



ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

ST. JOHN'S NEWS

Favorite hymns have so much meaning. They help us share why we believe what we believe, they give us hope when we despair, peace when it seems so far away, and they stay with us long after we leave the worship service. In fact, many times if people have lost their memories of things they hold dear, they are still able to remember those hymns that told them how much they are loved by God!

Sometimes favorite hymns are remembered from special services and times in our lives, like funerals, baptisms, and holidays. Perhaps for you it's "Amazing Grace" or "Joy to the World."

It seems most of my favorite hymns come from the section titled "Holy Baptism" in our hymnal. They have such beautiful words and melodies that they bring tears to my eyes. A hymn sung when Mia was baptized, "Baptized and Set Free," states the important truth that "sin has power no more, Jesus opened the door, to a fountain bringing healing and wholeness and more". What a wonderful message that I want Mia to take with her wherever she goes.

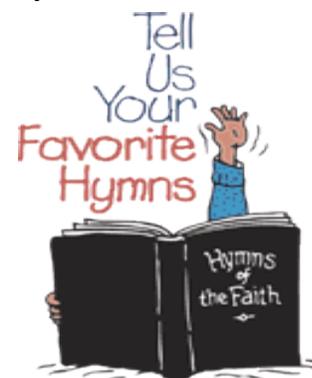
In baptism we have been claimed by God as daughters and sons. We are loved always, forever, without end. In a world that seems difficult and broken, we are reminded that Jesus brings us healing and wholeness and we get to then share that with others. Thanks be to God that we have hymns to remind us of this great gift!

Now that you know one of my favorite hymns, I hope you will join your family in prayer together as you talk about your favorite hymns. Please also take the time to fill out the sheet in your bulletin over the next few weeks so we can sing your favorite hymn in worship!

What is your favorite hymn? Why?
 How has this impacted your faith?
 When do you remember singing it?

Walking with you in Christ,

Pastor Stacy



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Two Special Congregation Meetings

St. John's Church Council has called two special congregation meetings to be held immediately following the 10:30 am worship on Sunday, September 16th and Sunday, September 30th. The September 16th meeting concerns an expenditure of approximately \$10,000 for the purpose of painting all exterior wood on the church, except the wooden front doors, and for the repair and caulking of the stucco on the church's west side.

The September 30th meeting concerns the Resolution Establishing the St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Union Corners Endowment Fund. The Resolution will be presented, discussed and recommended for a congregational vote. Please save the dates and plan to be present for both important meetings of the congregation.

Robert Krawetzki, President

Rev. Stacy Lauer-Scovanner, Pastor

**SPECIAL
MEETING
NOTICE**

Poet's Corner by Jerry Bauer

My gift to serve God

"Each has his own gift from God."
I Corinthians 7:7

Use my gift
through what I do
to be God's servant
to do God's will
to do God's mission
to do God's ministry

for all people.

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 – asking for prayers of peace and comfort.

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

Jason Shupe—Ongoing recovery

Nancy Osburn— Surgery at Cleveland Clinic, Sept. 5th

Melinda Zorn – Recovering from knee replacement surgery.

Norma Zorn – in need of our prayers and is now at home

Paisley Luman – prayers for health concerns.

St. John's 2018 Scholarship Recipients

Catherine Wilson, BGSU Firelands Respiratory Therapy - one semester

Kassidy Burdue, Lorain Community College
Dental Hygiene - full time

Spencer Shupe, Freshman, Terra State Community
College, Major Electrical

Thank you to the members of St. John's for their generosity in supporting our youth to further their education.

Pastor Stacy on vacation

Pastor Stacy will be on vacation September 11 night-September 21. If a pastoral emergency arises, please contact Sandy Thompson (419-625-2192 or 419-433-4530), Bob Krawetzki (419-588-2183) or Ann Voight (419-357-8483).



Pastor Stacy
Will Be Away

EASTERN CONFERENCE WOMEN'S FALL RETREAT

Saturday, September 29, 2018
8:30 am—1:00 pm
Trinity Lutheran Church
502 Bardshar Rd. Sandusky OH

Theme: "Prayer with A Twist"

In-Kind Gifts: School Supplies for
Sandusky area children in need
Registration & coffee hour
starts at 8:30 am

Cost: \$5.00 at the door
(includes coffee hour and lunch)

RSVP by Sept. 23 to:
Elaine Conley at 419-625-0373
or canread78@yahoo.com

RALLY DAY

Sunday, September 9, 201!

Mark **Sunday, September 9th** on your calendar for Rally Day. Rally Day will take place at **St. John's** this year! We will worship at **10:30 am**, enjoy a delicious potluck lunch, fellowship and many games have been planned. Please bring a dish to pass. Drinks will be supplied.

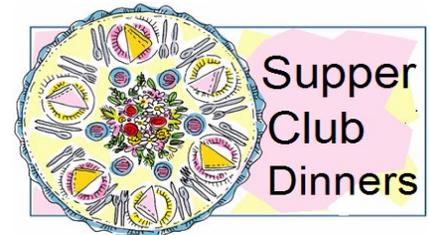
“God’s work. Our hands.”

Zion Lutheran Church Huron offers A Community Meal at the Huron Laundromat parking lot from 12 to 3 pm. **As part of God’s Work, Our Hands Sunday**, we are providing ten dozen cookies or cupcakes to Love at the Laundromat, a free meal and day at the laundromat in Huron. Are you able to make a dozen or two? **Desserts are needed September 8** and love at the Laundromat is September 9th from 12-3. A sign-up sheet is on the welcome table. Thank you! If you are interested in helping in any other way, please contact Sheila Preston, 419-433-8501 for further information.



Supper Club Dinner

Our Fall start-up is Thursday, September 20th at 6:00 pm. The Camp Street Tavern, 1040 Camp St., Sandusky. Camp Street Tavern 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 is on the Welcome Table! If you are interested in the “Meat Loaf Dinner Special,” please list it beside your name.



Learning opportunities this fall

September will mark the return of a bunch of exciting opportunities for learning open to adults, teens and elementary age youth. All studies will meet in the Upper Room or fellowship hall.

September 16th: Sunday school resumes at 9:00 am for all ages.

St. John's Adult Sunday School class will begin a **video series study, Cultures in Conflict**. Adult Sunday School meets at 9:00 am in the Upper Room. Plan to take advantage of this learning opportunity.

Bible Study on Nehemiah. We will meet on Tuesdays at 9 AM for six weeks. We begin October 23rd at Barry Bagels on Milan Rd in Sandusky (behind Five Guys). Sign-up sheet is on the Welcome Table or just show up for study.



Thank you to everyone for their constant love, support, and continued prayers as we travel through this time in our lives. Blessings and love,
Polly and Mario DiCocco



Walk for Hunger

This fall, in place of the annual CROP Walk, the local Lutheran churches are combining efforts to raise money for local hunger efforts. On October 14th we will walk for hunger at 2pm at the Prayer Path at Zion Lutheran Church in Huron. We will combine walking and prayer for hunger relief. We will raise money that will be distributed to local food banks and hunger relief organizations. Please walk and pray with us on October 14th. Donation documentation records can

be picked up on the welcome table.



Quilting Begins

The quilting group has completed 74 quilts during our last season and these will be shipped out in October. We will begin sewing again on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month -first session will be on Sept.10th. at 9:00 AM. We will welcome any help you do not have to be able to sew in order to join us. Our sessions last approximately 2 to 2 1/2 hours. We always appreciate donations of material, preferably darker colors of cotton fabric. If you do have some material, just mark it for the quilters and place it in front of the cabinets on the west wall of the kitchen.

Thanks, K. Rudiger

SPURS

Attention all members of St. John's!

The SPURS visioning team is offering two opportunities on Monday, November 5th to encourage everyone at St. John's to share their dreams for St. John's. Ann Voight, team leader and Pastor Stacy will host two meeting times 10 am and 5:30 pm in the Upper Room. SPURS is a "think tank" where together we dream big dreams and seek God's vision for the future of the congregation. Your dreams and creativity are needed, so please come and join in casting a new vision.

- S - Support
- P - Persons
- U - Understanding
- R - Renewal in the
- S - Spirit who leads us on



Care and Share

The second Sunday of every month is our "noisy" collection day for our local food bank, Care and Share. September our collection will take place on September 16th. Please consider saving your loose change or a currency donation.



Fall is here and its time for the choir to start practicing! If you like to sing, come join the choir in their worship ministry on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. Come and enjoy a time of singing and fellowship! We begin practice on **Wed. Sept. 5th!**

September Birthdays & Anniversaries

- Sept. 2—Kathleen Schlessman
Brynn Baaske
- 9—Ann Witt
- 10—Norma Zorn
- 11—Janet Meinert
- 14—Barry Burdue
- 15—Owen Reed
- 17—Kyle Young
- 19—Faith Tommas
Kelley Tommas
- 27—Jim Semon III
- 29—Holden Stacy
Jenna Stacy
Trudi Baaske

Anniversaries

- Sept. 8—Richard and Kathy Schlessman
Ron and Melinda Zorn
- 14—Jim and Brittany Semon
- 19—Jim and Bonnie Semon

Youth Time!!

One of the lay ministries at St. John's is to lead Youth Time. Youth Time takes place during our Sunday worship. The lay leaders will lead on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month (except while Pastor Stacy is on vacation). We have a small group of volunteers who do a wonderful job of leading Youth time.

If you would like to help with this ministry, please see Pastor Stacy or Sandy Thompson.



ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
August 7, 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, , Peg Kingsley, Kevin Young, Barry Laird, Jake Deehr, Pastor Stacy, Jenna Stacy ,Colleen Shupe, Guest: Linda Miller-Moore

EXCUSED: Bonny Ambos, Doug Tommas, Paula Hoffman, Jerrie Krawetzki

Linda Miller-Moore presented a document that the Scholarship Team has created as guidelines for her team. Linda is replacing Sue Lucht as team chairperson. She shared that the first scholarship was given in 1970 and the recipient was Lynn Schlessman. This year there will be three scholarships awarded at the August 12th church service. Currently the balance in the fund is \$5173.50. It was decided that Council would table discussion of the newly proposed guidelines so that the Finance Team and absent Council members have an opportunity for input. Council thanked Linda and her team for their good work on the guidelines.

MINUTES: May Council minutes were approved as submitted on motion from Ann Voight and seconded by Collen Shupe. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote. June's Council minutes were approved as submitted on motion from Barry Laird and seconded by Ann Voight. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report: As of June 30, 2018: Offerings YTD: \$67,482
Expenses YTD: \$85,402
Net YTD: -\$17,920

Kevin Young moved and Barry Laird seconded that we accept the treasurer's report. as given. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Pastor Stacy: Written report submitted. Pastor Stacy reported that Jason Steckel will be joining St. John's on August 19th. She has been participating in an Online Coaching seminar led by the Bishop and involving a total of 5 clergy. Council thanked Pastor Stacy for her outstanding organizational skills and willingness to give us her vacation planning well in advance of the time taken. She has worked tirelessly over the summer months to serve our congregation in a myriad of ways. Her involvement with our youth, homebound members, and all those in need of her is very appreciated.

Deacons: Nothing new to report.

Elders: Nothing new to report.

Trustees: Jake Deehr reported that the Property Team will be meeting very soon and at that time they will prepare a list of items needing attention and the proposed costs. Among those items are the front door, concrete sidewalks at front and back door, parking lot pavement. This list will go the Finance Team for discussion and priority. Jake reports that the windows project has been stalled for a bit because of another job's issues; but the company assures us that our windows will be completed by the first week in September.

Good News Amen: Nothing new to report.

Worship Team: Rally Day will be here at St. John's on September 9th. It will be a day of worship, food and lots of games. "Love at the Laundromat" will be held at the Huron laundromat on September 9th and is being sponsored by Zion. We are asked to contribute 10 dozen cookies. Discussion of changing the time of our church and Sunday School services was tabled for discussion at our September meeting.

FLAME: Barry reported that this group met on July 16th. They are working on a common calendar of all churches which will need a webmaster for implementation. They are considering taking on supervising the walk that has been done in the past on Good Friday by Trinity Methodist. On September 25th FLAME will hold a follow up meeting of the three counties and their sheriffs discussing church safety. Barry reported that with regret he has resigned as FLAME president and we will now need a member of St. John's to represent us on the FLAME board. Council thanked him for his outstanding work that he has put into his time with FLAME.

Endowment Committee: Written report, July 19th minutes and quarterly statement received.

Finance Team: The next meeting will be on August 23rd at 4:30 PM

Faith/Life Team: Written report submitted.

OLD BUSINESS:

We tabled the insurance review by trustees until our September meeting.

Job descriptions completion will be tabled until next year. Pastor Stacy will email the organist, secretary and custodians to set up an informal meeting with members of the Executive Committee to review how their work is going. She will also email the Executive Committee some dates that she will be available for her review.

Bob reminded Council that all team leaders are asked to keep track of the regular activities for which they are responsible during any given year.

“Create a Safety Plan for your Church” will be held in Perrysburg, OH on September 22nd from 10-2 PM. Allison Young has volunteered to be the leader of a group to attend this meeting. Ann Voight moved and Peg Kingsley seconded that all expenses for this trip be paid by St. John’s. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

A congregational meeting will be held on September 30th after church services for the purpose of having the Endowment Committee present their Resolution Establishing the St. John’s Evangelical Lutheran Church Union Corners Endowment Fund. Pastor Stacy will speak with Sandy to formulate a letter announcing this meeting. This letter will be sent either by email or regular mail to all members of the church.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion was held involving the meetings that have taken place during this past year involving establishing the Parish concept among the Erie County Lutheran churches. Jake Deehr moved and Peg Kingsley seconded that St. John’s will not formally participate in a parish arrangement at this time. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Kevin Young explained that we need to change our current signatories on the Mission Investment Fund because they are no longer viable. He moved that we authorize Colleen Shupe and Peg Kingsley to become the current signatories and Ann Voight seconded. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Council is recommending that all church employees and volunteers who work with the children be fingerprinted. Our insurance will provide the format for fingerprinting and there will be a small cost that St. John’s will pay.

October 14th will be a celebration of Jeanette Walz and her contributions to St. John’s. The fall quarter fellowship ladies will be handling the food for fellowship. We will not have fellowship on October 7th.

Ann Voight moved and Kevin young seconded that the meeting be adjourned. We closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

The next meeting will be September 4, 2018 at 7 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Peg Kingsley
Congregational Council Secretary



Our pets are important to us, and are deeply loved. We will be having a brief worship service and pet blessing outside the church on September 30th at 4 PM (weather permitting). All pets are invited. If your pet can't be there, you are welcome to bring a picture.



According to the website fruits and veggies matter more, 90% of adults and children do not get the recommended amounts of fruits and vegetables a day. The suggestion is to fill half your plate at each meal, as well as snacks with fruit or vegetables. Countable fruits and vegetables are fresh, frozen, canned, dried or 100% juice. A note to remember is that dried fruits and juices can be highly packed with calories. Fresh, frozen or canned in no added sugar or salt is best.

“Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.”
Romans 12:21

A FAMILY OF
DISCIPLES,
FAITHFULLY MAKING
CHRIST KNOWN

September 2018

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Usher: 1



Always
give
yourselves
fully to
the work
of the
Lord ...



1 Corinthians 15:58

2 Flowers:
Polly &
Mario Di-
Cocco 41st
anniversary



4 Church
Council
7:00 pm

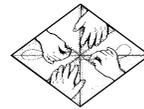
5 Choir
Practice
7:00 pm

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9 Flowers:
Ron &
Melinda Zorn
Rally Day
Worship
10:30 with
Potluck and
games



10

Quilters
9:00 am

11 2nd
Tuesday
Small Group
5:30-7 pm
At Ron &
Melinda
Zorn

12 Choir
Practice
7:00 PM

13 Cross-
roads
3:30-6:00
Food-12:00



14

Faith Life
6:30 pm

15

16 Flowers:
Jim & Bon-
nie Semon

17

Sunday
School-9 am
Worship-
10:30 am
Special
Congregation
Meeting



9/11 REMEMBRANCE

19
Choir
Practice
7:00 pm

20
Supper
Club 6:00
pm at
Camp St.
Tavern

21

22

23 Flowers:

24

Quilters
9:00 am

Blessing of
the quilts

25

26 Worship
Team Meet-
ing
6:00 PM
Choir
Practice
7:00 pm

27

29

29

30 Flowers
Special
Congregation
Meeting



Blessing of
the pets-
4 PM

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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



ST. JOHN'S HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

- June Gorga:** Providence Care, Hayes Ave. Sandusky.
 (Mother of Nancy Osbun)
Rachel Kaliszewski: 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: The Meadows, Huron
Eloise Mitchell: Commons of Providence,
 Sandusky
Irma Moon: Admiral's Point Huron
Harriett Schlessman: The Willows, Bellevue Rm #518

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

Worship Leaders

LAY READERS

- 2—Linda Miller-Moore
 9—Rally Day
 16—Linda Miller-Moore
 23—Jim Semon, Sr.
 30—

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

- 2—Linda Miller-Moore
 9—William Lucht
 16—Jim Semon, Sr.

USHERS

Altar Flowers

- 2—Polly & Mario DiCocco 41st anniversary
 9—Ron and Melinda Zorn
 16—Jim & Bonnie Semon, Anniversary
 23—
 30—