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T

he month of November brings us a new person on staff. Her name is Mary E. Darling, and Mary is the new Youth Director here at First St. John.

Mary has worked for the Francis Family YMCA, the Knox County Health Department, and Harbor Family Center.

More importantly, Mary has spent a great deal of time involved in youth ministry, from a youth ministry internship to her significant involvement in spiritual retreats and group mentoring programs with teen-aged girls ages 11-14.

When you get a chance over the next few weeks, please say "hi" to Mary and welcome her to First St. John! We are happy to have her on board!

— *Pastor Blohm*

WOMEN'S AWARENESS SUNDAY

Women's Awareness Sunday will be November 9th.

ALTAR GUILD CHRISTMAS DINNER

The Altar Guild's annual Christmas dinner will be held on Tuesday, December 2nd at 6:30 p.m. in the lounge. Please mark your calendar.



THANKOFFERING MEMORIAL SERVICE

The annual Thankoffering / Memorial service will be held Wednesday, November 12th at 7:00 pm in the Chapel. This service will honor the memory of our church family who died from November 1, 2007 to November 1, 2008. Both men and women are welcome to attend.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING



There will be a congregational meeting on Sunday, December 14th following all services in order to elect council members and vote on the 2009 budget.

CHURCH COUNCIL WANTS YOU!

With the approaching new year, Council is requesting your participation in leading our congregation. We will have openings for all committees: Finance, Elders, Board of Education and Property Management. One of the best ways to support our fine church is to lend your skills and talents in service of First St. John. 2008 was a very productive year. Please help us roll this momentum into 2009. If you are interested, please contact Michael Folk at 419-691-3410 or 419-260-2405 or e-mail him at folkm@jm.com. In the words of Uncle Sam . . . "We Want You!" Thanks in advance for your consideration!



CHICKEN AND HAM DINNER

Saturday, November 1st
4:00 pm — 7:00 pm

Take Out Available
Tickets Available at the Door!

Ticket Prices:

Adults: \$8.50
Children: \$4.00
Children under 3 are free

Don't Forget the Craft Sale!

Stop by the lounge during the Chicken & Ham dinner. You can view and buy beautiful craft items and cookbooks. Bake sale items will also be available.



WHO'S WHO AT FIRST ST. JOHN

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MILITARY ADDRESSES

Here are the names and addresses of members, family, and friends of First St. John who serve in the military. You can send cards or packages to these service people, and remember to pray for them, too!

SSGT Kevin Fouty
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Langley AFB, VA 23665

CPL Nick Grady
CLB-1 CCO OPS PLT
Unit 42390
FPD-AP96426

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3105 Tullibee Circle P-1
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Member Address Changes



Marilyn Daly
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(Kenneth, Edward, Anderson)

Shanna Henningsen
7155 Corduroy Rd.
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Matt Phillips
2611 10th Ave. S.
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Craig Schuffenecker
PO Box 593
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**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
NOVEMBER 21st**



POINSETTIA ORDER NOTICE

Order forms for poinsettias to decorate the church on Christmas Eve will be in the November 16, 23, 30 & December 7th bulletins and in the December newsletter. The final day to accept orders will be after services on December 14th when someone from the Altar Guild will be in the Narthex to take your order. Remember, December 14th is the **LAST** day to order poinsettias for Christmas.

**** ADDRESS CHANGES/CORRECTIONS ****

To keep current information for office records, if your name, address or phone number changes, please notify the office by faxing 419-691-7220, or mailing this form to: 2471 Seaman St./ Toledo, OH 43605. Email: firststjohn@sbcglobal.net

Name _____

Address _____

City, State Zip _____ Phone _____

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

The Caregiver Support Group is for anyone who provides care for a loved one and needs the support of others. We next meet Wed., Nov. 5th at 7 pm in the lounge. The facilitator is Donna Koehn, LSW, LINCS Program Coordinator, and member of First St. John. Co-sponsored by First St. John and Lutheran Homes Community Services.

NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER

Please welcome Julie Gallaher, our new kindergarten teacher. We now are at full strength for Sunday School. Please welcome Julie when you see her. Thanks also to Sue Ann Rogers who has graciously helped all these weeks.

MEN'S MINISTRY NEWS

Our next gathering is Sat., Nov. 8th at Frisch's on Navarre Ave. Call Bob Haar at 419-360-7510 to let him know if you are planning to attend so he can arrange for enough seating. Also let him know if you need transportation. Thanks!



NOTICE: ALL CHURCH GROUPS

The church will be decorated for Christmas on Fri., Nov. 28. This is a lengthy and very involved process! Please do not schedule any events in the church that day so our decorators can work in there. Thank you.

ELDERS FOR NOVEMBER

	<u>7:45 am</u>	<u>10:15 am</u>
11/2	Bernie Erdmann Penny DeWitt	Jeff Smith Linda Kusian
11/9	Mark Ackerman Janine Contat	Mike Winslow LuAnn Schuffenecker
11/16	Darold Henninger Joanne Henningsen	Dick Haar Lynn Folk
11/23	Jeff Smith Linda Kusian	Bernie Erdmann Penny DeWitt
11/30	Mike Winslow LuAnn Schuffenecker	Mark Ackerman Janine Contat

THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICES



We'll hold a noon communion service in the chapel on Wednesday, November 26th. Our evening Thanksgiving Eve service also will be held on the 26th, but at 7:00 p.m. in the church.



LIBRARY NEWS

.....Father, we thank thee
For rest and shelter of the night
Father we thank thee
For health and food, for love and friends,
For everything that goodness sends,
Father in heaven, we thank Thee.

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

This verse was an excerpt from the poem "Father, We Thank Thee" from the IDEALS Thanksgiving magazine. These are available in the library and they do not have to be checked out; just return them when you are done. Sometimes we just have a few minutes to read, and these magazines are always uplifting with their beautiful pictures, poems, and articles.

—Marilyn Cashen

MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

Births

None of which we are aware.

Marriages

10-4-08 Jill Facer and Dustin Kirk
10-11-08 Daven Henninger and Timothy Kruse

Deaths

10-6-08 Richard Bailey
10-11-08 Lois Ackerman
10-15-08 Austin Takacs

Transfers from First St. John: Mary Ann Pinney to Prince of Peace Lutheran in Oregon.

MEMORIALS

CEMETERY FUND

In memory of **Ken Yard** by Nancy Gallaher, Carl & Janet Morrison, Willie & Julie Moritz, M/M George Ackerman.

In memory of **Jack Billings** by Ken & Joyce Villhauer, Carl & Janet Morrison, Toledo Metro Vice Unit.

In memory of **Lois Ackerman** by Ken & Joyce Villhauer, Edith Schuffenecker, M/M Wm Fischhaber, Esther Bell, Ruth Cummerow, Jack Nissen, Terri & Dave Krowse and Tom, Jeff & Shelly Hagedorn and family, Matt & April Hammer, Marv & Elaine Gladieux, Bob & Paulette Giaimo, M/M Wayne Fox, James & Norma Fought, Robert Ebka, Pam & Rick Flick, Deb Ebka, Roy Crispin, Madelyn Hirzel Cimpritz, Marilyn Cashen, Cliff & Madonna Bury, Fred & Linda Bursiek Family, Marilyn Bruns, Judy Bostater and family, Howard & Dolores Oestreich and family, Dan & Linda Dierksheilde and family, Ernie & Marge Bollinger, Steve & Robin Blausey, Marvin & Sharon Blausey, Gary & Deborah Bach, Lyla Avers, Dale Avers, Anna Belle Avers.

ENDOWMENT FUND

In memory of **Ken Yard** by Gene Hagedorn.

In memory of **Lois Ackerman** by Gene Hagedorn.

ALTAR GUILD

In memory of **Ken Yard** by Bob Haar, Terry & Jane Schuetz, Jean DeWitt, Skorupa Family.

In memory of **Jack Billings** by Jean DeWitt.

In memory of **Lois Ackerman** by Gary & Penny DeWitt, Terry & Jane Schuetz.

In memory of **Richard Bailey** by Terry & Jane Schuetz.

In memory of **Dolores Nelms** by Charles Nelms.

CHOIR

In memory of **Ken Yard** by Mary Ellen Miller, Olga Zimmerman, Elenore Taylor, Chuck & Betty Hyre, Ruth Ziethlow.

In memory of **Terry Zimmerman** by Chuck & Betty Hyre.

In memory of **Jack Billings** by Chuck & Betty Hyre, M/M George Ackerman, Marian & Joe Chaney.

In memory of **Lois Ackerman** by Olga Zimmerman,

Bob Haar, Mark Ackerman Family, George & Elaine Ackerman, Dick & Lola Crouse, Bob & Jeanette Dotson, Toni Wilbarger, Ron & Joanne Koch, Chuck & Betty Hyre, Margie Heninger.

In memory of **Austin Takacs** by Ken & Cathy DeWitt.

In memory of **Terry Zimmerman** on his birthday Nov. 15 by Naomi & Ray Zimmerman.

CURRENT FUND

In memory of **Ken Yard** by Pastor & Mrs. Labuhn, Donna Koester, Ada Kreger, Chuck & Jane Neal, John & Donna Sharp, Bill & Karen Contos, Paul & Vivian Kuhlman, Richard & Lucy Eggerth, Maxine Eggerth, Mark Morrison, Wade Diefenthaler, Brent Dunmyer, Tom & Janet Eppard, Chuck & Andra Bell, John & Jodi McAvoy, Ned & Carolyn Sleek, Jean Fry, Linda & Fritz Kalmbach, LuAnne Hodges, Corry, Jaimee and Alyson, Art & Joanne Stevenson, Bob & Mary Yard, Martha Meyers, Dick & Judy Readell, M/M Bob Anderson, Florence Partin, M/M Larry Strohscher, Renee, Matt & Emma Kalmbach, Hank & Joanne Schumaker, Glenn & Margaret Koester, Barbara Braunbern, Jerry & Ginny Nissen, Jim & Dianne Schumaker, Larry & Darlene Paul, Mrs. Don Schwanberger, Marvin & Elaine Gladieux, Paul & Joyce Downey, Bill & Donna Nelson and family, Mahlon & Lela Glenn, Helen Waller, Pam, Barry, Jason & Heather Klatt.

MEMBERS ASSISTANCE FUND

In memory of **Jack Billings** by Bob Haar.

AIR CONDITIONING FUND

In memory of **Jack Billings** by Ruth Cummerow.
In memory of **Ken Yard** by Ralph & Ethel Mae Vogtsberger, August Lofquist, Duane & Mary K. Hubaker.

In memory of **Lois Ackerman** by August Lofquist, Duane & Mary K. Hubaker, Ralph & Ethel Mae Vogtsberger, Sandra Stahl and family.

In memory of **Terry Zimmerman** by Duane & Mary K. Hubaker.

In memory of **Richard Bailey** by Sandra Stahl.

MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of **Jack Billings** by Robert & Mary Batchman, Walbridge VFW # 9963, Jim & Theresa

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MEMORIALS (Continued from pg. 5)

Patrilla, Joe Sinay Family, M/M Joe Kucera.
In memory of **Richard Bailey** by August Lofquist,
Martha Meyers, Norman & Phyllis Schuffenecker,
Jim & Joan Sigurdson, Wayne Fox, Ada Kreger.
In memory of **Lois Ackerman** by Martha Meyers,
Norman & Phyllis Schuffenecker.
In memory of **Maurie Sindlinger** by Ada Kreger.

DAYSCHOOL LIBRARY

In memory of **Ken Yard** by Lucille Paul.

BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE

In memory of **Ken Yard** by Marlene Fouty.

DEBT FUND

In memory of **Ken Yard** by Russ & Chris Hunsaker.
In memory of **Lois Ackerman** by Russ & Chris
Hunsaker, Jean DeWitt.

BELL CHOIR

In memory of **Ken Yard** by Murel Kontak.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

In memory of **Jack Billings** by Gary & Penny
DeWitt, Louise & Jim Sommers.
In memory of **Ken Yard** by Louise & Jim Sommers.
In memory of **Terry Zimmerman** by Louise & Jim
Sommers.

ELEVATOR FUND

In memory of **George "Harvey" Burchell** by
Bonnie Varga.

IMPROVEMENT FUND (NEW RAILINGS)

In memory of **Lois Ackerman** by Marilyn Haack,
Tom & Carol Bilang, Marty & Mary Lou Andrews,
Janet Zunk, Stephanie Williams, Rollin & Mary
Webb, Earl & Shirley Warnke, Barb & Jon Ward,
Betty TenEyck, Robert Taulker,
Jim & Marg Taulker, Keith & Amy Stephens,
Margene Spring, Janine Smothers, M/M Janis Smith,
Ken & Alice Sieving, Esther Seibert, Hank & Joanne
Schumaker, Norm Schumaker, Vic & Eileen
Schuerman, Sandee Family, Laurence & Julie St.
John, Randy & Dawn Saint John, Darrell Reef,
Shirley Kruse, Jim & Deb Hostohu and family, Bill
& Esther Rapp, Wayne, Joyce & Lois Raddatz, Bill
& Marian Phillips, Mike & Sherry Phillips, Dan &

Janet Peacock, Arlene Oberhouse, Jerry & Ginny
Nissen, Eugene & Shirley Nehls, Chuck & Jane
Neal, Tom & Donna Moser, Carl & Janet Morrison,
M/M Larry Moore, Harry & Kathy Mitchell, Bill &
Kathy Martin, Pastor Gerald & Ilean Labuhn, Helen
Konoff, Emil & Doris Kohntopp, Randy & Peggy
Koch, Marvin & Carol Keller, M/M Melvin Karns,
Eric & Cindy Johnson, Harold & Helen Hill, Pat &
Francis Higgins, M/M James Helm, Lauerence &
Anna Mae Helle, Martha Hecklinger, Art & Norma
Hagedorn.

WELCA QUILTERS

In memory of **Lois Ackerman** by Verlene &
Edward Schweizer Family.

BETTY HYRE'S CHILDREN'S CHOIR

In memory of **Terry Zimmerman** on his birthday
Nov. 15 by Naomi & Ray Zimmerman.

ADULT CHRISTMAS PARTY



The party will be Sunday, December 7th
at 6:00 pm in the gym. Come for the
delicious dinner and great entertainment—two
performers who “wowed” us at the All-Daughter
banquet in 2007. The Hoffenheimer sisters are back!
Join us on December 7th. You’ll be glad you did.

NEW FLAG POLE TO BE INSTALLED

We hope to have our new flag pole installed in the
cemetery by Veterans Day. The flag pole is
dedicated to all veterans, fire fighters, and police
officers buried in First St. John’s Cemetery. To have
your loved one’s name included on the plaque,
please call the church office at 419-691-7222 or
Mike Winslow at 419-691-8430. Thank you.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

The deadline for turning in shoeboxes is
November 16th. Empty, but decoratively wrapped,
shoeboxes are in the lounge and the Narthex. Pick
one or more boxes and a list of suggested items you
can fill the boxes with. Once filled, return the
shoeboxes to the church office. Thank you.

First St. John's Prayer Chain

(as of 10/28/08)

Crisis Prayer List

For those who need prayers in urgent matters such as surgery, emergency medical care (ICU), etc. Persons will be moved to "Chronic Prayer List" after the first month unless the prayer chain is contacted about special circumstances:

Family of Lois Ackerman
Family of Dick Bailey
Family of Jack Billings
Family of Don & Melinda Ciesielczyk
Suzanne Garey
Anne Okonski Jackson
Dennis Scott
Family of Sharon Shinaver
John Spoerl
Leroy Smith
Family of Austin Takacs
Family of Ken Yard

Chronic Prayer List

For those who need prayers for ongoing serious situations such as cancer treatments, medical struggles, recovery and/or personal situations. Persons will be moved off the list after 3 months unless the prayer chain is contacted about special/continuing circumstances:

Lola Abbey
Kara Albrecht
Virginia Brandeberry
Marjorie Counterman
Jordan Cummerow
Ronald Curtis
Tina Curtis
George Davenport & Family
Ed Ellie
Melissa Emerson
Walter Felder
Marlene Fouty
Rick Fouty
Eleanor Habegger
Justin Heath
Eric Holmes
LaVerne Klawitter
Julie & Jared Loucks
Laurie Madrazo
Diane Smith
Betty Timbrook
Shirley Warnke
Candy Webster
Sally Winstead
Virginia Wright

Dorothy Zeadker
Bill Zeisler

Please check the list and let any of the prayer chain contacts-listed below-know if individuals can be moved off the list.

Lynn Folk 419-691-3410 hpyhmker@sbcglobal.net

Donna Koehn 419-693-5030
Ada Kreger 419-693-1549
Gloria Ross 419-836-7166

WE REMEMBER...



On All Saints Sunday, November 2nd, we remember the saints of First St. John who entered the Church Triumphant during the past year.

Karen S. Haas	12/26/1944 - 11/05/2007
Robert Varga, Sr.	6/25/1928 - 11/15/2007
Ross O. Batchman	11/06/1964 - 11/23/2007
Robert W. Bruggeman	7/10/1918 - 12/03/2007
Pearl H. Moritz	9/05/1923 - 1/19/2008
Janette M. Harmon	1/25/1926 - 2/18/2008
Gertrude Bruggeman	2/12/1915 - 2/25/2008
John W. Kuhlman	8/09/1953 - 2/26/2008
Delores M. Nelms	10/16/1930 - 3/17/2008
Eileen R. Baer	8/05/1924 - 3/17/2008
Robert W. Hecklinger, Sr.	1/25/1921 - 3/28/2008
Lewis E. "Whitey" Wagner	5/07/1925 - 4/17/2008
Shirley Schumaker	6/07/1929 - 5/13/2008
Dorothy L. Brown	8/09/1930 - 5/19/2008
Clarence B. "Bud" Eggert	7/15/1929 - 5/19/2008
Wayne Likens	11/24/1929 - 6/26/2008
Donna M. Schaffer	3/14/1933 - 7/07/2008
Maurice Sindlinger	8/22/1921 - 7/15/2008
Terry N. Zimmerman	11/15/1949 - 8/05/2008
Ken C. Yard	1/15/1928 - 8/31/2008
Jack Billings	9/11/1924 - 9/13/2008
Richard F. Bailey	5/03/1932 - 10/06/2008
Lois A. Ackerman	2/12/1938 - 10/11/2008
Austin B. Takacs	2/21/1997 - 10/15/2008

We also remember the following friends and family members:

Jim Fouty, Doug Fouty, Greg Fouty
Frank Ohinsko, Ruth Carroll, Jim Gallaher
Daniel "Danny" Anderson, Jennifer Tidd



Happy Thanksgiving!

Dear Friends,

As we reflect on the Thanksgiving holiday, the Dayschool children would like to share with us what they're thankful for.

I am thankful for teachers and plants.

— *Carter Heckman*

I am thankful for the sun.

— *Kayli Hierholzer*

God gave us "me."

— *Parker Dickens*

God made the whole world.

— *Hannah Lang*

I am thankful for people.

— *Lily Wilson*

God made all the babies.

— *Molly Anderson*

Thank you God for flowers and for my dad that I love very much.

— *Dee Dee Soncrant*

Thank you God for animals.

— *Aubrey Pusey*

Thank you God for my shirt and Nerf gun that my mom and dad got me at the store. And thank you for my mom and dad.

— *Mitchell Taylor*

I am thankful for my cats Plum and Bob. Plum is the nice one. I used to chase them around, but now I like to pet them.

— *A.J. Ondrus*

I am thankful for turkeys, puzzles, mommy, and daddy.

— *Mallory Barney*

Friends to like.

— *Maci Karrick*

The bushes. — *Angelo Cuttaia*

I am thankful for my friend Kenzie from Fostoria.

— *Spencer Fortier*

I am thankful for the blocks I got when I was a baby. Now my brother Liam plays with them.

— *Jude Nichols*

A snake, my house, that my mom takes care of me when I get a belly ache.

— *Carson Cordell*

He made my brother and my mom.

— *Grace Anderson*

For giving us food and milk and toys and my mom and dad.

— *Xander Stitely*

For giving us stores like Toys R Us, schools, and my family.

— *Matthew Hoersten*

My sister and my toys.

— *Jackson Kennedy*

I am thankful for bones, your heart, and your mom and dad.

— *Riley Franke*

He gave me toys and sharks and T-Rex's.

— *Aidan Dosch*

God always makes the wind blow. He makes the leaves fall. I like to jump in the leaves.

— *Krystal Watt*

I have a big girl bed, a pink dresser, and a leotard. I like going to preschool and playing with my friends. I like playing with play dough.

— *Kayleigh Bauer*

Thank you God for bees.

— *Makenna Granger*

I am thankful for my family and cousins and friends and the food that He gives us. Thank you for the animals and our moms and our dads and our grandmas and grandpas.

— *Carys Thomas*



September 29, 2008—St. Mark at 1st St. John #1:

Tonight we won 2 or 3 games. The first game we won 3-2. We got off to a 2-0 lead on a single by Frank and doubles by Eric and Ted. Tom G. homered to make it 3-0. In the 5th and 7th, they homered to make it a 3-2 final score.

In the 2nd game, St. Mark scored 4 runs in the 7th for a 4-0 lead on a homer, double, single, and a 3-run homer. In the 8th, Darold and Frank homered to make the final score 4-2.

In the 3rd game St. Mark got off to a 1-0 lead on a homer. In the 3rd, we made it 2-1 on a single by Frank and a 2-run homer by Bernie. In the 4th we got the final run of the game on a triple by Darold and a single by Mike to make it 3-1.

Our Team #2 won 2 of 3 games against Trinity.

October 5, 2008—1st St. John at 1st St. Mark:

Tonight we won 2 of 3 games Our record is now 4-2. In the first game, we got off to a 3-0 lead on a double by Darold, singles by Mike, Bernie, Terry, and Frank; and Raj walked. Bernie homered in the 3rd to make it 4-0. In the 5th, Chet doubled and Darold doubled to make it 5-0. In their half of the 5th they homered to make it 5-1. They homered in the 7th to make it 5-2. In the 7th, they doubled and homered to make the final score 5-4 for our win.

In the second game, they got 2 doubles in the 4th for a 1-0 lead. In the 5th we got 4 runs on doubles by Darold & Make, a single by Terry, and doubles by Raj and Chet to make it 4-1. Bernie homered in the 6th to make it 5-1. 1st St. Mark hit 2 doubles to make it 5-2. Terry homered in the 9th to make the final score 6-2.

We lost the third game 4-0. In the 2nd inning they hit 2 homers to lead 2-0. In the 6th, they doubled twice to make it 3-0. In the 7th, they homered to make the final score 4-0. We just didn't hit in the last game, and as a result, we lost. Anyway, our record is now 4-2.

October 20, 2008— Trinity at 1st St. John:

Tonight we won 1 of 3 games. In the 2nd inning of the first game, they got off to a 2-0 lead on 2

homers. Then we made it 2-1 on 2 doubles and an error. In the 5th, we tied it 2-2 on doubles by Chet and Mike. In the 7th, they homered and won it 3-2.

In the 2nd game, we got off to a 1-0 lead on a single by Frank, a double by Eric, and a single by Ted. Then they had 2 doubles to tie it 1-1. We made it 3-1 on a double by Tom G. and a 2-run homer by Terry. In their half of the 4th they tied it 3-3 on a single, triple, and another single. In our half of the 4th, we went ahead 7-3 on a homer by Tom E., a homer by Ted, a single by Terry, a triple by Mike, and a single by Frank. In the 5th they made it 7-4 on a triple and a double. In the 6th, they hit 2 doubles to make it 7-5. In the 8th, they hit 2 doubles to make it 7-6. In the 9th, they tied it 7-7 on a single and a triple. We won the game 8-7 on a homer by Ted in our half of the 10th.

In the 3rd game we got off to a 2-0 lead in the 3rd as Terry doubled, Mike tripled, and Eric singled. In the 4th, they doubled twice and homered twice to make it 4-2. In the 5th, Terry doubled and Bernie tripled to make it 4-3. They homered in the 6th to make it 5-3. In our half of the 6th, Ted and Tom G. doubled to make it 5-4. In the 7th, they homered to make it 7-4. In the 8th they hit 3 singles and 2 doubles to make it 10-4 for the ball game.

Our record is now 5-4. Our Team #2 won 2 of 3 and their record is also 5-4. Our next game is November 3rd when we play St. Lucas at home.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL
CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**



Our program is Sunday, December 21st at 9:00 am in the church. Children need to be at Sunday School by 8:45 am. This is a wonderful, original musical program written and directed by Betty Hyre. Please attend and support our children!



SUNDAY SCHOOL NOTICE

We will not have Sunday School on November 30th because of the Thanksgiving weekend. We'll resume class on December 7th.

CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES—OCTOBER 21, 2008

President Bill Caldwell brought the meeting to order at 7:35 pm. LuAnn Schuffenecker led the devotions. Roll call was taken. Larry Paul made a motion to approve the Sept. minutes. LuAnn Schuffenecker seconded the motion – motion carried. Bill Caldwell reported he met with the bishop’s assistant; there is no youthful assistant pastor available at this time. There’s a shortage of pastors and most of them are older, second-career people.

FINANCE COMMITTEE – Jim Sommers reported our loan is at \$98,646 and our payments are \$768 per month. By taking money from the Debt Fund and Improvement Fund we could lower that loan balance to about \$51,000 and redo the loan to get our payments down to \$385 per month.

TREASURER’S REPORT – Lisa Anderson reported our Sept. contributions were about \$20,000 and our disbursements were \$19,000. Disbursements were down because of the two salaries not being paid. Joanne Henningsen made a motion to accept the treasurer’s report. Gary Henningsen seconded the motion – motion carried. Lisa suggested we have a treasurer’s assistant to cover her when she’s not available. Mike Folk made a motion to appoint Jim Sommers as assistant treasurer. Gary Henningsen seconded the motion – motion carried.

BOARD OF EDUCATION – Pam Beavers reported 50 to 60 kids are attending Sunday School each week. They are working on ways to bring in more kids. Betty Hyre has volunteered to take charge of the Christmas program that will be held Dec. 21 during the Sunday School hour. There will be no Sunday School the Sunday after Thanksgiving or the Sunday between Christmas and New Year’s. The teachers like the new Augsburg material.

YOUTH – Mike Folk reported there was a meeting Oct. 5 to share information and seek input from SALGHT students and parents. A game night was held on Oct. 18. A total of 20 attended including 10 youth, 8 adults, Rachel and Amy Ackerman. Many topics were discussed including Service Days, a Youth Director, attending Festival of Faith in March, Mission work, interacting with younger kids, youth service, Lenten Wednesday night dinners and bringing in new members.

NEW BUSINESS – President Bill Caldwell presented information on Mary E. Darling who has applied for the Youth Director position. She has an impressive resumé. She is looking for full time work. She could help Pastor Blohm with visiting the sick, etc. Dayschool also could use her part time. Everyone that has met her likes her. She has met with Bill and Pastor, the youth, and some parents. Darold Henninger made a motion to hire Mary E. Darling full time with a salary of \$21,000 plus benefits (will be around \$8,000). Linda Kusian seconded the motion – motion carried.

ELDERS – Bernie Erdmann reported between 700 to 750 people attended the funeral of Austin Tackas on Monday. He thanked everyone who helped, especially Gene Hagedorn for all his work. Bernie has women ushers for Women’s Awareness Sunday.

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT – Mike Folk reported they met Oct. 16 to discuss 2009 budget items. Major projects forecasted for 2009 may include repaving the lot around church, basement waterproofing, window replacement in Education Building, alternative energy, railing for back door of Education Building and programmable thermostat in the sanctuary. The cemetery flag pole concrete was installed Oct. 18. Once the concrete cures, they’ll raise the new pole. Mike Winslow wants to add a plaque honoring the veterans, firemen, and policemen buried in the cemetery. Families should notify Mike of veterans, firemen, and policemen. Upcoming work includes: remove window AC units, continue garage clean up, replace bad lights in sanctuary, power wash signs & cold patch in drive by garage.

PASTOR – Pastor Blohm reported one transfer: Mary Ann Pinney to Prince of Peace, Oregon, OH. Bernie Erdmann made a motion to approve the transfer. Tom Gaskins seconded the motion – motion carried. Pastor thanked Jamie Blazeovich for speaking to the 7th and 8th graders on substance abuse.

Jim Sommers made a motion to adjourn. Bernie Erdmann seconded the motion—motion carried. Pastor closed the meeting with prayer at 9:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

10 Esther Bell, Recording Secretary