



Epistle



S T . J O H N L U T H E R A N C H U R C H

It's About Freedom!

October is Ramping Up to Reformation Day (and even Halloween)

F r e e d o m ! Why is that?

It's all about freedom. Over and over again it is the same thing. Are you free. I learned in the last few years that there is a group that measures freedom around the world. They have a list of things they look at and grade each country. They are things such as, can you freely decide where to live? What kind of job to seek? Can you say what you think about your government? And so on.

Political candidates talk about freedom, in state after state, week after week, and they campaign on the questions: How can we be more free? (and) How can we preserve our freedoms?

A Greater Freedom

Political freedom, economic freedom, freedom of speech, freedom of religion and freedom of conscience are huge blessings. But there is a greater freedom that the end of this month is all about.

We need freedom for our souls. (No, it's not the freedom to do whatever we want.) Freedom for the soul is to be set free from the things that have bound us in sin. (So should I admit that I have been bound by sin, trapped in a pattern of doing things that I should not have? Yes, actually that is exactly what it means.)

"For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery." (Galatians 5:1)

One of the most fascinating things about the Reformation is what Luther says it was like having his eyes opened to the Gospel. *"Now I felt exactly as if I had been born again, and I believed that I had entered Paradise through widely opened doors."* (Luther and his times, by E. G. Schwiebert, p. 286) Freedom!! No mention that there could be trouble, standing up to the Pope and others.

When you are set free by God and are walking in eternal life with your sins forgiven, what is there to worry about or fear? "What can man do to me?" (Psalm 27)

Reformation Day (and Halloween?)

This whole month ramps up to our celebration of Reformation Day. But it is not all about breaking away from some earthly authority and being free to go off on our own. What it is all about is that God has set us free in Jesus Christ. We are free from sin death and the devil.

♪ Now hell, its prince, the devil,
Of all their pow'r are shorn.

Now I am safe from evil, And sin I laugh to scorn.

Grim death with all its might Cannot my soul afright;
It is a pow'rless form, Howe'er it rave and storm. ♪

(Awake, My Heart, with Gladness, v. 4)

We are saved from . . .

Later this month we will celebrate Reformation Day. Many of us will also celebrate Halloween. Why? How? The Christian celebration of Halloween is a time of laughter and joy. In once sense it is like the Israelites on the shore of the Red Sea, looking back and knowing that their enemies could not reach them, touch them or hurt them ever again. And so they sang and they danced. And yes there is a bit of mockery for the enemy who thought he could make war against God's people.

In the same way Christians laugh and celebrate. The devil is a powerless enemy, a toothless lion, sage to mock and laugh at. ("What's he going to do? Gum us and slobber on us?" ♪ "One little word can fell him." ♪) So we dress up, give each other candy and, as Pastor Moellering said, "shout 'Whoopie!'" Done the right way it is a celebration of the freedom we have in Jesus Christ.

But we are also saved to . . .

We are saved to eternal life. We are saved to walk with God. We are saved to all the joys of heaven. And we are saved to follow as disciples of Jesus. Here is ABSOLUTELY THE WORST IDEA I can think of. If I am set free by God why do I need Him anymore? Why not go and do whatever I want? After all, I don't really need to go to church to be saved. BAD, BAD IDEA!

He set me free. He bought and won me, and it hurt but He thought me living forever with Him was worth it

Who else would I want to spend eternity with? And who else would I want to spend some time with right now?

See you in Church and Sunday School!

Pastor Mark

**R I V E R C I T Y R E N E W A L T O S P O N S O R
A T H E N & N O W T O U R**

Step back in time to an earlier period in Chester's history. The River City Renewal, LLC is sponsoring a Then & Now Tour on Sunday, October 2nd. A guide will be stationed at each of numerous historic locations in the riverfront and downtown areas to give a brief history of the location. Tour stops include the Landmark, Cohen Home, The Stone House, City Steps, Gilster Home, Randolph County Annex Museum, Old Stone Cottage, and Chester Public Library. To begin the tour, Mike Coffey will make a presentation at the Landmark describing the Riverfront in its heyday; two sessions of this presentation will be held; one at 1:00 pm and one at 2:00 pm. The tour will depart from the Landmark after attending the presentation.

The purpose of the tour is to re-introduce Chester to the public, informing individuals of the town's historic past and future potential. The River City Renewal, LLC is a nonprofit organization established to promote physical, economic and social improvement in the city of Chester. The group strives to combat community deterioration and promote the business district.

Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased before the event at the Chamber of Commerce office located in the Welcome Center or at Buena Vista Bank. On the day of the event, tickets will be sold at The Landmark. Included with admission is a commemorative souvenir book with photos and the historic background of tour locations. Come join River City Renewal for an afternoon of reminiscence and discovery!

C H R I S T M A S C A N T A T A

The Adult Choir's annual Cantata will be Wed. Dec. 14 @ 7:00 p.m. It is entitled, "Christmas Seekers", by John Purifoy. For anyone wishing to join with the choir for this production, brief rehearsals will begin Wed., Oct. 19 at 8:30 in the church sanctuary.

H A L L O W E E N H A N D O U T S

Are you looking for something religious to hand out for Halloween? Concordia Publishing House offers 2 different treat bags, inserts, and thank you cards.

D U A L C I R C U I T R E F O R M A T I O N S E R V I C E

The Dual Circuit Reformation Service for Circuits 9 & 10 will be held 3:00 pm on Sunday, October 30, 2011, at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 2033 Kaskaskia Rd, Renault, Illinois. The preacher for the service will be Rev. Scot Kinnaman from CPH. We will be commemorating the 494th anniversary of the beginning of the Reformation, as well as noting the 200th anniversary of the birth of Rev. Dr. C.F.W. Walther. The theme for the service will be the translated motto of *Der Lutheraner* ("The Lutheran"): "God's Word and Luther's doctrine pure shall now and evermore endure."

St. John Lutheran Church Voters Meeting July 17, 2011

The July Voters Meeting was called to order by Congregation Vice Chairman Dave Rowold. There with 39 members present.

Pastor Ill opened with a devotion from Luke 13 and prayer.

There were three corrections to the minutes.

Rebecca Hillerman should be Rebekah Hillerman (two corrections)

Under the trustee's report, it should have been \$2000 for a meter instead of \$3000.

Under the 4th motion under the elections, it should have been Paul Stallman was the only candidate for Treasurer, not Vice Chariman.

Mike Welge moved to approve the amended minutes, Rebekah Hillerman seconded. Motion carried.

Transfers in: None

Transfers Out: None

Released: None

Baptisms: Gunner Dickerson, Duncan Bargman

Deaths: Michael Hogrefe, Wilma Coffman, Kenneth Grah, Dorothy Taggart

Committee Reports:

Board Of Elders:

No Report

Board of Stewardship Report:

No report

Board Of Trustees: Stan Gaertner

The parish hall air conditioning is proceeding. The old unit that was sold for \$400. A window that was broken on the church and one that was broken on the school will be fixed and were estimated by Liberty Glass (\$460 for the church window, \$195 for the school window). The investment committee has been established as Michael Welge, Bob Franklin, Ralph Kipp, Rhonda Dunning, and Amber Cushman. Their first meeting will be August 3.

The board would also like to express their thanks to all of the volunteers that have been doing work around the church and school.

Board Of Education: Bryan Wagner

At the last meeting, the board elected officers.

Bryan Wagner chairman

Joby Petrowske, vice chairman

Phil Kattenbraker, secretary

Jim Dunning, Treasurer

The first day of school will be August 17. The students will be getting a new handbook, similar to what the high school gives out. The summer day care is averaging 16 students a day. Christ our Savior Lutheran High School has extended an offer for the 7th and 8th grade students to visit.

We have also received a gift from Burnell Kraft for the school. It is planned on being used to replace the timers on the bell, new smart boards, and coolers with the rest rolling into the Amanda Kahre scholarship fund.

A question was asked about all of the staff changes for the upcoming year.

New Principal – Brenda Owen

New 6th grade – Rebecca Ruebke

Gretchen Weber – Music

Meg Knop moved from 6th to 4th grade

Planning on offering Chris Urquhart a tech coordinator position

After much discussion, Myrna Campbell moved to table the offering of the position to Chris Urquhart with a report back at the next voters meeting, Mary Stallman seconded. Voice vote was indeterminate. Motion carried via show of hands.

Treasurers' Report: Paul Stallman

We are currently approx \$74,000 behind our expenses for the year as of the end of June. We still haven't received the rebate on the health care reimbursement, looks like it won't be as much as originally estimated.

A question was asked about the two houses that we currently own and whether we needed to maintain them. They are currently paying for themselves and, if we sell them, we are probably going to have to pay deferred taxes on them.

Youth Report:

No Report

Cemetery Report: Stan Gaertner

There have been two trash cans placed for discarded flowers and decorations. Since we are not going to change the light at this time, we will be taking the flag down during the winter except for holidays.

Pastor's Report:

Willig

The elders are going to go with an alphabetical listing of members instead of a geographic area for their zone lists. The congregation also needs to submit nominations for district offices and delegates to the SID convention in February 2012.

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Involved with lots of teaching and getting ready for the new school year. I also have a couple baptismal candidates that are being instructed.

Old Business

None

New Business

Mike Welge moved to grant peaceful release from his call to Chris Urquhart with a second from Mary Stallman. Motion carried.

Paul Stallman – Reminder to appoint the auditing committee at the next PPC meeting.

Ryan Petrowske – Ron going to be out of town for the picnic. I will be making lots of phone calls.

As there was no further business for the assembly, Bryan Wagner made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mike Welge. Motion carried via voice vote.

Pastor Willig closed with Psalm 127 and prayer.

EXCITING NEWS

At the September 18 meeting of the Voters' Assembly, a motion was passed to request permission to transfer the work center for the Lutheran Braille Workers presently located at Immanuel - West Point to our congregation. What does this mean? The work center will soon be relocated to the brick building on Lehmen Drive directly across from the entrance to Pechacek - McClure Funeral Home due to the necessity of demolishing the parsonage where it is now located at West Point. Paul & Mary Stallman will be serving as the Braille Center's coordinators.

The same groups from St. John and other area Lutheran churches will continue to work at the center, and we will be offering other interested adults the opportunity to form work groups. If you are interested in working or forming a new group, please call Mary at 774-2936. We believe that everything will be set up and ready to go by mid to late October. We will need to move all the equipment and supplies from their present location to their new home.

What will St. John's cost be? No, it will not be another drain on our already weary financial situation. We know that there are a number of people from our church and other Southern Illinois area churches who presently support the Lutheran Braille Workers through Yucaipa, CA. We are asking that these donations be dropped in the offering or sent instead to Kelly payable to "St. John Lutheran Church" and marked for "Lutheran Braille Workers" on the Memo line. We are also approaching our church organizations to remember this new mission opportunity in their donations and will be approaching the other LCMS churches in our area with this request.

The space in the building is being provided for our use rent-free by Mr. Ralph Kipp. From the money collected by St. John, we will be paying for materials from the headquarters in California and for up to an average of \$75 per month for utilities on the area we will be using. The US Postal Service mails the finished Braille books overseas free of charge so there is no cost for postage.

In the past 27 years of operation, Immanuel has never had to pay for materials because the cost has always been covered by donations sent by private individuals and designated for this work center. We hope this generous spirit will continue through donations to the center at St. John. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Mary or Paul. We are looking forward to this exciting new mission project for our congregation and feel this new location will be more easily accessible for many of our volunteers.

IT'S CHICKEN AND DUMPLING TIME!!!!

The St. John's Booster Club will be having their annual Chicken and Dumpling Dinner on October 2, 2011 at the parish hall. Dinners will be served from 11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. and carry outs will be available. The dinner will consist of chicken and dumplings, corn, green beans, cole slaw, bread, dessert, coffee, tea and punch. Prices are: adults \$7.00, children 5 - 12 \$5.00 and children 5 and under free (dine-in only). Quarts of dumplings can be purchased for \$6.00 This is one of the biggest fundraisers for the Booster Club. So, please come down and have a great meal and support our St. John's Hornets!!!!

HEARTS FOR STEWARDSHIP

Luke 6:38 Give, and you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full, pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, running over, and poured into your lap. The amount you give will determine the amount you get back.



SPECIAL VOTERS MEETING

On Sunday, October 16 at 11:00 a.m. you are invited to a special voters' meeting to discuss the financial position of the congregation.

BAKE SALE/RUMMAGE SALE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2011



ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH
CHESTER, ILLINOIS



ST. JOHN PARISH HALL
7:00 A.M. –2:00 P.M.

FRESH COFFEECAKES FOR SALE

(CHERRY, PEACH, CARAMEL ROLLS, PEANUT BUTTER, CINNAMON TWIST, CINNAMON SUGAR, CINNAMON ROLLS)

MANY OTHER BAKED ITEMS

NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ACCIDENTS

Donations may be brought to the Parish Hall on October 27 and 28.

9TH ANNUAL DINNER AUCTION

Looking for the perfect Christmas present for the little boy (or maybe the big “little” boy) in your house? We have it at this year’s auction! We have a few items that we have never had before. “Like what?” you ask... this year we have the following:



-A baseball bat signed by Cardinal/ex Cub Ryan Theriot.

-A baseball bat signed by Jose Reyes of the New York Mets.

-A baseball signed by future hall-of-famer C.C. Sabathia of the New York Yankees.

And yes, an autographed Albert Pujols jersey.



All of these items are available at this year’s dinner auction!!!

Tickets are available at the church office and at Barb Fricke’s salon.

- Don’t forget to purchase your raffle tickets for the 47 inch HD LED flat screen television.
- Donations of other auction items (like tickets to sporting events, concerts, and Fox theater events) are greatly appreciated.
- Services such as grass mowing, window washing, dinners, trips are valuable items.

Funds from the auction will be used to pay the remaining bill for the parish hall roof, and for new parish hall equipment.

St. John receives \$8,275 in grant funds from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans

From January 1, 2011 to September 6, 2011, St. John Chester, has received a total of \$8,275.00 from Thrivent Financial's charitable grant funds program called Choice Dollars. Choice Dollars is a fraternal benefit of membership with Thrivent. In the program owners of Thrivent insurance or annuity products and Chapter volunteers are entitled to designate a portion of the charitable grant funds to a Lutheran charity of their choice. The amount an owner gets to direct to his or her favorite charity depends on the depth of their connection to Thrivent Financial.

THANK YOU to St. John's members and friends who took a few minutes to designate St. John Lutheran Church, Chester, as the recipient of their Choice Dollars!

For members who have designated their Choice Dollars to date, watch for more Choice Dollars which will be eligible for designation yet this year. If you are a Thrivent benefit member and you haven't directed the Choice Dollars apportioned to you, there is still time! Watch your mailbox for more information in a letter from Thrivent ; or visit Thrivent.com/thriventchoice online; or call Thrivent's 800 number. The steps to follow are listed below. Together we make a big difference when we each do our little part!

Online:

Step 1—Visit Thrivent.com/thriventchoice.

Step 2— Click on **"log in"** at the top right of your screen and enter your MyThrivent user ID and password. (If you haven't registered on Thrivent.com, click on **"register now"** to register for full access.)

Step 3— Look for your designated Choice Dollars amount on the right side of the screen.

Step 4— Click on "Direct Choice Dollars" in the Thrivent Choice box on your my Thrivent page.

Step 5— Search the catalog of organizations to find your choice.

Step 6—Click on "Direct Choice Dollars Now" to direct your designated Choice Dollars to benefit that organization.

By phone:

Step 1— Call **1-800-847-4836** and when prompted, say, **"Thrivent Choice."**

Step 2— When prompted, say, **"Choice Dollars."**

Step 3— Say or enter your Social Security number.

Step 4— Press 1 to direct Choice Dollars or press 2 to hear the Thrivent Choice program terms and conditions.

Step 5— A representative will then work with you to direct Choice Dollars.

Step 6— Confirm your answer by saying **"Yes"** or **"No"** when prompted.

Directing Choice Dollars is subject to the Terms and Conditions of the Thrivent Choice program.

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T A I W A N A N D P R A Y E R S

Your prayers are invited on behalf of two of our members who are going to Taiwan in October. Mildred and Rev. Ken Young have been appointed by the Synod to serve as short term volunteer missionaries in Chiayi, a modern city of some 200,000. The China Evangelical Lutheran Church is a partner church body of the :Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. Concordia Middle School and Concordia English Language Academy in Chiayi serve some 2300 pupils, preschool through twelfth grade. Emphasis is placed on English language study for all ages. The Bible can be used for this. The Young's will carry out a variety of task related to the school, its staff and the local congregation. Ken will preach one Sunday at Salvation Lutheran Church (In English, with a translator). Both Mildred and Ken will lead Saturday Kids English Club sessions there. Mildred and Ken will teach art the Bibles stories and songs with pupils at the school, talk with several classes of students at public high school, etc. They will mingle with the Staff-both American and Taiwanese-and take part in outreach events, and so on. Your prayers are invited for their directions and protection and God's blessing on their service. Only six percent of the population of some 23 million in Taiwan is Christian so there is a great need for the spread of the Good News of Jesus.

**O U R 2 0 1 1 Y E A R - T O - D A T E F I N A N C I A L S T A T U S A S O F
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	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Income	\$832,353.75	\$693,706.66	(\$138,647.09)
Expense	\$832,353.75	\$806,100.35	\$26,253.40
2011 (Income - Expense)		(\$112,393.69)	
2010 (Income - Expense)		(\$20,146.34)	
2010/2011 Total (Income - Expense)		(\$132,540.03)	
Debt	\$139,846.49	Mortgage	\$44,691.16
Average 2011 Attendance per Week: 286			

Your church needs your help. Please prayerfully consider what you can do to help this situation.

**CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO
WIND SYMPHONY TO PERFORM IN MASCOUTAH
OCTOBER 22, 2011
7:00 p.m.**

The Wind Symphony of Concordia University, Chicago, under the direction of Dr. Richard Fischer, will perform a concert at the new High School Auditorium in Mascoutah IL on Saturday, October 22, 2011 beginning at 7:00 p.m. The High School Auditorium is located at 1313 West Main Street, Mascoutah, IL 62258.

The Wind Symphony is a 60-70 piece band made up of woodwinds, brass, and percussion members from across the country (including from Southern Illinois!) They bring an excellent level of musicianship to all the music they play, including band standards and newer works.

The concert is open for all ages, and admission is free, an offering will be taken at intermission.

All are welcome and encouraged to attend. For more information call Pastor Kirk Clayton at Zion Lutheran Church, Mascoutah, IL at 618-566-7345.

N E W F A C I L I T Y

People send money to cancer societies, overseas children's organizations, high school and college alumni associations, and many religious funds. A contribution to St. John's New Facility Fund supports the future of a top-notch, Christ-centered education for the children right here Chester. Established in 2007, the fund continues to grow with the help of lemonade stands, yard sales, and donations from groups and individuals of all ages. Currently, the account stands at \$391,189.01. If everyone in the congregation and school would give a little each month, soon, we will be painting another footprint on the sign in front of the school.



Y O U T H G R O U P

We are planning to play ultimate Frisbee on **Sunday, October 16** at 3pm at CHS Track. In November we are planning a lock-in for **Friday the 11th** till Saturday at 8am. We are inviting all youth from grades 8-12 to come and participate. If you have any questions call or text us Marilyn or Gary Duensing. Look for the Youth Group on facebook. We try and put updates on there.

F R U I T D R I N K S F O R S A L E

There are some fruit drinks and tea left from the Popeye Picnic Hamburger stand for sale. Drinks can be purchased for \$.50 each by stopping by the church office.

ST. JOHN SOFTBALL & BASEBALL

Congratulations to both the boys' baseball team and the girls' softball team! These young ladies and gentlemen have been seeded first in the regional tournament and as a result have secured home field advantage and sponsorship of the tournament. As of this writing, both teams have won their first games. Go Hornets!



ACOLYTES



Sat October 1 6:30 p.m. Calvin Clendenin & Clayton Richelman
 Sun October 2 7:45 a.m. Jessica Kattenbraker & Sydney Levan
 10:00 a.m. Alyssa Hoops & Kylie Liefer
 Sat October 8 6:30 p.m. Jaclyn Colvis & Ellen Blechle
 Sun October 9 7:45 a.m. Brooke Garris & Sydney Korando
 10:00 a.m. Clayton Richelman & Shelby Kueker
 Sat October 15 6:30 p.m. Sarah Hecht & Anastasia Valleroy
 Sun October 16 7:45 a.m. Katelyn Rader & Taylor Dunning
 10:00 a.m. Jessica Kattenbraker & Stormie Zweigart
 Sat October 22 6:30 p.m. Matt Smith (Mead) & Shea Petrowske
 Sun October 23 7:45 a.m. Gwendolyn Sterrett & Sydney Levan
 10:00 a.m. Christian Gray & Emily Atchison
 Sat October 29 6:30 p.m. Autumn Rowold & Ashley Wagner
 Sun October 30 7:45 a.m. Derek Mott & Miranda Mueller
 10:00 a.m. Alyse Bollman & Kylie Liefer

GREETERS

Sat October 1 6:30 p.m. Wilma Kothe
 Sun October 2 7:45 a.m. Sarah Schenk
 10:00 a.m. Kathy Sprengel
 Sat October 8 6:30 p.m. Marlene Seymour
 Sun October 9 7:45 a.m. Geninne Westerman
 10:00 a.m. Sue McClure
 Sat October 15 6:30 p.m. Karen Surman
 Sun October 16 7:45 a.m. Mary Alice Welge
 10:00 a.m. Delores Hillerman
 Sat October 22 6:30 p.m. Ruby Schirmer
 Sun October 23 7:45 a.m. Marie Hoops
 10:00 a.m. Norma Vieregge
 Sat October 29 6:30 p.m. Jane Kipp
 Sun October 30 7:45 a.m. Dorothy Gerberding
 10:00 a.m. Henrietta Stallman

USHERS TEAMS

Sat October 1 6:30 p.m. Volunteer
 Sun October 2 7:45 a.m. Gary Duensing
 10:00 a.m. Don Stallman
 Sat October 8 6:30 a.m. Volunteer
 Sun October 9 7:45 a.m. Roger Kattenbraker
 10:00 a.m. Gary Eggemeyer
 Sat October 15 6:30 p.m. Volunteer
 Sun October 16 7:45 a.m. Don Gentsch
 10:00 a.m. Rick Casten
 Sat October 22 6:30 p.m. Volunteer
 Sun October 23 7:45 a.m. Ron Rathert
 10:00 a.m. Randy Campbell
 Sat October 29 6:30 p.m. Volunteer
 Sun October 30 7:45 a.m. Gary Duensing
 10:00 a.m. Don Stallman

ALTAR GUILD

Wanda Dethrow
 Ruby Schirmer
 Jim & Rosemary Oetting
 Lynette Colvis
 Melvin & Edna Neislein
 Pam Sheely
 Larry & Imogene McDonough
 Gary & Pam Knop

WEEKEND JANITORS

October 1/2 Dennis Mott
 October 8/9 Ryan Petrowske
 October 15/16 Larry McDonough
 October 22/23 Randy Campbell / Ron Rathert
 October 29/30 Dennis Mott

ALUMINUM CANS

September 26-October 1 Steven Egge
 October 3-8 Steve Young
 October 10-15 Gary Knop
 October 17-22 Fred Fricke
 October 24-29 Ron Sheely
 October 31- November 5 Larry McDonough



RADIO ANNOUNCER / TECHNICIANS

October 2 Amanda Middendorf / Lynn Rickenberg
 October 9 Chris Colvis / Bob Platt
 October 16 Mardell Granger / Tony Young
 October 23 Richard Janssen / Charlie Bargman
 October 30 Chris Urquhart / Lynn Rickenberg



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WORSHIP SERVICES

Saturday 6:30 p.m., Sunday 7:45 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.
 Sunday School and Bible Class at 9:00 a.m.
 Sunday Worship Broadcast on KBDZ 93.1 FM and KSGM 980 AM

CHURCH E-MAIL

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 Kelly Walls— secretary@stjohnchester.com



(Here's something for next to the bedroom light switch, the last thing you do at the end of the day.)

Luther's Evening Prayer

**In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the
Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**I thank You, my Heavenly Father,
through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son,
that You have graciously kept me this day;
and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins
where I have done wrong;
and graciously keep me this night.
For into Your hands I commend myself,
my body and soul and all things.
Let Your holy angel be with me,
that the evil foe may have no power over me.
Amen.**

Then go to sleep at once and in good cheer.

B I B L E T R E A S U R E H U N T :



Unscramble the letters in each word to discover the passage.

Answer will be in next months Epistle. IAS KEN YSNMLEUBX AI KEN LSAOO UO KA KENG KEMK YNSUOE IAAZUOEBNOO;
HWK WBKA WO FEULE MSN OMRNP UK UO KEN YAFNS AI XAP.

A N S W E R T O L A S T M O N T H S B I B L E T R E A S U R E H U N T :

For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich. II Corinthians 8:9

G R E E T E R S L I S T

Greeters list are now available on the Usher's tables in the Narthex. If you would be interested in serving as a greeter please contact June Campbell.

L W M L L O W E R K A S K A S K I A F A L L F E L L O W S H I P

This year's theme is "Our Victory Celebration" 1 Corinthians 15:27. Rev Bruce Cameron, our Zone Counselor will lead us in a discussion of funeral practices and help us make plans for our own funerals, hopefully long before it is needed. Do your loved ones know your baptismal date, your confirmation memory verse, and your favorite appropriate funeral hymns? These are some of the questions the Pastor will ask at the time of death. Having answered these questions would be a loving thing to do for your family. We hope a light hearted discussion will follow. LWML members will gather on Thursday, October 27 in Renault at Holy Cross. Registration will begin at 9:00 a.m., opening devotions will be at 9:30 led by Rev. Ralph Laufer. An offering will be taken for delegate expenses to the 2013 convention at Pittsburg, PA. Please bring with you a Bible, Sack lunch and a friend. The Ladies of Holy Cross will furnish desserts and drinks.

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