

**Pastor's Report to St. John Church Council
October 2009**

Pastoral Acts in September 2009

- 5 Baptisms
- 4 shut-in visits
- 4 hospital visits

New members received on September 27:

- Joan Swenson
- Stephanie Hillman, Cailyn, Mason
- Chad and Jolene Wilbur, Charlie

40 Days of Purpose, a spiritual campaign, began September 27.

- Working with Rev. Rick Warren's book, *The Purpose Driven Life*
- Small Groups—Most meeting at church, a few in homes; 73 people participating
- Ministry Fair – October 25. Organized by Stewardship Committee
- Sunday preaching continues to center on 40 Days of Purpose themes: Sept. 20-Nov. 8.

Bridge Builder Action Planning Team report:

- First meeting – September 21
- Met with Heidi Zimdars and Michelle Reichow, Bridge Builder reps, on Oct. 1
- A report and recommendations to the congregation by annual meeting in January 2010.

Book Fair at St. John on Nov. 15 through *Reading Frenzy Bookshop*.

Begin Bible Study on the Gospels in January 2010.

Reclaiming the "L" Word values:

- Jesus is Lord
- Everyone is Welcome
- Love Changes People
- Everybody Has Something to Offer
- The World Needs What We Have

A Proposal: In order to make boards more interactive with an increase in communication, I propose that the boards meet at least every other month on the same night as Church Council meets. Boards would meet and then report to council one of three things: information to council, discussion concerning a board matter or needed council action.

Time: 6:00 – 7:00 PM boards
7:00 – 9:00 PM council