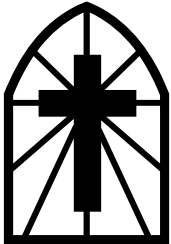


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Pentecost 2009

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SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday Worship
10 AM
June 7 – August 30



WOMENS PICNIC

August 18th



VBS

Crocodile Dock

July 20 - 23

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MISSION STATEMENT

St. Bartholomew Lutheran Church, in service to the Lord Jesus Christ, is a community of believers that hears the Word of God, Celebrates God's grace in the Sacraments, and shares God's love in word and deed.

Dear Members and Friends of St. Bartholomew,



In Christ,

Over the years, I have been privileged to be the guest preacher and worship leader at various times. With the marriage and moving of Pastor Moeser, I am happy to say that I hope to be your Interim Pastor until a new Pastor is called.

from the Pastor's desk

I have always been impressed with St Bart's, as a congregation that is trying to be of service to our Lord and the people of our community here in Trenton. Hopefully, I will be able to assist you in this.

From anything I can see, Pastor Pancoast did a superior job working with you for the years she was here. There is a healthy core of worshipping Christians here, with a variety of ages from the youngest to the oldest. You also have people from a variety of ethnic backgrounds. I can add an Italian name to that variety.

We are living in difficult economic and spiritual times. Hopefully, together we will be able to continue serving our Lord and living up to His command to let His Spirit fill our lives and the lives of the people with whom we come in contact. I pray this will be true not only on Sunday morning, but also wherever we are during the week.

The first concern of any Christian is worship. I ask you to give the most serious consideration to being here at St Bartholomew's each and every Sunday and at other times in the week when we gather for meetings and other activities. You need the Lord's touch in your daily lives, as do I. When we are together I hope soon to be able call you by name – but I have to admit that I am a bit more forgetful than I used to be and so I ask for your patience.

God's blessings
Rev. David Mangiante
Vice Pastor

Please contact Pastor Mangiante whenever you are in need of pastoral care or are aware of others who may be in need of pastoral care.

This includes:

- sickness,
- hospitalization,
- times of crisis when things are out of control or down times,
- times of decision when you are not sure of what to do,
- when someone is near death,
- when there has been a birth,
- when contemplating marriage

Just to name a few.

If you cannot reach Pastor Mangiante (609-265-2472) than contact the church office.



CRAFTING THROUGH
GOD'S LOVE
DEDICATION ON
APRIL 26' 2009

Thank You!

- ❖ Thank you **Carol Andrejco, Mary Cooper, Rosalie Conover, Bob Eversberg, Barb Fletcher** (coordinator), **Debbie Formoso, Mildred Marcelle, Andy McManus, Crystal & Danielle Mura, Virgie Plantier,** and **Jenn Sullivan** for bringing soup and bread for the *Lenten Soup Suppers*. We had some great homemade soups and wonderful dinner fellowship. *The editor sends her sincere apologies if anyone was mistakenly omitted.*
- ❖ Thank you to **Jenn Sullivan, John Conover,** and **Barb Fletcher** for leading and contributing to the Glory of God that was given during the Lenten Wednesday Services.
- ❖ Thank you to **Edna Browne** who makes the Servants in God's Family volunteer schedule each quarter.
- ❖ Thank you to all who helped make the church ready for the Easter celebration.

Thank You for a Great Sunday School Year

A big thank you to **Howard and Lisa Adcock** who taught the 5th – jr. high school, to **Katrina Andrejco and Debbie Formoso** who taught the 1st – 4th graders, to **Gwen Childs, Barbara Schendlinger, and Vickie Sobke,** who taught the pre-school and kindergarten children. Because of their commitment to teaching others more about God's work in each of our lives, we have a quality youth Sunday school program. Thank you also to all the parents who brought their children to Sunday school. Thanks to all who participated in Adult Education to learn more about our faith. **THANK YOU!**

Mark your calendars

Sunday school begins again on September 6th

Dear Pastor and members,

With sincere gratitude for your kindness. Thank you very much for the many Sunday meals. I am very grateful!

Love, Katherine (Hazel) Heath
3-16-09

Among Members & Friends

Births

Sophia Maria Mount was born on March 6, 2009 to Cristin and George Mount.

Michael Anthony Calderone was born on March 26, 2009 to Kelly and Joseph Calderone. He is welcomed by his older brother, Joey. Both babies are welcomed by their grandparents Ann and Bob Hough.



Weddings

Our sincere congratulations to Antoinette Raider and Keith Landgraf, who were married on May 19th, 2009.



Deaths

We offer our sympathy to the family of Dolores Potts who died on April 27th. Dolores was a long time member who was baptized at St Bartholomew in 1930.

World Hunger Appeal

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Emma Brink
Hazel Heath
Elsa Metcalfe

World Hunger Appeal. The offering from the Wednesday Evening Lenten Services went to world hunger. Together we raised about **\$450.00**. Thank you to all who gave to help those in need!



**NATURAL CHURCH
Development -
Loving Relationships**

The NCD Spiritual Health Team has essentially completed its work for this most recent cycle of Natural Church Development. We will continue to monitor the success of the initiatives we implemented during this cycle, but we will reserve any further actions pending the call of a new Pastor. As always, questions and comments from the congregation are welcome at any time and can be directed to Barb Fletcher. Thank you for your continued support of NCD here at St. Bart.

**NEIGHBORHOOD
FEST**

**COMING SOON
SEPTEMBER 26th.**

If you are interested in helping, please contact Dick Cooper (609) 888-3506. Greeters, "chiefs", set up and tear down along with other positions need filling.



**ST. BART
"GOOD NEWS" KIDS' CLUB**

The St. Bart "Good News" Kids' Club has just about completed its spring season, and we have scheduled a brand new set of sessions for the summer: **June 20, August 1 and September 19.** The Kids' Club continues to meet in Fellowship Hall on scheduled Saturdays between **1:00 and 4:00 p.m.** We have a nice lunch together, explore Bible verses and lessons, play some games, and do an arts and craft project. Sometimes we go to the park for some extra fun. Our attendance ranges from seven to fifteen children, and the good Lord seems to provide us with new children all the time. During the spring sessions, we learned how to be the Body of Christ, and we explored the importance of praying and reading the Bible to build a close relationship with Jesus. The children recently planted flower bulbs in our church garden and learned about ways to grow in their faith. We plan to include a special service project for this summer.

The goal of this ministry has been to provide the children of our surrounding neighborhood with important spiritual lessons, and loving and supportive relationships, in order to help them withstand the challenges of inner-city life. We pray that God will work through us to ensure that St. Bart is seen as a safe, loving and fun place for the kids in our community. We have truly been blessed to share God's love with some great kids who need Him in the center of their lives. We ask you to offer your continued prayers for the success of this outreach ministry, and to consider joining us in this important effort. There are many ways to help and much joy to experience in return. Barb and Jack Fletcher can be contacted for more information.



Refugee Resettlement Ministry



(JACK

FLETCHER)

God's work here at St. Bartholomew has eased the transition of life in America for many refugees, may God continue to bless these soon to be Americans and our congregation. The Lord continues to bring people from Burma, and Nepal. This year we expect 20 new families to arrive. Eight families have arrived since our last newsletter. Three families from Burma, and five families from Nepal, so as you can see there are many more families yet to come. Some of these families have been reunited with relatives that have already been settled here, while others are trying to find their way on their own and need a lot of guidance so that they can get acclimated with their new way of life.

As reported in the last newsletter we have seen God's grace in the birth of a healthy baby girl, Magnolia Si, and a healthy boy, Avhimanu, and we are awaiting the birth of two more babies this year. June babies. As a result of our teaching people how to drive, two more families have acquired automobiles and can enjoy some more of the freedom that America has to offer. The joy of being witness to these people overcoming the hardships in this new country is so fulfilling. Praise God.

With warm weather here it is time for planting and this year we will be helping people to plant their own vegetable gardens. So any left over vegetable plants that you may have, let us know and we will put them to good use to feed someone. This new endeavor will also help to fill in some idle time that many people have while they wait eagerly for the opportunity to work and provide for their families. Tending to a garden will help provide the feeling of a life that had to be left behind.

Remember that these people come here with very few things, so let us continue to keep them not only in our prayers but to remember the things that are needed to run a house: pots, pans, and cooking utensils. Also needed is: good used twin or full size mattresses, linens and blankets, tv's and vcr's(with tapes) or dvd players to be used to help improve their English, toys, and clothing(a larger majority of the people are small framed people so those are the only sizes of clothing that is needed, larger sizes can be donated to help those Americans which also are in need).

Lastly, while all these things are needed and have freely been given the thing that is needed the most is friendship. Webster's New World Dictionary defines a friend as: a person on the same side in a struggle; one who is not an enemy or foe; ally. A supporter or sympathizer.

God continues to do amazing things through us at St. Bartholomew, by providing His comfort, love and friendship to those who have been forced to leave their homelands and family members because of war, oppression, and persecution. To God goes all the Glory! Peace

Seminary Sunday

On Sunday, May 3, St Bartholomew held a Seminary Sunday to provide prayers and support for our Region 7 seminary, The Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia (LTSP). The mission of LTSP is to provide the education needed for the future leaders of congregations like ours. This return to a traditional, annual Seminary Sunday will help strengthen our ties to LTSP and educate our congregation on the importance of the seminary in the life of all the region's one thousand congregations. In addition, we used this opportunity to financially support the seminary.

During worship on Seminary Sunday, a special offering was taken for the seminary's Leadership Fund, which supports financial aid to seminarians and day to day operating expenses at LTSP. Your gifts were essential during this time to help the seminary continue to carry out its mission to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Go to www.Ltsp.edu/seminarysunday for further information.



SENIOR HIGH BREAKFAST (KRIS ANDREJCO)

The Senior High Youth continue to enjoy a breakfast with fellowship every second Saturday of the month from 9:30 to 11 a.m. They have been collecting General Mills Box Tops and Campbell Soup Labels for the Navajo Evangelical Lutheran Mission in Rock Point, Arkansas. To date the have collected with your help over a 150 box tops and 50 soup labels. Collection boxes remain in both the back of the church and in fellowship hall for donations. Any youth of the church in grades 9 thru 12 is encouraged to attend. **June 13, July 11, Aug 8, & Sept 12.**

Fellowship - Small Groups

WOMENS SUPPER CLUB

Please bring a covered dish for dinner and enjoy discussion on varying topics of interest for today's Christian women. So there is no overlap in dishes, please let Jenn Sullivan know what you will be bringing for supper. Thank you.

Due to the Holiday weekend, the women will not be meeting in May but resuming their discussions in June on the 27th. Join Jenn on the fourth Saturday (**June 27, July 25, Aug 22, & Sept 26**) evening of the month at **6 p.m.** for good food, both for your body and mind.



Crafting through
God's Love
(KRIS ANDREJCO)

On April 26, we dedicated 125 preemie hats & 6 blankets for Mercer NICU, 34 Chemo hats & 22 lapghans for St. Francis Oncology, 7 hats & 14 throws/blankets for Home Front (can be any baby item), plus 2 afghans for Lutheran World Relief.

Besides working on the first three of the above projects individually, we also work jointly during our time together on the Lutheran World Relief Afghans.

Join us on the **2nd Saturday of the month from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.** as we make crafts together for others and ourselves. Upcoming Dates: **June 13, July 11, Aug 8,** and **Sept 12.** Next dedication is on July 12.

Youth Musical Ensemble

(NORMAN MARCELLE)

St. Bartholomew Youth Ensemble continues to grow, several members moved on the 15 April 2009 to Las Vegas. We said farewell to the youth from the Briggs Family (Ayanna, Nathaniel and Jordan).

We acquired another youth from the community named Francisco who is learning percussion. The number of youth that are attending is Francisco, Joshua, Nobel, (percussion) Wilmaris (piano), Kelli, Marquis and his brother Alex (guitar). All youth with a desire to learn to play an instrument in a group setting are welcome to join us every 2nd and 3rd Saturday of the Month, 4pm – 6pm. We are still attempting to prepare music for participation in the service on the 3rd Sunday of each month but this is not a requirement to come and be a part of this music ministry. Our doors remain open to all youth 8yrs and older. We endeavor to provide a safe, Christian environment.

FELLOWSHIP NIGHT GOING ON SUMMER



During the planning meeting last spring, the consensus was to take the summer months off from Fellowship Night due vacation schedules and other conflicts. So starting in September we will again be having our monthly potluck dinners with a program or activity on the **3rd Friday of the month from 6:30 – 8 p.m.** Watch the fall newsletter for more information.

Women's Picnic

All of the women of St. Bartholomew are invited to a summer picnic. Come for food and fellowship.

Place: The Schendlinger Residence, 20 Heather Drive Ewing, NJ 08638
When: Tuesday, August 19
Time: 6:30 p.m.



Please RSVP to Barbara Schendlinger at 771-9267, for directions & coordinating food.

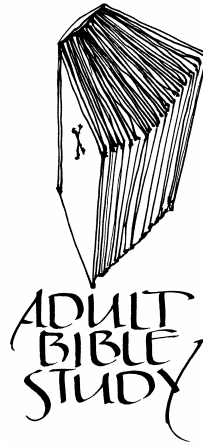
THURSDAY NIGHT

(JACK FLETCHER)

The Thursday Night Bible Study group continues to be richly blessed by the revelation of God's Word through the Gospel of John. This book has taken us a full year to study because of the wealth of its spiritual content. Each Thursday evening, we enjoy fellowship and refreshments, sing several praise songs, and then explore one or two discussion questions. Together, we share our individual interpretations and understanding of the scriptures and how they are impacting our lives.

Over time, God has provided an informal environment in which members of the group can share His love, and support each other's spiritual growth. The study currently attracts an average of five adults from St. Bartholomew, and we have recently been blessed by the addition of two young people from Africa, who are sharing with us how God's Word is shaping their young spiritual lives. It is not at all necessary to have any particular knowledge of the Bible, just a willing spirit and an open heart, and we would be pleased to have you join us at any time.

The wisdom of the Lord has clearly been revealed to those attending The Thursday Night Bible Study, as well as the people they come in contact with during the week. With God's blessing, upon completing the Gospel of John, we plan to study the books of Colossians and Philippians in the coming year.



Women's Bible Study Group

(JENN SULLIVAN)

The Women's Bible Study meets on the first Tuesday of each month in the Church lounge at 7:30 p.m.

In June, we will finish studying the women of faith in the New Testament. Join us in July as we start another topic to tantalize the minds of Women here at St Barts.

All women of St. Bart as well as guests are welcome

Meeting Dates

Tuesday, June 2, 2009

Tuesday, July 7, 2009

Tuesday, Aug 4, 2009

Tuesday Sept 1, 2009

Crocodile Dock

Vacation Bible School
July 20 - 23

6:00 PM Dinner
6:30 - 8:30 VBS

Ages 3 years old to
finishing 5th grade



Come have a
great time at Crocodile Dock
where fearless kids shine God's light

This will be a fantastic Vacation Bible School. Plans are already being made, but to make it the best we can, we are going to need **Volunteers** to help. If you are able to help, we will find a space for you. Contact Barbara Schendlinger (609-771-9267). Come join us for four nights of fun at Crocodile Dock.

Sunday Morning

Bible Study & Religious Discussion

Will take a hiatus for summer

From June 7th to Sept 13th.



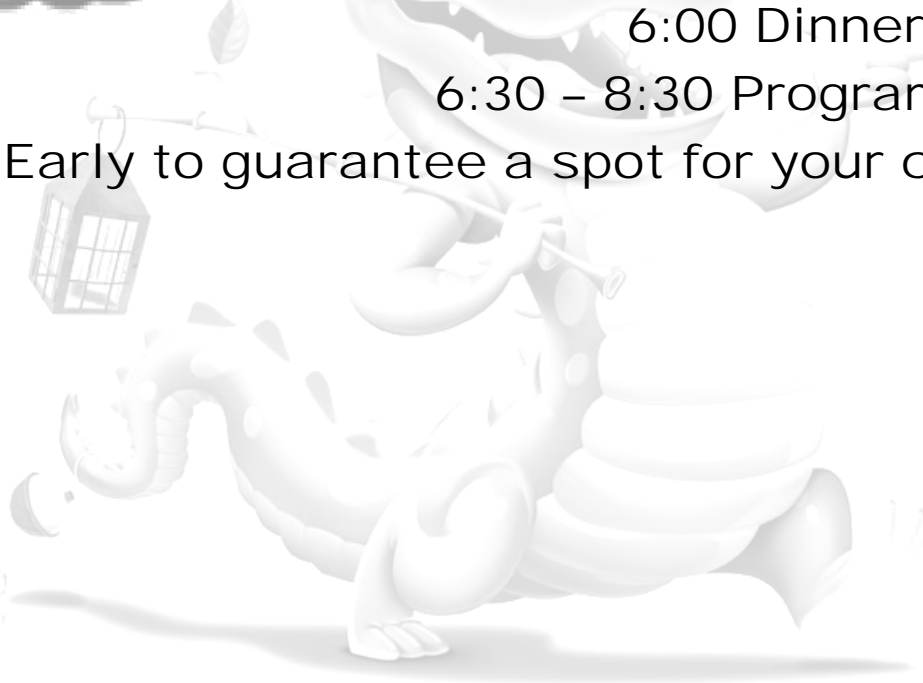
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 20- 23, 2009

6:00 Dinner

6:30 – 8:30 Program

Register Early to guarantee a spot for your child.



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