

August

Bringing
Christ
to the
COMMUNITY

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

ST. JOHN'S NEWS



Summer is a wonderful time for growth, as so many things around us seem to be bursting with life. We have beautiful flower gardens blooming, tomatoes and other fruits vegetables ready for our enjoyment, children enjoying time with their families, and less meetings indoors which allow for additional time in conversations and care of each other.

As I've been spending time with many of you this summer, I've heard so many stories of ways that you all are caring for people in the communities you live and how that is helping you grow as a disciple. And in return for your care, you are receiving blessings as people are touching your lives.

I've heard how many of you take people meals, work in the Giving Garden, spend time with co-workers listening to their struggles and joys, visit bedsides through hospice, talk with strangers at the library, hand out scholarships, walk with people in your neighborhood, and serve on various committees (among so many other things). All of the neighboring towns are being inspired and moved by your care and compassion, by your love of other people. And you do this all in the name of Jesus, which is even more incredible.

I was remarking on how involved the St. John's family is recently, and I was told that being involved in one's community is an out-growth of worshipping our God. This is so true! As we grow in our faith and in our lives as disciples, we then grow in serving, in loving our neighbors, and in seeing God in them. And you all are doing this each and every day.

Would you be kind enough to share some stories with me? I love hearing how you are serving our God as you go about your lives. You might not even realize what a difference you are making, but it has a huge impact. After all, caring for others doesn't only happen in our congregations. If you are willing, please share a quick story with me of someone who you have cared for who then has touched your life. If you don't want to write it down, I would love to have coffee and chat!

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- *Crossroads Servant Event*
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- *FLAMe Minutes*
- *Thank You's*

Crossroads

St. John will serve their monthly meal at the VOA Crossroads shelter on Thursday, August 9th from 3:30 – 6:00 pm. All are invited to participate, and sign-up to provide food items in support of the meal. A new list is on the Welcome Table at church. **Food items to church by 12:00 noon.**



Quilters

Quilting will resume in September. The quilters meet on the 2nd and 4th Monday's at 9:00 AM. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to come help and enjoy the fellowship.



Poets Corner

Pentecost Sermon Reflection Jerry Bauer

Pastor Stacy's Pentecost sermon focused on breath and the Holy Spirit.

The Hebrew word "ruach" translates as breath or spirit, thus breath of God or Spirit of God, The sermon stressed being quiet and attentive to our breath and the Holy Spirit.

In yoga the primary emphasis is on the breath, mindful of each inhale and exhale. A saying (mantra) can be repeated while inhaling and exhaling.

I am led to pray "Holy Spirit fill my life" with each inhale and exhale, mindful of God's presence within me.

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Thank you, loving disciple, for the many ways you care for your community and world as God works through you.

Walking with you in Christ,
Pastor Stacy

Name (optional): _____

Where do you serve (including work and school and in friendships):

Who has impacted your life this summer (you can change names for privacy)?

September 9th is rally day! Please join us for a festive worship service, a delicious and famous St. John's potluck, and fun-filled activities. This is a great start for our fall and winter programs, but it's even better when you are part of it. Worship will be at 10:30 at St. John's, lunch and games will follow. Drinks and table service are provided. You are invited to bring a dish to share.

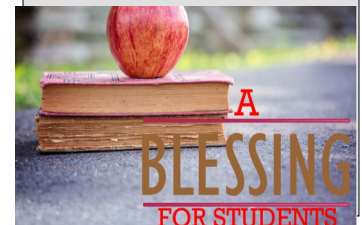
Mark your calendar! "God's work. Our hands."

Zion Lutheran Church Huron offers A Community Meal at the Huron Laundromat parking lot from 12 to 3 pm. **As part of God's Work, Our Hands Sunday**, we are providing ten dozen cookies or cupcakes to Love at the Laundromat, a free meal and day at the laundromat in Huron. Are you able to make a dozen or two? Desserts are needed September 8 and love at the Laundromat is September 9th from 12-3. A sign-up sheet is on the welcome table. Thank you! If you are interested in helping in any other way, please contact Sheila Preston, 419-433-8501 for further information.

Teachers and students, it's hard to hear but the start of a new school year is just around the corner! St. John will mark the occasion again this year with the "Blessing of Children and Book Bags." on Sunday, August 12th during our worship service. Students, teachers, bus drivers, school staff are all invited to come forward during worship with whatever it is you carry with you to school...book bag, back pack, brief case.

Prayers for Our Youth!

With the blessing of the backpacks we would also like to include blessing the children and ask for volunteers to take a child's name and pray for that child daily. Children are blessings from the Lord and we need to lift them up to God as they are also the legacy of the church. Since we cannot be with them 24/7 we need to put them in the hands of the Lord. Please see Kerry Laird to get a child's name that you will diligently pray for every day.



August Birthdays

August Anniversaries

Learning Opportunities

Aug. 1—Paula Hoffman
Ryan Scovanner
3—Bonnie Semon, Chuck Kingsley
4—Dale Schlessman
Bob Krawetzki
6—Dawn Warner
7—Barbara Vance
8—Chuck Thompson
11—Allison Schlessman
12—Aaron Schlessman
14—Paul Stengel
15—Margaret Ommert
19—Madeline Lane
20—Tim Zorn
21—Samantha Bechtel
22—Mary K Schlessman
27—Eloise Mitchell
27—Raymond Smith
28—Sophia Scovanner
29—Sherri Barnes

Aug. 4—Bob & Lori Stacy
8—Dale & Cindy Schlessman
12—Bill and Sue Lucht
16—Pat & Sally Kelley
Mark & Samantha Bechtel
20—Mike & Lisa Chill
21—Chuck and Heather Ruggles
25—Preston & Kimberly Luman
28—Bob & Jerrie Krawetzki
30—Larry & Dawn Schlessman

Altar Flowers

Aug. 5—Jerrie Krawetzki
12—
19—
26—Bob & Jerrie Krawetzki in honor of their 53rd anniversary



**Sunday, Sept. 16th
9:00 a.m.**

Coming in September the return of Sunday school for all ages, small group Bible study, Stay tuned for details.

Choir Resumes



Mark your calendars! St. John's choir practice begins on Wednesday, September 5th at 7:00 pm. New members are welcome. Plan to join the choir in their music ministry!



Choir and Worship Team Picnic

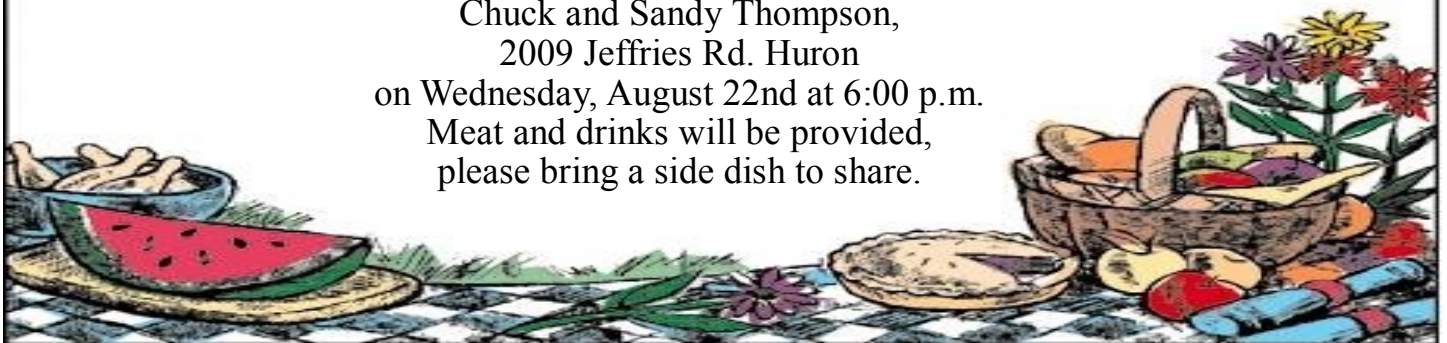
Choir members, Worship Team and all who would like to be part of the music ministry of St. John's are invited to attend a close of summer picnic for an evening of fellowship, brainstorming and visioning for the Fall. Picnic will be held at the home of

Chuck and Sandy Thompson,

2009 Jeffries Rd. Huron

on Wednesday, August 22nd at 6:00 p.m.

Meat and drinks will be provided,
please bring a side dish to share.



Baking Challenge:

On the welcome table you will find information about a BAKING CHALLENGE for the summer! Sign in, grab a recipe, do your research and bake your cookies. This is a great team project for the family. Bring a sample of your cookies (a dozen) to Rally Day for judging! Prizes for the winner!



Thank you St. John's for the gifts, cards, and prayers on my graduation from Edison. A special thank you for the very nice church service and the celebration. It is very appreciated! Kassidy Burdue

Dear St. John's Family,

I want to thank you SO much for thinking of me on my birthday! The gas gift card is appreciated more than you know! With driving to Toledo and back 3 days a week for clinicals, I go through a lot of gas! Thank you again for your love and generosity! Love, Catherine Wilson

Dear St. John's Family,

Thank you for the beautiful and generous diaper shower! It's such a joy to learn about Jesus' love surrounded by you all. I thank God for you. **Thanks, Sophia Scovanner & family**

Giving Garden Corn Roast

"Monday, August 20th will be the Firelands Lutherans Active in Mission's Second Annual Giving Garden Sweetcorn Potluck. Let's Celebrate the success of the Giving Garden. Zion, Huron will serve as host. There will be plenty of sweetcorn & hotdogs. Drinks and place settings will be provided. Bring a dish to share and enjoy an evening of fellowship as we thank God for the bounty of FLAME's Giving Garden. Everyone is welcome! This is one way we can thank the folks who have labored in the garden working to feed the hungry in our communities. A sign-up sheet with details is on the Welcome Table."



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

If you have any information to be included in the September Newsletter, please give to Sandy Thompson by Sunday, Aug. 19th or mail to 2009 Jeffries Rd. Huron, Ohio 44839, phone- 433-4530 or Email-Sandy8110@gmail.com

Youth Sponsored Dinner!



Our youth are experiencing great things this summer, and you are invited to hear about them. All stockholders and friends of St John's are invited to a youth sponsored dinner August 6 at 6 PM at St John's. We will serve lasagna and will share stories of the National Youth Gathering and camp.



During the 'dog days of summer' we need to remember to drink more water to stay healthy. We also need to remember that God refreshes our bodies and our souls with water. During this month strive to drink eight glasses of water daily. To renew yourself spiritually, 'drink' the gift of the Holy Spirit and reflect on "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst.

"Indeed the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life" (John 4:13).

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 – asking for prayers of peace and comfort.

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

Family of Jean Hlavin – grieving her death.

Jerry Bauer – recovering at home in need of our payers.

June Gorga—rehab at Providence Care, Hayes Ave. Sandusky

Jason Shupe—Ongoing recovery

Dave—Brother of Millie Reed—diagnosed with blood cancer

Nancy Osbun— health concerns



St. John's has a Facebook page. Like us. Share us. Invite people you know to 'like' us. www.facebook.com/stjohnlcsandusky/



St. John's has a Twitter account Search for @SJLCUC and click to follow us. Any info you want tweeted, you can send to Kyle at k-young.10@onu.edu or direct message him on Twitter.





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 July 17, 2018 at St. John's.

Church Security is something that many take for granted. When are your church doors unlocked? Who has access to those doors? Do you have a plan if someone enters your church who is seeking something other than Christ? Do you know what to do as a parishioner, if someone comes to Sunday services with bad intentions? Do you know what laws are in place that relate to your place of worship? If you answered "I don't know," or "no" to any of these questions - you are not alone. We would like to make certain that you are prepared. We have brought together a group of speakers who will prepare you, educate you, and help you take the necessary steps to make your church the safe haven we all want them to be. FLAME's second **Church Security Seminar** will be held September 25th at St. Paul's at 7pm. Sheriff Sigworth is organizing this seminar with two other county sheriffs. This program will consist of training in how to survive an active shooter situation. And then, we will have a panel discussion with the presenters to discuss their thoughts on self-defense, self-preservation, and how Faith and the law interact with these topics. Be sure someone from your congregation attends.

Lifetree Café meets the second Monday of each summer month. The meetings are hosted at the Christian Center behind Zion, Huron. The meetings consist of a short film and discussion of our thoughts, questions, and ideas. The topic for August is *"Can God Love a Mess Like Me?"* Also, Leslie Foxworth is looking for funding to continue this program. Contact your FLAME representative if you would like to help.

The Sandusky Fourth of July Celebration booth was a success in sharing the history of Lutherans in the Sandusky area. FLAME wants to thank Barry Gill, Judy McEowen, Deanna Ridenour, Carolyn Steinfeldt, Cathy Wobser, and the Dean Slater family for designing, setting up, and taking down the booth. St. Paul donated colorful, woven bracelets that were a big hit, along with other giveaways donated by Barry and Judy. Archiving the material is underway. Also, thank you to our team of workers on the hot, hot 4th of July:

From St. John's: Bill and Sue Lucht

From St. Paul: Jackie Csehi, Linda Ewers, Linda Skillman, Tim Parker

From Trinity: Barry Gill, David and Cathy Wobser

From Zion: Vicki Boesch, Connie Costello, Julie Kessler, Virginia Lillian, Judy McEowen

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In memory of **Pr. John Mawhirter**, FLAME has made a donation to the Pancreatic Cancer Fund, Team PJ. Our condolences to the Mawhirter Family as we remember Pastor John and his long term service not only to Zion, Sandusky, but to our entire community.

St. John's invites the community to Nickel Plate Beach in Huron to share in worship and a meal. See details below for this August 23rd event.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND FLAME CHURCH NEWS:

Thursday, August 9th: St. Paul, JOY Time, 6:00-7:30 PM, night of faith and fun for adults with developmental disabilities.

Monday, August 13th: Zion, Huron, 7-8PM Life Tree Café, "Can God Love a Mess Like Me?"

Monday, August 20th: Giving Garden Sweetcorn Potluck, Zion, Huron. Gather at 5:30, Serve at 6. Bring a dish to share.

Thursday, September 13th: St. Paul, JOY Time, 6:00-7:30 PM, night of faith and fun for adults with developmental disabilities.

Tuesday, September 25th: St. Paul, 7pm, Church Safety Seminar, presented by three area county sheriffs.

Saturday, September 29th: Trinity, Sandusky, 9am-1pm, Eastern Conference Women's Fall Retreat, "Prayer with a Twist"

Thursday, October 11th: St. Paul, JOY Time, 6:00-7:30 PM, night of faith and fun for adults with developmental disabilities.

Sunday, October 21st: State Theater, 4 PM Celebration of Psalms with the LIFT Festival Chorus and Firelands Symphony Chorale

Sunday, October 28th: Reformation Sunday, FLAME Covenant Signing at all congregations.

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FAITHFULLY MAKING
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August 2018

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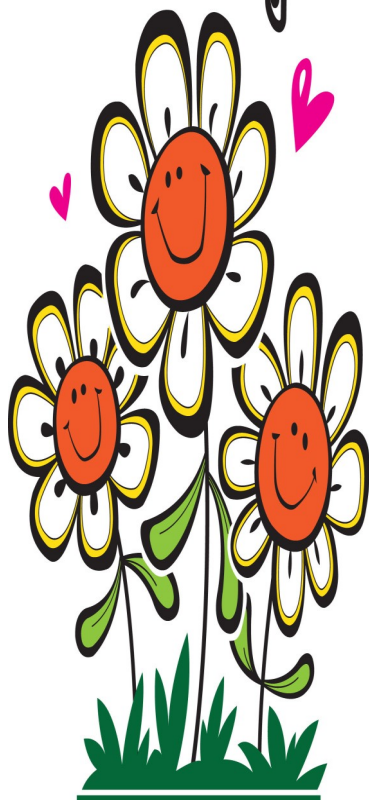
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Caring
for the
Community



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Jim Semon,
Sr.

1 Grounded 2
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Barry
Bagels

5 Flowers:
Jerrie
Krawetzki

6 Lasagna
Dinner
Sponsored
by youth
6 PM



7 Church
Council
7:00 pm

8 Grounded
in Prayer
10:30 am
Barry
Bagels

9 Cross-
roads
3:30-6:00
Food-12:00
Faith Life
Team
6:30 pm



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12 Flowers:
Blessing of
Children and
Bookbags
Prayers for
our youth!
Blessing of
the harvest



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Small group
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19 Flowers:

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Giving
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26 Flowers:
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Sandusky, OH 44870

A Family of Disciples,
Faithfully Making
Christ Known!

Sunday Worship 10:30 AM

ADDRESS CHANGE REQUESTED

August Ministry Leaders

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

Aug. 5—Paula Hoffman
19—

LAY READERS

Aug. 5—Melinda Zorn
12—Linda Miller-Moore
19—Jim Semon, Sr.
26—

YOUTH TIME LEADERS

Aug. 5 - Pastor Stacy
12 - Allison Young
19 - Pastor Stacy
26 - Paula Hoffman

ST. JOHN'S HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

June Gorga: Rehab at Providence Care, Hayes Ave. Sandusky.
(Mother of Nancy Osbun)

Rachel Kaliszewski: 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: The Meadows, Huron

Eloise Mitchell: Commons of Providence,
Sandusky

Irma Moon: Admiral's Point Huron

Harriett Schlessman: The Willows, Bellevue Rm #518



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