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Have a joyous fall!

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## Life always holds surprises.....!

When I came to work this morning, Sept. 30, there were two city police cars parked in front of First Lutheran Church. As I walked in, I was greeted by one of the members with, "The church was broken into last night." We talked for a few minutes, then, Dave the janitor, came over and said, "You can't go upstairs until they get all the places dusted for finger prints. I haven't be able to do any regular cleaning in the sanctuary or anywhere." Evelyn, one of the secretaries, came over and said, "I don't think you'll be able to go upstairs, but I will check with the officers and see." She came back in a few minutes and said I could go up. As I walked past the office area I noticed a big hole, made by a thrown brick, that was made in the one of the glass panels that forms the front entrance to the office. Cracks spiraled up to the corners giving it a spider web look, and quite a bit of glass was laying around on the carpeting. The officers were busy checking the scene, dusting counter tops and surrounding areas for finger prints, one was on the phone talking about what they were doing. I thought to myself, "This is just like on TV!"

What excitement! Seriously, there's always something to be thankful for in cases like this: It didn't happen during the day when everyone was here so no one was hurt, no machinery was bothered or anything else in the office, and they didn't get into the Resource Center. Apparently, they were looking for cash money. It's amazing how quickly lives can change—you go to work expecting the usual and get the unusual. Hopefully, this will be resolved and things will get back to "normal."

On a different note - We are really

getting excited about October 13, our Music Fest Day. Please read the enclosed insert about what we have planned. Lots of Synod Clips have been going out on this event. We're counting on you to have been getting the word to your Choir Director about the details. They could bring their music that day if they would like to. We will have all the copies displayed on tables in the basement. Attendees may browse to figure out what piece(s) they would like to own. Then, we have fun ways planned for getting those pieces you want. Light refreshments will be available. The only cost of the day will be \$5 to help pay for the goodies. Please do get the word out and urge your interested folks to come. It'll be a great day!

Wonderful resources have been coming to the RC on a regular basis this summer and fall. As always, there is something for everyone. This summer was extremely busy with everyone looking for curriculum and suggestions for using it. Most of our newer items are in the on-line catalog. But, if you have the time, it's fun to come and browse.

A question: do you find the articles from Bishop Hanson helpful? Do you use them in your own bulletins or newsletters? I don't believe I have noticed any in the newsletters Sue sends to us from the Synod Office. I have included two of his latest articles in this issue printed on white paper so you could easily reproduce them. Let me know what you think about it. A call to 715-833-1153 is all you have to do, and it would be very helpful to know if you like that feature or not.

Again, we thank you for your partnership in this vital ministry and pray for you and your churches in the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin.

**The RC Crew**