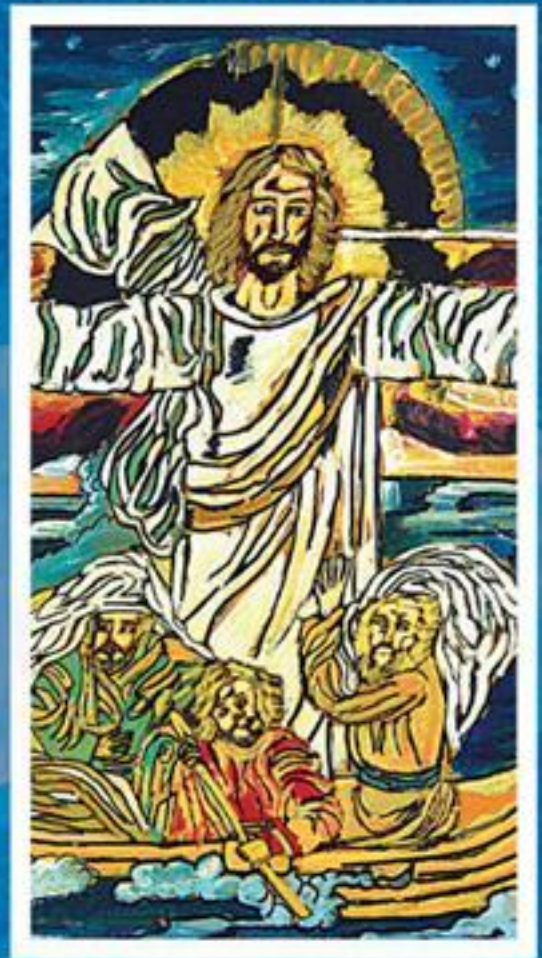


Even the wind
and the sea
obey him

MARK 4:41



St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church
June 23, 2024

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Sanctuary Worship 9:30 a.m. Live streamed to Facebook

Stacy Lauer-Scovanner, Pastor

June 23, 2024

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome to Worship! Now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation! Now we are in the storm, the boat almost swamped; but Jesus is here now, and when we call him, he will calm the storm. Even the wind and waves listen to him as they would to their creator. We also listen to him and are called to believe in the power of God's word in him, a power greater than all that we fear.

As Lutheran Christians, we believe and teach that Christ is truly present in the celebration of Holy Communion as he is God with us. Christians of all denominations are encouraged to come to the Lord's table. We commune children of any age who have received communion instruction at St. John or another Christian church. Children who have not yet received communion instruction will receive a blessing. Both red wine and white grape juice are offered to accommodate various traditions. Gluten free wafers are provided for those with dietary restrictions. Please make the pastor aware of your need.

We welcome and thank Pastor Phil Gardner for leading our worship this morning while Pastor Stacy is on sabbatical. Thank you to Linda Stauffer for sharing her gift of music today. If you are visiting today, please sign the guest register after worship. Plan to worship with us again next Sunday.

Bells

Welcome and announcements

Prelude

Please stand if you are able

Gathering

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

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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

Gracious God,

have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of **✝** Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

Gathering Hymn

“What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine”

ELW 774

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1 What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain

Leaning, leaning,
(*Leaning on Jesus, leaning on Jesus,*)
safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning, leaning, (*leaning on Jesus, leaning on Jesus,*)
leaning on the everlasting arms.

2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,
leaning on the everlasting arms. *Refrain*

3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
leaning on the everlasting arms. *Refrain*

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



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.



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.



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.

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

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O God of creation, eternal majesty, you preside over land and sea, sunshine and storm. By your strength pilot us, by your power preserve us, by your wisdom instruct us, and by your hand protect us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated

First Reading: Job 38:1-11

At the end of the book of Job, after Job and his companions have argued about the cause of the great suffering Job endures, God finally speaks. These verses begin that speech, which is a grand vision of creation, describing God's ordering of the cosmos and inviting Job to marvel at its beauty.

¹The LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind:

²“Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

³Gird up your loins like a man,

I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

⁴“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.

⁵Who determined its measurements—surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

⁶On what were its bases sunk,

or who laid its cornerstone

⁷when the morning stars sang together

and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

⁸“Or who shut in the sea with doors

when it burst out from the womb?—

⁹when I made the clouds its garment,

and thick darkness its swaddling band,

¹⁰and prescribed bounds for it,

and set bars and doors,

¹¹and said, “Thus far shall you come, and no farther,

and here shall your proud waves be stopped?””

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32 (Read responsively)

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good,
for God's mercy endures forever.

²**Let the redeemed of the LORD proclaim
that God redeemed them from the hand of the foe,**

³gathering them in from the lands;

from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

²³**Some went down to the sea in ships,
plying their trade in deep waters.**

²⁴They beheld the works of the LORD,
 God's wonderful works in the deep.

²⁵**Then God spoke, and a stormy wind arose,
 which tossed high the waves of the sea.**

²⁶They mounted up to the heavens and descended to the depths;
 their souls melted away in their peril.

²⁷**They staggered and reeled like drunkards,
 and all their skill was of no avail.**

²⁸Then in their trouble they cried to the LORD,
 and you delivered them from their distress.

²⁹**You stilled the storm to a whisper
 and silenced the waves of the sea.**

³⁰Then were they glad when it grew calm,
 when you guided them to the harbor they desired.

³¹**Let them give thanks to you, LORD, for your steadfast love
 and your wonderful works for all people.**

³²Let them exalt you in the assembly of the people;
 in the council of the elders, let them sing hallelujah!

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 6:1-13

A reading from 2 Corinthians.

Paul and his fellow workers experience great hardships and even rejection while carrying out their missionary work. Nevertheless, Paul continuously proclaims that God has not rejected us but is graciously working for our salvation.

¹As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain.

²For he says,

“At an acceptable time I have listened to you,
 and on a day of salvation I have helped you.”

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! ³We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, ⁷truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and

see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

¹¹We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. ¹²There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. ¹³In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also.

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

Please stand

Gospel Acclamation

“Glorify Thy Name”

Text: Graham Kendrick Music: Graham Kendrick

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Musical score for "Glorify Thy Name" in 4/4 time. The score consists of four staves of music with lyrics underneath. The first staff has a key signature of one flat (F major/D minor) and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are: 1 Fa - ther, 2 Je - sus, we love you, we wor - ship and a - dore you, 3 Spir - it, glo - ri - fy thy name in all the earth; glo - ri - fy thy name, glo - ri - fy thy name, glo - ri - fy thy name in all the earth.

1 Fa - ther,
2 Je - sus, we love you, we wor - ship and a - dore you,
3 Spir - it,
glo - ri - fy thy name in all the earth;
glo - ri - fy thy name, glo - ri - fy thy name,
glo - ri - fy thy name in all the earth.

Gospel: Mark 4:35-41

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus' calming of the storm on the sea reveals his power over evil, since the sea represents evil and chaos. The boat on the sea is a symbol of the church and invites us to trust God amid life's turbulence.

³⁵When evening had come, [Jesus said to the disciples,] “Let us go across to the other side.” ³⁶And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he

was. Other boats were with him. ³⁷A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. ³⁸But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” ³⁹He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. ⁴⁰He said to them, “Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?” ⁴¹And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”

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

Please be seated.

Sermon

Please stand if you are able

Pastor Phil Gardner

Hymn of the Day

“*My Life Flows On in Endless Song*”

ELW 763

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826-1899 Music: Robert Lowry, alt.

1 My life flows on in endless song;
above earth's lamentation,
I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn
that hails a new creation.

2 Through all the tumult and the strife,
I hear that music ringing.
It finds an echo in my soul.
How can I keep from singing? *Refrain*

Refrain

No storm can shake my inmost calm
while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,
how can I keep from singing?

3 What though my joys and comforts die?
The Lord my Savior liveth.
What though the darkness gather round?
Songs in the night he giveth. *Refrain*

4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,
a fountain ever springing!
All things are mine since I am his!
How can I keep from singing? *Refrain*

Prayers of the people:

Response: Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Please be seated

Offering

Please stand if you are able

Offertory

“Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful”



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980

Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923

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Offering Prayer

God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Thanksgiving at the Table

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
 and gave it for all to drink, saying:
 This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
 shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sin.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

The Lord's Prayer

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

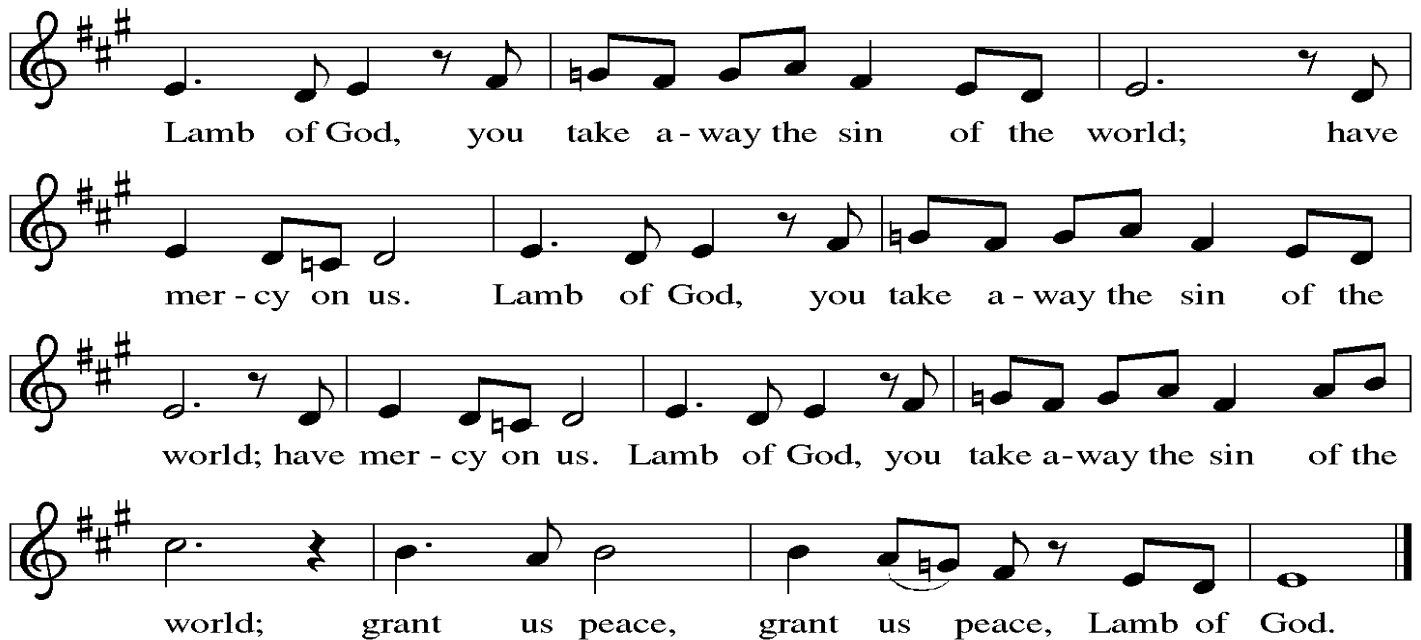
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the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

Invitation to Communion

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Please be seated

Communion Song



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
 mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
 world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

Distribution Hymn

"When Peace Like a River"

ELW 785

Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828-1888

Music: Philip P. Bliss, 1838-1876

1 When peace like a river attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll,
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
it is well, it is well with my soul.

Refrain

It is well (it is well)
with my soul, (with my soul.)
it is well, it is well with my soul.

4 Lord, hasten the day when our faith shall be
sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
the trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall
descend;
even so it is well with my soul. *Refrain*

2 Though Satan should buffet, though trials
should come,
let this blest assurance control,
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
and has shed his own blood for my soul.

Refrain

3 He lives--oh, the bliss of this glorious
thought;
my sin, not in part, but the whole,
is nailed to his cross and I bear it no more.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

Refrain

Distribution Hymn

“Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me”

ELW 767

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836-1879, alt. Music: Robert Schumann, 1810-1856

1 Lord, take my hand and lead me
upon life's way;
direct, protect, and feed me
from day to day.
Without your grace and favor
I go astray;
so take my hand, O Savior,
and lead the way.

3 Lord, when the shadows lengthen
and night has come,
I know that you will strengthen
my steps toward home,

2 Lord, when the tempest rages,
I need not fear;
for you, the Rock of Ages,
are always near.
Close by your side abiding,
I fear no foe,
for when your hand is guiding,
in peace I go.

then nothing can impede me,
O blessed Friend!
So, take my hand and lead me
unto the end.

Post Communion Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in
His care.

Amen

Prayer After Communion

Let us pray.

O God, our life, our strength, our food, we give you thanks for sustaining us with the body and blood of your Son. By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be his body in the world, that more and more we will give you praise and serve your earth and its many peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

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

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

ELW 773

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1 Precious Lord, take my hand,
Lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
Through the storm, through the night,
lead me on to the light.
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

2 When my way grows drear,
precious Lord, linger near,
when my life is almost gone,
hear my cry, hear my call,
hold my hand lest I fall.
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

3 When the darkness appears
and the night draws near,
and the day is past and gone,

At the river I stand,
guide my feet, hold my hand.
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

"Christ Is Alive, Let Christians Sing"

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2024: The Year of Rest Memory Verse

"So then, a sabbath rest still remains for the people of God" Hebrews 4:9

Council asks the congregation to pray for Pastor Stacy and her family as they travel for sabbatical. We pray that Pastor feels renewed, refreshed, and refilled with the Holy Spirit and that our congregation does the same, that together we may rededicate ourselves to doing God's work in the world.

Communion Clean-up today: Elizabeth Libben

June 30 - Set-up – Toni Nossaman Cleanup – Sue & Lynn Schlessman

Thank you for your willingness to help with this important ministry. If you would like to help out, please see Toni Nossaman, Joleen Dillender or Sandy Thompson.

It's time to take care of the Giving Garden: The garden group will start meeting every Tuesday morning at 9A.M. for weeding and fellowship.

Scholarship applications will be available during the month of June for members of St. John's attending post-secondary education. Application forms can be obtained at the church. Please complete the form 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, 2024 to be eligible for the scholarship.** Recipients will be announced in July or August.

Sabbatical Thanks: Thank you so much to everyone who is helping with things while I am on sabbatical. I hope this will be a time for us all to pause, reflect, and give thanks for the ministry that we get to do together. I will be holding each of you in my prayers as we journey and learn. Thank you so much. **Pastor Stacy**

Sabbatical Pastoral EMERGENCIES: Melinda Zorn volunteered to receive **EMERGENCY** calls from the members of St. John's during Pastor Stacy's sabbatical. Three pastors have agreed to be on-call to cover a visit/pray with, or call back to the person. Please call 412-639-5477, Melinda Zorn will then contact a pastor to help with your emergency.

Upcoming Sabbatical Events:

St. John's field trip to Islamic Center of Greater Toledo {ICGT} is scheduled. We will learn about the Muslim faith and see where they worship. We will learn about forms of prayer, service, and giving. Lunch is provided.

Date: Wednesday, June 26, 2024 -- 10:30a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Where: ICGT at 25877 Scheider Road, Perrysburg, OH

Time: 10:30 Depart St. John's or Driver's home

Lunch: 12:00 Levis Commons--Restaurant TBD

Tour: 2:00 p.m.- 3:30 Islamic Center of Greater Toledo

Depart for Sandusky: 4:00 p.m.

Contact Ann Voight or Sandy Thompson if you are interested in the field trip.

Endowment Grant Applications are being accepted: 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 7, 2024. 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, Ted Call, Jeff Justi, Bob Stacy, Colleen Girard, Ron Zorn, Pastor Stacy. If you have any questions, please see a member of the endowment committee.

The Endowment Team will hold its quarterly meeting in mid to late October, at which time all grant applications that have been presented will be reviewed and voted on. Those that are approved will be sent to the Finance Team for additional review and approval.

Happy Birthday to Kathy Strayer.

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR FOR JUNE 23RD THRU JULY 7TH

Sunday, June 23	9:30 am	Worship, Pastor Phil Gardner
Tuesday, June 25	9:00 am	Giving Garden Weeding/fellowship
Wednesday, June 26	10:30 am	Trip to the Islamic Center Toledo
Sunday, June 30	9:30 am	Worship, Pastor Drew Tucker
Tuesday, July 2	9:00 am 1:00 pm	Giving Garden Weeding/fellowship Faith Life Team
Wednesday, July 3	12 noon	Scripture & Prayer meets at Parkview Community for lunch and meeting
Thursday, July 4	HAPPY	FOURTH OF JULY
Sunday, July 7	9:30 am	Worship, Pastor Kathy Shuck

Weekly Verse: He says, “Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.” Psalm 46:10

June 23 – Notice 5 things of beauty around you.

- 24 – Smell something delightful.
- 25 – Take a break from screens and read something.
- 26 – Do something that gives you time alone.
- 27 – Begin and end your day with music.
- 28 – Spend time giving thanks to God.
- 29 – Spend time in one of your favorite outdoor places.

Thank you to everyone who attended the joint worship and picnic at Nickel Plate. It was a beautiful night for worship. Joint offering of \$71.00 went to the Huron Food Bank.