

Saint Michael Lutheran Church

"Drawing people to God's love in Jesus, and empowering them to become fully devoted followers of Christ"

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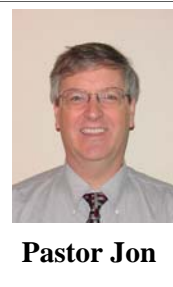
August, 2009 (No. 92)

From the Pastor

Rev. Jon Zehnder, Senior Pastor - email jon.zehnder@smlcs.org

Pastor's Notes **"Living Beyond Yourself"**

"For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." (Eph 2:10)



Pastor Jon

Let me share an introduction from a book that I've been reading this summer:

"Imagine what would happen if people in the church took up serving towels, draped them over their arms and willingly (even joyfully) served other people in their everyday lives. Such attitudes and actions would change our world! In my view, people are never closer to living out the teachings of Jesus than when they are adding value to someone else's life. And people who are far from God are rarely more impacted than when they see 21st century Christ-followers behaving as Jesus behaved."

We're going to have the opportunity this month to really think about what it means to be "the church in mission". And when the writer of Ecclesiastes decided to try to figure out the purpose of his life – he started by accumulating a vast sum of money only to discover that it didn't provide the meaning that he had hoped for. So he tried power, got it and discovered that it didn't satisfy him either. Then he pursued pleasure and fame and celebrity and concluded that in spite of his best efforts, it was useless – like trying to chase the wind.

Friends, we were not created, we were not redeemed in order to chase the wind! We were created, redeemed and restored to join God on His mission – to be His ambassadors as though He were making His request through us! (2 Cor 5:20) God is at work in our world, in our community, filling His followers with grace and mercy and the power we need to call this broken planet to Jesus Christ.

And the power of the church is the **power of everybody** as men and women, young and old, offer their gifts to work out God's plan. **You** have gifts and talents that you were born with; the passions that inspire you; the blessings of education; the skills that you've honed at home or work; the life experiences that have matured you; the pain that has deepened you; the love of neighbor that spills from God's heart into yours! **These are all powerful tools for good that God has lavished on you as His children SO THAT we can lavish that goodness on others!**

That's why we want to invite and challenge you this new ministry year to jump in –

- as a servant of Jesus, with a willing heart, an open mind and a towel over your arm
- we want to encourage you to come one time to a serving opportunity, check it out – no strings attached

...and at a minimum, serve somewhere one hour each month.

So that is the challenge that lies before us – that there would be a volunteer revolution at St. Michael where we unleash the power of everybody!

Sermon Series

Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. Remember, BYOB (Bring Your Own Bible):

- 08/02—*"The Golden Rule"* (Matt. 7:12)
- 08/09—*"Follower vs. Admirer"* (Matt. 7:28-29)
- 08/16—*"Living Beyond Myself"* (Serving) (John 13)
- 08/23—*"Me a priest?"* (1 Peter 4:10)
- 08/30—*"Jump In"* (Romans 12)

Regular Worship Services

Wednesday

June-August, 2009 no Illuminate worship or Adult Bible Study; however the Youth will still meet at:

† 7:00 - 9:00 Middle & High School

Saturday 5:30 p.m. ~ Informal

Sunday 8:00 a.m. ~ Traditional

10:45 a.m. ~ Blended

Way Station Sunday School & Bible Class, 9:15 a.m.

From our Music Ministry

Accompanists Needed: Our Saint Michael 4th Grade, 5th Grade, and Middle School choirs are in need of a volunteer pianist to accompany for rehearsals and performances. If you would like to help in any way, and for more details, please call or email Mr. John Payne: 939-4711 ext. 238, john.payne@smlcs.org.

Special Thanks...

Special thanks to all of our Saint Michael Family for your thoughts and prayers with the recent passing of Pat's parents. This was especially stressful for our family in that Pat's father passed away first and then 6 weeks & 1 day later, her mother also passed away. We most definitely felt the comfort that you all were praying for on our behalf. We love you all.

Pat and Dean Hartman

The Principal's Principles!

Robert J Ziegler - email robert.ziegler@smlcs.org



Blessings Abundant

We have had another busy and wonderful summer to refresh ourselves. Our joy comes from recognizing His blessings on our lives as we receive God's love and protection. As we reflect on God's goodness, it prepares us well for another school year at St. Michael. This year's classes begin on Wednesday, August 19th. We ask for your continued prayers of support this school season as we daily share God's abundant love and blessings using His direction for our school students, families, teachers, and staff.

In Christ,

From Thrivent Financial

Late in 2008, Congress renewed a simple and convenient way for individuals to give to charities from their Individual Retirement Account (IRA). The Tax Extenders and Alternative Minimum Tax Relief Act of 2008 provides taxpayers the opportunity to make gifts to charity using IRA assets. Distributions from Traditional IRA accounts are normally subject to federal income taxes. These provisions in the law permit an IRA distribution that is directly given to a qualified charity to be made without having to pay taxes on the amount distributed. If you were planning to use funds from your IRA as a gift to your church, these provisions permit your gift to go directly to God's work without creating taxable income. This extension expires December 31, 2009.

Some provisions of this act are:

- The IRA owner must be at least 70 ½ years of age at the time of the gift.
- Up to \$100,000 of gifted distribution is allowed during the tax year.
- Only public charities, such as churches, are qualified recipients of these distributions.

The distributions must be made directly to the qualified recipient (contact your IRA Custodian to ensure your compliance).

You can use your IRA charitable distribution to support any of your congregation's ministries:

- Pay your annual tithe.
- Make a gift to the annual church budget.
- Support the work of a specific ministry.
- Make a gift to an endowment fund.

This opportunity is a means of easing the tax burden associated with IRA distributions while advancing the Lord's work. To learn more about utilizing this opportunity contact your IRA custodian or Thrivent Financial for Lutherans representative at 239-277-1990.

For those interested...

AN INVITATION: There is a TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meeting held every Friday, 10am-11:30am at Zion Lutheran Church, 7401 Winkler Rd; phone 481-4040. You are invited to check us out. It's inexpensive and works. Any questions see Kathy Zehnder or call her at 239-267-1414.

Amigos en Cristo

www.amigoscenter.org or (239) 437-6727

Pastor Robert Selle; Executive Director

bobselle@amigoscenter.org

From Strangers to Sisters

By Ashby Greenlee

Looking into Pat Tilson and Beatriz Rondon's eyes, the love and respect they have for one another is heart-warming. Four years ago, Pat and Beatriz met as strangers with very little in common, including language. Pat had decided to volunteer with Amigos Center as an English tutor. Beatriz had fled from Venezuela to the States due to political corruption and unrest. Upon her arrival, she immediately realized that to survive and succeed in America, she would need to learn English. She began her classes with Pat through Amigos Center and also began to slowly climb that ladder toward citizenship. The relationship has grown over time and they now refer to each other as sisters. Immigrants often experience a deep sense of loneliness and longing for their family members back home and this relationship has definitely eased some of that pain for Beatriz. Pat says "their one-on one time together has meant so much to both of them." We are happy to report that Beatriz received her green card this year and is now in line for citizenship. "If one falls down, his friend can help him up. But pity the man who falls and has no one to help him up!" Ephesians 4:10 May this story be an encouraging reminder for all of us to reach out to befriend and love one another.



Book your Field Trip Now!

Before we know it our snowbirds will be back! One great way to re-unite and catch up with friends upon their return is a fun-filled field trip. Talk to your Bible studies, clubs, and neighbors and plan an excursion to see our center in Immokalee or take a tour of the Bonita Springs Amigos Center! Call Ashby now at 239-560-5805 and set up an outing for a time that fits your schedule whether it be a morning, afternoon or weekend!

VBS

Crocodile Dock is coming to Immokalee! Each evening during the week of August 17-21; we could use help buying snacks and crafts, and we could use a helping hand during the week to make it a success. Call Sarah Willig at 239-784-8474

Give thanks to God for...

- Approved inspection of first trailer in Manna Christian and for its supporters—A successful completion of Project Hope.

Pray for...

- Upcoming VBS and other outreach projects.

Nurturing Notes from the Director of Christian Education (DCE)

Email lori.schwan@smlcs.org ~ Phone (239) 939 - 4711 x224

Lori Schwan



Notes from the DCE

"Special Touches"

Recently as I have been making home visits to families with children under 2, I have noticed how easy it is to

be used by God to make a special touch on His behalf. Bringing an infant into a family is life-changing for everyone involved. Here at St. Michael, we are launching our nursery roll ministry by supporting our families with infants and toddlers.



From birth until a child is three, we will periodically give different resources as part of our nursery roll ministry such as:

- † A memory sticker calendar to record a child's firsts, including those related to faith development
- † A baby blanket from the women of our Prayer Shawl Ministry who pray for the parents and children
- † A baptismal book for parents
- † A prayer booklet for parents of infants
- † A CD with kids singing Christian songs and hymns
- † A baptismal medallion with the child's name and baptismal date engraved
- † A Bible book for toddlers
- † A series of pamphlets for each stage with special notes for dads and moms

In addition we would like to add another component to nurture our young families by providing a meal for them within the first few weeks of bringing their infant home. If you would like to be called on from time to time to cook a meal, contact Sheila Ward, our Nursery Roll Food Coordinator, at 267-4646 or wards1973@embarqmail.com.

During my visits, parents have welled up in tears as they receive a gift bag full of precious tools to help raise their child in faith, knowing that people in the congregation are praying and supporting them as parents. Thank you for continuing to support them as they raise a new generation of Christ followers. We really can make a difference with special touches of grace to each other.



Children's Ministry

Plan to join us for Rally Day on Sunday, Aug. 30. We will meet in the gym with the whole congregation for a 5th Sunday Breakfast and then end with in our various classes to meet up with our teachers and other Way Station Staff.



Would you like to

join our Way Station

team next year as we ministry to the children 3 years old - 5th grade on Sunday mornings? We are recruiting adults with all different abilities and passions to be a part. Contact our Way Station Director, Kati Miser if you are interested (768-6971 kmiser@comcast.net).

Summer Sunday School

Through Sunday, Aug. 23 from 9:15-10:30 in the Early Childhood and Adult Learning Center, kids are checking out the different kinds of vocations that God has for people in the Bible and today. There are two classes one for those entering preschool 3-Kindergarten in Rm. #10 and one for those entering 1st-5th grade in Rm. #5. We could use a few substitutes; If you would like to volunteer for a week or two, contact Lori Schwan.

Vacation Bible School



We praise God for providing over 75 youth and adult volunteers who sunk their teeth into our Crocodile Dock VBS and fearlessly shined the light of Christ to the kids from our congregation and into our community. Each child stuffed a comfort critter turtle, made by our Women's Prayer Shawl

Ministry. Those will be distributed by through our local Salvation Army to children in crisis. If you missed the worship service on July 26, come to Rally Day's 5th Sunday Breakfast in Aug. to get a glimpse of the fun and learning we did.

Youth Ministry

Middle School Summer Sunday School

Come join Kristina Rendon and the incoming 6th-8th graders in the band room each Sunday from 9:15-10:30 as you learn to shine your lights for Christ at Bayou Bash.

High School Sunday School

Come check out the new color of the youth room, hang on the couches and see what God has to say about how He wants us to get a makeover like our room. Sue Clark and the rest of the high school students welcome the incoming 9th graders each Sunday morning to hear life questions and be a part of discussing how our faith applies.

Nurturing Notes continued...

Confirmation for our Middle School Students

We will be launching confirmation August 23. Families will get a letter in the mail explaining details. We look forward to a great year with our new 6th – 8th graders as we explore our Lutheran Faith.

Help Feed Our Community

St. Michael has responded well to the need to assist the Salvation Army in feeding about 400 children and adults on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays at a local elementary school. They are serving through August 14 from 9:00 AM - 2:30 PM. Several high school youth or adult volunteers are needed each day. Contact Lori if you are interested in serving.



Middle and High School FOCUS



New 6-12th Grade Students, want to reconnect with friends in the middle of the week? Join us on Wed. nights from 7-9 PM on our St. Michael campus for games, a devotion, and friends.

High School Mission Trip to Eustis, FL

We praise God that He enabled 10 high school youth and 3 adults from our congregation to join over 150 high school students and adults from the FL-GA District July 26-Aug. 1 to rebuild areas in Lake County, FL damaged in Tropical Storm, Faye. Missionaries will share some of their experiences on Sunday, Aug. 30th at Rally Day's 5th Sunday Breakfast.

High School Destination Unknown

Incoming 9-12th graders, join us as we spend an evening without knowing where you will land or what you will do. Parents should drop off at St. Michael at 5 PM and then they will be told secretly where to pick you up at midnight after our last activity. Watch your mailboxes for more details about what to bring. RSVP by Wed. Aug. 5. Adult drivers are needed.

Rock the Universe

On Sat. Sept. 12 we will be going to **Universal Studios for Rock the Universe**. We have 110 spots available for middle and high school students and adults. We will meet at St. Michael on Sat. at 10:30 AM, head out in two buses, stop for lunch on the way, be in the park from 4 PM – 1:00 AM watching concerts (see list below) and riding rides. After the park closes, we will head home, returning early Sunday morning (approx. 4:30 AM). **Cost is \$80**, which includes park ticket, bus, t-shirt and snack. **Deadline is Thursday, Aug. 20.** Bands include: **Third Day, Casting Crowns, tobyMac, Hawk Nelson, The Afters, Group 1 Crew, New Method.**



Youth Room Facelift

Thanks to a family who responded to our request for a foosball table. High School youth who want to be a part of phase two of painting should wear old clothes on Aug. 5th and 12th from 7-9 PM as we paint the youth gaming space.

Youth Calendar What's Happening in August 2009!

Aug. 2	9:15-10:30 AM	Summer Sunday School
Aug. 5	7:00-9:00 PM	HS & MS Summer FOCUS – Paint!
Aug. 8	5:00PM-Midnight	Destination Unknown
Aug. 9	9:15-10:30 AM	Summer Sunday School
Aug. 11	5:30 PM	Youth Board
Aug. 12	7:00-9:00 PM	HS & MS Summer FOCUS – Paint!
Aug. 16	9:15-10:30 AM	Summer Sunday School
Aug. 19	7:00-9:00 PM	HS & MS Summer FOCUS
Aug. 20		Deadline for Rock the Universe
Aug. 23	9:15-10:30 AM	Confirmation with Parents and Sun. Sch.
Aug. 26	7:00-9:00 PM	HS & MS Summer FOCUS
Aug. 30	9:15-10:30 AM	Rally Day

Music Ministry Notes

(Excerpt taken from the complete Director of Music Ministry report for our fiscal year, see www.smlcs.org under Music Ministry.) ..Thank you to the volunteers among us who took leadership in all aspects of our worship, and to those who found joy in musically proclaiming Christ: to all Altar Guild servants, all ushers, all lectors, those who clean the sanctuary weekly, those who stuff bulletins and count offerings, those who decorate for the Church seasons, all communion assistants, all elders, deacons, and Steven Ministers, all acolytes and crucifers, all greeters, and those who have helped with visual and aural mechanics; to all choir members, bell ringers, soloists, song leaders, accompanists, instrumentalists, and those who sing heartily from the pews, who adorn God's Word and Sacraments with song, adults, youth, and children, thankfully too many to name, THANK YOU! It is truly remarkable when you see God's people working together to exalt Christ! ..."

Church Worker Training Update

This month from **Rebecca Schaaf**

I can't believe that in a few short weeks I will be returning to Concordia College in Seward, Nebraska as a junior. This summer I kept extremely busy taking classes at the beginning of summer. My brother flew up to visit me at school, tour the campus, and to help me drive my car home. We met the rest of my family in the Ozarks in Arkansas for vacation before returning home. My summer job was helping out as a substitute at Growing God's Way Daycare at McGregor Baptist Church. I look forward to returning to school in August to see my friends and get back to my hectic schedule. I will have a full schedule in the fall and will continue to work at a small boutique and babysit for the owner. I pray for safe travel as families return from vacations and students head back to school.

CARING MINISTRIES

by Julie Berchtold email julie.berchtold@smlcs.org



NEW...Check Out The Couple Checkup Questionnaire

On our Website at www.smlcs.org

What is the Couple Checkup? The Couple Checkup is designed to help you and your partner build a more satisfying and intimate relationship. Just answering the questions will stimulate thoughts and attitudes about your relationship. It is designed to activate dialogue, discovery, and increase the overall quality of your relationship.

Why take the Couple Checkup? The Couple Checkup will help you discover your strengths as a couple. Strengths are what enable you to enjoy, and to continue developing a healthy relationship. It will also help you identify issues that are threatening the vitality of your relationship and may need to be addressed.

Who can take the Couple Checkup? Whether you are dating, engaged or married, the Couple Checkup is valuable and relevant. After indicating the stage of your relationship, the Couple Checkup will automatically select applicable questions for you and your partner. It is designed for any couple desiring to enrich their relationship.

Will the Checkup be relevant for us as a couple? A powerful and unique aspect of the Checkup is that the questions are tailored to you as couple. Based on background questions you answer, your Checkup will be customized to include questions specific to your couple type.

How long does it take to receive our Checkup Report? Within 30 seconds after you have both completed the Checkup online, you may view and print your Checkup Report.

What feedback do we receive? You will receive a 15-20 page **Computer Report**, with your results broken down into relational categories. A **Discussion Guide** is also available to help you interpret the results.

What topics are covered in the Checkup? Twenty important relationship areas are explored. There are also questions about your personality and family-of-origin.

How much does the Couple Checkup cost? Unless you have a prepaid voucher, the Checkup costs **\$29.95**. Couples consider it an economical and worthwhile investment in their current and future relationship.

Who developed the Couple Checkup? The Couple Checkup was developed by Dr. David Olson and Dr. Peter Larson at Life Innovations in Minnesota.

Is the Couple Checkup scientifically accurate? The Couple Checkup is very accurate and is based on the highly respected PREPARE/ENRICH couple questionnaire. The Checkup has high levels of scientific rigor, which means the scores are reliable and accurate.

What if we have relationship problems? If you have issues that you are not able to resolve, it is important for you and your partner to get professional help before the problems escalate or cause resentment which will destroy the intimacy of your partnership.

An **Individual Profile** is obtained online to help you understand your relationship—whether you're dating, living together, engaged or married. Once your Individual Profile is complete, you can upgrade your account allowing your partner to take the inventory and produce a full **Couple Checkup Report** that reflects how you both view the relationship.

Persons trained in the PREPARE/ENRICH Program (including Pastor Jon Zehnder and Lee & Julie Berchtold) have been trained to give you feedback and help you resolve issues in your relationship.

Five Habits of Those Who Grieve Well

By Jim Auer

We're accustomed to hearing or reading that someone sings well or plans well, and our elementary school report card may have featured the classic, "Plays well with others." The word well fits such verbs easily and naturally. But "grieve well" may seem to be a contradiction, or even a poor attempt at scornful humor.

It's not. Grieving is a necessary task following the loss of a loved one, or any other significant loss- loss of health, of a pet, home, job, relationship, or physical ability. Like any other activity, we may grieve well or not so well.

The idea is not to "get good at it" so we can take satisfaction in our expertise, as we might with preparing a meal or decorating a room. The goal of grieving will is to help yourself move through a difficult period of life as smoothly as you can, under the circumstances. There are necessary tasks of grief that need to be accomplished, and the goal of grieving well is to do so without unnecessarily prolonging the grief.

If you are grieving, it may help to know of five habits which have enabled others to work through their grief favorably.

These five habits can be studied in the leaflet titled "Five Habits of Those Who Grieve Well. Please help yourself in the CareNote display. found in the narthex.

CareNotes

Bell Ringer Workshop August 29th

Would you like to get your hands on some handbells and see what all the fun is about? Join us at the church for our "End of the Summer Bell Workshop," Saturday morning, August 29, 9:00 - Noon, **for youth and adults**. Food, fellowship and registration begin at 8:30 a.m.

Perhaps you've thought about ringing in a bell choir but you wouldn't know where to begin. Or maybe you're an old hand at this and would like to brush up on your skills. We will practice ringing techniques, read notes and rhythms, and be introduced to the new music for our 2009-2010 season.

No commitment necessary! Come try it out and find out what's involved in being a St. Michael Bell Ringer (aka Dingaling ☺). And did I mention food?

Please RSVP to John Payne by phone or email. Hope to see you there!(939-4711 ext 238) or email, john.payne@smlcs.org.

DIVORCE Care Summer study now in session! **Separation or Divorce Hurts...** It's hard to know how to help someone who is going through a divorce. If you or someone you know is separated or divorced, help can be found at St. Michael. DivorceCare has a new summer session which meets **Thursday, 7-8:30 PM, from now until August 27th**, in the ECALC building. Contact Julie Berchtold for more information at 939-4711, ext 227. **Join anytime!**

From China!

Hello Friends! For my last newsletter I have decided to do a "Top 10" count- down of things I have learned since being in China! Don't worry, there will also be a brief update concerning July and August.

10. If you buy something to eat and you don't know what it is, make someone else try it first.
 9. When in doubt, nod and smile to the people who insist on speaking Chinese to you, even though it is quite obvious you have no clue as to what they are saying.
 8. Showing 22 Chinese girls "Braveheart" in your tiny apartment is never a good idea.
 7. Clothing will not fit you.
 6. You don't need to know what everything you eat actually is.
 5. Even if you haven't seen other foreigners in at least 2 months, it is not O.K. to approach new ones with a bear hug and tears of joy (apparently, it weirds them out).
 4. Chinese people will never let you pay for anything. EVER. Even if you force money into their hands and then try to run away really fast.
 3. Smoking is the male's national past time- while you drive, while you eat, while you play badminton, and probably while you sleep.
 2. Never agree to take a picture with a stranger, it will turn into a full-blown photo shoot, complete with wardrobe and scenery changes.
- *1. Everyone here needs the same thing we all need around the world — love from Above.**
*I already knew this one.

Well, it's been an exciting half a year, which went by extremely quickly! I will be back in Florida on July 2nd and will stay in the USA until August 30th; then I will head back to China for another year! Before all that happens though I need to distribute and grade my students' finals, pack for a move to a new city (Baoshan, China) and pack to come home. I have been extremely busy and there are many goodbyes and last minute preparations. I will take a break from writing a newsletter for the month of July, but there should be one for August. (*Publisher's note: sorry for the confusion, we are using Aurora's June letter for your August issue.*) If you would like to contact me by phone in America once I get home here is my number: 239-691-3509. Here is my email again: n00187067@gmail.com. So far this has been an incredible journey and I know next year will be even more informative and reflective of culture and beliefs. Can't wait to see you all- *Love and Peace—Aurora*



Students and me!

Fun Chinese fact: The Chinese word for *Panda* is literally "Bear Cat".

Board of Outreach

"Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with them, and they with Me." (Rev 3:20)



We know that the Holy Spirit calls and gathers and enlightens people through that Word, this good news about Jesus as Savior – doors are opened and people are enabled to believe in their heart and proclaim with their mouth that Jesus is their Savior (Rom 10:9).

It is up to us to share this Good News - person to person, heart to heart so that they may hear the voice of our Savior Jesus from us! And what a joy it is to know that God used us to make an eternal difference!

Parish Nurse

FALLS and Prevention

Facts on falls: On average, one of EVERY three adults over 65 falls each year.- Older adults who have fallen previously are 2-3 times more likely to fall again in the following year.- The first two weeks after discharge from the hospital are a high risk for falls; falls occur 4 times more frequently compared to 3 months after discharge.

Risk factors include - Balance Problems, Mobility Issues, Low Blood Pressure, Multiple Medications - 4 or more adds more risk, Home Hazards and Sensory Deficits.

PHILIPS LIFELINE IS OFFERING A \$55 coupon for the set up and equipment and a \$37 monthly fee for a 3 month minimum contract. You can call Lee Memorial Home Health Lifeline at 1-800-594-7061 and tell then your Parish Nurse gave you this referral.

Love and blessings,
Ann Sluiter, RN Parish Nurse

Also, please note, the next time for **SMLC Blood Donation is September 27th!**

Seniors On The Go

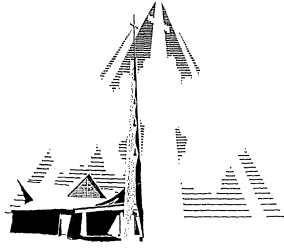


Plan to attend our next Senior Sunday Dinner to be held on AUGUST 9, 2009 at 12:00 Noon (immediately after late Sunday Church Service). Lars Marell has put together a beautiful video to show and tell us about his recent trip to Sweden.

On WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2009, we will be showing the fine movie, "LUTHER 2003" - The life of Martin Luther (1483-1546), his personal battles and his transformation from a simple monk into leader of the protestant movement. A show worth seeing even a second or third time. This will be held in the Joy Room where there are several soft comfortable seats. Light refreshments will be served. Be sure to add your name to the sign up sheet to be posted soon at our Senior's bulletin board.

Seniors and friends take special note and please be sure to make future plans to enjoy an evening at Broadway Palm Dinner Theater to see "A Christmas Carol" on Wednesday, December 2, 2009.

Contact **Marilyn Lehman at 239-242-0635** if you have questions or wish to purchase tickets.



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August 2

Richard Rybak...567-0149

Nancy Rybak
 Bill Truax
 Kathy Royston
 John Hoffmann
 Jack Pohlman

Elaine Everhart...543-8527

Dee Lemke
 Ted Booth
 Joyce Booth
 Diane Hendry
 Roy Hendry

August 9

Charles Cook...936-5969

Sharon Harrington
 Dale Mast
 Bob Richardson
 Jack Pohlman
 Kathy Royston

Frank Most...274-7789

Richard St. Dennis
 Mary St. Dennis
 Tom Kosteno
 Edna Shilling
 John Snell

August 16

John Hoffmann...936-8362

Nancy Rybak
 Richard Rybak
 Kathy Royston
 Don Zehnder
 Elaine Everhart

Dee Lemke...731-3727

Ken Fritsch
 Darlene Fritsch
 Tenna St. Dennis
 Breezy St. Dennis
 Leroy Waldren

August 23

Bill Truax...482-8411

Bob Stockley
 Charles Cook
 Elaine Everhart
 Bob Richardson
 Sharon Harrington

Richard St. Dennis-543-4314

Mary St. Dennis
 Chuck Oliver
 Debbie Hake
 John Snell
 Tom Kosteno

August 30

Bob Stockley...936-2348

Don Zehnder
 Jack Pohlman
 Elaine Everhart
 Dale Mast
 John Hoffmann

Leroy Waldren...939-5701

Frank Most
 Roy Hendry
 Diane Hendry
 Ken Fritsch
 Darlene Fritsch

Please contact the head usher if you are unable to serve as scheduled, or secure your own replacement. If YOU would like to serve as an usher, please contact the church office at 939-4711, and let us know which service you prefer.

Greeters

Aug 02	08:00 a.m.	Bob, Jessica & Nick Betancourt
	10:45 a.m.	Will & Marlene Jones
Aug 09	08:00 a.m.	Don & Kathy Zehnder
	10:45 a.m.	Phyllis, Krista & Sydney Hatcher
Aug 16	08:00 a.m.	Dorothy Smith
	10:45 a.m.	Carole Musich
Aug 23	08:00 a.m.	John & Janis Pohlman
	10:45 a.m.	Ellen Feige
Aug 30	08:00 a.m.	Emalyne Smyser
	10:45 a.m.	The Martin Family

Acolyte's Schedule

8:00 A.M.

10:45 A.M.

August 02

A—Justin Ecelbarger
 A—Troy Hasty

C—Jonas Schlotterbeck
 A—Lauren Abbott
 A—Ben Engstrom

August 09

C—Phillip Irish
 A—Chris Tice
 A—Sarah Tice

A—Chris Zinn
 A—Christian Bottorff

August 16

A—Hannah Wherry
 A—Kayla Wherry

C—Chris Tice
 A—Lauren Abbott
 A—Mary Katherine Boring

August 23

C—Joshua Denison
 A—Jonas Schlotterbeck
 A—Allison Dennison

A—Chris Zinn
 A—Chase Kollmann

August 30 —5th Sunday

A—Max Sickels
 A—Kyle Collins

A—Sheila Tracy
 A—Dustin Blair

If you cannot serve when scheduled, PLEASE find your own replacement AND also notify the office at 939-4711 by MONDAY of the change to Sunday Service and by Friday for a mid-week service. Names are printed in the bulletin according to this schedule.

Women's Bible Study

The Tuesday Women's Bible Study welcomes you to join in. Currently, we are meeting at 9:30 am each Tuesday. (We will return to the usual hour after school resumes.) We meet in the Pastor's Conference Room and our lessons are led by Dorothy Smith. We'd love to see you there!

St. Michael's Music Ministry

If you are interested in ringing bells, singing in choir, or participating in music in another form at church, you are encourage to contact our Director of Music, John Payne. He can be reached at 239-939-4711 x 238.