

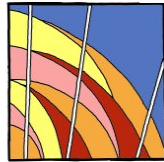
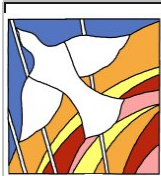


# St. Stephen the Martyr, ELCA

*We come together in Word and Sacrament that we might go to live and serve in the grace of Jesus Christ our Lord*



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
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## the MARTYR MONTHLY

September 2010 Newsletter

# St. Stephen the Martyr Lutheran Church, ELCA



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## Come to Rally Day!

To everything there is a season and a new season is upon us!  
*As Thomas Moore put it, "Every season hath its pleasures; Spring may boast her flowery prime, Yet the vineyard's ruby treasures brighten Autumn's sober time."*

Join us as we kick off this colorful season with another exciting year of Sunday School!

**Sunday, Sept. 12, 2010**

- One service only @ 9:30 a.m. with installation of Sunday School Teachers
- Indoor Picnic & Activities following
- Sign up on bulletin board outside the office for the meal & your dish to pass
- Hamburgers, brats, hot dogs and beverages will be provided! Please bring a dish to pass.
- Please remember to bring your supplies for school bags for needy children worldwide.
  - Interfaith Mum Sale going on Saturday & Sunday

**HELPERS ARE NEEDED**

**A SIGN UP IS ON THE BULLETIN BOARD**



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## *From Pastor's Desk*

The ebb and flow of Life

It's Harvest Time! From under the earth, from the trees and from the vines, we gather the fruits of God's bounty and of our human labors. In spring I planted several tomatoes, a couple of cucumber plants, cauliflower, lettuce and Brussels sprouts. I now enjoy tasty bacon, lettuce and tomato sandwiches and later when I eat the Brussels sprouts I will think of my dear dad who planted them year after year and loved these strange delights. We still enjoy summery weather, but the feel of autumn is in the air. The mood of autumn is the ebb and flow of life. Autumn reminds us that all things in this life have a beginning and an end, and even as things are passing away (like summer) there is beauty in the passing. The beauty of autumn often takes our breath away, and we look around for someone to thank for that passing beauty. Thank goodness, we have Someone to thank—our gracious, generous, loving God.

Many people say that autumn is their favorite season. In the Church, we love it for the added joy of being strong in numbers and in faith, as we join together for worship, learning and fellowship. We begin with our RALLY DAY indoor worship and picnic on Sunday, Sept. 12th. Join with fellow members, ask a neighbor or friend to come along and participate in joyous worship that day. There will be a puppet theatre presented by some of our young people, familiar hymns, the Senior Choir will sing, and of course, we join in the feast of Holy Communion. Then we move to the Fellowship Hall, where we will feast on Wisconsin's finest brats, hot dogs, hamburgers grilled by our own chefs, and the finest side dishes from you, our fabulous cooks. Sign up soon, indicate what you'll bring and if you can, sign up to help.

Autumn may be the season for you to try something new. Visit one of our choir rehearsals or speak to Music Director Bill Bravener about joining. Consider helping with Holy Communion, being a greeter, reader, usher or Sunday School helper. In these pages are the names of folks who would love to speak with you. Please contact them.

There are opportunities to grow in faith this Autumn through several Bible studies. The Wednesday morning Women's group studies the Scripture readings for the coming weekend. We meet at 10:15a.m. the second and fourth Wednesdays and enjoy coffee and Bible study. See page 7 for an explanation of the new Tuesday Nite Study: The People of God: Unity in the Midst of Diversity. The Men's Group welcomes newcomers to its 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 8:00a.m. Bible Study. On Sept. 15, they will meet to discuss what to study next. Come that day for coffee, donuts, and join in the conversation to help decide!

The ELCA's BIBLE-BOOK OF FAITH program has many offerings for us to choose from. We've already been involved in several at SSM. The Parish Ed Committee is looking into a new four-session study of a book of the Bible, and considering another Book of Faith Retreat weekend. Watch for further news on these Christian learning opportunities!

Celebrate the return of Autumn and its blessings as we join together to praise and thank our bountiful God. See you at worship!

Pastor Gail

## **Christian Education**

### ***Bible Study Opportunities***

*"Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." 2 Timothy 2:14-16*

Here at St. Stephen, we offer a variety of Bible studies for all age groups. Please join us for one or more as we study God's Word together.

### ***MEN'S BIBLE STUDY***

Sept. 15th @ 8 a.m.

Men's Bible Study meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month. We welcome all men of SSM (invite your friends, too!).

This is a good time to "try out" the group. We will be planning what the next study topic will be.

Doughnuts and coffee are served.

See below for Women's Bible Study times.

## **TUESDAY NITE BIBLE STUDY**

Our small, friendly group begins meeting again on Sept. 21 at 7:00pm. We meet regularly on the 3rd Tuesday of the month from Sept. - May at church. All are welcome!

We will be using a Bible Study titled "The People of God: Unity in the Midst of Diversity." While this study appears in the magazine "Lutheran Women Today" the topic is relevant to men and women of faith. A brief description of the study from the ELCA website appears below:

Friends often avoid dealing with difficult topics in the context of God's word. We want to put those topics on the table for groups like yours that are already formed. We also want to encourage careful and thoughtful conversation on these important realities of our life together as God's people.

We begin the study with how we read the Bible. Biblical interpretation is at the root of many of the differences that divide us and it can be a way we learn from each other. As we discover how others read the Bible, we find new ways to think about it.

We examine ideas like the body of Christ, evangelism and stewardship, spiritual gifts, race and culture, loving relationships in the context of the community of the church, difficulties that keep us from experiencing the wholeness of resurrection life, and what is at the heart of Lutheran worship.

You can print Session One from the ELCA website through the following links:

[www.elca.org](http://www.elca.org); "Growing in Faith" tab; Ministry; Women of the ELCA; Lutheran Women Today; Bible Study. Lots of digging to get there, but worth it! Once you find it, bookmark it to your favorites!

For more information please contact Julie Starks, [jastarks@earthlink.net](mailto:jastarks@earthlink.net), 483-0122 or Carol Birk, 421-6162.

Looking forward to seeing you on Sept. 21!

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# Family Ministry News

The next Family Gathering Meeting will be September 12th at 6:30 p.m.

More details are coming.

College students are encouraged to send us their email/addresses so we can continue to keep in touch while you are away at college. Email us at [ssm@ststephenthemartyr.com](mailto:ssm@ststephenthemartyr.com).

A Greater Milwaukee Synod College Tour Road Trip is on for October 28-30 (with a possible extension through the 31st for those who can spare the extra day.) You'll visit 4-5 of our amazing ELCA Colleges and discover what a smaller, liberal arts school has to offer. This trip is open to the first 30 high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors who apply. Cost is \$30/student. Email Pastor Paul Mittermaier for a registration form/permission slip. [pastorstjohns@nconnect.net](mailto:pastorstjohns@nconnect.net)

## **YOUTH—SERVICE OPPORTUNITY!**

Help in our Nursery - 9:30 am Services

Teens, have fun playing with our little ones and get service time for volunteering! If you'd be willing to help, you can contact Paige Ceku at 526-1950 or sign up for a date to help on the sheet located on the cabinet as you walk into the Kiddie Keep. Please consider helping out. Thank you, and the children thank you too!

Hey, Kids! Please remember to bring your supplies for school bags for needy children worldwide on Rally Day! Especially needed are pencil sharpeners and scissors.

Contact our Council Chair for Family Ministries

Char Guliani

[minizmom@yahoo.com](mailto:minizmom@yahoo.com) & on Facebook

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# Fellowship

**INTERFAITH-SOUTHWEST NEIGHBORHOOD WILL HAVE THEIR  
GRANDPARENTS' DAY MUM PLANT SALE AT OUR CHURCH AFTER SERVICES**

### **ON SEPT. 11TH & 12TH.**

It's that time of year again! We are a sponsoring congregation and support Southwest Interfaith's work of providing services to older adults in our community through volunteers and financial contributions. Southwest Interfaith volunteers assist older adults by providing transportation, help with shopping, friendly visits and minor household chores, thus enabling older adults to remain in their own homes longer. Brochures and information about Southwest Interfaith will be available along with beautiful mum plants to take to grandparents or any older friends or relatives.

Interfaith-Southwest representatives from your congregation are:

Bob Lieske @ 761-0734 or

Shirley Devecka, 421-7342

### **FIRST FRIDAY POTLUCK SEPT. 10TH, 2010**

All are welcome to share food and fellowship on Friday, September 10th at 6:00 pm. As we return from our summer hiatus, we begin with a good old-fashioned potluck. Bring a main dish, salad, vegetable, or dessert to share. Coffee, tea, and soda will be provided.

Bring a friend, neighbor, or a fellow member and share what you did on your summer vacation.

All are welcome, especially those who live alone.

Sign up on the bulletin board near the office. - Pastor Gail Brodersen-Heins and Sue Jarchow

### **SIGN UP TO HELP FOR THE RALLY DAY PICNIC! SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH**

Volunteers are needed! You can help with set up, clean up, grilling, helping with games, etc. Sign up sheets are posted on the bulletin board for both volunteering as well as how many will be attending and what dish you will bring.

## **Human concerns**

### **NEXT MEETING: SEPTEMBER 7 @ 6:30 PM**

Call Pam Gustafson, 817-3290, with any questions. We welcome any member who'd like to join us.

### **SCHOOL BAGS FOR KIDS**

Keep those school accessories coming! Thank you for your generous donations thus far. Take this handy list with you when you shop for school supplies.

Notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper approximately 8" x 10 ½" totaling 150-200 sheets (if using 70-sheet notebooks, please include three); Please, no loose-leaf paper

One blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)

One 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other

One pencil sharpener

Six new, unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band

One eraser approximately 2 ½" long

12 sheets of construction paper in assorted colors (if necessary, fold in half to fit into the school kit bag)

One box of 16 or 24 crayons

One cloth bag approximately 12" x 14" with cloth handles—to be sewn by Loose Ends

If you have sturdy fabric, please consider a donation to this worthwhile project!

The **Milwaukee CROP Hunger Walk** Committee is ready to grow. We are looking for energetic, fresh faces and ideas to join our crew to help the walk to grow and stay fresh, fun and interesting for all who participate. If you are interested, please contact Nicole Carver at the Interfaith Conference of Greater Milwaukee at 414-276-9050 or email [nicolec@interfaithconference.org](mailto:nicolec@interfaithconference.org).

**Join us for the 25th annual Greater Milwaukee CROP Walk** at the lakefront on October 10th at 1:30! CROP Walks are held all around the country to raise funds for hunger relief in local communities and around the world. Watch for details in upcoming bulletins or contact Kelly Sachse at (414) 453-6597 or [kgsachse@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kgsachse@sbcglobal.net).

**KNIT WITS** begins again Monday, September 13th, 6:30 p.m. Join us whether you know how to knit or crochet—we will teach you! Normal meeting time is the 1st Monday of each month.

**Bread for the World** is a collective Christian voice urging our nation's decision makers to end hunger at home and abroad.

As part of Bread for the World's Offering of Letters, we are urging members of Congress to adopt changes to U.S. tax policy that will benefit low-income families. These include the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and Child Tax Credit (CTC), which are set to expire at the end of this year.

In 2006, 311,902 families in Wisconsin claimed the EITC.

In 2009, the EITC lifted 6.6 million people out of poverty nationally.

Our offering of letters to Congress to help end hunger will take place on October 10, 2010. To read more about these important tax credits, please visit [www.bread.org](http://www.bread.org) or [www.cbpp.org](http://www.cbpp.org). More detailed information will be provided in the near future.

-Susan Mildren, SSM Bread for the World Representative

### **MT. MERU COFFEE PROJECT**

The Mt Meru Coffee Project recently received another shipment of coffee from Tanzania. Each shipment imported from the Meru Diocese helps to improve the standard of living there by paying the farmers a fair price for their coffee crop. Without the Mt Meru Coffee Project the coffee would be purchased by one of the international coffee buyers whose only motivation is profit rather than the well being of the coffee growers. When the income of the farm families is increased because of the project, they are able to send their children to school, support local businesses and support their congregations.

Your decision to purchase a package of coffee helps to improve the standard of living throughout the Meru Diocese. On September 19th we will have a guest from the Mt Meru Coffee Project to tell us more about their work.

Doing Justice Never Tasted So Good!

- Carol Birk and Your Human Concerns Committee

### **Pick 'n Save**

Pick 'n Save will be issuing new Advantage Cards to patrons soon. Some stores have already begun this process. This should in no way affect the "We-Care" Program. The charitable organization you've chosen will remain on your new card. If you have any questions about it, please check with customer service at your local store.

Roundy's Supermarkets, Inc. contributes millions of dollars annually to support customers' favorite charitable organizations, of which St. Stephen is one. If you have not already done so, you can sign up for this great program at the Customer Service Desk at your local Pick 'n Save.

We want to thank everyone who helps us by naming SSM as a recipient of these funds.

St. Stephen uses the monies received for distribution to causes that help the poor, needy and homeless. You can designate SSM as the recipient of the rebate with this number: #813560.

### **MUM'S THE WORD!**

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### **THE FOOD PANTRY**

Food will be collected for CROP Walk during the month of September.

## **SUPPORT OUTREACH FOR HOPE FAMILY BIKE RIDE**

**WHY:** To support the churches of our Synod working with the poor, and help reach our event goal of \$50,000.

**WHAT:** Easy Family ride on paved bike trail, 10 A.M. Also 30 & 40 mile road ride with cue sheets (starts at 9 AM).

**WHEN:** Sat., Sept. 11, with a picnic for all at noon.

**WHERE:** Start at Cory Park in Dousman. Near intersection of Hwys. 67 & 18 in Waukesha County.

**REGISTRATION & MORE INFO:** On line at [www.outreachforhope.org](http://www.outreachforhope.org), or call Dave Hammer at 262-650-6329.

Cost is \$15 for adults, \$10 for children, \$35 per family.

**DONATE:** No need to ride! Make check out to St. Stephen the Martyr and put "Outreach for Hope" in the memo line. All donations will be matched by a generous \$25,000 challenge grant.

See poster in narthex.

## **Aluminum Can contributions Needed**

Please leave donations of cans at the side door of the garage. And remember, aluminum drink cans only.

Keep those cans coming! Thanks for all the help!

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## Music & Worship

### **Next Music & Worship Meeting: Wednesday, September 1st at 6:00 pm**

*Fundamentally, our Lord's message was Himself. He did not come merely to preach a Gospel; He himself is that Gospel. He did not come merely to give bread; He said, "I am the bread." He did not come merely to shed light; He said, "I am the light." He did not come merely to show the door; He said, "I am the door." He did not come merely to name a shepherd; He said, "I am the shepherd." He did not come merely to point the way; He said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life." --J. Sidlow Baxter*

Please check your mailboxes for the next set of usher, greeter, and communion assistant schedules. These will be appearing soon.

The schedules are a very important part of Music and Worship at St. Stephen the Martyr. The Music and Worship committee thanks everyone in advance for their service to SSM. YOU are the reason we can all work together in unity!

Our new fall season starts off with Rally Day on Sunday, September 12, 2010. The communion service will be held at 9:30 a.m. indoors followed by the indoor picnic in the fellowship hall. Bring a friend!

A WELCA Thankoffering service will be held on September 25 & 26. Women of SSM will serve as readers, greeters, ushers, and communion assistants.

Faithfully Submitted,

Cathy Peterson and Sue Jarchow

### **Music Notes From Bill Bravener, Director of Music/Associate in Ministry**

Choir rehearsals begin Wednesday, September 8! Handbell Choir rehearses at 5:30 p.m., and Senior Choir rehearses at 7:00 p.m. Both rehearsals last approximately an hour and a half. If you have been thinking of giving choir a try, now is your chance. Everyone is welcome, and there is always room for more!

I give thanks for the returning choir members. You are some of the most faithful, talented musicians I have ever worked with; and I appreciate your dedication to choir and to the church.

Both choirs will be learning some new music as well as enjoying favorites from the past. Please mark September 8th on your calendars. See you at worship.

- Bill

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## Stewardship

### **SIMPLY GIVING® IN A NUTSHELL**

To help stay on track in achieving financial goals, more and more individuals and families use the Simply Giving® Program.

Simply Giving® is a registered trademark of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. Endorsed by Thrivent Financial Bank, it is offered by Vanco Services, LLC to process preauthorized recurring electronic fund transfers (EFT) from the donor's designated account to the church's account for a fee of 20 cents per transaction. The designated account from which funds are electronically transferred can be checking, savings, credit card or debit card. The donor may cancel an EFT at any time.

While some donors make automatic donations from their online bill pay, it is not the same as Simply Giving®. When a financial institution receives a request to send a donation to a church using online bill pay the request is processed by cutting and sending a check to the church. Thus, it is not as efficient as using Simply Giving®. To begin Simply Giving®, complete an enrollment form and return it to the church mail box of Betty Kroll, Financial Secretary. Simply Giving® forms and confidential envelopes are located below the church mail boxes. For more information on Simply Giving® go online to Thrivent: [www.thrivent.com/banking/simplygiving/faq.html](http://www.thrivent.com/banking/simplygiving/faq.html)

Thank you for your continuing stewardship.

-from Marion Walton (Marotske) and Your Stewardship Committee



### **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY & LOOSE ENDS LUNCHEON**

Women's Bible Study meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month, beginning 10:15 a.m.  
September 8 & 22

### **LOOSE ENDS LUNCHEON**

Where: The Olive Garden, 4760 S. 76th St  
When: Wed, September 8th  
Time: 11:45 a.m.

Please sign up on the kiosk in the narthex by September 6th. Also indicate if you need a ride from your home or church. We will leave the church about 11:30. Contact Carol Birk for more details. 414-421-6162

### **GETTING READY FOR THE DECEMBER BAKE & CRAFT SALE**

Your SSM Women of the ELCA Steering Committee met on August 9, to discuss this year's Bake & Craft Sale being held on December 4-5, among other upcoming events. We will meet four days to prepare crafts and one other day to price items and to prepare the church for the sale. The days we will meet for crafting are: October 6, October 20, November 3, November 17. On December 1, pricing. We will meet at 9:15 a.m. each day. Please mark these dates on your calendar. The crafts are not difficult and the fellowship you will have with the other ladies will be fun.

SSM members who do crafting are invited to make donations to the sale but are asked to please inform Carole Ropel (262-523-4130) of your intentions. We invite ALL SSM bakers to make donations and to bring them to the church on the Friday or Saturday of the sale.

October & November: Women's Bible Study continues on 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month, 10:15 a.m., with the Loose Ends Luncheon following on 2nd Wed. NO luncheon in December.

### **23rd ANNUAL WOMEN OF THE ELCA, SWO CONVENTION OCTOBER 1ST & 2ND**

"Fill My Cup, Lord"

at Atonement Lutheran

S70 W16244 Martin Drive, Muskego WI 53150

(Located just west of Moorland Road, & north of Janesville Rd)

All interested individuals (referred to as Visitors) are welcome to attend on Friday, October 2nd, as well as on Saturday. You do have the option of attending only on Saturday along with the Delegates if you so choose. We will all worship together on Saturday morning beginning at 8:30 a.m. Included in our time together are four workshops (you pick two to attend) listed below:

Four workshops available on Saturday:

- How Lutherans Interpret the Bible - Frank Waltz
- Kenya - Pastor Diane Olson
- Women Walking to the Well - Audrey Riley from LWR

- Prayer Journey: Walking the Labyrinth; M. Marquart & J. Kolstad

Churchwide Representative of Beth Wrenn, President: Charleen Walker-Horton will bring a message to us from Beth and will install the new Board members on Saturday afternoon.

In-Kind Gifts that attendees bring will be presented to All Peoples Lutheran Church on North 2nd Street. Items being requested are:

- Laundry detergent
- Dishwashing soap
- Powder drink mixes enriched with Vitamin C
- Coffee and Tea, Juices
- Hand/ Liquid Soaps
- Windex

Cost to Attend noted on the Registration Forms posted on the kiosk: \$75.

To attend only on Saturday, the cost is \$45. Early morning snacks and a noon meal is included. To attend on Friday only, the cost is \$30, including an evening meal.

Refer any questions to Carole Ropel at 262-523-4130. Plan to attend; you'll be glad you did.

## **ANNUAL THANKOFFERING SERVICE FOR THE WOMEN OF THE ELCA SEPTEMBER 25-26 GIFTS OF GRATITUDE**

On this special weekend you will see the Women of the ELCA participating at SSM as ushers, greeters, readers and communion assistants. You will also see the quilts made by the Piece Makers Quilting group on display, along with the school bags sewn by the Loose Ends ladies and other helpers from our church community, as well as items made by our Knit Wits group. We are grateful for the many hours donated by those involved with these groups. And let's not forget to be aware of the time devoted by other Women of the ELCA, our Sunday-School teachers, Council members, Committee members, the work of the Son Shine ladies, the Loose Ends Bake & Crafts Sale participants, Choir members, Bible Study participants....and the list goes on.

A special offering will be taken on this weekend that will be passed on to the Women of the ELCA churchwide. The money received does not go to any one benefit or cause....it becomes part of the annual churchwide budget and is used to support all the functions of the Women of the ELCA, just like your regular contributions to St. Stephen the Martyr. Please use the Special Envelope that will be included in your bulletin the weekend before and the weekend of, the Thankoffering Service. If you are writing a check, mark "Thankoffering" on the memo line and be sure to include your SSM envelope number on the offering envelope so your gift is properly recorded.

Thank you from the Women of the ELCA at St. Stephen the Martyr and our Churchwide Organization.

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### *Other Notes*

#### **SSM MEMORIAL GARDEN RALLY DAY 2010 TOUR**

Take a walk through the Memorial Garden with committee members as guides. Families can participate in an informational Treasure Hunt through the Memorial Garden.

Find out where the Memorial Garden is to be located and what the proposed plans include. Six benches have been added to the area behind the church on the hillside for people who want to take advantage of the outdoor setting for meetings, classes, meditation, or conversation.

You can check out the area before Rally Day if you like. Let us show you the proposed SSM BIG Backyard!

- Sandy Petricek

#### **The Annual SSM Bill Gray Memorial Golf Classic Outing Sunday, September 26th**

Whitnall Park Golf Course

Tee times begin at 1:04 p.m. continuing at 8 minute intervals. There is NO Packer game that day!!!

Look for the sign up on the Kiosk in the Narthex.

You can sign up individually, as a twosome, threesome, foursome or for dinner only. Deadline for sign-up is Sunday, Sept. 16th.

Cost: \$35 for golf, cart & dinner

\$10 for dinner only, 5 pm

Our day will include an opportunity to stroll through Whitnall Park with family and friends, play nine holes of golf (Best Ball) with a motorized cart, and gather and church for fellowship, food, beverages and prizes. Make check payable to St. Stephen the Martyr & indicate "Golf Outing" on your envelope. Contributions beyond the \$35 are greatly appreciated.

All proceeds exceeding our costs will be given to the SSM Endowment Fund in honor of Bill. The event is open to members, friends, and friends of friends.

Last year we had 44 golfers and raised \$367.50 for the SSM Endowment Fund.

Contact Bob Gray for more info: (414) 764-1334

## **MOVIE TRIVIA..**

Ted Baehr, a Christian who monitors moral content in media, discovered that films containing a strong moral and ethical worldview make more money than films that don't. On average, films that reflect Christian faith and values averaged \$75.6 million, while those with lower standards recouped only \$26.9 million. Considering that 76% of Americans identify themselves as Christians, movie-makers would do well to lift up such values as honesty, truthfulness, justice, marital faithfulness and love of God and neighbor. And we would do well to support these efforts!

## **Council Meeting notes**

Condensed Minutes of August 10th Council Meeting

**Approvals:** The Secretary's minutes June 2010 Council meeting were approved with the following corrections. Under the Youth and Family Committee report, it should read that 15 "teens" participated in the recent 30-hour famine, instead of 15 families, and that the youth made \$240.00 selling "hot dogs and brats" at the recent rummage, rather than spaghetti dinners. And the last change is the 7/24 family gathering took place at the Andersen's home, not in the North Woods, as reported. Also under Stewardship Committee reports, it should state that the Steward of the Month would start in September.

**Financial Secretary's Report was reviewed.**

**The Treasurer's Report was given.** J. Bugajski stated as of August 8th, 2010 total offerings were short \$7,835.20 or 95.7% of the weekly budgeted amount. The Treasurer's Report was approved. As a follow up, J. Covert, reported that the annual pledge letters to members were placed in mailboxes last week.

**Pastor's Time:** Pastor thanked B. Brownell, J. Rosiewski, D. Winter and J. Arneson and all others who have worked hard all summer keeping the church and the grounds looking beautiful. Confirmation classes with Adoration will start on 9/9/10. We have five ninth graders that will be confirmed on Reformation Sunday, Oct. 31. She acknowledged C. Guiliani for her recent completion of the Youth Leadership Certification Course. Pastor hosted the SSM softball team and families on July 12th and had 48 hungry people in attendance. She reported that Y. Mohamed has been hired by Goodwill Industries and thanked P. Gustafson for continuing to tutor the family in English. She recently met with K. Penvose to discuss how his church, Unity Lutheran, and ours and Santa Fe can all combine on programs such as community meals and more youth and family activities. Pastoral duties this month included a graveside service for C. Anderson, sister of member G. Gifford and K. Forester; baptism of G. Winkler, grandchild of members S. & M. DeVecka. She announced that she and J. Starks would be joining our Synod Bishop and others in a delegation to the Meru Diocese in Tanzania the week of 10/13 to 10/22/10.

**Old Action Items:** Follow up report by P. Gustafson on purchase of defibrillator. She thanked D. Moraza for researching cost as well as training needed. One unit will cost from \$1500-\$3000. There are set procedures/policies for use of the unit that would involve member training. D. Moraza will speak to the Council prior to approval of the purchase.

**New Action Items:**

**Annual Retreat-** J. Muroni discussed possible dates for the Council's Annual Retreat. The best dates would be 9/24 and 9/25.

**Time & Talent-** Muroni thanked S. Rau for her efforts in collecting surveys from members and inputting the responses on a data base. J. Muroni gave various committee chairs a list of names of those interested members willing to serve on committees or as volunteers for other events.

**Handicap Railings in Bathrooms -** S. Jarchow expressed to Council the need for railings on both sides of the handicap toilet in the main level bathroom. J. Arneson, Property Committee Chair will be looking into this.

**Committee Reports:**

**Family and Youth Ministries-**C. Guiliani stated that 10 teens attended the last Family Gathering at the Andersen house; the next Family Gathering is scheduled for 9/25/10 at a location TBA. Northwoods camping outing will take place on 7/30 thru 8/1. They will be kicking off a Say Hi to Grandparents Pledge on Rally Day to help foster relationships between the generations. SSM youth would be encouraged to make name tags and

wear them at services and she encouraged the adult members to say "Hello" to the children and teens to make them feel a part of the church family.

**Human Concerns**-P. Gustafson said her committee met with partner church, Santa Fe, and discussed collaboration projects. There will be a clothing drive in the fall for Red Door. On 9/11 & 12 Human Concerns will be sponsoring a Mum sale to benefit Inter-Faith. Volunteers have started sewing bags for the upcoming school bag project and she is always looking for volunteers for the Gathering meal projects slated for 9/22 and 10/20.

**Stewardship**-J. Covert reported that any nominations for the Steward of the Month should be in his mailbox by 8/23/10. A certificate would be presented during church on 9/12/10. The 2010-11 Pledge theme is Make it Simple and will kick off at the 11/6-11/7 services.

**Music Church and Worship**-S. Jarchow reported that M&W will be making bread for Bread of Life services. They are currently working on updating usher responsibilities and working on the fall worship calendar.

**Property**-J. Arneson has 3 volunteers currently repainting the manger. During Rally Day members will be encouraged to participate in a Treasure Hunt, leading them to areas where the proposed memorial garden will be. The intent is to get members accustomed to going to the back of the property to visit the upcoming garden. His committee is looking into blinds that keep out the heat for the room where the counters work after Sunday service. The blinds would be paid for with donations. J. Arneson also reported to Council that member J. Rosiewski has been hired to work on special projects needed for the upkeep of the church.

**Evangelism** - J. Hennessy reported that his committee has taken out an ad in the Greendale High School Sports bulletin that congratulates the athletes and also advertises the church.

Respectfully Submitted, Shellee Lubus,  
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