

# FORERUNNER

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## Ask the Pastor

**“There are places in the Bible where it says to ‘fear the Lord’, but then it also says, ‘do not be afraid’. How can we both fear the Lord and at the same time believe Jesus when tells us not to be afraid?**

It may sound like a contradiction, but I believe we can do both. But to do that, we need to understand what it means to fear. In the dictionary, fear has several different definitions...

The first is “an unpleasant often strong emotion caused by anticipation or awareness of danger.” This is fear as its most basic, animal level. This is the fear that directs the “fight or flight” response of the autonomic nervous system. Fear or excitement causes signals to travel to the hypothalamus, which triggers a rapid heartbeat, faster breathing, widening of the pupils, and increased blood flow. The second definition of fear is closely related to this; “anxious concern.” Anxiety is an emotional state in which people feel uneasy, apprehensive, or fearful. People usually experience anxiety about events they cannot control or predict, or about events that seem threatening or dangerous.

Jesus is speaking to these types of fear, the emotional responses, the anxiety, when he says “Do not be afraid, little flock...” (Luke 12:32) The source of our security, is the phrase, “it’s your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.” Because God loves us, God is pleased to give us the kingdom! We don’t need to be paralyzed by the fear of judgement. The image here is not of a stingy, miserly God begrudgingly withholding love; rather it is an image of God who through our Lord Jesus Christ grants us a presence, a power, a peace in the midst of life’s uncertainties.

This brings us to the final definition of fear; “profound reverence and awe.” We are not supposed to have a flight or fight response or excess anxiety about God’s judgement, but rather deep admiration and respect for what God has done for us.

God revealed to us in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus that tells us nothing could make God happier or give God more pleasure, than to rescue us from despair, heal us from brokenness, and bless us with the Spirit’s presence. The Lord who returns in judgement is the same Lord who first laid down his life in love for us on the cross. It is truly God’s great delight and pleasure to love us, to care for us, and to give us the kingdom.

We do not need to be afraid, but this is certainly worthy of profound reverence and awe.

*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.*

# memorials & gifts

## In Memory of Carol Tank

Beth Johnson  
Mary Harmeyer  
Leann Earp  
David and Margaret Uthoff  
Martin and Kathryn Cathro  
Brenda and Bill Hart  
Robert Wayne, Carol Barb, and  
Sue Barb  
Conrado and Rhea Hernandez  
Ryan and Molly Paisie  
Tom and Joan Truman  
Linda Schlievert  
Thomas Tank  
Gary and Darlene Carstensen  
Diane Dickinson  
Daniel and Sandra Uthoff  
Tom and Laurie Bahnsen

## In Memory of Virginia Kurschart

Fred and Melissa Lammers  
Carole Beamer

## In Memory of Miriam Camper

Gary and Darlene Carstensen  
Diane Dickinson



### **OUR BLESSING BOX**

The mini-pantry continues to be used. To help restock we are currently in need of Peanut Butter and Jelly, any kind of canned meat, including tuna, chicken and beef, and after school snacks, including Pop Tarts, snack size bags of chips, pretzels, etc. When you're shopping, please consider purchasing a few extra items and sharing them for the Blessing Box.

If anyone interested in joining the bell choir and/or singing with the choir this Fall, please contact Becki Goldstein or see her after church services. Practice information has not been made available yet.



### **Faith Practice #3 Readings PSALMS**

Oct 3 – Psalm 79  
Oct 10 – Psalm 80  
Oct 17 – Psalm 81  
Oct 24 – Psalm 82  
Oct 31 – Psalm 83



We would like to thank the congregation for the prayers, cards, visits and concerns while Gary recovers. Now Gary is doing in-home care and therapy. Also thank you for the card on the loss of my sister Jeannette Shepard. We are grateful to have our church family with us at these difficult times.

Feeling blessed,  
Gary and Darlene Carstensen

We are so grateful to Pastor O'Brien, Margaret Berger, Ron and Diane Gerkensmyer, and Lowell and Diane Hartman for arranging and bringing the Matriarch Ceremony to Waterford at Levis Commons for Mom. It was very meaningful to have her honored by the church where she spent so much time in her younger years. Thanks also to the Blanket Group for the lovely pink blanket.

Sincerely,  
The Edna Rideout Family

## New Matriarch!

**On Thursday, September 15, Edna Rideout was presented with the Matriarch Bible. Family members and a representation from St John met in the chapel at Waterford of Levis Commons, where Edna resides. Edna, who is 97 years old, proudly received the Bible from Pastor O'Brien.**



## History of Matriarch/Patriarch Bible

In 2005 the WELCA of St John discussed having a Matriarch and Patriarch Bible. Plans were made to begin this program where the oldest living female and male member would be presented with the Bible. The Bible is "on loan" to them to read and learn from it daily. Following their passing, the family will then return the Bible at their funeral service. It is then passed on to the next oldest member.

A list of those who have received the Bible is below. In the education hallway we have a picture which includes all those who have had the honor of having the Bible.

### Matriarchs

|                     |            |
|---------------------|------------|
| Ella Kopfman        | 10/15/2005 |
| Fern Martin         | 4/22/2006  |
| Helen Johnson       | 4/27/2008  |
| Mildred Panning     | 9/27/2009  |
| Hazel Marsh         | 4/7/2012   |
| Dorothy Johnson     | 7/14/2014  |
| Gertrude Henningson | 10/5/2016  |
| Edna Sandrock       | 2/13/2021  |
| Carol Tank          | 3/1/2021   |
| Edna Rideout        | 9/15/2022  |

### Patriarchs

|                 |            |
|-----------------|------------|
| Earl Johnson    | 10/16/2005 |
| Charles Johnson | 2/3/2013   |
| Donald Ruthsatz | 4/26/2015  |
| Frederick Lau   | 8/6/2019   |
| Leroy Fowler    | 3/22/2020  |
| Ray Fredrickson | 11/15/2021 |



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## Worship Hours

**Saturday at 5:00 PM**

**Sunday Worship 9:45 AM**

## Deadline for the

**November newsletter is**

**Monday, Oct 24th @ 9AM**

**Please send articles and/or**

**information to**

**office@stjohnwilliston.org.**



**"Creating and nurturing life  
changing relationships  
based on the love of God in  
Jesus Christ, so that we may  
grow in faith, serve God and  
serve our neighbor."**



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### **Mark your calendars for our upcoming celebration!**

We will be honoring the 25th anniversary of Pastor O'Brien's ordination with receptions following the services of **November 19th and 20th**. We will be providing a card box at the receptions so that notes of appreciation, congratulation and thanks can be given. We, also, will be accepting donations towards a gift for the O'Brien family. Monetary donations will be accepted at the church office or offering plates, please indicate that your donation is for the 25th anniversary gift. Online donations can be given as well, just call the church office to let Amelia know which donation is to go towards Pastor's ordination gift.

## *Let's celebrate this exciting milestone!*

### **NORTH CENTRAL WELCA FALL ASSEMBLY**

**Saturday, October 22, 2022**

**Salem Grace United Lutheran Church**

216 Main St., Luckey, Ohio 43443  
(The church is handicap accessible)



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Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. in the lower level of the church where breakfast items will be available.  
The program begins at 9:00 a.m. and will be held in the sanctuary.

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*Israel, the Lord who created you says, "Do not be afraid-I will save you. I have called you by name and you are mine." Isaiah 43:1 Good News Bible*

**Guest Speaker**

**Debbie Russeau "Coming Home"**

Debbie has been married for 31 years, is a mother to four children, three living, and the proud grandmother of two grandsons.

She is also a member of Solomon Lutheran Church.

She will share with us her journey of addiction and recovery from alcoholism.

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### **Please bring in-kind items to benefit Grace's Place**

Which is a free-store that serves people in the neighborhood.

Suggested items are, towels, wash cloths, socks (all ages), or kitchen item.

**This event is sponsored by Salem Grace United Lutheran Church, Luckey, Zion Lutheran Church, Luckey and Solomon Lutheran Church, Woodville**

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Please return the following registration slip and payment of \$10.00, which includes the breakfast, program & catered lunch by **MONDAY, OCTOBER 17**. Make checks payable to Salem Grace United Lutheran Church and mail to them at P.O. Box 115, Luckey, Ohio 43443

FOR QUESTIONS OR MORE INFORMATION, PHONE 419-351-7367 OR  
EMAIL SGULCHURCH@GMAIL.COM

**To register for this event, please call Carole Beamer and she will send our group reservation to the church. If Carole does not answer, please leave a message.**



## 2022 Golf Outing to benefit the Good Samaritans Fund

### THANK YOU

A morning chill and slight drizzle could not dampen the spirits as our 10th annual golf outing was held Saturday, September 24, 2022 at Chippewa Golf Course. Thirteen teams, consisting of 52 golfers participated in this year's event.

Following golf, teams gathered back in the clubhouse to enjoy a BBQ chicken dinner from Blackberry Corners and to receive LOTS of PRIZES! Team Nissen took home 1<sup>st</sup> place honors with an event record 23 under par! WOW! Congratulations!

The real winner though, is the Good Samaritan Fund which raised over \$3,100. This money is used to support the Genoa Food Pantry, Parking lot pantry, outreach and to provide emergency financial aid to families in need. The continued success of this event would not be possible without YOU! Your generosity over the years has enabled us to raise over \$24,000. Thank You! Next year's event is scheduled for Saturday, September 23rd, 2023.



We must always  
give thanks to God  
for you ... because your

**faith**

is growing abundantly.

2 THESSALONIANS 1:3, NRSV



## Women of the ELCA

### Esther Circle

October 4th, 2 PM  
November 15th, 2 PM  
December 6th, 6 PM  
(hors d'oeuvres and cookies)

### Rebekah Circle

October 4th, 7 PM  
November 15th, 7 PM  
December 6th, 7 PM  
(Nancy Strohscher's house)

Our annual Thankoffering service will be held on October 1st and 2nd. We have a speaker coming from Nightingales Harvest. This organization is located at Our Savior Lutheran Church on Alexis Road. They provide nutritious food, hygiene products and resources to aid in improving health and wellness to families experience cancer. Let us all welcome Lisa Kronback-Eisenbach, founder and director of the non-profit organization. The blanket ladies have provided them many blankets for both adults and children over the years.

### Trunk or Treat

**Trunk or Treat will be October 16<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm.**

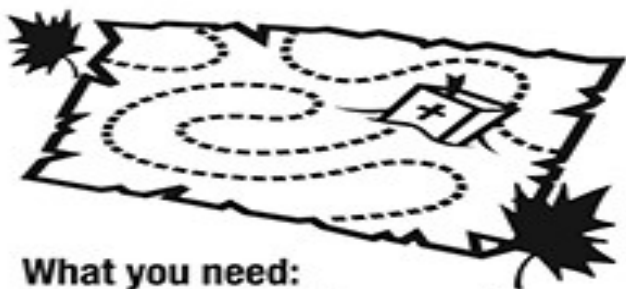
**Please consider decorating a vehicle for this event. We'd love to have you!**

**We also need donations of wrapped candy. The candy can be dropped off in the box outside the church office.**



## FALL SCAVENGER Hunt

Enjoy searching for seasonal aspects of God's creation!

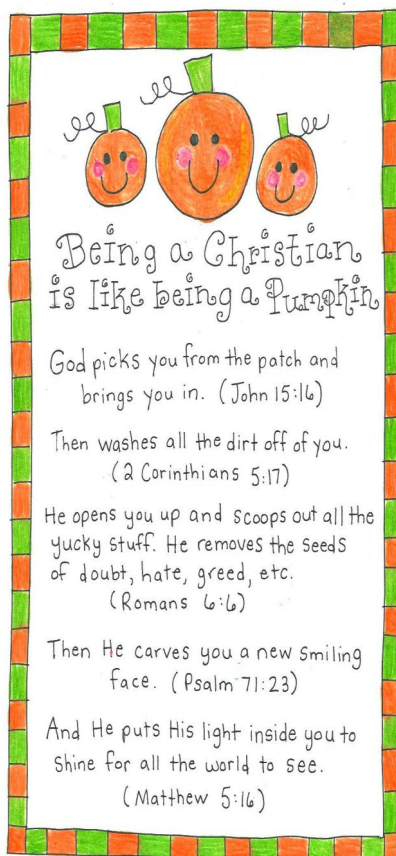


### What you need:

- Family members and friends, divided into groups if desired
- Maps of local areas
- Lists of fall-related items (one per person or group)
- Digital cameras or smartphones
- Prizes

### What you do:

1. Hand out maps and lists of items (scarecrow, pumpkin, red leaf, squirrel, apple tree, pine cone, acorn, bug, bird, sunflower, etc.)
2. Instruct participants to walk through their assigned area, find and take photos of the items, and report back at a specific time.
3. When everyone returns, share your photos. Award prizes for the most items found, the most unusual item and so on.

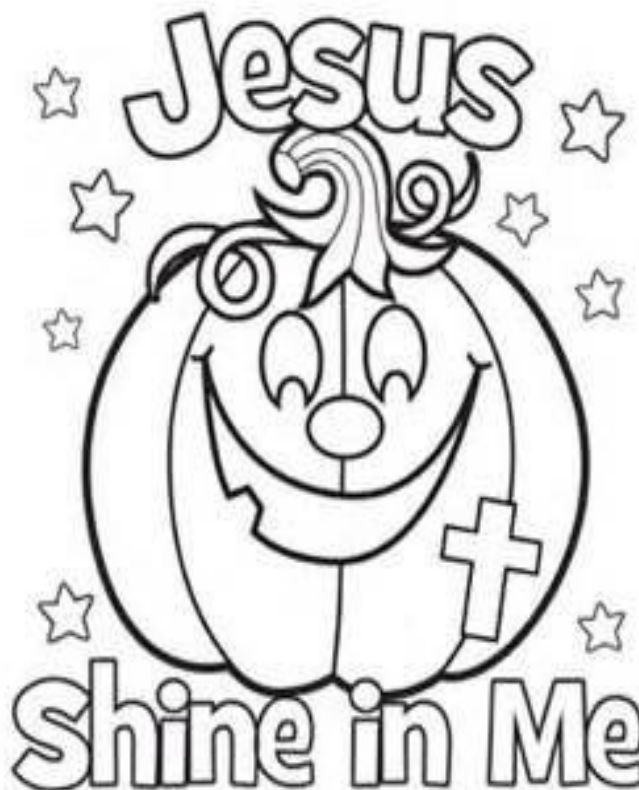


**CHILDREN'S  
SUNDAY  
SCHOOL**

**Sundays at 8:30 AM  
Bring a friend!  
All are welcome!**



We're thankful for you!



**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 \_\_\_\_\_

## **“LET’S CHAT” with a Stephen Minister**

Do you remember the day when things closed down due to the Coronavirus? Do you remember where you were, what you were doing, who you were with when you heard the news? I don’t remember exactly – like I do when I think about 9/11 – I remember where I was, what I was doing, and who I was with. I remember being at work and having other real life issues to address in those moments and hours after the news first broke. I, along with my coworkers at that time, tried to keep up with the news, but also be attentive to those real life issues that we needed to address. I don’t really remember how my work day ended that day – or how, once I got home, discussed it with our children. That was a terrible day – one that some details of my response that day to the news have been wiped from my mind, but the day as a whole will never be forgotten and the people that were with me and I with them.

And I think that this pandemic will never be forgotten – at least not in our lifetime. Just like 9/11, or any devastating news, any medical tests or illness, any change to yesterday’s “normal”, any birth of a baby, any child that leaves the “nest”, any challenges related to parenting, any job stress or job loss, any military deployment of a loved one or close friend, any rehabilitation from an illness, injury, or surgery, any financial stress, anyone experiencing loneliness, any adjustment to retirement, (I think by now you get the idea of the many possible “any’s”) - so may I repeat the beginning of the sentence – Just like 9/11 and the days that followed where we joined together – in prayers, in our phone calls, conversations, and in our worship together – let us now join together in these ways and more as we begin to live after this pandemic and strive to walk along with someone who is experiencing one of those “any’s”.

You can play an important role in our Stephen Ministry – you may know of a friend, neighbor, co-worker, or relative who is going through a time of one of life’s challenges - an “any” time. We’d like to hear from you! Talk with one of our Stephen Leaders – Pastor O’Brien, Janice Sheahan, Traci Brown, or Audrey Milbrodt about any suggestions and ideas you have to reach out to others who need that focused care, encouragement, and support of a Stephen Minister.

*Dear Lord, we know there are people close to us experiencing life’s challenges – those “any” times – and yet, they may not ask for help. So as we talk with our neighbors, friends, and family, at church, at a store, when we talk on the phone, or share texts or emails, encourage us to reach out and care for them, to tell them about Stephen Ministry, that it’s confidential as a Stephen Minister listens, cares, encourages and provides emotional and spiritual support. God, help us, the people of St. John, be ready to share your love and walk alongside of our neighbor. 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.**



# Church Council Highlights

## September Church Council Highlights

**Members Present:** Pastor O'Brien, Diana Pfaff, Tim Titgemeyer, Tracy Orians, Jennifer Nelson, Ron Gerkensmeyer, Donna Mathews, Kim Sommers, Gary Johnson and Kellie Ulrich

**Members Absent:** Kristina Wildman, Kent Delventhal, Susie Mathews and Melissa Hayes

**Devotions led by Pastor:** Psalm 113

**Pastor's Report: Worship Attendance:** In person average for August 2022 - 90.8 compared to August 2021 - 91.2 Online average for August 2022 - 82.3 compared to August 2021 - 90.6 **Numbers:** 18 hospital/homebound visit/individual or family meetings, 6 committee/group meetings. 6

community/youth/fellowship events, 7 professional/clergy activities, 4 classes/Bible studies and 1 funeral. **Funeral:** Presided at the funeral of Carol Tank on August 15th. **Matriarch:** Edna Rideout was named our 11th Matriarch on September 15th.

**God's Work, Our Hands Sunday:** Luther Home of Mercy could most use help during their Fall Fest on September 18. I am seeking alternative ideas for the ELCA day of service on September 11th. **Vacation:** I will be out of the office September 26-30 (Monday to Friday). Pastor Bob Noble will be available for pastoral emergencies. I will be going to the Holy Land in January (3-11). It's a Pastor Orientation trip where I learn how to lead a group (which I thought sounds pretty cool). So if you are interested in going to Israel sometime in 2023-2024, let me know.

### **Financial Secretary, Treasurer and Finance**

**Committee Report:** Jennifer Nelson

**Expenses:** We are 89% of the monthly budget and 96% of the year to date budget. **Income:** We are 103% of our monthly budget and 95% of our year to date budget. **Income over expenses:** On a year to date basis, we are currently negative \$4,981 compared to our budget of negative \$3,962. Jennifer Nelson - Handed out budget reports for the year, to council members, to prepare for the upcoming committee meeting to look at the 2023-2024 budgets.

**Christian Community Life:** Donna Mathews

There is no Food Pantry Report. We gave out 4 backpacks. We will keep the remaining backpacks for next year.

**Evangelism:** Melissa Hayes  
No Report

**Parish Education:** Kim Sommers

Rally Day was held on Sept 11 and we had 10 children attend. We have 2 Sunday school teachers and are looking for additional, so if you're interested please let Kimberly Sommers from Parish Ed know. We have gone back to opening Sunday School with all grades together, then breaking off to their respective classes, which was temporarily stopped due to COVID. We are also looking into

different ways to increase attendance and interest in Sunday School. Trunk or Treat is planned for Oct 16 at 2:00pm. If anyone would like to donate individually wrapped candy, please leave it outside the church office. We are also looking for people to decorate cars for the event. We are gauging interest from the Sunday School kids in participating in a Christmas program this year.

**Stewardship:** Ron Gerkensmeyer

The stewardship committee has been busy getting ready for the golf outing which is September 24th. Thank you for the support we have received for hole sponsors and door prizes/donations. As of now we have 13 teams and have openings for a few more (the more the merrier). BBQ chicken is served after playing and door prizes awarded. Call your friends and form a team and join us for a fun filled day. Registration starts at 8 and tee off is at 9am.

**Worship Life:** Kellie Ulrich

Sept 24-25 blankets will be displayed and can be purchased. Oct 1st and 2nd thanks offering service and blankets on display again. Considering changes to Thanksgiving Eve service possibly having it the Sunday after Thanksgiving. Nov 19-20 we will celebrate the pastor's 25th anniversary of being ordained. Dec 21 longest night service by Stephen Ministry. Church decorating will be held the Friday after Thanksgiving.

**Property:** Gary Johnson

Both phone lines for church are working. The parsonage number is up and working as well. The 3 extensions have been installed, one in the social hall, basement and narthex. Working on figuring out extension numbers. All equipment for air conditioning is in. Looking to schedule a meeting to start during the week of Sept 25th or first week of October. 2 week project from start to finish.

**Old Business:** Waiting for an update on the defibrillator check/review. 2 bottom lights in the sanctuary will be replaced. The Nomination Committee reports the ballot is 75% full. The Constitution Committee reports it is still being reviewed by the Synod. Conversations about offering the Chosen One series and Chris Everett speaker event.

**New Business:** Dead evergreen tree by rental property and talking about the removal of that. Refill first aid kits in the kitchen. Two windows in the social hall need attention. This is the last year for 7 faith practices trying to figure out what to do next year. Discussed at the rail communion questions and will continue to look into.

- **Next Committee Mtg:** Thursday, October 13, 2022 7pm
- **Next Council Mtg:** Thursday, October 20, 2022 7pm

**Minutes submitted by:** Tracy Orians, Council Secretary



# August

## *Finance report*



St. John Lutheran Church  
Statement of Income and Expense  
As of August 31, 2022

|  | Full Year | Month to Date |        |      | Year to Date |         |      |            |          |
|--|-----------|---------------|--------|------|--------------|---------|------|------------|----------|
|  | Budget    | Budget        | Actual | %    | Budget       | Actual  | %    | Prior Year | % Growth |
| Income: *  | 290,000   | 22,246        | 22,912 | 103% | 191,754      | 182,099 | 95%  | 178,641    | 1.9%     |
| * does not include memorials and other dedicated offerings<br>* online giving IS included. |           |               |        |      |              |         |      |            |          |
| Expenses:  |           |               |        |      |              |         |      |            |          |
| Benevolence  | 38,000    | 2,958         | 2,958  | 100% | 24,917       | 24,917  | 100% |            |          |
| Board/Ministries   | 11,900    | 992           | 531    | 54%  | 7,933        | 7,676   | 97%  |            |          |
| Staff Salaries   | 105,500   | 8,317         | 7,695  | 93%  | 70,103       | 67,501  | 96%  |            |          |
| Staff Benefits   | 63,100    | 5,258         | 5,142  | 98%  | 42,067       | 40,489  | 96%  |            |          |
| Operating Expenses   | 71,500    | 3,955         | 2,817  | 71%  | 50,696       | 46,497  | 92%  |            |          |
| Expense Totals   | 290,000   | 21,480        | 19,143 | 89%  | 195,716      | 187,080 | 96%  |            |          |
| Income less Expenses   |           | 766           | 3,770  |      | (3,962)      | (4,981) |      |            |          |

### Dedicated Fund Balances

|                         |                |
|-------------------------|----------------|
| Building/Development    | 4,412          |
| Endowment Fund          | 123,739        |
| Savings                 | 48,257         |
| Activity Center Savings | 337,280        |
| Music Fund              | 4,878          |
| HVAC Fund               | 34,413         |
| Future Development      | 38,581         |
| Courtyard               | 9,260          |
| Memorials               | 10,354         |
| Youth                   | 23,028         |
| Good Samaritan          | 10,272         |
| Scholarships            | 86,929         |
| Other                   | 15,089         |
| <b>Total</b>            | <b>746,493</b> |

(Other includes designated offerings, Stephen Ministries, etc.)

**Online Giving**

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If you have questions, please contact the Board of Finance - Jennifer Nelson, Kent Delventhal or Kristina Wildman

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Did you know St. John offers online giving?  
We process giving through VANCO, a nationally recognized leader in church giving.  
It's easy, it's secure and you can get started today!  
Not online? No problem! Just fill out an authorization form or see Amelia in the office.



**SATURDAY**  
**5:00pm—Worship**

**Ushers**

- 1 The Donnelly Family
- 8 Jack Mathews
- 15 The Gerkenmeyer's
- 22 Alice Witt and Carol Vargo
- 29 Wayne Bauman

**Lectors**

- 1 WELCA
- 8 Nancy Strohscher
- 15 Amy Schloegl
- 22 Beverly Harder
- 29 Tracy Orians

**Acolytes**

- 1 Lindsay Krumnow
- 9 Benjamin Sommers
- 15 Olivia Martin
- 22 Kennedy Donnelly
- 29 Lindsay Krumnow

## *Worship Assistants*

**SUNDAY**  
**9:45AM—Worship**

**Ushers**

- 2 The Titgemeyer's
- 9 Diana Pfaff
- 16 Jill Kao
- 23 OPEN
- 30 The Titgemeyer's

**Lectors**

- 2 WELCA
- 9 Mina Steinmetz
- 16 Kellie Ulrich
- 23 Cebie Titgemeyer
- 30 Melissa Lammers

**Acolytes**

- 2 Logan Hayes
- 9 Caleb Hayes
- 16 Lily Sondergeld
- 23 Aiden Johnson
- 30 Lucas Titgemeyer

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

*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 .*

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- 26 Alice Witt and Carol Vargo

**Lectors**

- 5 Nancy Strohscher
- 12 Tracy Orians
- 19 Beverly Harder
- 26 Aidan O'Brien

**Acolytes**

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

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**Ushers**

- 6 The Titgemeyer's
- 13 Diana Pfaff
- 20 Jill Kao
- 37 The Titgemeyer's

**Lectors**

- 6 Deanne Neuman
- 13 Tim Titgemeyer
- 20 Roland Sandrock
- 27 Jill Kao

**Acolytes**

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



# OCTOBER



| Sunday  | Monday   | Tuesday  | Wednesday                                   | Thursday   | Friday    | Saturday                                     |
|---|--|--|---|--|-----------|--|
|   |  |  |   |  |           | <b>1</b><br>5 PM<br>Contemporary<br>Worship  |
| <b>2</b><br>8:30 AM<br>Sunday School<br>9:45 AM<br>Traditional<br>Worship                               | <b>3</b><br>10 AM<br>Bible Study                                     | <b>4</b><br>9 AM<br>Blankets<br>Office Closed  | <b>5</b><br>7 AM<br>Breakfast<br>Gathering  | <b>6</b>   | <b>7</b>  | <b>8</b><br>5 PM<br>Contemporary<br>Worship  |
| <b>9</b><br>8:30 AM<br>Sunday School<br>9:45 AM<br>Traditional<br>Worship                               | <b>10</b><br>10 AM<br>Bible Study                                    | <b>11</b><br>9 AM<br>Blankets<br>Office Closed | <b>12</b><br>7 AM<br>Breakfast<br>Gathering | <b>13</b><br>7 PM<br>Committee<br>Night<br>Meeting | <b>14</b> | <b>15</b><br>5 PM<br>Contemporary<br>Worship |
| <b>16</b><br>8:30 AM<br>Sunday School<br>9:45 AM<br>Traditional<br>Worship<br>2 PM<br>Trunk or<br>Treat | <b>17</b><br>10 AM<br>Bible Study                                    | <b>18</b><br>9 AM<br>Blankets<br>Office Closed | <b>19</b><br>7 AM<br>Breakfast<br>Gathering | <b>20</b><br>7 PM<br>Council<br>Meeting            | <b>21</b> | <b>22</b><br>5 PM<br>Contemporary<br>Worship |
| <b>23</b><br>8:30 AM<br>Sunday School<br>9:45 AM<br>Traditional<br>Worship                              | <b>24</b><br>9 AM<br>Forerunner<br>deadline!<br>10 AM<br>Bible Study | <b>25</b><br>9 AM<br>Blankets<br>Office Closed | <b>26</b><br>7 AM<br>Breakfast<br>Gathering | <b>27</b>  | <b>28</b> | <b>29</b><br>5 PM<br>Contemporary<br>Worship |
| <b>30</b><br>8:30 AM<br>Sunday School<br>9:45 AM<br>Traditional<br>Worship                              | <b>31</b><br>10 AM<br>Bible Study                                    |  |   |  |           |  |

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**Worship Hours at St. John**  
**Saturday Contemporary Worship 5:00 PM**  
**Sunday School 8:30 AM**  
**Sunday Traditional Worship 9:45 AM**

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