



And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you." (Matthew 28:18-20)

St. John's mission statement says that we are a "family of disciples, faithfully making Christ known." This mission helps us stay focused on the command of Jesus, given in Matthew, that we are to GO and make disciples. We are also to grow in our own faith—to gather for worship, to pray for one another and the world God made, to read Scripture and ponder its impact in our lives, and to share the good news of Jesus with the world.

Every year, I create a list of goals for myself in my call as pastor to this congregation. The goals for 2020 are focused on those items mentioned above—growing as disciples, and GOING to make disciples. I have around 20 goals, and five are listed below. Will you join me in some of my hopes for the year?

- Participate in inter-generational Sunday School on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month
- Re-start a women's Bible Study
- Offer at least one form of outreach each month as we GO into our community
- Explore potential small groups for our congregation
- GO and have worship in the park, at the beach, in the community

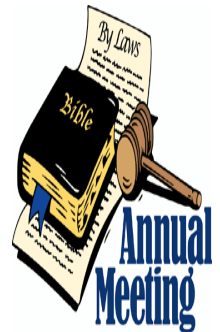
It is such a joy that we get to be disciples, grow in our faith, and GO and share Jesus' love with the world. I pray that you join us this year as we live out our mission statement and follow Jesus' command.

Walking with you in Christ,  
Pastor Stacy

## Annual Meeting

The annual congregational meeting will take place immediately after worship on Sunday, February 9th. All confirmed members of St. John's are asked to attend. We will discuss important ministries for 2020.

Plus, a world famous pot-luck lunch will follow the meeting! Drinks will be provided, but please bring a dish to share. Don't miss this important meeting of the congregation and fellowship time to follow.



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### Special points of interest:

- *First Quarter Ministry Team*
- *Birthdays and Anniversaries*
- *February Ministry Leaders*
- *Youth Ministry Leaders*
- *Souper Bowl*
- *New Member Sunday*
- *Team Spotlight*

## Upcoming Events

### MOVIE TIME

A MOVIE PARTY is planned for March 7 at 4PM in the fellowship room. A light supper will be provided, to include hot dogs, corn dogs, pretzels and fruit. If your kiddo uses a sippie cup, please bring it. Drinks provided will be Apple juice and water. We will show



The Gruffalo and The Gruffalo's Child. Each movie lasts about 18-20 minutes. Intermission between the movies for supper.

## Lenten News



The season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, February 26th with the "Imposition of Ashes." Lenten worship service time will



be **6:30 pm**. Wednesdays in Lent will include soup and sandwich supper, prayer, fellowship, discussion, and worship. We will begin our **soup suppers on March 4th**. Soup suppers will begin at **5:45 pm**. A sign-up list will be available on the clipboard to provide food for soup

suppers. Plan to join us for this special time of worship, food, and fellowship!

## Faith Life Collecting Teacher Supplies!

**Giving Tree for TEACHERS.** This is the time of the year when teachers are purchasing many things with their own money for their classrooms. For the past several years, we have gathered supplies for one school's teachers. Each year our kids have drawn a random elementary school name. Thus far, Milan, Woodlands, and Meadowlawn have been the recipients. Help us fill boxes with teacher needs so that we can surprise teachers at yet another area school.



Dear St. John's Family,  
Thank you so much for the generous scholarship, prayers and continued support. This is by far the most challenging endeavor I have encountered and I could not do it without your help. Thank you all for everything.  
God Bless, Kyle Young

Dear St. John's Family,  
Thank you for the kind birthday gift. As always your continued support is much appreciated. Your prayers do work and have reached me. Thank you all!  
God bless, Kyle Young

Thank you so much for the scholarship! I'm very appreciative of the extra help as I complete my education. School is going well. Blessings, Kassidy Burdue

## 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:

**Donna Morrissey** - Healing prayers - friend of the Voights  
**Owen Reed** - In need of our prayers.

**Tom Eagan** - Recovering from a fall. Brother-in-law of the Bliss sisters.

**Connie Deehr** - In need of our prayers.

**Congregational Council requests** St. John's congregation pray for our elected officials and our military in this time of unrest.

### 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!

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

**Jean Nottke:** At home

**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 & Lou Zorn:** At home

**Janet Meinert:** At home

## Our New Seminary Student

I grew up in Vermilion, Ohio and graduated from Vermilion High School in 2015. In May 2019, I completed my undergraduate studies at Capital University with a degree in Youth Ministry and Christian Education and a minor in Psychology. In my time at Capital, I worked in the Admission Office as an intern, was president of Capital's university-sponsored campus ministry, and studied abroad for a semester in Berlin, Germany. I am now attending Trinity Lutheran Seminary at Capital University in the Master of Divinity program. I am enjoying my time in the classroom, along with living in our intentional community on campus with two other classmates who have become fast friends. Each week, we host our community common meal for Trinity's campus. In my limited free time, I love to do yoga, read for fun, watch Disney movies, and spend quality time with friends.

Prayers for guidance in my seminary journey and as I begin the interview process for my Clinical Pastoral Education this summer are much appreciated. Additionally, prayers for comfort and rest are often needed in the life of a seminarian.

I am looking forward to meeting the congregation soon and staying connected with all of you over the next year. Thanks so much!

Morgan Walker  
*Trinity Lutheran Seminary, Class of 2023*



St. John's brothers and sisters in Christ,

Thank you so much for welcoming the Northern Ohio candidacy committee to your building. We were blessed by your hospitality and enjoyed the space!

Blessings,  
Rev. Angel Jackson



### The Souper Bowl is Sunday February 2nd!

Please donate your loose change or \$1.00. Cash donations will benefit OHgo in Sandusky. Thanks for playing in the Souper Bowl.



## Second Tuesday Small Groups

**February 11th is the date for the next  
Second Tuesday small group.**

Small group will meet at the home of Bill and Sue Lucht. YOU are invited.



GUARD  
YOUR *heart*  
FOR EVERYTHING  
YOU DO *flows*  
FROM IT.  
PROVERBS 4:23, NIV

## Poet's Corner by Jerry Bauer

### Now is the Time

Decide for Jesus,  
now the time.  
No time to wait,  
do it now.

Commit to follow  
and witness to him,  
to use my gifts  
in him service.

Act as disciple,  
requires action.  
I must reach out  
in the name of Jesus.

Decide, Commit, Act.  
Now is the time,  
The time for Jesus.

**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**January 7, 20120**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Ann Voight called the meeting to order at 7 PM. Pastor Stacy led us in prayer.

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

**EXCUSED:** Colleen Shupe, , Jerrie Krawetzki

**MINUTES:** Bob Krawetzki moved and Ron Zorn seconded that we accept the December minutes as written. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** As of December 31, 2019:

|                             | Annual | YTD      | Last Year | Month    |
|-----------------------------|--------|----------|-----------|----------|
| Item                        | Budget | Actual   | YTD Actua | Only     |
|                             |        |          |           |          |
| Offerings (Ordinary Income) | 158884 | 179186.2 | 160351.4  | 47987.96 |
|                             |        |          |           |          |
| Expenses                    |        |          |           |          |
| Pastor                      | 75624  | 76883.4  | 73222.78  | 6260.55  |
| Parsonage Expenses          | 6995   | 5034.26  | 6358.08   | 481.39   |
| Taxes \ Insurance           | 10815  | 10454.61 | 10148.71  | 122.9    |
| Office Expenses             | 18890  | 17733.94 | 18129.83  | 1474.26  |
| Church Expenses             | 30380  | 35059.19 | 39202     | 3045.42  |
| Benevolence \ Other         | 16180  | 14512    | 15132.89  | 1000     |
| Total Expenses              | 158884 | 159677.4 | 162194.3  | 12384.52 |
|                             |        |          |           |          |
| Net Ordinary Income         |        | 19508.76 | -1842.88  | 35603.44 |

Ron Zorn presented the treasurer's report in Colleen's absence. He reported that the Oversight Committee consists of Candice Rudy, Kathy Scheid and himself. They will be meeting on January 11<sup>th</sup> to review this year's finances. Colleen Shupe has completed her Treasurer's duties thru 2019 year-end and will be resigning. Ron thanked Colleen for her three years of faithful service to St. John's. We have made many advances within our financial system during Colleen's tenure. Jeff Justi moved and Kevin Young seconded that we accept the treasurer's report. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

**PASTOR STACY'S REPORT:** Written report submitted. Pastor Stacy reported that she plans to initiate a service project each month throughout 2020. These projects will hopefully be funded by utilizing Thrivent Action Teams. The first one will be a project for Care and Share on January 13<sup>th</sup>.

**FAITH/LIFE TEAM:** Paula Hoffman Laws reported that the Faith/Life Team will be meeting on January 16<sup>th</sup> to plan their February schedule. She will stay in touch with the team while she is gone for that month.

**WORSHIP TEAM:** Worship Team will meet on January 15<sup>th</sup>.

**FINANCE TEAM:** Written Report submitted. Ron brought up the discussion held after our last council meeting about doing something more for the Layne family since Shirley's death. Barry Laird moved and Kevin Young seconded that because of her length of service and faithful dedication to St. John's for the past 20 years, we give the family \$500 in Shirley's memory along with the already purchased gift. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

**PROPERTY TEAM:** Written Report submitted. Jeff reported that things have been running smoothly within the church and his team will be meeting for a question and answer period during Fellowship on February 2<sup>nd</sup>.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**FLAMe:** As recommended by the Finance Team, if the FLAMe funds are not donated to a charity, St. John's would like to have our amount given back to us and we will then donate that money to a charity of our choice.

**Annual Congregational meeting reports** due not later than January 12, 2020. Send them to Sandy Thompson.

**2018 Annual Minutes:** We will be reviewing and accepting the 2018 annual minutes and minutes of a special Congregational meeting held on June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at our annual meeting on February 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Council Prayer:** Council requests St. John's congregation pray for our elected officials and military in this time of unrest within our world.

**Team Leading Month:** Fellowship for February and March will be at 9:45 AM. Property Team will be available for February and Finance Team will be in March.

**Constitution:** Kevin handed out the latest draft of the Constitution. He explained that the new version will have the By-Laws and Continuing Resolutions incorporated into the main body of the document. Ministry Teams have replaced the former positions held on Council. On January 15<sup>th</sup> at noon, the committee will meet with all interested persons, including Council members, to answer - questions about the new Constitution which will be voted upon at the annual meeting on Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Seminarian, Morgan Walker** is our new seminarian. Her hometown is Vermilion. Barry Halter and Chris Buss continue their training. Dan Gutman is now a minister in Lima.

**Nomination Committee:** Thank you to the Nominating Committee for the slate of Council members for 2020 (list is attached). Paula Hoffman moved and Ron Zorn seconded that we accept the slate of members to be presented at the Annual Meeting, February 9<sup>th</sup>, for election.

**Corporate Resolution:** Paula Hoffman moved and Barry Laird seconded that we appoint Ron Zorn as interim treasurer and continue with the 2019 budget until the election at the Annual Meeting on February 9<sup>th</sup>. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote. Bob Krawetzki moved and Jeff Justi moved that Colleen Shupe will be removed from the Vacationland financial accounts and Kathy Scheid will be the new signatory. Margaret Kingsley will be given ACH origination access. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

**Thrivent Action Teams:** Mark Johnson, Thrivent representative, has offered to speak to our council about using Action Teams effectively within our congregation. It was agreed that we may do this at a later date when we have fewer activities to work on.

**REMINDERS:** January 15<sup>th</sup>, Noon in Fellowship Room, questions and comments on Constitution from members of congregation and Council members.

January 19, 2020: after worship OHgo will present Hunger Awareness in fellowship hall.

February 2, 2020: 9 AM inter-generational Sunday School----topic hunger.

February 4, 2020: 7 PM Congregational Council meeting- upper room- Council elect members invited.

February 9, 2019: Annual Congregational Meeting after worship and Potluck.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Bob Krawetzki moved and Ron Zorn seconded that we adjourn the meeting, which was followed by the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Peg Kingsley

Special St. John's Congregational Council Meeting  
Sunday, January 26, 2020  
Immediately following church service

Those in attendance: Ann Voight, Ron Zorn, Peg Kingsley, Jeff Justi, Bob Krawetzki, Barry Laird, Paula Hoffman Laws

Excused: Jerrie Krawetzki, Pastor Stacy, Kevin Young

Ann opened the meeting with a prayer.

The purpose of this meeting was for Council members to vote to recommend approval of Version 9.0 of the St. John's Constitution so that the congregation can vote its final approval at the annual meeting to be held on Feb 9th. Members have been working on this new version for several months and it is now ready to become the working document for St. John's congregation.

Barry Laird moved and Ron Zorn seconded that we accept Version 9.0 of the St. John's Constitution. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Paula Hoffman Laws moved and Bob Krawetzki seconded that we adjourn. Motion unanimously passed.

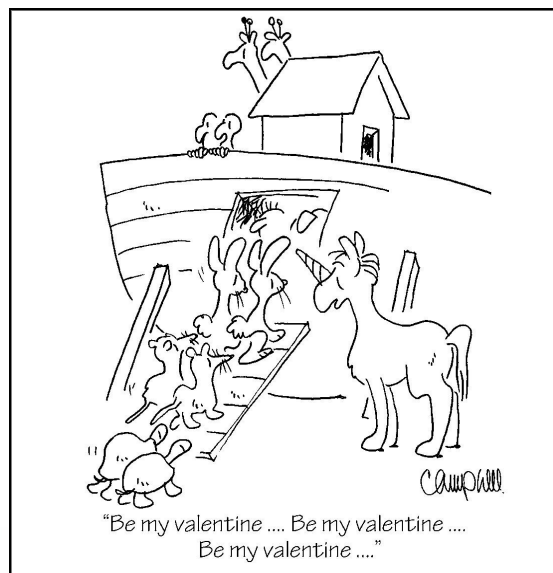
Respectfully submitted,

Peg Kingsley  
St. John's Congregational Council Secretary



# St. John's Team Spotlight

## Property Team



Ray Witt, Ryan Scovanner, Jacob Deehr, Don Johnson  
and Team Leader, Jeff Justi Absent: Bob Stacy

## New Member Sunday

On Sunday, February 23rd the St. John's church family will be blessed to receive two new sisters into our fellowship. We welcome Lisa Fryer and Toni Nossaman. Please take time to welcome and get to know them better. Lisa transfers from St. John Lutheran Church Groton and Toni transfers from St. Paul Lutheran Church Sandusky.



A FAMILY OF  
DISCIPLES,  
FAITHFULLY MAKING  
CHRIST KNOWN

# February 2020

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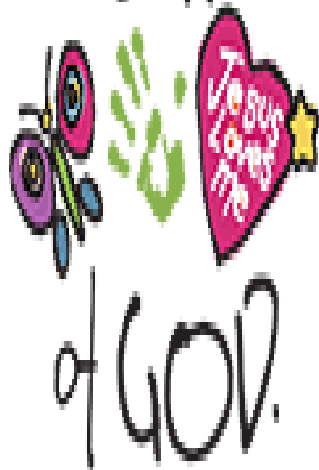
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CHILDREN



ROMANS 8:16

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2 Flowers: 3  
Intergenerational  
Sunday School  
9am  
Fellowship  
9:45 am



9 Flowers:  
Annual Meeting  
and Pot-luck fol-  
lows wor-  
ship

16 Flowers: 17



23 Flowers  
New Mem-  
ber Sunday



24  
Quilting  
Session  
9:00 am

4  
Church  
Council  
7:00 pm

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Second  
Tuesday  
Small  
Groups  
5:30 pm

18 Wom-  
en's Bible  
Study meet  
at Vine &  
Olive-  
12:00 noon

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Ushers:  
2/2-Chuck  
Thompson  
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19 Book  
Study at  
Vine &  
Olive  
10:00 am  
Choir  
6:30 pm

26 Ash  
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pm



Ushers:  
2/16 & 2/23  
Jeff Justi

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13  
Joy Time  
6-7:30 pm  
At St. Paul

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27 Finance  
Team—  
10:00 am in  
Upper Rm.

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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  
Sandy & Chuck Thompson

**February 2nd**  
Communion Glasses/Fellowship

**February 16th**—Communion

**March 1st**  
Communion Glasses/Fellowship

## Altar Flowers

Feb. 2—  
9—  
16—  
23—

## Birthdays

Feb. 3 —Kylie Ross  
4 —Greg Finkenbine  
10 —Sally Kelley  
10 —Ray Witt  
18 —David Voight  
Emily Isabel Young  
22 —Cara Stacy, Lisa Chill  
23 —Sue Lucht  
24 —Dawson Dillender  
25 —Kevin Young, Ted Call  
26 —Randy Deehr  
27—Julie Deehr

## YOUTH TIME LEADERS

Feb. 2—William Lucht  
9—Pastor Stacy  
17—Pastor Stacy  
23—Allison Young

## Worship Leaders

### LAY READERS

Feb. 2—Kevin Young  
9—Ann Voight  
16—Jason Steckel  
23—

### COMMUNION ASSISTANT

Feb 2—Ann Voight  
16—Jim Semon, Sr.

