

The birds of the air  
make nests in its shade

MARK 4:32



St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church  
June 13, 2021

**ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
106 Scheid Road, Sandusky, OH 44870  
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Worship in the Park 9:00 a.m. Zoom Worship 10:30 a.m.

**Stacy Lauer-Scovanner, Pastor**

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**June 13, 2021**

**Third Sunday after Pentecost**

Welcome to Worship! The mustard seed becomes a great shrub that shelters the birds, recalling ancient images of the tree of life. We'd expect a cedar or a sequoia, but Jesus finds the power of God better imaged in a tiny, no-account seed. It's not the way we expect divine activity to look. Yet the tree of life is here, in the cross around which we gather, the tree into which we are grafted through baptism, the true vine that nourishes us with its fruit in the cup we share. It may not appear all that impressive, but while nobody's looking it grows with a power beyond our understanding.

Welcome and Announcements

*Please stand*

**Gathering**

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

**Confession and Forgiveness**

In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved**

our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

**Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## **Gathering Hymn**

*“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”* Cranberry Hymnal **807**  
9:00 worship all verses/Zoom vs. 1 & 3

1 Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,  
tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
call for songs of loudest praise.  
While the hope of endless glory  
fills my heart with joy and love,  
teach me ever to adore thee;  
may I still thy goodness prove.

3 Oh, to grace how great a debtor  
daily I'm constrained to be;  
let that grace now like a fetter  
bind my wand'ring heart to thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it;  
prone to leave the God I love.  
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it;  
seal it for thy courts above.

2 Here I raise my Ebenezer:  
"Hither by thy help I've come";  
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,  
safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
wand'ring from the fold of God;  
he, to rescue me from danger,  
interposed his precious blood.

## **Greeting**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## **Canticle of Praise**

Canticle continues on pages 4-5.

*Refrain*



Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

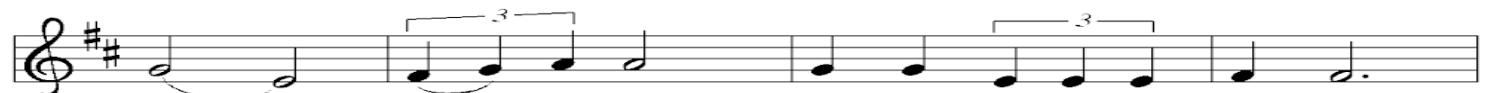
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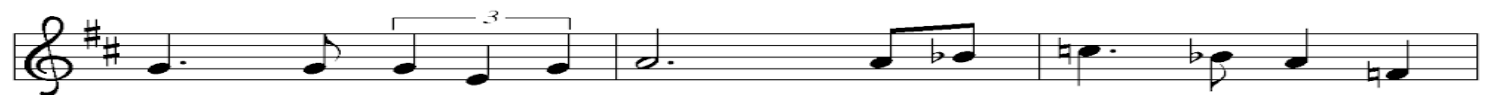
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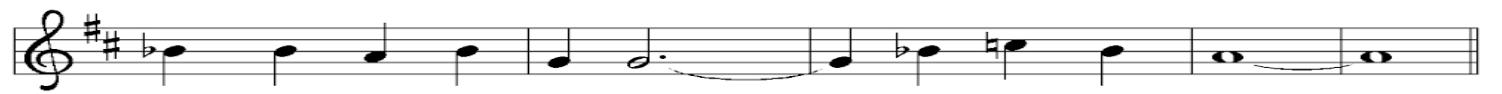
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the

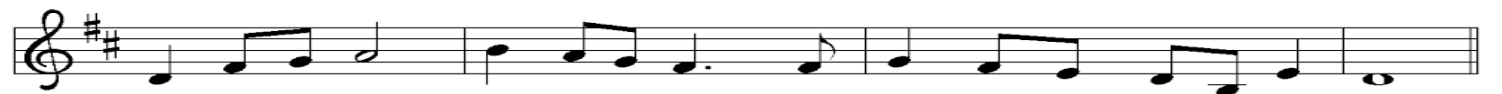


right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

*Refrain*



Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



3 For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spir-it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.



Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on



earth, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

### Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

*Please be seated*



## First Lesson: Ezekiel 17:22-24

A reading from Ezekiel.

*Tree imagery is used in a messianic prophecy to tell how the LORD will choose someone from Judah's royal family (the cedar tree) to reign over all creation. This tree will be planted on Mount Zion, the location of the holy temple.*

<sup>22</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD:

I myself will take a sprig  
from the lofty top of a cedar;  
I will set it out.

I will break off a tender one  
from the topmost of its young twigs;  
I myself will plant it  
on a high and lofty mountain.

<sup>23</sup>On the mountain height of Israel  
I will plant it,  
in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit,  
and become a noble cedar.  
Under it every kind of bird will live;  
in the shade of its branches will nest  
winged creatures of every kind.

<sup>24</sup>All the trees of the field shall know  
that I am the LORD.  
I bring low the high tree,  
I make high the low tree;  
I dry up the green tree  
and make the dry tree flourish.  
I the LORD have spoken;  
I will accomplish it.

The word of the Lord.      **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15 (Read responsively)

<sup>1</sup>It is a good thing to give thanks to the LORD,  
to sing praise to your name, O Most High;  
<sup>2</sup>**to herald your love in the morning  
and your faithfulness at night;**  
<sup>3</sup>on the psaltery, and on the lyre,  
and to the melody of the harp.

<sup>4</sup>**For you have made me glad by your acts, O LORD;  
and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.**

<sup>12</sup>The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree,  
and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.

<sup>13</sup>**Those who are planted in the house of the LORD  
shall flourish in the courts of our God;**

<sup>14</sup>they shall still bear fruit in old age;  
they shall be green and succulent;

<sup>15</sup>**that they may show how upright the LORD is,  
my rock, in whom there is no injustice.**

## **Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 [11-13] 14-17**

A reading from 2 Corinthians.

*Paul encourages believers to live by faith and not by sight. We do not consider Jesus from a human perspective but through the eyes of faith, believing he died for all and was raised. All who are in Christ are now in God's new creation.*

<sup>6</sup>So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—<sup>7</sup>for we walk by faith, not by sight. <sup>8</sup>Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. <sup>9</sup>So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. <sup>10</sup>For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

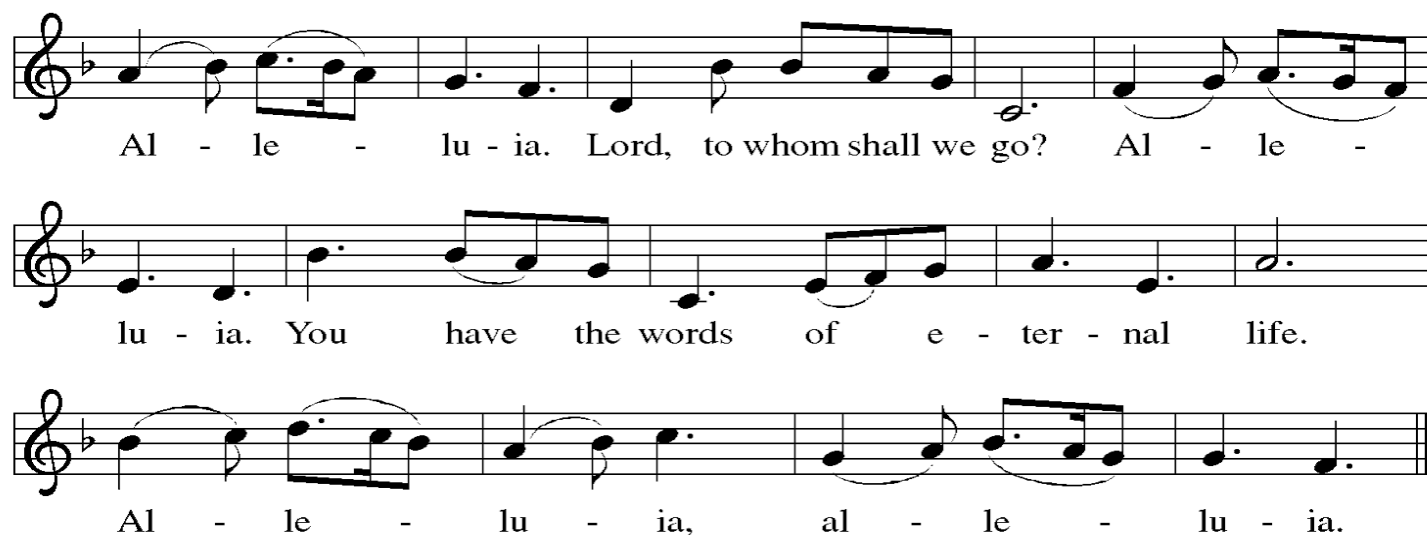
[<sup>11</sup>Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. <sup>12</sup>We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. <sup>13</sup>For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. ] <sup>14</sup>For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. <sup>15</sup>And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

<sup>16</sup>From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. <sup>17</sup>So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

The word of the Lord.   **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

## Gospel Acclamation



## Gospel: Mark 4:26-34

Pastor: The holy gospel according to Mark.

Cong: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Jesus frequently uses parables to teach ordinary people as they are able to hear and understand. Images of sowing and growing show the vitality of God's kingdom.*

<sup>26</sup>[Jesus] said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground,<sup>27</sup> and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. <sup>28</sup>The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. <sup>29</sup>But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

<sup>30</sup>He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? <sup>31</sup>It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; <sup>32</sup>yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

<sup>33</sup>With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; <sup>34</sup>he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

The gospel of the Lord.

The Gospel of the Lord     **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated*



## Sermon

### Hymn of the Day

*"We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus"*  
Vs. 1 & 3

Cranberry Hymnal 451

1 We are baptized in Christ Jesus,  
we are baptized in his death;  
that as Christ is raised victorious,  
we might live a brand new life.  
And if we have been united  
in a dreadful death like his,  
we will all be reunited, for he lives

3 Glory be to God the Father,  
glory be to Christ the Son,  
glory to the Holy Spirit,  
ever three and ever one;  
as it was in the beginning,  
glory now resounds again  
in a song that has no ending. Amen

### Apostles' Creed

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.\* On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

**Amen**

*\*Or, He descended to the dead.*

**Prayers of the people:** Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

### Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

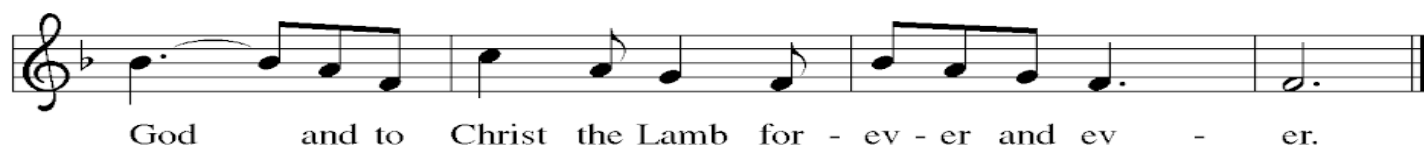
**And also with you.**

### Offering

We give back to God what God first gives us. Offering can be mailed in to the church at 106 Scheid Road, Sandusky OH 44870, by texting give to 614-389-9681, or given on our church website.

# Canticle of Thanksgiving

*Refrain*



## Thanksgiving For The Word

Let us pray.

O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

**Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen**

## Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✝ give you peace.

**Amen**

## Sending Hymn

*"Go, My Children, with My Blessing"*

Cranberry Hymnal **543**

9:00 worship all vs. /Zoom vs. 1 & 3

1 Go, my children, with my blessing,  
never alone.  
Waking, sleeping, I am with you,  
you are my own.  
In my love's baptismal river  
I have made you mine forever.  
Go, my children, with my blessing,  
you are my own."

2 "Go, my children, sins forgiven,  
at peace and pure.  
Here you learned how much I love you,  
what I can cure.  
Here you heard my dear Son's story,  
here you touched him, saw his glory.  
Go, my children, sins forgiven,  
at peace and pure."

3 "Go, my children, fed and nourished,  
closer to me.  
Grow in love and love by serving,  
joyful and free.  
Here my Spirit's power filled you,  
here my tender comfort stilled you.  
Go, my children, fed and nourished,  
joyful and free."

### **Dismissal**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### **Postlude**

Morgan Noon

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### 2021: The Year of Generosity Memory Verse

Matthew 6:21 **"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."**

**Council prayers:** We ask the members of St. John's to pray this month for one another as we move back to worship in the sanctuary, and to respect one another's choices.

**Honoring our grads!** Congratulations and God's blessings to our graduates as they move on to higher education and into the business world.

**High School: Kylie Ross** graduated from EHOVE on Saturday, May 28<sup>th</sup> and Saturday June 5<sup>th</sup> from Margareta. Kylie will attend the University of Findlay this fall studying Equine Studies and Business Analytics.

**Valerie Deehr** graduated from Edison High School on Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup>. Valerie will attend BGSU majoring in Education.

### **College**

**Aaron Rolland Schlessman** graduated from Bowling Green State University in May. Aaron received his Bachelor of Science and Computer Science and is living in Sagamore Heights, OH.

**Christine Deehr** graduated from Bowling Green State University during the 2020 pandemic receiving her Master's Degree in Public Administration and employed by a non-profit organization in Defiance. Our belated congratulations to Christine.

**Scholarship applications** will be available beginning June 1, 2021 for members of St. John attending post-secondary education. Application forms can be obtained by sending an email to Lori Stacy at [loristacy3@gmail.com](mailto:loristacy3@gmail.com). A form will be sent to you. Please print out the form and complete it with your information and mail it to the church:

St John Lutheran Church  
c/o the Scholarship Team  
106 Scheid Rd.  
Sandusky, Ohio 44870

**Applications must be returned by June 30, 2021 to be eligible for the scholarship.** Recipients will be announced in July or August.

**New Book Club:** Next month, we begin "A Year of Biblical Womanhood" by Rachel Held Evans. We hope many people will enjoy reading this. Weather permitting, we will meet at Strickfaden Park on June 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM.

**Pick your favorite hymn!** We know that you've missed singing. **Please let me know what your favorite hymns are so we can sing them this summer!** Pastor Stacy

**Sunday, June 13th we will have worship at Nickel Plate Park** at 9 and on Zoom at 10:30. We will be celebrating Family Day this year by honoring St. John's family of disciples for the loving care given to each other during 2020. Come to the park for worship to receive a candy bar and those worshipping on Zoom candy bars will be available by the elevator entryway at the church. Stop and pick one up.

### **Directions to Nickel Plate Park**

Go to Huron

Take Rt. 2 over the bridge to Berlin Rd. turn left onto Berlin Rd.

Berlin Rd. until it ends. Turn right until street ends. Turn left and travel up to the park.

**Worship in the Sanctuary:** Now that we will be returning to the sanctuary without any restrictions, we are in need of your help. Multiple new charts are posted for ushers, lay readers, communion assistants along with the flower chart. Please give prayerful thought to helping out with these ministry opportunities.

### **Small Groups:**

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I pray that you are well! As we journey through the pandemic, I know that we miss each other tremendously. This summer, we are going to work on reconnecting and sharing what has transpired in our lives over the last year.

We have eight small groups that will be forming over the next week. Each group will have ten or less people, and will be focused on a theme. Groups meet 1-2 times a month and will end in September. As the group forms, it will determine when and where it will meet. Some groups will have more Bible study, others will have conversation and activities. I hope that you'll consider joining a group and will let me know by Monday what you might be interested in!

### **Craft Group led by Allison Young**

This group will meet at Allison's home and do a different craft each time. She is already prepared with an announcement! This group will start with magnetic memo boards. Join us on June 8th at 7:00. Allison's house. 5707 Hayes Ave, Sandusky, OH 44870. Call ahead so we have enough materials. If you want a certain color, call before June 4th and let me know what color you want. These crafts are for all skill levels and will be completed in about an hour.

### **Walking Group led by Marcia Giordano**

This group will gather for a prayer and conversation and will walk together



Kids and Families led by Rita Zorn

Even in the summer kids need space to play and caregivers need a space to talk! Here, kids can play together while the grown ups catch up and support one another.

Relaxed and Bible Study/Conversations

two groups, one led by Sandy Thompson and the other by Bill Lucht

These groups will have some Bible study, some conversation, and lots of supporting one another.

Men's Group led by Jason Shupe

Men are invited around the campfire for drinks and conversation.

Gardening led by Ray Witt

This group will gather in the Giving Garden for talking, weeding, and tending the plants.

Dinner led by Melissa and Andy Gundlach

This group will gather for dinner, conversation, and support.

There are so many groups, and I hope you will let me know which one interests you the most! I encourage you to invite friends, because these will be safe places to ask questions, ponder life, laugh, and talk. As we reconnect and hear again how God loves us, let us visit with friends new and old.

Blessings,

Pastor Stacy

**Berlin Heights Kiwanis Club Shoe Drive** asks for your help in gathering lightly worn or slightly used shoes, sneakers, sandals, flip flops & boots – any size by **June 15th!** The drive benefits young entrepreneurs that will resell the shoes & establish new businesses in Togo, Mali, Haiti, Honduras, Indonesia and Poland. Drop off locations: Berlin Heights Library, Milan Library, Zion Lutheran in Huron, St. Peter's Catholic in Huron, Berlin Heights UCC Church, St. Anthony's Catholic in Milan. A box will also be at St. John's. Any questions, please contact Bob Krawetzki.

**The property team** will meet June 10 at 7:00 pm via Zoom. This will be a brief meeting to catch up on what's been happening with our church property and discussion on some future projects. I hope to see you on June 10 - All are invited! Jon Baaske, Property Team leader. My contact information is [jonbaaske@hotmail.com](mailto:jonbaaske@hotmail.com) and my cell is 440.915.5071.

## June Birthdays

June 4—Dave Zorn

Bill Deehr

5—Melinda Zorn

8—Connie Deehr

11—Marissa Semon

13—Paul Knott

18—Suzie Leigh

19—Phyllis Stengel

Owen Reed

20—Ruth Knupke, Emily Zorn

24—Kathy Strayer

26—Cindy Schlessman

## June Anniversaries

June 14—Randy and Julie Deehr

21—Ann and Dave Voight

Scott & Terri Riley

25—Paul and Phyllis Stengel

**Endowment Grant Applications** are being accepted for 2022. Please contact a member of the endowment team and they will be glad to mail you an application. The requests need to be presented to the Endowment committee no later than October 15, 2021. You can mail the application back to the church, put your request in the endowment mailbox in the basement or present it to any member of the committee. The committee members are John Miller, Mary K Schlessman, Jeff Justi, Bob Stacy, Colleen Shupe, Ron Zorn, Pastor Stacy and Kevin Young. If you have any questions, please see a member of the endowment committee.

St John's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Union Corners  
2021 Month and YTD summary of Ordinary Income/(loss)  
as compared to 2021 budget

### Offerings

### Expenses

### Ordinary Income/(loss)

#### MONTH

Actual May 2021	\$18,761	\$16,162	\$ 2,599
Budget May 2021	\$13,740	\$13,740	\$

#### YEAR TO DATE

Actual May 2021	\$63,230	\$ 64,605	\$(1,375)
YTD			
Budget May YTD	\$68,700	\$ 68,700	\$ -
2021			