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JOHN'S NEWS

FROM THE PASTOR

It's finally summer! I wasn't sure if it would ever arrive, and I am so glad that it's warm, we can be outside, and the grass and trees are green.

In the church, it's also the season after Pentecost (or it will be after June 9th, Pentecost Sunday). This is the green season, the time when we get to grow as disciples just as the plants and animals are growing around us. As our lives take a calmer rhythm with summer vacations, no school, and beach days, we get to take additional time for prayer, reading scripture, and worship.

YOU are invited to gather as we grow as disciples.

June 12th, July 10th, and August 14th we gather at Nickel Plate beach for worship at the beach. It begins with prayer, a couple of hymns, and Holy Communion. You are welcome to wear comfortable clothes, just come as you are. After worship, we have a picnic dinner and you can bring your favorite food to share. Plates, napkins, silverware, and water are provided. After dinner, it's time to relax on the beach, swim, or play at the playground. Friends are welcome, too.

June 17-21 is day camp with Zion, Huron. We are celebrating that we will have four counselors from Lutheran Outdoor Ministries of Ohio this year, which allows us to include an additional ten kids. School children gather for songs, crafts, bible study, and lots and lots of laughter. Preschoolers are there only three of the days, but they love the time to learn together about God's love. Your youth are invited, and I encourage you to take time to see the joy. We need volunteers with sign-in and signout, snacks, and lunch. Could you help and experience some of the fun?

It's also important that we study together as we grow in our faith. This is the year of scripture in the Northwestern Ohio Synod of the ELCA (of which we are a part). Bishop Daniel shares that the "Old and New Testaments are the written Word of God. Inspired by the Holy Spirit speaking through their authors, they record and announce God's revelation centering in Jesus Christ. Through them the Holy Spirit creates and sustains Christian faith, life, and fellowship for service in the world."

As part of the year of scripture, some of us have been reading through the Bible with others around the Synod. It's never too late to join us, and you are invited to start reading through the Bible with us. We gather once a month for a meal, fellow-ship, and a very relaxed discussion of what we've been reading. The reading schedule is available toward the back of the newsletter. Please join us!

We are also going to dive into Bishop Daniel's study on the Beatitudes. This will be a six-week study, and is great for those who have never been to a Bible study before or for those have been studying the Bible their whole lives. We meet on Tuesday mornings at 10 AM, beginning on June 4th. This group will meet at Vine and Olive. We will also have an evening Bible study option, on the first Monday of the month, beginning June 3rd, for six months at 6 PM (location to be determined). Please let me know if you are interested, but no RSVP is required.

It is so exciting to have the opportunity to pause, pray, worship, and study together. I give thanks for the many ways I learn about God's love from you.

Walking with you in Christ, Pastor Stacy

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Second Tuesday Small Groups

Every second Tuesday of the month you are invited to be a part of one of our small groups. We gather in June on the 11th at 5:30 pm for prayer, Scripture, fellowship, and food. Would you like to participate? Currently, there are two groups:

- One group is **for people of any age** and meets in various homes. Larry and Dawn Schlessman will be hosting this months group.
- The other group, **for young families**, will meet at the parsonage for a cookout. Bring a side or dessert to share. There will be games, sand, and a water table for the kids.

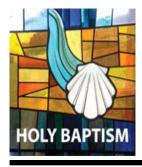
Choir wraps up for the summer!



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!

Bible Study Opportunities

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Sunday, June 30th we will celebrate and welcome the newly baptized, Lauryn Tommas into the Lord's Family and into the mission we share. Lauryn is the daughter of Tara and Doug Tommas and Great Granddaughter of Ray Smith and Miriam and Don Tommas.

Poet's Corner

Everlasting Arms

by Jerry Bauer

"The eternal God is your dwelling place, and underneath are the everlasting arms." Deuteronomy 33:27a

God my dwelling place, my eternal home, today and in the life to come. God's everlasting arms support my being, sustain me through joys and sorrows, give me strength to face what I must face.

God my dwelling place, now and forever.



Worship at the Beach!!

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Friends are welcome, too. If you have trouble making Sunday morning worship, give Dinner Church a try or suggest it to family and friends.



Sisters in Faith

Sisters in faith called home to the Church Triumphant! Harriett Schlessman passed away on Friday, May 10, 2019 and was laid to rest on Saturday, May 18th in North Monroeville Cemetery. Barbara Vance passed away on Saturday, May 18th and was laid to rest on Friday, May 24th in Scott Cemetery Huron. Irma Moon called home on Friday, May 24th and was laid to rest on Friday, May 31st in Meadow Green Memorial Park, Huron. Please keep their families and friends in your prayers as they grieve the loss of these dear ones.

New Member Sunday

On Sunday, June 9th the St. John's church family will be blessed to receive new brothers and sisters into our fellowship. We welcome Kim and Eddie Wimmer and son, Jackson Gray, Melissa Carter, and Judy Henry. Please take time to welcome and get to know them better.

Scholarship Applications Now Available

Applications are available June 1st for anyone interested in applying for a St. John's Lutheran Church Scholarship for the upcoming school year. Applications are located in the back of the church (on the table) and are due back by June 30th. If you have any questions, please see a member of the Scholarship Team- Sue Lucht, Lori Stacy, or Kim Luman.

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 1—Jerry Bauer 2—David Schlessman 3—Beverly Hohman 9—Jessica Riley Sparks 15—Larry Schlessman Andrea Jean Deehr 18—James M Semon II

June/July Anniversaries

June 9—Jim and Linda Moore 12—Dale & Nancy Osbun 14—Randy and Julie Deehr 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 12—Brad and Joleen Dillender 19—Ted and Lynn Call

- 28—Paul and Laura Knott
- 31—Doug and Tara Tommas



Ministry Leaders

LAY READERS

- June 2—Kerry Laird 9—Allison Young
 - 16—Jason Steckel
 - 23—Kyle Young
 - 30—Miriam Tommas
- July 7-14-21-Jason Steckel 28-

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

June 2—Cassidy Lane 9—Wade Ruggles 16—Cole Ruggles

July 7— 21—

New lists are out for summer!

<u>USHERS</u>

USHERS needed for June and July!



Please keep your toilet paper rolls! Pastor Stacy needs them for vacation Bible

school by June 15th Thank you!





FLAMe congregations summer special collection project!

FLAMe congregations are working together all summer on a special collection. Would you be willing to help?

Flame churches will be collecting the following items: Shower gel, shampoo and conditioner, deodorant, toothbrush and toothpaste, comb and brush, bar soap, lotion, newborn/size 1 diapers and baby wipes, gift cards for fast food restaurants in small denominations (\$5 or \$10)



All items will go to Job and Family Services to provide personal care bags for youth removed from their homes without notice and placed in emergency foster care.

June/July: Daily Bible Reading Program

June 1: Job 1-4	June 16: Psalm 17-20
June 2: Job 5-7	June 17: Psalm 21-25
June 3: Job 8-10	June 18: Psalm 26-31
June 4: Job 11-13	June 19: Psalm 32-35
June 5: Job 14-16	June 20: Psalm 36-39
June 6: Job 17-20	June 21: Psalm 40-45
June 7: Job 21-23	June 22: Psalm 46-50
June 8: Job 24-28	June 23: Psalm 51-57
June 9: Job 29-31	June 24: Psalm 58-65
June 10: Job 32-34	June 25: Psalm 66-69
June 11: Job 35-37	June 26: Psalm 70-73
June 12: Job 38-39	June 27: Psalm 74-77
June 13: Job 40-42	June 28: Psalm 78-79
June 14: Psalm 1-8	June 29: Psalm 80-85
June 15: Psalm 9-16	June 30: Psalm 86-89

ST. JOHN'S HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

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

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 Joan Zorn: The Meadows, Huron Eloise Mitchell: Providence Care Hayes Ave. Sandusky Beverly Hohman: Memory Care at Admiral's Pointe Huron



July 1: Psalm 90-95 July 2: Psalm 96-102 July 3: Psalm 103-105 July 4: Psalm 106-107 July 5: Psalm 108-114 July 6: Psalm 115-118 July 7: Psalm 119 July 8: Psalm 120-125 July 9: Psalm 126-132 July 10: Psalm 133-139 July 11: Psalm 140-145 July 12: Psalm 146-150 July 13: Proverbs 1-3 July 14: Proverbs 4-6 July 15: Proverbs 7-9 July 16: Proverbs 10-12

July 17: Proverbs 13-15 July 18: Proverbs 16-18 July 19: Proverbs 19-21 July 20: Proverbs 22-23 July 21: Proverbs 24-26 July 22: Proverbs 27-29 July 23: Proverbs 30-31 July 24: Ecclesiastes 1-4 July 25: Ecclesiastes 5-8 July 26: Ecclesiastes 5-8 July 26: Ecclesiastes 9-12 July 27: Song of Solomon July 28: Isaiah 1-4 July 29: Isaiah 5-8 July 30: Isaiah 9-12 July 31: Isaiah 13-17

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:

Dave Mehling - in recovery from stroke **Family of Barbara Vance** grieving her death. **Kathleen Rudiger** – grieving the death of her sister, Joyce (Rudiger) Keither.

Dick Widdoes - In need of healing prayers Paisley Luman – health concerns

Donna Morrissey—In need of healing prayers **Family of Harriet Schlessman** - grieving her death.

Family of Irma Moon – grieving her death. Renee Barkheimer – health concerns Larry Bowers—life long friend of Jim Semon, Sr. diagnosed with leukemia, undergoing treatments.

Council prayer request: "We pray that we remember God is with us every day and we take time to worship together as a St. John's family."

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING May 7, 2019

Call to Order: President Ann Voight called the meeting to order at 7 PM.

Members Present: Ann Voight, Peg Kingsley, Colleen Shupe, Jerrie Krawetzki, Barry Laird, Jenna Stacy, Ron Zorn, Jeff Justi, Bob Krawetzki Members Evensed: Kavin Young, Baula Hoffman, Banny Ambos, Baster Stagy

Members Excused: Kevin Young, Paula Hoffman, Bonny Ambos, Pastor Stacy

Prayer: Ann Voight read "Prayer for the Great Family" taken from The Earth Speaks.

Minutes: March council meeting minutes were approved as written by council on motion by Ron Zorn and seconded by Bob Krawetzki. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Reports:

Ron Zorn moved and Peg Kingsley seconded that council accept the report as written. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Pastor Stacy: Written report submitted. Ann thanked Pastor Stacy for the thorough planning that she did in preparation for St. John's needs during her time away.

Faith/Life Team: Written report submitted. The team will be meeting soon to discuss issues that have arisen because of lack of volunteers for Crossroads. The team will report back to Council at the next meeting.

Worship Team: No report submitted because the team has not met since the prior council meeting. Barry reported that he is currently sending the CD's and bulletins to shut-ins and all is going well.

Finance Team: Written report submitted.

- Civista reward program Ron reported that the reward program is going along fine and special thanks to Ann Voight for her great work to get past points reinstated to the account. We now have collected \$700 from the reward program.
- Vacationland update The new account has been set up and we are currently in process of getting the ACH's transferred over and will begin to make deposits to the new account.
- **Payroll processing** Colleen has begun using Payne Nichols accounting firm to do the payroll. They will do all the monthly payroll, and quarterly and year end reports.
- Copier update- Ron Zorn reported new copier is installed and operating. It is a new 5 year lease. Security codes have been assigned to designated users of the machine.
- SCRIP program update- The account has been closed due to little usage by the congregation. Any money left in the account will be moved to the youth fund. A thank-you note was sent to Kerry Laird for all her work on the program over the years and her generous donation to the program.
- Thrivent update A meeting with a Thrivent Rep has been scheduled for June 4th at 6 PM to discuss two options for Thrivent members to raise money for St. John's. Team leaders and any member of congregation (especially Thrivent members) are invited to attend.
- Endowment committee amendment- Several suggestions for changes to the proposed amendments submitted to the Finance Team from the Endowment Committee were discussed. Ron Zorn will take those suggestions back to the Endowment Committee at their May meeting and report back to the Finance Team.
- Updated Scholarship guidelines and application the Scholarship committee has submitted an updated scholarship guideline and application for approval. The Finance Team recommends that Council approve those updates. Ron Zorn moved and Barry Laird seconded that we accept these updates. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote. Kim Lumen has joined the Scholarship Team. She is filling Linda Miller-Moore's place who has resigned from the team. Kim joins current members: Sue Lucht and Lori Stacy. Council thanks Linda for her many years of service to the scholarship team.
- **Resignation** Ron Zorn reported that Jim Moore has resigned from the Finance Team and Kathy Scheid has agreed to take his place. Council members thank Jim for his many years of service to the Finance Team and welcome Kathy as its new member.

Property Team: Jeff Justi reported that the sanctuary has all newly replaced ceiling lightbulbs. The lock on the back door malfunctioned and a repairman was called to fix it. Earl Layne has resigned from his recently new position as custodian. Earl's wife, Shirley, has been the church's custodian since 2000 and recently had to resign due to health issues. Earl had hoped to take her place but has also had to resign because Shirley needs his care at home. The Property Team is now looking for someone to fill Earl's position. They have received one bid for the job and are looking for a few more before making a decision. Jeff also reported that the Giving Garden will begin on May 18th.

Old Business

Discussion of Scholarship application and guidelines updates. See above in Finance Team report.

New Business

Council prayer request for May and June: We will stay with supporting seminarian Kriss Buss for the month of May. For June: "We pray that we all remember God is with us every day and we take time to worship as a St. John's family."

Endowment Grants: The amount of the grant submitted by St. John's Council was for \$2200. The first part of that money was for \$1000 to Trinity Seminary at Capital University for scholarships/support of seminarians. This will be dispersed soon. The second part of the grant, also for \$1000 is for our third seminarian, Kriss Buss, who will be visiting St. John's on June 16th for worship. \$600 of the \$1000 will be given to her as an honorarium. Additional grant money will pay for Kriss's actual expenses (hotel, meals, travel mileage, etc.) and be dispersed after Kriss is with St. John's on June 16th. The approximately \$200+ remaining will be used throughout 2019 to continue support of our three seminarians.

Care and Share Request: We have received a request for a St. John's representative to attend Care and Share quarterly meetings.

Gift for Shirley Layne: Barry moved and Jerrie seconded that we give a \$200 Visa card with a thank you card to Shirley for her 19 years of faithful service to St. John's. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Bob Krawetzki will deliver the gift to Shirley.

Bishop Beaudoin coming for Rally Day: We have received a letter from Bishop Beaudoin confirming his participation in our church service on September 8th. He is willing and eager to preach the sermon and conduct the Youth Time message. He is willing to do anything else that we would suggest to enhance his time with us. It was suggested that he could lead a congregational Sunday School meeting from 9-9:50 AM in the sanctuary. Ann will follow up with him on this.

Reminders:

Saturday, May 18th—Lutheran Men in Mission- Arcadia, OH 9:30 AM--\$15 with lunch. Saturday, May 18th at 9 AM we will be planting the Giving Garden---All Invited! Sunday, June 2 begins summer worship at 9:30 AM

Thrivent Representative here Wednesday, June 4th at 6 PM. All church members, especially Thrivent members, invited. Council at 7 PM on June 4th

Summer Nickle Plate Beach Worship Wednesdays—June 12th, July 10th and August 14th at 6 PM and potluck picnic.

Save the Date: Bishop Daniel to worship with St. John's on Sunday, September 8th at 10:30 AM

Adjournment: Colleen moved and Jerrie seconded that we adjourn the meeting. We prayed the Lord's Prayer before departing.

After Council adjourned, Jerrie Krawetzki volunteered to be our Care and Share Representative. Ann will notify Care and Share.

Respectfully submitted,

Peg Kingsley, Secretary



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June 2019

	Sun	Mon	TUE	WED	Тни	Fri	Sat
FAITH	Ushers: Needed June 2,9,16	Ushers: 23, 30 Ted/Lynn Call					1
COACH PROTECTOR	2 Flowers: Young family "Gotcha Day"	3 Evening Bible Study op- tion—6 pm place TBD	4 Bible Study at Vine & Olive 10 am Council Meeting 7:00 pm	5	6	7	8
CHRIST FRIENDLY	9 Flowers: Voights 50th Anniversary Church birth- day party New mem- bers Sunday	10 Read thru the Bible group meets at Dianna's Deli at 5:45 pm	11 Bible Study at Vine & Olive 10 am Second Tuesday Small groups 5:30 pm	12 Dinner Church at Nickel Plate Park with potluck pic- nic 6:00 pm	13 Faith Life 6:30 pm	14	15
FORGIVING	16 Flowers: Kingsley Kriss Buss Seminary Student	17	18 Bible Study at Vine & Olive 10 am	19	20 Day Camp Ice Cream Social	21	22
	Happy Father's Day	Summer Day Camp at Zion Huron. June 17-June 21 10:00 am to 4:00 pm for 1st-5th grades, 3-5yr. olds who are potty trained 10-noon on M,W, F.					
	23 Flowers:	24	25 Bible Study at Vine & Olive10 am	26	27	28	29
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PHONE: 419-625-2192 E-MAIL: STJOHNCAL@GMAIL.COM	Sharen Baptism of Lauryn	June 30th!
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Sunday Worship 9:30 AM

ADDRESS CHANGE REQUESTED

Second Quarter Team

Kathy Strayer. Phyllis Stengel Bonny Ambos

June 2, 9, 16 Communion Thank you to our second quarter team for their willingness to serve.

Third Quarter Team Volunteers are needed for the Third Quarter team.

July 7—Communion Glasses August 4– Communion Glasses Sept. 1—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 16th

ALTAR FLOWERS

