

October



ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

ST. JOHN'S NEWS



St. John's mission statement is: "A family of disciples, faithfully making Christ known."

Living out this mission statement, St. John's is described by many visitors and guests as having a welcoming, family atmosphere. All people are welcome here, and everyone is invited to participate, worship, and serve together.

I have heard many of you give thanks that this is a place where people can have varying opinions and still walk alongside each other, worship together, lift each other up, pray for one another, and truly care about each other. We come together to worship, study scripture and hear the Word spoken in this time and place, pray and praise. We then leave our four walls and care for this world that God made, working for justice so that all are fed, safe, and live together in peace.

For all of this, we give great thanks! Many teams work together behind the scenes to make it possible to study, worship, have fellowship, and serve together. These teams help us grow and live as disciples.

For the next several months, we will emphasize one team each month. This team will list its current members, yearly activities, and hopes and goals for the coming year. The information will be in newsletters, on the screen during worship, in the bulletin, and available at the coffee hours after worship.

Why are we doing this? We hope that you will find a team that you feel passionate about, or that you want to know more about. You are invited to a meeting, an activity, or an event. Ask questions, bring ideas, or simply listen. Please join us as together we live out our mission statement, "a family of disciples, faithfully making Christ known."

Walking with you in Christ,
Pastor Stacy

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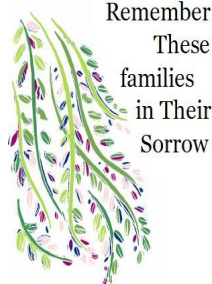
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- *Remember to Fall back with the time on Sunday, November 3rd*
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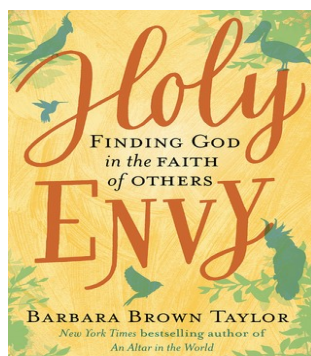


Sister and brothers in faith called home to the Church Triumphant:

Eloise Mitchell passed away on Thursday, September 19, 2019. Thomas Hohman, grandson of August and Beverly Hohman passed away on September 2, 2019 with his funeral taking place at St. John's on Sunday, September 22nd. Jim Moore passed away on September 26th. Please keep their families and friends in your prayers as they grieve the loss of Eloise, Thomas and Jim.



Good News at Noon: Brown bag lunch table conversations presenting new concepts to better understand and communicate the "Old, Old Story of Jesus and His Love." Weekly sessions to be presented and facilitated by Bill Lucht. Will meet in the basement of the church Tuesdays 12-1 through the month of November starting November 5. Water and coffee will be provided.



Our next book club begins in November. We will be reading "**Holy Envy**" by Barbara Brown Taylor. To preorder your book, please sign up on the welcome table. Books are \$19 and will be ordered October 15. The public library also has copies available. **Book study will meet at Vine and Olive the second Wednesday of the month at 10:00 a.m.** Please read pages 1-80.

Poet's Corner by Jerry Bauer

SPURS

Stop, Look, Listen

**Attention all members
of St. John's!**

"I am doing a new thing, do you not perceive it?"
Isaiah 43:19a

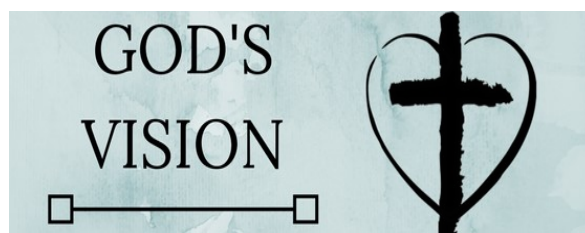
The SPURS visioning team will meet on Monday, October 21st and encourages everyone at St. John's to come and share their dreams for St. John's. Kevin Young, team leader and Pastor Stacy will host this meeting at 6:00 pm in the Upper Room. SPURS is a "think tank" where together we dream big dreams and 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.

Stop, look listen
For what God does.
I may think God does
not act in this world:
human diseases
natural disasters
wars and violent acts
potential for more.

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

Where is God?
I need to consider,
stop, look, listen,
does God send a message?
Pay attention.
In all events what
might God be doing?

Not a question, if God is there.
Just a matter of how, when, where.



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:

Milly Reed—in need of prayers.

Family of Thomas Hohman – grieving his death.

Family of Eloise Mitchell—grieving her death.

Bonny Ambos – prayers for upcoming back surgery and relief of pain.

Family of Jim Moore - grieving his death.

Caitlin Berg - friend of Samantha Lane

Council prayer request: Pray for God's Guidance as we speak the truth in Love.



Do you like darts?

"The Lutheran Dartball League is looking for new teams. If you have interest, talk to Ann Voight or call Carrie Wiedenheft at 419-307-1370. This is good community fellowship."



Thank you for the warm welcome into St. John's Lutheran Church, we look forward to fellowship in your loving congregation. The beautiful Christmas ornament will occupy a prominent place on our tree every year. **Tom and Marcia Dawson**

Pray for the Homebound

ST. JOHN'S HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

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

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

October Birthdays

Oct.. 1—Sheri Bauer
5—Ann Voight
14—Mike Chill
23—Ashlee Schlessman Joseph
26—Thomas Dawson
28—Peg Kingsley
30—John Wilson
31—Cole Ruggles

October Anniversaries

Oct. 1—Barry and Kerry Laird
2—Dave and Sue Zorn



**BLESSINGS
ON YOUR
BIRTHDAY &
ANNIVERSARY**



November 3rd 2019 is All Saints Sunday, when we take the time to give thanks for the saints who have shared their faith with us and helped us grow in our faith. You are invited to bring a picture of someone in your family you would like to remember on this special day and place it on the altar before worship begins.



Our pets are important to us, and are deeply loved. We will be having a pet blessing on October 20th at 4 PM at Zion Lutheran Church, Huron at their shelter area. All pets are invited. If your pet can't be there, you are welcome to bring a picture.



Great Wolf Lodge Retreat on Baptism

Retreat Schedule

Friday

5 PM Arrival
5:15 Opening Worship,
Bible Study and
Dinner
6:00 Praying in Color
7:00 Baptism Stations and
Service Project
7:30 Swimming—also
available all day
Saturday for those who
stayed the night

Saturday

9:30 breakfast and morning
devotion and Bible
Study for those who
stay overnight

St. John's will be having a "mini retreat" at Great Wolf Lodge here in Sandusky. **EVERYONE** is invited. The theme for the retreat is baptism. Cost is \$100 plus tax for the first ten families who want to stay the night and swim (four people to a room) and \$15 for individuals who want to come to Friday night retreat and dinner only. Pizza dinner is provided. Additional rooms are available for \$140 plus tax. Thank you to our endowment fund for making this retreat possible.

November 15 and 16

**Great Wolf Lodge
Sandusky, OH 44870**

Please see Pastor Stacy to register or email at
stacylauer@gmail.com



St. John's Family & Friends Costume Party

In the fellowship hall Saturday, October 26 1 to 3 PM

**TREATS FUN GAMES FUN
REFRESHMENTS**

We're having a costume party!



Reading through the New Testament! October: Daily Bible Reading

Please join us as we read through the New Testament! October 2nd we begin in Matthew, and the readings will be printed in the bulletin each week. Join us October 14th at 5:45 PM at Danny Boy's as we talk about what we've read so far!

October 1: Malachi	October 15: Mark 1-3	October 29: Luke 12-13
October 2: Matthew 1-4	October 16: Mark 4-5	October 30: Luke 14-16
October 3: Matthew 5-6	October 17: Mark 6-7	October 31: Luke 17-18
October 4: Matthew 7-8	October 18: Mark 8-9	
October 5: Matthew 9-10	October 19: Mark 10-11	
October 6: Matthew 11-12	October 20: Mark 12-13	
October 7: Matthew 13-14	October 21: Mark 14	
October 8: Matthew 15-17	October 22: Mark 15-16	
October 9: Matthew 18-19	October 23: Luke 1	
October 10: Matthew 20-21	October 24: Luke 2-3	
October 11: Matthew 22-23	October 25: Luke 4-5	
October 12: Matthew 24-25	October 26: Luke 6-7	
October 13: Matthew 26	October 27: Luke 8-9	
October 14: Matthew 27-28	October 28: Luke 10-11	

*Read through the
Bible ... Why start
now?*

When?
☒ Today
☒ Tomorrow
☒ Never

Take Your Kids to Church!

Take your kids to church.

Make the effort. Wake them up early. Fool with the belts and the buckles and the fancy hair bows. Endure the sleepy, grumpy faces and the misplaced shoes. Run around like a mad woman gathering everybody's everything and trying to get out the door on time. Hop to the car with a shoe in each hand. Give those babies a pop-tart and some milk and let 'em eat it in the car. If its raining, get wet. If its cold, get a jacket. If you're tired, go tired. But take those babies to church. You know why?

Because Jesus is there.

He's there. And He'll meet them there. And you too, Mama.

He'll be there in the sweet smile of their Sunday School teacher as she greets them into their room. He'll be there in the goldfish and the apple juice and the filling of their little bellies and hearts. He'll be there in the hug from a sweet friend and the encouraging smile that assures you that they "just barely made it" too. He'll be there in the sacred words read from the Bible speaking truth to their little impressionable hearts. He'll be there in the worship and the raised hands and the watery eyes and whispers of praise.

So take them. Carry all of their Bibles and drawings and toilet paper tube creations. Sit by them in worship. Open your Bible and open theirs. Show them how to find the scripture the pastor is preaching from. Show them how to worship. Explain to them why He's worthy of worship. Let them see you laugh and cry and praise and study. Forgive their wiggles and paper rustles and know that they're listening even when it seems like they aren't. Ask them questions and answer the ones they ask you. Introduce them to Jesus. Tell them of His greatness - his power - his faithfulness. Tell them with your words and show them with your life. Tell them what he's done for you and how you've been changed by His grace and forgiveness and goodness and love. Tell them how they can be too. Point them to Jesus. Over and over and over again.

Take your kids to church. They'll love it there. It's the only place where they can go and just be themselves. They don't have to "be" good enough or smart enough or athletic enough. They don't have to perform for approval or achievement. They just get to go and hear how much God loves them. Just because they're them. Just because He created them, they're valued. Wanted. Their worth isn't based on the grades they make or their ability to throw a curveball. Its not dependent on their performance or skill level. And they need a little more of that, don't you think? A little more grace and a little less pressure. A little more love and a few less demands.

Take them to church. Before you take them to the ballfield or the gym. Before you take them on vacation or to grandma's or to the backyard to play. Take them to church. Let them know its a priority. Show them it has eternal value. Let them see you set aside schedules and extra curricular activities and work and busy-ness to be present with the Lord in His house. I promise you won't regret it. I promise you it won't return back void.

Take them to church.

--Author: Megan Breeland Woodham One Step Ministries.



Pastor Stacy away for Vacation and Continuing Education:

Pastor Stacy will be away September 30th through October 11th. If a pastoral emergency arises, please contact Sandy Thompson (419-433-4530), or Ann Voight (419-357-8483).



Great Hymns of Faith

CHORAL FESTIVAL
Michael Shirtz, conductor

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

FESTIVAL CONCERT

"For All the Saints"

Sunday, November 3,
4:00PM

Grace Lutheran Church
705 W. State Street,
Fremont, OH

St. John's choir will take part in this year's concert. Mark your calendar and plan to attend this sensational concert!

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
September 3, 2019

CALL TO ORDER: President Ann Voight called the meeting to order and asked Pastor Stacy to lead us in an opening prayer. Pastor Stacy shared the scripture that the Synod is using this month, taken from Ezekiel 37 which talks about every day God breathes life into us, in everything we do. As Council members we remember that God is breathing life into us as we do the work of the Church.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ann Voight, Kevin Young, Peg Kingsley, Pastor Stacy, Jenna Stacy, Paula Hoffman, Ron Zorn, Jeff Justi, Bob Krawetzki, Barry Laird

EXCUSED ABSENCE: Bonny Ambos, Jerrie Krawetzki, Colleen Shupe

MINUTES: Ron Zorn moved and Barry Laird seconded that we accept the August minutes as written. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

TREASURER'S REPORT: As of July 31, 2019:

Item	Annual Budget	YTD Actual	Last Year YTD Actual	Month Only
Offerings (Ordinary Income)	158,884	76,487	80,351	8,542
Expenses				
Pastor	75,624	46,640	43,086	5,935
Parsonage Expenses	6,995	3,371	3,895	539
Taxes \ Insurance	10,815	8,844	8,710	86
Office Expenses	18,890	11,244	11,153	1,720
Church Expenses	30,380	21,321	24,397	2,401
Benevolence \ Other	16,180	8,402	8,957	1,260
Total Expenses	158,884	99,823	100,198	11,941
Net Ordinary Income	-	(23,336)	(19,847)	(3,400)

Bob Krawetzki moved we accept the treasurer's report as written and Kevin Young seconded. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

PASTOR STACY'S REPORT: Written report submitted. Pastor Stacy is working on plans for the Catechism Class and is enjoying the work. She reported that she went to the county fair to see the projects our St. John's youth exhibited. Ann Voight expressed Council's appreciation for Pastor Stacy's detailed planning of her schedule for the remainder of the year.

FAITH/LIFE TEAM: Written report submitted. Paula Hoffman shared that the team is working on a community stewardship project with Zion Lutheran in Huron. More information is forthcoming.

WORSHIP TEAM: Barry Laird reported that he is working on a worksheet which will provide step by step instructions of how to work the TV now installed in the basement. Bishop Daniel will be speaking on Rally Day about this being a year of focus on scripture.

FINANCE TEAM: Ron Zorn shared that the online giving is now available on our website and instructions for using it will be available in church. By the end of this month all St. John's monies should be transferred from Civista to Vacationland Credit Union.

PROPERTY TEAM: Jeff reported:

- Hartland has proposed two ways to fix the broken heat pump. Replacement of the pump would cost about \$4400 or repairing the existing one would be about \$1300. Before making a decision Council is asking the Property Team to consult with Mitsubishi to see if they can determine the cause of the pump's failure.
- consulted with Hartland Plumbing and Heating to retrofit the heat pumps so that they can be programmed from the phone. Hartland is also working on a new upgraded system for setting the boilers to come on and off.
- The garden is coming to its end. Corn will be picked one more time next week and tomatoes and cabbages are almost gone. Pumpkins will soon be ready for the kids to pick and decorate.

Many thanks were expressed to Jeff, Ron Zorn and the others who have worked so hard this summer to grow and distribute all the vegetables grown in the Giving Garden.

FLAME: Bob Krawetzki reported the Corn Boil was a success with 59 people attending. At some future time a talk about the burn pits will be offered after church in the basement.

OLD BUSINESS:

COUNCIL PRAYER REQUEST FOR OCTOBER: Ann Voight suggested using the Synod's idea: "Pray for God's Guidance as we speak the truth in Love." All thought this was very appropriate.

TEAMS LEADING MONTH: On the first Sunday of each month, St. John's teams will take turns sharing information with the congregation to better inform them of what they do. The schedule is as follows:

October—Worship Team
 November—Endowment Team
 December—Sunday School
 January—Faith/Life
 February—Property
 March—Finance

ENDOWMENT GRANTS: All endowment grant applications are to be submitted by Oct. 15th. Ann Voight shared four grant proposals for which Council is applying:

1. \$1000 Trinity Seminary, Capital University
2. \$1000 Bishop Daniel's Discipleship initiative—September, 2020
3. \$1200 support of seminarians—calendar year 2020
4. \$1500 for Contingency items which may carry over each year until all is used

Our youth representative, Jenna Stacy, will be staying in the area with her present employment and will continue to be a member of St. John's Council. Congratulations, Jenna, on the job upgrade and we are glad you will be continuing to serve St. John's!

Ann thanked all the helpers who stayed after the August Council meeting to count the "jug money" from Lenten suppers and various cash donations. With a final donation of \$26.69 the total came to \$500. This money will be donated to the building of Tanzania Water Wells.

Ann spoke with Jacob Henry who will email her the 2019 NWOS Constitution. The changes made in 2019 will be incorporated into St. John's Constitution when the committee begins work to revise our Constitution.

NEW BUSINESS

SEMINARIAN DAN GUTMAN, our first sponsored seminarian was ordained on August 31, at Sidney, OH. He was installed on September 3rd at Zion in Lima, OH. We sent him a card and gift: \$25 to Applebees in Lima.

BISHOP DANIELS' FALL CONFERENCE in October will be held at four different churches: Oct. 10th at Whitehouse, Oct. 15th at Bucyrus, Oct. 22nd at Fremont and Oct. 29th at Zion Lima (Dan Gutman is now the minister there). Anyone interested in attending one of these meetings should see Ann Voight.

STEWARDSHIP AD HOC COMMITTEE: Pastor Stacy shared that she would like to form an ad hoc committee to create a stewardship booklet showing how and where St. John's is committed to stewardship. Paula Hoffman moved and Bob Krawetzki seconded that we approve formation of this committee. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

PRAYING FOR OUR YOUTH: We have several names left in the basket on the Welcome Table. We're encouraged to pick up a name and pray daily for the child.

CLEANING TILE FLOORS: Paula moved and Kevin seconded that we hire all the church tile floors to be cleaned, waxed and sealed for \$1200. This is approved by both the Property Team and the Finance Team. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Barb Bliss and Phyllis Stengel will be taking over Bonny Ambros's communion work while Bonny undergoes back surgery.

Barry Laird has asked Rex Rickly for a quote to integrate sound into our videos of church services. Barry will send the quote to the Property Team and we will vote in October.

REMINDERS:

- Bishop Daniel Beaudoin will worship with St. John's on Sunday, September 8th at 10:30 AM. Bishop will talk from 9:00 to 9:45 AM with coffee hour and refreshments -- ALL ARE INVITED!! Following the church service will be a potluck dinner in the fellowship room.
- Bill Lucht will be conducting a four week workshop in November. Detail to be announced.
- The Second Tuesday Parsonage group will be having a cookout at the Parsonage.
- October 1st at 7 PM is next Council Meeting
- 2019 SPURS MEETING October 21st at 6 PM in the Fellowship Hall

Bob Krawetzki moved and Jeff Justi seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

We closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer
Respectfully submitted,
Peg Kingsley



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

Your FLAME Board hosted a corn potluck in August at Zion, Huron for the entire FLAME community. The potluck was to recognize the Giving Garden Crew and to enjoy the fruits of their labor and the great harvest. The Giving Garden allowed FLAME to share all summer long the home-grown, healthy food with area families in need through food banks, senior centers, and area organizations that work to feed the poor. The Board received a thank-you card from the Erie County Senior Center with several signatures and short notes from individuals saying how much they enjoyed the Garden's sweetcorn.

The FLAME congregations continue to seek your congregation's 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. The soldiers are not able to get benefits to pay for these illnesses. Susan Zeier, the Ohio advocate for Burn Pits 360 is willing to speak to your congregation. Congress has finally agreed to a hearing on the topic, but at this time is refusing to allow the Veterans who are affected to speak and express their needs and concerns. Susan will provide letters and post cards asking Congress to hear from the Veterans.

Next month we hope to have numbers to share with you to see how well FLAME did in collecting items and money for our local agencies that are involved with foster care. Pastor Katie Suggitt will meet on September 29th with representatives to pack and prepare the items for delivery.

The Board's September meeting was spent reviewing and previewing project proposals.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND FLAME CHURCH NEWS:

October 4th-6th: Fall into Lakeside **Youth weekend**.

November 3rd: Trinity, **Pork Dinner**

A FAMILY OF
DISCIPLES, FAITHFUL-
LY MAKING CHRIST
KNOWN

October 2019

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MON

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"THIS IS MY BODY
THIS IS MY BLOOD."
MATTHEW 26:26, 28



Ushers:	Pastor on vacation/ continuing education Sept. 30 thru Oct. 11th.	1 Church Council 7:00 pm	2 Choir Practice 7:00 pm	3	4	5
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6 Flowers:	7 Quilters 9:00 am Beatitude Study meets at 6pm at Rapid Fire	8 2nd Tues- day Small Groups – 5:30-7 pm	9 Choir Practice 7:00 pm	10 Faith Life 6:30 pm	11	12
Cleaning and stripping of church basement and entry ways during the day. Oct. 8-9						

13 Flowers: Kathy Strayer	14 Read through the Bible –5:45 at Danny Boys	15	15 Choir prac- tice-7:00 pm	17 8:30 am – Endowment Committee meet in Up- per Room	18	19
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20 Flowers: Kathy Scheid Blessing of the pets—4 pm at Zion Lutheran Huron Shelter	21 Quilters 9:00 am SPURS Meeting 6:00 pm	22	23 Choir 7:00 pm	24 Finance Team 4:30 Meet in Upper room	25	26 Youth Costume Party—1-3 pm fellow- ship hall
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www.stjohnlcsandusky.com

27 Flowers: Bliss sisters	28	29	30 Choir Prac- tice-7:00 pm	31
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wear red!





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A Family of Disciples,
Faithfully Making Christ Known!

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

ADDRESS CHANGE REQUESTED

Fourth Quarter Team

Sue Lucht, Peg Kingsley
Jerrie Krawetzki, Doreen Ross

October

Communion Glasses, Fellowship
Teams will be in charge of communion glasses, fellowship, and altar cloths.

October 6 —Fellowship

Flower Chart

Oct. 6—
13—Kathy Strayer
20—Kathy Scheid



Reformation Sunday!
October 27th wear your red!

Worship Leaders

Lay Readers

Oct. 6—
13—Melinda Zorn
20— Jason Steckel
27—

Communion Assistant

Oct 6—Jason Steckel
13—
20—
27—

Youth Time

Oct. 6—Jason Steckel
13—Pastor Stacy
20—Allison Young
27—Pastor Stacy

Ushers

