

March



But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.” Luke 15:32

The season of Lent offers a wonderful time to gather for worship, read scripture, pray, care for others and the world God made, and reflect on how the Spirit has been moving in our own lives. There is a lot happening in our congregation this month as we work to do these exact things. You are invited to find a place to join us as we prepare our hearts for the cross and then the good news of the resurrection on Easter morning.

After listening to feedback over the previous few Lenten seasons, we have found that most people want a bit of everything. We want a safe place for families to gather and bring all of the wiggles that come from being cooped up during the winter months and spending days in school. We want a quiet place for contemplation and reflection. We want to pray and learn and worship and care for each other. And we want to reach beyond our walls and share Jesus’ love with the world that God created.

This year during Lent, our Wednesday dinners will try to do all of the above—but each thing won’t happen every Wednesday. Our theme will be Prodigal God, and we will look at the story from both sons’ and the father’s perspectives. Some weeks, we will be upstairs in the sanctuary with candles, chanting, and a sermon. Other weeks, we will be in the basement with a project that will touch the artistic parts of our brains. We will pray and sing and talk with each other. Every week, we will begin with a meal.

I hope that you will join us each week on Wednesdays as we explore the story of the Prodigal God. It’s a wonderful time to come together in fellowship and worship, and you are an important part of that.

I pray that during this Lenten season your heart is stirred again and you experience Jesus’ love anew.

Walking with you in Christ,
Pastor Stacy

ST. JOHN’S NEWS

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- *Summer Day Camp*
- *Birthdays*
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- *March Calendar*
- *St. John’s Council and Teams 2020*
- *Scholarship Fund Drive*
- *Movie Night*

Hear the Silence

"A time to keep silence, and a time to speak."
Ecclesiastes 3:7b

Silence sounds in
wind in the desert,
waves crashing on seashore,
leaves rustling in trees.

Silence sounds when
no human voice speaks,
no machines make their noise.

Only the sounds of nature's earth.
God reveals
through silent sounds.
I hear God speak
unspoken words.

I hear God speak
in the sound of silence.

The season of Lent began with Ash Wednesday, February 26th with the "Imposition of Ashes."



Wednesdays in Lent will include soup and sandwich supper, prayer, fellowship, discussion, and worship. A sign-up list is on the Welcome Table to provide food for soup suppers. Plan to join us for this special time of worship, food, and fellowship!



UPCOMING EASTER EVENTS

Easter Egg Hunt for our youth will be held on Easter morning during the Easter breakfast. If you would like to help with the hunt see Lori Stacy. Donations of individually wrapped candy would be much appreciated. Please leave candy in the kitchen and mark for egg hunt.



Easter Breakfast

Men of St. John! It's time to plan for the annual Easter breakfast on Sunday, April 12, 2020. Watch for further details in the upcoming bulletins.



March Birthdays

Mar. 1 —Kassidy Burdue
8 —Keith Schlessman
16—Marcia Giordano
18 —Brian Wilson
19 —Bonny Ambos
21 —David Young
24 —Todd Ross
25 —Kathleen Rudiger
31 —Heather Ruggles



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 Gruffalos Child. Each movie lasts about 18-20 minutes. Intermission between the movies for supper.

Mar. 3—

Happy Anniversary
to Ann and Ray
Witt.



Anniversary/Birthday Blessings

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.



ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
February 4, 2020

CALL TO ORDER: Ann Voight called the meeting to order at 7 PM. Ann welcomed guests: Ray Witt, representing the Property Team; Allison Young, representing the Safety Team; and Heather Ruggles and Sandy Thompson; members elect for 2020. Ann led us in prayer.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ann Voight, Kevin Young, Peg Kingsley, Ron Zorn, Barry Laird, Bob Krawetzki,

EXCUSED: Jerrie Krawetzki, Pastor Stacy, Jeff Justi, Paula Hoffman Laws

MINUTES: Ron Zorn moved and Bob Krawetzki seconded that we accept minutes, as written, from the January Council meeting on January 7th and the Special Council meeting on January 26th. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

TREASURER'S REPORT: As of January 31, 2020, Ron Zorn reported:

	Annual	YTD	Last Year	Month
<u>Item</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>YTD Actu-</u>	<u>Only</u>
Offerings (Ordinary Income)	\$164,073	\$12,745	\$8,488	\$12,745
<u>Expenses</u>				
Pastor	\$79,193	\$10,516	\$6,073	\$10,516
Parsonage Expenses	\$5,795	\$529	\$425	\$529
Taxes \ Insurance	\$10,700	\$214	\$149	\$214
Office Expenses	\$19,430	\$2,782	\$1,637	\$2,782
Church Expenses	\$35,055	\$3,323	\$3,195	\$3,323
Benevolence \ Other	\$13,900	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
Total Expenses	\$164,073	\$18,364	\$12,479	\$18,364
Net Ordinary Income	\$0	(\$5,619)	(\$3,991)	(\$5,619)

Peg Kingsley moved and Bob Krawetzki seconded that we accept the treasurer's report as written. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

PASTOR STACY'S REPORT: Written report submitted. Council appreciates Pastor Stacy's organized and well planned reports.

FAITH/LIFE TEAM: Written report submitted. Faith/Life has a busy schedule planned for the year including monthly mission projects.

WORSHIP TEAM: Written report submitted. Sandy Thompson reported that the Soup Suppers during this year's Lenten season will begin at 5:45 PM followed by worship at 6:30 PM.

FINANCE TEAM: Written Report submitted. The Finance Team will be giving a presentation of what they do and will answer any questions on March 1st at 9:45 AM during Fellowship.

PROPERTY TEAM: Ray Witt reported that their team presentation on Feb. 2nd during Fellowship went very well.

OLD BUSINESS:

FLAME: Bob Krawetzki reported there is approximately \$3000 in the FLAME treasury. FLAME members have decided to give \$500 to the St. Paul's boy's basketball program, \$200 to help with expenses for an April seminar on opiate addiction, and the rest of the money will be given to help fund Joytime and the Life Tree Café. Karen Munster will be in charge of the dispersal of these funds.

Council Prayer: Council requests St. John's congregation pray for the upcoming 2020 Council members that they will serve as examples of witness and learning to our congregation.

Team Leading Month: Fellowship in March will be at 9:45 AM. Finance Team will be available for questions.

NEW BUSINESS:

New Audio Board needed: Barry reported that Bill Lucht has notified him that Rex Rickley will no longer be helping us with our audio system. Richard Hawkins will be working with the Property Team and anyone else interested in helping with getting a new audio board purchased and installed. When Barry gets quotes for this cost he will take them to the Property Team and they will then make recommendations to the Finance Team.

Phone for Pastor Stacy: Ron Zorn reported that the Finance Team has been considering purchasing a cell phone to be used for Pastor Stacy's church related use. Further information from Pastor Stacy is needed.

Safety Team Update: Allison Young presented the work that the Safety Team has done during the past year. There are many facets of this report and all of them are a work in progress at this point. The Safety Team has made a list of infrastructure suggestions which now goes to the Property Team for their input. Both teams will be doing a walk-through of the church to discuss implementation of these suggestions. Council members expressed their gratitude to the Safety Team for their work on this very important facet of our church and its future. Implementation of many of these suggestions should be done as soon as possible.

REMINDERS:

February 9, 2020: Annual Congregational Meeting after worship and Potluck.

March 1, 2020: 9:45 Financial Ministry Team –Fellowship Hall

Ann Voight expressed Council's thanks for the years of work Bob Krawetzki and Barry Laird have given to St. John's Congregational Council as they conclude their terms of service. We hope they continue to be involved in many future projects at St. John's. She also thanked Colleen Shupe for the good work she has done during her years as our treasurer. Council members then expressed their sincere appreciation and gratitude for Ann's work as she concludes her term as Council president this year. Under her leadership the new format of Council representatives was implemented successfully and our Constitution has been updated to more accurately reflect our daily operations. She will serve this next year as an ex-officio member of Council.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Peg Kingsley
Secretary



Day camp is coming! Our camp begins on Monday, June 15, 2020, and runs through Friday, June 19, 2020. It is a fun, and faith-filled week-long experience, and registrations are now being accepted! Due to the overwhelming interest in this program, we have expanded the number of allowable campers to 40! Please make sure you sign up quickly, as we have had a waiting list for the past two years!

Our preschool registration is open to the first ten students (must be potty trained,) and meets on Mon, June 15, Wed, June 17, and Fri, June 19, from 10:00 am -12:00 pm. The cost for this "mini" day camp is \$10.00

Just imagine, a week of camp without leaving home! Activities include crafts, singing, games, sports, Bible study, and more.

Zion, St. John's, and experienced college-aged counselors from Lutheran Outdoor Ministries in Ohio (LOMO) provide these exciting experiences. We hope you will join us!

Each day begins at 10:00 am and ends at 4:00 pm. Daily lunch and snacks are provided. Please pick up a registration form in the back of the church. If you are interested in volunteering, we need your help! Please let Pastor Stacy know!

St. John Church Council 2020

President: Kevin Young
VP: Heather Ruggles
Secretary: Peg Kingsley
Treasurer: Ron Zorn
Faith Life Rep: Paula Hoffman
Property Rep: Jeff Justi
Financial Rep: Ron Zorn
Worship Rep: Sandy Thompson
Past Pres: Ann Voight

Team Leader:
Endowment: John Miller



LILY ORDER FORM

We will beautify our sanctuary with Easter Lilies on Easter morning.
Please place your order in the offering plate by Sunday, March 31st.

5 Blooms & Up \$12.00

No. of plants _____ @ \$12.00 each _____

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: St. John's Lutheran Church

NAME _____

IN LOVING MEMORY OF (Deceased) _____

IN HONOR OF (Living) _____



Finance Team

RESPONSIBILITIES OF FINANCIAL MINISTRY TEAM

Assist the treasurer and St. John's Congregational Council with financial oversight, including reporting requirements.

Make recommendations and develop guidelines about the financial operations of St. John's.

With the treasurer, develop the fiscal year budget and request input from appropriate teams and the pastor: provide budget assumptions and a recommendation to Congregational Council for a budget to be recommended to the St. John's congregation at the Annual Meeting; develop this budget in the 4th quarter of the fiscal year.

Evaluate the pastor's compensation package as necessary and make recommendations concerning the package to Congregational Council

Be involved in the internal review process at the end of each fiscal year and report results of the review to the St. John's congregation at the Annual meeting.

Assure minutes are taken at each meeting and send a copy to the Congregational Council president a week prior to the next Congregational Council meeting.



The team members are L to R: Kevin Young, ex official member, Pastor Stacy, Ann Voight, Peg Kingsley, Ron Zorn (elected representative) and Kathy Scheid.



Firelands Lutherans Active in Mission
Working to make Christ known in the community by building
connective programs and cooperative ministries among us
Grace, Castalia - St. John's Union Corners - St. John's, Bellevue - St. Paul, Sandusky
St. Peter, Norwalk - Trinity, Sandusky - Zion, Sandusky - Zion, Huron
www.flame-elca.com

In November of 2019, after much thought and prayer, the Firelands Lutherans Active in Mission Board voted to disband the Board. There are many reasons for this decision and feel free to ask your former representative for details. On January 30, 2020 the Board unanimously voted to dispense of all remaining funds by donating \$500 to St. Paul's to assist with the Brothers of Basketball program, \$200 to the FLAME Opioid Crisis Seminar, and the remainder of the funds to be divided between the JOY Time and Life Tree Café programs to help those programs continue.

Please note, however, that this does not mean an end to FLAME. Hopefully, our congregations as the Firelands Lutherans Active in Mission will continue to carry on with the Boards goals of faithful witness and service by making Christ known in our communities. We pray that our Lutheran congregations will continue to work with one another on connective programs and cooperative ministries.

Sandusky Area Lutherans in Mission, FLAME's previous name, was founded with an afternoon worship service led by Bishop Marcus Lohrmann at Resurrection Lutheran Church on the Feast of St. Matthew, Sunday, September 21, 2003. Since 2003 FLAME has promoted projects such as supporting the Lutheran Memorial Home, Crop Walk, Kairos prison ministry, Habitat for Humanity, evangelists from Tanzania, Care and Share and other local food banks, Erie County Senior Center, and the Crossroads Homeless Shelter. Together we held the first Cardboard City, Daybreak I and II, and enjoyed the combined choir and several joint worship services. We helped raise funds and donations after the Alabama tornadoes in 2011. We helped sponsor Walk for Water, the Recovery Walk, the Flint Water Crisis, Bridges Out of Poverty, Breakfasts for First Responders, and two community workshops on church security. Since 2014 we have sponsored JOY Time, a faith-based ministry for developmentally challenged adults. We have supported our youth attending national conventions. We have fed the community through St. John's Giving Garden and celebrated its success with an annual Corn Potluck. We celebrated the 500 year anniversary of the Reformation with a community concert, floral mound, and the screening of Martin Luther's life at a local theater. We have shared God's word through Lifetree Café at the Huron Library and Zion, Huron. When the immigration crisis hit locally, we helped the broken families through St. Paul Catholic church. The list could go on, hopefully through you it will.

The bishop has declared this year the year of mission. The Board prays that we continue to work on shared ministry. We do more together and we do better together. Our strength is in our unity. Please continue to nurture one another and promote our common identity as Lutherans by reaching out to our community and beyond.

Thank you for your many years of financial support.

In His service, your FLAME Board,

Bob & Jerrie Krawetzki, Karen Munsterman, Cathy Wobser, Michelle Schaffer, Martha Thompson, Millie McCready, Tim Schwanger, Jane Ann Cummings, Pr. Ann Marshall, Steve Lippert, and Deanna Ridenour

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:

Jenny & Mike Ladny for health concerns with baby Finn. Good friends of the Tommas family, Ray Smith, and the Ruggles family.

Family of Tom Eagan – Bliss sisters grieving the loss of their brother-in-law.

Connie Deehr – In need of our prayers.

Mike Dawson—dealing with cancer

Congregational Council requests St. John's congregation to pray for your 2020 Council members to serve as examples in worship, witness, service and learning.

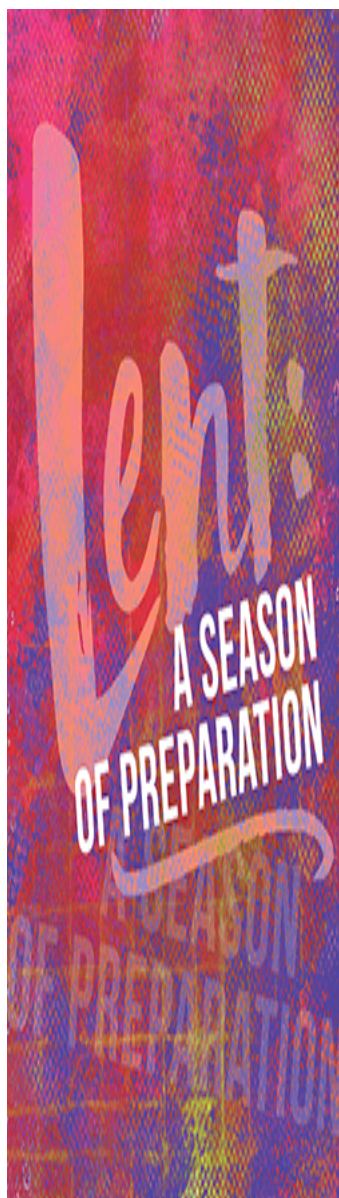
SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISING

Beginning in **May** we will be raising money for the St. John's Scholarship Fund. The fund benefits college, Seminary students and anyone who is doing continuing education or training beyond high school that is a member of this congregation. We need your financial help to ensure that these scholarships will continue to be available. Please give prayerful thought to help with this special ministry at St. John's this May.



A FAMILY OF
DISCIPLES,
FAITHFULLY MAKING

March 2020



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Ushers: Chuck Thompson						
1 Flowers: 2 Kathy Strayer memory of Bob		3 Council 7:00 pm	4 Lenten 5:45 -Soup supper 6:30 pm- Worship 7:00-Choir	5	6	7
8 Flowers	9 Quilting Session 9:00 am	10 2nd Tuesdays Small Groups Meet from 5:30-7 pm	11 Book Study-10 am Vine&Olive Lenten 5:45 -Soup supper 6:30 pm- Worship 7:00-Choir	12 10:00 am Faith Life	13	14
15 Flow- ers:	16	17 Ladies Bible Study at Vine & Olive 12 noon Worship Team-6 pm	18 Lenten 5:45—Soup supper 6:30 pm- Worship 7:00-Choir	19	20	21
New Member Sunday						
22 Flow- ers:	23 9:00 am Quilting Session	24	25 Lenten 5:45 -Soup supper 6:30 pm- Worship 7:00-Choir	26 Finance Team—10 am in Upper Rm	27	28
29 Flowers	30	31				



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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 Worship Leaders

Allison & Kevin Young
Sandy & Chuck Thompson

March 1st
Communion Glasses
Lenten Soup Suppers setup each
week

March 15th
Communion Service

Altar Flowers

Mar. 1— Kathy Strayer memory of
Bob
8—
15—
22—
29—

Lay Readers
March 1—Paula Hoffman
8—Kevin Young
15—
22—Melinda Zorn
29—

Communion Assistants
Mar. 1—Jim Semon, Sr.
15—



Spring Forward!
Remember to turn your clocks
ahead on Sunday,
March 8th. Day-
light Savings Time
begins at 2:00 a.m.
on the second Sun-
day in March.



ST. JOHN'S HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

Thank you for your faithfulness to our
homebound members.

June Gorga: Portland House, 3808 Ven-
ice Rd. Sandusky, OH 44870 (Mother of
Nancy Osbun) now in hospice care

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 Ad-
miral's Pointe, 1920 Cleveland Rd W. Hu-
ron, Oh 44839

Norma & Lou Zorn: At home

Janet Meinert: At home