

# St. John Lutheran Church

## Winter Park, Florida

### May 2009

**Worship:** *Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs." Psalms 100:2*

**God and Country Service:** On Memorial Day Weekend, Sunday, May 24, 9 a.m. we will celebrate our Freedom of Religion and honor those who have served and are serving in our Military. There will be special music including the "Armed Forces Salute". Service men and women, past and present, are asked to stand to be acknowledged during their branches anthem (or spouse if the person has passed away). Wear your uniform, even if it just your hat! Invite service members-current and former to join us in this worship service. We are looking for a volunteer drummer, flute (piccolo or fife), and trumpet players for this service and also a service man or woman or ROTC cadet in uniform to carry the American flag in the choir processional. Contact Ed Bornman (407-299-4532).

**Ushering:** HELP NEEDED with ushering on Sunday mornings. Job description: Arrive 15 minutes prior to service. Hand out bulletins, collect the offering and help facilitate members going for communion. This is a commitment for 1 month. For more information, contact Dick Schneeberger (9:00 a.m. service) at [dschnbgr@aol.com](mailto:dschnbgr@aol.com) 407-628-8208 and Jim DeMark (11:10 service) at [jdemark@cfl.rr.com](mailto:jdemark@cfl.rr.com), 407-897-3669.

**Jump Start Campaign:** Our JUMPSTART Campaign had a goal of \$100,00.000 by Easter Sunday. We prayed that God would be in charge and HE WAS as we collected around \$133,000. In addition to thanking God for these miraculous gifts of faith we also thank the pastors, the St. John church staff, the congregational council, and ALL of YOU who gave in so many ways to help raise our faith and our funds. We talked to you in our mission minutes and bulletin inserts about how these funds would be used to improve our facilities and more importantly to enhance our ministries. The Congregational Council last week approved up to \$26,000 to be used for much needed facility improvements. YOU MADE EASTER SUNDAY THE MIRACLE SUNDAY WE ALL PRAYED FOR. May our Lord continue to bless and keep you always.

## Christian Education:

**Sunday School:** Last day of Sunday School will be May 19. Parent volunteers are needed to be in the children's Sunday School classes so the teachers can attend the Teacher Appreciation Brunch that morning. Also, if you could help with the teacher brunch on Sunday, May 19, please contact Edie Herota at 407-332-6063.

**Summer Sunday School:** Sunday School teachers are needed for summer Sunday School. This will be a combined class up through 5th graders and 6th through 12th grades will meet in the Youth House for their class. Classes begin May 31.

**Children's Ministry:** *"From the lips of children and infants you have ordained praise" Psalm 8:2.*

**St. John Combined Children's Choir rocks!** Don't miss this opportunity to join your friends in singing to the Lord! All children, ages 4 – 4<sup>th</sup> grade meet on Wednesdays, 6:30 pm, in room 115 where we sing, play chimes (and sometimes, dance) while having noisy fun and sharing God's love. We are practicing songs to sing at 9 am worship on May 10. Adults, are you feeling low? Come be a welcomed visitor to our choir any Wednesday; you'll almost certainly have a few belly laughs!  
Let the whole earth sing to the Lord!... (1 Chronicles 16:23)

**Kingdom Kids** are walking in the light!! What do sparklers, parachutes, and popcorn have in common? **Kingdom Kids**, of course!! It's not too late to join the fun, fun, fun on Wednesday evenings from 7-8 pm, room 115. Children through 4<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to come join Kingdom Kids where we kick up our heels, let down our hair, and learn to walk in the light of God's Word.

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path." Psalm 119:105

**Children's Activities: For grades 1 through 4:** Sunday, May 17 -- Meet at youth house at 12:15 for a cookout and pool party at the Oliver's. Please bring dish to share. Sign up on the Children's Ministry bulletin board (back hallway near Schaeffer Hall or call the church office. For more information please contact Louise Oliver at 407-898-6292 or [louiseoliver@cfl.rr.com](mailto:louiseoliver@cfl.rr.com).

**Youth Ministry:** *"I can do everything through him who gives me strength." Philippians 4:13*

**Confirmation classes and preconfirmation** (5th and 6th grades) held each Wednesday beginning with fellowship at 6:30 p.m.

**St. John Youth for hire:** Spring, cleaning, yard work, mowing, weeding, trimming, raking, planting, gutters, painting, moving - WHATEVER YOU NEED!!! Call Louise Oliver at 407-898-6292 or [louiseoliver@cfl.rr.com](mailto:louiseoliver@cfl.rr.com). All donations benefit our youth mission trip this summer.

**Breakfast fund raiser:** On Sunday, May 10 (Mother's Day) breakfast fundraiser in Fellowship Hall from 8:00 to 10:30. Contact Louise Oliver if you can help!

**Fellowship:** *"For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them." Matthew 18:20*

**Wednesday night planning group:** Planning for Wednesday night dinners, Children's ministry activities, classes for adults, etc. is beginning! We need a group of people who can help look into dinner options, classes, etc. Meetings are planned for Wednesday, May 20 at 9:15 a.m. and also on Tuesday, May 12 at 7 p.m. If you cannot make the meeting but would still like to help, please contact Jennifer Johnson, Volunteer Coordinator [RJohnson@2109@cfl.rr.com](mailto:RJohnson@2109@cfl.rr.com), (407) 645-3380 - home, (407) 446-1658 - cell

**Sunday Morning Breakfast:** Don't have time on Sunday morning for breakfast before church? On Sunday, May 10 (Mother's Day) the youth will be offering breakfast (and breakfast to go for those in Sunday School classes) in Fellowship Hall from 8:00 to 10:30 (or until the food runs out!) Donations accepted to help fund the youth mission trip to Montana this summer.

**Memorial Day God and Country Service:** Join us for a reception in Schaeffer Hall following the 9 a.m. God and Country service. If you can help host or donate food, please call Anita Bornman at 407-299-4532.

**Beta Chi Sigma:** "Beautiful Cancer Survivors" All cancer survivors are welcome. We are a group of ladies who started meeting about five years ago. Sadly but gladly we keep adding new members. We meet the last Saturday of each month at Bakely's on Fairbanks at 12:30. We lunch together and share our stories. Please come join us for fellowship and support.

**St. John Swingers Golf Group:** Golfing fun for everyone, young and "older" guys and gals, good players and "duffers" come join us when you can! We meet Fridays by 7:30 a.m. at Casselberry Golf Club, 300 S. Triplet Lake Drive, Casselberry or contact Lee Engelke at (407) 296-0786.

## **Communication:**

**Web site:** Please check out the St. John web site at [www.mysj.org](http://www.mysj.org). Many thanks to Austin Bechtold for his work in developing our new web site! We are asking for your input for content and design as we work to make this a tool for members and an invitation for potential members. The weekly sermons and monthly newsletter will be posted on the website along with information on our ministries. If you have information about your ministry you would like included on the web site, please forward that to Jennifer Johnson, Volunteer Coordinator, [RJohnson2109@cfl.rr.com](mailto:RJohnson2109@cfl.rr.com), 407-645-3380 home or (407) 446-1658 cell.

**Addresses, phone numbers and Emails:** To make sure that the church office has your correct phone number and address, please call the church receptionist to verify your information. Also to cut down on postage expenses, we are trying to utilize email as much as possible. If you have an email address, please also give the church receptionist that information as well. We will have a table outside Fellowship Hall on Sunday, May 6 so we can verify information as well.

**Summer help!** We are making a special appeal for volunteers to serve as our receptionist for the upstairs office and answer the phones as some of our ladies are going on "summer leave." If you can help with this, please contact Jackie Fitzsimmons at (407) 677-4422.

**Retreat Center Ministry:** If you are interested in being part of the Retreat Center Committee please contact Tina Regan at [tinaregan@cfl.rr.com](mailto:tinaregan@cfl.rr.com) or (407) 366-6473.

**Treasurer's report:** Our financial situation has greatly improved over the last six months due to the faithful giving of our members, the sale of the corner house to the Lutheran Counseling Center and the restructuring of our debt through a loan from Thrivent. Your Finance Committee is meeting regularly and will be presenting a balanced budget for congregational review and approval in June. Council approved the committee's recommendation for an audit by Osburn and Henning, which will begin soon and conclude after the books are closed at the end of the fiscal year, probably late summer. Mr. Bill VanHaecke recently resigned as business administrator and we are hopeful that this position will be filled soon. Until then, I will be performing

his financial functions. We are now paying our bills weekly on receipt and have placed funds in a money market account to provide an emergency cushion. Jump Start will allow us to fund facility and program areas that have been neglected and we are cautiously and prayerfully hopeful that these trends will continue during the summer. Bill Pohlada, Treasurer

**Help wanted:** A backup nursery team is needed for when our regular nursery attendants are sick or out of town. Requirements: CPR certified, completed background check and availability on Sunday mornings (both services). Pay is hourly. Contact Karen Schneeberger at 407-628-8208 or [kschnbgr@aol.com](mailto:kschnbgr@aol.com).

## **Lutheran Counseling Services:**

**Coffee House Ministry:** The Unit Ministry Team (UMT) of the 143D Expeditionary Sustainment Command, based in Orlando, FL., wants to set up a Coffee House Ministry at Kandahar, Afghanistan. This is for “a touch of home.” They want to gather up to 300 “touch of home” coffee cups for the folks to use. Lutheran Counseling Services (LCS) wants to make this Coffee House Ministry happen.....to benefit not only Floridians, but also potentially thousands of others. It’s a small way to say thanks and give support. Donations of mugs with logos from home are being received at LCS to be shipped overseas. Monetary donations are welcome to assist with the cost of shipping. Cups may be brought to LCS at 1505 Orchid Ave. (blue house behind St. John) on Monday - Friday, 9-5 pm.

**Emails:** Several volunteers are needed to assist Lutheran Counseling Services with telephone calls to verify email addresses for the LCS Newsletter mailing list. Volunteers can make calls from their home. Please call June or Gayle at 407-644-4692 if you would like to help.

**Stephen Ministry:** These are trying and difficult times in which we are living. If you are feeling lonely, experiencing a crisis, struggling through a difficult time, or simply finding yourself stressed by everyday life, a Stephen Minister can help. The focus of the ministry is to be there to care, to listen and to share God's love on the journey to healing. If you would like to explore the possibility of talking to a Stephen Minister in this completely confidential ministry, please contact Karen Schneeberger at 407-628-8208 or [kschnbgr@aol.com](mailto:kschnbgr@aol.com).



Isaiah 6:8 Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!" #####

St. John has seen many miracles in these past few months. We have managed to accomplish and move forward with many of our ministries with God's Grace through our many volunteers. With such a small staff, volunteers are vital to keeping St. John's momentum going strongly forward. As we begin to plan for this summer's and fall's programs and ministries, the need for volunteers is even stronger. I ask that you prayerfully consider where God is calling you to serve and for His direction in leading you to be part of His plans for our future.

- Publicist (posters, information to web site, newsletter articles, bulletin announcements)
- MP3 player (downloading and maintaining the MP3 ministry to our shut ins and hospital bound)
- Kitchen coordinator (helping coordinate Wednesday night dinners/other events)
- Wednesday night ministry coordinator
- Receptions in Fellowship Hall (funeral, new members, celebration)
- Worship (choir, lay readers, greeters, ushers)
- Running Power Point during Contemporary Service
- Special events coordinator (Easter Egg hunt, Pumpkin patch party, Lessons and Carols Fellowship)
- Education (Vacation Bible School, summer and regular Sunday School)
- Volunteer Appreciation Team
- Visitation (visiting shut ins, hospital bound, etc.)
- Van Ministry (to provide rides to church for those that cannot drive)

Here I Am, Lord by Dan Schutte - "Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart."

Yes, I can help with \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please put in offering plate, on the volunteer bulletin board or contact Jennifer Johnson, Volunteer Coordinator, RJohnson@2109@cfl.rr.com, (407) 645-3380 - home, (407) 446-1658 - cell



April 26, 2009

Dear Friends in Christ,

I've heard it said that Pastor Harry was told he was coming to a dying church but somebody forgot to invite him to the funeral. What fitting words for what I discovered at our first VBS meeting. The work of Anita and Kristen Bornman set us up perfectly considering we are just six weeks away from VBS. And truthfully, the program they put together is simply amazing! Their home-grown "Splash in His Promise" program is better than many of the VBS programs I've seen in years! How else was God at work? The Holy Spirit moved Janet Glenn and Jeannine Shoemaker to step forward and serve as coordinators. Al (The Snack-Meister) Thunell told us to consider snacks "under control." Others stepped forward on the spot to offer their time and talents as well. What a beautiful spirit and energy!

My prayer in sharing this with you is that you might be open to God's calling to join with us in touching the lives of our children for Jesus. There are still many ways that God's helpers are needed. Would you please take a look at the list of those serving and where help is still needed...and ask God if there is one of those roles that He has picked for you? Your work will be meaningful...our work together will be fun...and children will grow in their faith and love for Jesus!

Our next meeting will be Sunday, May 3, at 12:15 pm. If you have questions, please feel free to contact any of the coordinators, Janet Glenn at 407-230-8709, [janet@willglenn.com](mailto:janet@willglenn.com); Jeannine Shoemaker at 407-843-4747, [shoemaker6@earthlink.net](mailto:shoemaker6@earthlink.net); or Dennis Rach, [drach@orlandolutheranacademy.org](mailto:drach@orlandolutheranacademy.org), 407-625-8528.

Your servant in Christ, Dennis Rach

## **SPLASH IN HIS PROMISE VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL June 15 through 19 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**

We have a great start we have to staffing Vacation Bible School but, grandparents, teachers off for the summer, moms, dads, aunts/uncles, youth - WE NEED YOU! If you can serve in any of these roles, please note below and put in the offering plate, on the VBS bulletin board or contact Janet Glenn at 407-230-8709 [janet@willglenn.com](mailto:janet@willglenn.com); Jeannine Shoemaker at 407-843-4747, [shoemaker6@earthlink.net](mailto:shoemaker6@earthlink.net); Dennis Rach, [drach@orlandolutheranacademy.org](mailto:drach@orlandolutheranacademy.org), 407-625-8528.

### **Coordinators:**

1. Jeannine Shoemaker.
2. Janet Glenn
3. Dennis Rach

**Publicist:** Kristen Bornman

**Curriculum:** Kristen Bornman

### **Registration:**

1. Tina Regan
2. \_\_\_\_\_

### **Art leaders:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Rebecca Rodriguez (youth)

### **Music leaders:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Courtney Gould (youth)

### **Game leaders:**

1. Pastor Bill
2. Youth

### **Can help wherever needed:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_

### **Snacks:**

1. Al Thunell (leader)
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

### **Story teller:**

1. Anita Bornman
2. \_\_\_\_\_

### **Adult Shepherds:**

1. Gwen Kowalski & \_\_\_\_\_
2. Martha Kuhn & \_\_\_\_\_
3. Dalene Burnum & \_\_\_\_\_
4. Nancy Dale & \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_

**Nurse Volunteer:** Donna Dale

### **Nursery for VBS volunteers:**

1. Lynne Tilleman (leader)
2. \_\_\_\_\_

### **Background/Props:**

1. Kristen Bornman
2. \_\_\_\_\_