude Voelkli** from  
Bill and Judy Frazier  
Dorothy Goecks  
Friends  
Dorothy Schuepp  
Henry and Melva Tschanz  
Dar Schwarzenberger

## *Memorial given to St. John's Music Department*

In Loving Memory of  
**Marie Rufener** from  
Friends

## *Monetary Gift to St. John's Family Promise*

In honor of  
**Dave and Janeen Babler**  
**Dave and Jan Wartenweiler**  
From Cynthia Babler and Ross Hamilton

## *January Wedding Anniversaries*

This anniversary list consists of church members celebrating at least 50 years of marriage and more.

Our Congratulations!

|                               |            |
|-------------------------------|------------|
| Ivan and Marlene Gobeli       | January 2  |
| Karl and LuAnn Krahenbuhl     | January 9  |
| Milo and Barbara Whitehead    | January 17 |
| John and Kay Tuescher         | January 18 |
| George and Marilyn Wells      | January 26 |
| Delbert and Gudrun Kundert    | January 28 |
| Norman and Mildred Gruenewald | January 30 |

## *January Birthdays*

To make our special birthday list you will need to reach the young age of 75. The names with the \* are members who have reached the young age of 90.

|                |   |                    |    |                    |    |
|----------------|---|--------------------|----|--------------------|----|
| Wallace Miller | 1 | Letty Studer       | 8  | Bertha Digman      | 17 |
| Rose Beach*    | 4 | Robert Zimmerman   | 9  | Mildred Gruenewald | 23 |
| Roy Vetterli   | 4 | Karen Sutter       | 11 | Zee Bauman*        | 24 |
| Dorothy Schott | 5 | Kathryn Friedrich  | 13 | Dorothy Cromwell*  | 26 |
| Erwin Rufener* | 8 | Rosemarye Showers  | 13 | Marie Siegenthaler | 28 |
|                |   | Rose Marie Schafer | 16 | Royletta Moon      | 31 |

## *January Service Group 11*

Men and women of St. John's are assigned to a service group. You will be asked for money, food or helping to serve at fellowship time which is scheduled in the months of September through May. In December the Sundays will be 8,15, 22, 29. Chairperson is Chris Zeal 608.527.2660

|                             |                           |                             |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Aaron and Katie Abraham     | Ben and Lois Kaster       | Randall and Carol Nimmer    |
| Richard and Tammy Anderson  | John and Catherine Kehoe  | S Jane O'Neill              |
| Kelvin and Sandra Baertschi | Kenneth Klassey           | Paul and De Paulson         |
| Herbert Baumgartner         | Wilbert and Leona Klassey | Timothy and Marla Petit     |
| Paul and Carolyn Beach      | Jocelyn Kline             | Tim and Tiffyn Riese        |
| Cindy Bechtolt              | Carol Koch                | Russell and Kathy Rufer     |
| Manda Berry                 | Pete and Diane Koch       | Shirley Schindler           |
| Paul and June Chapman       | Evelyn Krattiger          | Henry and Frances Schmid    |
| Curtis and Linda Dickson    | Deborah Krauss Smith      | William and Joan Schmid     |
| Bob and Nancy Faith         | Kevin and Susan Leistikow | Robert and June Schutz      |
| Gloria Feller               | Jamie Leopold             | Eugene and Brenda Showers   |
| Carrie Foulker              | Martha Etter Luedeking    | David and Cynthia Sickinger |
| Keith Ginner                | Robert and Sandra Marian  | Joel and Shani Spangler     |
| Roger and Joan Goepfert     | Walter and Mabel Marty    | Shawn and Kerri Steinmann   |
| Jodi Granberg               | Harris and Carol Meyers   | John and Mary Ubert         |
| Colleen Hasler              | Bret and Brenda Miller    | Barbara Ziltner             |
| Lynne Hendrickson           | Michael and Julie Miller  |                             |
| Joe and Melissa Holland     |                           |                             |
| Melissa Jackson             |                           |                             |
| Sherry Jackson              |                           |                             |
| Deb Johnson                 |                           |                             |

# *Those Serving at St. Clare Friedensheim Chapel*



January 1 Bryan Buri, Al Buri, Merle Robertson  
 January 8 Barbara French  
 January 15 Mary Ann Isely  
 January 22 Gary and Rhonda Rufenacht  
 January 29 Janet Hauri  
 February 5 Jane Paradowski, Ruth Ellen Putnam, Royletta Moon

# *Those Serving at St. John's*

## January 1

**9:00am Ushers:** Ben and Lois Kaster, George and Barbara Cromwell, Darrell and Margo Indergand, Troy and Paula Ludwig, Mitchell Quade  
**9:00am Communion Servers:** Dan and Debra Krattiger, Lee Binkley, Pat and Richard Budsberg, Paula Elmer, Stuart Grossen, Diane Phillips, Mark Witke

## January 8

**8:00am Ushers:** Charles Koch, David L. Deininger, Keith Ginner, Logan Koch, Steven Koch, Donald Rothenbach, Rob Schilt, Ron Schilt, Mark Steinmann, Fritz and Rose Wenger  
**9:00am Ushers:** James Root, Paul Beach, Michael and Julie Miller, Jim and Jessica Riese, Carson Root, Rachel Root, Erwin Rufener, Walter Rufener

## January 15

**8:00am Ushers:** Marshall Zwygart, Richard Feller, Jake Gruenewald, Bill Hubbard, Deb Johnson, Paul Paulson, Craig and Bobbi Schmidt, Marlea Steiner, Randall Wyss  
**9:00am Ushers:** Tim Binger, David Bergey, Jim Crubaugh, Joseph Crubaugh, Sharon Drews, Glenda Fritsch, Joan Miller, Keith and Peggy Riese, Kim Wilhite

## January 22

**8:00am Ushers:** John A. Kundert, Ron Anderson, Tony Beaver, Greg Boll, Pete Koch, James Kundert, Jeffrey Kundert, Pauline Phillips, Bill Riese  
**9:00am Ushers:** Henry and Melva Tschanz, Dave Engerman, Gene Hilfiker, Roger and Donna Hoesly, Helen Miller, Dan Moehn, Ethan Moehn, William Vick

## January 29

**8:00am Ushers:** Lee Binkley, Randy Armstrong, Karl Krahenbuhl, John F. Kundert, Randall Ninmer, Ben Prophet, Bob Rieder, Kevin and Kris Winkler  
**9:00am Ushers:** David and Holly Schmid, Bryan Buri, Larry Kundert, Jason and Jennifer Smith, Milo and Barbara Whitehead, Tom and Chris Zeal

## February 5

**8:00am Ushers:** David Wartenweiler, Brian and Donna Geissbuhler, Daniel Hager, Richard Hager, Ross Hamilton, Gerald Karlen, Frederick Kelley, Kenneth Klassey, Jeffrey and Kathy Rufer  
**8:00am Communion Servers:** William and Elaine Bethke, David and Nancy Bergey, Ed and Sandra Rabotski, Donald Rothenbach, Kimberly Wilhite, Brian and Cindy Zimmerman  
**9:00am Ushers:** Ben and Lois Kaster, George and Barbara Cromwell, Darrell and Margo Indergand, Troy and Paula Ludwig, Mitchell Quade  
**9:00am Communion Servers:** Jane and Dennis Ganshart, Tony Beaver, Sherri Dahlk, David L. Deininger, Shirley Eells, Keith Ginner, Deb Johnson, John A. and Jean Kundert, Timothy Schmidt



**Worship Services**



January 1 9am St. John's  
 10:30am St. Clare Friedensheim Chapel  
 January 8, 15, 22, 29  
 8am & 9am at St. John's  
 10:30am St. Clare Friedensheim Chapel  
 9am Faith Zone



# January 2012



Wednesday Schedule  
 1pm Sewing Ladies  
 3:30pm Junior/Children's Choir  
 6:00pm Confirmation Meal  
 6:30pm Confirmation and Senior High Fellowship  
 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir

| Sun   | Mon  | Tue   | Wed   | Thu   | Fri   | Sat   |
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| <p>1 Communion<br/>                     Worship 9am<br/>                     10:30am<br/>                     No 8am worship<br/>                     No Faith Zone and Fellowship time</p> | <p>2 8pm AA</p>  | <p>3<br/>                     NOON Bible Study<br/>                     No Bells</p>  | <p>4 10:30am Staff<br/>                     1pm Sewing Ladies<br/>                     6pm Confirmation Lunch<br/>                     6:30pm Confirmation<br/>                     NO Choirs</p> | <p>5<br/>                     5:30pm Men's Ministry<br/>                     6:30pm Creative Circle<br/>                     8pm AA</p>     | <p>6<br/> </p> | <p>7<br/>                     Christmas<br/>                     Decorations taken down</p> |
| <p>8 Worship 8,9, 10:30am<br/>                     9am Faith Zone<br/>                     3pm <b>Twelfth</b> Night Carol<br/>                     Sing at Grace Lutheran Church</p>        | <p>9<br/>                     5:30pm Girl Scouts<br/>                     6:30pm 4-H<br/>                     8pm AA</p> | <p>10 9am Scrip order<br/>                     5:30pm Sesquicentennial Meeting<br/>                     7:00pm Bells and Property Committee<br/>                     7:30pm Harmony</p> | <p>11 10:30am Staff<br/>                     Wednesday Schedule<br/>                     5:30pm Membership<br/>                     7:30pm Church Council</p>                                     | <p>12<br/>                     7pm Strategic Committee<br/>                     8pm AA</p>  | <p>13</p>   | <p>14</p>   |
| <p>15<br/>                     Worship 8,9,10:30am<br/>                     9am Faith Zone</p>  | <p>16<br/>                     8pm AA</p>  | <p>17<br/>                     5:15pm Family Promise Meeting<br/>                     7pm Bells<br/>                     7:30pm Harmony</p>   | <p>18<br/>                     10:30am Staff<br/>                     Wednesday Schedule</p>  | <p>19 5:15 Worship<br/>                     Committee<br/>                     7pm Euchre at the Garden<br/>                     8pm AA</p> | <p>20</p>   | <p>21</p>   |
| <p>22<br/>                     Worship 8,9,10:30am<br/>                     9am Faith Zone</p>  | <p>23<br/>                     5:30pm Girl Scouts<br/>                     8pm AA</p>                                    | <p>24 9am Scrip Orders<br/>                     1:30pm Parish Visitors<br/>                     7pm Bells &amp; Sarah Circle<br/>                     7:30pm Harmony</p>                | <p>25<br/>                     10:30am Staff<br/>                     Wednesday Schedule<br/>                     NO Confirmation<br/>                     NO Senior High</p>                     | <p>26<br/>                     7pm Euchre in Fellowship Hall<br/>                     8pm AA</p>  | <p>27</p>   | <p>28<br/>                     Senior High to the Repairers of the Breach</p>               |
| <p>29<br/>                     Worship 8,9,10:30am<br/>                     9am Faith Zone</p>  | <p>30<br/>                     8pm AA</p>  | <p>31<br/>                     7pm Bells<br/>                     7:30pm Harmony</p>  |   |   | <p></p>      |   |