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This Fall, I would like to encourage you to give 21/90 to your faith.

“What does that mean?”, you ask. Excellent question! Psychologists have determined that if we commit to an activity for 21 days it will become a habit. If we continue to do it for 90 days, it should become a permanent lifestyle change. They call it the 21/90 rule.

The pandemic helped many of us get out of our ‘regular’ habits; eating right, exercising, and especially things like going to worship, participating in Bible study, looking for ways to serve, etc. For a long time, we *couldn't* gather for worship or even be around anyone except family. I don’t know how long someone must *not* do something to get out of the habit, but the turmoil of the past year and a half made it easy for us to get out of the habit of doing these Faith Practice related things. Starting this fall, we are striving to do things to help us all resume some of our old habits – help us commit to 21/90.

Starting September 12, we will be resuming live music in worship and returning to more of a ‘regular’ Saturday and Sunday format. We will still stream worship on social media, but for those who are willing and able to attend, we would love to have you join us for worship in the sanctuary. It’s good for us to be able to record, but many people have told me how they miss seeing their church friends and family each week. Join us at 5:00p Saturday and 9:45a Sunday to worship *in person* with friends and family.

Confirmation Sunday will be (or was, depending on when the Newsletter is printed) August 29. We are confirming five young men and women this year. Their three years of confirmation classes have been unusual, to say the least. Please consider coming to worship that day to celebrate with them as they affirm their baptisms. There will be a reception following worship for a time of fellowship.

Sunday school resumes on September 12. There will be classes for students of all ages.

Even if you haven’t participated in Sunday school in a long time, consider joining us.

I would also like to resume our weekly text discussions. Pre-pandemic, a group of us would meet each week to talk about the gospel reading for the coming weekend. If this is something you would be interested in, even if you haven’t participated in the past, let me know when a good time would be. We used to do Monday morning, but we can be flexible depending on availability.

Each year the ELCA designates the second Sunday of September as a Day of Service called God’s Work, Our Hands Sunday. St. John is participating in the ELCA’s Day of Service by again helping at Luther Home of Mercy. On September 12, a light lunch will be served at the church starting at 11:30. Work begins at LHM at noon.

The St. John Golf Outing will be held Sunday, September 19th at Chippewa Golf Course (23550 SR 579, Curtice). Registration begins at noon with a shotgun start at 1:00p.

For information or to register, contact Tom Cashen or the church office.

What else would help you regain the habit? Plans are in the works for a “prayer walk”. Is there interest in an evening book study, faith discussion group, fellowship group, etc.? We can continue our Wednesday morning breakfast gatherings... or modify them into something new. Our Faith Practice Reading through the book of Psalms will continue for *years*. What other ideas do you have to 21/90 your faith life? I would love to hear from you!

If you would like to submit a question for “Ask the Pastor”, Biblical, theological, church related, anything you have been dying to ask a pastor, you can hand me a note, ask me after church, send an e-mail, or sneak into the church after dark and anonymously slide a sealed envelope under my office door. If I answer your question in print, I will not include your name unless you explicitly ask me to.

Women of the ELCA

Esther Circle will meet on *Tuesday, September 7th at 2 PM* in the Social Hall
Rebekah Circle will meet on *Tuesday September 7th at 7 PM* in the lounge.

thank you

I want to thank all those that called, sent cards and came to visit me when I was ill. Also, thank you to the women who worked and brought desserts for my sister, Linda's, memorial service.

Thank you again,
Evelyn Witty

Saturday September 18th Genoa Food Pantry

St. John will be working the Genoa Food Pantry on Saturday September 18th, starting at 8:45am.

Please contact Cheryl Berger at 419-345-3941 to volunteer.

Fall Worship Hours Return

September 12th

Saturday Contemporary Service 5 PM

Sunday School 8:30 AM

Sunday Traditional Service 9:45 AM

USHERS AND LECTORS NEEDED!

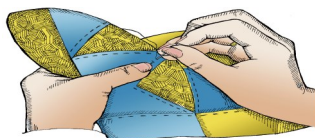
If you would be willing to help, please sign up outside the church office. Now accepting volunteers through October. If you have any questions please see Pastor Shawn or contact the church office.

The Blanket Ladies....Still Hard at Work!!

Everyone is invited to join in and help tie!
No experience needed.

Every Tuesday at 9am.

Everyone is welcome!



QUILTING GROUP

**Faith Practice
#3 Readings
PSALMS**

September 6 - Psalm 22

September 13 - Psalm 23

September 20 - Psalm 24

September 27 - Psalm 25

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Worship Hours

Saturday at 5:00 PM

Sunday Worship 9:45 AM

Deadline for the September newsletter is **Monday, Sept 20th @ 9AM**
Please send articles and/or information to
office@stjohnwilliston.org.



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GOT YARD WORK? NEED HELP?

Christian Community Life is asking if there is anyone in our congregation that could use some help weeding or raking leaves, etc. Let us know if you would like some help and we will get your job done!

Contact Cheryl Berger at 419-345-3941 or Kris Lee at 419-349-5267



CONTACT INFORMATION UPDATE

The Evangelism Committee is busy working on updating the church directory. If you have not yet filled out the form please do so even if you have no changes. We would also like to have a picture to put in the new directory. You can call the church office, complete the form online, or see the form on page 4. Newer members have told us that they will look through the directory to identify people they saw in church.

We have a group who are now making phone calls, however so many have gone away from having a landline and only using cell phones. If you receive a phone call please give them the information they need. We also have a long list of people who we have not been able to contact and haven't responded to our last letter. This list will be published at a later date hoping someone will have up to date information on them. Thank you for your help on this project.

Annual Blanket Raffle Weekends

The Tuesday Morning Quilters have been busy cutting, sewing and tying beautiful blankets again this year. They meet every Tuesday morning at 10:00 AM



Our Annual Blanket Raffle will take place on the weekends of September 11th & 12th and September 18th and 19th.

Beautiful blankets will fill the Sanctuary and are for sale. They are available for purchase for a suggested donation of \$25.00. Donations can be handed to a blanket lady, or placed in the offering basket. Please mark your envelope or check with the word "blanket" in the memo.

Raffle tickets will be available to purchase for any blanket you are interested in winning. Tickets are \$1.00 for 2 tickets.

There will also be two special auctions this year! Write your name and bid on the bid sheet. Bids need to increase by \$5 increments.

Proceeds from these sales are used to buy the supplies needed to continue this wonderful ministry.

Thank you to our wonderful blanket ladies, Marcia Morgan, Aline Sabin, Marvel Nelson, Gertrude Eckerman, Beverly Harder and Margaret Berger for all their hard work each and every week!

Bid early! Bid Often!

St. John Prayer Chain is there for you....

"Whatever you ask for in prayer with faith, you will receive."

Matthew 21:22

When there is illness, a special need, or a time of thanksgiving in your family, or among friends or neighbors, you may wish to ask for the prayers of your sisters and brothers at St. John. If such a need arises, call

Pastor O'Brien (419-972-4003, cell 419-378-1112), the church office (419-836-5514) or

Margaret Berger (419-836-7384) who will begin the prayer chain. Please keep your message to the minimum to avoid any errors in passing it on. Thank you!

CONTACT INFORMATION UPDATE

- Please UPDATE my information
- CONFIRMING my current information is correct
- Please REMOVE me from your list
- Please ADD me to your list.

Family Name:

Family Members:

Mailing Address:

Phone #1:

Phone #1 Information:

(Family member, home, mobile, ex: Jane's mobile)

Phone #2:

Phone #2 Information:

(Family member, home, mobile, ex: Jane's mobile)

Email #1:

Email #1 Information:

(Family member, home, mobile, ex: Jane's home)

Email #2:

Email #2 Information:

(Family member, home, mobile, ex: Jane's work)

Please add my address to the email list:

- News and Announcements

Other information or corrections (ex. Update birthday or anniversary, add to email list, remove family member, add family member, please USPS mail me the newsletter, etc.):



memorials & gifts

In Memory of Dolores Schimming

Jo Elaine Schimming and family
Margaret Berger
Jennie Hodulik
Linda Schlievert
Mary Harmeyer
Beth Johnson
Elaine Gladieux
Dave and Sue Brown
Ron and Diane Gerkenmeyer
Alice Witt
Carol Vargo
Rick and Joni Hillman
Carol Warren
Carol Keeley
Donna Mathews
Jane and Richard Phillips
Elaine Gruetter
Donald and Ida Jefferis
David and Judy Waggoner
Riverside Hospital School of Nursing,
Scott and Lynne McNutt
Judy Placko
Veronica Placko
Arline Sabin
Gary and Darlene Carstensen
Bernard Blausey
Tim and Tara Taylor
Allen and Pat Bell
Lee and Deborah Wehner
Stephen and Katherine Wegman
Carroll and Carol Mylander
John and Deb Harmeyer
Carol Despones
Kevin and Charlotte Schimming
Sandra Stahl
Mary Schimming
Gerald and Pamela Schimming
Anita Montague
Carol Tank
Marlene Brinkman
Robin and Ted Hoefflinger
Ron and Liz Cashen
Bruce and Deb Auer
John and Helen Meyer
Mark and Julie Stahl
Janice and Clifford McIntire
Pat Shupe
Jim and Mona Vogelbacher
Thomas Tank
John and Sharon Ranchan
William and Theresa Romp
Tom and Joan Truman
Ruth Petersen
Tami and Duane Tailford
Kenneth Gross
Constance Schomaker

In Memory of Phyllis Parks

Joseph Ozanski
Mary Schimming
Gerald and Pamela Schimming
Anita Montague
Jo Elaine Schimming and family
Elaine Gruetter
Gertrude Eckermann
Margaret Berger
Dennis and Rosemarie Dickinson
Linda Schievert
Patricia Lacumsky and Theodore Ehrman
Duane and Tami Tailford
Ron and Diane Gerkenmeyer
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Wallea Sutter Martin, and Arnold Sutter
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Diane Dickinson
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Alice Witt
David & Marian Morrison
Joseph and Jill Worley
Beth Johnson
Mary Harmeyer
John Harmeyer
Phyllis Haefl
Carol Purney
Wayne and Michaelina Schimming
Lowell and Diane Hartman
Carol Tank
Bob and Diane Kapp

In Memory of Norma Jean Gast

Terry Gast

In Memory of Linda Younker

Merle and Shirley Berger

In Memory of Mark Witt

Tim and Tara Taylor

In memory of the 90th birthday of

Katie Vogel

Lowell and Diane Hartman

In honor of

Lowell and Diane Hartman's 65th wedding

Ron and Diane Gerkenmeyer

OPPORTUNITIES TO VOLUNTEER AND SERVE AT ST. JOHN

As we say good-bye to relaxed summer schedules and return to normal routines, perhaps you are considering spending more time volunteering at Church or in your community. You are in luck! Opportunities abound at St. John through our Boards & Ministries! Be sure to talk to any of our current Board members or Chairs or talk with a member of the Nominating Committee to find out how you may get involved.

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9th Annual Benevolence Golf Outing 09/19/2021

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
Sunday September 19th, 2021
Chippewa Golf Course
23550 St. Rt. 579, Curtice, Ohio, 43412
12pm—Registration
1pm- 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

Please see reverse side for registration.

FOURSOME REGISTRATION FORM



9th Annual Benevolence Golf Outing 09/19/2021

Name _____ Phone # _____

Address _____

Email address _____

Would you like to be contacted about next year's golf outing? _____ Yes _____ No

Name _____ Phone # _____

Address _____

Email address _____

Would you like to be contacted about next year's golf outing? _____ Yes _____ No

Name _____ Phone # _____

Address _____

Email address _____

Would you like to be contacted about next year's golf outing? _____ Yes _____ No

Name _____ Phone # _____

Address _____

Email address _____

Would you like to be contacted about next year's golf outing? _____ Yes _____ No

Jesus Heals on the Sabbath

When Jesus saw her, he called her forward and said to her, "Woman, you are set free from your infirmity." Then he put his hands on her, and immediately she straightened up and praised God. Luke 13:12-13

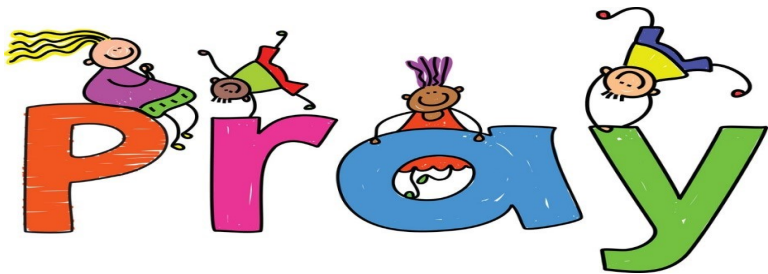
Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.



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- 2. 23-3-21-1 _____
- 3. 17-1-18-24-22-16-11-1 _____
- 4. 11-4-14-6-5-18-22-1-3 _____
- 5. 17-24-23-23-24-1-11 _____
- 6. 5-18-22-14-14-8-3-12 _____
- 7. 7-6-20-24-21 _____
- 8. 11-3-24-8-3-12 _____

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| CRIPPLED | WOMAN | HYPOCRITE | BENT |
| SABBATH | STRAIGHT | HEALED | FREE |



St. John Kid's Page



Let's praise Jesus!



Join us for Sunday School Rally Day!
Sunday, September 12th- 8:30 AM
Invite a friend to Sunday School!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH, WILLISTON, OHIO EMERGENCY MEDICAL AUTHORIZATION FORM

Grade _____

Student's Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Student's Address _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Purpose: To enable parents and guardians to authorize the provision of emergency treatment for children who become ill or injured under the supervision at St. John Lutheran Church.

Mother's Name _____ Home Phone _____ Work _____

Cell Phone _____

Father's Name _____ Home Phone _____ Work _____

Cell Phone _____

Name of Relative or Childcare Provider _____ Relationship _____

Address _____ Home Phone _____

PART I OR PART II MUST BE COMPLETED

Part I: To Grant consent

I hereby give consent for the following medical care providers:

Physician _____ Phone _____

Dentist _____ Phone _____

Medical Specialist _____ Phone _____

Hospital _____

In the event reasonable attempts to contact me have been unsuccessful, I hereby give my consent for the administration of any treatment deemed necessary by the above-named doctor/ dentist, or in the event the designated preferred physician/ dentist is not available, by another licensed physician/ dentist.

This authorization does not cover major surgery unless the medical opinions of two other licensed physicians or dentists concurring in the necessity for such surgery are obtained prior to the performance of such surgery.

Facts concerning the child's medical history, including allergies, medications being taken and physical impairments to which a physician should be alerted: _____

Date _____ Signature of parent/guardian _____

Address _____

Part II: Refusal to Consent

I do NOT give my consent for emergency medical treatment of my child. In the event of illness or injury requiring emergency treatment, I wish the church authorities to take the following action: _____

Date _____ Signature of parent/guardian _____

Address _____



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I've been watching the neighbor's farming operations and have been intrigued with their sheep. I can see why God is our shepherd. It doesn't take long to see that the sheep will follow their caretaker (shepherd). If one sheep follows all will follow, but once in a while a lamb or ewe will wander off. They never go too far away as they want to stay close to the herd and the shepherd. You know that the lamb is unhappy because it complains with a lot of bleating. Happiness is when they are reunited and everything returns to normal.

I guess we are like that, too. Aren't we the happiest when we are back with our Shepherd and our families? We know we will be taken care of, loved, fed, watered, and sheltered. We don't complain. (At least less.)

We know that when we are separated, we are lonely, irritable, sad and sometimes just plain confused. There are times when that happens that we need a helping hand. Just as the farmer sometimes need a bucket of feed to bring the wandering one back into the fold. Sometimes it takes more and a 4-wheel vehicle or helping neighbors will do the trick.

Whatever it takes, we need to get back to where we belong just like that lamb. Your helping hand may come in the form of a friend, a neighbor, a relative, the pastor, or a Stephen Minister. Your Shepherd is always there for you, like the farmer is there for his sheep. I guess that is why I find peacefulness in just watching the sheep's activities, knowing that my Shepherd is always near.

Dear Lord, In the midst of our pain you are there with us. During this pandemic, we ask you to strengthen and comfort those who are lonely, grieving, anxious, or overburdened. Let our caring ministry walk alongside of anyone who is suffering. Help them to recognize and seek help from their brothers and sisters in Christ so they may face this time of trial together. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

**We know these can be times of anxiety and
uncertainty, loneliness and pain.
Your St. John Stephen Ministers are here to help.**

**Need to talk?
Call Pastor O'Brien or the church office at
419-836-5514 and we will put you in contact with
one of your St. John Stephen Ministers.**

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- First Step of Seneca, Sandusky, Wood & Wyandot Co. -
- Back To The Wild - Easter Seals -
- NAMI of Seneca, Sandusky & Wyandot County -
- The Salvation Army of Ottawa County -
- Riders Unlimited - Sandusky County Cancer Care Fund -
- F.A.C.T. of Seneca Co. - Genoa Area Food Pantry -
- Oak House of Port Clinton - Arc of Ottawa Co.-
- Village House of Fremont -

\$5.00 PER TICKET

100% OF TICKET SALES GOES TO CHARITY!

**TOTAL MONEY RAISED FOR CHARITIES IN
THE PAST 16 YEARS \$973,002**

Tickets are available in the office.



Grounded in Faith, Growing to Serve

*“When each separate part works as it should,
the whole body grows, and builds itself up through love.” Ephesians 4:16*

**“There are a variety of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone.
1 Corinthians 12:5-6**

Every Wednesday evening before small-grouping for missions or Bible study or “prayer meeting” we as a church family would get together for supper. The church supper committee supplied the main course—meat and potatoes, chicken and potato salad, fish and chips—and every family brought in a favorite vegetable or salad or bread and/or dessert.

After supper everyone took their dirty dishes to the kitchen, scraped plates, emptied glasses, and placed the used hardware on the counter where it was immediately removed to the grand industrial-grade dishwasher that had been given to the church several years before by the university when their kitchen equipment was upgraded. It was a well-oiled, good Baptist operation, and the dishes were steaming clean almost before everyone finished at table, and, before the kitchen committee left for prayer meeting, put away for use another day.

Except of course for the big pots and pans in which the main dishes had been cooked and served. Those monsters would not fit in the assembly-line trays of the dishwasher. The heavy-duty pots and pans had to be washed by hand in the deep double sinks.

So there she stood, sleeves rolled up about six laps, full-length cafeteria apron secured round her neck and waist, and up to her elbows in hot soapy water scrubbing and rinsing those heavy, greasy pots and pans.

She was in her seventies. She was not frail. But she was beginning to show her age. And now perspiration beaded up on her softly wrinkled forehead. And she sometimes struggled to lift that heavy stock pot or that huge baking pan.

Naturally, when I noticed her hard at work, and saw that no one else—uncharacteristically for those good folk—even offered to help her, and, perhaps, seeking to make a new-preacher good impression—I offered to help her with her heavy load.

“Miss Alma,” I offered, “let me help you with those heavy pots and pans, and then,” I ventured, “let’s see if we can get someone else to share this job with you.” I was not prepared for her strong response.

“Pastor,” she said, “this here is my job! I been doin’ it for years. I ain’t got much education, so I can’t teach a class. And I can’t carry a tune in a washtub, so I can’t sing in the choir. But I raised six children and now I’m helping raise twelve grandchildren. I know how to wash pots and pans! That’s my talent! You just go on and help somebody who needs help. I got this job covered!”

Do I need to tell you that I never again offered to take some of the load? And I understood why no one else offered to help either—“This here is my job!”

Every Christian has some talent, ability and a spiritual gift he or she has received from God.

1 Peter 4:10 As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

Church Council Highlights



St John Lutheran Church, Williston, Ohio Council Meeting Minutes - August 19, 2021

Pastor's Report:

Attendance:

in Person average 61.8
On-Line average 138.1
2020 average 1789.1
YTD 2021 average 172.5

Numbers:

24 hospital/homeland visit/individual or family meetings
3 committee/group meeting
4 Community/youth/fellowship even
8 professional/clergy activities
1 funeral
2 baptisms
1 wedding

Funeral: I presided at the funeral of Phyllis Parks on July 23.

Baptism: I presided at the baptism of Wyatt and Emerson Trease on June 19.

Wedding: I presided at the wedding of Kaylee Buhrow and Dominic Nuti June 26.

God's Work, Our Hands: St. John will be participating in the ELCA's Day of Service by again helping out the Luther Home of Mercy. On September 12, a light lunch will be served at the church starting at 11:30. Work begins at LHM at noon. Please sign-up next to my office (or call the church office) to help us plan for lunch and the type/number of jobs we can accomplish.

Affirmation of Baptism: Having completed the required course work and having a successful exit interview, I recommend the following for confirmation: Seidona Brossia, Lindsey Cashen, Megan Hoeft, Shane O'Brien and Jacob Titgemeyer. Pastor made a motion to accept these students for Affirmation of Baptism. Gary Johnson seconded. Motion passed.

Financial Secretary, Treasurer and Finance Committee report: Kent Delventhal and Fred Lammers:

Statements and letter have been sent to congregation. Income remains down. Expenses are over due to the phone and cleaning bills for June and July processed in the same month.

Christian Community Life: Cheryl Berger –

The Baumann Car Raffle sales are ongoing at \$5.00 each, please contact the office for tickets.

September 18th is our turn for the Food Panty. Please contact Cheryl if you can help!

Need Help? Christian Community Life is asking if there is anyone in our congregation that could use some help weeding or raking leaves, etc. Let us know if you would like some help and we will get your **job done!** Contact Cheryl Berger 419.345.3941 or Kris Lee 419.349.5267.

Evangelism: Melissa Hays: Committee will be meeting on Monday. The committee along with Pastor and Amelia are working hard on the Directory. Everyone was mailed a letter to update their information for the church.

Parish Education: Kim Sommers: Rally Day is September 12. Sunday School classes will meet in the social hall for songs, snacks and games.

Teacher is needed for grades 1-2. Sunday school materials are in. Masks wearing will be left to the parent's discretion.

Stewardship: Carole Beamer: Golf Outing is one month away! We can have up to fifteen teams.

Currently only have two teams have signed up. Forms are available at office Carole, Tom or Ron. Requesting donations for door prizes and holes. Contact Tom Cashen or Rob Gerkensmeyer for more information.

Coordination meeting will be held on Monday

Worship Life: Traci Brown – With the return to in person worship, the need for people to sign up and help with worship duties are needed: lectors, ushers. Lectors will be reading from the lectern in September. The offering plate will not be passed at this time. Communion will remain the same. Confirmation service has been planned and will be held August 29, 2021. Drive through communion will be stopped as only one person the last time. All cushions, bibles, hymn books are back in the pews.

Property: Gary Johnson – Parts are not available for the seven-year-old dishwasher at the parsonage and it will need to be replaced.

The church air conditioner is only working at half capacity and is over 22 years old. The property committee is investigating all aspects of the repair and in addition acquiring bids for replacement from several companies. We currently have approximately \$22,000 toward replacement plus some in savings. An estimate cost of replacement is \$50,000.

The vanity for the women's bathroom is here as well as the paint. The paint for the library repair is also here.

Kim thanked Gary for repairing the handle on the toilet. Diana commented that the faucet in the kitchen needs repaired.

NEW BUSINESS: Marcia Morgan presented that the Quilts will be displayed on September 11 and 12 and September 18 and 19. Last year the quilts were not displayed and our funding is running low. Bidding for special quilts will run about a month.

Dianna Pfaff asks the status of the Activity Center Committee. Dianna will contact Diane Gerkensmeyer.

Next Committee Meeting will be September 16 at 7:00 pm
Next Council Meeting is scheduled for September 23, 2021 at 7:00 pm.

ELECTRONIC GIVING AUTHORIZATION FORM

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| Effective date of authorization: ____/____/____ | | | | | |
| Type of authorization: <input type="checkbox"/> New authorization <input type="checkbox"/> Change donation amount <input type="checkbox"/> Change donation date <input type="checkbox"/> Change banking information <input type="checkbox"/> Discontinue electronic donation | | | | | |
| Last Name | | | First Name | | |
| Address | | | | | |
| City | | | | State | Zip |
| Email Address | | | | Phone # | |
| DATE OF FIRST DONATION: ____/____/____ | | FREQUENCY OF DONATION: <input type="checkbox"/> Weekly – DAY _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Semi-Monthly – 1 st and 15 th <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly on the 1 st <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly on the 15 th | | FUNDS: <input type="checkbox"/> General/Operating \$ _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify below) \$ _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Add'l donation to offset fees \$ _____ <div style="text-align: right;">Total \$ _____</div> | |
| If you would like to designate your giving to another fund not listed: please state your desire here. Thank You. | | | | | |
| CHECKING / SAVINGS | Please debit my donation from my (check one): <input type="checkbox"/> Savings Account (contact your financial institution for Routing #) <input type="checkbox"/> Checking Account (attach a voided check below) | | | Routing Number: _____ Valid Routing # must start with 0, 1, 2, or 3 Account Number: _____ <div style="font-size: small; text-align: center;"> ⑆ 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 0 0 0 ↓ <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> Routing Number Account Number Check Number </div> </div> | |
| | I authorize the above organization to process debit entries to my account. I understand that this authority will remain in effect until I provide reasonable notification to terminate the authorization. | | | | |
| | Authorized Signature: _____ Date: _____ | | | | |
| CREDIT / DEBIT CARD | Card Brand (check one): <input type="checkbox"/> Visa <input type="checkbox"/> MasterCard <input type="checkbox"/> American Express <input type="checkbox"/> Discover Card | | | | |
| | Card Number: | | | Expiration Date: | |
| | Name on Card: | | | | |
| | Billing Address (if different from above): | | | | |
| | I authorize the above organization to process transactions in accordance with the information above. | | | | |
| Signature (as it appears on the card): _____ Date: _____ | | | | | |

*If using a checking account, please attach a voided check over the credit/debit card section above.
 We do urge you to use a checking or savings account as opposed to a credit card to save transaction fees. Thank you.
 Please allow 2-3 business days for processing. Thank you for being a blessing to St. John Lutheran Church.*



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|---|----------------------------|-----------|---|--------|--|
| | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 5:00 PM Contemporary Worship |
| 5 9:00 AM Traditional Worship | 6 Happy Labor Day! Office closed. | 7 10:00 AM Blankets | 8 | 9 7:00 PM Committee Night Meeting | 10 | 11 5:00 PM Contemporary Worship |
| 12 9:00 AM Traditional Worship Sunday School Kickoff 8:30am God's Work, Our Hands 11:30am | 13 | 14 10:00 AM Blankets | 15 | 16 7:00 PM Council Meeting  | 17 | 18 5:00 PM Contemporary Worship |
| 19 9:00 AM Traditional Worship St. John Golf Outing | 20 9:00 AM For SUBMIT dYOUR er ARTICLES | 21 10:00 AM Blankets | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 5:00 PM Contemporary Worship |
| 26 9:00 AM Traditional Worship | 27 | 28 10:00 AM Blankets | 29 | 30 | | |

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Sunday Traditional Worship 9:00 AM

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