

ST. JOHN'S NEWS

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October



FROM THE PASTOR

Did you know that our congregation is one of many, and that we don't stand alone? St. John's is part of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, and specifically the Northwestern Ohio Synod. This year, our synod has called the ELCA congregations in northwestern Ohio to be a part of the year of prayer.

At St. John's we have spent time in prayer groups reading "Grounded in Prayer". We have prayed for each other, for our families, for our congregation, for other congregations, for our city, for our world. We give thanks that God answers prayers, that God listens for us, that God calls us to pray again and again and again.

As part of the year of prayer, Bishop Daniel (the bishop of the Northwestern Ohio Synod) has provided congregations with a Bible study on Nehemiah. He introduces the Bible study with this:

A long time ago, Nehemiah was called by God to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem. In the Old Testament, *Book of Nehemiah*, we read that before Nehemiah lays even one stone; Nehemiah prays. He prays for strength. He prays for protection. He prays for forgiveness. Nehemiah takes everything to the Lord in prayer. One of my "go to" Bible verses related to prayer is **Philippians 4:6**, and this will serve as our *Year of Prayer* memory verse. "***Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God***" (**Philippians 4:6**). This powerful Bible verse captures God's desire for us to pray.

St. John's is going to join other congregations in our synod and study the Book of Nehemiah and his prayer life. Will you join us? This will be a great time for prayer, conversation, fellowship, questions, fears, joys, and discussion. If you've never been to a bible study before, or if you've been to 100 of them, you are invited and we would love to learn together.

We will meet on Tuesdays at 9 AM for six weeks. We begin October 23rd at Barry Bagels on Milan Rd in Sandusky (behind Five Guys). There is a sign-up sheet on the welcome table at the back of the sanctuary, or you can simply show up at Barry Bagels.

I hope you will join us as we explore the Book of Nehemiah.

Walking with you in Christ,
Pastor Stacy

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Special points of interest:

- Remember to Fall back with the time on Sunday, November 4th.
- October Birthdays and Anniversaries
- Ministry Leaders
- All Saints Sunday
- Great Hymns of Faith Choral Festival
- FLAME Minutes



October is Health Literacy Month. Understanding the medical world can be very confusing. Written in the Affordable Care Act is that a person has the right to understand basic health information. Easier said than done at times. Those who work in the medical field understand the lingo, but others do not. Do not be afraid to ask for clarification if you are not sure what they are telling you. For example, if they tell you to take a medicine twice a day. What does that mean? Once in the morning once in the evening? Two at the same time or any time during the day as long as you take it twice? If it is not explained, then it is important to ask. You want to take it at the proper time to receive the best benefit for your health. It's your body so don't be afraid to ask.

***I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go:
I will guide you with My eye." Psalm 32:8***

Always Forever

"As the mountains surround Jerusalem,
so the Lord surrounds his people, from
this time forth and forevermore."

Psalm 125:2

A picture of security,
surrounded by God.
Makes me feel held
in God's loving arms.

A mighty fortress
God surrounds me,
present now,
always, forever.

Walk and Pray for hunger!

Please join us on October 14th at 2:30 when we gather to walk and pray for people in our community who are hungry and poor. We will walk at the Prayer Labyrinth at Zion Lutheran Church in Huron. We've invited the other FLAME churches to join our effort by raising money for a chosen organization that meets the needs of the poor and hungry. We've also asked that each church write a prayer petition that all participants can pray during our walk for hunger. Watch the bulletin for details.

When: October 14th at 2:30 pm.

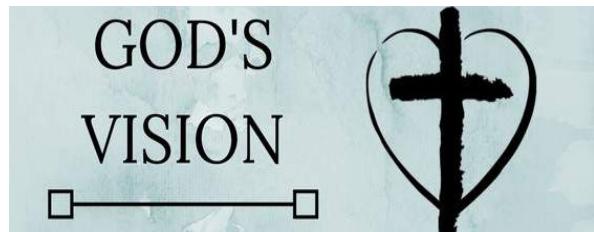
Where: Zion Lutheran Church, Huron
Prayer Path

SPURS

Attention all members of St. John's!

The SPURS visioning team is offering two opportunities on Monday, November 5th 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 5:30 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



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 Vicki Johnson diagnosed with Mantle Cell lymphoma, a rare and aggressive form of cancer.
Nancy Osbun – Recovering at home from surgery.
Melinda Zorn – Recovering from knee replacement surgery.
Norma Zorn – in need of our prayers



Paisley Luman – prayers for health concerns.
Jason Shupe – Ongoing recovery

Pray for the Homebound

ST. JOHN'S HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

June Gorga: 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!



November 4th 2018 is All Saints Sunday, when we take the time to give thanks for the saints who have shared their faith with us and helped us grow in our faith. You are invited to bring a picture of someone in your family you would like to remember on this special day and place it on the altar before worship begins.

Opening Your Eyes To the OPIOID Epidemic at St. John's Lutheran Church



On October 28th a speaker with Project Noelle, who's mission is to help children negatively affected by the opioid epidemic.

Immediately following the service we will enjoy a fellowship. Our speaker will begin approximately when everyone is settled.



Great Hymns of Faith

CHORAL FESTIVAL

Michael Shirtz, conductor

*Join in celebrating the spirit of unity
and faith through singing!*

**Sunday,
October 21
4PM | \$10**



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Bruce Valentine's CORNERSTONE CHORALE AND BRASS

*"To see the earth as it truly is...
is to see ourselves as riders on the earth together,
brothers [and sisters] in the eternal cold."*

Archibald MacLeish

Photo by Getty Images

St. John's Choir will be participating in this wonderful Choral Festival again this year. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. You do not want to miss this awesome concert.

Pastor Stacy away for continuing education:

Pastor Stacy will be away October 1st through October 12th. If a pastoral emergency arises, please contact Sandy Thompson (419-433-4530), Bob Krawetzki (419-588-2183) or Ann Voight (419-357-8483).



A unique faith experience of music and word, a call to follow and serve, and a powerful message of hope, reconciliation, and healing through God's compassion, love and grace.

NEW YORK - LINCOLN CENTER: "...a top-notch ensemble with a high level of musicianship...Valentine's 20 singers are superb...The choir demonstrates a fine blend of vocal quality with dead-center pitch and rhythmic precision most vocal ensembles would kill for. The brass quintet is crisp, carefully balanced within itself and with the chorus...THE EVENING PROVIDED A MESSAGE OF GREAT IMPORTANCE."

NEW YORK - CARNEGIE HALL: "...part church service, part Passion play, part concert...a unique form... exemplary diction...beautiful sound, excellent intonation and sincerity. THE AUDIENCE LOVED IT, as they demonstrated with a standing ovation."

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24 - 6:30 PM
ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH
503 Columbus Avenue, Sandusky, Ohio**

Admission: 1 non-perishable food item
To benefit: CARE & SHARE

Information: (419) 625-2112 www.zionsandusky.org
Partially underwritten by The Zion Foundation

Family Eucharistic Ministers

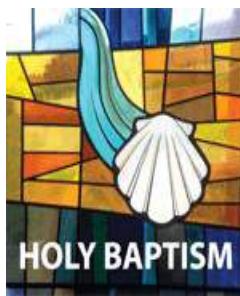
Do your young people love talking about communion? Do they have questions about it? Do they learn from and enjoy the company of older adults? We are partnering families who have youth with our homebound members. We ask each family that partners to visit the homebound member once every other month and take communion to that homebound member. This can happen anytime that fits your schedule!

We hope relationships will form and we can learn from each other. Interested? Have questions? Join us for a brief discussion on November 3rd at 11:30 before Art and Pizza or see Pastor Stacy.



Baptisms

On Sunday, September 30th, we will celebrate and welcome the newly baptized, Emily Isabel Young into the Lord's family and into the mission we share. Emily is the daughter of David and Sofia Young and grandson of Kevin and Allison Young. Please keep the Young family in your prayers.



Sunday, October 14th we will celebrate and welcome the newly baptized, Luca Eskins into the Lord's Family and into the mission we share. Luca is the son of Tessa Baker and Cole Eskins. Great Grandson of Milly and Owen Reed.



Dear church family,
Thank you so much for your comforting cards, emails, and calls to me during my recovery from surgery. Thank you to Pastor Stacy for her visits, and also for the visitors who brought delicious meals for Dale & I. I feel your prayers and am feeling stronger everyday. Nancy Osbun

Art and Pizza for the Youth

Art and pizza returns! Please join us November 3rd from 12-1 for a craft, prayer, and pizza. All young people and their families are invited.

Art, Pizza and a Story for Kids!



It's time for another book fair!! Our book fair is extended to October 21! Please have all orders turned in by October 21! We have books for kids, teens, and adults. They make great Christmas presents or thinking of you gifts. There are Christmas books and books on love, health, and spirituality. The book fair is sponsored by Sparkhouse, which is a Lutheran publisher. Enjoy shopping from the comfort of the Upper Room. Orders are due by October 21st. Place your order forms and payment in the offering plate (making sure we note that the payment is for the book fair).



St. John's Family & Friends Halloween Trunk or Treat

In the Parking Lot Sunday October 21 3 to 5 PM

TREATS FUN GAMES FUN REFRESHMENTS



ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
September 4, 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, Peg Kingsley, Kevin Young, Barry Laird, Jake Deehr, Pastor Stacy, Jenna Stacy , Paula Hoffman, Bonny Ambos

EXCUSED: Doug Tommas , Colleen Shupe, Jerrie Krawetzki

MINUTES: August Council minutes and minutes from special Council meeting held on August 26, 2018 were approved as written by Council on motion by Bonny Ambos and seconded by Paula Hoffman.

REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report: As of July 31st, 2018: Offerings YTD: \$80,351
Expenses YTD:\$100,198
Net YTD: -\$19,847

Barry Laird moved and Paula Hoffman seconded that we accept the treasurer's report. as given. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Pastor Stacy: Written report submitted. Pastor Stacy reported we will be participating in OH-go on Thursday, September 6th. Rally Day will be September 9th. Owen and Milly Reed's great-grandson, Luca , will be baptized on October 14th.

Deacons: Nothing new to report.

Elders: Nothing new to report.

Trustees: Jake reported that the Property Team will soon be contracting with one of the submitted bidders to paint the exterior wood trim of the church, excluding the front doors, and will repair and paint the stucco siding on the west side of the church.

Good News Amen: Nothing new to report.

Worship Team: Project Noelle will be presenting a very short talk on October 28th about the opioid epidemic. Following church services there will be a potluck dinner in the fellowship room with a question and answer period. Allison Young is in charge of this program. November 11th is a National Youth Advocacy Program.

FLAMe: The corn boil went very well this year with a good turnout. We need to get a second representative to FLAMe. Bob Krawetski will make an announcement to the congregation about this on September 16th. If we get no volunteers we'll start asking people directly.

Endowment Committee: John Miller will be presenting the Endowment Resolution to the congregation on September 30th at our special congregational meeting.

Finance Team: Written report submitted. Peg announced that the four items presented by the Property Team for consideration yet this year will be completed. The Finance Team discussed two financial issues that have arisen this year for the Scholarship Team. Issue One is that if the church awards a scholarship of more than \$600 to an applicant, that applicant must show proof of having spent the money on school related items. If they fail to do that, we need to send them a 1099 form in January. Issue Two is that there is no guarantee that the Scholarship Team will be awarded any money from the Endowment Fund in any given year. The Scholarship Team is to remain self funded by having a scholarship campaign drive each year. Since those issues are the only financial ones concerning the scholarship fund, there is no need for the Finance Team to meet with the Scholarship Team on September 23rd. That meeting is therefore cancelled. Council will look at the remaining scholarship concerns and put discussion of them on the October Council agenda. Meeting with the Scholarship Team will happen after the October meeting.

Faith/Life Team: Written report submitted. Paula reported that Bingo, corn hole and Giant Jenga will be played on Rally Day.

OLD BUSINESS:

Kevin Young reported on the insurance review. He suggested several updated changes including adding a 3 million dollar liability umbrella policy, increases in limits for property, increases to maximum for liability, and increasing the deductible. The cost of this will be between \$1000 and \$1800. Barry Laird moved and Bonny Ambos seconded that we approve these changes and that we pro-rate the policy so that it becomes effective immediately. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

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. These can be turned in at the time of handing in annual reports.

“Create a Safety Plan for your Church” will be held in Perrysburg, OH on September 22nd from 10-2 PM. Allison Young has volunteered to be the leader of a group to attend this meeting. Paula Hoffman will also be attending and we will be covering expenses for both ladies. Bob Krawetzki also reminded us of the upcoming tri-county meeting with the sheriffs speaking on church security.

At Jeanette Walz’s tribute we will use actual glass wine glasses for communion because Jeanette bought the glasses for our congregation many years ago.

NEW BUSINESS:

Pastor Stacy will be doing some fund raising with a Book Fair selling books, chocolate and coffee from now through the holidays. The ELCA is also offering Good Gifts again.

The January Council meeting will be held on January 8, 2019 and the Annual Meeting will be January 27, 2019.

Bonny Ambos moved and Paula Hoffman seconded that the meeting be adjourned. We closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

The next meeting will be October 2, 2018 at 7 PM.

Special Congregational Meeting will be held immediately following services on September 16th.

Special Congregational Meeting to approve the Endowment Resolution will be held September 30th.

Respectfully submitted,
Peg Kingsley, Secretary

Special Congregational Meeting Sunday, September 16, 2018

Immediately after church on Sunday, September 16, 2018 President Bob Krawetzki opened a special congregational meeting called by the Congregational Council. The purpose of the meeting was to inform the congregation that the Property Team has been made aware of an immediate need to repair and paint the exterior of the church. They learned of this urgency from the crew of Windows Creations as they worked on replacing our storm windows. In addition to painting, they found that the stucco on the west and north side of the church was in need of repair. The Property Team has received two bids thus far: \$9300 and \$7755, both from reputable painters within our area. Our Constitution states that anything costing over \$5000 must be voted on by the congregation. Jeff Justi presented the facts and pictures showing the need for this project.

Jim Semon moved and Barry Laird seconded that we approve moving ahead with this project and its cost. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Bob Krawetzki thanked everyone for coming and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Peg Kingsley
Congregational Council Secretary



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 September 17, 2018 at St. John’s.

If you missed our Spring Seminar on Church Safety and Security, we are doing it again! FLAME is teaming with the sheriffs from Erie, Huron, and Sandusky counties. The discussion covers topics from medical emergencies to stranger disturbances. This is an open invitation to Sandusky, Huron, Norwalk, Bellevue and surrounding areas. The seminar is September 25th at St. Paul’s at 7pm. The Board thanks Bob Krawetzki and Deanna Ridenour for organizing this event.

September’s guest, Peter Schade, Erie County Health Commissioner, shared information about Erie County’s opioid crisis. He laid out the counties “Circle of Care” program. Steps include the Detox Center, followed by the soon to open long-term recovery unit, and finally, sober living housing. Missing is the critical piece of in-patient care. He is passionate about including the spiritual side of recovery and is working to have a chapel inside the recovery unit. He’s hoping churches will band together to support the Circle of Care by reintroducing faith to these patients and helping with education, basic life skills, values, nutrition, and housekeeping skills that the patients lack. Mr. Schade anticipates volunteer training in February 2019. FLAME offered to host a public seminar whenever he is ready. His visit was enlightening to all.

Lifetree Café now meets on the second and fourth Thursdays of each 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.

Thanks to all who attended the second annual Giving Garden Sweetcorn Potluck to support Jeff Justi and the crew of garden workers for all that they do for the area’s hungry. Over 60 members from multiple congregations attended. Stop out and help yourself to the garden. Tomatoes, peppers, some squash and late cabbage remain.

October 28th, Reformation Sunday, is the day our congregations have set aside to recommit to supporting Firelands Lutherans Active in Mission. Our mission has always been to make Christ known in our communities through our faithful witness and loving service, to better work together and nurture each other by building connective programs and cooperative ministries.

Zion, Sandusky with support from FLAME, is hosting the Bruce Vantines’s Cornerstone Chorale and Brass on Wednesday, October 24th, 6:30pm. This year’s tour focuses on reconciliation, healing, and social justice through narration and music. This community event will support Care and Share. The cost of admission is one non-perishable food item. Watch for flyers in your church for more information.

October brings two new rostered leaders to our fold. Pastors Kris and Bill will be installed on November 1st. Let’s be sure to have a warm welcome for them.

FLAME is also excited to welcome Pr. Ann, St. Peter, Norwalk as its pastoral advisor for 2019. With sadness, we thank Pr. Eric, Zion-Sandusky for his service in 2018. It is also with regrets that FLAME accepted the resignation of President Barry Laird. Vice-president Judy McEowen has assumed his duties for the remainder of the year. Thank you Pr. Eric and Barry for your service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND FLAME CHURCH NEWS:

Sunday, September 23: **Octoberfest Community Worship Service**, Downtown Sandusky near Lunchbox Restaurant, 10:30 am. Hosted by Zion-S.

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

Thursday September 27th: **Lifetree Café**, Christian Center behind Zion, Huron 7-8pm. Topic: “The Art of Listening, An Act of Love”.

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.

Monday, October 15th: **FLAME Board Meeting**

Sunday, October 21st: State Theater, 4 PM **Celebration of Psalms** with the LIFT Festival Chorus and Firelands Symphony Chorale. Cost \$10.

Wednesday, October 24th: Zion, Sandusky, 6:30 pm, **Bruce Vantine’s Cornerstone Chorale and Brass**, cost: non-perishable food item

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

Thursday, November 1st: **Installation** of new pastors

Thursday, November 8th: St. Paul, **JOY Time**, 6:00-7:30 PM, night of faith and fun for adults with developmental disabilities.

Monday, November 19th: **FLAME Board Meeting**

A FAMILY OF
DISCIPLES, FAITHFUL-
LY MAKING CHRIST
KNOWN

October 2018



Love

the Lord your God
with all your **HEART**
and with all your **SOUL**
and with all your **MIND**
and with all your **STRENGTH**.

Mark 12:30, ESV

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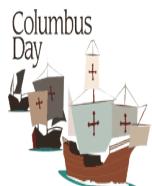
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Ushers: Ray Witt	1	2 Church Council 7:00 pm	3 Choir Practice 7:00 pm	4	5	6
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7 Flowers:	8 Quilters 9:00 am	9	10 Choir Practice 7:00 pm	11 Crossroads 3:30 -6:00 Food to church by noon. Faith Life 6:30 pm	12	13
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14 Flowers: Kathy Strayer	15	16	17 Worship Team-6:00 pm	18	19	20
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Walk & Pray for Hunger 2:30 pm			Choir prac- tice-7:00 pm			
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21 Flowers: Kathy Strayer	22 Quilters 9:00 am	23 Nehemiah Study Barry Ba- gels-9 am	24 Choir 7:00 pm	25	26	27
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28 Flowers: Bliss Family	29	30 Nehemiah Study Barry Ba- gels-9 am	31 Choir Prac- tice-7:00 pm			
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Faithfully Making Christ Known!

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

ADDRESS CHANGE REQUESTED

Fourth Quarter Team

Sue Lucht, Peg Kingsley
Jerrie Krawetzki, Doreen Ross

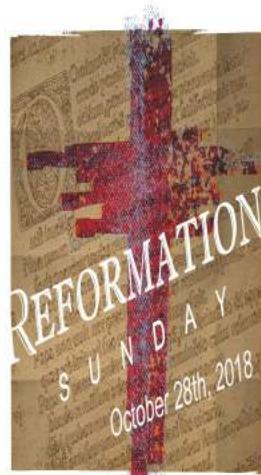
October

Communion Glasses, Fellowship
Teams will be in charge of communion glasses, fellowship, and altar cloths.
October 14—Fellowship



Flower Chart

Oct. 7—
14—Kathy Strayer in memory of Bob and their anniversary
21—Barb & Amy Bliss
28—



Worship Leaders

Lay Readers
Oct. 7—Jason Steckel
14—Linda Miller-Moore
21—
28—Jim Semon, Sr.

Communion Assistant
Oct 7—Jim Semon, Sr.
14—
21—

Youth Time
Oct. 7—Allison Young
14—William Lucht
21—Allison Young
28—Pastor Stacy

Ushers
Ray Witt