

Greetings on this 18th year observance of "Patriot Day" also known at 9-11. Unless you weren't born yet, you probably remember exactly the day and its events. One memory I have is a song put out by Country singer, Alan Jackson, shortly after 9-11 with the song, "Were You There When the World Stopped Turnin." Google it and it really hit the emotions of that day. May God bless the USA.

Here at St. John's, we look to Sunday's Church Picnic. That morning starts with Bible Class at 8:00 am **(IN THE CHURCH)** and Holy Communion at 9:30 am in church. Our picnic will follow after the service. Please bring chairs along with the food requested below. Pray for good weather (WLS says 82 degrees and partly cloudy).

The food portion of the picnic will follow on the church grounds.

Burgers, dogs and corn will be provided ~ we ask that you help "fill the table" by supplying salads, sides and desserts.

If your family name begins with the letters A-H, please bring a DESSERT.

If your family name begins with the letters I-Z, please bring a SALAD or a SIDE.

After lunch we will have BINGO, a Cake Walk, and some other games for children of all ages.

We are looking forward to seeing you then!

DATES TO REMEMBER

Sept. 12 5:30 pm Adult Chimes practice

7:00 pm Adult Choir practice

Sept. 14 7:30 am Men's Bible Class

10:15 am 0.1K Run/Walk/Crawl **(ELDERS MTG. NEXT SAT.)**

Sept. 15 8:00 am Adult Bible Class **IN THE CHURCH**

9:30 am Worship w/Communion (indoors)

Sunday School (after creed)

Church Picnic (outdoors) following - bring your own chairs

Sept. 16 7:00 pm Loving Hands Mtg.

Sept. 18 6:30 pm Church Council
Sept. 19 5:30 pm Adult Chimes practice
7:00 pm Adult Choir practice
Sept. 21 7:30 am Men's Bible Class
9:00 am Elders Mtg. (note change of date)

Sept. 22 8:00 am Adult Bible Class with Pastor Richy
9:30 am Worship with Adult Chimes
Sunday School
Voters' Meeting immediately after church

- Installation of Sue Olson as Lutheran Church Charities "Education Consultant and Volunteer Management" at the 9:30 a.m. service on Sept. 29th. Fellowship downstairs to follow.
- Next "Blue Ribbon" Committee to meet Saturday, October 5, 9:00 - noon.

NOTE FROM SUNDAY SCHOOL:

Dear Congregation,

We would like to sincerely thank you all for your generous donations of materials and monetary gifts for our Sunday School program. We will be ordering new teaching material and we have ordered some new posters to freshen up our room. Please pop in and check it out when you have a chance! It should be done in the next two weeks pending crazy camping and theatre schedules. We are looking forward to this new year and truly appreciate your support.

Gratefully yours,

Paul Kolarczyk and Heather Young

ELDERS: Because of the 0.1K event Saturday, the Elders' Mtg. is moved to Sept. 21 at 9:00 am.

IMPORTANT NOTE: If you, your board, or committee, enter our church/school facility, especially after office hours, **PLEASE BE SURE THAT ANY OUTSIDE DOOR YOU USE REMAINS LOCKED and SECURE and LIGHTS TURNED**

OFF. There have been incidents where some doors were not locked from previous uses and this left our facility insecure.

REPEATED NEWS:

LARGE PRINT copies of the bulletin inserts are available at the foot of the cross in front of the lectern for those who need a copy. **PORTALS OF PRAYER** for October-December are also available at either church entrance.

SELF-SERVE LIBRARY BOOK SALE: Please be aware that Laura Hubbard, has set up a "Self-Serve" book sale right across from the office. A sign on the top of the shelf lists the cost of the books and there will be a container next to the shelves to drop off the money. Money collected goes back to St. John's.

LOVING HANDS SERVICE PROJECT: We are collecting items that people in nursing homes would appreciate getting for their birthday. Examples would be: *caps for men to wear (ex. baseball, NASCAR, etc.); handkerchiefs*, Kleenex (purse size), playing cards, hand lotions, night lights, combs, brushes, stuffed animals, mints (Mentos etc.), Life Savers etc. **We also can use empty shoeboxes.** Items may be left in the box at either church entrance. If you have any questions, call or see Eileen Gronewold or Sue Kreger.

NEW OFFICE HOURS – *The church office is open Tuesday – Friday at the new hours of 9:00 – 2:00 pm. The schools office continues Monday - Wednesday 9:00 - noon.* Pastor's hours continue Monday and Wednesday 9:00 until noon.

LUTHERAN WOMENS MISSION LEAGUE (LWML) The LWML is collecting items for World Relief "school kits." We need the following and would appreciate any donations you can help with.....

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| 1 backpack | 4 70 page spiral notebooks |
| 1 blunt scissors | 1 eraser |
| 1 pencil sharpener | 5 ink pens with rubber band |
| 1 24 box of crayons | 1 ruler with metric & inches. |
| 5 unsharpened #2 pencils with rubber band | |

Just drop them off at the pew next to the church/school entrance.

COMMEMORATIVE BRICKS FUNDRAISER: **If you walk by the flagpole, you'll see work is already starting to put the bricks already ordered down. We hope more orders will allow a similar section of bricks on the other side of the sidewalk.** By purchasing a donor brick, you are helping to provide a better future for our church and a possible school in the years to come. Your family name, child's name, a memorial for a deceased loved one, veteran, a short Bible verse, etc., will be engraved in stone

forever and placed around the flag pole outside the north entrance. Forms to reserve yours are located at each church entrance.

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