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Having a place for YOU!*

# The St. John's Evangelist

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**Lent**, in [Christian tradition](#), is the period of the [liturgical year](#) leading up to [Easter](#). The traditional purpose of Lent is the preparation of the believer — through [prayer](#), [penitence](#), [almsgiving](#) and [self-denial](#) — for the annual commemoration during [Holy Week](#) of the [Death and Resurrection of Jesus](#), which recalls the events linked to the [Passion of Christ](#) and culminates in Easter, the celebration of the [Resurrection of Jesus Christ](#).

Conventionally, it is described as being forty days long, though different [denominations](#) calculate the forty days differently. The forty days represent the time that, according to the [Bible](#), [Jesus](#) spent in the desert before the beginning of his [public ministry](#), where he [endured temptation](#) by [Satan](#).

This practice was virtually universal in [Christendom](#) until the [Protestant Reformation](#).<sup>[2]</sup> Some Protestant churches do not observe Lent, but most, such as [Lutherans](#), [Methodists](#), [Presbyterians](#), and [Anglicans](#), do.

Lent was also traditionally the term used to describe the period leading up to [Christmas](#) before the term [Advent](#) was officially recognized

March 2010

## Congregational Council Summary

GNB wants to paint the wall in the Social Hall for “Our Church Family” and put up pictures.

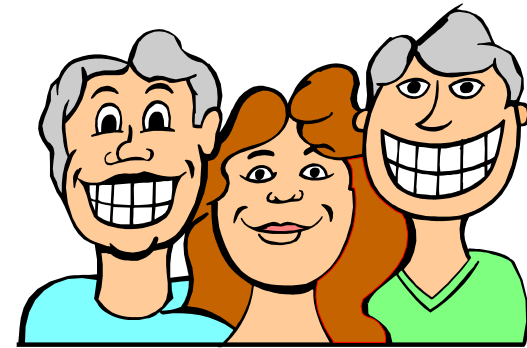
New Council Officers are **President**, Jeff Gest, **V. President**, Dean Suber, **Treasurer**, Rich Stewart, and **Secretary**, Teddie Kinney.

Welcome to all.

We are moving ahead with our Call to Pastor Karleen Kinker. She will be available on May 1, 2010.

We are considering having another Spaghetti Dinner to benefit the Parking Lot Fund. We are half way to our goal of \$2900.

Financial Summary: October & November of 2008	
Current Offering—December	7550.50
Current Offering—January	7602.50
<b>Needed each month for budgeted expenses</b>	<b>\$11,229.00</b>
Received in building fund—December	2850.00
Received in building fund—January	2807.62
<b>Monthly Mortgage payment</b>	<b>\$3395.86</b>
Note: The balance remaining on mortgage as of 12/31/09 is \$479,317.61.	



*Add your family photo here.*

Our family likes:

I like to :

We Like to:

Extended Family at St. John's are:

*Fill in and return to the church office by March 31.*

## “YOUR CHURCH FAMILY”

Who was that person next to me today in worship?

The Good News Bearers wants to help you become better acquainted with your church family.

We would like to have a “*Know Your Church Family*” wall in the Joy Social Center.

Please bring in a picture of yourself, yourself and spouse or family.

*Tell us about yourself.*

*(example)*

Our family likes: Camping, fishing, reading

I like to : Read, watch movies, bicycle

We Like to: Play golf, travel, cook new recipes

Extended Family at St. John’s are: Brother Bill, Mother, Jane Smith



*Watch for our spring  
Rummage Sale in May.  
Set aside your items that are outdated or  
you don't want anymore.  
This will be a fundraiser for our Youth*

*More information to follow*

## Notes of Appreciation

Thank you to Don Stover for cleaning the carpet in the church.



Thank you to Jeanette York & her helpers for all the hard work in the kitchen. It looks great.

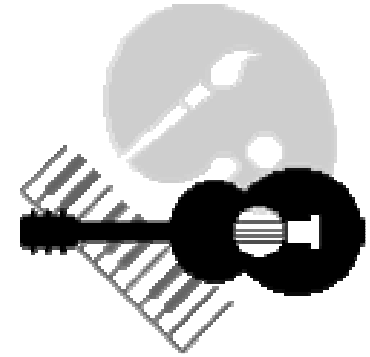


### News to Note.....

Watch for our Mother/ Daughter Banquet May 7  
Our Father/ Son Banquet July 16

The Holy Diggers will have a planning luncheon at the Oasis on Thursday, March 18 at 12:30 pm. Anyone interested in gardening is invited. Beginners are always welcome. Our meetings are sporadic depending on the garden needs.

April 17, Road Pick-up , We need workers.....

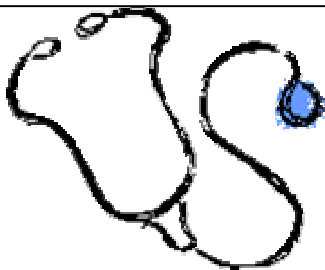


## Spirit Rhythms

Our next  
engagement is

April 24, 2010

***Arnold Alexander's  
Dixieland Band***

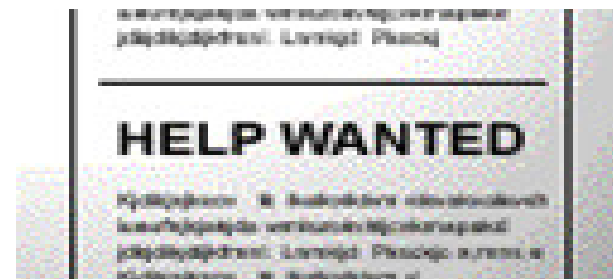


## HEALTH CARE MINISTRY

**Blood Pressure Clinic** will be  
 Sunday, March 14, 2010.  
 Come get your blood pressure  
 checked before worship or after  
 worship while waiting for the  
 Spaghetti Dinner

## TELECARE

Continues to be active and calling and keeping in touch with members of our church family. A new caller is needed since one person has resigned due to health matters. Interested? Like to visit on the 'phone'? Call Mary Recher, 279-9209 or Jane Reetz, 244-8779. Long winter evenings pass quickly if you are chatting with a friend.



Looking for 2 persons to work with Jeanette York as our **kitchen detail** to keep our kitchen clean and sanitary on a regular basis. Our kitchen has been neglected and we are going to correct that. If we care for it on a regular basis it will be much easier to keep up. If you are willing to donate a couple hours each month please contact Jeanette – 279-2534



## St. John's Community Garden



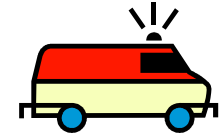
Grow food for your family, friends and community. Learn how to garden. Meet new friends. Sign up now to participate in the **Community Garden**. Feel free to invite your neighbors and friends to join. Sign up sheet is in the lobby of the church or call Bob Reetz, 269-8779

## Happy Birthday



Joan Bracy  
 Frances Fair  
 Dianne Foote  
 Betty Jones  
 Mark Kinney  
 Olive Kline  
 Richard Lull  
 Jane Reetz  
 Michael Roussin  
 Wanda Stauder  
 Marian Vergho

## HEALTH CARE MINISTRY



Please if you have not filled out an emergency contact card, see **Jane Reetz** and complete one. Emergencies occur when we least expect them and we need to know who to call for **You!** The next Blood Pressure Clinic will be March 14 before and after worship.

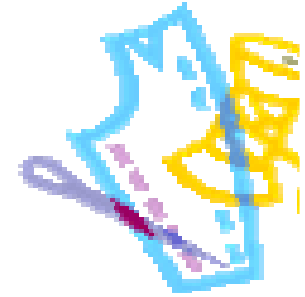


Next newsletter deadline is  
 March 19, 2010 for the  
 April issue. Please have all  
 articles to the office by  
 this date.

Thank you



## Stitch-in-Time



This group makes the  
 beautiful quilts to be sent  
 to Lutheran World Relief  
 Center, distributed around  
 the world to the needy. .



## ECN

Emergency Care Network

St. John's church family will be collecting each Sunday in March for their brothers and sisters in need of the following:



Paper Products.

Thank you for sharing and helping to care for those in need.

### CRASSH

Health kit items are still being collected through the first Sunday in March. Then they will be packed and mailed.

#### Includes:

1 hand towel/ dark color  
 1 wash cloth/ dark color  
 1 toothbrush  
 1 bath size soap in wrapping  
 1 sturdy comb  
 1 metal nail file or nail clipper  
 bandaids 1/2" to 3/4"

Sponsored by "CRASSH" Corps

## EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT



C. J. Miller's Eagle Scout project is to build a shelter for the prayer walk. Completion for this project is required by April. Donations for funding of building materials is necessary. C.J. has a drawing, Home Depot quote for materials and a donation basket on the table in the gathering area. Let's support this young man of our church family in completing his Eagle Scout Project.

### *We need your prayers!*

Total for materials	\$300.00
Total received	<u>110.00</u>
Balance	\$190.00