



# ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH ELCA

MONTGOMERY, MINNESOTA

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**NOVEMBER 2014**

**Dear People of St. John,**

“A Mighty Fortress is our God!” We sang these words with full-throated enthusiasm as we observed Reformation Sunday on October 26. This hymn written by Martin Luther is based on Psalm 46, “God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.” This is the first of two thoughts I would encourage you to remember from this Psalm. The second is “Be still, and know that I am God.” Held together these two thoughts mean that “God is God and we are not. Rest peacefully in that promise.” As we experience a more barren time of the year with crops harvested, leaves fallen and birds on their way south we sometimes feel more barren in our spirits as well. Please hold the words of this Psalm in your hearts. They will give you confidence and peace.

These thoughts are continued on November 2 as we commemorated All Saints Sunday as we sang “For All the Saints.” Thinking of saints and martyrs who have found their refuge and strength in God, verse 2 states, “Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might.” May this be true for us as well, young and old, for those new to the faith and for those whose faith has been life long, God is our rock, our fortress, our refuge and strength. “Be still,” God says, “and know that I am God.”

It is with great delight that we are planning for our second annual ecumenical Thanksgiving service. Along with St. John, the parishes of Most Holy Redeemer, Shieldsville, Kilkenny and Heidelberg invite you to St. Patrick’s church in Shieldsville on Tuesday, November 25 at 7 p.m. There will be lots of music as well as scripture and prayer. Father Victor Valencia will preach and there will be goodies and fellowship following the service. Please plan to attend this service. We need to be thankful, and we need to do this together!

The Congregation Council has realized for some time that our constitution and bylaws are seriously out of date. After lots of help from the synod office and lots of work studying these governing documents the Council is ready to recommend a revised constitution and bylaws. To change the constitution requires two congregational votes. The first vote must approve the proposed constitution with no amendments by a simple majority. The second vote must be held at a regularly scheduled annual meeting and must be passed with no amendments by a 2/3 majority. Our first vote will be on December 7, 2014 following morning worship. The proposed constitution must be the only item on the agenda for that meeting. The second vote will be at St. John’s next annual meeting which will be held on January 25, 2015 following morning worship. The proposed constitution and bylaws will be posted on our web site and will be available via e-mail. There will also be printed copies available. Thank you to Dan Hardel, Kathy Peterson and John Grimm for their extensive work on these documents!

God bless each and every one as we grow in faith and grace.

In His Service,

*Pastor Bob Kaul*

## November Worship Helpers

### Readers

November 2 Eric Schroeder  
 November 9 Gail Skluzacek  
 November 16 Jesse Skluzacek  
 November 23 Garie Teig  
 November 30 Patty Tiede

### Head Usher

Wendy Vargo

### Ushers / Greeters

November 2 Berlyn & Garie Teig  
 Greg & Jessica Westerman  
 November 9 Tom & JoAnne Dawson  
 Kay Busch  
 Kathy Derhaag  
 November 16 Todd & Kala David  
 John Helling & Lori O'Keefe  
 November 23 Myron & Peggy Hentges  
 Ralph Hendrickson  
 Jim Heyda  
 November 30 Lynden & Deb Jelinek  
 Dallas Horejsi  
 Irene Jindra

### Communion Assistants

November 9 Marc & Kathy Peterson  
 Rhonda Solberg  
 November 23 Garie Teig  
 Myrna Terwedo  
 Cheryl Schulte

### Acolyte

November 2 Tyler Nesmoe  
 Cody Studnicka  
 November 9 Audrey Petersen  
 Katie Brokl  
 November 16 Abby Schleis  
 November 23 Audrey Petersen  
 Katie Brokl  
 November 30 Audrey Petersen  
 Katie Brokl

### Altar Guild

Carol Svoboda  
 Ruth Hoefs

*If you are unable to help on the day assigned,  
 please EXCHANGE with someone else  
 and call the church office at 507-364-5002.*

## Remember in your Prayers...

Bonnie Young, Marvin Denzer, Alexander Sticha, Greg Vlaska, Patricia Morrill (Peggy Hentges' mother), Brenda Stenzel, Jeff and Peggy Schaak, Terri Pekarna (Robert & Glenda Larsen's daughter), Jeff Klonne (Pat Boyle's brother), Nancy DeCoux (Cathy Stasney's mother), Bob Hauer, Chad Solheid (Michelle Trcka's brother), Opal Hartwig, Ethan Scheffert, Scott Collier, Adelle Shultz (Carol Kiekow's aunt), John Teig (Berlyn's brother), Reuben Svoboda, Braden Flicek, Mayme Jindra, Nancy Vollmar, Alvin Winterfeldt and Todd Trcka.

## Remember those serving our country...

Eric Braun, Adam Minett, Kevin Baer, Jacqueline Sellner, Shane Morris, Damon Athey, Nathan Kubinski, Matthew Astorino, Adam Vlasak, and Matt Nelson.

## Sympathy

*We extend our sympathy to the family of Mabel Hallock who passed away Saturday, October 4.*

*We extend our sympathy to the family of Thelma "Sandy" Hajney who passed away Wednesday, October 29.*

*We extend our sympathy to Emil Knish and family upon the death of his father.*

## Baptism

*Kieron Anton Olson was baptized Saturday, October 11. Kieron was born August 27, 2014 and is the son of Mitch and Jodie Olson. His sponsors are Jill Kalina and Matt Olson. God's blessings to Kieron and his family.*

## Weddings

*Congratulations and best wishes to Nate and Angela (Kaderlik) Mattson who were married Saturday, Oct. 11.*

*Congratulations and best wishes to Eric and Nicole (Talty) Engstrom who were married Saturday, Oct. 11.*

*Congratulations and best wishes to Keith and Emily (Marcussen) Anderson who were married on Friday, October 17.*

## Groups & Organizations that meet at St. John!

*To ensure our calendar is correct and that we have the church open for your event, please inform Pastor Bob or Kay of your planned meeting dates.*

*Thank you for your cooperation.*

## Have an announcement for the bulletin or newsletter?

Drop off or e-mail (stjohnelca@frontier.com) information to the church office by:

- ◆ Thursday for the bulletin.
- ◆ The 24th of November for the December newsletter.

## Financial Corner General Fund - September

|           | September           | Year to Date        |
|-----------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Receipt   | \$ 11,996.51        | \$119,729.47        |
| Expenses  | <u>\$ 15,012.71</u> | <u>\$136,814.72</u> |
| Cash Flow | \$ (3,016.20)       | \$ (17,085.25)      |

# Church Council Meeting

## October 21, 2014 - 6:30pm

**Present:** Paige Nordling (1/15), John Grimm (1/15), Jeanne Anderson (1/15), Maridan Nesmoe (1/16), John Helling (1/16), Dan Hardel (1/17), Kathy Peterson (1/17), and Pastor Robert Kaul

**Absent:** Wendy Vargo (1/17), John Krautkremer (1/16)

Opened with **Devotion/ Prayer** by Pastor Kaul

Kathy Peterson moved, Paige Nordling seconded to **approve the September 2014 meeting minutes**. Motion carried.

**President's Report:** None

**Vice President's Report:** None

**Secretary Report:** None

**Treasurer Report:** John Grimm moved, Jeanne Anderson seconded to **approve the Treasurer's Report** for September 2014. Motion carried.

### **Old Business:**

**A. Head Ushers:** October: Maridan Nesmoe

November: Wendy Vargo

December: John Krautkremer

Christmas Eve: 3:00 p.m. Wendy Vargo

5:00 p.m. Dan Hardel

10:00 p.m. Kathy Peterson

**B. Feed My Sheep:** John G will speak at the Sunday service informing congregation about a family in need and requesting funds. John Grimm moved and Maridan Nesmoe seconded a motion to appeal for funds for needy family. He moved to give funds received and current Feed My Sheep funds to the family in need. Motion carried.

**C. Constitution and Bylaws:** Kathy Peterson moved, Jeanne Anderson seconded a motion to move forward with the vote needed to approve the amendments to our Constitution and Bylaws. Motion carried. The 1<sup>st</sup> vote would be on December 7<sup>th</sup> at a special meeting of the congregation. The vote will need to be a simple majority to move onto a second vote to ratify at the January 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Congregational meeting. The second vote will need a 2/3 majority to pass. Copies of the proposed documents will be available on the church's website and through the church office.

**D. Audit Committee:** In process

**E. Facility Improvement:** The lighting is on back order with Ruhland Electric. It should be available by the end of October. We are waiting for completion of the vanities for the bathroom remodels. Tim Bisek is on standby to finish the project after this.

### **New Business:**

**A. Can Recycling:** Table

**B. Nomination committee:**

1. We have two of the three members needed for this committee. Paige Nordling and Steve Pan have agreed to serve on this committee. Election of the committee will take place at the November meeting.

**C. Personnel Policy:**

1. Council Members are looking over the proposed documents for discussion at the November meeting.

**D. ELCA Campaign:**

1. The council is looking for a committee to lead our Church's ELCA five year Campaign. For more information see a council member.

**E. Call Process:**

1. As Pastor Kaul is retiring at the end of the year we will need to begin the call process. Pastor's last Sunday will be January 4<sup>th</sup>.

2. The first step in the process will be to complete Pastor Kaul's exit interview in mid-December. The Synod has begun looking for potential candidates for our congregation. They report that 30% of the churches in our Synod are in the call process at this time.

3. The next step will be to hire a fill in Pastor for January, until our Interim Pastor can begin. Dan Hardel will contact Pastor Rendahl to see if he would be available as a fill in for us.

4. The Synod will bring forward one candidate for us to consider as our Interim Pastor. The council will have the option to accept/reject this candidate. If this one is rejected another will be brought forward.

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**Committee Reports:**

**A. Stewardship Committee:** John Grimm - No report

**B. Evangelism Committee:** Wendy Vargo

1. New members have been sent their invitations for New Member Sunday, November 2nd. Members from the Evangelism committee will be serving cake and coffee to welcome the new members.
2. The list of new members was shared and John Grimm moved, Paige Nordling seconded a motion to accept these people into our membership. Motion carried.
3. A soldier donation box was set out. (Not much as far as donations as of yet.) Pam Edel and Wendy will be shopping after the first week in November to fill the boxes after all donations are collected. Boxes will be mailed out the middle of November.

**C. Education:** Pastor & Jeanne Anderson

1. Pew Bibles are being ordered.
2. October 25<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade Retreat for Holy Communion- this will be run by Pastor and Amber. The hours for the retreat are 9:30- 6:00 pm. First Communion will take place on November 9<sup>th</sup>.
3. October 26<sup>th</sup> – Confirmation for 12 students during 9:00 service.
4. Sunday School Numbers: Pre K: 12 students Kindergarten: 8 Grades 1-2: 15  
Grades 3-4: 19 Grades 5-6: 12 Grades 7-12: Between 4-14 students each week
5. Work has begun on the Christmas Program!
6. Next Education Committee Meeting will be held on Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am. We will be gathering information/schedules/plans etc. for the Interim Pastor concerning Confirmation.

**D. Youth:** Paige Nordling - Luther League Committee- Last planning meeting was Sept 3rd

1. Little League (3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grades):
  - a. Christina Dietz and Jessie Filter are the advisors.
  - b. There was a waffle breakfast following Sunday School on Sunday, Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> for Little Leaguers and their parents. The breakfast was a success and served about 20 kids and parents.
  - c. Operation Shoe Box packing will be on Sunday, Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>, from 11 – 2. We will again be collecting items through Sunday School. Watch for details.
2. Junior League (6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grades):
  - a. Dawn Anderson and Karen Vlasak have volunteered to be advisors for this group.
  - b. There was a pizza and pumpkin decorating party held Sunday, Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>. 6 kids came.
  - c. We have decided to cancel the Campout for Homelessness this year. We will look to put it on the schedule for next fall.
  - d. They are looking to schedule a trip to Feed My Starving Children for Junior and Senior Leagues. A tentative date of November 22 has been discussed.
3. Senior League (9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades):
  - a. Missy Gregor and Jill Vargo are advisors for Sr. League.
  - b. Looking to do a night at the Elko Drive-In Movies. Unsure when season ends.
  - c. Tentative date for a bowling event will be Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>
  - d. Missy scheduled a bonfire event out at Gregor's lake lot on Thursday, Oct. 16. Only three signed up so the event was cancelled.
4. All Leagues:
  - a. Horseback riding at River Valley Horse Ranch in Jordan. A group of 23 children and adults went horseback riding! The event was a success.
  - b. Roller Skating event Roller Garden in St. Louis Park. Probable winter activity.
  - c. Christmas Caroling on Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup>. Looking to invite the whole congregation instead of just youth. Watch for information.
5. ELCA Youth Gathering 2015 – Detroit, MI – July 15<sup>th</sup>–19<sup>th</sup> 2015 – We had an informational meeting for September 10<sup>th</sup>. We have one for sure going and two others are still deciding. Because of the small number of youth interested, we will register with the Le Center group.
6. There was an informational meeting regarding next summer's BWCA trip on Wednesday, October 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 at church. That trip will be set for August 2-8, 2015. We have at least one full group and have had a few inquire since the meeting. Please contact Paige if still interested. MUST register before Christmas for a lower price.
7. We will look into ordering a universal t-shirt for all youth in any of the leagues. We need to figure out how much interest there is before we order. Watch the bulletin / bulletin board for information and sign up if you would like one. If there is not enough interest, we will not order them.

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8. Treat bags will again be filled to hand out to the youth following the Sunday School program on December 14<sup>th</sup>. The Advisory Board will work on facilitating this.
9. We are always looking for more youth involvement in the church services one Sunday a month.
10. Next planning meeting will be on Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> during Sunday School.
11. Next Advisory Meeting has yet to be set.

**E. Facility Management** – John Krautkremer - Absent

**F. Church and Society:** Kathy Peterson

1. Deb Jelinek will be signing up workers for the Salvation Army Kettle Drive.
2. Mary Brahs is organizing the Christmas Child Shoebox campaign. November 23<sup>rd</sup> is collection Sunday and December 3<sup>rd</sup> is warehouse working.

**G. Communications:** Dan Hardel

1. 4 people have signed up to do the electronic giving. There are 12 Simply Giving Families and 4 Electronic Giving families in our congregation.
2. Pew cards are being made to be used in the collection plate when you are enrolled in one of these programs. Watch for them!

**H. Fellowship:** John Helling - No report

**I. Worship & Music Committee:** Maridan Nesmoie

1. December 14<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Program and Mayme Jindra turns 100! Special mention in church and birthday cake during coffee hour!
2. Ecumenical Service will be held on 7 p.m. Tuesday, November 25<sup>th</sup> at St. Patrick in Shieldsville. Our choir and bell choir will perform.
3. Rock'n the Church has added 6 new kids!
4. A donation was received from the Washa family for new pads for bells, and is much appreciated!
5. November 30<sup>th</sup> will be a Hymn Fest.
6. It was noted that "The Lord's Prayer" above the memory shelf is in need of a new backing and will be fixed.
7. Next meeting November 1<sup>st</sup> 9:00 am at Lynettes.

**Pastors Report:**

1. Thanks you were received from Feed My Sheep recipient and Mark Richter Construction.
2. November 2<sup>nd</sup> is All Saints Sunday. Pastor will be having a special candle light remembrance for those who have passed away.

Next meeting: November 18, 2014, at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm and closed with "The Lord's Prayer"

Submitted by Jeanne Anderson, Church Council Secretary

### **Thank You**

Thank you to the group of women who put together infant bundles on Tuesday, October 6. This year they have completed 188 bundles for Lutheran World Relief and 86 for Liberia.

Have you noticed the new banner? Hand woven by Connie Cihak on her large floor loom, it uses four of the church year colors: red, white, green and gold and the colorful beads remind us of all the gifts God gives to us. You will probably see the banner used at various times during the church year. Thank you to Connie for sharing her talents with all of us and to the glory of God!

Thank you to Thrivent Financial for Lutherans for their \$150 gift to be used towards the soldier packages. Thank you to Paul Vollmar for his involvement is getting these funds.

Thank you to Montgomery American Legion for their \$300 gift to be used towards the soldier packages.

## St. John Women of the Church Egg Bake Fundraiser

**Sunday, November 16, 2014**

7:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

SERVING: HAM EGG BAKE,  
VEGETARIAN EGG BAKE,  
FRUIT, PASTRIES, BEVERAGE

\$8 ADULTS

\$6 CHILDREN (10 AND UNDER)

FREE - 3 YEARS AND UNDER

ALSO FEATURING  
BAKE SALE  
CRAFT SALE



## Special Congregational Meeting

A meeting will be held Sunday, Dec. 7 after worship to review the revised Constitution and Bylaws. This will be the only item on the agenda. Copies of the constitution are available at [www.montgomerymnelcalutherans.org](http://www.montgomerymnelcalutherans.org) or hard copies are available in the church office. A second meeting will be held Sunday, Jan. 25 at which time a 2/3 majority vote is required to ratify and adopt the constitution.

## Confirmation Class of 2014 October 26, 2014

*Taylor Crosby  
Haley Dietz  
Alyssa Eotvos  
Justin Guajardo  
Allie Hardel  
Grace Krautkremer  
William Shippman  
Jayden Stasney  
Ashley Stewig  
Jaymin Vargo  
Joslyn Vargo  
Erik Vlasak.*

## Save the Date

Pastor Bob will be retiring from St. John Lutheran on December 31, 2014. The church council is planning a reception on January 4, 2015 for Pastor and Maryann. Save the date and watch for details.

## Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service

The Lutheran Church of Montgomery and the Roman Catholic churches of Montgomery, Shieldsville, Kilkenny and Heidelberg invite you to an ecumenical Thanksgiving worship service on Tuesday, November 25 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Patrick Catholic Church, 7525 Dodd Road, Shieldsville. This ecumenical service of music and the Word will be led by Catholic and Lutheran clergy and lay people. All offerings will be given to the Montgomery Salvation Army Food Shelf. An offering of non-perishable food items will also be taken. Coffee and dessert will be served after the worship.

## November Music Notes

- November 9 N/P/K children will sing "This Little Light of Mine"  
Grades 1 – 4 will sing "Peter, James & John in a Sailboat"
- November 16 Rock'n the Church will sing "Praise the Lord, All Creation"

### November 25 (Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service)

Service starts at 7:00 p.m. at the Church of St. Patrick-Shieldsville, 7525 Dodd Road, Faribault, MN. Churches involved with this service are: Most Holy Redeemer Catholic Church, Church of St. Patrick-Shieldsville, Church of St. Canice-Kilkenny, St. Scholastica-Heidelberg and St. John Lutheran Church. It will be a service of readings and music. The Bells of St. John will ring "Give Thanks". Our hand bell choir will join with St. Patrick-Shieldsville's hand bell choir to ring "With Thanks & Praise". We will hear vocal selections from five participating church choirs. Our Women's Choir will sing "Give Thanks". They will join with members from the Church of St. Patrick-Shieldsville choir to sing "Autumn Carol". There will be special music with harp, flute, guitar, trumpet and organ. *Vocal Express* will also offer a song of thanks. We pray you will attend.

### November 30 (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent and Hymn Fest Sunday)

Bells of St. John will ring "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel". Members of the Angel Band will accompany a couple hymns during this service. We will rehearse the hymns at 8:15 a.m. that morning.

## Operation Christmas Child

Girls and boys in more than 150 counties have experienced the joy of Christmas and heard the good news of Jesus Christ thanks to caring people who have packed over 100 million shoebox gifts for Operation Christmas Child since 1993. These simple shoeboxes filled with toys, school supplies, hygiene items and candy bring smiling faces to God's precious children. Help spread joy and hope to children in desperate situations worldwide by taking part in this special Christmas project sponsored by the Board of Church in Society. Complete details are outlined in the Operation Christmas Child brochures available at church beginning October 19th. Please bring your gift-filled shoebox to church on or before Sunday, Nov. 23 (shoebox dedication Sunday). Last year we collected 127 shoeboxes. Let's try to beat that record this year! For more information contact Mary Brahs at 364-8058.



## Operation Christmas Child Twin Cities Processing Center

A group of adults and youth (9th through 12th grade) will be volunteering at the Operation Christmas Child Twin Cities Processing Center on Wednesday, December 3, from 6 - 9:30 p.m. There will be a sign up sheet on the youth bulletin board beginning October 19. Anyone under 18 must obtain a consent form from church. We will leave from the church at 4 p.m. and stop to eat on our way up to the cities before our work shift.

## Salvation Army Kettle Campaign

The spirit of giving will kick-off with Thanksgiving this year! The bell will ring one week at Thanksgiving and one week at Christmas. So it is time to start thinking about **BELL RINGING!!** Fred's has again volunteered their store as our location. Thanksgiving Schedule: Weekdays: November 20, 21, 24, 25 and 26 from 3-7 p.m. Saturday: November 22 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Sunday: November 23 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. We recommend two hour shifts. It is nice to have two people per shift, but not necessary. Please sign up by Monday, November 17 for the Thanksgiving Campaign by calling Deb Jelinek at 507 364-8021. Early December watch for details for signing up for the Christmas Campaign.



## Soldier Packages

The Evangelism Committee is collecting items for the Soldiers' Christmas Packages that will be sent out the week of November 9. There's a box in Fellowship Hall for non-perishable items. If you would like to give a cash donation, make check payable to St. John Lutheran, write soldier package in memo line and put in offering plate or drop off at the church office.



## Simply Giving Program

Dear St. John Lutheran Members,

God's grace, peace and joy be yours!

I'd like to ask you to consider participating in a program we are offering our members that simplifies and extends our regular giving option.

The **Simply Giving** Program endorsed by Thrivent Financial Bank enables every household or individual to give church offerings through electronic funds transfer (EFT). You may already be using EFT to have your mortgage, car payment or insurance premium automatically withdrawn from your checking or savings account. Now your financial gift to our congregations' ministry can be regular and "off the top," just like these other commitments.

There is no cost to you. Just think—you won't have to write 52 checks a year. And you won't have to wonder where you put your church offering envelopes. Please take a look at the enclosed information and consider whether your stewardship would be enhanced by this convenient, consistent way of giving. It will be especially handy when your summer travels begin!

If you would like to participate through your checking account, complete and return the enrollment form along with a voided check. To participate through a savings account, include a savings deposit slip. If you would like to use your credit card, complete the credit/debit card section.

Please note that if you elect to give weekly, transfer will be made on Mondays. If you elect to give monthly, check either the 1st or the 15th. Semi-monthly payments will be transferred on the 1st and 15th of each month.

Please indicate the fund(s) and the amount you wish to donate to each category. Then, total your gift at the bottom. Forms should be turned in to the church office. We suggest that you use an effective date of two weeks from now. That will allow time for the paperwork to go through. Use your regular offering envelope until that time. It's that simple! If you have questions, please contact Kay Busch in the church office.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration of this giving opportunity.

Blessings,

Church Council  
Stewardship Committee

Authorization Form on back of this sheet.

### Online Giving Option!!!

We are excited to announce that you can now manage your giving online! Giving online is easy and allows you to set up one time giving or automatic recurring contributions and view your complete online giving history from anywhere you have access to the Internet. Contributions can be debited automatically from your checking or savings account or processed using your credit or debit card. Just visit our website at [www.montgomerymelcalutherans.org](http://www.montgomerymelcalutherans.org) and click on donate button, then follow onscreen instructions.





# ST. JOHN YOUTH

## **Shoebox Wrapping Event**

Little League (3rd-5th) will be packaging shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child on Sunday, Nov. 16th from 11-1:30, lunch is provided. Youth are encouraged to bring along one item to place in the shoe boxes. Parents are encouraged to attend to help wrap the shoe boxes. Please sign up on the youth board if you plan on attending.

## **Poinsettia Fundraiser**

The annual Poinsettia Fundraiser has begun. Poinsettias will be sold throughout the month of November and during coffee hour on Nov. 23rd. Poinsettias will be delivered in time for your Christmas Holiday. Please contact Amber Athey with any questions.



## **Youth Check-In for October**

St. John's youth were busy this past October. We started the month off by horseback riding at River Valley Ranch on Oct. 5th with all leagues. The day was a bit chilly, but our horses galloped and trotted us through God's beautiful country side.

Junior league (6th-8th) had a pizza and pumpkin decorating party on Oct. 19th where they each decorated a pumpkin and a placemat. The placemats will be donated to the Meals on Wheels program and handed out during their Thanksgiving meal.

On Saturday, Oct. 25th there was a 5th grade first communion retreat in which they were taught about the meaning of receiving first communion. The day was spent learning and playing together.

Lastly, congratulations to St. John's 2014 confirmation class. What a great group of young men and women who are rooted in Christ's ways.

*Amber Athey*

## **Coffee Sales**

We will continue to sell ground and whole bean coffee from the European Roasterie. They are available at \$9 per bag. If you are interested in purchasing, please find Amber Athey during coffee hour. Our current flavors on hand include Maple Almond Scone, Apple Cinnamon Streusel, Spiced Butter Rum, Maple Pecan Streusel, Caramelized Pralines, Golden Maple Syrup, Oatmeal Cookie, Autumn Swirls and Pumpkin Cheesecake. Other flavors include: Church Ladies, Breakfast Brew and Jamaican Me Crazy.



## **Pop Tab Collection**

We will be collecting pop tabs to donate to the Ronald McDonald House charities. Containers will be available to deposit your pop tabs in the Youth Room, Sunday School office, and church office.