



The Messenger

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A Note from Your Council President

Hello Everyone!!!

Hope all of you are enjoying this beautiful autumn weather. The leaves are at their peak and they are beautiful. The 24th annual Leaf Peepers Festival was held in Davis last weekend and it was very nice. They had over 700 people registered for the 2k walk and the 5k run on Saturday. There are all types of vendors and bouncy houses for the kids. A car show was held on Sunday and entertainment was on Friday night and some on Saturday. If you have never attended the event, you should try and come next year. A good time is had by all.

We are still waiting to hear from Bishop Dunkin about a candidate for a new pastor here at St. John's. Let's keep the call committee in our prayers.

We do have lay persons already scheduled to do services with Pastor Randy Nairn, our interim pastor, coming once a month to do communion. Should you have any pastoral needs during this time, please contact Pastor Nairn at 301-501-2410.

The Sunday School will be starting practice on their Christmas Play in the near future. If any of you would like to help out, please let Andy or I know. We always appreciate help.

The annual Congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, October 7th right after church. Please try and attend.

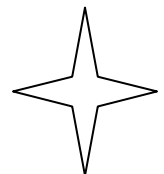
I ask God to help all of us as we look for a new pastor. I am sure he will lead us in the direction that we need to go and that is best for St. John's

Once again, I thank all of you for the wonderful job that you do at St. John's. You are all very special people

God Bless.
Kathy



Remember our **Annual Meeting, Sunday, October 7th after church.** Topics include adopting the budget, electing new church council members and learning about the **possible donation of the Mt. Hebron Cemetery** (Read article on page 3)



St. John's Financials

	Member donations	Income from endowment	Total Income	Expenses
January	\$3,435.50	\$3,885.65	\$7,321.15	\$7,925.25
February	\$2,206.50	\$664.99	\$2,871.49	\$4,571.21
March	\$3,298.00	\$308.12	\$3,606.12	\$83,091.35*
April	\$5,996.50	\$4,034.15	\$10,030.65	\$6,841.12
May	\$3,838.50	\$372.02	\$4,210.52	\$8,004.50
June	\$3,840.00	\$112.31	\$3,952.31	\$7,170.08
July	\$4,739.00	\$5,022.84	\$9,761.84	\$1,759.70
August	\$3,798.25	\$251.43	\$4,049.68	\$6,155.59*
Sub-Totals	\$31,152.25	\$14,652.51	\$45,803.76	\$125,518.80
Sale of Property in March			\$95,830.03	
Total			\$141,633.79	\$125,518.80

Income versus expenses is +\$16,114.99 Checkbook balance is \$2,105.01

* Includes an insurance bill for \$2,764.53

Bishop's Road Show By Bishop Ralph Dunkin

Dear Friends,

Today, my family received word that my father's lymphoma has returned. With it has come a decrease in his hemoglobin level and anemia. Tomorrow Dad will receive treatments to reverse this condition, like he did during the summer of 2011. I invite your prayers for my Dad, **Ralph N. Dunkin**, as well as for all of the above families.

On several occasions I have stated that this year is the one where we have faced more new calls than ever before. This movement continues. On September 9 Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Charleston issued a call to **Pastor Randolph Richardson** to be their next pastor. This new call will begin in November. **Pastor Jerry Kliner** was issued the call by St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran, Morgantown, WV and Pastor Kliner will begin this call on Reformation Sunday.

The above means that as soon as we fill a call, then we need to begin looking for a pastor for the call vacated. So far in September, I have meet with three church council's to discuss the call process, start them on their work for the "Ministry Site Profile, " and to secure interims. Later this month I will meet with two more council's to do the same.

The final step to that process is what we will celebrate on Sunday, September 30 with **Christ Lutheran, Vienna, WV** and **Pastor Emilie Theobald-Rowlands** .

God's blessings,

+ Ralph

To: Members of St. John's
Lutheran Church, Davis, WV:

This is an interesting opportunity that will be discussed at our Congregational Meeting Sunday, October 7th. Please attend and bring questions.

Mt. Hebron Cemetery is the oldest cemetery in Canaan Valley, founded in 1899 by Henry Jackson Cooper, a pioneer settler of Canaan Valley. The cemetery was established by Henry in association with Mt. Hebron Lutheran Church which was built in 1897 on one acre of land he donated.

Mt. Hebron is historically connected to St. John's Lutheran Church and it is likely that it shared one or more ministers with St. John's in its early years. Mt. Hebron Lutheran Church was disbanded before 1920 and the building was removed in the late 1940s. Today the lot on which it stood is the site of the home of Mary and Daryl Nash.

Mt. Hebron Cemetery is now known locally as Cortland Cemetery and is still in active use. The last burial was in 2008. The cemetery is cared for by a board of trustees consisting of Carl Harr, Tom Allman, Richard Allman and David Leshner. *The Mt. Hebron Cemetery board of trustees is seeking to donate the cemetery to St. John's Lutheran Church in the interest in providing a means for its continued care in the years ahead. The donation would be made without charge and would include more than \$16,000 in cash the cemetery now holds in reserve.* (Emphasis added by Andy)

Ownership of the cemetery has considerable money-making potential. There are more than 200 lots currently available for sale. At the modest price of \$200 for each lot, the potential exists for at least \$40,000 in income, and most likely a great deal more at higher prices in the years ahead.

The board of trustees decided to make first contact with St. John's because of its historic connection to Mt. Hebron Lutheran church and cemetery. For additional information and any questions, please contact the undersigned. The board of trustees will consider this offer open until November 1, 2012.

David C. Leshner
Treasurer and member, board of trustees,
Mt. Hebron Cemetery.
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Mt. Hebron, also called Cortland Cemetery is located off of Cortland Road in Canaan Valley.

Organ Update

The drainage system to keep our basement dry and mold free has been installed (see photo below). This means that Xaver Wilhelmy and Art and Pam Dodds will be back the first week of October to restart work on the installation of the pipe organ.

The drainage system is a sump pump (2 pumps on different circuits with a battery back-up), special drain lines and a commercial dehumidifier. So far, all is dry!! The company guarantees to keep our corner dry or they will come back out until it is.

Sump Pump



Dehumidifier





Prayer List

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Kenny Helmick
Bernettie Gnegy
Rev. Louise Knotts
Fay Cooper
Dick Wolfe
Emily LaBlanc
Ralph N. Dunkin

Melvin Ketterman
Karen Coberly
The Smiths
Charlotte White
Peter Shoenfeld
Frank Grove

The family of Daniel Illari Jr
The family of Daniel Illari
The family of Edie Walters
The family of Skeeter Ujcic
The family of Arthur Dodds
Michelle Gravelle

St. John's Church Council

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ELCA Effort Toward Controlling Malaria Yielding Successful Results

CHICAGO (ELCA) - Ackson Chisaka, a Lutheran pastor in Zambia, is witnessing firsthand how education about malaria, prevention and treatment of the disease is making a life-saving impact.

Enoch Shidola, a clinical officer at a health center in the same town where Chisaka serves, agrees and went so far as to report that, by a conservative estimate, malaria cases in Kashima, in Zambia's Mufumbwe northwestern region, have been reduced to half.

Chisaka and Shidola attribute this turnaround to the anti-malaria campaigns and programs of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Zambia and the Lutheran Evangelical Church in Africa (Zambia Diocese). In partnership with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) -- particularly through its ELCA Malaria Campaign -- these churches and others across Africa are contributing to the prevention, treatment and control of malaria, as well as considering how poverty further complicates alleviation of the disease.

Lutheran churches in Africa have reached thousands of members and community residents with information about malaria. In early 2012, more than 4,670 people in Zambia took part in "awareness sessions" designed to stress the importance of malaria testing and understand clinical treatment options, particularly in the first 24 hours after the appearance of symptoms. Church and community leaders were trained to lead awareness sessions, and more than 1,160 rapid diagnostic tests were distributed. More than 2,030 people with malarial symptoms were tested in several open clinics in the northwestern part of Zambia.

Prior to these campaigns, malaria symptoms often went untreated, according to Chisaka, and many people were unaware of what dangerous effects the disease can have, especially on children. Pregnant women would seek care from "traditional healers" who administered herbs that induced labor instead of seeking care from health clinics, he said.

Every 60 seconds a child dies of malaria, a treatable and preventable disease that kills more than 655,000 people a year, mostly children in Africa.

To help bring an end to malaria-related deaths, the ELCA has partnered with Lutheran churches, organizations and projects in 11 African countries through its ELCA Malaria Campaign.

Rolled out following an action of the 2011 ELCA Churchwide Assembly, the ELCA Malaria Campaign is uniquely positioned to provide mosquito nets, insecticides, medication, health care, education and more. A goal of the campaign is to raise \$15 million by 2015 to support the anti-malaria efforts of Lutheran churches and organizations in African countries.

From January to June 2012, 58 awareness sessions in Zimbabwe were carried out by "Malaria Focal Persons" about one every three days. More than 690 community members throughout Zimbabwe were trained in malaria treatment methods, including rapid diagnostic testing, intermittent preventive treatment and early treatment-seeking behaviors.

"The statistics are compelling, even more so when we realize that each awareness session, each rapid diagnostic kit, each dose of malaria medication represents entire lives that have been changed and enriched by the work of the ELCA Malaria Campaign," said Jessica Nipp Hacker, coordinator of the ELCA Malaria Campaign.

"Gifts to the ELCA Malaria Campaign have empowered our Lutheran sisters and brothers in Africa to provide necessary training and resources to their communities and to accomplish their malaria-control goals for 2012," said Nipp Hacker. "The continuing support of ELCA members will mean additional life-changing programs in years to come."

Information about the ELCA Malaria Campaign is available at www.ELCA.org/malaria.



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3 Food Pantry	4	5	6
7 9AM Blackwater 10AM Sunday School <i>11 AM Holy Communion</i> Pastor Randy Nairn Annual Meeting	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 9AM Blackwater 10AM Sunday School 11AM Service John Cooper, Lay Leader	15	16	17	18 Newsletter Deadline	19	20
21 9AM Blackwater 10AM Sunday School 11AM Service	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 9AM Blackwater 10AM Sunday School 11AM Service Melissa Brown, Lay Leader	29	30	31			

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Worship Times

Blackwater Ecumenical Chapel
9:00am Sunday
Blackwater Falls State Park Lodge
Davis

Coffee Fellowship 10:30 am
Traditional Liturgy
11:00am Sunday
St. John's Evangelical Church
3rd Street & Blackwater Ave., Davis



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