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I was glad when they said unto me, "Let us go into the house

"C'mon! Get up! It's time for church!"

Are you glad when they say, "Let's go to the house of the Lord?" If you're like most folks (myself included!), your alarm clock's snooze button gets its greatest workout on Sunday mornings! As Christians, yes – we delight in hearing God's Word. We would love to be in Church being given the Lord's gifts. But the "Old Adam" in us all pretty much has to be beaten with a stick to get out of bed to go to the Lord's house. Much as when Jesus was praying in the Garden of Gethsemane: then He came and found them sleeping, and said to Peter, "Simon – are you sleeping? Could you not watch one hour? ... The spirit truly is willing, but the flesh is weak." [MK 14:37ff]

Good thing for us that the above words from Psalm 122 are — like always — Jesus' words too! Jesus is glad to go to the house of The Lord. While most 12-year-olds are trying to memorize their catechism because they "have to," Jesus was in the Temple, listening and learning and even teaching, delighting to be in His Father's house. [Cf. LK 2:49]

While you and I grumble and complain – thinking that the sermon is too long or the hymns unsingable – Jesus rejoiced to be in the Temple, teaching and hearing His Father's Word. While you and I complain about people that irritate us, Jesus hung on the cross, forgiving them by fulfilling His Father's will.

What saves us — you and me — from our not loving God's house is that Jesus does! What saves us — you and me — from our sinful apathy regarding God's Word is that Jesus loves God's Word. After all, He IS God's Word – in the flesh! It is by His death that our sins are wiped out; it is by His resurrection that our eternal lives are certain; and it is by His ascension that we know His promise is true – that He would send the Spirit to us through the preaching of His Word, so that our "Old Adam" would be drowned in Baptism and each day – by contrition and repentance – our New Man may arise to live and rejoice in the Lord's Word.

So ... it's off to the Lord's house! Do you love to be there? Of course you do! Are you glad to go? Of course you are — because you are in Jesus. And all of His love of the Lord's house is yours, too, because all that He has done is yours. And because you are now a temple of the Spirit, Jesus rejoices to dwell in you and have you dwell in Him – Who is the true temple and house of the Lord.

Yours in His Service,
Pastor Glenn R. A. Niemann

*I love Thy kingdom, Lord,
The house of Thine abode,
The Church our blest Redeemer saved
With His own precious blood. Amen*

Matthew
Mark
Luke
John

Christian Education
Sunday School – Perfect Attendance

June, 2010

Pre-School

Tristen Norman
Zachary Webb

First Grade

Emma Norman
Sydney Webb

Eighth Grade

Sierra Pool

High School

Jenna Heisel

July, 2010

Seventh Grade

Noah Kesselmayer

8th Grade

Sierra Pool

High School

Emilie Kesselmayer



**SEPTEMBER
BIRTHDAYS**

Sept 1

Deanna Bohannon

Sept 2

Rodger Hoover
Robert Morrison

Sept 3

Jodi Schmick

Sept 4

Ellen Hill
Thomas Theleritis

Sept 5

Brittany Hanerhoff
James Thompson

Sept 6

Roberta Hudson
Michael Mauer

Ashley Schmidgall
Maesyn Theleritis
Robert Williamson

Sept 7

Mitchell Hansen
Hazel Nichols
Naomi Zuklic

Sept 8

Mary Ashbaker
Christa Wilson

Sept 9

Mary Dupent
Morris Dupent
Joshua Norman
Lori Svendsen

Sept 10

Joseph Bonnette
Quest Dobbelaire
Sarah Dornberger
JoAnne Ferree
Jenna Heisel
Keisha Williamson

Sept 11

Edward Casto
Tanya Rahn

Sept 12

Bradley Hoover
Joseph Schiavone
Tyson Winstead

Sept 13

Bill Borsch
Kevin McCammon
Leslie Norman

Sept 14

Randy Moss

Sept 15

Kay King

Sept 16

Peggy Patten
Robert Watson

Sept 17

Erin Theleritis
Kethry Whitlatch

Sept 18

Leia Stewart
Zachary Webb
Elmer Widby

Sept 19

Althea Geiser
Wallace Hammond
Marie Jespersen
Walter Long
Brian Lundeen

Sept 20

Larry Anderson

Sept 21

Quinn Theleritis

Sept 22

Kathryn Emery



Sept Birthdays (Cont'd)

Sept 23

Debra Dant
LaDonna Memken
Ashley Stoehr

Sept 24

David Kesselmayr

Sept 25

Gabrielle Dagit
Laura Dagit

Sept 26

Carter Miller
Susan Woodruff

Sept 27

Tonya Burris
Chad Swibold

Sept 28

Leo Bennett

Sept 29

Adam Bollinger

Sept 30

Brenda Sayles
Luke Morgan
Christopher Pfanz

**SEPTEMBER
ANNIVERSARIES**



Sept 1

Thomas & Janice Liescheidt

Sept 2

Michael & Shelley Gee
Jesse & Heather Roberts

Sept 4

Russell & Christal Dagit
Donald & Pamela Schumm
Larry & Rosetta Turner

Sept 5

Rick & Kay Aulenbach

Sept 6

James & Tracy Glass

Sept 7

Eric & Michelle Dupent

Sept 8

Dale & Pamella Ehmke
Robert & Ellen Morrison

Sept 9

Dan & Kathryn Heisel
Robert & Ruthanne Scott

Sept 10

John & Barbara Fuelberth

Sept 11

William & Mary Ashbaker

Sept 15

Douglas & Melanie Tiona

Sept 17

John & Lynda Adkins

Sept 18

Brian & Mary Williamson

Sept 23

Klyce & Eula Tavernier

Sept 25

Daniel & Laura Dobbelaire
William & Delores Rees



Parish Notes

Church Attendance

June 2010 — 814 — 12 services
June 2009 — 945 — 12 services
June 2008 — 1,130 — 15 services
July 2010 — 800 — 12 services
July 2009 — 917 — 12 services
July 2008 — 854 — 12 services

Sunday School Attendance

June 2010 to date: 2,133
June 2009: 2,318
June 2008: 2,391
July 2010 to date: 2,335
July 2009: 2,575
July 2008: 2,722

Visitation Elders

Sept 05 Ron Garber
Sept 12 Mickey Pitchford
Sept 19 Howard Proehl
Sept 26 Steve Kesselmayr

Acolytes

Sept 05 8:00 a.m. Joseph Woodruff
Noah Dingerson
10:30 a.m. George Andrae
Sept 12 8:00 a.m. Dylan Kesselmayr
Garret Kesselmayr
10:30 a.m. Nathan Ford
Sept 19 8:00 a.m. Katie Bollinger
Noah Kesselmayr
10:30 a.m. Joli Andrae
Sept 26 8:00 a.m. Victoria Tilton
Tyler Stewart
10:30 a.m. Maesyn Theleritis

Videographers

John Gillespie/Dave Woodruff

Worship Chairman

Dan Rees

Parish Notes (Cont'd)

Ushers—September

8:00

Ray Barnes
Daryl Dagit
John Gillespie
Bill Rees
Daniel Rees

10:30

Adam Cooper
Dean Cooper
Bruce Gettman
Ken Memken
Jayson Memken
Dan Watson

Greeters

Sept 05 8:00 a.m. Gus Knieriem

TREASURER'S REPORT—JUNE, 2010

	<u>JUNE</u>	<u>Y-T-D</u>
<u>INCOME</u>	23,070.22	224,240.87
<u>EXPENSES</u>	30,749.56	199,639.92
<u>INCOME-EXPENSES</u>	-7,679.34	24,600.95
<u>LIABILITIES</u>		
Note Payable-HVAC/Roof Loan		66,484.33
Payroll Liabilities		920.34
Misc. LCMS Orgs Fund		200.00
Total Liabilities		67,604.67
<u>CURRENT Checking & Link Money Market</u>		
General Fund		13,732.84
Good Shepherd School		-34,464.00
Educational Grant Fund		4,286.16
Building Fund		9,380.29
Sunday School Fund		4,950.61
ACT Fund		1,700.00
Full Nesters Fund		540.36
Memorial Fund		18,543.77
Library Fund		215.62
Total Checking & Link Money Market		18,885.65
<u>CDs & Common Stock</u>		
Educational Grant Fund CD #1		91,886.23
Educational Grant Fund CD #2		73,611.16
E. Bluff Property Fund CD		99,901.64
Cat Stock at FMV		16,495.18
TOTAL CDs & Common Stock		281,858.21
TOTAL ASSETS		300,743.86

Checking Account Balance	-975.20
Link Account—Cash Portion Only	19,860.85
	18,885.65
FUND BALANCE	
Funds to Pay Note Payable	-133,285.40
Net Income (Loss)	24,600.95
Capital Accounts	341,623.64
TOTAL FUND BALANCE	233,139.19
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE:	300,743.86

TREASURER'S REPORT—JULY, 2010

	<u>JULY</u>	<u>Y-T-D</u>
<u>INCOME</u>	35,774.59	261,451.46
<u>EXPENSES</u>	32,448.92	232,088.84
<u>INCOME-EXPENSES</u>	3,325.67	29,362.62
<u>LIABILITIES</u>		
Note Payable-HVAC/Roof Loan		65,043.20
Payroll Liabilities		1,010.36
Misc. LCMS Orgs Fund		40.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES		66,093.56
<u>CURRENT Checking & Link Money Market</u>		
General Fund		-5,312.56
Good Shepherd School		-4,706.18
Educational Grant Fund		4,286.16
Building Fund		8,713.16
Sunday School Fund		5,059.31
ACT Fund		1,700.00
Full Nesters Fund		540.36
Memorial Fund		18,543.77
Library Fund		215.62
Total Checking & Link Money Market		29,039.64
<u>CDs & Common Stock</u>		
Educational Grant Fund CD #1		91,886.23
Educational Grant Fund CD #2		73,611.16
E. Bluff Property Fund CD		99,901.64
Cat Stock at FMV		9,555.75
Total CDs & Common Stock		274,954.78
TOTAL ASSETS		303,994.42
Checking Account Balance		9,178.34
Link Account—Cash Portion Only		19,861.30
		29,039.64
FUND BALANCE		-133,285.40
Net Income (Loss)		29,362.62
Capital Accounts		341,823.64
TOTAL FUND BALANCE		237,900.86
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE:		303,994.42



SEPTEMBER LIBRARY CORNER *By Eileen Tiona*

"We are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in His sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory." Romans 8:17



We have two new books in the library. The first book, entitled:

- Take Three, by Karen Kingsbury, was donated by the Fellowship Club in memory of Mary Dobbelaire, mother of Donald Dobbelaire. This is the third book in the Above The Line series. Chase Ryan and Keith Ellison set out to change the world with their films, and they are finally seeing their dreams come true. The dedicated producers are deep in negotiations with America's top young movie star to play the lead in their next inspirational movie. But life takes a sudden turn for Chase, removing him from Jeremiah Productions permanently. In the process, Keith brings on one of the Baxter family members and the moviemaking continues.

The second book, entitled:

- Take Four, by Karen Kingsbury, was donated by the Fellowship Club in memory of Camiel Dobbelaire, father of Donald Dobbelaire. This is the fourth book in the Above The Line series. Filmmakers Keith Ellison and Dayne Matthews finally ink a deal to have the nation's top young actor star in their new film, "Unlocked". The film is just right for Brandon Paul, but is he right for the film? His very public reputation for wild living threatens the core of the message the producers are trying to convey.

Please come in and check out these new books and all the other great books in the library.

ORGANIZATIONS

FELLOWSHIP CLUB *By Veva Martin*

St. John's Fellowship Club will be having a **WEINER ROAST** on

**Saturday, September 18th, 2010
at 5:00 P. M.**



at the home of Gary Allan,
11761 Fuelberth Road, Pekin.

Weiners, buns, and drinks will be furnished; please bring a dish to pass and a lawn chair.

Watch the bulletin for directions.

Come, sit by the fire and enjoy a wonderful evening.

BETHLEHEM SOCIETY *By Addie Weyhrich*

Bethlehem Society meeting will be held on

Tues., Sept. 28th at 1:30 P. M.

The hostess will be Marian Allen. Our program will be by Pastor Niemann.

Also, our Fun(d) Day noon potluck will be held on

Tues., Sept. 21st.

Our hostess will be Wilmadean Habberfield. All men & women of the congregation are invited to attend an afternoon of Christian Fellowship.

WOMEN'S GUILD *By Linda Turney*

We had a great summer. In July, we met at Nona Buster's house for a picnic and in August we went out to eat. Now it's fall already and our meeting will be **Thursday, September 23rd at 7:00 P. M.** in the church basement. We will discuss upcoming events. Refreshments will be served by Linda Norman and Rhonda Lappie. All women of the congregation are invited.

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN SCHOOL SEPTEMBER, 2010 NEWSLETTER

School Theme: Good Shepherd Lutheran School began its third decade under the theme, "Christ is Our Cornerstone". We have 110 students in K-8th grades, which include 11 new students in 1st through 8th and 12 kindergarteners. We also have 76 children enrolled in our four preschool programs. It has been an exciting beginning to the school year with an open house, a dedication service, and ribbon cutting ceremonies as we open the new doors to Good Shepherd at 3201 Court.

Business after Hours: Good Shepherd will host the Pekin Chamber of Commerce for its monthly "Business after Hours" social gathering from 4:30 – 6:00 on Thursday, September 2nd. Come join us as we share our new facility with business leaders in the community.

Marigold Parade: Watch for our floats, cheer us on, or, better still, join us as we walk the parade route in the annual Marigold Parade on Saturday, September 11.

Volunteer Appreciation: To say thank you to the many volunteers who assisted in the construction and move to the new facility and to our many volunteers at Ewes Treasures and at the school, we have planned a special chapel service and

program for Wednesday, September 22 at 10:00 in the school's multi-purpose room. Please attend and join us for refreshments afterwards.

Time to Volunteer: Volunteers are needed at school in several areas: a playground supervisor for Fridays during the school year; people to pick up bread at Schnucks on Tuesday about 10:30 a.m. once a month; teacher's aide for preschool on an emergency basis; assisting in the library on Tuesdays. If you are interested in any of these positions, contact the school office.

The Lutheran Women of Great Peoria (LWGP) are once again selling the Dining Tour books as a fundraiser for the Lutheran Hillside Village and Lutheran Social Services.



The cost is \$30 each.

If you would like to purchase one, please contact Marilyn Liescheidt at 346-0396. There will be some available in the church secretary's office if that would be more convenient, or Marilyn will be glad to deliver it to you.



THANK YOU, THANK YOU
from Ewe's Treasures!

Many thanks for the wonderful turnout of volunteers that helped change over to our Fall merchandise.

A *special thank you* to the young people who helped carry all the new merchandise down the stairs.

Thanks, June Berndt, Manager

Transferred to the Church
Triumphant

Carolyn J. Durdle
Sept 13, 1939–July 15, 2010

The **FELLOWSHIP CLUB** oversees funeral dinners with assistance from Guild and Bethlehem members.



We welcome assistance from all church members.



The Fellowship Club will provide meat & cheese platters, croissants, relish tray, potato chips & dip, drinks & dessert.

Contact Veva Martin at 346-3101 or Val Dobbelaire at 346-8903. If a full meal is requested, names of catering services will be made available.



Suggested donation: \$4 per person
Prices subject to change

SUNDAY SCHOOL / CHURCH PICNIC

WILL BE HELD

SUNDAY -
SEPTEMBER 26th

WE HOPE EVERYONE WILL JOIN IN,
STARTING AT

NOON

AT THE 4-H SHELTER IN
MINERAL SPRINGS PARK!

Please bring your own table service
& a dish to share.

Meat & drinks will be provided.



CHRISTIAN CIVIC OUTREACH

September is St. John's month to provide food for Christian Civic Outreach

Donations will be collected in the designated boxes on the stage in the gym throughout September.

Examples of food, soap, paper goods, and toiletries that can be brought for CCO:

⇒ **Packaged Foods:** Rice dishes, Hamburger Helper, instant potatoes, including au gratin & scalloped, macaroni & cheese, cake mixes, brownie mixes, etc., sugar, flour, raisins, prunes, cookies, crackers (all varieties), pasta, cereal, hot and cold breakfast foods.

⇒ **Cans & Jars:** Peanut butter, jelly, vegetables, fruit, fruit & vegetable juices, meat, corned beef hash, Spam, stew, tomato, spaghetti sauce & tomato paste, soup, baby food, shortening, cooking oil, margarine, butter, dish soap, laundry soap, bleach.

⇒ **Paper Goods:** Toilet paper, diapers, paper towels, plastic wrap, foil, garbage bags, waxed paper.

⇒ **Toiletries:** Razors, powder, deodorant, shampoo, toothpaste, soap.

At this time they are in particular need of canned fruit, paper products, soups, peanut butter & jelly, and bar soap.

These are just some suggestions so you have an idea of what to give.

Please call before bringing perishable and frozen foods to see if we have the space in our freezer.

We appreciate anything that you can give to help the disadvantaged in our community.

We also welcome monetary contributions for our General Operating Fund and for our Emergency Help Fund. We also accept clothing in good condition.



Thank you to the Congregation for its generosity!

Bible Wordsearch The Four Horsemen

Rev.6: 1-8 niv

W	A	G	E	S	W	B	T	H	B	R	E	H	L	H
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D	R	O	W	S	A	D	I	A	R	R	T	A	E	A
E	U	G	A	L	P	M	Q	T	L	E	H	E	D	R
N	R	I	F	A	S	U	A	I	E	U	I	D	A	D
I	M	U	L	I	A	S	V	D	Y	Q	R	F	H	E
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E	O	O	H	L	E	R	T	E	A	N	W	H	E	O
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D	E	R	H	T	R	U	O	F	P	A	I	R	V	D

ANOTHER	OPENED
BARLEY	PAIR
BEASTS	PALE
BLACK	PEACE
BOW	PLAGUE
CLOSE	POWER
CROWN	QUART
DAMAGE	RED
DEATH	SCALES
EARTH	SEALS
FAMINE	SECOND
FIERY	SLAY
FIRST	SWORD
FOURTH	THIRD
HADES	VOICE
HEARD	WAGES
HORSE	WATCHED
KILL	WHEAT
LAMB	WHITE
LIVING	WILD
MEN	HOLDING
NAMED	CREATURE
CONQUEROR	

After you find all the hidden words the left over letters spell out a Bible verse reading from the top left to the bottom right

Psalm 23

