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Williston, Ohio

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Ask the Pastor

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Our church council devotions this year are focusing on the petitions of the Lord's Prayer. A couple of months ago we discussed, "Forgive us our sins (trespasses) (debts) as we forgive those who sin (trespass) against (are indebted to) us." Anticipating the question, "What's the difference between sins, trespasses, and debts?", I prepared the following word study.

The New Testament uses five different words for sin...

1. hamartia -The most common word for sin, was originally a word used in archery meaning 'to miss the target'. Failing to hit the mark is hamarita. Therefore, one sense of sin is the failure to be what we might have been, could have been, and what God hopes we can be. Jesus desires for us to love one another and be one as he and the Father are one (John 17). When we don't do that, we miss the mark. Failure to love one another means we haven't hit the target. That is hamarita.

2. parabasis -Literally means 'stepping across', an offense, the New Testament usually translates this word as "transgression". This understanding of sin is the stepping across the line drawn between right and wrong. Crossing the boundary between honesty and dishonesty; lie and truth, etc. When someone's patience has been tested one too many times, they may use the phrase "You've crossed the line" or "You've gone too far". That is parabasis.

3. paraptoma - This is more of a stumble or blunder, a misdeed. This is the word used in Matthew 6:14, "For if you forgive others their trespasses (paraptoma), your heavenly Father will also forgive you." Literally means 'slipping across'. It's the kind of slipping that might happen on an icy road. It is not as deliberate as parabasis. This sinning happens when we let our guard down, become overrun with emotions, or let go of our self-control. One Lexicon defines it as "a deviation from truth and uprightness."

4. anomia -Means 'lawlessness'. Anomia is the sin of a person who knows the difference between right and wrong and chooses to do wrong. Matthew 13:41, "The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin (all things that offend - skandalon) and all evildoers (those who do iniquity - anomia)."

5. opheilema -Means 'debt'; a failure to pay that which is due, a failure in duty. This is not just monetary debt, but related to Jewish Law. The ancient Roman world was an honor-shame culture; this refers to the ongoing attribution or loss of esteem by one's peers, family, social class, city, and so on. In Roman society, this respect was based primarily on such things as wealth, education, rhetorical skill, family pedigree, and political connections. Not upholding your end of the deal or doing something to cause someone shame or not giving someone the honor they are due would incur debt. This would be opheilema.

GOD
BLESS
AMERICA

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In the New Testament, Matthew (6:12) uses the word *opheilema* in his version of the Lord's Prayer. "And forgive us our debts (*opheilema*), as we also have forgiven our debtors (*opheiletes*). Luke 11:4 uses two different words, "And forgive us our sins (*hamarita*), for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted (*opheilema*) to us.

So which word do we use? William Barclay writes, "From a purely linguistic point of view, in the text of the Lord's Prayer in this petition (Matthew) "debts" is a correct rendering, "trespasses" is not justifiable, and it may be that "sins" would give the meaning most simply, most unmistakably, and not inaccurately" (Commentary on Matthew)

But also consider, Jesus probably spoke in Aramaic. So, he likely talked about disobedience toward God using the word *choba'*. Matthew, being characteristically Jewish, translated *choba'* using the legalistic sense of the word debt. Luke, being Greek, used a more general Greek word for sin.

If you would like to submit a question for "Ask the Pastor", Biblical, theological, church-related, or 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.

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 (cell 419-378-1112) or the church office (419-836-5514) who will begin the prayer chain.

In Memory of Danny Jeffers

JoElaine Schimming
Elaine Gruetter
Leroy & Lynne Ameling
Sandrock & Johnson Family
Witt Ameling
Tom & Bonnie Ottney
Mark & Susan Padley
Charles & Wilona Ameling
Ruth Phillips
Lois Breckler

In Memory of Carrol Krukemeyer

Elaine Gruetter
Lowell and Diane Hartman

In Memory of George Webb

The Orians Family



If we inadvertently missed your name, please let the office know.

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Saturday at 5:00 PM

Sunday Worship 9:00 AM

Deadline for the
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Monday, July 17th

Please send articles and/or

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Monday—Friday

9am—2pm

THANKS
FROM THE
HEART

Thank you St. John-

The Danny Jeffers Family would like to give a big Thank You! For pastor visit, cards, calls and ladies of church for the set up and clean up and serving at the Celebration of Life. The beautiful quilts that Danny Used often from the quilt ladies. **Danny's last 10 months had been very difficult . May he rest in peace.**

The Danny Jeffers Family

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your recent gift of \$10.00 to the Luther home of Mercy in memory of Carrol Krukemyer. Your support and generosity enables those in our care to explore their passions and thrive in so many unique and wonderful ways. For that, we are sincerely grateful.

With gratitude,
Megan O'Brien

Thank you!

A big thank you to Carol Vargo, Alice Witt, Carolyn Lasseter and Marilyn Sandroek for providing and serving lunch on the last day of Bible School. Your help was greatly appreciated.

Christian Community Life Committee

Dear St. John Congregation,

Thank you for enabling me to pursue my dreams. I am sincerely honored to have been selected as a recipient of the Youngers Memorial Scholarship. You have helped me get a step closer to my future success.

Riley Brossia

welcome
to our church family

**We want to welcome
to our St. John Church Family.....**

**Judy Encheff
Ashley and Hailey Hodulik
Dominic Nuti
Ben and Robin Perkins**



Saturday Worship at 5:00 PM
Sunday Coffee/Donuts at 8:30 AM
Sunday Worship at 9:00 AM

Women of the **ELCA**

**WELCA will be hosting a dinner here at
the Church (Basement) on
Tuesday, July 11, at 5:30 p.m.**

**We are inviting all ladies of our church
to join us for fellowship, food and fun.
The meal will be catered by Ole Zim's
Wagon Shed.**

**The cost is \$15.50 per person.
Please call Diane Gerkenmeyer (419-836-7052) (by Saturday, July 1) to reserve
a spot and to be included in this evening
of enjoyment and friendship.**



2024 Holy Land Tour Opportunities

I discovered firsthand that a pilgrimage to the Holy Land is a life-changing experience, and I want to share that experience with as many people as I can.

After you have walked where Jesus walked, you won't read scripture the same way again. If you think you might be able to make the trip, I ask that you prayerfully consider joining me and others from St. John (and some friends) on our pilgrimage next June 17-27, 2024 .

The January tour is \$4,190, the June tour is \$4,090. Both include all meals, accommodations, sightseeing in a modern air-conditioned bus, English speaking tour guide, and airfare from Detroit.

If you would like more information, I will be glad to talk with you about the trip. -Pastor Shawn O'Brien



Blessing of Backpacks



On the weekend of August 19th and 20th, we are going to have a "Backpack Blessing" as a way to send children off with prayers for a safe and successful year of learning. Young people are encouraged to bring their school backpacks to church, and adults bring any kind of work case or bag. We will have a prayer of blessing as they start their new school year. It is our hope that with this blessing students will realize that they and their lives are important to their church family and that God is with them always, especially at school.

Summer Lunch Grab Bags Meals begin June 7th and end August 17th

Every Wednesday from 11:30-12:30, at Marblehead Police Department Port Clinton Police Department Ottawa County Family Advocacy Center Every Thursday from 11:30-12:30 at Oak Harbor High School St. John's Lutheran Church – Rocky Ridge Reservations must be made 24 hours prior to distribution. You must reserve weekly to ensure pick up availability. To RSVP scan the QR Code.

(QR Codes available by email or at the church office)

Meals are provided by the Family Advocacy Center In Ottawa County. Grab bags will include 5 breakfast, 5 lunches, a half gallon of milk and 2 pints of milk. Grab bags are available to any child under the age of 18. For questions please call 419-301-0225

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Our 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

**Faith Practice
#3 Reading
PSALMS**

BOOK #5

Week of July 3- Psalm 117
Week of July 10- Psalm 118
Week of July 17 Psalm 119
Week of July 24- Psalm 120
Week of July 31- Psalm 121

THE STORY OF JESUS

The Synod Office has published a Daily Bible Reading Guide for 2023 entitled, "The Story of Jesus". It is designed to lead us through the life and ministry of Jesus. Most of the readings are of reasonable length (multiple verses instead of multiple chapters) so it should be easy to stay on track even if you miss a day. I will have copies of the reading guide available at the church, and I will share the document electronically when it becomes available.

The Way to the Cross

July 1 The Mission of the Seventy Luke 10:1-12

July 2 Woe to Unrepentant Cities Luke 10:13-16; Matt. 11:20-24

July 3 The Return of the Seventy Luke 10:17-20

July 4 Jesus Thanks the Father Luke 10:21-24; Matt. 11:25-27

July 5 The Lawyer's Question Luke 10:25-28; Matt. 22:34-40; Mark 12:28-34

July 6 The Parable of the Good Samaritan Luke 10:29-37

July 7 Jesus Visits Mary and Martha Luke 10:38-42

July 8 The Lord's Prayer Luke 11:1-4; Matt. 6:9-13

July 9 Perseverance in Prayer Luke 11:5-8

July 10 Encouragement to Pray Luke 11:9-13; Matt. 7:7-11

July 11 Jesus and Beelzebul Luke 11:14-23; Matt. 12:22-30; Mark 3:22-27

July 12 The Return of an Unclean Spirit Luke 11:24-26; Matt. 12:43-45

July 13 True Blessedness Luke 11:27-28

July 14 The Sign of Jonah Luke 11:29-32; Matt. 12:38-42

July 15 Concerning Light Luke 11:33; Matt. 5:14-16; Mark 4:21

July 16 The Sound Eye Luke 11:34-36; Matt. 6:22-23

July 17 Jesus Denounces Pharisees and Lawyers Luke 11:37-54

July 18 The Yeast of the Pharisees Luke 12:1-3; Matt. 16:5-12; Mark 8:14-21

July 19 Whom to Fear Luke 12:4-9; Matt. 10:26-33

July 20 Sin Against the Holy Spirit Luke 12:10; Matt. 12:31-32; Mark 3:28-30

July 21 The Help of the Holy Spirit Luke 12:11-12; Matt. 10:19-20; Mark 13:11

July 22 Warning Against Greed Luke 12:13-15

July 23 The Parable of the Rich Fool Luke 12:16-21

July 24 Do Not Worry Luke 12:22-32; Matt. 6:25-34

July 25 Concerning Treasures Luke 12:33-34; Matt. 6:19-21

July 26 Watchful Slaves Luke 12:35-40

July 27 The Faithful and Unfaithful Slave Luke 12:41-48; Matt. 24:45-51

July 28 Divisions Luke 12:49-53; Matt. 10:34-36

July 29 Interpreting the Times Luke 12:54-56; Matt. 16:1-4

July 30 Settling with Your Opponent Luke 12:57-59

July 31 Repent or Perish Luke 13:1-



New Prayer/Contact Cards...

You will see new blue Prayer/Contact cards in the pews. Please fill them out if you have a prayer request, a change in your contact information, would like to join the St. John family or to speak with the Pastor. Just place them in the offering plate.

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: Cheryl Berger, Debbie Wehner, Donna Mathews, Susie Mathews

Backpacks (for elementary)
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 (straight 3.5mm jack)



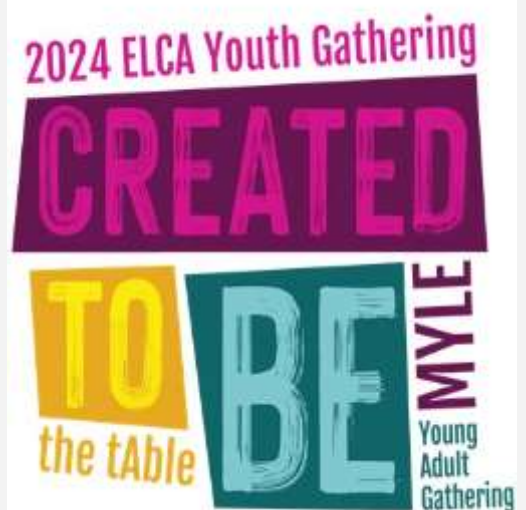
ATTENTION (current, future, and previous) Senior High Youth,

Every three years the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (the national organization St. John is a part of) gather for a week of faith formation known as the ELCA Youth Gathering. Through days spent in interactive learning, worship, Bible study, service, and fellowship, young people grow in faith and are challenged and inspired to live their faith in their daily lives. The 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering will be in New Orleans, LA July 16th - 20th. It will be open to youth entering the 8th - 12th grade in the fall of 2023.

Due to the cancellation of the 2022 Youth Gathering, many young people lost the opportunity to participate. Therefore, in partnership with ELCA Young Adult Ministries, they are hosting the first-ever Young Adult Gathering, open to individuals who will be 18 to 35 at the time of the event! (I don't know much about that at the moment, but if you think you *might* be interested, please let me know.)

"Sounds fun," you say, "but it's still a year away. Why worry about this now?" Because there is a lot of work to be done prior to attending an event like this. It is important that we get an idea of who might be interested in attending and start planning, preparing, and fundraising.

If you *might* be interested in attending the Youth Gathering (or Young Adult Gathering), please contact Pastor O'Brien (pastorobrien@stjohnwilliston.org or text 419-378-1112).



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20 YEARS IS \$1,183,997**

Tickets for the 21st Annual Baumann Auto Group Charity Raffle are available in the church office. (M-F 9-2)

Tickets are \$5.00. When you buy your ticket at St. John, 100% of the proceeds go to the Genoa Food Pantry.



Coffee and Donuts
Sundays at 8:30am
Please join us!!



Community of Giving

Did you know you can give blood every 56 days?
Share the gift of life at our upcoming blood drives!

July 6, 2023 1 PM to 6 PM at St John Lutheran, Williston, OH

See or call LisaAnne in the office for info!

Get in the loop!

Make your life saving appointment to donate blood at
www.redcrossblood.org!

The Blessing Box needs your help!

We are currently seeking donations of
canned pasta (spaghetti o's, etc.), pasta
sides, rice-a-roni, spaghetti sauce,
mac&cheese (boxed), canned fruit, small
snacks, and cereal.

Thank you for your help and support to
keep our Blessing Box full!

College Student Blessing

On the **weekend of August 5th and 6th**, we are going to have a prayer and blessing for our college students as they start the new school year.

We need your help to be able to pray for them by name. **Please contact the church office with the student's name, the college they will be attending, and a current address** (if they will not living at home). At the beginning of worship those days we will pray for our college students that God will be with them as they seek to grow in knowledge and that they will continue to grow in faith. It will be good for them to know they have the love and support of their church family as they learn new skills and stretch their understanding of the world around them.

11th Annual Benevolence GOLF OUTING

St. John's Annual Golf Outing
Saturday, September 23rd
at Chippewa Golf Club

\$65.00 per player
18 Holes with cart
Prizes Prizes Prizes

If you have any questions,
please contact a member
of the Stewardship
Committee or Tom Cashen
(419)836-8028



FOURSOME REGISTRATION FORM



11th Annual Benevolence Golf Outing 9/23/2023

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



Planning a summer vacation?

Could you use one less worry?
Online giving is now available at St. John.

Simply visit our web site at www.stjohnwilliston.org
and click on the "online giving"
link at the top of the page.

*Not online? See LisaAnne in the office to set up an account
or fill out an "Authorization Form" and return it to the office.*

Thank you for being a blessing to St. John!

Random Stewardship ideas
for the Month of July

- Think of a charity which is
amply blessed at Christmas.
Remember them with a gift
mid-year.
- Take your prayers with you
for an early morning walk.
- Surprise an old friend with a
phone call.
- Compliment a stranger
- Give the trash man bottled
water
- Drop off treats to a shut in.
- Read a book to a child
- Recycle more
- Smile

Keep on loving one another as brothers
and sisters. Do not forget to show hospi-
tality to strangers, for by so doing some
people have shown hospitality to angels
without knowing it. Hebrews 13:1-2

Serve
wholeheartedly, as
if you were serving
the Lord, not
people.

Ephesians 6:7



CONNECTING KIDS TO CHRIST The Connection

ST. JOHN KID'S PAGE

PATRIOTIC PARFAIT

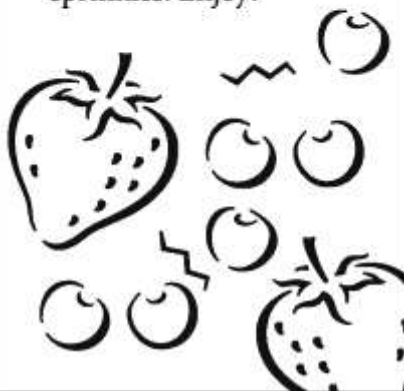
On the 4th of July, make this healthy, festive dessert to share with family and friends.

What you need:

- Clear glasses or plastic cups
- Spoons
- Vanilla yogurt
- Cut strawberries
- Fresh blueberries
- Coconut, whipped cream, red and blue sprinkles (optional)

What you do:

1. Place a couple of spoonfuls of vanilla yogurt at the bottom of each glass or cup.
2. Add cut strawberries to cover the yogurt layer.
3. Add more yogurt over the strawberries.
4. Add a layer of blueberries.
5. Repeat the layers until you reach the top of the glass or cup.
6. For extra fun, add coconut, whipped cream and sprinkles. Enjoy!



"IN DEPENDENCE" DAY!

Always live "in dependence" on God.

Directions: Use the vowel code to complete Psalm 16:8, NIV.

A= E= I= O= U=

k _ p my _ y _ s
lw _ ys _ n th _ L _ RD.
W _ th h _ m _ t my
r _ ght h _ nd,
w _ ll n _ t b _ sh _ k _ n.
Ps _ lm 16:8, N _ V

Answer: I keep my eyes always on the Lord. With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken. Psalm 16:8, NIV

PATRIOTIC SCAVENGER HUNT

- Find something that has stars.
- Find something that is blue.
- Find a flag.
- Find a food that is red.
- Find some fireworks.
- Find something white.
- Find something that sparkles.
- Find someone who can sing the National Anthem.
- Find something that says "The United States" or "USA".
- Find something that is red, white and blue.
- Find someone in or that has been in the military.





Northwestern Ohio Synod

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Dear Friends in Christ,



And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

Luke 1:41b-45



"Who is your Elizabeth?" When I wrote that question, I didn't know I would be sitting in a room in Dodoma, Tanzania with women leaders from across the dioceses. The question was part of Northwestern Ohio Synod's "Year of Story" Bible Study. It came from a reflection on Mary and Elizabeth, the two women who held the sacred space that gave Mary the courage to sing the Magnificat.

In this sacred space the question was translated to Swahili, as women leaders from Northwestern Ohio and Dodoma, Tanzania gathered to encourage and support each other. I told the story of my grandmother; of how she had been an Elizabeth to me, the space where my own story could be discovered and voiced. Then I asked, "Who is your Elizabeth?"

There was a pregnant silence in the room. I wondered if vulnerability could bridge the gap between us. It felt like we held that silence for a long time. Then Pastor Edda Swilla Mbwambo, a leader among the Tanzanian women, began to speak. She told the story of her mother. How she had formed her into a woman who could accept the call to serve as a minister in the church, and with that offering, call story after call story came pouring out. Each woman's testimony seemed to embolden the next. Their stories were filled with the names of women: women who had encouraged them, women who had blessed them, women who had made space for them to discover their gifts. Some of the "Elizabeths" named sat in the room among us.

I will never be able to fully explain what happened in that sacred space. Each woman told her story in Swahili, but somehow we understood what she was saying before the words ever made their way to English. The presence of the Holy Spirit was so thick that you could feel it. The translator couldn't keep pace with the movement of the Holy Spirit. It was the closest thing to Pentecost that I have ever experienced.

These women recognized the story of Mary and Elizabeth for what it is, a call story. They responded by giving their guests a gift. They shared their call stories. It was worth traveling all the way to Tanzania just to sit in that room with those women.

We forget sometimes that this bible story is the call of both Elizabeth and Mary. Elizabeth is called by the Holy Spirit to be the sacred space for Mary to sing. Mary is called by the Holy Spirit to sing of the transformative power of the coming of Christ.

On that day, we had embodied both of their vocations. We had been Elizabeths, holding the sacred space that emboldens others to sing. We had also been Marys, courageously singing of what God has done in our lives. I believe this is the dual call of every Christian. We are the holy space where others can sing. We are the ones who tell the story of what God has done for us.

I suspect that the Holy Spirit longs to fill rooms with this kind of testimony all over the world. I pray these questions stay with you. Who is your Elizabeth? Who holds the sacred space that emboldens you to sing? What song do you have to offer about the amazing things God has done for you?

Bless you,
Pastor Sarah Schaaf

St. John Lutheran Church Council Notes – 6.15.23 (Mtg Canceled due to Weather)



Info to note:

Pastor:

Worship Attendance:

- In person average for May 2023 - 133.3 compared to May 2022 - 109
- Online average for May 2023 - 82.5 compared to May 2022 - 90.8

Numbers

- 14 hospital/homebound visit/individual or family meetings
- 3 committee/group meetings
- 5 community/youth/fellowship events
- 6 professional/clergy activities
- 4 classes/Bible studies
- 1 baptism
- 1 memorial

Baptism

- I presided at the baptism of Haisley James Hodnett (daughter of James and Breanna) on May 7th.

Memorial

- I presided at a memorial service for Carol Krukemeyer on May 20th at the Genoa Care Center.

Affirmation of Baptism

- On May 21st four confirmands affirmed their baptisms. Caleb Hays, Lindsey Krumnow, Emma Morgan, and Lily Sondergeld.

New Member Class

- A new member class has been scheduled for June 20th at 7:00p

Rostered Ministers Gathering

- I will be attending the ELCA Rostered Leaders Gathering in Phoenix June 19-22 (Monday thru Thursday).

Out of Town

- I will be out of town the weekend of August 26/27 and September 2/3. Pulpit supply is being arranged.

Financial Secretary, Treasurer and Finance:

- Expenses: We are 99% of the monthly budget and 98% of the year to date budget.
- Income: We are 92% of our monthly budget and 93% of our year to date budget.
- Income over expenses: On a year to date basis, we are currently negative \$12,235 compared to our budget of negative \$6,917.

Christian Community Life:

- Count report from food pantry: total patrons: 59, total families: 31, donations: \$395.00, and expenses: \$2,512.55.
- Tickets for the Baumann CAR raffle or \$20,000 are available at the office for \$5 a ticket. A poster is on board across from the pastor's office.
- Reminder about THIS Saturday, June 17th Meijer FOOD PANTRY DOUBLE MATCH DAY!!
- We have Father's day gifts ready.

Parish Education:

- In lieu of meeting last week, Stefanie and Deanna met at the church to set up for VBS.
- We have one more day of VBS this week. Attendance has been: Monday, 39 kids and 15 helpers, Tuesday, 35 kids and 16 helpers, Wednesday, 21 kids and 16 helpers, Thursday, 37 kids and 16 helpers and Friday we will have lunch after VBS and an ice cream truck (ice cream truck will be paid for by Parish Ed)
- Next Thursday evening (June 22) from 7-8, we will be on a Teams meeting to discuss potential changes in our Sunday School program. The link to the meeting has been sent out in emails from the office to the congregation.
- Collected, as of Thursday of VBS, \$215 and 13 cans of pasta.

Stewardship:

- Sept 23rd Golf Outing.
- Coffee and Donuts provided at 8:30, prior to Worship on Sundays. The last couple weeks attendance has been around 20 people.

Next Committee Mtg: No Mtg in July **Next Council Mtg:** No Mtg in July

Notes submitted by: Tracy Orians, Council Secretary



Worship Assistants

Saturdays 5:00pm

Ushers

1- Wayne Bauman
8- Ron Gerkenmeyer
15- Jack Mathews
22-The Buhrow Family
29-The Donnelly Family

Lectors

1- Christine Danhoff
8- Nancy Strohscher
15- Beverly Harder
22- Amy Schloegl
29- Christine Danhoff

Acolytes

1- Jacob Higginbotham
8- Mila McQueary
15- Lindsey Krumnow
22- Emma Morgan
29- Jacob Higginbotham

Communion

1- Ron Gerkenmeyer
8- Amy Schloegl
15- Carol Vargo
22- Nancy Strohscher
29- Al & Traci Brown

Sundays 9:00am

Ushers

2- Titgemeyer Family
9- Jill Kao
16- Titgemeyer Family
23- Diana Pfaff/Riley B
30- Jill Kao

Lectors

2- Diana Pfaff
9- Deanna Neuman
16- Cebie Titgemeyer
23- Kellie Ulrich
30- Jill Kao

Acolytes

2- Lauren Hoeft
9- Logan Hays
13- Caleb Hays
23- Lily Sondergeld
30- Lauren Hoeft

Communion

2- Margaret Berger
9- Roland Sandrock
16- Tim Titgemeyer
23- Diana Pfaff
30- Pam LaRue

Saturdays 5:00pm

Ushers

5- Wayne Bauman
12- Jack Mathews
19- The Buhrow Family
26-Ron Gerkenmeyer

Lectors

5- Nancy Strohscher
12- Beverly Harder
19- Amy Schloegl
26- Christine Danhoff

Acolytes

5- Mila McQueary
12- Lindsey Krumnow
19- Emma Morgan
26- Jacob Higginbotham

Communion

5- Alice Witt
12- JoElaine Schimming
19- Ron Gerkenmeyer
26- Amy Schloegl

Sundays 9:00am

Ushers

6- Titgemeyer Family
13- Diana Pfaff/Riley B
20- Jill Kao
27-Titgemeyer Family

Lectors

6- Cebie Titgemeyer
13- Melissa Lammers
20- Roland Sandrock
27- Deanna Neuman

Acolytes

6- Logan Hays
13- Lily Sondergeld
20-Caleb Hays
27- Lauren Hoeft

Communion

6- Margaret Berger
13- Rosemarie Dickinson
20- Dave/Deanna N
27- Kellie Ulrich



Thank you for serving the Lord! If you cannot make your assignment, please make arrangements for a replacement then let the office know as soon as possible.

More Worship Helpers Needed! Sign up in the office today!

JULY 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25 8:30AM Coffee/Donuts 9:00 AM Traditional Worship	26	27 9:00 AM Blankets	28 7:00 AM Breakfast Gathering	29	30	1 5:00 PM Contemp Worship
2 8:30 AM Coffee/Donuts 9:00 AM Traditional Worship	3	4 Office Closed 	5 7:00 AM Breakfast Gathering	6 1-6 PM Blood Drive St. John Basement	7	8 5:00 PM Contemp Worship Baptism- Nora Sheahan
9 8:30 AM Coffee/Donuts 9:00 AM Traditional Worship Baptism- Sutton Deiter	10	11 9:00 AM Blankets	12 7:00 AM Breakfast Gathering	13	14	15 5:00 PM Contemp Worship
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Saturday Contemporary Worship 5:00 PM

Sunday School resumes in September

Sunday Traditional Worship 9:00 AM

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