

Forerunner

HAPPY
 4TH OF JULY

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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.

Ask the Pastor

“Did Jesus Have Brothers and Sisters?”

“During one of our Gospel discussions in worship, the question of Jesus’ brothers and sisters came up (our Gospel reading that week was Mark 3:20-35). The question was asked, “Did Jesus really have brothers and sisters? How?”

The first part of the question is easy to answer... According to the Gospel of Mark, Jesus had four brothers (at least four that are mentioned by name) and sisters too. (The Greek word used in the Bible for brothers, adelphoi, can mean either “brothers” or “brothers and sisters;” statistically, five male children and no female children in a family would be rare, so “sisters” are a safe assumption.) These siblings are mentioned several different places in the Bible. (see Mark 3:31-31, Luke 8:19-21, Mark 6:3, John 7:1-10)

Based on these passages, Jesus’ brothers (and sisters) probably did not follow him during his lifetime. In our Gospel reading from Mark, Jesus’ family thought he was crazy and may have attempted to restrain him from his preaching and healing activities. However, after his death, the book of Acts says that his brothers and his mother were part of the earliest group of post-crucifixion Jesus-followers. In addition, one of Jesus’ brothers, James, became a leader in that early community while Jesus’ other brothers went on preaching journeys on behalf of the community.

The “How?” part of the question is more complicated... In the Apostles’ Creed we confess that “Jesus was born of the virgin Mary.” So, the question is, did Mary remain a virgin or did she and Joseph only refrain from marital relations until after Jesus was born? The answer depends on your theology and piety...

Some Christians believe in the “perpetual virginity of Mary.” That is, Mary was a virgin when Jesus was born, and she was always a virgin. They explain that Jesus’ brothers and sisters were the children of Joseph from a previous marriage. There is an entire backstory of Joseph’s being significantly older than Mary, having been previously married, having multiple children, and then being widowed AND THEN marrying Mary. Unfortunately, this doesn’t have much biblical basis. An additional problem with this is that the Bible does not even hint that Joseph was married or had children before he married Mary. If Joseph already had half a dozen children before he met Mary, why are they not mentioned in Joseph and Mary’s trip to Bethlehem (Luke 2:4-7) or their trip to Egypt (Matthew 2:13-15) or their trip back to Nazareth (Matthew 2:20-23)?

Another suggestion is that these “brothers” were actually Jesus’ cousins. In a small town, in a time when people didn’t travel far from home, children of the same age may have been raised together and thought of each other as ‘brothers.’ However, in the above examples, the specific Greek word for “brother” is used. While the word can refer to other relatives, its normal and literal meaning is a biological brother. There was a different Greek word for “cousin” that would have described this small town, extended family relation, but it was not used. There is nothing in the context of Jesus’ mother and brothers coming to see him that even hints that they were anyone other than his literal brothers.

Still another suggestion is that these siblings are the actual children of Joseph and Mary, younger siblings of Jesus. Considering the unusual circumstances of Jesus conception and birth, perhaps they would technically be half-brothers and half-sisters of Jesus (but that’s a discussion for another time). After Jesus was born, Mary and Joseph lived as a normal married couple. They shared the marriage bed, they had more children, and raised their family. That seems to be suggested in Matthew 1:25; “but [Joseph] had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.” But of course, there is nothing in scripture that can prove or disprove this point of view either.

Memorials & Gifts to St. John

In Memory of Jim Schlievert
Lowell and Diane Hartman
Carole Beamer

In Memory of Dee Wukotich
Carole Beamer
Gary and LisaAnne Gregg
Larry and Nancy Strohscher

In Memory of Richard Phillips
Karl & Roberta Orians

In Memory of Don & Tim Berger
Margaret Berger

Grateful & Blessed

Good Business!

A Special Thank You to the Salgau Roofing Company for the recent work to replace the roof on the west side of the church. They were on time, worked quickly and provided some additional materials and labor with no added expense to the church.

Also, thanks to **Lake Erie Tree Service** for the stump removal they completed for the church at a reduced cost.

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Saturday Worship
at 5:00 PM

Sunday School for the whole family 8:30 AM on the first Sunday of the month Oct-May

Sunday Worship
9:00 AM thru summer

Deadline for the August 2024 newsletter is Monday, July 22nd at 9 AM
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."



Congratulations

Anna Sommers graduated from Genoa High School where she was a member of the National Honor Society, FFA and the Genoa Marching and Pep Bands. She is also an Eagle Scout in the BSA and an active participant in activities at St. John.

She will attend Bowling Green State University in Elementary Education. She is the daughter of Ben and Kimberly Sommers and granddaughter of Ben and Katie Sommers.




PENTA CAREER CENTER
2024 Outstanding Student

Braden Jeffers graduated from Penta Career Center in Construction Electrical/ Genoa High School.

Braden received the Outstanding Construction/ Electrical Student Award.

He is the son of Brian Jeffers and Grandson of Karen Jeffers.

BRADEN JEFFERS
CONSTRUCTION ELECTRICITY
GENOA



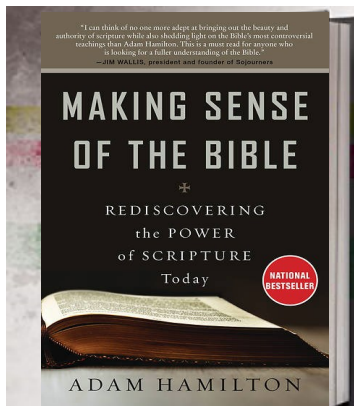
Christopher Pfaff graduated from Ohio Northern University- Summa Cum Laude.

He was in the Honors Program with a Pharmacy Major and a Chemistry Minor

Christopher is currently in a residency program at Poudre Valley Hospital in Fort Collins, Colorado as a pharmacist in the emergency room.



LisaAnne Gregg
Office Admin.
9am—3pm
M-T-W
Thurs. hours may vary
Office closed on Friday₂



Making Sense of the Bible

Rediscovering the Power of Scripture Today

Making Sense of the Bible helps readers make sense of the Bible and leads them to a deeper appreciation for it, and a desire to read it and live by its precepts.

New Bible/Book Discussion Group with Pastor O'Brien

Making Sense of the Bible Discussion Group

Reading a book like this inevitably raises questions.

When we are pushed beyond a typical elementary Sunday School understanding of the Bible we can increase our understanding and grow in faith, but it can also be uncomfortable at times.

If you would like to join in some discussion of Hamilton's book; have a friend you can ask, "What did he mean by...?" or "I was always taught that..." We have scheduled some dates to get together. The schedule and topics are posted below.

We will gather at 7:00p. We plan to meet "off-site" and arrangements are still being made. Please watch the bulletin/announcements for location.

You can come to any or all of these as your schedule allows. I hope you can join us.

June 26 - Chapters 1-7- at Titgemeyer residence

July 10 - Chapters 8-13- location tbd

July 24 - Chapters 14-18-location tbd

August 7 - Chapters 19 - 24-location tbd

The book by Adam Hamilton "Make Sense of the Bible" is available at Amazon, goodreads.com, on Audible and is currently on sale at Cokesbury.com. You may also visit Rev. Hamiton's website at www.adamhamilton.com or follow his Instagram at [@revadamhamilton](https://www.instagram.com/revadamhamilton) to learn about the author.

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 phone 419-378-1112), Margaret Berger (419-340-2150) or the church office (419-836-5514) who will begin the prayer chain. Prayers are sent out by phone message and by email. Please keep your message to the minimum to avoid any errors in passing it on. *Please contact the church office if you would like to be added to this wonderful ministry!* Thank you!



The "Blanket Ladies" gather every week to make quilts on **Tues. mornings at 9 am.**

Bed sheets (ANY SIZE) are needed for backings. Donations may be left in the box outside the church office. **Come join us!** You only need to know how to tie a knot and the coffee is always on!

And, did you know we have fuzzy tied blankets available? If you know someone who could use comfy, cozy fleece blanket in a time of illness, loss or could just use a fuzzy hug, please take one from the rack in the hallway with the prayers of the St. John Family.



Helping Around Our Community

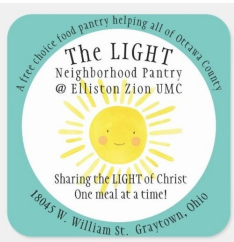


Volunteers are needed to serve at the **Genoa Food Pantry** on Saturday July 20th from 9 am to Noon. You may also help on Thursday, July 18th at 6:30 Pm to restock and pack boxes. The Genoa Food Pantry is open to residents in the Genoa School District on the 3rd Saturday of the month.



Nightingale's Harvest has an AMAZON WISH LIST! Visit their FACEBOOK Page "<https://www.facebook.com/NightingalesHarvest>" to click on the link. *From the charity....*

Nightingales Harvest is a food pantry serving hundreds of cancer stricken families across Northwest Ohio and Southeast Michigan. We will update this list with items we are in need of as we get low in our pantry. We will also be constantly adding and removing items since Amazon pricing fluctuates daily. We don't want you to waste money on something just because the price jumped! We are very grateful for you taking the time to look over our list. Thank you!



The LIGHT Neighborhood Pantry at Elliston Zion is open on the 2nd Weds. of every month from 5 to 7 PM. We are a free choice food pantry helping all residents of Ottawa County. Every month, our guests are invited to shop for what they need and also enjoy a delicious meal with

family and friends. **We always welcome new volunteers!** Our helpers stock shelves, rotate stock, check expiration dates, break down boxes to recycle, prepare and serve meals and clean up. Community service credits can be earned. For more information, call LisaAnne at 419-250-1188 (or see me in the office!)



Our Blessing Box can always use your help in helping our neighbors!

Items Needed:
Spaghetti Sauce (cans) Peanut Butter, Hamburger Helper, Canned Meat, Rice A Roni/ side dishes, Applesauce-cups, Cereal (small boxes to fit in the box) Fruit cups, soup, small snacks, canned pastas, canned fruits and veggies, pre-packed shelf stable lunch packs. *(no glass, medicine or expired food, please)* There is a donation box near the church office. And for those who love to shop online, Amazon ships to the church!

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* MSRP UP TO \$27,000

100% OF PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT

**AREA CHARITIES, INCLUDING THE
GENOA FOOD PANTRY**
**TICKETS AVAILABLE BEFORE AND AFTER WORSHIP
AND IN THE CHURCH OFFICE.**

\$5.00 PER TICKET
100% OF TICKET SALES GOES TO CHARITY
**TOTAL MONEY RAISED FOR CHARITIES IN THE PAST
21 YEARS IS \$1,246,222**



Play Ball!

Join your St. John Family and Friends for an afternoon of baseball, food and fun!

We will be gathering in the stadium at The Coop for the **4:00 PM Mud Hens Game on Sunday August 11th** as the Mud Hens take on the Jacksonville Jumbo Shrimp!

Reserve your spot today! Only \$20!

Reservations can be made by dropping one of the RSVP envelopes in the offering plate or you can stop by the office during the week!

It is important we have a correct count, so please RSVP soon!

It is a \$39.00/person value that includes a ticket to the game and a picnic in The Coop which includes Grilled Hot Dogs, Grilled Hamburgers, Mac & Cheese, Tossed Salad, Chips, Cookies, Canned Pepsi Products and Bottled Water.

Got Kids (or kids at heart)? It is also Inflatable Theme Park Day! Join us in Hensville Park pregame through the fourth inning for a park full of inflatables!

And, after the game, kids under age 12 can run the bases!

Join us at the game!!



I'll See You
at the
Game!!



WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND ST. JOHN?



JOIN US

FOR

BREAKFAST!

McDonalds Breakfast is MOVING!!

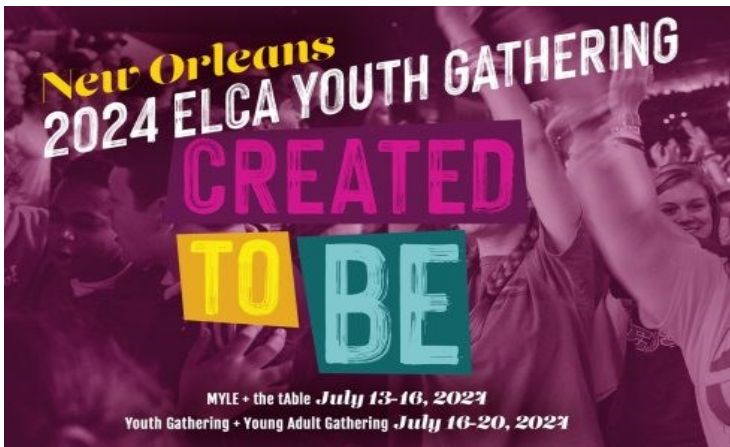
There will be no breakfast gathering on June 5th, but beginning on June 12th we will be joining together for breakfast and fellowship at the **GENOA McDonald's!**

Every Wednesday we will gather starting at 7:00 AM and if you are available, we would like to invite you to stop by and have breakfast with your St. John friends.



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St. John will serve at the Pantry again on December 21st.



Thank you for your support!

The time is here for the 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans!

Pastor will be attending with Kennedy and Payton Donnelly, Pastors and youth from other area churches and Pastors and Youth from around the US for a time of worship, service and transformative experiences!

Prayers for guidance, safety and a wonderful spirit filled experience to all!



Clean out time!

If you are storing anything in the Sunday School Office, or if you have donated anything that is still around and you want it back, please take it out of the Sunday School Office. We will be cleaning things out in July, so please have what you want out by June 30. The first week of July, feel free to stop in and take anything!

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

*Our Faith Practice #3 Readings
begin on Monday.*

Read the scripture and answer Pastor's question in worship that weekend and receive a special gift!

See the new listing of readings on the following page!

Faith Practice #3 Readings

Job



The Book of Job, grouped with the “poetry and wisdom” books in the Old Testament, explores themes of suffering, faith, and the nature of God's justice. The story is set in the land of Uz and centers around Job, a blameless and upright man who fears God and shuns evil.

The narrative begins with a description of Job's prosperity and piety, yet the Adversary appears before God and argues that Job is faithful only because of his prosperity. God allows the Adversary to test Job by taking away his possessions, children, and health, but forbids him from taking Job's life. Despite his immense suffering, Job does not curse God but instead laments his misfortune.

His lament sets the stage for a series of dialogues between Job and his friends. They engage in a series of speeches, arguing that Job's suffering must be a punishment for some hidden sin. Job maintains his innocence and argues that his suffering is unjust.

At the end of the book God finally answers Job out of a whirlwind. Rather than providing a direct explanation for Job's suffering, God highlights the vastness and complexity of creation, emphasizing his own omnipotence and the limitations of human understanding. Through a series of rhetorical questions, God makes it clear that his ways and purposes are beyond human comprehension.

The Book of Job is a powerful exploration of the human condition, the mystery of suffering, and the nature of faith in the face of inexplicable adversity. It challenges simplistic notions of divine justice and encourages a humble acknowledgment of the limits of human understanding.

Our reading schedule is as follows: *for the week starting...*

July 15 – Job 1	October 21 – Job 16	February 10 – Job 28
July 22 – Job 2	October 28 – Job 17	February 17 – Job 29
July 29 – Job 3	November 4 – Job 18	February 24 – Job 30
August 5 – Job 4	November 11 – Job 19	March 3 – Job 31
August 12 – Job 5	November 18 – Job 20	March 10 – Job 32
August 19 – Job 6	November 25 – Job 21	March 17 – Job 33
August 26 – Job 7		March 24 – Job 34
August 30 – Job 8	ADVENT BREAK	March 31 – Job 35
September 2 – Job 9		April 7 – Job 36
September 9 – Job 10	December 30 – Job 22	April 14 – Job 37
September 16 – Job 11	January 6 – Job 23	April 21 – Job 38
September 23 – Job 12	January 13 – Job 24	April 28 – Job 39
September 30 – Job 13	January 20 – Job 25	May 5 – Job 40
October 7 – Job 14	January 27 – Job 26	May 12 – Job 41
October 14 – Job 15	February 3 – Job 27	May 19 – Job 42



July Stewardship

"So whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God."



No matter where summer takes you, online giving makes it easy to support St. John from near or afar! Simply visit our website www.stjohnwilliston.org and click on the "online giving" link. You may also stop in the office and we will be happy to assist you!



Take worship with you this Summer! Did you know our worship services are streamed live on Facebook? Both Saturday and Sunday services can be seen on our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/stjohnwilliston>.

They are also available on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/@StJohnWilliston> (or you can search St John Williston).

- ◇ **Our Seven Faith Practices**
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Why Is Church Stewardship So Important? To Bring God Glory!

First and foremost, stewardship is important because it brings God glory. When we use our resources in a way that aligns with God's will and purposes, we are ultimately glorifying Him.

This is our ultimate goal as Christians - to bring glory to God in all that we do.

1 Corinthians 10:31 says, **"So whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God."** This verse reminds us that even the smallest actions can bring glory to God, and this includes how we manage our resources.



Stewardship Prayer

O Lord, giver of life and source of freedom,
I know that all I have received is from your hand.
Gracious and Loving Father,
You call us to be stewards of Your abundance,
the caretakers of all You have entrusted to us.
Help us to always use Your gifts wisely
and teach us to share them generously.
Send the Holy Spirit to work through us,
bringing Your message to those we serve.
May our faithful stewardship bear witness
to the love of Jesus Christ in our lives.

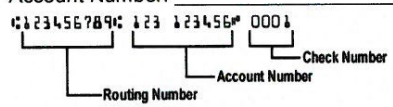
We pray with grateful hearts, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Stewardship
a way of life

ELECTRONIC GIVING AUTHORIZATION FORM

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Effective date of authorization: ____/____/____			
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*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.*

SEEKERS in SNEAKERS

Discover Jesus!

2024 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL at ST JOHN

Thank you to all our helpers, snack makers, class leaders, craft teachers, music teachers, parents and kids who participated!





PUZZLE

"INDEPENDENCE" DAY!

Always live "independence" on God.

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

A= E= I= O= U=

I k _ _ p my _ y _ s
 I w _ 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



2024

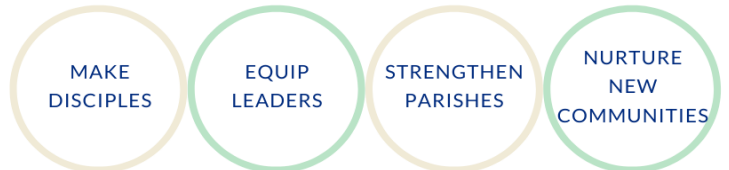
NORTHWESTERN OHIO SYNOD ASSEMBLY

One June 1, 2024, the Northwestern Ohio Synod gathered for our bi-annual synod assembly at St. Mark's in Bowling Green! Thank you to all those who participated in the day. The Holy Spirit was moving among us! We spent the day worshipping, learning, and engaging in the business of the synod. We were inspired, blessed, and challenged to be living stones in our daily lives.

For more information about the Northwestern Ohio Synod, the NW Ohio Synod Assembly, Our Bishop and staff or other points of interest- visit www.nwos-elca.org.

You may also sign up for email notifications from the Bishop, events in the Synod, updates on ministries and much more!

Sent by the crucified and Risen Jesus together we:



for the renewal of Northwestern Ohio & the world.



ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING

Total Registered
Voters

296

Total in
Attendance

272

Total Collected for Strategic Ministries;
Salem Lutheran Church, Redeemer Lutheran
Church, and Camina de Vida

\$4451

**Collection gathered from offering and late registration fees*

SUMMARY OF APPROVED MOTIONS

Constitutional Changes **APPROVED**

2024-2026 Mission Spending
Plan **APPROVED**

2025-2026 Compensation
Guidelines for Rostered Ministers **APPROVED**



Highlights from June 20th Meeting:

Members Present: Pastor O'Brien, Tim Titgemeyer, Diana Pfaff, Kellie Ulrich, Dan Kessler, Dave Neuman, Deanna Neuman, Margaret Berger, Cheryl Berger, Kristina Wildman and John Mazur.

Devotions led by Pastor: Psalm: 33

Pastor's Report: Worship Attendance: In Person average for May 2024-121.3 compared to May 2023-133.3. Online average for May 2024-61.5 compared to May 2023-83.3.

Numbers: 16 hospital/home-bound visits/ individual or family meeting. 2 committee/group meetings. 5 community/youth/fellowship events. 8 professional/clergy activities. 3 farm blessings. 1 confirmation. 1 special worship service.

Affirmation of Baptism: On May 19, 2024, Logan Hays affirmed his baptism

Making Sense of the Bible Discussion: We are going to have an in person discussion group for our summer reading meeting every other Wednesday at 7:00p., June 26 - Chapters 1-7 – hosted by Tim and Cebie Titgemeyer
July 10 - Chapters 8-13 – location TBD
July 23 - Chapters 14-18 – location TBD
August 7 - Chapters 19 – 24 – location TBD

Vacation: I will be out of town July 4-7. On Saturday 7/6 Jon Keeley will be leading worship. On Sunday 7/7 LisaAnne Gregg will be leading worship .

ELCA Youth Gathering: I will be attending the ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans July 16-21 with Kennedy Donnelly, Payton Donnelly, and Sydney Socha from St. John, along with adults and youth from four other congregations in our area. LisaAnne Gregg will be leading worship the weekend I am gone.

Financial Secretary/ Committee Report: Income: We are 107% of our monthly budget and 107% of our year-to-date budget.. Expenses: We are 90% of the monthly budget and 95% of the year-to-date budget. We currently have a 3.1% growth in income. The investments have been allocated for the best return. The roof project has been paid.

Christian Community Life: Cheryl Berger. July 20, 204 will be our church's turn to work the Genoa Food Pantry. Packing food for the Genoa Food Pantry will be either July 17th or 18th. Bauman Car Raffle tickets are now on sale in the church office.. **Reminder-Meijer's "Simply Give" DOUBLE DAY is June 15th! Mark your calendars to give.**

Evangelism: Margaret Berger. No report this month

Parish Education: Deanna Neuman. Vacation Bible School was held the June 3-7, 2024. Attendance of children ranged from 12-15 kids throughout the week . Thank you to our volunteers: Stefanie Hill (pre-planning and volunteer recruitment) ,Cheryl Berger ,Margaret Berger, Tracy Donnelly, Kennedy Donnelly, Ashley Hodulik, Hailey Hodulik, Sandy Toth, Liam Delventhal, Nolan Delventhal, Rylan Sandrock, Makenzie Cannon, Jacob Higgenbotham , Deanna Neuman \$72 and 22 food items were collected for Genoa Food Pantry .

Stewardship: No Report

Worship Life: Diana Pfaff: Worship Life is now in charge of changing the altar cloths throughout the church year.. Worship Life extends a HUGE Thank You to Diane & Ron Gerkenmeyer for their 20 years or more of dedication to the church for making sure that the altar cloths have been changed when necessary.

Property: John Mazur: Roof has been finished. Social Hall facet part is finally in so it can be repaired

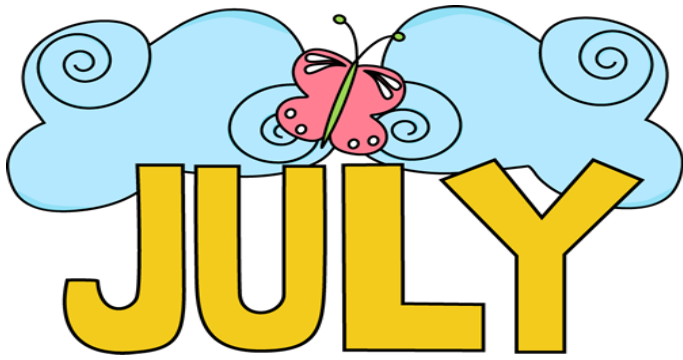
Old Business:

The Scout Room has been cleaned out

New Business: Checking into garbage pickup services available to the church for the best price. A church night at a Mud Hens game is being discussed. More details to follow. No Committee or Council Meeting in July. Next Committee Meeting is August 8, 2024 . Next Council Meeting is August 15, 2024

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Jennifer Nelson. Seconded by John Mazur. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Diana Pfaff, Council Secretary



Worship Assistants

Saturdays 5:00pm	Sundays 9:00 am
Ushers	Ushers
6- Buhrow Family	7-Diana Pfaff
13-Jack Mathews	14- Jill Kao
20-Ron Gerkenmeyer	21-Titgemeyer Family
27- Donnelly Family	28- Jim Vogelbacher
Lectors	Lectors
6- Sandy Toth	7- Jerry Goldstein
13- Nancy Strohscher	14-Jill Kao
20-Beverly Harder	21-Tim Titgemeyer
27-Amy Schloegl	28-Kellie Ulrich
Acolytes	Acolytes
6-Liam Deluenthal	7-Lauren Hoeft
13-Jacob Higginbotham	14-Mila McQueary
20-Nolan Deluenthal	21-Lauren Hoeft
27-Liam Deluenthal	28-Mila McQueary
Communion	Communion
6-No Communion	7-No Communion
13- Carol Vargo	14-RoseMarie Dickinson
20-No Communion	21-No Communion
27-JoElaine Schimming	28-Margaret Berger


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. Thank you!



Worship Assistants

Saturdays 5:00pm	Sundays 9:00 am
Ushers	Ushers
3- Buhrow Family	4-Diana Pfaff
10-Jack Mathews	11- Jill Kao
17-Ron Gerkenmeyer	18-Titgemeyer Family
24- Donnelly Family	25- Jim Vogelbacher
31-Buhrow Family	
Lectors	Lectors
3- Christine Danhoff	4- Tim Titgemeyer
10- LisaAnne G.	11-Melissa Lammers
17-Jonah Danhoff	18-Deanna Neuman
24- Beverly Harder	25-Cebie Titgemeyer
31-Amy Schloegl	
Acolytes	Acolytes
3-Jacob Higginbotham	4-Lauren Hoeft
10-Nolan Deluenthal	11-Mila McQueary
17-Liam Deluenthal	18-Lauren Hoeft
24-Jacob Higginbotham	25-Mila McQueary
31-Nolan Deluenthal	
Communion	Communion
3-Nancy Strohscher	4-Dave Neuman
10- Alice Witt	11-Kellie Ulrich
17-Ron Gerkenmeyer	18-Roland Sandrock
24-Al & Traci Brown	25-Pam LaRue
31-Carol Vargo	

July

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 9:00am -10:00am Traditional Worship 10:00am -11:00am Choir practice 2:00pm -4:00pm West End Bunch 4-H (SH) 5:00pm -7:00pm Scouts (B)	1 Faith Practice Reading- Hebrews 13	2  9:00am Blankets 5:30pm -8:00pm WELCA Ladies Dinner	3  7:00am Breakfast Gathering at GENOA McDonalds	4  4th of July- Office Closed	5 Office closed	6 5:00pm Contemporary Worship
7 9:00am -10:00am Traditional Worship 10:00am -11:00am Choir practice 5:00pm -7:00pm CubScout Den Meeting (B)	8	9 9:00am Blankets	10  7:00am Breakfast Gathering at GENOA McDonalds 6:00pm -8:00pm Cub Scouts Committee Meeting (B) 7:00pm -8:00pm Make Sense of the Bible Discussion Group -Chapters 8-13	11	12 Office closed	13 5:00pm Contemporary Worship
14 9:00am -10:00am Traditional Worship 10:00am -11:00am Choir practice 5:00pm -7:00pm CubScout Den Meeting (B)	15 Faith Practice Reading- Job 1	16 9:00am Blankets	17  7:00am Breakfast Gathering at GENOA McDonalds	18 No Council Meeting this month	19 Office closed	20  9:00am -12:00pm St John Serves Genoa Food Pantry 5:00pm Contemporary Worship
21 9:00am -10:00am Traditional Worship 10:00am -11:00am Choir practice 5:00pm -6:30pm Scouts (B)	22  Faith Practice Reading- Job 2 Forerunner deadline 9 AM	23 9:00am Blankets	24  7:00am Breakfast Gathering at GENOA McDonalds 7:00pm -8:00pm Make Sense of the Bible Discussion Group Chapters 14-18	25	26 Office closed	27 5:00pm Contemporary Worship
28 9:00am -10:00am Traditional Worship 10:00am -11:00am Choir practice 5:00pm -7:00pm CubScout Den Meeting (B) 5:00pm -7:00pm Scouts (B)	29 Faith Practice Reading- Job 3	30 9:00am Blankets	31  7:00am Breakfast Gathering at GENOA McDonalds	<p>Lord, Thank You for this new month and all You have seen us through so far this year. We ask for your blessing on the month of JULY. May we feel your nearness, joy and peace in all that lies ahead. We thank you in advance for meeting our needs and for your grace and strength that will sustain us. We commit this month to You and ask that You guide and lead us in all that we do. In Jesus Name, Amen.</p>		

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Sunday Worship at 9 AM