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Ask the Pastor

“In my devotion this week the scripture passage says God makes it rain on the just and unjust. Does that mean the ‘faithful’ and ‘unfaithful’ or is there something else going on?”

I’m guessing your reading includes Matthew 5:43-45... *“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous.”* (Some translations use “just” instead of “righteous” in the NRSV.)

Father Robert Farrer Capon, in his book, *“The Parables of Grace”* has a wonderful take on the distinction between “just” and “unjust”. The short answer is that the just are forgiven sinners who live by grace while the unjust are the forgiven sinners who want to stand on their own merits.

He writes, “The just are not stuffy, righteous types with yard-long lists of good works, but simply all the forgiven sinners of the world who live by faith — who trust Jesus and laugh out loud at the layoff of all the accountants. And the unjust? Well, the unjust are all the forgiven sinners of the world who, stupidly, live by unfaith — who are going to insist on showing up at the resurrection with all their record books, as if it were an IRS audit. The unjust are the idiots who are going to try to talk Jesus into checking his bookkeeping against theirs.

And do you know what Jesus is going to say to them — what, for example, he will say to his host (see Luke 14:7-14) if he comes to the resurrection with such a request? I think he will say, “Just forget it, Arthur... (Capon names the host in the story Arthur) I suppose we have those books around here somewhere, and if you’re really determined to stand in front of my great white throne and make a fool of yourself, I guess they can be opened (Rev. 20:12). Frankly, though, nobody up here pays any attention to them. What will happen will be that while you’re busy reading and weeping over everything in those books, I will go and open my other book (Rev. 20:12, again), the book of life — the book that has in it the names of everybody I ever drew to myself by dying and rising.

And when I open that book, I’m going to read out to the whole universe every last word that’s written there. And you know what that’s going to be? It’s going to be just “Arthur”... Nothing else... Just you. None of your bad deeds, because I erased them all. And none of your good deeds, because I didn’t count them, I just enjoyed them. So, what I’ll read out, Arthur, will be just “Arthur!” real loud. And my Father will smile and say, ‘Hey, Arthur! You’re just the way I pictured you!’ And the universe will laugh and say, ‘That’s some Arthur you’ve got there!’ But me, I’ll just wink at you and say, ‘Arthur, c’mon up here and plunk yourself down by my great white throne and let’s you and me have a good long practice laugh before this party gets so loud we can’t even hear how much fun we’re having.”



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 Roger Jensen

Jim Schimming
Al and Traci Brown
Doris Titgemeyer
Margaret Berger
The Goldstein Family
Carolyn Lasseter & Marilyn Sandrock
Carol Vargo
Leslie and Cathy Willey
Lowell & Diane Hartman
Scott Martzke
Dan & Jennifer Jensen
Roland & Janice Sandrock
Carol Barron
Shirley Damschroder
Portage Valley Flying Club
Lenore Harmeyer
Ron & Liz Cashen
Wayne & Linda Bauman
JoElaine Schimming
Robert Kaiser
Roger & Lois Vellequette
Madelayne Sainzkowski
Elaine Gruetter
Lyle & Karen Schlievert
Lisa Gerwin
Jim & Colleen Kusian
Ray & Judy Robaszkiewicz
William & Margaret Diekman
Tom & Joan Truman
Melissa Hays
Ron & Diane Gerkenismeyer
Gary and Darlene Carstensen
Linda Schlievert
Janice Sheahan
John & Helen Meyer
Paul & Joy Gruetter and Family
Steven Lazenby Family
Mary Harmeyer
Beth Johnson
Diane Dickenson
Norma Rife



In Memory of Michelle Maix

Jim Schimming
Al & Traci Brown
Evelyn Witty
Ben & Kim Sommers & family
Richard & Shirley Crosskill
Elaine Gruetter
Margaret Berger
Dan & Pam Berger
Robert & Diane Kapp
Carolyn Lasseter & Marilyn Sandrock
Melissa Hays
Linda Schlievert
Duane & Tami Tailford
Janice Sheahan
Ron & Diane Gerkenismeyer
Gary and Darlene Carstensen
John & Helen Meyer
Diane Dickinson
John & Amy Schloegel
Mary Harmeyer
Beth Johnson

In Memory of Carol Tank

Daniel & Samanth Uthoff
Diane Dickinson
Tom and Laurie Bahnsen
Jeff & MaryLou Griwold
Robert & Diane Kapp

In Memory of Miriam Camper

Diane Dickinson
John & Helen Meyer

In Memory of Jay Meyer

Dorothy S. Ward

In Memory of Ray Frederickson

Mary Harmeyer
Diane Dickinson



MANY THANKS TO ANDY KESSLER

Many thanks to Andy Kessler for his technical knowledge and expertise that he shares with St. John. Andy is instrumental in streaming and recording our weekly worship services – both Saturday and Sunday. He also oversees the audio and video portions of our worship services; sets up microphones and mixes audio for the vocalists; and runs the worship slides.

Further, Andy recently researched and installed both our new phone system and upgraded our Wi-Fi system.

We would like to thank everyone that said a prayer and kept Michelle in your thoughts. We also want to thank those who brought food to the funeral home and luncheon. A special thank you to the ladies of the Ester Circle who served the food. We want to say thank you to Pastor O'Brien for the visits to the hospital, his prayers and the wonderful way he helped us celebrate Michelle's life. We truly appreciate all support during this difficult time. It is greatly appreciated.

The Vargo & Maix Family

Trunk or Treat: Thank you to everyone who donated candy, volunteered at stations, brought a decorated car and passed out candy or brought a family or friend to enjoy the festivities with! Also, thank you to Scout Troops 342 and 9342 for setting up and participating in the Haunted Hayride (and Pastor for driving), to Christian Community Life Committee for preparing and serving the food and to Evangelism Committee for putting together the Halloween goodie basket for the drawing. As always, we were once again blessed by our very generous congregation to make the event successful for our community

Parish Ed

Everyone at St. John Lutheran Church,

Your ongoing support of Ruth Ann's House is amazing. Keeping warm is vital to most of the families we serve.

Because of your kindness, we're able to provide many of the people who struggle with homelessness also.

Bless you for your generosity .

From All of us at Transitional Housing/ Ruth Ann's

On behalf of Grace Lutheran Church, I wish to give you, your technology and Linda and Kevin McGonagle our warm and hardest thanks. With the Covid raging and the unexpected exit of our pastor at that time we were in quite a jam. Your works have blessed and sustained us for over two and one half years. Grace is entering the next phase of our mission which would have not happened without your help.

God Bless,
John Glover



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Worship Hours

Saturday at 5:00 PM

Sunday Worship 9:45 AM

Deadline for the

December newsletter is

Monday, Nov 21st @ 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."**

LisaAnne Gregg/Lori Buhrow
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Administrators

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Thank you from the Blanket Ladies

The blanket ladies would like to thank everyone who purchased blankets, raffle tickets or bid on the auction blankets. Winners of the blankets were Victoria Kiss, JoElaine Schimming, Judy Yockey, Evalyn Witty, Pam LaRue, Karen Gruben, Deb Wehner, Ron Gerkenmeyer, Diane Kapp and Jill Kao. The top auction bidders were Becki Goldstein and Pam LaRue.

Blankets have been delivered to Lutheran World Relief, Impact for Hope, Beach House, Family Services of Ottawa County, Holiday Bureau, Luther Home of Mercy and Nightengales Harvest. Earlier in the year we took blankets to Monroe, Michigan for pick up to Ukraine.

Thanks to Mona Vogelbacher for help with displaying the blankets. To Allen Harder for delivering to New Rochester for Lutheran World Relief. Also to Dan Nelson for getting us boxes. We cannot forget all those who dropped off sheets, fabric, filler, thread, etc. throughout the year.

We meet every Tuesday morning at 9 a.m. until about 11:30 A.M. We welcome anyone to come and help us tie. We probably have over 100 waiting to be tied. This year we did over 300, so we have a big goal for next year.

In case you are wondering, the blanket ladies are Marcia Morgan, Marvel Nelson, Gertrude Eckermann, Arline Sabin, Beverly Harder and Margaret Berger. Can we add your name next year?



WELCOME TO OUR NEW OFFICE STAFF

Welcome aboard to LisaAnne Gregg and Lori Buhrow who will be job-sharing our Office Administrator position. LisaAnne returns to us parttime while serving as Pastor at Zion United Methodist Church in Elliston. LisaAnne is very well qualified for this position as she has held it previously. She will be focusing on the financial part of position.

Lori is also well qualified as she was in charge of office duties in her previous church. Lori will focus on publication of our Forerunner, weekly bulletins and screen information.

Both LisaAnne and Lori will handle day-to-day activities in the church office.

We're very pleased to have this dynamic duo in our church office. The office will now be open five days a week. The new office hours are 9am to 2pm.

Please stop by the office and introduce yourself to LisaAnne and Lori.

LisaAnne and Lori are assuming the position previously held by Amelia, who is no longer employed by St. John.

Faith Practice #3 Readings PSALMS



Nov 7 – Psalm 83

Nov 14 – Psalm 84

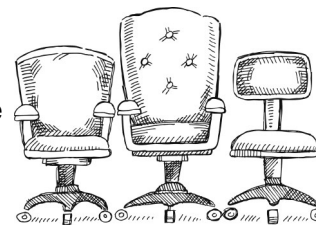
Nov 21 – Psalm 85

Nov 28 – Psalm 86

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.

Church Office Hours
Monday–Friday
9am–2pm



STAFF CHANGES

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, congratulations 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.



Saturday, Nov. 19- Cake Reception -following service
Potluck 6:15pm

Sunday, Nov. 20- Cake Reception- following service

Let's celebrate this exciting milestone!

POTLUCK DINNER

**St. John Congregation would like to invite you to a Potluck
Dinner to congratulate
Pastor Shawn's 25th Ministry**

When: Saturday, November 19, 2022 at 6:15pm

Where: Church Basement

**There is a sign up sheet in the front and back of the
for sides/desserts. We would also like to know how
people will be attending. For more information contact:**

Carol Vargo (419) 836-8569

Or Alice Witt (419) 836-8687



**St. John's Annual Christmas Pageant
"Christmas Unwrapped"
will be on Sunday December 18, 2022
at 6:00pm with the Advent Tea following.**

Practice will be on Saturday, December 17, 2022
from 9:00am to 12:00pm and during the
Sunday School hour on December 18th.

Any Catechism student that is not in the pageant
will be having class during practice on Sunday.
Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share for the Advent Tea.





All Saints' Day celebration has a long history in the worship life of the Christian Church. It began as a commemoration of the martyrs who had died for the faith, and it has since become a day when we honor and remember those who, in death, have joined the Church Triumphant, as well as the faithful saints of the present who serve Jesus Christ. Martin Luther held that all Christians are simultaneously sinner and saint--a sinner because of our rebellious nature, but a saint because of salvation in Jesus. The family of St. John remembers those who have passed in the last year.

Ken Sievert (12 / 14)
Tom Siglar (4 / 20)
Daniel Petersen (4 / 29)
Ruth Pendrey (5 / 21)
Ruth Diefenthaler (7 / 11)
Carol Tank (8 / 7)
Ray Fredericksen (9 / 22)
Michelle Maix (9 / 28)
Roger Jensen (9 / 30)

Let us pray... Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

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

Please keep your message to the minimum to avoid any errors in passing it on. Thank you!

November Stewardship



Whatever you do, whether in words or deeds, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Colossians 3:17



God, Thank you for Blessing us with the spiritual gift of generosity. Romans 12.6-8

November Stewardship

Prayer

Lord,

*Thank you for showing us how to
give back through stewardship.
Our hearts and souls are forever
grateful.*

Amen



NIGHTINGALES HARVEST

We will be collecting paper products and toiletries until December 3rd for Nightingale's Harvest. A box is across from the office to place your items in. Thanks to all who have already donated.



BBQ Pork Chop Dinner
Sunday, November 6, 2022
11:00 AM until Sold-Out
Drive Thru ONLY



St. Peter Lutheran Church (Blackberry)

17877 W. St. Rt. 579, Martin, Ohio
(corner of Elliston-Trowbridge and St. Rt. 579)

BBQ Pork Chops
Redskin Potatoes
Stuffing
Vegetable
Cole Slaw/Applesauce
Roll & Butter
Homemade Pies/Desserts

One Chop \$10.00
Two Chops \$12.00



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

faith

is growing abundantly.

2 THESSALONIANS 1:3, NRSV



WHAT'S HAPPENING

Women ^{of the} **ELCA**

Esther Circle

November 15th, 2 PM
December 6th, 2 PM

Everyone is welcome to join!

Rebekah Circle

November 10th, 7 PM
(Joan Truman's house)
December 6th, 6 PM
(Nancy Strohscher's house)

Shopping with the Stars - Help bring joy to our neighbors at Luther Home of Mercy

How? Pick a star from the table located outside the church office or use the attached shopping list and purchase a gift for one of our neighbors at the Luther Home of Mercy.

No wrapping is needed! Just place the gift in a shopping bag or a gift bag, attach the star and return it to the church office by Monday, December 5th. Most of the gift items are very inexpensive but bring great joy to the residents of the Luther Home of Mercy.

Thank you for helping to bring Christmas JOY to our neighbors at LHM!

Luther Home of Mercy/Shopping with the Stars Needs List

Craft Supplies

Crayons, washable markers, colored pencils

Coloring books (large pictures)

Word Search and Puzzle Books

Stickers (all sizes)

Simple craft kits

Personal Needs

Body and hand lotion (no sprays/powders)

Shampoo and Conditioner

Essential Oil Diffusers and Calming Essential Oils

Fingernail polish & polish remover

Norelco electric razors

Men's Aftershave and Cologne

Socks (men's and women's)

Miscellaneous Items

Wooden Puzzles

Light-Up/Sensory Toys

Stationary, pens, and stamps - Music CDs

Movie DVDs (Disney, Westerns, Super Heroes)

OSU and Michigan Items/Decor

Lunch Boxes

Boxes of Individual Chips/12 Packs of Pop

Bird Feeders and Small Bags of Bird Seed

Lava Lamps or Color Changing Lights

Gift cards

Restaurants, shopping, bowling,

Toledo area entertainment

Please do not wrap these gifts. Plastic or gift bags are appreciated. Thank you!



**Women's Community Christmas
The Colors of Christmas
Thursday, December 1, 2022
St. John Lutheran Church
Williston, Ohio**

**Registration 5:45 pm
Program 6:00 pm
Dinner Following Program**



A collection of non-perishable items will be collected for the local food pantries

**Pre-registration for number of ladies attending....
Call the church office at 419-836-5514 (leave a message) or email at
office@stjohnwilliston.org**

**Please use the parking lot at back of church and enter through double glass doors.
Elevator available.**

LOOKING FORWARD TO HAVING YOU JOIN US FOR THE EVENT!!

Christmas Tree Lighting

When: Saturday, December 3rd at 6pm

Where: St John Lutheran Church

Following worship we will gather in the church basement for food, fellowship and singing carols. Afterwards, we will gather around the Christmas tree located to the east of the parsonage along 579 for the tree lighting.



LADIES, PLEASE JOIN US at St. John Lutheran Church, Rocky Ridge, for our 25th Advent Brunch as we share "Good News of Great Joy" on Saturday, November 26, at 9:30 AM. The program will include reflections about joy and a lyrical poem entitled, "'Twas the Season of Advent." Musical selections will be performed by Amy Lauback, a Certified Music Practitioner who works in a hospital setting to provide live, therapeutic music for patients and staff. We are also excited to welcome you back this year to a delicious brunch and fellowship hour after the program.

Proceeds after expenses from this year's Brunch will benefit "Sleep in Heavenly Peace" (what a perfect name for Christmas giving, as Jesus slept in heavenly peace!) This nation-wide non-profit organization builds and provides beds for children in need, with a chapter started this year in Oak Harbor by local residents. So far, several beds have been built and a partnership with Lowe's is in the works for another build. If you attend the brunch and would like to consider bringing new twin-sized bedding to help furnish beds that are built, it will be gratefully accepted to help children in need.

Reservations are being accepted, with a \$10 cost for brunch. Call Ann Schimming at 419-704-4368, or you may mail in your reservation with payment to her at 12351 W. State Route 105, Oak Harbor, OH 43449. We hope to see you in November!

St. John Kid's Page



Fall Into God's Word!



Jesus Loves me,
this I know

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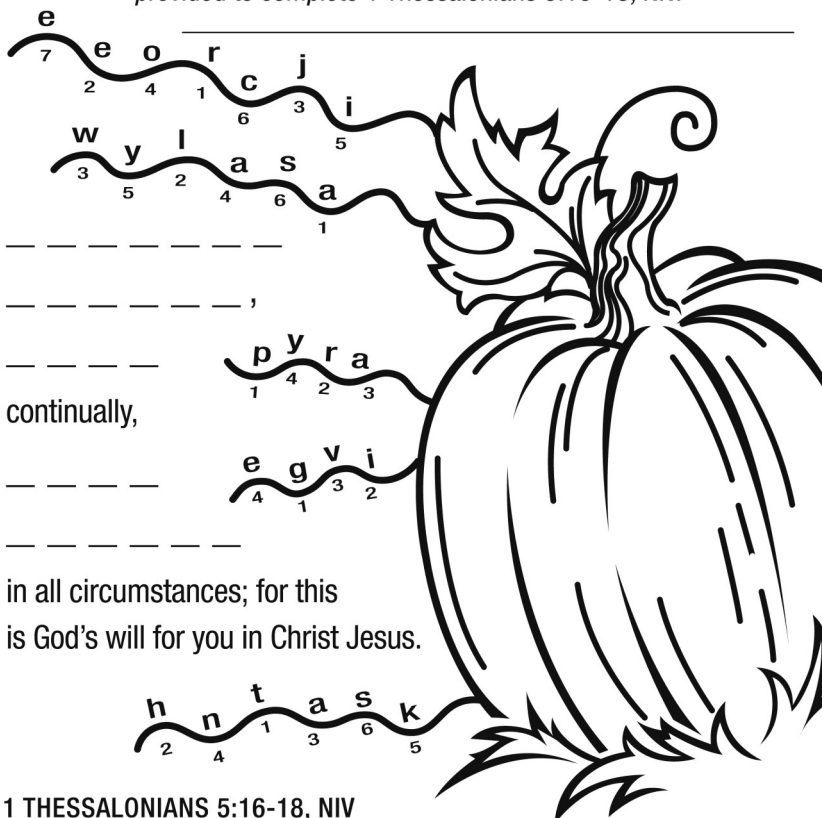
JOIN US!
SUNDAYS AT 8:30AM
****BRING A FRIEND****



GOD'S WILL

God wants us to follow his will, but how can we know what that is?

Directions: Write the letters on each vine in the correct order on the lines provided to complete 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, NIV.



1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-18, NIV

Answer: rejoice, always, pray, give, thanks

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



Thanksgiving is here! Take a minute and write down what you are thankful for this year. Isn't it surprising how many things we can think of? So why do we get discouraged sometimes over the holidays?

Maybe our job isn't what we want it to be. So what, we have plenty to eat, pay our light bill, keep a roof over our heads. Isn't that great! Some folks don't have that...be thankful.

Holidays are lonely for us. So what, we can invite someone over who has no where to go. Go out to dinner and pay for someone else's meal. Can you imagine what a wonderful surprise that would be...be thankful.

Someone in your family ill? Spend some extra time with them and reminisce remembering all the happy holidays you have shared. Let them know how you are glad they are in your family...be thankful.

Worried about your health? Take a day off and just enjoy whatever it is you enjoy. Read a book, watch a cherished movie, take a walk, do a craft or go and visit a friend...be thankful.

Family disagreements getting you down? Put aside all bitterness and remember to be forgiving. Put your trust in God's hands and let go of past hurts and slights. Live for today, love your family, faults and all and...be thankful.

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.**



October Church Council Highlights

Council Meeting Minutes October 20, 2022

Members Present: Pastor O'Brien, Diana Pfaff, Tim Titgemeyer, Tracy Orians, Ron Gerkenmeyer, Susie Mathews, Kim Sommers, Rosemarie Dickinson, Kristina Wildman, Kent Delventhal and Margaret Berger

Members Absent: Donna Mathews, Melissa Hayes, Kellie Ulrich, Gary Johnson, and Jennifer Nelson

Guest: Lily Sondergeld

Devotions led by Pastor: Psalm 84

Pastor's Report: Worship Attendance: In person average for September 2022-101.3 compared to September 2021-96 & Online average for September 2022-67.5 compared to September 2021-106.8 **Numbers:** 13 hospital/homebound visit/individual or family meetings, 6 committee/group meetings, 4 community/youth/fellowship events, 6 professional/clergy activities, 2 classes/Bible studies and 1 funeral. **Funeral:** Presided at the funeral of Dean Traver on September 10th **Matriarch:** Edna Rideout was named our 11th Matriarch on Sept. 10th. **Patriarch:** Ray Fredericksen, our Patriarch, died on September 22. His funeral is delayed until Shirley is able to attend. A new Patriarch will be named following Ray's funeral.

Financial Secretary, Treasurer and Finance Committee Report: Jennifer Nelson-via email

Expenses: We are 95% of the monthly budget and 96% of the year to date budget. Income: We are 104% of our monthly budget and 96% of our year to date budget. Income over expenses: On a year to date basis, we are currently negative \$2,568 compared to our budget of negative \$3,471. Kristina Wildman - Sending out up to date reports to the congregation next week and starting the budget next month. Kent Delventhal - We are over budget in operating expenses because water, electricity and gas were higher and contract services were higher because we had a service call.

Christian Community Life: Susie Mathews

We served hot dogs, chips, cookies, popcorn and water at Trunk or Treat. We served about 70 hot dogs. Sack for a sack will give around \$300 to the food pantry.

Evangelism: Margaret Berger

Finished the basket for trunk or treat, and Brayden from Wiliston won! Decided on a menu for Christmas Tree Lighting. Received \$250 from Thrivent to cover food costs. We are asking for paper products and toiletries for Nightingales Harvest.

Parish Education: Kim Sommers

Trunk or Treat was Oct 16. We had 13 decorated cars passing out candy with approximately 100 people attending the event. Thank you to everyone who volunteered, donated and /or participated in the event this year. We will be working on the plans for a Christmas program next.

Stewardship: Ron Gerkenmeyer

The golf outing was very successful. We had 13 teams-our income was \$5780, expenses \$2680, net profit \$3100. We had 25 hole sponsorships. We want to thank all who participated and all our sponsors and workers. Next year's date is September 23, 2023, see you there.

Worship Life: Kellie Ulrich

Working to update the Christmas flier to include all Christmas activities. We want to encourage everyone who uses social media to share and some hard copies will be posted. December 3rd - Christmas Tree Lighting

December 18th - Children's Christmas Program

December 24th - Three Christmas Eve Services (4pm, 7pm, an 11pm)

December 25h - Christmas Morning Worship at 9:45am

Thanksgiving Eve Service will continue as it has in the past. Mt.Carmel will host this year. Shopping with the Stars will be happening again this year. Stars will be placed on a table rather than a tree. Jane Phillips is making the preparations. Items purchased will go to the Lutheran Home of Mercy.

Property: Gary Johnson-No report.

Old Business: Waiting for an update on the defibrillator check/review. Conversations about offering the Chosen One series and Chris Everett speaker event. 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. Air conditioning people are finishing up.

New Business: We are streaming our services online and collecting online giving. We discussed setting up PayPal or Venmo and looking into see if this can work, including logistics and having its own banking account. New office hours M-F 9-2! Every year we need 2 people to go to food pantry board meetings, once a month to bring back info to the church council. The meetings are held at the ARC (old junior high building in Genoa) at the food pantry. Our church is also responsible for getting people to work it twice a year. Christmas offerings ideas suggested were American Red Cross Ohio and Lutheran Disaster Relief but a decision has not been made. Nominating committee just needs one more nominee for both stewardship and worship life. The Constitution Committee received suggestions from the Synod and they made revisions and sent in. Most changes were in regards to format. The hope is to email the updated Constitution and bylaws to members within the next 1-2 weeks. Please review and contact any of the committee members with questions. The plan is to vote at the November Council meeting to recommend this document to the Congregation for adoption at the January 2023 Annual Meeting

Next Committee Mtg: Thursday, November 10, 2022 7pm

Next Council Mtg: Thursday, November 17, 2022 7pm

Minutes submitted by: Tracy Orians, Council Secretary



ELECTRONIC GIVING AUTHORIZATION FORM

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| 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> | |
| | | | | AMOUNTS: \$ _____ \$ _____ \$ _____ \$ _____ | |
| 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;"> 1234567890 123 12345678 0001 Routing Number Account Number Check Number </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.*

November

Worship Assistants

SATURDAY 5:00pm—Worship

Ushers

- 5 The Donnelly Family
- 12 Jack Mathews
- 19 The Gerkenmeyer's
- 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

SUNDAY 9:45AM—Worship

Ushers

- 6 The Titgemeyer's
- 13 Diana Pfaff
- 20 Jill Kao
- 27 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



Worship Assistants



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.*

SATURDAY 5:00pm—Worship

Ushers

- 3 Wayne Bauman
- 10 Jack Mathews
- 17 The Gerkenmeyer's
- 31 Alice Witt and Carol Vargo

Lectors

- 3 Amy Schloegl
- 10 Nancy Strohscher
- 17 Tracy Orians
- 31 Beverly Harder

Acolytes

- 3 Benjamin Sommers
- 10 Oliva Martin
- 17 Kennedy Donnelly
- 31 Lindsay Krumnow

SUNDAY 9:45AM—Worship

Ushers

- 4 Open
- 11 Diana Pfaff
- 18 Jill Kao
- 1 The Titgemeyer's

Lectors

- 4 Mina Steinmetz
- 11 Kelly Ulrich
- 18 Melissa Lammers
- 1 Cebie Titgemeyer

Acolytes

- 4 Aiden Johnson
- 11 Lucas Titgemeyer
- 18 Caleb Hays
- 1 Lily Sondergeld



NOVEMBER 2022

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|--|---|---|---|---|--|
| | | 1 9 AM Blankets | 2 7 AM Breakfast Gathering | 3 | 4 | 5 5 PM Contemporary Worship ALL SAINTS |
| 6 8:30 AM Sunday School 9:45 AM Traditional Worship ALL SAINTS 10:45 AM Choir Practice | 7 10 AM Bible Study | 8 9 AM Blankets | 9 7 AM Breakfast Gathering | 17 7 PM Committee Night Meeting 7 PM Rebekah's Circle | 11 | 12 5 PM Contemporary Worship |
| 13 8:30 AM Sunday School 9:45 AM Traditional Worship 10:45 PM Choir Practice | 14 10 AM Bible Study | 15 9 AM Blankets 2 PM Ester's Circle | 16 7 AM Breakfast Gathering | 17 7 PM Council Meeting | 18 | 19 5 PM Contemporary Worship 5:45 PM Cake Reception 6:15 PM Potluck Dinner |
| 20 8:30 AM Sunday School 9:45 AM Traditional Worship 10:45 AM Cake Reception | 21 9 AM Forerunner deadline! 10 AM Bible Study | 22 9 AM Blankets | 23 7 AM Breakfast Gathering | 24  | 25 Church Office Closed | 26 5 PM Contemporary Worship |
| 27 8:30 AM Sunday School 9:45 AM Traditional Worship 10:45 PM Choir Practice | 28 10 AM Bible Study | 29 9 AM Blankets | 30 7 AM Breakfast Gathering | | | |
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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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