



ST. JOHN'S NEWS

The St John's mission statement is "A family of disciples, faithfully making Christ known." This is based on scripture, as Jesus said to the first disciples and again to us today, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." Matthew 28:18-20

At St John's, we are committed to following our Lord Jesus and sharing His good news with the world, growing as disciples ourselves and helping others to grow as well. We grow through asking questions at Bible study, regular worship, being in community together, reading scripture, and praying together. We also share the good news in outreach and service to others. This month, we are offering a variety of ways to continue growing as a disciple, and I hope you will participate with as many as your schedule allows.

September 8th is rally day. This is the traditional day when Sunday School resumes, and we start back with our fall worship schedule. This year, Bishop Daniel Beaudoin will be with us. At 9 AM, he will lead an informal Sunday school class in the basement and let us know what's happening in congregations around our synod. He will preside and preach at worship at 10:30, and we will have a potluck celebration following worship. This is a special day, so please join us to welcome our bishop.

September 9th we gather at Berardi's Huron at 5:45 PM for dinner and discussing reading through the Bible in a year. Later in the newsletter, the reading schedule is printed. You are invited even if you haven't been reading. Please join us for fellowship, discussion, and a great meal. Questions are encouraged, but not required.

September 10th our small groups will meet at 5:30. This is a restart after a hiatus this summer, and is a great time to join! All young families are invited to the parsonage, and all other families, friends, individuals, and couples are invited to a place to be determined. Watch bulletin for upcoming details. We pray together and share about what's happening in our lives, offering support through the ups and downs.

September 16th at Rapid Fired Pizza we continue our Bible Study on The Sermon on the Mount. We gather for dinner at 6 PM and this is a great place to ask plenty of questions, to reflect on our lives, and to look at what God has been up to in our world.

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- *OHgo Open House*
- *Homebound Ministry*

At the end of the month, we will join with the other Firelands area ELCA congregations to pack our supplies for Job and Family Services. Throughout the summer, we have been collecting items for young people who are in foster care. Now, we will pray, worship, and pack these items into care kits. A date is being finalized, and we will update you soon. Jesus' love will be shared and all hands are needed!

Sunday School resumes on Sundays this month, beginning September 15th. Youth are in the basement, some adults meet in the upper room, and parents and other adults meet at Panera. You are invited to the class that meets your needs the best.

Worship is each week at 10:30 on Sundays, the choir practices at 7 PM on Wednesdays, and the various teams that support our growth as disciples and our service to our Lord meet throughout the month. Those details are throughout this newsletter, and you are invited to participate in everything as together we live out our mission statement: "A family of disciples, faithfully making Christ known."

Walking with you in Christ,
Pastor Stacy



Wait On the Lord
"They who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength." Isaiah 40:31a
Those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength. Strength comes in the waiting, in trusting God's promises.
Strength comes in being open to what God will provide, not always what I want.
Strength comes in waiting, knowing God fulfills God's promises.



OUR BISHOP IS COMING! PLEASE SAVE THE DATE!

"A family of disciples, faithfully making Christ known."

Dear St. John's Family,

St. John's congregation will be blessed with a visit from Bishop Daniel Beaudoin of Northwestern Ohio Synod (NWOS) on September 8, 2019, at 10:30 a.m. worship service. "Bishop Daniel", as he wishes to be called, will co-preside with Pastor Stacy and has also offered choices to your St. John's leadership. Worship Team and Congregational Council have accepted Bishop Daniel's offer to do a sermon and children's story during worship AND to talk with everyone interested at 9:00 a.m. in fellowship hall. Questions, listening and answers, and coffee, donuts and refreshments will be part of the 9:00 a.m. casual gathering. Come One, Come All, including children! POTLUCK ALERT: Immediately after worship at 11:30 a.m. on September 8th, St. John's will honor Bishop Daniel with a potluck dinner. (Details to follow.) On behalf of St. John's congregation, your Worship Team and Congregational Council applied to **St. John's Endowment Committee** (EC) in 2018 for a grant to provide a gift to Bishop Daniel. (Visit scheduled three years ago.) The EC approved our request and St. John's congregation will present Bishop Daniel with \$1000 for his "Discipleship Initiative". While Bishop visits have NO fee requirement, your leadership wanted to show appreciation for NWOS, Bishop Daniel and their dedication all year. This "initiative" financially supports persons **interested in Our Lord's Work and attending seminary**. We know about the shortage of ministers in all denominations. Our Bishop's solution, in part, is to assist seminarians financially. Thanks to our Endowment Fund, St. John's can help!

Peace and Blessings,
Ann Voight
President, Your St. John's Congregational Council

"And now these three remain: Faith, Hope and Love. But the greatest of these is love." I Corinthians 13:13

RALLY DAY

Sunday, September 8, 2019!

September 8th is rally day! Please join us for a festive worship service, a delicious and famous St. John's potluck and a special guest this year. Bishop Daniel Beaudoin from the Northwestern Ohio Synod will be with us to lead worship along with Pastor Stacy and a special class. This is a great start for our fall and winter programs, but it's even better when you are part of it. Greet Bishop Daniel and class begins at 9:00 am with coffee and refreshments, worship will be at 10:30 followed by a potluck lunch. Drinks and table service are provided. You are invited to bring a dish to share.

FLAME congregations are working together all summer on a special collection. Would you be willing to help? God's Work Our Hands Project!

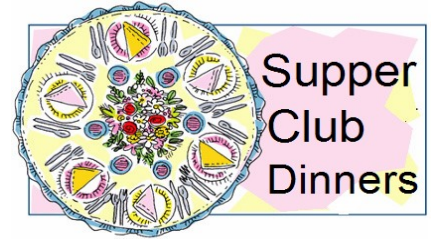


Flame churches will be collecting the following items: Shower gel, shampoo and conditioner, deodorant, toothbrush and toothpaste, comb and brush, bar soap, lotion, newborn/size 1 diapers and baby wipes, gift cards for fast food restaurants in small denominations (\$5 or \$10)

All items will go to Job and Family Services to provide personal care bags for youth removed from their homes without notice and placed in emergency foster care. **Watch bulletin for time and place to pack bags!**

Supper Club Dinner

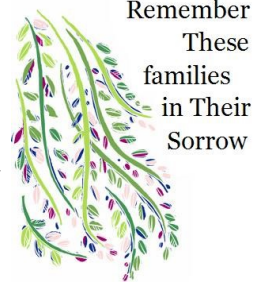
Our Fall start-up for Supper Club is Thursday, September 19th at 6:00 pm at the Olive Garden, Sandusky. It's that time of year again to break bread together! Please join us for fellowship and a wonderful meal. Good times are had by all! Sign-up sheet is on the Welcome Table. See you there!



Sister in faith called home to the Church Triumphant:

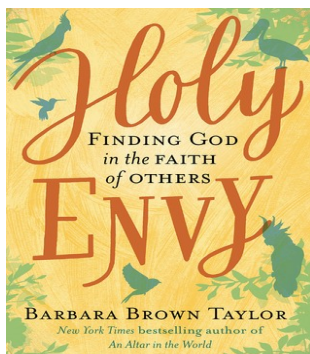
Judy Miller passed away on Thursday, August 8, 2019. Her funeral service took place here at St. John's on Friday, August 23rd.

Please keep John, their families and friends in your prayers as they grieve the loss of Judy.



Book Study Returns!

Our next book club begins in November. We will be reading "Holy Envy" by Barbara Brown Taylor. To preorder your book, please sign up on the welcome table. Books are \$19 and will be ordered October 15. The public library also has copies available.



OHgo's Open House

You're invited to help us celebrate our new warehouse and food bus located at 2304 E. Perkins Ave (across from Old Dutch)! Tuesday, Sept 3, 4:30 -6:30pm stop out and enjoy some refreshments, giveaways and meet the team! There will be a special preview of the Food Bus currently undergoing renovation. Extra parking will be available at Old Dutch if needed.



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!



CLASSES Sunday School begins on Sunday, September 15th at 9:00 am. Youth classes meet in the fellowship hall and kitchen. Adult class meets in the Upper Room along with a class that meets at Panera Bread. The Upper Room class is doing a video series "Unshakeable Hope".

Your Prayers Needed

Quilting Begins

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:

Family of Judy Miller grieving her death.

Norma Zorn – in need of prayers.

Beverly Hohman – in need of prayers as well as Augie.

Thomas Hohman – undergoing testing at the Ohio Medical Center, Columbus. Grandson of Augie and Bev Hohman.

Carl Metz – Lisa Wilson’s brother suffered a heart attack along with heart blockages.

Dick Widdoes - In need of healing prayers

Donna Morrissey— 52 year friend of David and Ann Voight, in need of healing prayers

Larry Bowers—lifelong friend of Jim Semon, Sr. diagnosed with leukemia, undergoing treatments.

Mike Kopach - in need of healing prayers. A friend of the Semon/Stacy family.

Eby Young – relation to Allison Young, diagnosed with stage 4 colon cancer

Nick - (Milly’s grandson) undergoing testing.

The Baker and Enderby families grieving the loss of Nathaniel. Milly Reed

Family of Ella Jasinski – Friend of Lisa Wilson

Council prayer requests: Pray for Bishop Daniel Beaudoin and staff of Northwestern Ohio Synod;

Pray for students, teachers, staff and families that are beginning school and Sunday School;

Pray for a less volatile state in our Nation.

Please keep seminarian Kriss Buss in your prayers. She just gave an update: First day of chaplaincy residency! It feels like I’ve been waiting quite a while for this day. Breathing in these moments as I step forward into the next part of my journey.

We will begin sewing again on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month—first session will be on Sept. 9th. at 9:00 AM. We will welcome any help you do not have to be able to sew in order to join us. Our sessions last approximately 2 to 2 1/2 hours. We always appreciate donations of material, preferably darker colors of cotton fabric. If you do have some material, just mark it for the quilters and place it in front of the cabinets on the west wall of the kitchen.

Thanks, K. Rudiger

September: Daily Bible Reading

September 1: Ezekiel 9-12

September 2: Ezekiel 13-15

September 3: Ezekiel 16-17

September 4: Ezekiel 18-20

September 5: Ezekiel 21-22

September 6: Ezekiel 23-24

September 7: Ezekiel 25-27

September 8: Ezekiel 28-30

September 9: Ezekiel 31-33

September 10: Ezekiel 34-36

September 11: Ezekiel 37-39

September 12: Ezekiel 40-42

September 13: Ezekiel 43-45

September 14: Ezekiel 46-48

September 15: Daniel 1-3

September 16: Daniel 4-6

September 17: Daniel 7-9

September 18: Daniel 10-12

September 19: Hosea 1-7

September 20: Hosea 8-14

September 21: Joel

September 22: Amos 1-5

September 23: Amos 6-9

September 24: Obadiah & Jonah

September 25: Micah

September 26: Nahum

September 27: Habakkuk and Zephaniah

September 28: Haggai

September 29: Zechariah 1-7

September 30: Zechariah 8-14

September Birthdays & Anniversaries

Sept. 2—Kathleen Schlessman

Brynn Baaske

9—Ann Witt

10—Norma Zorn

11—Janet Meinert

15—Owen Reed

17—Kyle Young

19—Faith Tommas

Kelley Tommas

23—Hunter Cantu

27—Jim Semon III

29—Holden Stacy

Jenna Stacy

Trudi Baaske

Anniversaries

Sept. 8—Richard and Kathy

Schlessman

Ron and Melinda Zorn

14—Jim and Brittany Semon

19—Jim and Bonnie Semon

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
August 6, 2019

CALL TO ORDER: President Ann Voight called the meeting to order and asked Pastor Stacy to lead us in an opening prayer. Pastor Stacy shared the prayer that the Synod using this month. She encouraged us to ask ourselves where God is calling us this week.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ann Voight, Kevin Young, Peg Kingsley, Colleen Shupe, Pastor Stacy, Jenna Stacy, Paula Hoffman, Ron Zorn, Jeff Justi, Bob Krawetzki, Barry Laird

EXCUSED ABSENCE: Bonny Ambos, Jerrie Krawetzki

MINUTES: Paula Hoffman moved and Ron Zorn seconded that we accept the June minutes as written. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Colleen Shupe presented the treasurer's report as of June 30, 2019:

Item	Annual Budget	YTD Actual	Last Year YTD Actual	Month Only
Offerings (Ordinary Income)	158,884.00	67,945.00	67,481.54	11,336.00
Expenses				
Pastor	75,624.00	40,705.03	36,778.69	6,380.32
Parsonage Expenses	6,995.00	2,831.90	3,485.16	268.05
Taxes \ Insurance	10,815.00	8,757.67	6,670.94	1,965.16
Office Expenses	18,890.00	9,523.85	9,588.20	1,432.77
Church Expenses	30,380.00	18,920.87	21,221.52	2,670.24
Benevolence \ Other	16,180.00	7,142.00	7,657.43	1,982.00
Total Expenses	158,884.00	87,881.32	85,401.94	14,698.54
Net Ordinary Income	-	(19,936.32)	(17,920.40)	(3,362.54)

Colleen reported that the ACH accounts will be switched from Civista Bank to Vacationland Credit Union by August 15th. Kevin Young moved and Bob Krawetzki seconded that we accept the report as presented. Motion passed with unanimous voice vote.

PASTOR STACY'S REPORT: Written report submitted. Pastor Stacy shared how she uses 10-15 hours a week in worship planning.

FAITH/LIFE TEAM: The next meeting of this team will be August 9th. They will be planning events for the next several months. On August 18th new members Marcia and Thomas Dawson, will be welcomed. A fellowship after the church service is being planned.

WORSHIP TEAM: Written report submitted. Barry went over some of the items listed in the written report. Rally Day with Bishop Daniel leading worship will be September 8th. Ann shared that the gift previously designated by Council to go to Bishop Daniel will be given to the Synod Discipleship Initiative. Bishop Daniel will be leading an open Sunday School class at 9 AM with coffee fellowship. A pot luck will be held following the church service.

FINANCE TEAM: Ron Zorn shared that the online giving process is proceeding well thanks to Pastor Vance's hard work. Council will be updated as this progresses. As of September 1st St. John's will be using the county aggregate electrical supplier, AEP. Ron has been working with the Property Team to find some solutions for better usage of our heat pumps.

PROPERTY TEAM: Jeff reported that the Property Team

- consulted with Hartland Plumbing and Heating to retrofit the heat pumps so that they can be programmed from the phone. Hartland is also working on a new upgraded system for setting the boilers to come on and off.
- Rex Rickly is working with Ron Laws and Bill Lucht to install in the fellowship hall a newly donated 55" flat screen smart TV that Ron Laws and Paula Hoffman are donating to St. John's.
- The garden is going well and is producing cabbage and beans so far.

SCHOLARSHIP TEAM: Kim Luman has joined the team. Two scholarships have been awarded for this year: Kyle Young and Kassidy Burdue.

FLAME: The Corn Boil will be held on August 19th at Zion in Huron at 5:30 PM.. The FLAME minutes are always posted in our monthly newsletter. Anyone having ideas for FLAME projects for this coming year is asked to talk with Bob or Jerrie Krawetzki.

ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE: All requests for endowment grants are to be in by October 15th. Council will be asking for \$1500 to be used for contingencies. Any other ideas for grants are to be given to Ann Voight before the October Council meeting.

SAFETY TEAM: The team has developed a five-page grid from which the Plan will be completed. The established grid identifies risk type, definition of that risk, a ranking of likelihood that the risk will happen and severity if that risk happens and finally the action that should take place. The team will report to Council for input/feedback.

OLD BUSINESS

COUNCIL PRAYER REQUEST FOR SEPTEMBER: The request is three-fold: We pray that students, teachers, families and staff will have a good school year. We pray the Northwestern Ohio Synod, Bishop Daniel Beaudoin, Staff and ELCA Presiding Bishop Eaton have a good year. We pray that the volatile conditions in our country can be brought to an end.

NEW BUSINESS

Our youth representative, Jenna Stacy, will be staying in the area with her present employment and will continue to be a member of St. John's Council. Congratulations, Jenna, on the job upgrade and we are glad you will be continuing to serve St. John's!

SPURS: Kevin Young announced that the next SPURS meeting will be held on Monday evening, October 27th, at 6 PM in the fellowship room.

Constitution, Bylaws and Resolutions will be reviewed by Kevin Young, Peg Kingsley, Ann Voight, Barry Laird and Bob Krawetzki. Ann has been in contact with Jacob Henry at NWOS and has reviewed the process with him.

REMINDERS:

- Team leaders are asked to make a list of their members with addresses, phone numbers, email address and texting capabilities.
- Pastor Stacy encourages St. John's members to join the Diakonia ministry. Information and application forms are located on the back table of the church.
- Sundays – summer worship at 9:30 AM thru September 1, 2019
- Oxford Township Hall Worship—Wednesday, August 14th at 6 PM followed by potluck picnic. Location is 11104 Ransom Rd. Kimball, OH
- Save the Date: Bishop Daniel Beaudoin will worship with St. John's on Sunday, September 8th at 10:30 AM. Bishop will talk from 9:00 to 9:45 AM with coffee hour and refreshments -- ALL ARE INVITED!!

Respectfully submitted,

Peg Kingsley
Congregational Council Secretary

A FAMILY OF
DISCIPLES,
FAITHFULLY MAKING
CHRIST KNOWN

September 2019

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Always
give
yourselves
fully to
the work
of the
Lord ...

1 Corinthians 15:58

Ushers:
Needed for
four Sun-
days Sept. 8
Ann &
Dave
Voight

1 Flowers:



3 Church
Council
7:00 pm

4 Choir
Practice
7:00 pm

5

6

7

8 Flowers:
Dave & Ann
Voight
Rally Day
9 am class-
Worship
10:30 with
Potluck

9 Quilters
9:00 am
Read
through the
Bible-5:45
pm
Berardi's
Huron

10 2nd
Tuesday
Small
Group
5:30-7 pm

11 Choir
Practice
7:00 PM

12 Faith Life
6:30 pm

13

14

15 Flowers:
Jim & Bon-
nie Semon

16 Sermon on
the Mount
study—
6 pm at
Rapid Fire
Pizza

17 2nd Tues-
day meets
at Ron and
Melinda
Zorn at
5:30-7pm

18 Worship
Team
Meeting
6:00 PM

19 Finance
Team—
4:30 pm

20

21

Sunday
School-9 am
Worship-
10:30 am
Installation
of S/S teach-
ers

Supper
Club 6:00
pm at
Olive Gar-
den



22 Flowers:

23 Quilters
9:00 am

24

25 Choir
Practice
7:00 pm

26

27 Riley/
Widdis
Wedding
Rehearsal
5:00 pm

28 Riley/
Widdis
Wedding
2:30 pm

29 Flowers
30 Riley/Widdis
Wedding

Blessing of
the quilts

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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

Updated addresses for our homebound members. Thank you for your faithfulness to our homebound members.

- June Gorga:** Portland House 3808 Venice Rd. Sandusky, OH 44870
(Mother of Nancy Osbun)
- Rachel Kaliszewski:** Gaymont Nursing Home, 66 Norwood Ave. Norwalk, OH 44857
(Renee Barkhimer's mother)
- Ruth Knupke:** At home, 1002 Rye Beach Rd. Huron OH 44839
- Jean Nottke:** At home, 9117 Berlin Rd. Huron, OH 44839
- Joan Zorn:** The Meadows of Osborn Park, 3916 Perkins Ave. Huron, OH 44839
- Eloise Mitchell:** The Willows - Rm 205, 101 Auxiliary Dr. Bellevue OH 44811
- Beverly Hohman:** Memory Care at Admiral's Pointe, 1920 Cleveland Rd W. Huron, Oh 44839
- Norma Zorn:** At home, 604 Scheid Rd., Sandusky, OH 44870
- Janet Meinert:** At home, 607 Scheid Rd., Sandusky, OH 44870

Worship Leaders

LAY READERS

- 1—Melinda Zorn
- 8—Paula Hoffman
- 15—Jason Steckel
- 22—Paula Hoffman
- 29—Jim Semon, Sr.

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

- 1—Jim Semon, Sr.
- 8—Pastor Stacy
- 15—Paula Hoffman

Altar Flowers

- 1—
- 8—Voights in honor of Bishop Daniel
- 15—Jim & Bonnie Semon, Anniversary
- 22—
- 29—Riley/Widdis Wedding