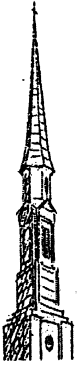


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## POWER IN THE BLOOD

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## ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH BLOOD DRIVE

Wednesday, January 4, 2012  
2:00PM – 6:30PM

*Contact Vicky Russell at  
633-3119 to schedule your appointment.*

*All presenting donors automatically entered into a drawing for  
a chance to win a pair of roundtrip DELTA Air Lines tickets!*

**A NOTE FROM THE MUSIC & WORSHIP COMMITTEE  
REGARDING OUR WORSHIP LEADER MINISTRIES**

12/19/2011

A open letter of "things to mention" and thanks to those members of St. John's Lutheran Church whose ministry is serving as acolytes; assistant ministers; readers; and children sermon leaders...and to any who might wish to serve :  
Many thanks for jobs well done serving our Lord through your ministry. Your passion for this service is obvious to me as I try to schedule turns.

There has been some confusion about pairing assistant ministers and readers together.

Some that serve in this ministry prefer **only** to read the lessons....while **all** assistant ministers have expressed a desire to read also.

In order to give everyone an opportunity to read...

I pair our readers-only with all assistant ministers, trying to alternate .....giving assistant ministers one Sunday paired with a reader and, for their next opportunity of service, giving them an opportunity to read the lessons within their assistant minister duties.

I ask that if you serve as an assistant minister, please, willingly share this ministry with readers-only so that as many of our congregants who desire.... can "lift up their voices" to give honor and glory through their service also.

Again, many thanks for serving in these ministries as we give back what God has first given to us.....our time, and our talents.

Pam Wolfe, member of the Music and Worship Committee (worship/and service scheduler)

**CHURCH UN-DECORATING  
PARTY**

**Saturday January 7<sup>th</sup>  
9:30AM**

*Come help take down the Chrismon Tree and other Advent/Christmas decorations  
as we prepare for the season of Epiphany.*

**ST. JOHN'S LADIES GROUP TO VISIT FARMER CHRISTIAN ACADEMY**

On Monday January 9<sup>th</sup>, all ladies (and men too!) are invited to meet at the church at 10:00am to travel to the Farmer Christian Academy for a tour of this school and group home for girls. The Ladies Group would also like to provide a gift certificate from Wal-Mart to go toward purchasing things the girls need. If you would like to make a cash donation toward the gift card you may give to either Marj Murdock or Welta Harrelson.

**ST. JOHN'S MAKES SIGNIFICANT FOOD PURCHASE FOR CUOC**

On Tuesday December 13<sup>th</sup> several members of St. John's met at Aldi's to purchase \$3000.00 worth of food, which had been appropriated by the congregation as part of benevolence funds. This was delivered to the Christian United Outreach Center (CUOC) food pantry. We were able to purchase; *288 jars of jelly, 240 cans of baked beans, 600 cans of tomatoes, 600 cans of corn, 480 cans of pork & beans, 600 cans of ravioli, 240 containers of grits, 120 containers of oatmeal, 120 boxes of rice cereal, and 120 boxes of corn flakes.* It should be noted that these were items CUOC specifically asked us to buy. Peanut butter was not purchased to go with the jelly as they stated they already had plenty.

**MILESTONE ANNIVERSARY:** In 2013, St. John's will be celebrating its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Plans for the celebration will be made during the upcoming year. If you have suggestions or would like to be on the planning committee for this historic event, please let one of the Witness committee members know. One idea that has been discussed was to have a calendar printed that featured one of the groups or committees each month. After checking with printing companies, we feel that it is cost prohibitive. If anyone has software and would be willing to design and print 100 copies on their home computer, please contact a Witness committee member to make us aware that there is another solution available. Thank you so much for giving consideration to this important upcoming event.

**GREETERS:** Please check your mailboxes in mid-December to get your Greeter Schedule for 2012.  
*Thanks! From the Witness Committee*

**FORMER ST. JOHN'S PASTOR PUBLISHES BOOK**

Professor Mark Ellingsen, Professor of Church History at the interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta, Georgia, and member of the NC Synod, has announced the publication of his most recent book, *Sin Bravely: A Joyful Alternative to a Purpose Driven Life* (2009, 160pp., ISBN 978-0826429643; \$16.95; Discounted price: \$11.00). Sin Bravely is an evaluation and critique of Rick Warren and Prosperity Gospel preachers like Joel Osteen, aiming at offering the public a Lutheran vision of life. Ellingsen says that this short book, being acquired by many public libraries, is a perfect intro to Lutheranism and a great Christian Education tool for our congregations.  
Dr. Ellingsen was pastor at St. John's from 1990-1993.

