

March



ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

ST. JOHN'S NEWS

I love when we have time to have meals together, whether at Supper Club, or 2nd Tuesdays, or one of the amazing potlucks in the church basement. I really believe that one of the great things that families do together is share a meal, and I thank you for the times we've been able to do this together. I also invite you to share another together soon!

Whether it is with the church family, your family, or a couple of friends eating together, this month I invite you to pay special attention to the time of prayer and conversation at the meal table. At the table, we learn more about what has happened that day, we share our hopes and dreams, and we grow closer to each other. We also grow closer to God as we hear about God at work in the world and in the person next to us.

Another thing that we do at the table is pray together, and for some of our young people this is their first memory of prayer. If you haven't been praying at the table, or you want help changing your routine, here are a couple of prayers from Martin Luther's Small Catechism. This month, in the midst of Lent, I invite you to pray as a family, remaining attentive to the fact that everything is given to us by God. Please also feel free to add the Lord's Prayer to both of these prayers.

PRAYER BEFORE EATING:

The eyes of all wait upon You, O Lord, and You give them their food in due season; You open Your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. Lord God, heavenly Father, bless us and these Your gifts which we receive from Your bountiful goodness, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER EATING

Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for His mercy endures forever. We thank You, Lord God, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, for all Your benefits, You who live and reign forever and ever. Amen.

This may surprise some people, but the old practice was to pray TWICE at a meal. We, too, get that opportunity. We can pray before starting to eat (the blessing) AND after we finish eating (giving thanks). This shapes our meals, and shows that God is present in everything, that God provides all, and that God cares for us.

I pray that your meals this month are special, are filled with grace and love, and that you grow closer to your families, your friends, and God who loves you.

Walking with you in Christ,
Pastor Stacy

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A Lonesome Road

"Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me." Psalm 23:4

When I walk through a valley of deep darkness
and shadows of death hover near,
I will not fear, for you are with me.
You shepherd me in all my needs.

Your rod and your staff,
instruments of protection and care,
assure me you are with me,
I live in your care.

When I face the trials of life
I know you are with me.
I feel your presence
on that lonesome road.



Congratulations and blessings:

Congratulations to David and Sofia Young, proud parents of a new baby girl. Emily arrived on Sunday, February 18th. Please include the Young family in your prayers. Proud grandpa, Kevin Young with Emily.

March Birthdays

- Mar. 1 —Kassidy Burdue
- 8 —Keith Schlessman
- 12 —Jean Hlavin
- 18 —Brian Wilson
- 19 —Bonny Ambos
- 21 —David Young
- 25 —Kathleen Rudiger
- 31 —Heather Ruggles

Mar. 3—
Happy 50th Anniversary to Ann and Ray Witt.



Anniversary/Birthday Blessings



Wednesdays in Lent will include a soup supper at 6:00 pm. Followed by worship at 7:00 pm. A sign-up list is on the Welcome Table to provide food for soup suppers. Plan to join us for this special time of worship, food, and fellowship!

Soup Supper



Young family Young adult event!

We will be having a movie night at St. John's! We will gather for a family movie and popcorn at 6:30 PM on Friday, March 23rd. All young adults and young families are invited.

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISING CHANGE

Beginning in May we will be raising money for the St. John's Scholarship Fund this year. 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's this May.



ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
February 6, 2018

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

PRAYER: Pastor Stacy opened with a prayer.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bob Krawetzki, Ann Voight, Paula Hoffman, Colleen Shupe, Bonny Ambos, Barry Laird, Jenna Stacy, Peg Kingsley and Jake Deehr. Pastor Stacy

EXCUSED: Doug Tommas, Jerrie Krawetzki, Kevin Young

MINUTES: January Council minutes were approved as submitted on motion from Bonny Ambos and seconded by Paula Hoffman. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report: Colleen reported that there was nothing new at this time. The December report given at the annual meeting is current.

Pastor Stacy: Written report submitted. Lots of work. No questions.

Deacons: Bonny Ambos reported that the 3rd Sunday communion will be using small cups in place of the communal cup due to the present flu epidemic.

Elders: Nothing new to report.

Trustees: Nothing new to report.

Good News Amen: Nothing new to report.

Worship Team: Lenten services will be held this year in the church basement, immediately following the soup supper. Ash Wednesday's service will be the only one held in the upper church. Colleen Shupe moved and Bonny Ambos seconded that we accept the Worship team's recommendation to donate all Lenten offerings to LOMO, and have a free will basket on the food table for donations that will go toward scholarships for those going to camp. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. On March 18th a seminarian will be leading Sunday School services and also preaching the sermon during church services. Thank you to Jerry Bauer for making the arrangements for this event. A free will offering during the church service will be donated to the Seminary.

FLAME: Written report submitted. Barry announced that 40 copies of the Lenten devotional booklets will be available to the congregation.

Finance Team: Nothing new to report

Faith/Life Team: Written report submitted. Paula Hoffman continues to look for new members to the team and new ideas for the Giving Tree project.

SPURS: Ann Voight announced the next SPURS meeting will be April 23rd at 10 AM and 6 PM. About one week before the scheduled meeting in April, she will send minutes of both November 6, 2017 meetings to those on St. John's e mail list.

OLD BUSINESS:

Nothing new to report on Windows Fund pledges.

Trustees, Property Team and Dave Voight Jr. will review the current insurance policies for the church and parsonage. Dave Voight Jr. will review for omissions, compliance with laws, possible changes etc. and will report to Jeff Justi, chair of the Property Team. Trustees and Property Team will make recommendations to Finance Team for coverages on the different sections of the policy and any other issues.

Jim Moore and Rex Rickly will get together in the near future to look at our audio/visual needs.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Congregational Council Executive Committee met on Feb. 1st and prepared survey forms for evaluations of the church administrative assistant, organist and custodian. They also prepared drafts of the job descriptions for both the administrative assistant and organist. Council members will review these forms and report back to Peg Kingsley any suggestions for them. Those suggestions should be turned in at least one week before the next scheduled Congregational Council meeting.

Paula Hoffman moved and Colleen Shupe seconded that we approve Harriet Schlessman's transfer to St. John's. Motion passed unanimously.

Ann Voight moved and Bonny Ambos seconded that we accept the recommendation from the Scholarship Committee to move the scholarship campaign from September to May. Motion passed unanimously.

The Executive Committee recommends that we establish a formal document stating the pastor's holidays as follows: Monday after Easter, Memorial Day, 4th of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and day after or before, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day (or days making up for these), New Year's Eve, New Year's Day, and two floating days in place of MLK and Presidents' Day. Bonny Ambos moved and Barry Laird seconded this recommendation be approved. Motion passed unanimously.

The St. John's youth have requested Congregational Council's approval for conducting a fund raiser to help with the cost of attending Houston Youth Gathering in June, 2018 (summer camp). They will be selling "stocks" for \$5 a share and will hold a dinner for all investors when the fund raiser (or Youth Gathering??) is completed. Colleen Shupe moved and Ann Voight seconded that this request be approved. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

All team leaders are asked to keep track of the regular activities for which they are responsible during any given year. The purpose of this request is to have a description for each team's work so that new people coming onto the team will know what the expectations are for serving on the team. In the event that the team leader would be unable to serve in that capacity for any period of time, the remaining team members would be able to carry on the expected work.

Adjournment: Colleen moved and Peg Kingsley seconded that we adjourn our meeting. Motion passed. We prayed the Lord's Prayer before departing.

The next Council meeting will be March 6, 2018 at 7 PM in the Upper Room.

Respectfully submitted,
Peg Kingsley
Secretary

NewsLetter DEADLINE

March 18

Holy Week at St. John's

Palm Sunday

March 25th at 10:30 am



Maundy Thursday:

March 29th at 7:00 pm.

Celebration of the Lord's Supper.



Good Friday:

March 30th at 12:00 noon at Zion's Sandusky
Worship at 7:00 pm. At St. John's
Service of Tenebrae.



Easter Sunday:

April 1st at 8:00 am and 10:30 am.

Both services feature Holy Communion.

Easter Breakfast at 9:00 am

Easter Egg Hunt for the youth during the breakfast.

Join us for all of these special worship opportunities!



Easter Breakfast

Men of St. John! It's time to plan for the annual Easter breakfast on Sunday, April 1, 2018. Watch for *Easter Breakfast* further details in the upcoming bulletins.

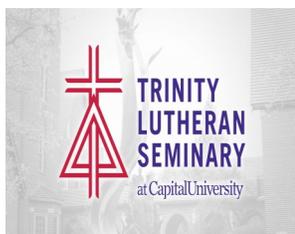


Easter Egg Hunt for our youth will be held on Easter morning during the Easter breakfast. If you would like to help with the hunt see Lori or Jenna Stacy. Donations of candy would be much appreciated. Please leave candy in the kitchen and mark for egg hunt.



Trinity Lutheran Seminary

Pastor Todd Mills will be joining us for Sunday School and worship on March 18th. During the Sunday School hour (9-10), he will present changes at the seminary. He will preach the gospel during the worship service. You are invited to this special Sunday!





LILY ORDER FORM

We will beautify our sanctuary with Easter Lilies on Easter morning.
Please place your order in the offering plate by Sunday March 18th.

5 Blooms & Up \$10.00

No. of plants _____ @ \$10.00 each _____

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: St. John's Lutheran Church

NAME _____

IN LOVING MEMORY OF (Deceased) _____

IN HONOR OF (Living) _____

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:

Polly Scheid DiCocco – undergoing cancer treatments

Becky Johnson – daughter of Don and Vicky Johnson diagnosed with Mantle Cell lymphoma, a rare and aggressive form of cancer.

David Zorn – diagnosed with lung cancer and reviewing options for treatments.

Arcadia Johnson – Don and Vicky Johnson's granddaughter.

Peggy Girten - diagnosed with breast cancer (Adam Vance's mother in law)

Family of Paul Girten at his death - (grandfather of Adam Vance's wife, Carolyn)

ST. JOHN'S HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

Ruth Bruns: Parkvue Health Care Center, #217

June Gorga: At Commons of Providence

Jean Hlavin: Parkvue Place, Sandusky (Pastor Bill's mother)

Rachel Kalizewski: Gaymont Nursing Home, Norwalk (Renee Barkhimer's mother)

Ruth Knupke: At home, Huron

Jean Nottke: At home, Huron

Margaret Ommert: At home, Huron

Joan Zorn: at The Meadows

Eloise Mitchell: At Commons of Providence

Irma Moon: At Admiral's Pointe

Harriett Schlessman: At the Willows at Bellevue Rm #518

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

FUNDRAISING FOR OUR YOUTH

Stocks! We now have a very special opportunity to purchase stock in our amazing youth as they grow in their faith! Stocks can be purchased for \$5 a share from our youth who are attending camp and the National Youth Gathering. As a stock holder, you will receive an update from one of our youth while they are at the National Youth Gathering in Houston or at Camp Mowana. At the



end of the summer, you will be invited to a special stockholder dinner to hear about camp and the youth gathering. The meal will be provided by our youth and their families. Thank you for your care of these youth as they grow, learn, and serve.

Kylie Ross and Allison Young plan on attending the National Youth Gathering in Houston this summer. They are joining the youth from St. Paul's and Zion. As part of their fundraising, they are hosting a special concert by Rachel Kurtz at Zion, Sandusky on Saturday, March 10th at 2:00 pm. Rachel has performed at numerous national gatherings, and this concert should be a special treat. Tickets are \$10 in advance by contacting Jennifer Parkison at jennparkison@gmail.com or \$15 at the door.



Rachel Kurtz Concert

•• Zion Lutheran Church
503 Columbus Ave Sandusky Ohio ••

Tickets \$10 Presale
\$15 at the door

Contact jennparkison@gmail.com
for online ticket purchases

SATURDAY, MARCH 10TH • 2:00P.M.

Rachel is an incredible singer/songwriter with a beautiful voice and an amazing story. Rachel shares personal testimonies of tragedy and triumph with a vulnerability that captivates her audience. She has a strong desire to make a difference in the world through her music and a passion for global justice.

Camp Opportunities for Our Youth and Families

We have three opportunities for camp with LOMO (Lutheran Outdoor Ministries in Ohio) this summer and with members of our congregation. Whatever your age, there is an opportunity for you!



June 18-22: We will participate in Day Camp at Zion, Huron. Camp Counselors from Camp Mowana will lead singing, games, activities, and Bible Study. Ages completed kindergarten-completed sixth grade are included in this. There will also be special sessions for preschoolers. Kitchen and sign-in help are needed, along with people to house the counselors. Registration information is available by seeing Pastor Stacy for a form.

June 29-July 1: Families of all ages (even individuals) are invited to Camp Mowana in Mansfield for family camp, which St. John's will participate in with other congregations. Camp is led by Mowana camp counselors and we worship, have Bible study, sing, hike, pray, and have lots of fellowship. All activities are optional. You can stay in a cabin, camp in a tent, or stay in the air-conditioned retreat center, depending on preference. Registration information is available at lomocamps.org. Scholarships and fundraising opportunities are also available. Please let Pastor Stacy know if you plan on attending.

July 22nd: Elementary, middle school, and high school kids will attend Camp Mowana on an individual basis. All youth will go the same week, but may not be in the same cabin as others from church. Structured activities led by camp counselors will be offered. Registration information is available at lomocamps.org. Scholarships and fundraising opportunities are also available. Please let Pastor Stacy know if you plan on attending.

Help Needed: Anyone interested in helping plan day camp this summer is invited to a meeting. We will gather at 12:30 pm, on Mon, March 5 at Zion, Huron.

Healthy Habits from Fisher-Titus Medical Center Health Ministry



March is Nutrition Month and with so much information out there how are you supposed to know what to follow. The simplest guideline is to look at your plate, is half of your plate filled with fruits and vegetables/ The other half of your plate should include grains (whole grains are best) and protein with each only taking up approximately 1/4 of your plate. When you think along these lines you can easily visualize how you are doing at each meal, just remember the plate does not need to be huge or heaping!

Dairy products are important as well but stick to the fat free or low fat, as well as the amount of dairy you are consuming. One glass of milk is all that is needed at a meal. Keep in mind it is also beneficial to your health to cut back on sodium, fats and sugars. If you want more information ask a dietician or look at www.choosemyplate.gov one of many good sites on the internet.

“He who is greedy for gain troubles his own house.” Proverbs 15:27a

St. John Church Council 2018

President:	Bob Krawetzki	Elders:	Paula Hoffman	Team Leaders:	
VP:	Ann Voight		Barry Laird	Faith Life:	Paula Hoffman
Secretary:	Peg Kingsley	Trustees:	Jake Deehr	Finance:	Peg Kingsley
Treasurer:	Colleen Shupe		Doug Tommas	Garden:	Jeff Justi
Deacons:	Jerrie Krawetzki		Kevin Young	Property:	Jeff Justi
	Bonnie Ambos	Youth Rep:	Jenna Stacy	Worship:	Sandy Thompson
				Endowment:	John Miller



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*

Your FLAME Board met on February 19, 2018 at St. John’s.

The Board hopes you are enjoying the FLAME Lenten Devotionals sent to all congregations. Please take time to thank the FLAME members who wrote a devotion for this year’s booklet.

Every three years, 30,000 high school youth and their adult leaders from across the ELCA gather for a week of faith formation known as the ELCA Youth Gathering. This summer St. Peter, Norwalk is sending 15 youth and The Firelands Lutheran Youth (FLY) is sending 7 youth to this conference in Houston, TX. Please support the fund raisers listed below in church events. If there are any benefactors that want to contribute to a worthy cause, donations are welcomed.

One such fund raiser is the Rachel Kurtz concert at Zion, Sandusky on Saturday, March 10 at 2pm. Rachel is an incredible singer/songwriter. Presale tickets are \$10 or \$15 at the door. Contact jennparkison@gmail.com

Another fund raiser is called Roll It Forward. St. Peter Norwalk youth are hosting this rummage sale event on March 30-31 at the Avery Outlet Mall. Your donations can be dropped off at the event. There is no need to return to pick up items that didn’t sell as the group will take care of them. So donate or shop and help the youth support their trip to Houston.

Are you aware that our area has a Shared Ministry Team that has been meeting for two years? Larry Riedy, Board chair, believes this is the way of the future. The Board has hired a shared Youth and Family Leader, organized a joint confirmation class, and is considering a shared pastor to help with leadership across the FLAME area. All FLAME pastors and any congregation representatives are invited to an initial conversation on Tuesday, March 6th at St. Paul at 11:30 am. There is a light lunch provided so please call St. Paul’s office at 419-625-6800 for a reservation by Monday, March 5th.

Our JOY Time Ministry is alive and well. The JOY Time Choir will perform in the Ability Works Talent Show this spring. A spaghetti dinner will be held before the Talent Show. Watch for details.

We are sad to report that Dinner Church is currently on a hiatus. But, thank you to the team for their yearlong effort.

However, Lifetree Café continues to meet twice a month at the Huron Library. Lifetree Café is an hour-long interactive experience that features real people’s real stories on film, guided conversation, biblical insights, and time to build relationships. Lifetree Café tackles the topics that most people deal with—topics about the big (and little) stuff that shapes our lives. Family. Friends. Fears. Busyness. Balance. Money. Materialism. Health. Heaven. Peace. Purpose. It’s a great program. Watch for the upcoming March dates and topics and give it a try.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND FLAME CHURCH NEWS:

Saturday, March 3: Grace, Castalia, 4:30-7pm Project Share Benefit Spaghetti Dinner

Tuesday, March 6: Shared Ministry meeting, St. Paul’s, 11:30. All are welcome.

Saturday, March 10: Rachel Kurtz Concert, Zion, Sandusky, 2pm, Tickets \$10 presale/ \$15 at the door

Saturday, March 17: Rocking Chair Marathon, Sandusky Mall, noon-4pm, Registration: \$25/\$100, support Meals on Wheels.

Saturday, March 17: Indoor Walk-a-Thon, Sandusky Mall, 10am, Registration: \$20/\$25, funds support Meals on Wheels.

Sunday, March 18: Pass the Plate Sunday, all congregations are asked to take a collection for Meals on Wheels

Sunday, March 25: Welcome Table, St. Paul, noon-1:30, community meal, handicap accessible, all are welcome

Saturday, March 30-31: Roll It Forward, Outlet Mall in Avery, Rummage Sale to support St. Peter Norwalk Youth, 9-3,

Sunday, April 22: Welcome Table, St. Paul, noon-1:30, community meal, handicap accessible, all are welcome

Sunday, May 20: Trinity Open House as part of the Sandusky Bicentennial Celebration.

Sunday, May 20: St. Peter, Norwalk, Chicken BBQ, 11:30-1 pm to support Youth,

June 18-22: Lutheran Outdoor Ministry of Ohio Day Camp, Zion Huron (sponsored by both Zion-H and St. John’s)

FLAME March Midweek Lenten Services

Grace: Wednesday evenings, Soup and Sandwich at 6 pm, service at 7

Trinity: Wednesday evenings, meal at 6pm, service at 7.

Zion, Sandusky: Tuesday evenings, meal at 6pm, service at 7.

Zion, Huron; Wednesday evening service at 7pm led by Pastors Cathy and Ralph Schibler

St. John’s: Wednesday evenings, soup supper at 6pm, service at 7.

St. Peter, Norwalk: Wednesdays, noon and 7pm., meal after the noon service, snacks after evening service

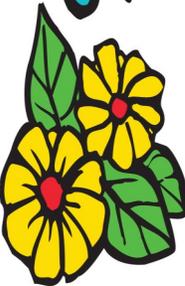
St. Paul will be teaming with other churches for the midweek Lenten services. Following is the March schedule along with the location and the guest preacher. A Lenten supper will be served at 6:00 pm, followed by worship at 7:00 pm.

March 7	Parkvue Place over flow room	Rev. Lenore Kure
March 14	First Faith Community	Rev. Doug Winner
March 21	St. Stephen UCC	Rev. Cathy Lawrence

A FAMILY OF
DISCIPLES,
FAITHFULLY MAKING

March 2018

READY FOR
Spring?



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Ushers: 4	Ushers: 11, 18 & 25 Ted & Lynn Call			1	2	3
4 Flowers: Kathy Strayer memory of Bob	5	6 6:00 pm Worship Team Church Council 7:00 pm	7 6:00-Soup supper 7:00- Worship 7:30-Choir	8 Crossroads 3:30-6:00 pm 6:30 pm Faith Life	9 SERVING MEALS TO THE HOMELESS	10 SET YOUR CLOCKS Ahead!
11 Flowers: Young family	12 9:00 am Quilting Session	13 2nd Tuesdays Small Groups Meet from 5:30-7 pm	14 6:00-Soup supper 7:00- Worship 7:30-Choir	15 Joy Time at St. Paul Lu- theran-6:00 pm	16	17 St. Patrick's Day
18 Flowers: Pass the Plate Sunday (support Meals on Wheels)	19	20 FIRST DAY OF SPRING	21 6:00-Soup supper 7:00- Worship Choir 7:30 pm	22	23 Movie Night for Young fami- lies and young adults 6:30 pm	24
25 Flowers: Jerrie Krawetzki	26 9:00 am Quilting Session	27	28 Choir Practice 7:00 pm	29 Maundy Thursday Worship 7:00 pm	30 Good Friday Worship 7:00 pm	31

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A Family of Disciples,
Faithfully Making
Christ Known

Sunday School 9:00 AM
Sunday Worship 10:30 AM

ADDRESS CHANGE REQUESTED

First Quarter Team

Allison & Kevin Young
Judy & John Miller
Sandy & Chuck Thompson

March 4th

Communion Glasses

Wednesday in March

Lenten Soup Suppers setup each week

Spring Forward!

Remember to turn your clocks ahead on Sunday, March 11th. Daylight Savings Time begins at 2:00 a.m. on the second Sunday in March.



Altar Flowers

Mar. 4- Kathy Strayer memory of Bob
11- Young family
18-
25- Jerrie Krawetzki

Ushers

March 4—
11—Ted & Lynn Call.
18—Ted & Lynn Call
25—Ted & Lynn Call

Sister in faith called home to the Church Triumphant

Lois Oltman passed away on Sunday, February 11th and was laid to rest on Thursday, February 15th in Scott Cemetery. Please keep her family and friends in your prayers as they grieve the loss of this dear one.

Worship Leaders

Lay Readers

March 4—Jim Semon, Sr.
11—Linda Miller-Moore
18—Jason Shupe
25—Paula Hoffman

Communion Assistants

Mar. 4—Paula Hoffman
18- Paula Hoffman

Youth Psalm Reader

Mar 4 -
11—Cassidy Lane
18—Cole Ruggles
25—Cassidy Lane

Youth Acolyte

Mar. 4—Cole Ruggles
11—Joshua Thompson
18—Cassidy Lane
25—Cole Ruggles

