

## Keeping in touch...keeping up...

... is easier than ever before. But do we?

Mention the revolution in communication technology, and everyone knows what you're talking about. *Instant messaging..."tweets"...e-mail...Facebook...* even if you don't personally *use* the technology, you know it's there. It's how much of the world stays in touch. As we've seen lately, it's also how governments have been overthrown in much of the Middle East. It's the electronic revolution, and it's powerful!

Recently I came across a quote attributed to the 20<sup>th</sup> century evangelical theologian *Karl Barth*, that Christians should *"read the Bible in one hand, and the newspaper in the other."* No one knows for sure if he really said that, but a <u>Time Magazine</u> piece on *Barth* published on May 31, 1963 said *"[Barth] recalls that 40 years ago he advised young theologians 'to take your Bible and take your newspaper, and read both. But interpret newspapers from your Bible."* 

It's almost 50 years later, and newspapers are fast fading from the scene. Some would say the same about Bibles!

But like so many other things today, they're not really disappearing. *Just changing form!* You can read 'em both online. Got an I-Pad? E-reader? Blackberry? Internet connection? Then you can keep up with the latest news from around the world, instantly!

And if you choose, you can read the Bible the same way.

Check out the website <u>vouversion.com</u>. Here you can read the Bible in hundreds of languages and translations (unfortunately, *not* the New Revised Standard Version, which we use in worship). You can jot down notes about what you read, and share them with others. You can even find incredible numbers of Bible reading plans, to encourage you to connect daily with God's word.

Summer's just around the corner (I really <u>do</u> believe we will have summer...eventually). June 22 is the official kick-off date; the same day I'm scheduled for knee replacement surgery. I'm looking forward to doing some serious reading while I recuperate - both my Bible and some modern form of the newspaper. I picture myself sitting outside, book in hand (or computer on lap), soaking up the sun and stretching my mind and my faith in a healthy way.

Can I invite you to do the same this month? Keep in touch with God's word, and keep up with everything going on around you. Let the Bible help you make sense out of everything else you read. You'll be glad you did!

#### Pastor Rich



The 2011 Assembly, held on the campus of Bowling Green State University May 20-21, approved four resolutions, elected various people to committees, and approved a 2012 budget of \$2,055,000.

The four resolutions

- encouraged every congregation in the Synod to partner with one or more of the Synod's Authorized Mission Partner Congregations (11.01);
- designated \$20,000 of a recent half-million dollar bequest to establish a pilot matching funds program to encourage new local mission initiatives by individual congregations (11.02);
- authorized our bishop to seek to begin an interreligious conversation with representatives of the Islamic community, with the goal of seeking increased mutual understanding (11.03); and
- authorized the Synod to pursue an Annual Appeal for 2011-2013 to raise "second mile giving" of undesignated funds that would benefit ministries, agencies, and organizations with whom we are in partnership for the purpose of preparing leaders, strengthening congregations, and reaching around the world" (11.04).

The 2012 budget of \$2,055,000 compares to the 2011 budget of \$2,204,500, which was later amended (reflecting a significant drop in contributions to the Synod) to \$2,033,500.

Of the \$2,055,000 budgeted for next year, 51% (\$1,021,785) will be forwarded on to the ELCA to support churchwide ministries, and another \$15,600 will go to support our Region 6 operating expenses.

There are currently 176 congregations in the NW OH Synod. All Saints is part of the Toledo Area Conference, with 37 congregations, one "new ministry site" (Threshold), plus UT campus ministry. All Saints has budgeted \$1,250 for support of the NW OH Synod this year and another \$500 for "Other Benevolence" (local benevolence support). As of May 19, our Synod benevolence has been paid in full (100%), and we have already disbursed \$1,003.35 for local benevolence (200.7% of budgeted amount). Our 2011 church budget is \$176,850, and reflects an anticipated \$21,650 deficit.

If you'd like to see detailed reports of the Synod assembly, speak with Pastor Rich or any of our representatives.

Special thanks to *Judy Reber, Ted Beitelschees, and Chaplain Julie Beitelschees* who were in attendance...and to *Donnajean Stockmaster* who was also in attendance (non-voting), representing Toledo Area Ministries.

Pastor Rich

## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

### **Strengthening Our Bridge**

This amazing church has as its mission:

#### "BUILDING BRIDGES TO GOD THROUGH THE CROSS OF CHRIST"

In these difficult economic times, we face the future with confidence, knowing that God always provides the resources that the church needs to do its mission.

Earlier this year the congregation approved a <u>Capital Campaign</u> to wipe out our ELCA Mission Investment Fund debt, currently about \$32,000. Payments on that debt come to over \$9,000 per year. By eliminating our debt, we'll be **strengthening** our ability to do what God calls us to do!

Over the next several weeks, representatives from our Capital Campaign will be speaking to the various groups of our church, explaining the effort in detail, answering questions, and inviting members and friends of ALL SAINTS to participate through individual pledges or gifts.

#### OUR GOAL IS \$16,000

The balance of our debt (another \$16,000) will come from funds currently being held in our Building Fund.

Here's what we'd like you to do NOW:

PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER HOW GOD HAS BLESSED YOUR LIFE...AND WHAT YOU MIGHT DO TO HELP ALL SAINTS REACH ITS GOAL.

Thank you!

PLEASE SEE ENCLOSED PLEDGE FORM –
CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX. BE SURE TO SIGN YOUR NAME AND TURN IN THE CORRECT SIDE TO THE OFFERING PLATE AND KEEP YOUR SIDE FOR YOUR RECORDS.
THANK YOU!

ALL SAINTS	Strengthening our Bridge
LUTHERAN CHURCH	I / we support the church's effort to eliminate our <i>Mission Investment Fund</i> debt of \$32,000. <u>Half of that debt is to be paid from our existing</u> <i>Building Fund</i> , and the other half from gifts by members and friends.
	I / we pledge support in the amount of:
2011 Capital Campaign	\$ toward our Goal of \$16,000.
	This gift is above and beyond my / our regular church contribution, and will be given in full:
Keep this card as a reminder	
of your pledge	by Pentecost Sunday, June 12, 2011 or
	by December 31, 2011.
	Signature

\*\* PLEASE NOTE: This is inserted into the *paper form* newsletter. You should have received a hard copy from Pastor that has your name on back of both cards...if you haven't, please see Carole or Pastor, and we can get you another one . Thank you

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From the kitchen of Bob Krueger . . .

#### **RHUBARB CUSTARD BARS**

#### Ingredients:

#### Crust:

1 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
1/2 cup sugar
1/2 cup butter, (1 stick), room temperature

#### Filling:

1 cup sugar 1/4 tsp. salt 2 TB. Flour 4 eggs beaten 1 tsp. vanilla 4-5 cups rhubarb

#### Procedure:

Preheat oven to 350\*. Spray a 9x13 inch pan with cooking spray.

Crust: Blend flour & sugar together, then cut in the butter with a fork or pastry blender. Press crust into a 9x13 inch baking pan that has been sprayed with a cooking spray. Bake for 10-12 minutes or until lightly browned. Prepare filling while crust is baking.

Filling: In a large mixing bowl, blend sugar and flour, then add eggs, vanilla and rhubarb and blend well. Pour mixture over partially baked crust and continue baking for 30-35 minutes. Serve warm or cooled. Store leftovers in refrigerator.

~~~ Bob Krueger made these for Mother's Day. ~~~

Lady Saínt's Mínutes

On May 14, 2011, there were thirteen ladies present at our meeting.

Rose Thomson, Ann Miller, and Lynda Meyer were the hostesses and as usual the food was excellent.

Devotions were given by Sue Merkel out of the book called "God's Promises" and were very enlightening.

Our speaker was Mary Schmidbauer and she talked about trafficking and held everyone's attention completely.

Old business was regarding the curtains but was tabled for now. New business discussed was that Lady Saints will host the first summer brunch on June 12, after worship.

We closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marilyn Gabriel Secretary/Treasurer





To My Church Family & Friends:

How grateful I am to all of you for the many prayers, cards and thoughts you have sent to me.

I appreciate them all more than I can say.

In Christ's Love,

Sue Weaner

## JUNE VOLUNTEERS

| June 5<br>June 12<br>June 19<br>June 26 | <b>GREETERS</b><br>Thelma McNees<br>Wilma Lupe<br>Marilyn Gabriel<br>Jim and Darlene Featzka                                                                                                                                                                  |                     | <b>READER</b><br>Jim Burkhardt<br>Rick McCann<br>Peg Loehrke<br>Donna Jean Stockmaster |  |
|-----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|
| June 5<br>June 12<br>June 19<br>June 26 | <b>COMMUNION PREP/ASSISTANT</b><br>Diana & Jim Burkhardt<br>Barb Moungie & Bonnie Driver<br>Ann Miller & Pat Toepfer<br>Donna Jean & Chris Stockmaster                                                                                                        |                     |                                                                                        |  |
| MONTH<br>June                           | ALTAR<br>Ann Miller                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | MEDIA<br>Don Sundby | SOUND<br>Tim Merkel                                                                    |  |
| June 5<br>June 12<br>June 19<br>June 26 | COUNTERS<br>Rose Thomson & Marilyn Gabriel<br>Mary Lou Houle &<br>Ann Miller & Pat Toepfer<br>Sue Merkel & Judy Reber                                                                                                                                         |                     |                                                                                        |  |
| June 5<br>June 12<br>June 19<br>June 26 | <b>OFFERING</b><br>Bob Krueger<br>Tim Merkel<br>Mary Lou Houle<br>Roger Meyer                                                                                                                                                                                 |                     |                                                                                        |  |
| June 5<br>June 12<br>June 19<br>June 26 | <b>USHERS</b><br>Chris Stockmaster, Bill Reber, Hassan Brown, Ralph Fritsch<br>Jim TerDoest, Bob Krueger, Hassan Brown, Ralph Fritsch<br>Chris Stockmaster, Bill Reber, Hassan Brown, Ralph Fritsch<br>Jim TerDoest, Bob Krueger, Hassan Brown, Ralph Fritsch |                     |                                                                                        |  |



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| Sunday                                                                                               | Monday                                                           | Tuesday                                                                  | Wednesday                   | Thursday                                   | Friday | Saturday                         |
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|                                                                                                      |                                                                  |                                                                          | 8:30 AA (open)              | 8:30 AA (closed)                           |        |                                  |
| <b>5</b><br>8:30 Prayer<br>9:00 Adult Forum                                                          | <b>6</b><br>No Bible Study<br>Rogers High School                 | <b>7</b><br>7:00 Property                                                | 8                           | 9                                          | 10     | 11                               |
| 9:00 S.S.<br>9:00 Conf. Class<br>10:00 Worship<br>6:00 Youth Group                                   | Graduation<br>8:30 AA (closed)                                   | 8:30 AA (open)                                                           | 8:30 AA (open)              | 8:30 AA (closed)                           |        | 9:00 Lady Saints                 |
| Campfire at Merkels<br><b>12</b><br>8:30 Prayer<br>9:00 Adult Forum<br>9:00 S.S.<br>9:00 Conf. Class | <b>13</b><br><br>7:30 Bible Study                                | <b>14</b><br>6:30 - 8:30<br>Ragan Woods<br>Block Watch                   | 15                          | <b>16</b><br>1:00 Knitting<br>7:00 Council | 17     | 18                               |
| 10:00 Worship<br>Summer Brunch                                                                       | 8:30 AA (closed)                                                 | 8:30 AA (open)                                                           | 8:30 AA (open)              | 8:30 AA (closed)                           |        |                                  |
| <b>19</b><br>8:30 Prayer<br>9:00 Adult Forum<br>9:00 S.S.<br>9:00 Conf. Class<br>10:00 Worship       | <b>20</b><br>7:00 S.O.S.<br>7:30 Bible Study<br>8:30 AA (closed) | <b>21</b><br>6:30 - 8:00<br>Ragan Woods<br>Block Watch<br>8:30 AA (open) | <b>22</b><br>8:30 AA (open) | 23<br>8:30 AA (closed)                     | 24     | <b>25</b><br>9:00 Men's<br>Group |
| Father's Day                                                                                         | 27                                                               | 20                                                                       | 20                          | 20                                         |        |                                  |
| <b>26</b><br>8:30 Prayer<br>9:00 Adult Forum<br>9:00 S.S.<br>9:00 Conf. Class<br>10:00 Worship       | <b>27</b><br>7:30 Bible Study<br>8:30 AA (closed)                | 28<br>8:30 AA (open)                                                     | <b>29</b><br>8:30 AA (open) | <b>30</b><br>8:30 AA (closed)              |        |                                  |



- 6/6 Darlene Featzka
- 6/7 Esther Mauer
- 6/8 Bonnie Driver Donna Urie
- 6/11 Ryan Moungie
- 6/14 Rex Yarger
- 6/23 Amy Merkel
- 6/24 Jim Burkhardt Tim Merkel
- 6/27 Nancy Klawitter



- 6/2 Ted & Julie Beitelschees 21 yrs
- 6/15 Roger & Lynda Meyer 43 yrs.
- 6/19 Hal & Mary Lou Houle 42 yrs.
- 6/21 Jim & Darlene Featzka 56 yrs.

|                                                            |                          | ERS FORJUNE<br>Drívers     |
|------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|
|                                                            | June 5                   | Drivers                    |
|                                                            | June 12                  | Mary Lou Houle             |
|                                                            | June 19                  | Featzka                    |
|                                                            | June 26                  | Judy Reber                 |
| ~~ Please note                                             | that Altar Flowers are 1 | now \$12.00.~~             |
| Please make check payable T<br>In church office. Thank you |                          | nd put in Carole's mailbox |

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