



November is one of my favorite times in the church. There are so many important festivals this month, as we journey toward the end of the church year. And I am excited to be back celebrating them with you!

Like every year, we begin November with All Saints' Sunday, remembering everyone who has gone before us in the faith. This year, on Sunday, November 5th, we especially give thanks for all those in our lives who helped us first hear the good news of the Gospel and really realize that Jesus loves us as we are. For this worship service, you are invited to decorate the altar with pictures and memories of loved ones who you want to remember. Please bring an item (or more) with you to worship and place it on the altar before the service begins.

A few weeks after All Saints' Sunday, we celebrate Thanksgiving. What at first may appear to be a mostly secular holiday is actually a time for us to offer God our gratitude. Thanksgiving provides the perfect time to remember that we are able to give thanks in every season of our lives, because God is always with us and always love us, no matter what happens. We are also reminded that as God gives great gifts, God also uses us to care for this world.

On the last Sunday of November, we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. This special time in the church helps us rejoice in the fact that Christ is the king in our lives and in our world. Thankfully, he is not like an earthly king. Jesus' kingdom is summarized in love—love of God and love of neighbor.

If we see you each week, if we see you occasionally, or if you haven't been to worship in a while, you are invited to join us for these special occasions, and for all of our opportunities for worship.

You are an important to God, and you are invited to worship. Please join us as we give thanks to the God who loves us, forgives us, and brings us healing and hope throughout the month of November.

Walking with you in Christ,
Pastor Stacy

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Upcoming Events

FLAG PLACEMENT AT OHIO VETERANS HOME

Join us on Thursday, November 9th at 2:00 pm to help place flags on the graves of veterans at the newly refurbished national cemetery next to the Ohio Veterans Home. This event is a great way to show your patriotism and honor those who served this Veteran's Day. Meet by the south end of cemetery and be sure to dress for the weather. Your help is needed!

WHEN: Thursday, Nov. 9th
TIME: 2:00 p.m.

Parking is available on that side of OVH as well.



Hanging of the Greens

Join us for the annual "Hanging of the Greens" as the St. John's church family comes together to decorate the sanctuary for the Advent and Christmas seasons. Hanging of the Greens will take place immediately following worship on Sunday, November 26th. Lunch and drinks will be provided before we get to work. Families and individuals, young and old, all are invited. Don't miss this festive event!



Hanging of the Greens

God: Forever Yours by Jerry Bauer

"For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations."
Psalm 100:5

God's commitment of love,
shown through Scripture,
focused in Jesus Christ.
Freely given, at great cost.

Do I appreciate it?
Do I accept it?

God's faithfulness to me:
God says
I am
forever yours.



ST John's Family Christmas Party



Sunday December 3 at 4 PM

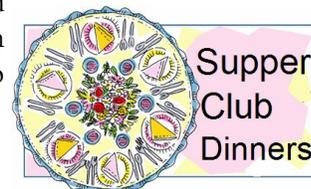
Families and Friends of all sizes and ages are wanted to help start off the Christmas season at St John's with a special Christmas celebration of FUN, FELLOWSHIP, and Light supper.

Bring your favorite appetizer or desert!

Supper Club Event

We are going back to the Olive Garden on November 16th for our next get together at 6:00 pm. Anything pasta sounded like a good idea the week before Thanksgiving, when we will be feasting on turkey and all of the trimmings with our families. So, come and join your church family for an evening of god food, fellowship and fun!

Sign-up sheet is on the Welcome Table.



Harvest Decorations Needed

Needed are your pumpkins, vegetables etc. to decorate for Harvest Sunday. Decorating will take place at **10:00 am on Saturday, November 18th**. Volunteers are needed to help decorate!



Healthy Habits Fisher -Titus Medical

As we prepare for Thanksgiving we are thankful for many things. One of the things we should be thankful for is **The Gift of Our Days**.

All of Our Days are a gift from God. Whether our life is long or short, all of our days are in the Lord's hands (Ps. 39:4). At times we may find it difficult to understand why some die at a very young age, while others live for years with difficult health problems. Our comfort should be that the circumstances and length of our lives is not an indication of God's love.

How to grow older in God's Grace:

1. Remember that all of our days are a gift from God.
2. Respect the life that God has blessed us with. Do things to protect our physical, emotional and spiritual health.
3. Accept that life means change. Try to develop a flexible and positive attitude to make adjustments easier.
4. Value the past and learn from it. When we take our past with us into the future, we create a more meaningful future.
5. Turn to our faithful God for help. The same God who gave us life and guided us in our youth, is present to embrace us during difficult times, and gently bring us to our youth, is present to embrace us during difficult times, and gently bring us to Himself. (taken in part from Seasons for Wholeness: Vol.1)

*"Giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."
Ephesians 5:20.*





Thank you for all of your prayers and support during my pregnancy and Sophie's first couple of months. You are appreciated more than you know, and we are so thankful for being part of the St John's family. You and your family are invited to an Open House and dessert party at the parsonage on **Tuesday, November 21st from 5:30-7.** We hope to see you there! **The Scovanners**

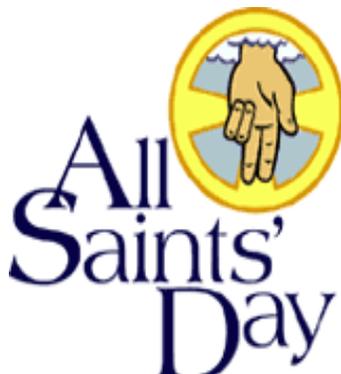
Thanks So Much!



A day to remember

On All Saints Sunday, November 5th during worship we call to mind brothers and sisters in the faith who have been called home to the Church Triumphant: Rita Justi, Jeanette Walz, Joyce Baaske, Anne Neate, Sharen Smith, Timothy Hohman, and Wayne Knupke.

Please continue to pray for the families



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:



Polly Scheid DiCocco—undergoing treatments for pancreatic cancer
Kris Quartermaine—undergoing cancer treatments
Becky Johnson—daughter of Don and Vicky Johnson—diagnosed with Mantle Cell lymphoma
Amy Bliss—with back problems—**Pat**, Amy's sister, with health concerns.

Pray for the Homebound

Ruth Bruns: Lutheran Memorial Home, Sandusky
June Gorga: At Commons of Providence
Jean Hlavin: Parkvue Place, Sandusky (Pastor Bill's mother)
Rachel Kalizewski: Gaymont Nursing Home, Norwalk (Renee Barkhimer's mother)
Ruth Knupke: At home, Huron
Jean Nottke: At home, Huron
Lois Oltman: At Parkvue Health Care Center, # 107
Margaret Ommert: At home, Huron
Joan Zorn: moved to The Meadows
Eloise Mitchell: At Commons of Providence
Irma Moon: At Admiral's Pointe

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



SPURS

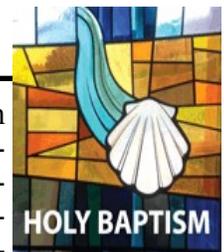
Attention all members of St. John's!

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

Baptism

It is with great joy that we join together in celebrating the sacrament of Holy Baptism for Sophia Scovanner on Sunday, November 5th. Please plan to support this child and her family in their new lives of faith. Sophia was born August 28, 2017 to Pastor Stacy and Ryan. Pastor Laura Steitelmeier will preside at Sophie's baptism and lead worship. Celebration will continue after worship with fellowship for the congregation.



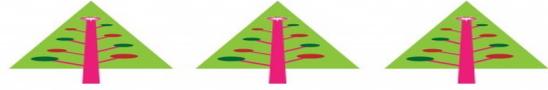
Faith Life Giving Tree

The Christmas Giving Tree will be set up and ready to go on Sunday, November 12th. We will once again be selecting gifts for residents of nursing homes that have no family to care for them. Wrapped gifts will be due back at the church by December 17th. Please tape the giving tree tags on the gift that you purchased. This will help us sort the items quickly. Thank you for all your continued support in these community endeavors.
The Faith Life Team



CHRISTMAS for NURSING HOME SENIORS

Will be delivered to happy residents on Dec 20



1. Choose a tag
2. Purchase the gift
3. Wrap gift (or don't wrap)
4. Attach tag to the gift (IMPORTANT)
5. Return gift to church by Dec 17.
6. **FOR CASH DONATIONS**
Cash will be used to provide gifts from the lists that were not picked.
 1. Take a cash donation tag with envelope
 2. Put cash in envelope and place in the basket provided



We will beautify our sanctuary this Christmas season with poinsettias. Please place your order by Sunday, December 3rd. Place orders and payment in the offering plate.

6" Pot \$8.00

No. of plants _____ @ \$8.00 each _____

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

Poinsettia Sign-Up

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

IN LOVING MEMORY OF (Deceased) _____

IN HONOR OF (Living) _____

PUZZLE

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

God gives us many blessings every day. How can we thank him?

Directions: To complete the Bible verse below, follow the code and fill in the blanks.



A=1, B=2, C=3, D=4, E=5, F=6, G=7, H=8, I=9, J=10,
 K=11, L=12, M=13, N=14, O=15, P=16, Q=17, R=18,
 S=19, T=20, U=21, V=22, W=23, X=24, Y=25, Z=26.

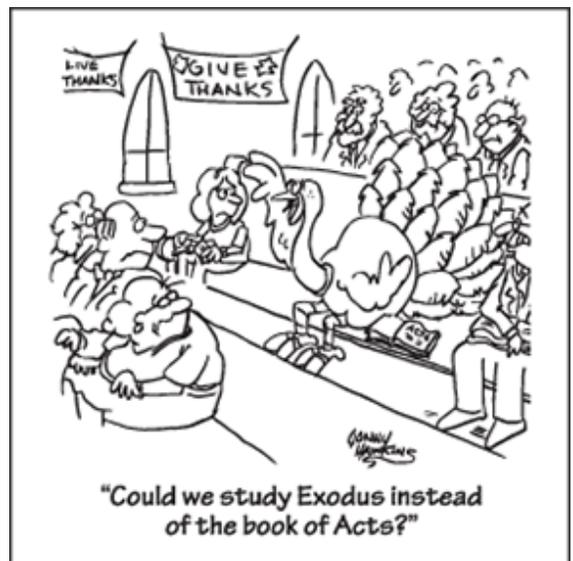
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Newest Arrivals at St. John's



Hope and Hudson Reynolds are here!

Congratulations to Adrienne Ayars and Rob Reynolds proud parents of twins. Daughter, Hope Lyn and son Hudson Dean. Twins arrived on Monday, October 23rd. Hope, 7 lb. 2 oz. and Hudson, 6 lb. 10 oz. both 19 1/2 in. long. Please include this family in your prayers.



ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

October 3, 2017

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

PRAYER: Ann Voight led us in prayer.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bob Krawetzki, Ann Voight, Peg Kingsley, Jacob Deehr, Ray Witt, Kevin Young, Paula Hoffman, Bonny Ambos, Colleen Shupe, Jerrie Krawetzki, Barry Laird, Jim Moore, Jerry Bauer from Endowment Team

EXCUSED: Pastor Stacy on maternity leave .

ENDOWMENT TEAM REPORT: Jerry Bauer attended the council meeting to report that the team has agreed to use UBS as the fund manager for the endowment fund. He passed out the grant request forms that the team has worked on. The team has a meeting on October 5th with Steve Hafner of UBS who will work with the team to form an investment policy. The team will have a report of their progress at the end of the month for Council. Ray Witt moved and Paula Hoffman seconded that we accept Lou Zorn's resignation from the Endowment Fund. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote. Council sincerely thanks Lou for his work as a founding member of the Endowment Team. Jeff Justi will be taking Lou's place for the remainder of this year. Two positions on the team will be open on January 1st because Jerry Bauer will be resigning at that time. There will be a total of 5 members on the team including Jim Moore, fulfilling a 1 year commitment, John Miller and Mary K Schlessman, both fulfilling a 2 year commitment, and Jeff Justi, nominated for a 3 year commitment, to be elected by the congregation at the Annual meeting in January, 2018. This leaves one vacancy on the team for 2018 which would be for a 3 year commitment. The Nominating Committee, consisting of Ann Voight, Council VP; Lori Stacy and Jeff Justi will be looking for someone to fill the fifth position. Pastor Stacy will be an ex-officio member of the endowment team.

MINUTES: September Council minutes, 9/5/2017 were approved as written by council on motion from Bonny Ambos and seconded by Barry Laird. Special Council meeting minutes, 9/15, 2017 were approved as written by council on motion from Jim Moore and seconded by Barry Laird. Minutes from Congregational meeting on Windows, 9/17/2017 were approved as written by council on motion by Colleen Shupe and seconded by Jim Moore. All motions passed by unanimous voice vote.

REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report: As of August 31, 2017 YTD Revenue----\$90,907
YTD Expenses----\$106,842
YTD Net---- -\$15,936

Deacons: Bonny reported all is well.

Elders: Paula reported the Cropwalk held Sunday, October 1st went well but had a slim attendance. Connie Costello is leading this event for next year and is looking for ways to promote it and for volunteers to assist her with this task. Paula also reported that 8 families had their pictures taken for the directory. We'll be purchasing 15 more directories for \$50. The cover of the new directories will be different in order to distinguish between the February 2017 directory and the newer version. Electronic copies will be available.

FLAME: Barry reported that we have been asked to provide 6 Lenten devotions for the booklet that will be provided for next year's Lenten period. Carolyn Steinfeldt has asked that we have these devotions in to her by October 15th. Barry will try to get 6 people from the congregation to complete this task. The movie on September 26th was well attended. FSO will be performing their Reformation concert on Saturday, October 7, 2017. There will be no FLAME meeting in October.

Trustees: Written report submitted. Ray reported that the check for the down payment on the storm windows project has been received and Window Creations will soon be out to measure the windows so that the frames can be constructed during the winter months. The elevator continues to dysfunction on a consistent basis. The trustees feel it is now necessary to decommission the elevator, contact the original manufacturer, Thyssen, and have them come here to get to the bottom of the issues causing the problems. Peg Kingsley moved and Colleen Shupe seconded that this be done and also that Sandy notify the congregation by email that, as of the evening of October 4th, the elevator will no longer be working at all. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote. Ray Witt will contact Thyssen.

Worship Team: Written report submitted.

Finance Team: Written report submitted. The Finance Team recommends that we continue with the current level of health insurance, as recommended by the ELCA, for the 2018 year. Jim Moore moved and Jerrie Krawetzki seconded this followed by a unanimous voice vote. An anonymous donor has offered to buy a new computer for the treasurer. Bonny Ambos moved and Paula Hoffman seconded that we accept this offer and wipe the old computer clean before disposing of it. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Faith/Life Team: Written report submitted. Paula reported that Trunk or Treat will be happening on October 22, 2017 with the winner of the best trunk receiving an awesome prize!

OLD BUSINESS:

Jake reported that the painting is underway of the Bell tower. Some repair is needed at the base of the stairs to the fellowship room. The west wall has yet to be repaired from when it was hit by a car traveling on Rt. 250. All work is in transition. Sidewalk repair will hopefully happen sometime before winter.

NEW BUSINESS: Bob reported that Sandy is ready to send out letters and pledge cards to all members of St. John's. Council suggests that they be emailed to all members with email addresses, regular mail to be used for all others. Also place some letters on the back table in church, on the web site, and in the bulletin.

Ann Voight has been working on what updating needs to be done to our Constitution in order to fit with what we actually do within the church. She made our most recently updated Constitution from 2015 available to any Council member who does not have one. All other team heads, church secretary, all members of the Endowment Team and Finance Team should also have an updated copy. She is asking all team and committee heads to look at their team's description and list of duties found in our current Constitution. Updates and changes should be emailed to Ann ASAP.

On motion by Paula Hoffman and seconded by Barry Laird, Council unanimously voted to reactivate Polly Scheid De-Cocco's membership to St. John's. Polly has recently moved back to this area and wishes to become an active member of the congregation again, as she was for her entire life before leaving the area. Welcome back, Polly!!

Jim Moore would like the cleaning of the basement floor added to the Property Team's list of projects for the year.

We prayed the Lord's Prayer before departing.

Announcements: The next Council meeting will be held on November 7, 2017 at 7 PM in the Upper Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Peg Kingsley, Secretary

A FAMILY OF
DISCIPLES, FAITHFUL-
LY MAKING CHRIST
KNOWN

November 2017



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Ushers: Jim Semon, Sr Ray Witt			1 Good News Amen-5:30 Choir 7:00 pm	2	3	4
5 Flowers: All Saints Baptism of Sophia Scovanner	6 SPURS Meeting times: 10:00 am 6:00 pm	7 Church Council 7:00 pm	8 Choir Practice 7:00 pm	9 Crossroads 3:30-6:00 pm Veteran's Day flag placing at OVH-2pm 3:15 PM Faith Life 6:30 pm		11 Veterans Day
12 Flowers: Thompson's	13 Quilters 9:00 am	14 Brand Luther Book Discussion 6:00 pm	15 Worship Team 6:00 pm Choir Practice 7:00 pm	16 Supper Club-6:00 Olive Gar- den	17	18 Decorate sanctuary for Thanks- giving- 10:00 am
19 Flowers: Harvest Sunday	20	21 Dessert Open House at parsonage 5:30-7 pm	22 Choir Practice 7:00 pm	23 Happy Thanksgiv- ing!	24	
26 Flowers Christ the King Hanging of the Greens Following worship with lunch	27 Quilters 9:00 am	28	29 Choir Practice 7:00 pm	30		

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

ADDRESS CHANGE REQUESTED

Fourth Quarter Team

Sue Lucht, Peg Kingsley, Kathleen Rudiger, Jerrie Krawetzki, Doreen Ross

November 5

Communion/Fellowship Coffee

November 19

Fellowship for Hanging of the Greens

December 3

Communion glasses

Christmas Party -3:00 pm

December 17

Sandwich/Cookie Fellowship after Christmas program

December 24

Communion glasses

Teams will be in charge of communion glasses, fellowship, and altar cloths.

Nov. 5—

12—Chuck & Sandy

Altar Flowers

Thompson
 19—
 26—

Ministry Leaders

Lay Readers

Nov. 5—

12—Jim Semon

19—Linda Miller-Moore

26—Kevin Young

Communion Assistant

Nov. 5—Jim Semon, Sr.

19—Jan Fulton

Youth Readers

5—

12-Cole Ruggles

19-

26-Cole Ruggles

Acolytes

Cole Ruggles

Cole Ruggles

Josh Thompson

Birthdays/Anniversaries

Nov. 2 —Joan Zorn

6 —Rachel Harlan

6 —Susan Zorn

6 —Preston Shupe

8 —Linda Miller Moore

Milly Reed

9 —Dawn Schlessman

11 —Cameron Deehr

19 —Louis Zorn

23—Christine Molnar

24 —John Miller

26 —Jack Maguire

27 —Dale Osbun

30 —Brian Osbun

ANNIVERSARIES

Nov. 8 — Chuck and Sandy

Thompson

27— Chuck and Peg Kingsley



SO MANY BLESSINGS