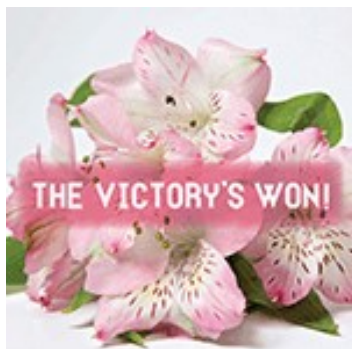


April



ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

ST. JOHN'S NEWS



One of the first things I noticed about this congregation when I was called here almost two years ago was that you all live out your mission statement. You are truly a “family of disciples faithfully making Christ known.”

Throughout my time here so far, I’ve seen you care for each other, care for my family, care for this community, and care for the entire world. You’ve shared the Gospel of Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection in your words and actions, and I am so thankful to be a part of this family.

Recently, we’ve been asked to provide meals for some of our own church family members, and it is a joy to care for each other. It has also helped me realize that there are so many ways we can care for each other, and so much we have to offer in this family.

To make this caring outreach a bit more organized and ready to respond to whatever needs arise, we are going to create a team that knows who can serve in what capacities. As we look at this, how are you able to help? Please fill out the sheet below and return it to the church or email in your response. You do not need to respond yes to every question, but please note what gifts you are willing to share.

Name _____

Phone Number _____

Email _____

Are you willing to:
Coordinate meals/transportation etc. _____

Provide a meal: _____

Provide transportation to a doctor’s appointment: _____

Sit with a family member so the caregiving can run an errand/get respite: _____

Have Four Wheel drive to transport people in a bad snowstorm: _____

Visit in the hospital: _____

Take Communion to homebound members: _____

Additional Items: _____

Walking with you in Christ,
Pastor Stacy

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- *Prayers for Homebound*



Think Spring!

First meeting for this year's community garden cooperative has been announced. Garden knowledge is not required. This is a great way to learn about gardening as we work together to provide food to those in need in our community!

WHAT: FLAMe Giving Garden at St. John's.
WHERE: Rte. 250 & Scheid Rd. Sandusky
WHEN: Tues., April 16

Holy Communion

Our youth love the gift of Holy Communion--the grace, love and forgiveness that come to us in the amazing gift of Christ's body and blood. They have once again requested that we have Holy Communion every week during the season of Easter (which goes until Pentecost on May 20). The 1st Sunday of the month will be full communion with bread and small cups. The remaining Sundays of the month, communion will be by intinction. We give thanks to our Lord Jesus for the love he continually gives to us in this amazing sacrament.



We are collecting glasses for the Lion's Club.

The Lions Club accepts any pair of gently used glasses, with or without a case. We have community eye doctors that will then determine the prescriptions and pass them along to those in need. **Please deposit your gently used glasses in the box by the Welcome Table. Thank you for thinking of the Lions Club!**

Holy Week at St. John

Maundy Thursday:

March 29th at 7:00 pm.
 Celebration of the Lord's Supper.

Good Friday:

March 30 at 12:00 noon at Zion's Sandusky
 Worship at 7:00 pm. at St. John's
 Service of Tenebrae.

Easter Sunday:

April 1st at 8:00 am and 10:30 am.
 Both services feature Holy Communion.
 Easter Breakfast at 9:00 am
 Easter Egg Hunt for the youth during the breakfast.

Join us for all of these special worship opportunities!



Easter Breakfast

Men of St. John! It's time to plan for the annual Easter breakfast on Sunday, April 1, 2018. Signup sheet is on the Welcome table for food donations and helpers



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





April is National Childhood Abuse Prevention Month. Childhood experience both positive and negative have an effect on the child's future health. Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) have become a hot topic. ACE's have been linked to risky health behaviors, chronic health conditions, low life potential and early death. To help stop ACE's a safe stable, nurturing relationship and environment is important and goes a long way to helping a child thrive and reach their full health and life potential. We all have to take a part in helping to report and stop child abuse. There is a lot of information out there, here are just a few www.childwelfare.gov, www.cdc.gov.

"Whoever receive one little child like this in My name receives me." Matthew 18:5



Deadline for May Newsletter is Sunday, April 22nd. If you have any information to be included, see that Sandy Thompson has it by the deadline.



Apr. 1-Easter lilies

8-

15-Kathleen Rudiger

22-Young family honor of Elliot

29-Ray Smith & family in memory of Sharen

Eastern Conference WELCA Spring Assembly

Saturday, April 21, 2018
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

St. John's 212 N. Clover St.,
Fremont OH
RSVP by April 15th to Karen
Schwochow, 419-332-7341
karen.stjohns@gmail.com

Program by
Pastor Scott Mauch,
LIFT pastor

April Birthdays

Apr. 1—Renee' Barkhimer
4—David Harlan
23—John Welch
24—Allison Young,
Kimberly Luman
25—Laura Knott
Jerrie Krawetzki
27—Paxton Luman
28—Pat Kelley
30—Tara Tommas

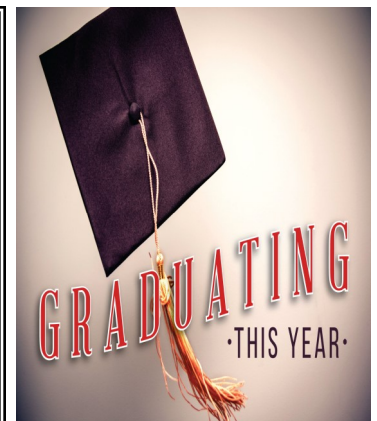
Anniversaries

Apr. 22 Anniversary
Don and Vicki
Johnson



Graduates

Graduation is fast approaching! Please contact Sandy Thompson with names of our High School, Technical School or College graduates for the May Newsletter.



Poet's Corner

Resurrection White by Jerry Bauer

"And she (Mary) saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain."
John 20:12

White,
the color of resurrection and life.

Crocus,
first flower of spring,
sends blossom forth,
weather still cold.

In the cold of death
springs forth new life.

White crocus blossoms,
Jesus rises from death.

The crocus announces God's good news.
God uses small to proclaim the word.

Life changing, life saving news.
Jesus is risen we shall rise too.

Summer Day Camp is Coming!

Mark your calendars for "Day Camp that will be held at Zion Mon., June 18 through Fri., June 22 from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm. Our camp is held in conjunction with Lutheran Outdoor Ministries in Ohio (LOMO) and provides the perfect opportunity for children entering grades 1-7 to enjoy a fun-filled, jam-packed, high-energy, God-loving, week-long experience! We have openings for 30 children, registration is on a first come-first serve basis, and forms are available in the narthex. The fee for the camp is \$50 for the first family member, with a sliding scale for each additional child. If needed, scholarships are available to help defray the cost of the camp. Please help spread the word and invite your friends, family, and neighbors to camp! We have been presented with a great opportunity to partner with St. John's and will now provide a "Mini" Day Camp experience for preschoolers from our congregations.



Preschooler Day Camp will run on Mon, Wed, & Fri from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm. This opportunity is open to 3-5-year olds, and they must be potty-trained. There is very limited space for this expanded age group and is only being offered to the congregations of Zion and St. John's. The cost for this "Mini" Camp is \$10.00. This is the perfect opportunity for the younger siblings of our day campers to be involved, and this registration is also based on a first-come/first serve basis!

We are also in need of volunteers to help during this event. We are looking for counselor assistants, greeters during drop-off and pick-up times, lunch servers, and a camp photographer. Adults and students who have completed grades 8-12 are welcome to volunteer. We need host-families for the three college-aged counselors to provide accommodations. This commitment would begin on Sun, June 17 and conclude on Fri, June 22. Please contact the office at zionhuron@gmail.com or [419-433-4711](tel:419-433-4711) if you have questions, or if you can help. For additional information go to zionhuron.org.



Family Camp—June 29-July 1

Families of all ages (even individuals) are invited to Camp Mowana in Mansfield for family camp, which St. John's will participate in with other congregations. Camp is led by Mowana camp counselors and we worship, have Bible study, sing, hike, pray, and have lots of fellowship. All activities are optional. You can stay in a cabin, camp in a tent, or stay in the air-conditioned retreat center, depending on preference. Registration information is available at lomocamps.org. Scholarships and fundraising opportunities are also available. Please let Pastor Stacy know if you plan on attending.

July 22nd: Elementary, middle school, and high school kids will attend Camp Mowana on an individual basis. All youth will go the same week, but may not be in the same cabin as others from church. Structured activities led by camp counselors will be offered. Registration information is available at lomocamps.org. Scholarships and fundraising opportunities are also available. Please let Pastor Stacy know if you plan on attending.



A DIAPER SHOWER

Please join the Faith Life Team in celebrating with the Luman family (Preston, Kim, Paxton, and Paisley) by showering them with diapers or wipes after church on **April 15th** for their daughter, Paisley. Any brand diaper in size 3 or 4 or Pamper sensitive baby wipes would be appreciated. We look forward to seeing you there!



Fund Raiser

Our youth continue to work towards the National Youth Gathering (along with 31,000 others around the country) and towards going to Camp Mowana this summer. We are selling pizzas, and will begin taking orders April 8th! Pizzas are \$10 for cheese and \$11 for pepperoni. They are 12 inches, and will be made by our youth. All pizzas will be fresh and ready to bake or freeze. Orders are due by May 4th, and pizzas will be ready for pick-up at the church on May 17th at 6 PM.



Mom to Mom Sale

St. John's will host a mom-to-mom sale. This is a great opportunity for moms to sell their gently used baby and kid items to other moms, all in one place! The sale will be on May 19th from 9-12. Tables for selling items are \$5, and it will cost \$1 to come and shop. The youth will have pizzas and cookies for sale, and all proceeds will benefit the youth going to Camp Mowana and the National Youth Gathering. If you would like to rent table space, please contact Pastor Stacy at stacylauer@Gmail.com



ST. JOHN'S HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

Ruth Bruns: Parkvue Health Care Center, #217
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
Margaret Ommert: At home, Huron
Joan Zorn: at The Meadows
Eloise Mitchell: At Commons of Providence
Irma Moon: At Admiral's Pointe
Harriett Schlessman: At the Willows at Bellevue Rm #518

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

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 cancer treatments

Becky Johnson – daughter of Don and Vicki Johnson diagnosed with Mantle Cell lymphoma, a rare and aggressive form of cancer.

Peggy Girten - diagnosed with breast cancer (Adam Vance's mother in law)

Ramona Knauer - massive stroke - (Ted Vance's mother in law)

Becky Wooster – Recovering from a brain injury. Jim and Becky's address is 6772 Birchton Point Dr. #202, Dublin OH 43017

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

March 6, 2018

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

PRAYER: Pastor Stacy opened with a prayer.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bob Krawetzki, Ann Voight, Paula Hoffman, Colleen Shupe, Bonny Ambros, Peg Kingsley, Doug Tommas, Jerrie Krawetzki, Kevin Young and Pastor Stacy

EXCUSED: Barry Laird, Jake Deehr, Jenna Stacy

MINUTES: February Council minutes were approved as submitted on motion from Paula Hoffman and seconded by Colleen Shupe. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report: Colleen reported: Offerings YTD: \$10,617
Expenses YTD: \$11,526
Net YTD: -\$909

Ann Voight moved and Bonny Ambros seconded that we accept the treasurer's report as given. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Pastor Stacy: Written report submitted. Pastor Stacy is forming a new team for the purpose of helping those members who request the need for meals to be delivered for short periods of time. This team could also find those who would be willing to offer transportation to doctor's appointments, or would sit with a home bound family member when the care giver is unable to be there.

Deacons: Nothing new to report.

Elders: Nothing new to report.

Trustees: Nothing new to report.

Good News Amen: Nothing new to report.

Worship Team: Pastor Stacy needs people to help with readings on Palm Sunday. Worship Team recommends that we begin our summer worship time at 9:30 AM starting on June 3rd and ending on Rally Day, September 9th. Ann Voight moved and Bonny Ambros seconded that we accept this recommendation. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

FLAME: Bob reported that FLAME is organizing a meeting for some time in April where the sheriff's from the tri-county area will speak about church safety. This meeting will be held at St. Paul's church in Sandusky.

Finance Team: Nothing new to report

Faith/Life Team: Written report submitted. Paula Hoffman continues to look for new members to the team and new ideas for the Giving Tree project. They will be showing the movie "Moana" on March 23rd. This is for people of all ages. Another Paint Night is being planned for the near future.

OLD BUSINESS:

Colleen reported that currently we have \$34,000 in the Windows Fund. We will ask Sandy to put a reminder in the church bulletin that the campaign runs through March 31st.

Dave Voight, Jr. has made his recommendations to the Property Team after looking over our current insurance policies. The Property Team will now look at all suggestions and make recommendations.

Jim Moore and Rex Rickly will get together in the near future to look at our audio/visual needs.

Council members worked on creation of a job description for the church organist. We now have job descriptions for the organist, administrative assistant and the custodian. Bob will show these drafts to our current organist, administrative assistant and custodian and ask for their input and suggestions.

Council members also looked over the job reviews for the above three positions.

Bob reminded Council that all team leaders are asked to keep track of the regular activities for which they are responsible during any given year. The purpose of this request is to have a description for each team's work so that new people coming onto the team will know what the expectations are for serving on the team. In the event that the team leader would be unable to serve in that capacity for any period of time, the remaining team members would be able to carry on the expected work. He will periodically email team leaders to remember to continue to do this throughout the year.

NEW BUSINESS:

Pastor Stacy has submitted two fund raising projects. St. John's youth will be having a Mom to Mom garage sale. They will also have a pizza sale on May 19th. The pizza preparations come from Sofos in Toledo and the kids will prepare the pizzas themselves.

Kevin Young moved and Paula Hoffman seconded that we approve having a donation collected on April 8th to support Meals on Wheels. If donations of checks are put in the plate they should be made out to St. John's with Meals on Wheels listed in the memo.

The Property Team reported that the church sign seems to be cutting out electrically from time to time probably because of moisture getting inside the sign. They will contact the appropriate people to make the repairs.

It was suggested that the Property Team look into the possibility of installing a generator at the parsonage to prevent future power outages. The Property Team will report their findings to the Finance Team. .

Adjournment: Colleen moved and Bonny Ambos seconded that we adjourn our meeting. Motion passed. We prayed the Lord's Prayer before departing.


The next Council meeting will be April 3, 2018 at 7 PM in the Upper Room.

Respectfully submitted,
Peg Kingsley, Secretary

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISING CHANGE

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





OUR LIVING HOPE

Easter is a time to rejoice because of what God did for us in sending his Son. Jesus is our living hope. Read 1 Peter 1:3-4 (NIV) below. Then find the **bold** words in the crossword search.

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade — kept in heaven for you"

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Firelands Lutherans Active in Mission

*Grace, Castalia—St. John's Union Corners—St. John's, Bellevue—St. Paul, Sandusky
St. Peter, Norwalk—Trinity, Sandusky—Zion, Sandusky—Zion, Huron*

Your FLAMe Board met on March 19, 2018 at St. John's.

Things are turning green and that means it's time for the Giving Garden. If you are unaware, the Firelands Lutherans Active in Mission, and that means YOU, sponsors a community garden at donated property on Milan Rd behind St. John's Church. Volunteers till, sow, weed, grow, and harvest a bountiful garden to feed the hungry in our community. Your help is needed. The garden will again be under the direction of Jeff Justi and crew. The first meeting is Monday, April 16th, 6 pm at St. John's. So, if you like to play in the dirt, come out and see how you can help.

As you are aware, our area has a Shared Ministry Team that has been meeting for two years. All FLAMe pastors and any congregation representatives are invited to join the conversation on Tuesday, April 10th, 11:30 at St. Paul. There is a light lunch provided so please call St. Paul's office at 419-625-6800 for a reservation by Monday, April 9th.

Wednesday, April 11th there will be a meeting and conversation to examine the future of Erie County's Lutheran congregation arrangements. Watch for announcements and additional details.

The JOY Time Choir performed at the Ability Works Talent Show on March 20th. Our next meeting is Thursday, April 12th at St. Paul's. Please share news about this ministry to any families who may have adults with developmental disabilities. We are also seeking any volunteers to help us with this FLAMe ministry.

Lifetree Café meets twice a month at the Huron Library. Come for intriguing videos and insightful discussion. Watch for the upcoming April dates and give it a try.

We have several youth making plans to attend the national ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston Texas this summer. Please support their fundraising efforts. See some dates below.

As part of the Sandusky Bicentennial Celebration area churches have been asked to share their church's history by hosting an Open House. Trinity will host an Open House on May 20th. View Trinity's history, the history of Venice, visit our worship space and columbarium, and enjoy a Toft's sundae bar from 2-4pm. Zion, Sandusky, St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, and First Congregational UCC plan to host a 3-church Block Party on July 22nd. St. Paul's is making plans for their Open House and details will be released soon. Please support these FLAMe congregations as they shine in the community.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND FLAMe CHURCH NEWS:

Tuesday, April 10th: St. Paul's 11:30, Shared Ministry Team

Wednesday, April 11th: St. Paul's, Open Discussion about arrangement of Erie County Lutheran Parishes. TTBD

Thursday, April 12th: St. Paul's JOY Time 6-7:30 pm, Fun Ministry for adults with developmental disabilities.

Monday, April 16th: St. John's, Giving Garden organizational meeting 6 pm

Monday, April 16th: St. John's FLAMe Board meeting

Saturday, April 21st: St. John's Fremont, Eastern Conference Women of the ELCA Spring Assembly, 9am-1 pm

Sunday, April 22nd: Welcome Table, St. Paul, noon-1:30, community meal, handicap accessible, all are welcome

Sunday, May 20th: Welcome Table, St. Paul, noon-1:30, community meal, handicap accessible, all are welcome

Sunday, May 20th: Trinity Open House and Venice History as part of the Sandusky Bicentennial Celebration, 2-4 pm.

Sunday, May 20th: St. Peter, Norwalk, Chicken BBQ, 11:30-1 pm to support youth,

Friday, June 8 and Saturday, June 9, 2018: Bowling Green, 2018 NWOSynod Assembly "Year of Purposeful Prayer"

June 18-22: Lutheran Outdoor Ministry of Ohio, Day Camp, Zion Huron (sponsored by both Zion-H and St. John's)

June 27-July 1: Houston, TX, ELCA Youth Gathering

July 22: Zion, Sandusky Block Party as part of the Sandusky Bicentennial Celebration.

A FAMILY OF
DISCIPLES,
FAITHFULLY MAKING
CHRIST KNOWN

April 2018

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**Ushers
needed**

Ushers:
Easter
8-Mary K
& Dave
Schlessman

Easter:
10:30
Ann & Da-
vid Voight

1 Easter
Worship
8:00/10:30
9:00 Break-
fast
9:15 Egg
Hunt



3
Church
Council
7:00 pm

4
Choir
Practice-
7:00 pm

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8 Flowers:
Pass the
Plate
Sunday
(support
Meals on
Wheels)

9
Quilt mak-
ing session
9:00 am

10 Second
Tuesday
Small
Groups
5:30-7 pm

11
Choir
Practice-
7:00 pm

12 Cross-
roads 3:30
pm
Joy Time
6-7:30 at
St. Paul's
Faith Life
6:30 pm

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15 Flowers;
Kathleen
Rudiger

16 Giving
Garden
meeting-
6:00 pm



18
Worship
Team 6:00
pm

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21
Art and Pizza
12 noon for
all youth and
families

Diaper
Shower for
Luman
family after
worship

FLAMe
7:00 pm

Choir
Practice-
7:00 pm

22 Flowers:
Young
family
Newsletter
Deadline

23
Quilt mak-
ing session
9:00 am

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25 Dinner
Church-6
pm
Choir
Practice-
7:00 pm

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29 Flowers:
Ray Smith
& family

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

ADDRESS CHANGE REQUESTED

Second Quarter Team

Kathy Strayer
Phyllis Stengel
Bonny Ambos

April 1

Communion Glasses

May 6

Communion Glasses/Fellowship

June 3

Communion Glasses

Thank you to the first quarter team for all their help with monthly fellowship, and soup suppers during the Lenten season. It was a busy first quarter!



Ministry Leaders

April Lay Readers

1—8:00—Allison Young
10:30—Jim Semon, Sr.
8—
15—Linda Miller-Moore
22—Paula Hoffman
29—Jim Semon, Sr.

April Communion Assistants

1—8:00—Sandy Thompson
10:30—Jim Semon, Sr.
8—
15—
22—
29—

Ushers

1—8:00—Mary K & Dave Schlessman
10:30—Ann & David Voight
8—Ann & David Voight
15—
22—
29—

Youth Leaders

April Youth Leaders

April Acolytes

1—8:00—
10:30—Josh Thompson
8—
15—Wade Ruggles
22—
29—

April Psalm Readers

1—8:00—
10:30—
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