



ST. JOHN'S NEWS



I hope you all have had a wonderful and somewhat relaxing summer! Things at the church have been moving forward, hopefully as they have been moving forward in our individual lives as well.

We are still in the Season after Pentecost, continuing the celebration of that festival day when the Holy Spirit whipped into the lives of the early disciples with wind and fire and many languages. It is a season in which we are challenged to be open to the power of the Holy Spirit in our own lives, growing in faith and hope and love. And the Holy Spirit is still at work in us, either with gentle nudges or with pushes and shoves!

As we move from summer into the busyness of the fall, my hope for you is that you find new ways to live out your faith. All adults can share God's love by participating in worship, learning in Bible studies, going to Book club, singing in the choir, reaching out through service to the community, listening to our young people, and caring for this world. People who are homebound are invited to pray for others and for the ministries of this congregation, perhaps even calling up others to see how they are doing. Youth are invited to Sunday School and family activities (along with everything else going on in our congregation), and I've enjoyed seeing them take additional leadership roles during worship.

This newsletter is full of activities happening in our congregation and community as we listen to the Holy Spirit's call and as we respond as the body of Christ. I encourage you to find the place where you want to be involved. The opportunities are endless, and if you feel called to start something new, that's great, too!

You may already be feeling moved to head in a new direction (perhaps join a new team in the congregation?), or maybe even an old one that you haven't followed in awhile. Wherever the Holy Spirit is leading you, I hope that you are willing and able to follow!

May you be open to the power of the Holy Spirit in your life.

With you in Christ,
Pastor Stacy

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Special Congregation Meeting

Church Council has called a special congregation meeting to be held immediately following the 10:30 am worship on Sunday, September 17th. This important meeting concerns the preserving of our stained glass windows.

Details will be provided at the meeting, so please plan to be present for this important meeting of the congregation.

Robert Krawetzki, President

**SPECIAL
MEETING
NOTICE**

Pastor Stacy On Maternity Leave!

While Pastor Stacy is on maternity leave, the work of proclaiming the Gospel continues. Worship services are covered with terrific supply pastors, Sunday School begins September 17th, and our outreach will continue. If you have a pastoral emergency, we have pastors on call and your needs remain important to us. Please call Sandy Thompson first (419-625-2192), as she has the list of pastors. If she is not available, please call Bob Krawetzki (council president) or Ann Voight (council vice-president).

Poet's Corner by Jerry Bauer

Lord, Establish Our Work

"Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands upon us; yes, establish the work of our hands." Psalm 90:17

Let the works we do be fruitful, Lord.
Let the works we do honor you, Lord.
You give us gifts, abilities to use;
to serve your world, care for all
you have made;
all people, all creatures, all plant
life and waters.

Honorable work honors you, Lord.
The works of our hands rise up in praise.
For the future of your world
you establish our work.

Newest Arrival at St. John's



Sophia Scovanner is here!

Congratulations to Pastor Stacy and Ryan Scovanner proud parents of a new baby girl. Sophia arrived on Monday, September 28th at 1:47 am 9 lb. 6 oz. and 22 in. long. Please include the Scovanner family in your prayers.



September is Scholarship month at St. John's

We're raising funds for the St. John's Scholarship Fund. The fund benefits all college, seminary students or anyone pursuing training or education beyond high school and is a member of St. John. We need your financial support to ensure that scholarships will continue to be available. Please give prayerful thought to help with this special ministry.

You can give by placing your donation in the enclosed envelope marked St. John's Scholarship Fund and mail it to the church or place it in the Sunday morning offering plate.

Scholarship applications are now available on the Welcome Table. Please fill out and return to Sue Lucht, Linda Miller-Moore or Sally Kelley. The applications need to be returned by the last Sunday of September.



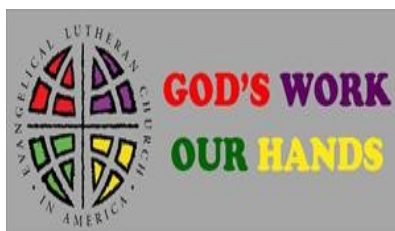
RALLY DAY

Sunday, September 10, 2017!

Mark **Sunday, September 10th** on your calendar for Rally Day at the OVH shelter house off of Strub Rd. Sandusky OH. We will worship at **10:30 am**, enjoy a delicious potluck lunch, and fellowship. Please bring a dish to pass, table service and table cloth if you don't like eating on the picnic tables. Water and coffee will be supplied.

Mark your calendar!
"God's work. Our hands."

Saturday, September 16, 2017
 8:00-11:00 am



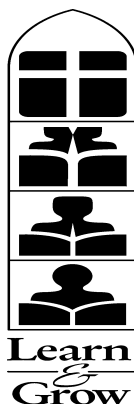
St. John's will be joining with St. Paul, Zion, and Trinity Lutheran churches for a "God's Work, our Hands" event. On Saturday, September 16 we will join together to serve a breakfast for the first responders. This event will be held at St. Paul Lutheran church, Mills St. Sandusky. Jerrie Krawetzki will be our representative. There is a sign-up sheet not only to volunteer but to help with items needed for the breakfast. Please check it out on the Welcome Table.

Learning opportunities this fall

September will mark the return of a bunch of exciting opportunities for learning open to adults, teens and elementary age youth. All studies will meet in the Upper Room or fellowship hall.

September 17th: Sunday school resumes at 9:00 am for all ages.

As part of the 500th Reformation opportunities, St. John's Adult Sunday School class will begin a study on Christian History. Adult Sunday School meets at 9:00 am in the Upper Room. Plan to take advantage of this learning opportunity.



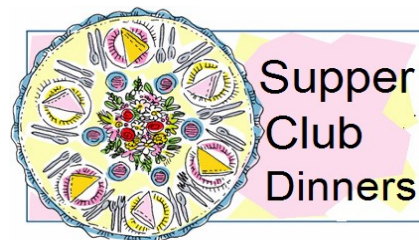
NEWS FLASH!!!!!!

St. John's is getting ready to update our church directory. Everyone who sits for a picture for the directory will receive a directory **AND a FREE 8x10 photo**. Any family who is not in the current directory picture album or who wishes an updated picture should plan on doing this. Sign up for picture sittings will be Sept. 1 thru Sept 15. Pictures will be taken September 26. We are excited to be offering this new format which can be updated as necessary NOT only every few years!!!!!! Contact me to schedule an appointment. I have a list of those who were not able to sit for the last pictures. If I don't call you, call
Paula Hoffman



Supper Club Dinner

Our Fall start-up is Thursday, September 21st at 6:00 pm. The Camp Street Tavern, 1040 Camp St., Sandusky. Camp Street Tavern has a wide variety of choices on their menu, so there should be something for everyone. The Thursday night special is "Meat Loaf" and it is very much in demand. Our Supper Club gatherings have proved to be a lot of fun for all, so sign-up to join us for a night of fellowship, good food and fun! Sign-up sheet is on the Welcome Table! If you are interested in the "Meat Loaf Dinner Special," please list it beside your name.
Kathy Strayer



CROP Walk ...

Give....Change the WORLD...

Participate in our local CROP WALK Sunday October 1st. Starting at 2 pm from the Columbus Ave. Methodist Church. We will walk 3.2 miles on a marked route. You can walk all of the route or part of it to be successful! You can walk and collect donations. You can walk. You can donate. Collecting donations from family and friends can be easily done by registering online at crophungerwalk.org. Or use the envelopes at the back of the church to collect donations.

QUESTIONS:
Paula Hoffman



Care and Share

The second Sunday of every month is our "noisy" collection day for our local food bank, Care and Share. Please consider a cash donation or bring non-perishable food items to contribute.



Quilting Begins

Quilt making will start Monday, September 11th at 9:00 am. Our sessions will be on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month.

MATERIAL NEEDED

We are in need of material for our project, preferably dark colored cottons. Please mark the packages for the QUILTERS and place them in front of the cabinets on the west wall of the kitchen. The 80 quilts we completed this past season will be shipped the early part of October.

THANKS to all who have helped in any way with this project.



Fall is here and its time for the choir to start practicing! If you like to sing, come join the choir in their worship ministry on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. Come and enjoy a time of singing and fellowship! We begin practice on **Wed. Sept. 6th!**

SPURS

Attention all members of St. John's!

The SPURS visioning team is offering two opportunities on Monday, November 6th to encourage everyone at St. John's to share their dreams for St. John's. Ann Voight, team leader and Pastor Stacy will host two meeting times 10 am and 6 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.

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

Youth Time!!

One of the lay ministries at St. John's is to lead Youth Time. Youth Time takes place during our Sunday worship. The lay leaders will lead on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month (except while Pastor Stacy is on leave). We have a small group of volunteers who do a wonderful job of leading Youth time.

If you would like to help with this ministry, please see Sandy Thompson or Pastor Stacy when she returns.



September Birthdays & Anniversaries

Sept. 2—Kathleen Schlessman
Brynn Baaske
9—Ann Witt
10—Norma Zorn
11—Janet Meinert
14—Barry Burdue
15—Owen Reed
17—Kyle Young
19—Faith Tommas
Kelley Tommas
27—Jim Semon III
29—Holden Stacy
Jenna Stacy
Sept. 29—Trudi Baaske

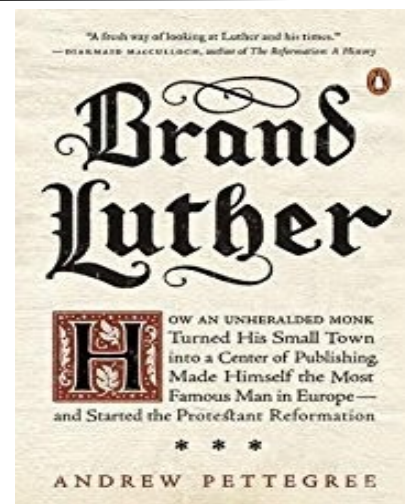
Anniversaries

Sept. 8—Richard and Kathy
Schlessman
Ron and Melinda Zorn
14—Jim and Brittany Semon
19—Jim and Bonnie Semon

Reformation 500 Celebration Opportunities

*It's the 500th anniversary of the Reformation! To continue our celebration, we are reading **Brand Luther** in book club. We will meet in the Upper Room on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6 PM (Sept. 12th). Everyone is invited. The books are here. Cost: \$12.00 place payment in the offering plate marked Book Study. Read chapters 1-3.*

Brand Luther—How an unheralded monk Turned His Small Town into a Center of Publishing, Made Himself the Most Famous Man in Europe—and Started the Protestant Reformation



500 REFORMATION 1517 ✠ 2017

Great Hymns of
FAITH

CHORAL FESTIVAL
Michael Shirtz, conductor

*Celebrating the 500th Anniversary
Of the Reformation*

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

Sunday, October 29
4PM | \$10

For tickets:
sanduskystate.com
877-626-1950

Sandusky State Theatre
107 Columbus Ave., Sandusky, Ohio

**St. John's Choir will be
participating in the Choral Festival.**

A Special Movie Event



Tuesday, September 26 - Cinemark, Sandusky
Thursday, September 28 - Premiere 8, Norwalk
6:30 pm, either evening

This entertaining new film follows the great adventure story of Luther's life, packed with political intrigue, kidnappings, and life-or-death showdowns. At the same time, it's a story about the most important questions of life, including "Who am I?" "What is my purpose" and "How do I get right with God?"

This is the first time in more than 60 years that Lutherans have made a feature-length film about Martin Luther and the Reformation. Filmed in historic locations across Europe, this movie brings Luther's story to life with exquisite attention to detail. It's a chance to revisit the birth of Protestant Reformation, and to share that experience with others.

Our only opportunity to see the film locally is at either the Cinemark Stadium Theatre in Sandusky on Tuesday, September 26, or the UEC Premiere 8 Theatre in Norwalk on Thursday, September 28. Tickets must be purchased in advance. Tickets can be purchased at a special web site set up for the screening:

For Sandusky (9/26), visit www.luthermovie.link/firelands

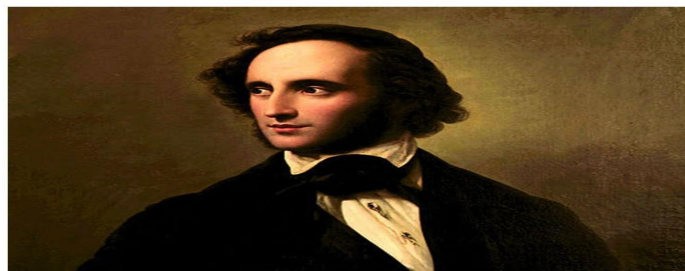
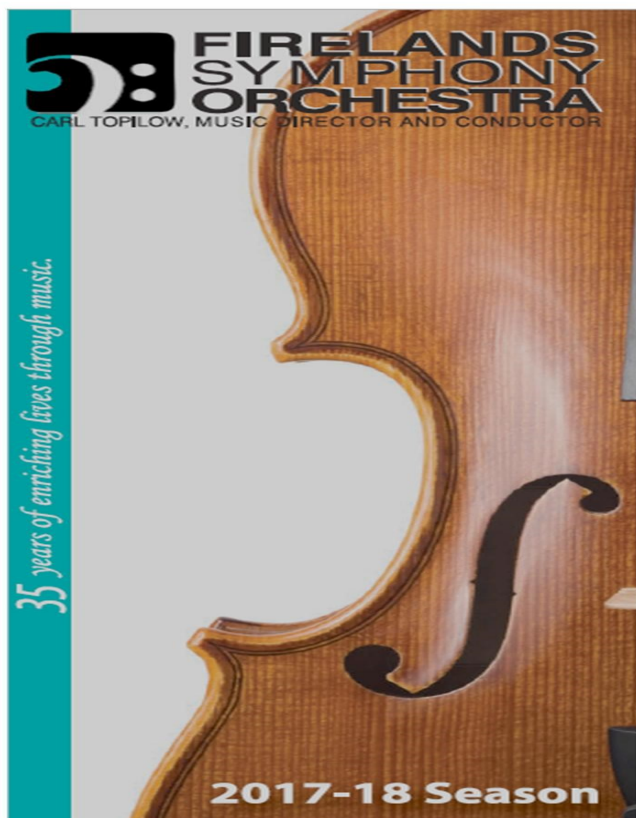
For Norwalk (9/28), visit www.luthermovie.link/firelands2



Lutherans go to the FSO!

Opening Night!

Sandusky State Theatre
Saturday, October 7, 2017 - 7:30 pm



Mendelssohn's stately **Symphony No. 5**

recognizing the
500th anniversary
of the

Lutheran Reformation

Debut of the
Firelands Symphony Chorale
and director Michael Shirtz

Classical Guitarist
Jason Vieux

Programming Sponsor:
**Firelands Lutherans
Active in Mission
(FLAMe)**

Sign up now to attend this special event!

Sign up to get discounted gold or silver group tickets for the October 7 Firelands Symphony Orchestra Concert at the Sandusky State Theatre. You save \$4.00 per ticket! Seats will be assigned once the symphony's season ticket drive winds down. Each congregation is asked to oversee its own order and receive payments. The deadline for sign-up for group seats is September 10. Cash or check (written to Sandusky State Theatre) payment is due on that date as well.

GROUP SEATING (seats assigned by FSO as available) GOLD - \$25 SILVER - \$22
Sign up by Sunday, Sept. 10.

ON YOUR OWN (select your seats) GOLD - \$29 SILVER - \$25 On Sale Sept. 18

A sign-up sheet for group seating will be available on the Welcome Table to make your reservations along with payment.

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

August 1, 2017

CALL TO ORDER: President Bob Krawetzki called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

PRAYER: Pastor Stacy led us in prayer reminding us that we had all promised to pray for those who have been baptized at St. John's. She asked us to keep this in mind and to ask ourselves how are we helping to keep our promises and make them come true.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bob Krawetzki, Peg Kingsley, Paula Hoffman, Bonny Ambos, Pastor Stacy, Jim Moore. Jerrie Krawetzki, Ray Witt, Kevin Young, Ann Voight, Colleen Shupe
Excused absence: Jake Deeher, Barry Laird,

MINUTES: June 6, 2017 council meeting minutes were approved as written by council on motion by Ray Witt and seconded by Jim Moore.

REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report: YTD Revenue---\$84,387
YTD Expenses---78,166
Net Revenue---\$6845

Treasurer's report was approved as written by council on motion by Ray Witt and seconded by Jim Moore.

Pastor Stacy: Pastor submitted her written report a week ago. She is still looking for Sunday School teachers for the fall. She also submitted a very thorough Maternity Leave List detailing all that Council would need to know about the time from August 27th to October 29th when she will be on maternity leave. Thank you, Pastor Stacy, for your hard work on this preparation!

Deacons: Bonny Ambos reported everything is running smoothly at this time.

Elders: Paula reported that the Faith/Life Team will be working with the Worship Team for September 10th, Rally Day. She is also in preparation for our participation in the Crop Walk event this year.

Trustees: Ray reported that the Property Team had met in June and has prepared a priority list of things needing attention at the church and cemetery. Discussion followed about how to deal with broken grave stones at the cemetery. Our sexton, Kevin Young, will look into this and report back to Council at a future date.

Good News Amen: Written report submitted and reviewed.

Worship Team: Written report submitted and reviewed.

FLAME: Written report submitted. St. John's will be hosting a corn roast on August 21st and is responsible for the corn and butter. Discussion followed about ways to deal with cooking both the corn and hot dogs. We need RSVP's in order to plan amounts of food needed.

Finance Team: Written report submitted. All team members who submit bills to the treasurer are asked to put their name and their team's name on the bill. The Finance Team recommends that Council consider funding for the storm window project as soon as possible with the goal being to come up with a plan as to when and how to start the window project.

Faith/Life Team: Written report submitted.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Jake continues work on the bell tower.
 - Ray presented a very enlightening and thorough overview and estimate of what is needed to repair our storm windows. This report was done in May of 2016 by Reggie Buehrer of Window Creations, LLC. It is obvious from this report to everyone on Council that it is necessary for us to begin this project as soon as possible. The cost estimate has risen 10% since it was made a year ago. Ann Voight moved and Jim Moore seconded that we have a congregational meeting on September 17th to discuss funding for this project. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Council thanked Ray for his hard work on this.
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- Driveway stone was added at the cemetery.
- The Giving Garden is going well. The first corn was pulled yesterday.
- Attorney Mary Jane Hill sent a hard copy of the Endowment Fund's application to the state of Ohio for incorporation. Jerry Bauer has sent it in with the required \$99 fee.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Dan Gutman, our resident seminarian, has now become an intern and is therefore salaried. We will no longer financially help Dan, but will continue support with cards, etc. Paula Hoffman moved and Ann Voight seconded that we begin to support a new seminary student. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
- The elevator is working. Ray had contacted the repairman who was unable to find any reason why it intermittently quits. The organ remains not working and the repairman for it hopefully will be here this week as well.
- Jake will do sidewalk repair sometime this fall.
- Bob reported several of the upcoming events listed in our newsletter and bulletin.
- Jen Parkinson, youth director for St. Paul's and Zion attended our service this past month. Pastor Stacy works with Jen to incorporate our youth with events that Jen does, when it is possible.
- Discussion of the pastor's first year evaluation, currently being worked on by Council members, led to plans for looking at ways to do evaluations in the future.
- Paula reported that LifeTouch will be here on September 26th to take anyone's picture who would like a retake or a first time picture. If we get 15 or more people participating we will get new directories.
- Pastor Stacy would like a small TV and DVD player for the Sunday School. We'll check to see if anyone would want to donate this item before looking at purchasing one.

ADJOURNMENT: On motion by Kevin Young and seconded by Paula Hoffman, our meeting was adjourned. We prayed the Lord's Prayer before departing.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: September 5, 2017: next Council meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Peg Kingsley, Secretary



God a million and one things to get done this week? Look beneath the craziness for the person underneath. Sometimes the activities hide a grieving heart, an unacknowledged fear, buried anger, or all of the above. If you are so busy that you don't have time for your feelings, it's time to take a closer look at those feelings and figure out why you are running from them. Talk to a trusted person or find some quiet time. Don't fall into the trap of believing that everything and everyone else is more important than your wellbeing. A heart at peace is not afraid of a body at rest.

***"Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoices;
my flesh also will rest in hope. Psalm 16:9.***

Brothers in faith called home to the Church Triumphant

Wayne Knupke passed away on August 6th. Wayne was a faithful long time member of St. John's. His life and faith were celebrated in a funeral service held at St. John's on August 9th. Please keep the family and friends of this dear brother in faith in your prayers as they grieve.

Thank You! The family of Wayne Knupke would like to express our appreciation to Pastor Stacy and the members of St. John's for the words of comfort, cards, and prayers. Also a special thanks to those who helped with the funeral and wonderful luncheon.

A FAMILY OF
DISCIPLES,
FAITHFULLY MAKING
CHRIST KNOWN

September 2017

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Jeff Justi

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3 Flowers:
Polly &
Mario Di-
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anniversary

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5 Church
Council
7:00 pm

6 Choir
Practice
7:00 pm

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10 Rally
Day Wor-
ship 10:30
& Potluck at
OVH
Shelter
Sandusky

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Quilters
9:00 am

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13 Choir
Practice
7:00 PM

14 Cross-
roads
3:30-6:00
Food-12:00

15



Faith Life
6:30 pm

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17 Flowers:
Jim & Bon-
nie Semon

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20 Worship
Team
Meeting
6:00 PM

21 Supper
Club 6:00
pm at
Camp St.
Tavern

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Sunday
School-9 am
Worship-
10:30 am
Special
Congregation
Meeting

Choir
Practice
7:00 pm

24 Flowers:

25

Quilters
9:00 am

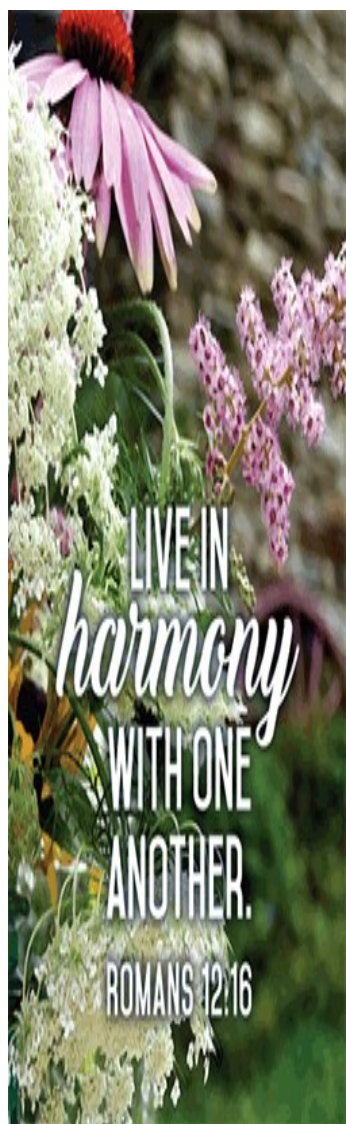
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Sandusky, OH 44870

A Family of Disciples,
Faithfully Making
Christ Known!

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

ADDRESS CHANGE REQUESTED



ST. JOHN'S HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

Ruth Bruns: Lutheran Memorial Home, Sandusky
June Gorga: Commons of Providence, Sandusky. (Mother of Nancy Osbun)
Jean Hlavin: Parkvue Place, Sandusky
Rachel Kaliszewski: Gaymont Nursing Home, Norwalk (Renee Barkhimer's mother)
Ruth Knupke: At home, Huron
Jean Nottke: At home, Huron
Lois Oltman: At Parkvue Place, Sandusky
Margaret Ommert: At home, Huron
Joan Zorn: Portland House, Sandusky
Eloise Mitchell: Commons of Providence, Sandusky
Irma Moon: At home, Berlin Heights

Addresses and contact information may be found in the congregational directory unless they reside in a nursing home. Thanks for caring!

Worship Leaders

LAY READERS

3—Jim Wooster
10—
17—Linda Miller-Moore
24—Jim Semon, Sr.

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

3—Jim Semon, Sr.
17—Linda Miller-Moore

USHER

Jeff Justi

Altar Flowers

3— Polly & Mario DiCocco 40th anniversary
10—
17- Jim & Bonnie Semon, Anniversary
24 -