



ST. JOHN'S NEWS

This summer, we find ourselves in the season after Pentecost, which is a time for growth. This season of the church year provides an opportunity for both personal spiritual growth and for growing closer to each other as a community in Christ.

As we grow in Christ, we recognize that we have been given an amazing gift! Before we were even born, we were loved by God. When we are feeling unlovable, when we are having the worst days, or when we are having amazing days and are seemingly on top of the world, we are loved by God.

1 John 4:9-12 says it well, "God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins."

But it doesn't stop there! 1 John continues, "Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us."

How amazing is this? God's love is always available to us and was shown to us in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ. And we aren't required to do anything in return, because God's love is unconditional. But we also know that as we are loved by God, we often want to share that amazing love with others. We are called to care for others, to help them to know God's love in their lives through our words and actions.

Perhaps you have heard the old camp song, "And they will know we are Christians by our love, by our love....yes, they will know we are Christians by our love." It is still summer, and we have so many opportunities to share that love with our neighbors, with those at our local grocery store, with the people at the baseball stadium. How are you doing this?

Each of you remains in my prayers, and it is my hope that as our God continues to surround you in love that you are freed to share that love with others through both word and action. You have been given an important mission in life—to share God's love with the world, because God has loved you first. I pray that this continues, and even grows this summer.

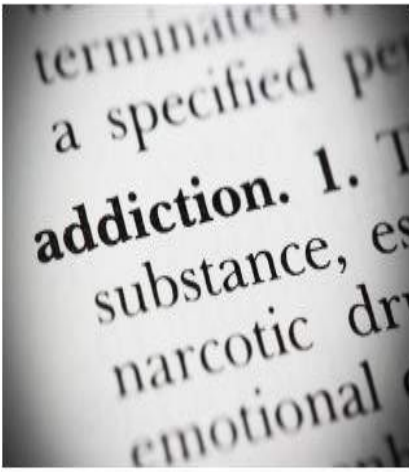
Walking with you in Christ,
Pastor Stacy

Inside this issue:

Table with 2 columns: Topic and Page Number. Topics include Community in Crisis (2), Reformation 500 Opportunities (3), Scholarship Fund Drive (5), Maternity Leave/Pastoral Care (7), Rally Day/God' Work Our Hands (7), Giving Garden Corn Roast (8).

Special points of interest:

- Altar Flowers
• Birthdays
• Blessing of the Book Bags
• Crossroads Servant Event
• Ministry Leaders
• FLAME Minutes
• Eucharistic Ministers



COMMUNITY IN CRISIS

Drug Addiction

It affects us ALL!

Join experts from the
Addiction and recovery
Community for an
Informational meeting
Discussing the affects the drug
Epidemic has on each and
Every one of us.
Hear from:
Erie County Sheriff
Paul Sigsworth
Erie Cty Health Commissioner
Pete Schade
Erie Cty Job & Family Services
Serving Our Seniors
Sue Daugherty
A Mother's Story
Susan Prentice
Sandusky Artisans
Joey Supina
Erie County common Pleas Court
Judge Roger Binette

And a special message from
Tony Legando

**Sunday, August 13th
or
Sunday, August 27th**

The Chapel

4444 Galloway Rd

Sandusky, OH 44870

6:00 - 7:30 pm

**Seats are limited to the
first 800 guests**

Poets Corner

Come Home

by Jerry Bauer

"Then God said, 'Let us make
man in our image, after our like-
ness.'" Genesis 1:26

Come home to who
i created you to be.
Creative people,
the way God made us.
Use God given gifts,
creative gifts,
to serve God's world.
Using God's gifts,
abilities God gives,
bring satisfaction
and joy.

Crossroads



St. John will serve
their monthly meal at
the VOA Crossroads
shelter on Thursday,
August 10th from
3:30 – 6:00 pm. All are invited to
participate, and sign-up to provide
food items in support of the meal.
A new list is on the Welcome Ta-
ble at church. **Food items to
church by 12:00 noon.**

Quilters

Quilting will resume in Septem-
ber. The quilters meet on the 2nd
and 4th Monday's at 9:00 AM.
Everyone is
welcome and
encouraged to
come help and
enjoy the fel-
lowship.

Quilting
begins



Get Informed

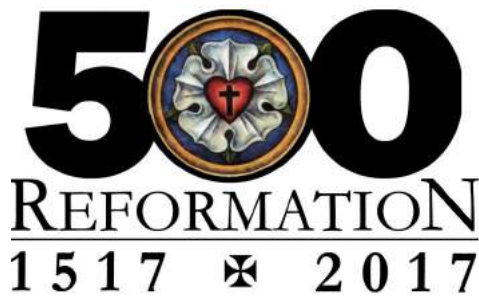
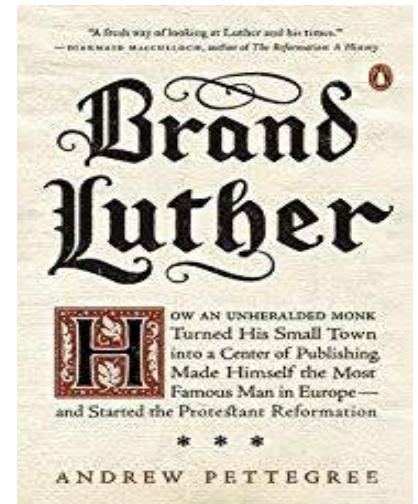
Be Prepared

Get Involved

Reformation 500 Celebration Opportunities

*It's the 500th anniversary of the Reformation! To continue our celebration, we are reading **Brand Luther** in book club. We will meet in the Upper Room on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6 PM. Everyone is invited. If you are interested, please sign up on the welcome table. **Cost: \$12.00**
Deadline: August 20th*

***Brand Luther**—How an unheralded monk Turned His Small Town into a Center of Publishing, Made Himself the Most Famous Man in Europe—and Started the Protestant Reformation*



A Special Movie Event



Great Hymns of
FAITH

CHORAL FESTIVAL
Michael Shirtz, conductor

*Celebrating the 500th Anniversary
Of the Reformation*

Join in celebrating the spirit of unity and
Faith through singing!

Sunday, October 29
4PM | \$10

For tickets:
sanduskystate.com
877-626-1950
Sandusky State Theatre
107 Columbus Ave., Sandusky, Ohio

**St. John's Choir will be
participating in the Choral Festival.**

Tuesday, September 26 - Cinemark, Sandusky
Thursday, September 28 - Premiere 8, Norwalk
6:30 pm, either evening

This entertaining new film follows the great adventure story of Luther's life, packed with political intrigue, kidnappings, and life-or-death showdowns. At the same time, it's a story about the most important questions of life, including "Who am I?" "What is my purpose" and "How do I get right with God?"

This is the first time in more than 60 years that Lutherans have made a feature-length film about Martin Luther and the Reformation. Filmed in historic locations across Europe, this movie brings Luther's story to life with exquisite attention to detail. It's a chance to revisit the birth of Protestant Reformation, and to share that experience with others.

Our only opportunity to see the film locally is at either the Cinemark Stadium Theatre in Sandusky on Tuesday, September 26, or the UEC Premiere 8 Theatre in Norwalk on Thursday, September 28. Tickets must be purchased in advance. Tickets can be purchased at a special web site set up for the screening:

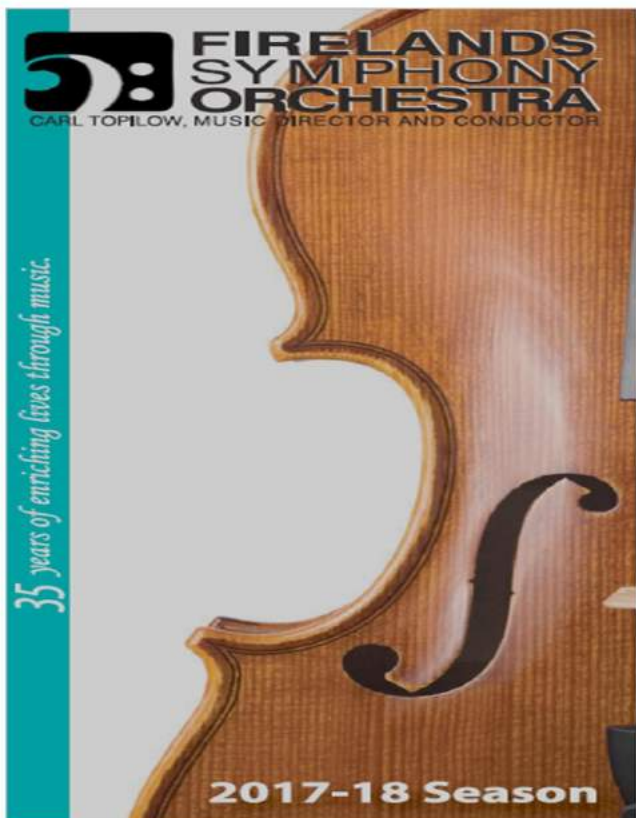
For Sandusky (9/26), visit www.luthermovie.link/firelands
For Norwalk (9/28), visit www.luthermovie.link/firelands2



Lutherans go to the FSO!

Opening Night!

Sandusky State Theatre
Saturday, October 7, 2017 - 7:30 pm



Mendelssohn's stately
Symphony No. 5
recognizing the
500th anniversary
of the
Lutheran Reformation

Debut of the
Firelands Symphony Chorale
and director Michael Shirtz

Classical Guitarist
Jason Vieux

Programming Sponsor:
**Firelands Lutherans
Active in Mission
(FLAMe)**

Sign up now to attend this special event!

Sign up to get discounted gold or silver group tickets for the October 7 Firelands Symphony Orchestra Concert at the Sandusky State Theatre. You save \$4.00 per ticket! Seats will be assigned once the symphony's season ticket drive winds down. Each congregation is asked to oversee its own order and receive payments. The deadline for sign-up for group seats is September 10. Cash or check (written to Sandusky State Theatre) payment is due on that date as well.

GROUP SEATING (seats assigned by FSO as available) GOLD - \$25 SILVER - \$22
Sign up by Sunday, Sept. 10.

ON YOUR OWN (select your seats) GOLD - \$29 SILVER - \$25 On Sale Sept. 18

A sign-up sheet for group seating will be available on the Welcome Table to make your reservations along with payment.



Learning opportunities For Everyone

Coming in September Sunday school for all ages. Sunday School will resume September 17th at 9:00 a.m.



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

If you have any information to be included in the September Newsletter, please give to Sandy Thompson by Sunday, Aug. 20th or mail to 2009 Jeffries Rd. Huron, Ohio 44839, phone- 433-4530 or Email-Sandy8110@gmail.com

August Birthdays

- Aug. 1—Paula Hoffman
Ryan Scovanner
- 3—Bonnie Semon, Chuck Kingsley
- 4—Dale Schlessman
Bob Krawetzki
- 6—Dawn Warner
- 7—Barbara Vance
- 8—Chuck Thompson
- 11—Allison Schlessman
- 12—Aaron Schlessman
- 14—Paul Stengel
- 15—Margaret Ommert
- 19—Madeline Lane
- 20—Tim Zorn
- 21—Samantha Bechtel
- 22—Mary K Schlessman
- 27—Eloise Mitchell
- 27—Raymond Smith
- 29—Sherri Harlan Barnes

Scholarships

Your help is needed!

Attention St. John members! Applications for scholarships are available from Sue Lucht, Linda Miller Moore, Sally Kelley.

SCHOLARSHIP FUND DRIVE

Beginning in September we will be raising money for the St. John Scholarship Fund. The fund benefits college, Seminary students and anyone who is doing continuing education or training beyond high school that is a member of this congregation. We need your financial help to ensure that these scholarships will continue to be available. Please give prayerful thought to help with this special ministry at St. John.



Back to School

Teachers and students, it's hard to hear but the start of a new school year is just around the corner!

St. John will mark the occasion again this year with the "Blessing of Book Bags." on Sunday, August 13th during our worship service.

Students, teachers, bus drivers, school staff are all invited to come forward during worship with whatever it is you carry with you to school...book bag, back pack, brief case.



Altar Flowers

- Aug. 6 –Jim & Becky Wooster honor of their anniversary
- 13--Sally and Patrick Kelley in honor of their anniversary
- 20—
- 27—Bob & Jerrie Krawetzki in honor of their anniversary

August Anniversaries

- Aug. 4—Bob & Lori Stacy
- 8—Dale & Cindy Schlessman
- 12—Bill and Sue Lucht
- 16—Pat & Sally Kelley
Mark & Samantha Bechtel
- 20—Mike & Lisa Chill
- 21—Chuck and Heather Ruggles
- 25—Preston & Kimberly Luman
- 28—Bob & Jerri Krawetzki
- 30—Larry & Dawn Schlessman

Ushers

August—Jim Semon, Sr.

USHERS NEEDED





Firelands Lutherans Active in Mission

Grace, Castalia—St. John's Union Corners—St. John's, Bellevue—St. Paul, Sandusky
St. Peter, Norwalk—Trinity, Sandusky—Zion, Sandusky—Zion, Huron

The FLAME Board met on July 17 at St. John's. FLAME welcomes Karen Steiert, from St. Paul to the Board. Karen replaces Brent Gardner who will now be serving on Synod Council. The Board thanks Brent for his service.

Join us as we share our Lutheran musical heritage with the community. **Firelands Symphony Orchestra's** Opening Night Concert on Saturday, October 7th is sponsored by FLAME. Season tickets are now available. Watch your church for details about group sales and individual tickets.

The FLAME **Giving Garden** is hosting a Sweetcorn Potluck for all congregations on Monday, August 21 to thank-you for your support. Just another reminder that the Garden is offering altar flowers for all congregations. Contact Barry Gill bagphs233@buckeye-express.com to help at the garden as we feed the hungry in HIS name!

FLAME is out in the community. We were present at both the Sandusky and Norwalk July 4th Celebrations and served as a sponsor of The Gathering in downtown Sandusky. Barry Gill and friends manned a booth at The Gathering with information about our congregations and the community services they provide. Thank you Barry!

FLAME will also be present at the **Annual Recovery Walk**. As a sponsor, the FLAME name is on every event T-shirt and our banner will be present if we get volunteers to walk. Could that be you? This three day event starts with a recovery movie at the State Theater on Friday night, the walk on Saturday afternoon, followed by a "sober social/dance" at the State Theatre in the evening. On Sunday there is a Recovery Church Service to give strength and hope to those touched by this epidemic.

Leslie Foxworth, Zion-H has one more summer **Life Tree** meeting. The presentation is at the Huron Library on Monday, August 28th, 7-8pm. For information, contact Leslie at 419-433-4955. She needs volunteers to serve as hosts. Efforts are being made to find additional funding to continue **Life Tree** and possibly have a Sandusky or Norwalk location, but we need you to volunteer. FLAME is spreading God's word in the community! Come and join the conversation!

Have you bought your tickets??? The recently released full-length movie, **Martin Luther: The Idea That Changed the World** will be shown September 26th and 28th. Visit these websites: <http://luthermovie.link/firelands> for Sandusky Cinemark or <http://lutherfilm.link/firelands2> for Norwalk. This is a crowd funded movie and it will only happen if you buy your tickets before September 19th. Invite friends, Bible Study groups, or your Dinner Club.

Are you or your choir singing in the **LIFT Hymn Fest**? If not please be in the audience. Tickets to this event at the State Theater on October 29th are \$10.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND FLAME CHURCH NEWS:

Thursday, Aug. 10: JOY Time 6-7:30, St. Paul's. Faith opportunity for adults with developmental disabilities.

Sunday, August 20: Dinner Church 5 p.m. Chet and Matt's.

Sunday, August 27: St. Paul, Welcome Table, free meal, handicap accessible. Meal is served 12 noon to 1:20 PM

Monday, August 28: Lifetree Café, 7-8 p.m., Huron Library, "Enough Already", led by Leslie Foxworth.

Thursday, September 14: JOY Time 6-7:30, St. Paul's. Faith opportunity for adults with developmental disabilities.

Saturday, September 16: 1st Responder Breakfast 8-11 a.m., St. Paul, hosts Sandusky FLAME congregations.

Saturday, September 15-17: 4th Annual Recovery Walk Events. Call for details 419-621-9377/419-625-8933

Sunday, September 24: St. Paul, Welcome Table, free meal, handicap accessible. Meal is served 12 noon to 1:20 PM

Tuesday, September 26: Martin Luther film, 6:30 p.m. Cinemark, Sandusky

Thursday, September 28: Martin Luther film, 6:30 p.m. UEC Theatre, Norwalk (tentative at time of printing)

Saturday, September 30: Faith Lutheran, Fremont, the Eastern Conference Women of the ELCA Fall Retreat.

Saturday, October 7: Sandusky State Theater, 7:30 Firelands Symphony Orchestra Opening Night Concert

Sunday, October 22: St. Paul, Welcome Table, free meal, handicap accessible. Meal is served 12 noon to 1:20 PM

Sunday, October 29, Sandusky State Theater, Fremont LIFT Hymn Fest



Mark your calendars! St. John's choir practice begins on Wednesday, September 6th at 7:00 pm. New members are welcome. Plan to join the choir in their music ministry!



Maternity Leave: Pastoral Care

If you are in the hospital or have a pastoral emergency during maternity leave, please contact the church office (419-625-2192) and leave a message. There are pastors on call who will be available, and they will be contacted by Sandy or Bob. Your needs are still very important, so please don't hesitate to call.



2017!

Mark Sunday, September 17th on your calendar for Rally Day at the OVH shelter house off of Strub Rd. Sandusky OH. We will worship at 10:30 am, enjoy a delicious potluck lunch, and fellowship. Please bring a dish to pass.

**Mark your calendar!
"God's work. Our hands."**

Saturday, September 16, 2017
8:00-11:00 am

St. John's will be joining with St. Paul, Zion, and Trinity Lutheran churches for a "God's Work, our Hands" event. On Saturday, September 16 we will join together to serve a breakfast for the first responders. This event will be held at St. Paul Lutheran church, Mills St. Sandusky. Jerrie Krawetzki will be our representative. Look for more information in upcoming bulletins.

Direct Deposit Offering Opportunity

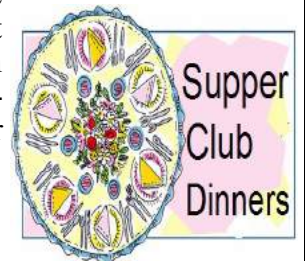
St. John's has many new members since first offering direct deposits to the church's general fund from members' bank accounts. The Finance Team has updated our direct deposit application form and placed copies on the Welcome Table at the back of the church. Direct Depositing is for your weekly offering to St. John's which is deposited to the general fund on the **15th of each month**. This saves you from bringing a check to church and gives St. John's continuous revenue monthly. If you would like to use this method for your donations to St. John's, please fill out a form and give it to Treasurer, Colleen Shupe or Peg Kingsley, Finance Team Chair. Colleen Shupe is available for questions at 419 706 0476.

Eucharistic Ministers:

Do you enjoy visiting people and sharing the gifts of God? If you have any interest in beginning to visit home bound members, or you wonder what this is all about, you are invited to stay after worship on August 6 for a short gathering.



Mark your calendars for Supper Club! Supper Club will meet on Thursday, September 21st at The Camp Street Restaurant, 1040 Camp St., Sandusky. Camp Street Restaurant has a wide variety of choices on their menu, so there should be something for everyone. The Thursday night special is "Meat Loaf" and it is very much in demand. Our Supper Club gatherings have proved to be a lot of fun for all, so sign-up to join us for a night of fellowship, good food and fun! Sign-up sheet will be on the Welcome Table by August 13th! If you are interested in the "Meat Loaf Dinner Special," please list it beside your name. **Kathy Strayer**



Worship Leader Coverage

As we enter Pastor Stacy's maternity leave, Sunday worship will be led by the following pastors:

August 27—Pastor William Lucht
Sept. 3 & 10—Pastor Lynn Schlessman
Sept. 17 thru Oct. 22—Pastor Ray Vance



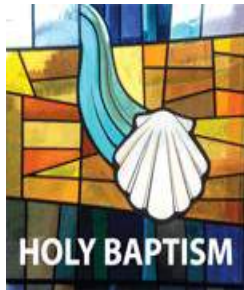
Giving Garden Corn Roast

The FLAMe Giving Garden is hosting a Sweet Corn Potluck for all the congregations on **Monday, August 21st** to thank-you for your support. The potluck will be held at **St. John's at 6:00 pm**. Each congregation represented will bring the menu with St. John's supplying the sweet corn! All members of the FLAMe congregations are encouraged to come and enjoy the produce from the joint labor of our congregations.



Baptism

On Sunday, August 23rd, we celebrated and welcomed the newly baptized, Thea Louise Joseph into the Lord's family and into the mission we share. Thea is the daughter of Ashlee and Chris Joseph and grandson of Dale and Cindy Schlessman. Please keep the Joseph family in your prayers.



Newest Arrival at St. John's

Paisley Suzanne Luman is here!



Congratulations to Kim and Preston Luman proud parents of a new baby girl. Paisley arrived on Thursday, July 6th. Please include the Luman family in your prayers.



Knowing Your Balance

This month we would like to focus on knowing your balance. Below are suggestions for help with the many family commitments.

- Be confident and hopeful in God's promises to walk with you and not send more than you and He can carry!
- Listen to family members and friends. They often see signs of stress before you do.
- Accept help from family, friends and professionals.
- Delegation is an art form. You can do more...if you don't do it all.
- Find some personal time for yourself every day.
- Take care of your self physically, emotionally, spiritually and socially.

"Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your soul." Matthew 11:28-29

Your Prayers Needed

Prayer is one of the most beautiful and meaningful gifts we can offer one another. Occasionally there are folks in this congregation, or friends or relative of members, in need of prayer for various reasons. Your prayers are needed for:

Wayne and Ruth Knupke—Wayne has returned to Admiral's Point and is now in hospice care.

Family of Tim Hohman—grieving his death. Son of August and Beverly Hohman

Liz Young—(Sister of Mary K Schlessman) - diagnosed with cancer

Larry Schlessman—health concerns

Joe Plonski—(relation of Florene Swatek) - recovering from cancer surgery

John and Lisa Wilson and family—Grieving the deaths of John's father and Lisa's mother.

Polly Scheid DiCocco—Cancer treatments



St. John's has a Facebook page. Like us. Share us. Invite people you know to 'like' us.
www.facebook.com/stjohnlesandusky/




St. John's has a Twitter account thanks to Kyle Young. Search for @SJLCUC and click to follow us. Any info you want tweeted, you can send to Kyle at k-young.10@onu.edu or direct message him on Twitter.

A FAMILY OF
DISCIPLES,
FAITHFULLY MAKING
CHRIST KNOWN

August 2017

Friendship Snack Mix






Life is more interesting when you have a diverse "mix" of friends. Show your variety of buddies how much they mean to you by making this snack for (or with!) them.

What you need:

- 1 cup fish-shaped crackers
- 1 cup chocolate Chex
- 1 cup mini pretzels
- 1 cup peanut butter crackers
- ½ cup mini M&M's
- Large bowl
- Snack-sized zippered baggies
- Permanent markers
- Foam stickers

What you do:

1. Mix all the food in the bowl.
2. Write a personalized message on each baggie. Decorate with stickers.
3. Measure some snack mix into each baggie. Seal them shut.
4. Share this snack with your friends!

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 Church Council 7:00 pm	2	3	4	5
						
6 Flowers: Jim & Becky Wooster	7 Pastor Stacy's Annual Eucharistic Minister Mtg.	8	9	10 Crossroads 3:30-6:00 Food to church by 12:00 noon	11	12 
13 Flowers: Pat & Sally Kelley		15	16	17 Faith Life Team 6:30 pm	18	19
	Blessing of the Bookbags					
20 Flowers: Dinner Church at Chet & Matt's 5:00 pm	21 FLAME Giving Garden Sweet corn Picnic 6:00 pm at St. John's.	22	23	24 Finance Team 4:30 pm	25	26
27 Flowers: Bob & Jerrie Krawetzki	28	29	30	31		

St. John's Lutheran Church
106 Scheid Rd
Sandusky, Ohio 44870

Pastor Wil-
liam Lucht
leads worship

Phone: 419-625-2192
E-mail:
stjohncal@gmail.com

Sept. 3 Pastor
Lynn
Schlessman
leads worship

Website:
www.stjohnlesandusky.com





St. John's Lutheran Church
 106 Scheid Rd.
 Sandusky, OH 44870

A Family of Disciples,
 Faithfully Making
 Christ Known!

Sunday Worship 10:30 AM

ADDRESS CHANGE REQUESTED

August Ministry Leaders

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

Aug. 6—Jim Semon, Sr.
 20—Paula Hoffman

LAY READERS

Aug. 6—Linda Miller-Moore
 13—Jim Wooster
 20—Paula Hoffman
 27—Linda Miller-Moore

YOUTH ASSISTANTS

Acolyte

Aug. 6—Cassidy Lane

ST. JOHN'S HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

- Ruth Bruns:** Lutheran Memorial Home, Sandusky
- June Gorga:** Commons of Providence, Sandusky. (Mother of Nancy Osbun)
- Jean Hlavin:** Parkvue Place, Sandusky
- Rachel Kaliszewski:** Gaymont Nursing Home, Norwalk (Renee Barkhimer's mother)
- Ruth Knupke:** At home, Huron
- Wayne Knupke:** Admiral's Point Huron
- Jean Nottke:** At home, Huron
- Lois Oltman:** At Parkvue Place, Sandusky
- Margaret Ommert:** At home, Huron
- Joan Zorn:** Portland House, Sandusky
- Eloise Mitchell:** Commons of Providence, Sandusky
- Irma Moon:** At home, Berlin Heights



Addresses and contact information may be found in the congregational directory unless they reside in a nursing home. Thanks for caring!