

The Ambassador



FALL
2008

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FALL SCHEDULE

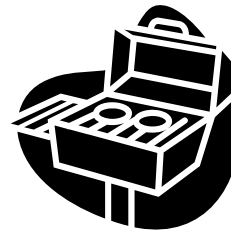
Starts Sunday, September 7th

9:30 AM Sunday School

(for children age 3 and up)

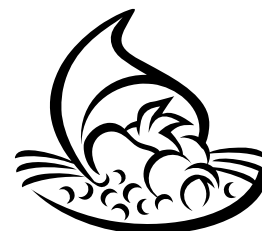
10:45 AM Worship with Holy Communion

Community Barbeque
Saturday, September 20, 2008



Congregational Retreat
Saturday, November 1st, 2008

Thanksgiving Eve Service
November 26th, 2008



Dear Members and Friends,

I was pleased to be named as Interim Pastor at St. Bartholomew's while the congregation, with the assistance of the New Jersey Synod Bishop's Office, completes the search process to find a new pastor. As some of you know, this process can take a number of months, but with the diligent work of your Search Committee, a new pastor will be identified and presented to the congregation for its approval. During this interim, I will be available to assist the congregation with its spiritual and temporal decision issues.

As to my personal background, I was ordained in 1962 and called to a newly merged Danish and German Lutheran congregation in Newark struggling to survive in a blighted, rapidly changing neighborhood. I spent seven years in this inner-city, inter-racial congregation during the mid and late 1960s while the city was rocked with two major civil disorders with significant loss of life, property and an intense white flight to the surrounding suburbs. Of necessity, I became involved in the civil rights and political struggles of the day. I was able to meet the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. each of the three times he visited Newark and I was in his company at two major events in Washington, DC including in the East Room of the White House when President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the 1964 Civil Rights Act into law and in August of 1965 when he signed into law the Voting Rights Act. In 1969, I became Assistant Professor of Sociology at Capital University in Columbus, Ohio, and in 1972 became a doctoral candidate and Teaching Associate at The Ohio State University. On January 1, 1976 I became the Executive Director of Lutheran Social Services of New Jersey in Trenton. In those years, I was responsible for securing HUD funding for Luther Arms in Trenton, Muhlenberg Gardens in Jersey City and Luther Acres in Vineland, as well as, HUD funding for a new group home for developmentally disabled females in Piscataway, NJ. With the 1987 ELCA merger, and in an effort to demonstrate that a sister agency in Philadelphia could provide management for LSSNJ more economically, my position was eliminated. At that time, I became a social worker for DYFS and served in that capacity for two years until I was promoted to the Office of Federal Relations in the Commissioner's Office at the NJ Department of Human Services. In 1992, I also became a part-time Protestant Chaplain at the North Princeton Development Center until its 1998 closing and then transferred to the Green Brook Regional Center. I retired from State service on January 1, 2005, but I still provide chaplaincy services every Friday afternoon at Green Brook in Somerset County.

I was returned to the clergy roster of the New Jersey Synod in September 2004 and since then I have served as supply pastor at various vacant congregations, and/or as the interim or vice pastor at Bethel, Hamilton; Holy Trinity (Slovak), Union; Advent, Trenton; and, now St. Bart's. I look forward to meeting and working with all of you as I seek to provide pastoral services at St. Bartholomew's during this significant transition period.

In Christ,

Pastor Donald Moeser

Please contact the church office at 393-6060 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

If no one is in the office the machine will leave a phone number of who to call in an emergency.



Vacation Bible School Thanks

We certainly had a Rain Forest Adventure at St. Bart's this summer. We had a magnificent VBS this year with 54 kids attending. The best part was all the adults jumped right in to help out in whatever way, and for however long that they could. This year we had several people who could only give us 1 or 2 nights, and God made sure we had volunteers each night to fill the vacancies. The church was quite festive and everyone had a GREAT TIME!

Thank you to everyone who contributed supplies or monetary donations. Thanks to **Barbara Schendlinger** for directing and **Vickie Sobke** for leading the Preschool class, to **Howard Adcock** for leading us in learning new music, to **Barbara Fletcher** for coordinating all the crafts, to **John Conover** and **Lisa Adcock** for using their imagination and leading the Bible Exploration station, to **Katrina Andrejco** for leading games each night, to **Mary Cooper** for making snack each night, to **Kris Andrejco** for cooking dinner for all the kids and their parents, and to **Toni Raider, Julia Chase, Kathy Wylie & Terri Raider**, for serving the food. Thank you also to the many helpers who made the program run so smoothly to **Roger Andrejco, Joey Antionoro, Rosalie Conover, Dick Cooper, Jack Fletcher, Marcia Good, Gwen Karro, Mary Marks, Virginia McNulty, Crystal Mura, Danielle Mura, Brandon Plantier, Virgie Plantier, Quashaun Prince, Cody Raider, Melissa Sisz, Jenn Sullivan, Margaret Thomas, and Tricann Wilson.**

Thanks to everyone for coming together so that the kids can learn about the love of God!

Thank You!

❖ Thank you to **Edna Browne** who makes the Servants in God's Family volunteer schedule each quarter.

❖ Thank you to **Juliana Adcock, Lisa Adcock, Barbara Fletcher, Jean Gall, John Holpp, Norman Marcelle, and Barbara Schendlinger** who played the hymns for



worship this summer. Thank you for sharing your talent so that we can joyfully worship the Lord.

❖ Thank you to **Kris Andrejco, Edna Browne, Caroline Elmer, Elsa Metcalfe and Virgie Plantier** who have so graciously offered to send out birthday and anniversary cards to our members so that each member can be honored on their special day.

❖ Thank you to **Barbara Schendlinger** for hosting the Women's picnic in August.



❖ Thank you to **Jack Fletcher** for leading the Bible Study each Thursday night and to **John Conover** for leading the Saturday morning Bible Basics and Fellowship

❖ Thank you to **Bob Eversberg** for shampooing the carpet in the Lounge.

FIRST COMMUNION INSTRUCTION

Jesus said, "*Let the children come to me.*" The age for first communion

varies for a variety of reasons (anywhere from kindergarten to fifth grade). Parents and guardians know their children best. If you feel that your

child is ready for first communion please speak with Mary Cooper.



Fellowship Small Groups

Women of the Bible Women's Bible Study Group

The Women's Bible Study group will continue looking at various women in the Bible and how their lives changed the lives of others.

Join other women of the congregation for fellowship, refreshments and Bible Study on **the first Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m.** in the lounge.

For more information please contact Jenn Sullivan.

Meeting Times

Tuesday, Sept 2, 2008

Tuesday, Oct 7, 2008

Tuesday, Nov 4, 2008

Youth Musical Ensemble

All youth are invited to join us on the **2nd & 3rd Saturday of the month from 4-6 p.m.** as we learn new music together. Anyone from age 6-18 is welcome to come and learn an instrument or use the instrument we all have been given from God, our voice.



Senior High Breakfast Club

All entering or who are already in the 9th to 12th grades are invited to join us

on the **second Saturday of the month** at 9:30 am for a homemade breakfast and conversation. We will meet in fellowship hall **Sept 13, Oct 11, and Nov 8.**

THURSDAY NIGHT

Bible Study
Thursdays 7:30 – 9 p.m.

The Bible Study is hosted by Jack Fletcher and meets at his home at 1444 S. Clinton Ave. on Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m. We discuss various books of the Bible and are currently studying the Gospel of John.



FELLOWSHIP NIGHT



Join members of all ages for dinner and a program or activity on the **3rd Friday of the month from 6:30 – 8 p.m.**

Dinner will be potluck or covered dish. Each person or family unit is asked to bring

something to contribute for dinner – a main dish, side dish, or dessert that will feed 6-8

people. It doesn't have to be anything fancy or expensive. Fall Dates and Program: **Sept 19 – OLDIES SOCIAL.**

Oct 17 – Bingo **Nov 21 – Craft & cards**



Crafting through God's Love



We are continuing to work on the four projects as each person desires –Premie Hats/Blankets for Mercer NICU, Chemo Hats/Lapghans for St. Francis, and Baby Items for Home Front, and the stitching together of the LWR Afghans together.

Join us on the **2nd Saturday of the month from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.** as we make crafts together for ourselves and others.

Come craft with us on **Sept 13, Oct 11, Nov 8**

Bells and Chimes

BELL CHOIR will resume on Thursday Sept 18th at 7:30 while **CHIME CHOIR** will start on Sunday Sept 21st at 9:00 am. Any adult or teen in eight grade or higher who wishes to join the bell choir please contact Barbara Schendinger. All children entering 2nd grade or higher are welcome to attend the Chime Choir.



Bible Basics and Fellowship Saturday 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Join us on **Saturday mornings from 9:00 – 10:30** in the Church lounge. We come together for fellowship and sharing as well as studying the scripture for the upcoming Sunday's worship and what they mean to each of us in our daily lives.

Among Members and Friends



Baptism

We rejoice with the Stewart family at the baptism of **Anthoney Stewart** on June 15th, 2008. Anthoney is the son of Alicia Stewart and grandson of Patricia Stewart.

We celebrated the baptism of **Sean Sobke** on June 15th, 2008. Sean was born on March 9th, 2008. Sean is the son of Victoria & Matt Sobke, grandson of John & Rosalie Conover.

We rejoice with the Worthington / Kingston families at the baptisms of **Alyssa Worthington, Sklyer Kingston & Cayden Kingston** on June

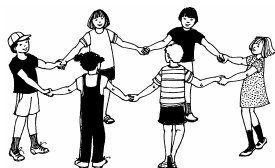
15th, 2008. Alyssa is the daughter of Jennifer Worthington. Sklyer and Cayden are the children of Jennifer Worthington and James Kingston. Caroline Elmer is their grandmother.

We celebrated the baptisms of **Sierra and Matthew Migut** on June 22nd, 2008. Sierra and Matthew are the children of Christina and Matthew Migut.

Deaths



We offer our sympathy to the family of Eleanor Brown who died on August 8th. Eleanor was 93 and member of St. Barts for over 20 years



Sunday School

Starting on Sunday, September 7TH we will be having three classes of Sunday School: a younger group for ages three to kindergarten, an elementary group in grades 1-4, and an upper level for grades 5-8.

We look forward to seeing the children of our congregation learn about God. We hope that you will join us as we grow in faith together.

contact the office.

COUNCIL SYNOPSIS (June — July - August)

- 📖 Meet with Pastor Tracie Bartholomew, Asst to the Bishop, concerning transition
- 📖 Transition of office and other tasks outlined
- 📖 Sr. High Breakfast Club to start on 6/14
- 📖 Introduction of Leadership and Pastor Moeser
- 📖 Kris Andrejco will be in the office on Tuesdays & Thursdays to do what is needed.
- 📖 NCD is rethinking purchasing round tables for Fellowship Hall.
- 📖 Ceilings in classrooms need to be replaced
- 📖 3 weeks of congregational surveys for Pastoral Call process has been completed – compiling Council's materials to be given to Synod

THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE AND DESSERT SOCIAL

**Wednesday November 26th
7:30 pm Service**

Hear the word of God and afterwards spend time with fellow members being

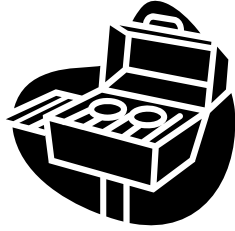


Thankful and enjoying Holiday Desserts. If you wish to donate a dessert please

*"No God — No Peace,
Know God — Know Peace."*

Church News

St. Bartholomew's Community Barbeque



On Saturday September 20, 2008. St. Bart will host the Annual Free Barbeque in our Church parking lot. Neighbors from the surrounding community will be invited through the use of signs and the distribution of invitation flyers. St. Bart members are cordially invited to greet, meet and mingle with each other as well as other people attending the Barbeque. This event is intended to say Thank You to the people of the community and also members of St. Bart for everything that they have done for the Church. We will also highlight some of the various missions of the Church such as the Youth Ensemble and various others.

The time for the Barbeque will be from Noon to 2 PM and there will be Free food and entertainment. We need help to set up and clean up as well as working during the Barbeque, so your help is very important. No matter what your capabilities, we need you. You can email me at coopeast@hotmail.com or you can call me at 609-915-0789 or you can call the Church office and leave a message. If you have a preference of what you want to do during the Barbeque or suggestions of activities, etc. please let me know. If you have tents, sound and other items that may have been furnished in the past, let me know. We will need someone to conduct the games also.

Look for more information in the Sunday bulletins at Church

Dick Cooper
Barbeque Event Chairman

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

The annual church retreat is coming!

WHEN?

NOVEMBER 1st, 2008.

WHERE?

CrossRoads Outdoor Ministries

Come and enjoy a day while relaxing at Camp Crossroads as we learn what it means to live our mission statement.



Natural Church Development Update

We are finishing up our third cycle of Natural Church Development (NCD) here at St. Bart, working on Loving Relationships. The initiatives we developed to help us improve in this area are nearly completed.

The leaders of all of our small groups and ministries are meeting each month to discuss topics of common interest and to better coordinate our activities and ministries. Several of our small groups and ministries are working through "The 3 Colors of Love," an NCD resource that helps congregations improve their loving relationships. Our Mutual Ministry Team has had special training in dispute resolution, in order to assist the congregation in resolving interpersonal concerns. We have created "Welcome Bags," and we are putting together new "Welcome Teams," who will greet new worshippers and make them feel comfortable the first time they visit St. Bart. Our "Church Community Picture Board" has been posted in Fellowship Hall, and more individual pictures and pictures of our small groups and ministries will be added as time goes by. Our new "Praise Report Board" has also been posted in Fellowship Hall, and worshippers can now post written praise reports. We have moved the Praise Reports to the end of the service, and we've seen quite a revival, as many more worshippers have participated in sharing their praise. We've rearranged the seating in Fellowship Hall by blocking the tables in sets of two, to encourage more people to sit together and get to know one another. At our retreat, coming up in November, we will invite the congregation to further explore our Church Mission - - what it means and how we can live it out at St. Bart.

All in all, we've made wonderful progress toward improving our loving relationships. We sincerely thank you for your input and participation, which have done so much to make our efforts successful.

Thank you for your continued support.
Barb Fletcher, Chairperson,
NCD Spiritual Health Team

ST. BART "GOOD NEWS KIDS" CLUB"



We began our new and expanded community youth group on August 2, 2008 and were absolutely thrilled to welcome 23 children from the neighborhood to our first session. We had such a great time with the kids!

The "St. Bart Good News Kid's Club" is based on the children's ministry founded by our own David Jallah to address the violence passed from generation to generation in Africa. We are using that same model as an outreach ministry here at St. Bart. Our mission is to help our neighborhood children and their families to face the ever-growing challenges of drugs and violence in our community by building self-worth and mutual respect through the love of God. We hope to build lasting and supportive relationships with the families in our neighborhood.

Each Club session includes a nourishing lunch, active games, songs, Bible lessons, and crafts. We have started with a weekly schedule, meeting every Saturday afternoon from 1 to 3 p.m. through the end of August. Then in September, we will decide how often we will meet through the end of 2008.

We all know that our children are our future, and it is so important to give them a fighting chance. Please think about getting involved in this ministry. There are a number of varied roles for people to fill: teaching, just helping to keep order, serving lunch, assisting with games, etc. You will certainly be blessed with a great time and a rewarding experience!

And of course, we ask for your prayers, that God will continue to bless this new ministry and our efforts to make a difference in the lives of the children.

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REMINDER!
Fall Worship Hours
Starts Sunday
September 7th
9:30 AM Sunday
School
(for children age 3 and up)
10:45 AM Worship with
Holy Communion

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.

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