



*I came to bring
fire to the earth...*

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Welcome to St. John Lutheran Church
Tenth Weekend after Pentecost
Saturday August 13th, 2022



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PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SONG

Lord I Lift Your Name on High

Lord, I lift your Name on high, Lord, I love to sing your praises
I'm so glad you're in my life, I'm so glad you came to save us.

You came from heaven to earth to show the way,
From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay,
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky,
Lord, I lift your name on high.

WE CONFESS THAT WE HAVE NOT FOLLOWED

God, we confess we hear the call but choose not to follow. We pick roads which lead to anxiety and despair. We walk paths of darkness and sorrow. We run from your beckoning love. Today we are asking for a new beginning. We want to be cleansed and made right. We desire direction and purpose for our living. We need to have our sins forgiven.

Time for silent reflection

GOD'S CLEAR WORD TO FOLLOWERS

Leader: Jesus himself bore our sins on the cross, so that, freed and forgiven, we might live for love of God and love of neighbor. Through the Holy Spirit we are given power: power to respond to God's call, power to change direction, power to make new and different choices, and the power to live our lives as it was meant to be lived. Today we have been freed to follow Jesus.

ALL: Amen

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 23:23-29

Am I a God near by, says the Lord, and not a God far off? Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the Lord. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed, I have dreamed!" How long?

Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the Lord. Is not my word like fire, says the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

SECOND READING

Hebrews 11:29--12:2

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented—of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

GOSPEL

Luke 12:49-56

[Jesus said:] "I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided:

father against son
and son against father,
mother against daughter
and daughter against mother,
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

SERMON

Pastor O'Brien

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

ALL: I believe in a living God, creator of all humankind, who has created and recreates the entire universe by power and love. I believe in Jesus Christ, God in the flesh and my Savior and Lord. Because of his life, work, suffering and death, I know who I am, and what I can become through Christ. I believe God is present with me always and can be experienced in prayer, the Sacraments, the Word, and the community of believers. Amen.

PRAYERS

Leader: Merciful God,

ALL: receive our prayer.

OFFERING PRAYER

Leader: God of abundance:

ALL: you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to the labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

SONG

Holiness

Holiness, holiness, is what I long for.
Holiness is what I need.
Holiness, holiness is what You want..from me.

So take my heart...and form..it.
Take my mind...transform..it.
Take my will...conform..it.
To Yours, to Yours, O..Lord.

Faithfulness, faithfulness..is what I long for.
Faithfulness is what I need.
Faithfulness, faithfulness..is what You want..from me.

So take my heart...and form..it.
Take my mind...transform..it.
Take my will...conform..it.
To Yours, to Yours, O..Lord.

Brokenness, brokenness, is what I long for.
Brokenness is what I need.
Brokenness, brokenness is what You want..from me.

So take my heart...and form..it.
Take my mind...transform..it.
Take my will...conform..it.
To Yours, to Yours, O..Lord.
To Yours, to Yours, O..Lord.
To Yours, to Yours, O..Lord...O..Lord.

COMMUNION

Leader: God of comfort and healing,

ALL: we come again to your table wanting to be refreshed with these elements of love and willing to turn from the things which draw us from you. Give us a new vision of life as you intend. Rearrange our priorities, give us new attitudes, and allow us to know how completely you forgive us.

Leader: In the night in which Jesus was betrayed, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and shared it with his friends. He said, "Take this and eat it. This is my body given for you. Do this to remember me." He also took the cup and after giving thanks to God, passed it among his friends saying: "This cup is the new promise in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Drink this to remember me."

ALL: This is the new relationship we share together.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

BLESSING

Leader: The God of peace, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always.

ALL: Amen

SENDING SONG

Go Out and Serve

Filled with the spirit, filled with God's grace,
Filled with the friendship we find in this place;
Called as disciples, go now in faith,
Jesus will show the way.

Refrain:

Go out and serve him, serve him
Carry his word into all of the world
Go and serve him, serve him
Go out and serve the Lord

(Repeat refrain)

Go serve the Lord

DISMISSAL

Leader: Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Weekly Announcements



This Week at St. John

Mon: No Bible Study

Tues: Blankets 9 AM

Wed: McDonald's 7 AM

Thurs: Council Meeting 7 PM

Sat: Worship 5 PM

Sun: Worship 9 AM

Serving This Week

Usher The Gerkenmeyers

Lector Tracy Orians

Acolyte Olivia Martin

In Our Prayers

Audry S.-medical concerns

Marilyn Sandrock- medical concerns

Carolyn Lasseter- medical concerns

Gary Carstensen- medical concerns

Brenda Powell- medical concerns

Dan Jeffers- medical concerns

Michele Maix- medical concerns

Cabe Krotcher- medical concerns

Joan Truman- medical concerns

Friends and family of Carol Tank



Altar Flowers

ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God, and in memory of Tana Lenz and given by Keith Lenz, The Higginbotham's and the Krumnow's.

CHANCEL FLOWERS

The chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God, and in memory of Bernie Pohlada and given by Shirley Mravec.

OUR BLESSING BOX

Mini Pantry has been used quite a bit recently.

To help restock we need

Spaghetti, Spaghetti Sauce, Canned Fruit, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, and Toilet Tissue. When you are shopping this week, consider purchasing a few extra items and bringing them to the church.

LUTHER HOME GOLF OUTING

The Luther Home of Mercy Golf Outing is Friday, August 26 at Maumee Bay. Foursomes are invited to join Luther Home for continental breakfast, golf and a delicious lunch overlooking the Lake; all in support of their programs and services for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Not a golfer? They are also looking for help with: Cart Sponsors (\$50 each): Your name will be featured on a cart and in the Outing Program. Hole Sponsors: (\$100 each) Your name will be featured on a sign at one of the 18 holes and in the Outing Program. More information and registration can be found at their website, lutherhome.org or by contacting Megan O'Brien: mobrien@lutherhome.org 419-972-4436.

USHERS AND LECTORS

We have now resumed our worship assistant rotation. Please watch the newsletter or Monday email to see when you are scheduled to serve. If you are willing to be added to the list, please let Pastor O'Brien know or contact the church office.

SATURDAY- 5:00pm AUGUST

Ushers

20 OPEN
27 OPEN

Lectors

20 Beverly Harder
27 Aidan O'Brien

Acolytes

20 Kennedy Donnelly
27 Emma Morgan

SUNDAY- 9:00am AUGUST

Ushers

21 Jill Kao
28 OPEN

Lectors

21 Deanna Neuman
28 Tim Titgemeyer

Acolytes

21 Aiden Johnson
28 Lucas Titgemeyer

FACEBOOK GROUP

On Facebook, "Pages" are run by organizations/updated by administrators to share information with those who like or follow the page. Facebook "Groups" are a community-based feature that gathers people with the same interests to discuss topics and share their opinions. St. John has BOTH!
If you haven't yet joined our Facebook GROUP, please find us on Facebook and join!



FALL WORSHIP HOURS

Fall worship hours begin on Sunday September 11th.

Saturday

Contemporary Service 5 PM

Sunday

Sunday School 8:30 AM

Traditional Service 9:45 AM

PHONE SYSTEM UPDATE

We have been working through some technical upgrades the last couple months and this includes a new phone system. The good news is, we are nearing the end of our upgrade. We appreciate your patience if any errors occur while we complete the process!

Seven Faith Practices

I will strive to...

1. **PRAY** daily
2. **WORSHIP** weekly
3. **READ** and study the Bible
4. **SERVE** at and beyond St. John
5. **INVITE** others into a loving relationship with Jesus
6. **GIVE** of my time, talents, and resources
7. **ENCOURAGE** spiritual growth in others

SEEKING ENCOURAGERS

Could you be an Encourager?

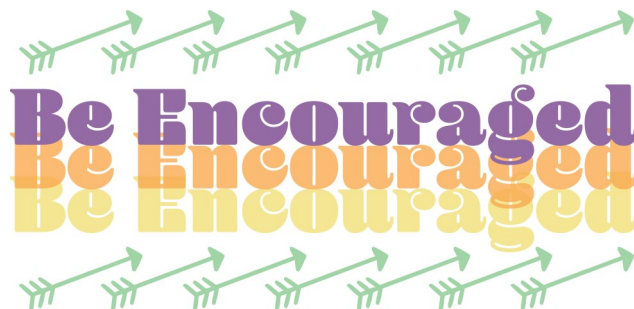
When the pandemic started, we divided up the membership list and sought volunteers to contact fellow members. We wanted to be sure to keep connections with our church family when the world seemed to be falling apart. We didn't formalize the project, however, and for a host of reasons it sort of fell apart after the first round of phone calls.

We are looking to restart this ministry with a little more structure to keep it going. We are seeking people to be ENCOURAGERS, which is our 7th Faith Practice (1 Thessalonians 5:11). ENCOURAGERS would be people willing to make half a dozen contacts throughout the month. (Maybe more, maybe less depending on what you are comfortable with.) You would work on your schedule in your time. These contacts can be telephone calls, checking in with a neighbor, sending a card, or visiting a friend in church. The Stephen Ministers have volunteered to do some brief training about how the program will work and offer support for those who might be worried about what to say. These will be informative meetings and open to suggestions; we would love to hear your ideas about being an Encourager as this ministry develops.

We could certainly use your help and talents in starting our "rebirth". Our first meeting will be held September 1, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. Please come and be a part of our Encourager group.

We will meet in the social hall.

We look forward to seeing you there, but please take a minute and call one of our Stephen Ministers, Audrey Milbrodt ([419-367-0513](tel:419-367-0513)), Traci Brown ([419-304-1214](tel:419-304-1214)) Marcia Morgan ([419-967-5157](tel:419-967-5157)) or Jan Sheahan ([419-836-9254](tel:419-836-9254)) and sign up for your attendance.



Backpack Ministry

With school starting up soon we would like to provide backpacks and supplies for those who have need. It's important that students have the tools they need for a successful school year. To help make this happen we are seeking donations of backpacks and school supplies to fill them. Each school district and grade is different, but we have compiled a list of common items to fill backpacks the best we can. A donation list is posted below. If you don't want to shop for school supplies, please consider a contribution to the Good Samaritan Fund labeled "Backpack Ministry". We will use donated money to purchase the items we need. If you have any questions or would like to help assemble the backpacks, speak to Pastor O'Brien or any member of the Christian Community Life Committee;

Carol Vargo, Alice Witt, Donna Matthews, Susie Matthews.

Backpack Ministry Donation List:

Backpacks (for elementary school students)

Glue sticks

Colored pencils

Fiskar Scissors

24 pack Crayola crayons

10 pack Crayola markers

School box

Dry Erase Markers

Highlighters

Sturdy pocket folders (3 ring)

Hand Sanitizer

Pencil pouch (three ring)

Spiral notebooks

Notebook paper

Gallon size zipper bags

Quart size zipper bags

Boxes of tissues

Headphones with a straight 3.5mm jack






10th Annual Benevolence Golf Outing 09/24/2022

Proceeds to benefit St. John Good Samaritan Fund
(Good Samaritan Fund assists with emergency requests from individuals and families of the community.)

All Golfers Welcome and Needed!

Foursome Team Scramble Saturday September 24th, 2022

Chippewa Golf Course
23550 St. Rt. 579, Curtice, Ohio, 43412
8am—Registration
9am- Shot Gun Start



\$65 per player
18 holes with cart
Includes meal
PRIZES, PRIZES, PRIZES

For Information: Tom Cashen 419-205-1942 or Church Office 419-836-5514