



ST. JOHN'S NEWS

It's Pentecost! This amazing festival day is often overlooked, but is so important in our faith lives. On Pentecost, we join with others around the world and celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit that extends to all the disciples—including us!

And it's a birthday party! On Pentecost, we celebrate the birth of the church. We rejoice that together, with Christians everywhere, that we are the body of Christ in the world. And we are not left on our own, but are led by the Holy Spirit. This year, this day of celebration, Pentecost, falls on Sunday, June 4th.

As Lutherans, there are times when we too often overlook the Holy Spirit's importance. But the Holy Spirit provides us with talents, guidance, and helps us to grow in faith and closer to each other. The Holy Spirit also reminds us of where Jesus' healing and restoration are still needed in the world...and how we are then called to act and respond. Thankfully, the Spirit also nudges us when we need to take the time to be quiet, listen, and bask in God's love for us.

As you've been working to be a blessing to those around you over the last month (if you're confused, see last month's newsletter for your challenge), I hope you've been able to recognize that the Spirit works in you and through you and that you have been given special gifts to share with this world that God loves so much.

Perhaps you've even found how the Spirit is working through your sisters and brothers and calling you to work together to make a difference in the lives of the people around you and throughout the world.

Letting the Spirit work in and through you isn't something that ends after a month or two, or even after fifty or one-hundred years. The Spirit is always present, encouraging, lifting up, guiding.

We gather for worship to celebrate the Spirit on June 4th, and we celebrate all that the Spirit does in our lives and our world. During this worship service, it is my hope for each of us that we recognize the Holy Spirit at work in our lives, helping us to continue to do God's will and follow God's mission as God's hands and feet in the world.

Walking with you in Christ,
Pastor Stacy

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Special points of interest:

- *June/July Quarterly Teams*
- *Altar Flowers*
- *Birthdays*
- *June/July Ushers*
- *Lay Readers*
- *Healthy Habits*
- *Scholarship Fund Reminder*

Welcome Cards

Good News, Amen has created welcome cards to actively invite people to worship with us. Please take some with you from the welcome table and invite someone to worship and hear the good news of Jesus' love. After all, we are a family of disciples faithfully making Christ known, and this is something to celebrate!



Poet's Corner

Prayer for Pentecost

by Jerry Bauer

"The Holy Spirit also bears witness to us." Hebrews 10:15

I Holy Spirit
give eyes of faith to see,
ears of faith to hear,
hearts of faith to receive
Jesus Christ
Light of the world,
Word of God,
Lord and Savior.

Holy Spirit
give me strength to follow Jesus,
give me words for witness to Jesus,
give me courage to speak of Jesus,

to call to faith all who hear
that they may have eternal life.

Habitat for Humanity

Mike McCall, executive director of Firelands Habitat for Humanity will be with us June 25th to share how God's work is being done through Habitat for Humanity



HABITAT
for Humanity

Choir takes a holiday

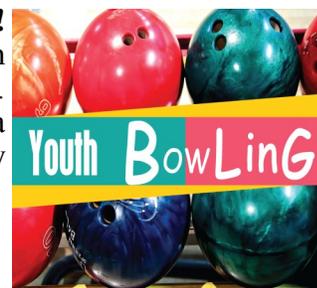
Thank you choir! Our wonderful choir takes a much deserved breather for the summer months, returning again in the fall to bless us with their music. Thank you choir and Morgan. Well done!



YOUTH NEWS

Calling all youth in grades 7 and up!

We will be bowling at Star lanes in Sandusky on June 11 at 1:00 pm. The cost is 10 dollars and pizza and soda will be provided. Please let Pastor Stacy know if you are able to attend.



Cookout:

Pastor Stacy, Ryan, and Mia would like to invite all young adults and young families to their home for a cookout on Tuesday, June 27th from 5 -7 PM. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided and families are invited to bring a dish to pass (although it's not required!). Please RSVP to Pastor Stacy at [419-680-0358](tel:419-680-0358).



Thanks to Kyle Young you can follow our church's twitter account. Search **@SJLCUC** on twitter and click follow. Any info you want tweeted send to Kyle Young at k-young.10@onu.edu or direct message me (Kyle) on the twitter account.



June is designated as the “Great Outdoor Month”. We are very fortunate in Ohio to have 74 state parks, 136 state nature preserves, 21 state forests, 16 scenic rivers as well as Lake Erie and the Ohio River. Many of these wonderful places are not far from where you live, so this June find one close to you and get outside. Activities could include walking biking, hiking and picnicking or just watching a beautiful sunset over the water. It will be good for the body, mind and soul.

“And God said, “Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place and let dry ground appear. And it was so God called the dry ground “land” and the gathered waters he called “seas”. And God saw that it was good.” Genesis 1:9-10

Summer is here and life is just as busy. Remember to take a break from your hectic schedule! Try to find time to, slow down or stop for a while. Sabbath is a time to be recreated in God’s image and likeness, a time of rest and renewal. Allow God to show you his fullness. We need to give ourselves permission to value something other than our many tasks and obligations, important as they may be. There is more to life than doing; there is also being. Remember God rested on the seventh day. You deserve a break so take it. Your body, mind and soul will thank you.

“And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done.” Genesis 2:2.

Medical Center Health Ministry Program

June/July Birthdays

- June 4 —Dave Zorn
- 5 —Melinda Zorn
- 11—Marissa Semon
- 13—Paul Knott
- 18—Suzie Leigh
- 19—Phyllis Stengel
- 20—Ruth Knupke,
Emily Zorn
- 24—Kathy Strayer
- 26—Cindy Schlessman
- July 2 —David Schlessman
- 3 —Beverly Hohman
- 9 —Jessica Riley Sparks
- 15—Larry Schlessman
Andrea Jean Deehr
- 18—James M Semon II
- 29—Austin Ayars, Jr.

June/July Anniversaries

- June 6—John & Barbara Wagner
- 9—Jim and Linda Moore
- 12—Dale & Nancy Osburn
- 14—Randy and Julie Deehr
- 15—Ray & Barbara Vance
- 21—Louis and Norma Zorn
- 21—Ann and Dave Voight
Scott & Terri Riley
- 25—Paul and Phyllis Stengel
- July 4—John & Lisa Wilson
- 9—David and Sofia Young
- 19—Ted and Lynn Call
- 28—Paul and Laura Knott
- 31—Doug and Tara Tommas



LAY READERS

- June 4—Jim Wooster
- 11—Paula Hoffman
- 18—Linda Miller-Moore
Cassidy Lane (Psalm)
- 25—Jim Semon, Sr.
- July 2—
- 9—
- 16—Jim Semon, Sr.
- 23—
- 30—

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

- June 4—Paula Hoffman
- 18—Jan Fulton
- July 2—Jim Semon, Sr.
- 16—

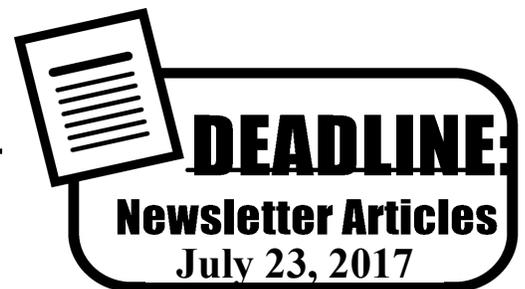
New lists are out for summer!

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- June 4—Jim Semon, Sr/Ray Witt
- 11—Jerrie Krawetzki
- 18—Jim Semon, Sr/Ray Witt
- 25—Jim Semon, Sr/Ray Witt

- July 30—Jerrie Krawetzki

USHERS needed for JULY!



Scholarship Fund Drive

September will again be our annual fund raiser for scholarships. The scholarships will benefit students attending college, seminary and education beyond high school. We will need your help to ensure that scholarships will continue to be available. Please give prayerful thought to help this special ministry at St. John.





Members of St. John's! Thank you everyone for all the cards, prayers, words of love and sympathy at the death of Sharen, my wife, mother and grandmother. Thank you to everyone who donated food and the team that took charge of the funeral luncheon after the funeral. Thank you for being there to help us through our loss. **Ray Smith and family.**

Blessings to all the members of St. John's for the cards and well wishes on our mother's 99th birthday. She was so happy, gave a little smile as we read each card and who sent it. She remembered each and everyone! The cards are hanging on her door for her to see and remember how much she is loved by her community of faith. **The family of Ruth Bruns.**



Sunday School Teachers Needed!

Would you consider helping teach Sunday School next year?

Pastor Stacy will be on maternity leave for some of September and October. Would you please consider teaching the pre-k/ kindergarten class for a couple of weeks? The material is easy to plan, and the kids will enjoy your presence.

Allison Young youth teacher for our Middle school age children is stepping down after many years of faithful service to our youth. We have a great group of kids this age who need to be nurtured in their faith.

We know everyone's schedule is busy and it is a big commitment to teach on Sunday morning. Please consider being a part of a group of team teachers that will share in the teaching of our youth.

Parents and members of St. John's, we make a commitment to support and mentor our youth at their baptism. Please give prayerful thought over the next few months to help with this important ministry for our children.

Please let Pastor Stacy know if you are available.

VBS Opportunities this summer!

Zion Huron and St. John's: Summer Day Camp at Zion Huron. Lutheran Outdoor Ministries in Ohio (LOMO) will provide an exciting experience .

June 19-June 23 : 10:00am to 4:00pm for 1st-5th grades, 3-5yr. olds who are potty trained 10-noon on M,W,F.

Zion Sandusky: July 24-28th

St. Peter Norwalk: June 12-16th Theme: "A Mighty Fortress"

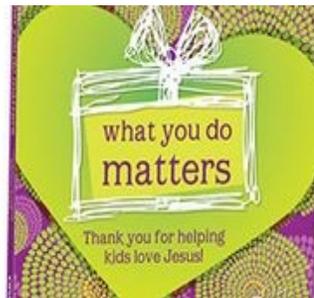
Trinity and Grace: dates unknown at this printing



Worship Opportunities

Dinner Church continues to meet the third Sunday of the month in Chet and Matt's back room at 5 pm. Dinner Church is an alternative worship service. The evening includes a meal, communion, singing, and praying. If you have trouble making Sunday morning worship, give Dinner Church a try or suggest it to family and friends.

JOY Time meets on the second Thursday of each month to provide an evening of prayer, song, and fellowship for adults with disabilities. The next regular meeting will be June 8th from 6-7:30 at St. Paul, Sandusky.



Don't Let The Next Generation Go Backwards!



Summer Bible Reading! Pastor Paul Stengel



Mon. May 29	2 Samuel	Chapter 9	David and Mephibosheth
Tue. May 30	2 Samuel	Chapter 10	David Defeats the Ammonites
Wed. May 31	2 Samuel	Chapter 11	David and Bathsheba
June 1	2 Samuel	Chapter 12	Nathan's Message and David's Repentance
June 2	2 Samuel	Chapter 13	Amnon and Tamar
June 3	2 Samuel	Chapter 14	Joab Arranges for Absalom's Return
June 4	2 Samuel	Chapter 15	Absalom plans Rebellion
June 5	2 Samuel	Chapter 16	David and Ziba
June 6	2 Samuel	Chapter 17	Hushai Misleads Absalom
June 7	2 Samuel	Chapter 18	Absalom is Defeated and Killed
June 8	2 Samuel	Chapter 19	Joab Reprimands David
June 9	2 Samuel	Chapter 20	Sheba's Rebellion
June 10	2 Samuel	Chapter 21	Saul's Descendants Are Put to Death
June 11	2 Samuel	Chapter 22	David's Song of Victory
June 12	2 Samuel	Chapter 23	David's Last Words
June 13	2 Samuel	Chapter 24	David Takes a Census

For the remainder of the Summer may we suggest that you read a chapter a day of First and Second Kings, First and Second Chronicles for the continuing History of the Nation of the Jewish people in the Old Testament.

In September we will begin a New Challenge: Each Sunday we will share a verse or so to read and Memorize During the week in the Sunday Leaflet (Bulletin)

An Open Forum on **Child Abuse Prevention** will be presented by Christian Day Nursery School in collaboration with St. Peter Lutheran Church Cherish All Children Ministry, Fisher-Titus Medical Center and Huron County Department of Job and Family Services, **Wednesday, June 7 at 6:30 pm** in the church sanctuary. Child care will be provided.

Topics of discussion will be, What is considered Child Abuse? (Neglect, Physical Sexual, Mental). Who is responsible to report Child Abuse?

People from Child Services, Law Enforcement and Child Advocacy Program will be on hand to present and guide discussion.

Let us stop the abuse, come and help us work together to get the message out.



Quilters Update!

The quilting group has completed 79 quilts to be sent out this fall. We will resume sewing and assembling in the fall, but we are in need of material - preferably dark colored cottons. If you have some to contribute, please mark the packages for the quilting project and place them in front of the cabinets on the west wall of the kitchen. Thanks to all who have supported our project.



ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
May 2, 2017

CALL TO ORDER: President Bob Krawetzki called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

PRAYER: Pastor Stacy led us in prayer using Luther's Small Catechism. The words "given for you" and "shed for you for the forgiveness of sin" have so much meaning to all of us. We go forth to do our work knowing that our sins have been forgiven.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bob Krawetzki, Peg Kingsley, Jacob Deehr, Paula Hoffman, Bonny Ambos, Pastor Stacy, Jim Moore. Jerrie Krawetzki, Ray Witt, Kevin Young, Barry Laird, Colleen Shupe Excused absence: Ann Voight

MINUTES: April 4, 2017 council meeting minutes were approved as written by council on motion by Ray Witt and seconded by Paula Hoffman.

REPORTS: Treasurer's Report: March financials presented by Colleen Shupe. Year- to-date results are:

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YTD Revenue --- \$36,928

YTD Expenses ---\$38,532

Net Revenue --- -\$1604

Motion by Barry Laird and seconded by Jim Moore to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion passed.

Pastor Stacy: Pastor submitted her written report a week ago. Pastor reported that we will be recognizing three new members on Sunday: Mike and Pat Babisch and Owen Reed. We will also be celebrating a baptism and a new college graduate.

Deacons: Bonny Ambos reported everything is running smoothly at this time. Pastor Stacy thanked the deacons for their extra work involving several communion services held during Easter week.

Elders: Paula asked anyone having serving event ideas to please tell her about them. Faith/Life will be placing flags at OVH on May 25th at 3 PM for Memorial Day.

Trustees: Ray Witt reported that the railing on the stairway going from the upper room to the kitchen has fallen off the wall. The trustees are in the process of repairing the railing. Wilson's Lawn Service has been retained for mowing the church front and side and also the parsonage and cemetery. The cost will be \$100 per session. Trimming the grave-stones at the cemetery, once the rapid grass growth has slowed, will be done just once a month. The trustees are going to be spreading mulch this year around the perimeter of the church and parts of the parsonage.

Good News Amen: Written report submitted. Barry reported that the team discussed St. John's implementation of use of Facebook and Twitter and possibly Instagram. Kyle Young is working on this project. The Crop Walk will be held this year the first weekend in October and we'd like to invite the Catholic churches to participate. Cole Ruggles is designing a special t-shirt to be worn by St. John's members at various events.

Worship Team: Written report submitted. On May 14th the youth will be leading the worship service.

FLAME: Barry reminded us about the 500th anniversary of Reformation being celebrated in the fall with The Firelands Symphony Orchestra. On July 4th weekend the Lutheran churches will be manning a booth/table offering refreshments in downtown Sandusky. On July 22nd The Gathering will be held in downtown Sandusky and Lutherans will participate in that as well, again with a booth/table.

Finance Team: Written report submitted. The team has recommended accepting two items which are listed under New Business.

Faith/Life Team: Written report submitted. Sack lunches will be assembled and distributed three times during the summer months. The Giving Tree will be done again in June for the purpose of supporting our seminary student, Dan Gutman and his family.

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- The Property Team will submit to the Finance Team any of the potential items on their priority list that they feel need immediate consideration .
- The Giving Garden team has set May 20th as their planting date. Compost has already been spread.
- It was moved by Paula Hoffman and seconded by Bonny Ambos that we accept the FLAME constitution as corrected.
Motion unanimously passed.
- The Lutheran/Catholic service will be held May 10th at 6:30 PM at St. Paul's Catholic Church in Norwalk. Pastor Stacy will announce this event during Sunday's announcements.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Colleen is working on an application form for direct depositing church members' monthly donations to the general fund. Announcement of this will be placed in the bulletin and newsletter.
- The Finance Team has recommended that we give the \$1895.69 to Pastor Stacy to use with the Sunday School classes to fund items in the ELCA Good Gifts catalog as a way to further our mission work. The items should include purchase of one share of a well, one share of a community vegetable garden and chicks and a rooster. Barry Laird moved and Jerrie Krawetzki moved that we accept this recommendation. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
- The Finance Team has recommended that we pay 50% of the cost for Bible Camp to any family requesting assistance. Jerrie Krawetzki moved and Barry Laird seconded that we accept this recommendation. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
- There is a flyer on the bulletin board with information on the Lutheran Home Hog Roast.
- Bob has purchased a new power source for charging the headphone sets. Three sets will hang on the wall by the back table in church at all times.
- Pastor Stacy reported that she has secured Pastor Vance to cover for her for the last six Sundays of her maternity leave. She is waiting to hear if Pastor Lynn Schlessman is able to take the first two Sundays of her leave. She asks if there are things that anyone thinks of that we would need to have done prior to her beginning her leave, to please tell her ASAP so that she can be sure all things are covered.
- Pastor Stacy reported that on July 18th the youth group now named Firelands Lutheran Youth (FLY), will be holding a fund raiser at Panera Bakery.
- On Sunday, Laura Knott slipped and fell in the gathering room during the baby shower, and broke her nose. Colleen will notify our insurance company about this and also verify with them that we now have a security system at the parsonage.
- Colleen will be gone from June 7-17 on vacation, so anyone needing the treasurer's service will need to wait until she returns.

ADJOURNMENT: On motion by Colleen Shupe and seconded by Bonny Ambos, our meeting was adjourned. We prayed the Lord's Prayer before departing.

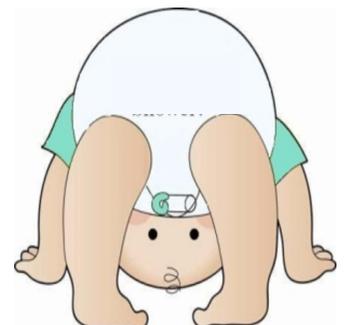
ANNOUNCEMENTS: June 6, 2017: next Council meeting. There will be no Council meeting in July.

Respectfully submitted,

Peg Kingsley, Secretary

A DIAPER SHOWER

Sunday, June 25th after church in the fellowship hall. Come to the party to shower Ray Young with lots of diapers for his son, Elliot. PLEASE share our joy and love for THE Young Family. No specific brand. Sizes, 4,5, and 6. Regular and night time.



A FAMILY OF
DISCIPLES,
FAITHFULLY MAKING
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June 2017

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*You will go out
IN JOY
and be led forth
IN PEACE.*

ISAIAH 55:12, NIV

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Ushers: 4-Jim Semon Ray Witt 11-Jerrie Krawetzki 18-Jim Semon Ray Witt 25-Jim Semon Ray Witt					1 Bible Study-9:30 am Barry Bagels	2	3
4 Flowers: Young family "Gotcha Day"	5		6 Council Meeting 7:00 pm	7	8 Bible Study- 9:30 am Barry Bagels 3:30-6pm Crossroads Faith Life 6:30 pm Joy Time- 6-7:30 pm	9	10
						 Faith Life Team	
11 Flowers: Paula Hoff- man Youth Bowl- ing-1 pm Star Lanes	12	13	14 Good News Amen -6 pm		15 Bible Study-9:30 am Barry Bagels	16	17
							
18 Flowers: Rollie & Myrna Schlessman Dinner Church Chet & Matt's- 5pm	19	20	21	22	23	24	
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July 2017

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Ushers: 1
Needed

30-Jerrie
Krawetki

2 Flowers: 3 4 5 6 7 8



9 Flowers: 10
David/Sofia
Young

11 12

13 Cross-
roads 3:30-
6:00

14 15

Joy Time-
6-7:30 pm



SERVING MEALS
TO THE HOMELESS

16 Flowers: 17

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19
Worship
Team
6:00 pm

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23 Flowers: 24
Peg &
Chuck
Kingsley
Newsletter
Deadline

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A Family of Disciples,
 Faithfully Making
 Christ Known!

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Sunday Worship 10:30 AM

ADDRESS CHANGE REQUESTED

Second Quarter Team

Kathy Strayer. Phyllis Stengel
 Bonny Ambos

June 4

Communion Glasses
 Thank you to our second quarter
 team for their willingness to serve.

Third Quarter Team

Volunteers are needed for the
 Third Quarter team.

July 2—Communion Glasses
August 6— Communion Glasses
Sept. 3—Communion Glasses

Teams will be in charge of communion
 glasses, fellowship, and altar
 cloths.

Contact Allison Young if you have
 any questions.

**EDITOR TAKES A BREAK!
 THERE WILL BE NO JULY NEWS-
 LETTER BUT MAKE SURE TO
 SUBMIT ANNOUNCEMENTS AND
 EVENTS FOR AUGUST LOOK
 FOR THE AUGUST
 LETTER AND UPCOMING
 EVENTS HAPPENING IN
 SEPTEMBER INCLUDING RALLY
 DAY AND THE FALL SCHEDULE!**



FATHER'S DAY JUNE 18th

ALTAR FLOWERS

- June 4—Young family “Gotcha Day”
- 11— Paula Hoffman honor of life of Robert Hoffman
- 18—Rolland & Myrna Schlessman in memory of Janet Schlessman
- 25—Scheid Family
- July 2—
- 9—David & Sofia Young’s 1st Anniversary
- 16—
- 23—Peg & Chuck Kingsley in memory of Margaret Lindsley’s birthday
- 30—Neate family in memory of Ann.

**Summer worship time
 does change this year.
 We worship at
 9:30 a.m.**

