



# ST. JOHN'S NEWS

Blessing:

1. a special favor, mercy, or benefit
2. a favor or gift bestowed by God, thereby bringing happiness
3. the invoking of God's favor upon a person
4. praise; devotion; worship, especially grace said before a meal

The word blessing has many meanings, and is found in various forms throughout the Bible. There are blessings from heaven, like when people receive the crown of life or are promised eternal life. There are blessings of obedience, when people are praised for following God's commands and are able to remain in the land of their parents, or when someone, like Abraham, is given numerous offspring. There are also blessings in disguise, which occur in the midst of trial and tribulations. And there are my personal favorite, unexpected blessings that take us by surprise and seem to come out of nowhere.

Today, just as in Biblical times, there are numerous ways that we are always being blessed by God's presence in our lives. I have seen these blessings happen throughout the congregation, in personal lives, and in the midst of the world that we live in. Here are just a few which were shared with me by various people, and which they said I could share with you:

- A member in my family has become healthy after a long sickness
- In the midst of my grief at the loss of a loved one, I found a moment of comfort in the silence and compassion of someone who cared
- After not feeling like praying for a long time, I was able to pray again
- While I was going into the store, someone held the door open
- My child told me they loved me
- I received a phone call just because someone wanted to check-in on me
- My friend is receiving tutoring, and it's free
- I was welcomed into the congregation after being away for awhile
- Someone smiled at me just when I needed it
- The cashier at the grocery store asked how I was doing

We never know when we're going to be blessed, and we receive many blessings each day. This summer, we are each being challenged to BE blessings, as part of being Jesus' disciples. In our daily lives, we have so many opportunities to care for those around us---with a smile, at our jobs, in prayer, and in volunteering, among others. How will God use you to be a blessing for someone else today?

It may seem like we are simply going about our summer schedules taking time for fun where we can find it, spending time with family, or continuing with our regularly scheduled lives. But in the midst of all of this, we are receiving blessings. We are also given numerous opportunities to bless others. As we enjoy the sunshine, I pray that we have time to recognize the blessings we are given and to bless others in return.

Walking with you in Christ,  
Pastor Stacy

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- *Prayers for our Youth*
- *Ministry Leaders*
- *Giving Garden Corn Roast*
- *FLAME Collection Project*

The family of Barbara Vance deeply thanks you our parish, for all the kindnesses shown in the last days of her life. Those who brought meals and prayers, called and sent cards, visited the wake and attended the funeral, we thank you. Underneath our grief and mourning, you lifted us on wings of prayer. You are more to us than fellow members here at St John's, you are our family of faith and faithfulness. Please know that your love sustains us still. God bless you all.



## Poets Corner

### The Lord's House

Jerry Bauer

"One thing have I asked of the Lord, that I will seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life." Psalm 27:4a

The Lord's house;  
 What, where, how?  
 God created all,  
 fills all.  
 All creation is  
 the Lord's house.  
 I'm already in  
 the Lord's house.  
 Do I realize it?  
 Do I recognize it?  
 Do I live like it?

## Quilters

Quilting will resume in September. 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 fellowship.



# ENDOWMENT FUND

Endowment Grant Applications are now being accepted for 2020. Applications are located at the back of the church (on the table); the requests need to be presented to the Endowment committee no later than October 15, 2019. You can put your request in the endowment mailbox in the basement or present it to any member of the committee. If you have any questions, please see a member of the endowment committee.



The committee members are John Miller, Mary K Schlessman, Jeff Justi, Bob Stacy, Dale Osbun, Ron Zorn, Pastor Stacy and Ann Voight.

## Endowment Grants Available

## FLAME congregations summer special collection project!

FLAME congregations are working together all summer on a special collection. Would you be willing to help? God's Work Our Hands Project!

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.

### Donate Hygiene Items



September 8th is rally day! Please join us for a festive worship service, a delicious and famous St. John's potluck and a special guest this year. Bishop Daniel Beaudoin from the Northwestern Ohio Synod will be with us to lead worship along with Pastor Stacy and a special class. This is a great start for our fall and winter programs, but it's even better when you are part of it. Greet Bishop Daniel and class begins at 9:00 am with coffee and refreshments, worship will be at 10:30 followed by a potluck lunch. Drinks and table service are provided You are invited to bring a dish to share.

### Prayers for Our Youth!

With the blessing of the backpacks we would also like to include blessing the children and ask for volunteers to take a child's name and pray for that child daily. Children are blessings from the Lord and we need to lift them up to God as they are also the legacy of the church. Since we cannot be with them 24/7 we need to put them in the hands of the Lord. Please see Kerry Laird to get a child's name that you will diligently pray for every day.

### Choir Resumes



Mark your calendars! St. John's choir practice begins on Wednesday, August 28th at 7:00 pm. New members are welcome. Plan to join the choir in their music ministry!



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 Children and Book Bags." on Sunday, August 18th 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, backpack, brief case.



### August Birthdays

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

### August Anniversaries

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

### Altar Flowers

- Aug. 4—Jerrie Krawetzki
- 11—Bill & Sue Lucht thanksgiving for their anniversary
- 18—Paula Hoffman memory of Bob
- 25—Bob & Jerrie Krawetzki in honor of their 54th anniversary

### Learning Opportunities



**Sunday, Sept. 15th  
9:00 a.m.**

Coming in September the return of Sunday school for all ages, small group Bible study, Stay tuned for details.

## August: Daily Bible Reading Program

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**Aug. 1** Isa. 18-22  
**Aug. 2** Isa. 23-27  
**Aug. 3** Isa. 28-30  
**Aug. 4** Isa. 31-35  
**Aug. 5** Isa. 36-41  
**Aug. 6** Isa. 42-44  
**Aug. 7** Isa. 45-48  
**Aug. 8** Isa. 49-53  
**Aug. 9** Isa. 54-58  
**Aug. 10** Isa. 59-63  
**Aug. 11** Isa. 64-66  
**Aug. 12** Jer. 1-3  
**Aug. 13** Jer. 4-6  
**Aug. 14** Jer. 7-9  
**Aug. 15** Jer. 10-13

**Aug. 16** Jer. 14-17  
**Aug. 17** Jer. 18-22  
**Aug. 18** Jer. 23-25  
**Aug. 19** Jer. 26-29  
**Aug. 20** Jer. 30-31  
**Aug. 21** Jer. 32-34  
**Aug. 22** Jer. 35-37  
**Aug. 23** Jer. 38-41  
**Aug. 24** Jer. 42-45  
**Aug. 25** Jer. 46-48  
**Aug. 26** Jer. 49-50  
**Aug. 27** Jer. 51-52  
**Aug. 28** Lam. 1-2  
**Aug. 29** Lam. 3-5  
**Aug. 30** Ezek. 1-4  
**Aug. 31** Ezek. 5-8

The church of today  
needs and recognizes  
**strong, knowledgeable  
leadership among all  
Christians.**



**diakonia** provides systematic training to adults

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**A new diakonia class is forming in the Eastern  
and North Central Conferences**, which will  
meet in Fremont. Sessions will be 6:00-9:00 pm  
on Thursdays, September through May.

***Talk to your pastor or deacon now if you are  
interested!***

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## Worship at the Beach!!

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August 14<sup>th</sup> we gather at Nickel Plate beach for our last  
summer worship event at the beach at 6:00 pm. 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. If you have  
trouble making Sunday morning  
worship, give Dinner Church a  
try or suggest it to family and  
friends.



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## St. John's Homebound Members

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Updated addresses for our homebound members. Thank you for your faithfulness to our  
homebound members.

**June Gorga:** Providence Care Centers, 2025 Hayes Ave. Sandusky, OH 44870  
(Mother of Nancy Osbun)

**Rachel Kaliszewski:** Gaymont Nursing Home, 66 Norwood Ave. Norwalk, OH  
44857 (Renee Barkhimer's mother)

**Ruth Knupke:** At home, 1002 Rye Beach Rd. Huron OH 44839

**Jean Nottke:** At home, 9117 Berlin Rd. Huron, OH 44839

**Joan Zorn:** The Meadows of Osborn Park, 3916 Perkins Ave. Huron, OH 44839

**Eloise Mitchell:** The Willows - Rm 205, 101 Auxiliary Dr. Bellevue OH 44811

**Beverly Hohman:** Memory Care at Admiral's Pointe, 1920 Cleveland Rd W. Huron, Oh 44839

**Norma Zorn:** At home, 604 Scheid Rd., Sandusky, OH 44870

**Janet Meinert:** At home, 607 Scheid Rd., Sandusky, OH 44870

**John & Judy Miller:** 1075 W. Main St., Bellevue OH 44811

**Judy Miller:** Fairview Hospital 18101 Lorain Avenue, Cleveland OH 44111



## Giving Garden Corn Roast

There is nothing better than a church potluck! Help us give glory to God for our great harvest and show our appreciation for the Giving Garden crew. Let us gather as the FLAME community for our third annual **Corn Roast Potluck**. Dinner will be served at 6. All the corn and hotdogs you can eat will be provided just bring your favorite dish. The potluck will be hosted by Zion, Huron in the basement Fellowship Hall which is handicap accessible.



## You are invited!

Kindly join us for the wedding of Melissa Jean Carter and Jason William Steckel to be held Saturday, August 3, 2019 at St. John's Lutheran Church, 106 Scheid Rd., Sandusky OH 44870 at half past two in the afternoon. A cake reception to follow at the church.

Melissa Jean Carter



Jason William Steckel

## New Member Sunday

On Sunday, August 18th the St. John's church family will be blessed to receive a new brother and sister into our fellowship. We welcome Marcia and Thomas Dawson. Please take time to welcome and get to know them better. Plan to stay for a meet and greet fellowship immediately following worship.



## NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

If you have any information to be included in the September Newsletter, please give to Sandy Thompson by Sunday, Aug. 18th or mail to 2009 Jeffries Rd. Huron, Ohio 44839, phone- 433-4530 or Email-Sandy8110@gmail.com

## 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:

**Judy Miller** – recovering from very serious accident.

**Norma Zorn** – in need of prayers. She has developed the need to use oxygen.

**Carl Metz** – Lisa Wilson's brother suffered a heart attack along with heart blockages.

**Dick Widdoes** - In need of healing prayers

**Donna Morrissey**— 52 year friend of David and Ann Voight, in need of healing prayers

**Renee Barkheimer** – health concerns

**Larry Bowers**—lifelong friend of Jim Semon, Sr. diagnosed with leukemia, undergoing treatments.

**Pat Basilone** –Janet Welsh's mom and Jane's grandma.

**Mike Kopach** - in need of healing prayers. A friend of the Semon/Stacy family.

**Eby Young** – relation to Allison Young, diagnosed with stage 4 colon cancer

**Nick** - (Milly's grandson) undergoing testing.

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 2019 Scholarship Recipients

**Kassidy Burdue**, Lorain Community College Dental Hygiene - full time

**Kyle Young**, Ohio Northern Law School

Thank you to the members of St. John's for their generosity in supporting our youth to further their education. Please keep our youth in your prayers as they work towards their college degrees.



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## Firelands Lutherans Active in Mission Working to make Christ known in the community by building connective programs and cooperative ministries among us

Grace, Castalia - SE John's Union-Corner - SE John's, Belleuse - SE Paul, Sandusky  
SE Peter, Newsmilk - Trinity, Sandusky - Zion, Sandusky - Zion, Huron  
[www.flame-elca.com](http://www.flame-elca.com)

Your FLAME Board met on July 15, 2019 at St. John's.

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Speaking of the **Giving Garden**, it is growing and doing well. Help is needed with weeding and picking and delivering the harvest. Please contact Jeff Justi to get on the mailing list to know when the corn needs harvest-  
ing. [jjusti.jj@gmail.com](mailto:jjusti.jj@gmail.com).

There is one more chance to join the folks of St. John's at Nickle Plate Beach for summer fun and outdoor worship. Meet on the second Wednesday of August. There is a short service followed by a potluck.

The FLAME congregations will be seeking your support for **Burn Pit 360**. During the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, the government contractors burned tons of hazardous waste in open pits using jet fuel. Items burned included lithium batteries, medical waste, ammunition, chemicals, and more. The result is our exposed soldiers have been poisoned and are dying of lung illnesses and cancers that are baffling researchers and doctors. Susan Zeier, the Ohio advocate for Burn Pits 360, spoke to the Board on this topic. She is also willing to speak to your congregation. Susan is directly involved as her son-in-law is one of the 11,000 Vet applicants seeking medical assistance from the VA and being denied care. Susan suggests reading the book *The Burn Pits* by Joseph Hickman or watching the Amazon Prime documentary "Delay, Deny, Hope You Die" for more information. FLAME will be supplying your congregation with information, flyers, and letters to sign. Please help us bring this concern before our legislators.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS AND FLAME CHURCH NEWS:

August 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>: Art Show at Zion Sandusky displaying work from inner city Toledo Youth

August 8<sup>th</sup>: **JOY Time**: St. Paul, 6-7:30 an evening of Fellowship for adults with developmental disabilities.

August 14<sup>th</sup>: **Nickle Plate Beach**, Huron, 6pm, short worship service and potluck, sponsored by St. John's.

August 19<sup>th</sup>: **Corn Roast Potluck Dinner**, Zion Huron Fellowship Hall. Gather at 5:30. Eat at 6pm. Handicap Accessible.

August 22<sup>nd</sup>: **Lifetree Café**, Zion, Huron, 7-8pm Topic: "Why Are You so Hard On Yourself?"

September 8<sup>th</sup>: St. John's Rally Day. **Bishop Beaudoin** will preach the sermon.

September 12<sup>th</sup>: **JOY Time**: St. Paul, 6-7:30 an evening of Fellowship for adults with developmental disabilities.

September 20-21<sup>st</sup>: **Women of the Northwest Ohio Synod Convention**, Heritage Inn, Sauder Village in Archibold, Ohio.

September 29<sup>th</sup>: Trinity will host a **Walkathon** around the pond at the Commons of Providence to benefit the Alzheimer's Association.

October 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>: Fall into Lakeside **Youth weekend**.

November 3<sup>rd</sup>: Trinity, **Pork Dinner**



**Thank you** to my St. John's family for supporting our Supper Club for the past six years. It is now time for me to step down and hand the helm to Dawn Schlessman. She will do a super job and I hope that everyone will continue to support it and join us for a great evening of good food, fun and fellowship! I know that I will be there! Our next get-together will be September 19<sup>th</sup>. Mark your calendar! Kathy Strayer

A FAMILY OF  
DISCIPLES,  
FAITHFULLY MAKING  
CHRIST KNOWN

# August 2019



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Ushers: Greg Finkenbine				1	2 Carter/ Steckel Wedding Rehersal 5:00 pm	3 Carter/ Steckel Wedding 2:30 pm
4 Flowers: Jerrie Krawetzki  Scholarships Awarded	5 Sermon on the Mount Bi- ble study 6:00 pm	6 Church Council 7:00 pm	7	8 Faith Life Team 6:30 pm	9	10
						
11 Flowers:  Blessing of the harvest	12 Read through the Bible 5:45 pm at Mekong Sandusky	13	14 Worship and picnic at Nickel Plate Park 6:00 pm	15 Endow- ment Com- mittee meets in Upper Room 8:30 am	16	17
18 Flowers: Paula H Blessing of Children and Bookbags Prayers for our youth!  New Member Sunday	19 FLAME Giving Garden Sweet corn Picnic 6:00 pm at Zion Huron	20	21	22 Finance team: 4:30 pm  Property Team 7:00 pm Upper Room	23	24
25 Flowers: Bob & Jerrie Krawetzki	26	27	28	29	30	31

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A Family of Disciples,  
Faithfully Making  
Christ Known!

## Sunday Worship 10:30 AM

ADDRESS CHANGE REQUESTED

## August Ministry Leaders

### COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

Aug. 4—Paula Hoffman  
18—

### LAY READERS

Aug. 4—Kerry Laird  
11—Allison Young  
18—Jim Semon, Sr.  
25—Jason Shupe

### YOUTH TIME LEADERS

Aug. 4 - Pastor Stacy  
11 - Jason Steckel  
18 - Pastor Stacy  
25 - Allison Young



*Regular Worship*  
**RETURNS 9/8/19**  
**10:30 am**

