

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Terry Davis, Jean Van Hoose, Jeannette Fehnrich, Jerry Johns, Pat Gipe, Omer Howell, Jim Hansen, Connie Frias, Dottie Bredbeck, Caroline Burr, Carolyn Zietsma, Lois Svehla, Barb Bailey, Hank Jacoby, Dan Toris, Charles Guth, Verda Snider, Carole Van Orman, Our Troops in the Middle East, T. J. Smith, Heather Boytim, Bailey Wells, Christopher Bentlage, Marilyn Davis, Kenny Wagner, Shirley Wells, Daniel Thornhill, Jane Sommers, Pat Aginley, Bishop Festo Ngowo, George Druyor, Jeff Rose, D. J. Rusincovitch, Phyllis Shumaker, Keith Kimble, Dee Zilles, Paige Wells, Bill Hitchings, Vernabelle Lenke, Carol Vecchio, Rebecca Rosenzwaig, Helen Keck, Conley Newsome, Paul Elder

REMEMBER OUR FRIENDS IN EXTENDED CARE

EDGEWOOD NURSING HOME 1330 FULTON ST. PORT CLINTON
 Beverly Lockhart Bernard Huebner Lowell Petersen Agnes Yeckley

OTTERBEIN NORTHSORE RETIREMENT CENTER 9400 NorthShore Blvd.
 Mary Butchko Ruth Freeh Bessie Nagy

VINEYARDS Pauline Jenkins Mary Adams

RIVERVIEW NURSING HOME 8180 W. St. Rt. 163 Oak Harbor
 Nancy Jean Harris Thelma Thomas Eleanor Miller

COMMONS OF PROVIDENCE 5000 Providence Dr. Sandusky 44870
 Joan Lukac

ELMWOOD ASSISTED LIVING 1545 Fangboner Rd. Rm. 305 Fremont 43420
 Eleanor Honsperger

FINANCIAL REPORT 12/27/2011

BANK ACCOUNTS		DESIGNATED GIFTS	
Checking Account	\$ 13,930.58	Hand bells	\$ 1,866.00
Savings Account	\$ <u>75,419.31</u>	Choir	88.15
Total	\$ 89,349.89	Nursery	430.88
		ELCA Youth Gathering	3,453.00
		Landscaping	846.80
		Concerts	315.03
		Kitchen Renovation	4,182.82
		DSQ Offering	132.12

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF KITS

Personal Care Kits--January, February, March

When LWR distributes Personal Care Kits, its often to people who have lost everything. They clasp a towel from a faraway place, with a bar of soap, a toothbrush...and washing up, they know they have not been forsaken by the world.

Personal Care Kits include:

- One light weight bath-size towel (maximum 52" X 27"), dark color recommended
- Two bath-size bars (4 to 5 oz.) of soap, in original wrapping
- One adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging
- One sturdy comb
- One metal nail clippers

We especially need towels. Put items in the tubs at the top of the stairs or in " our room" in the basement. It costs \$2.65 per kit to ship. We appreciate help from all members of the congregation who would help us collect items for these kits!

ST. JOHN WOMEN OF THE WELCA

We would like to encourage all the women of St. John to join one of our Circles. We not only have our Bible Study each month, but we enjoy the social part of it as well. We work on the Lutheran World Relief Kits, have many activities as well. Since our meetings are held on different days and at different hours, we hope you will join one of them.

<u>Circles</u>	<u>Date & Time</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Contact Person</u>
Mary Martha	1 st Thursday at 1:00 p.m.	Hostess Home	Pat Gates 419-734-4343
Naomi	3 rd Monday at 9:00 a.m.	St. John Library	Doris Libben 419-635-2506
Priscilla	3 rd Wednesday at 9:30 a.m.	St. John Lounge	Ellen Bloom 419-732-2373
Rachel	2 nd Monday at 6:30 p.m.	St. John Library	Pat Gipe

419-734-2448

As well as our Circles the following groups are also asking you to join them:

GROUP	Day & Time	CONTACT
Communion Bread Bakers	3 rd Monday, 7:00 p.m.	Jean Lehman 419-732-2332
Knitting Ministry	2 nd Monday, 7:00 p.m.	Lorie Seggaard 419-797-4198
Quilting Group	2 nd Wednesday, 9:00 a.m.	Frieda Howell 419-635-2215

The following is a list of the duties we have assumed at St. John:

Senior Dinner: We serve dinner to our congregation members who are 75 and older.

Soup & Salad Lunch: We will hold this event in November. It is very important to us because it funds most of our benevolent gifts!

Thankoffering Service: In November we make all of the arrangements to conduct two of the church services.

Funeral Luncheons: We serve these when requested to do so.

News from the NCD3 Prayer Ministry team:

Attention all you “tech savvy” folks...that means anyone who can do email! We are developing an **“Email Prayer Chain.”** Here’s how it will work: When we receive prayer requests, such as about someone having surgery, a death in the family, needing support, illness, etc., when permission has been given, that request will be sent via email to those on our “prayer chain” who will then include those situations in their personal prayers and devotions. ***If you are interested in being a part of the “prayer chain”, please contact the church office by phone or email and let us know the best email address for us to use for this purpose. Thank you for your interest!***

We are beginning to put together our St. John **“Paper Prayer Chain”**. **“Prayer Links”** are available to add a request of a friend or family member in need of prayer! You can include the name of the person requesting prayer, the date and the prayer request. ***For confidentiality, before using someone’s name in a prayer request, please obtain that person’s permission prior to including their name on the request.*** These can (when the box for permission is checked!) then be shared with the **email prayer chain** (see description below!) and then linked together (words on the inside) to create a **physical prayer chain** which will be located in the sanctuary. The “prayer links” can be found in the narthex as you

enter the sanctuary and then can be placed in the offering plate or dropped off in the church office.

ST. JOHN YOUTH NEWS

Attention High School Youth (grades 8-12): We will be meeting on **Sunday, January 8 at 7:15pm at Wendy’s** for conversation and Bible Study! Bring a few dollars to get something to eat as we discuss things that are on your mind. One item to discuss might be, “What Difference does Christmas make to me anyway?” Hope to see you there!

Attention all Middle and High School Youth (Grades 6-12): Join us on **Monday, January 16** for our annual **Snow Tubing Event at Snow Trails in Mansfield!** The Cost is \$25 per person for 2 hours of tubing. Bring a few \$\$\$ for “fast food” on the way down! We’ll meet in the parish hall at church 10:30am and return by around 5:00pm. Please let Pastor Dan know if you are coming by Wednesday, January 11, so he can plan drivers!

Attention “Explorers” (children in grades 3-5): Our January dates will be **Thursday, January 5 and January 19 from 3-4:30pm.** Join us for some fun, exploration and learning! Hope you will join us! If you have any questions, don’t hesitate to contact Pastor Dan!

Mark your calendar! The Annual Youth Winter Retreat for our **confirmation through high school students** is scheduled for the weekend of **February 10-12, 2012 at Camp Mowana in Mansfield.** We are asking each student to contribute \$50 towards the weekend. If you have not responded yet and are planning on going, PLEASE notify Pastor Dan and pay your contribution by January 15! We will meet on February 10 at 5pm at the church and leave shortly after. Please contact Pastor Dan if you have any concerns or questions.

Other news:

Looking ahead for the High School Youth: In March we will meet in the church kitchen for an “Iron Chef” Dessert contest! Ingredients will be supplied and the “secret” ingredient will be revealed that night! We will need some adults as judges to identify the best tasting, most creative and best presentation! It will be a lot of fun...and filling I’m sure! More specifics will be coming out in the February newsletter!

Communion Assistant: 8:00 Bob Mackey 10:30 Hope Davenport

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP JANUARY

Jan. 1 Assisting Minister Ken Gipe
Lector: 8:00 Bea Jensen 10:30 Candy Shealy
Acolyte: 8:00 Maddy Gerwin 10:30 Collin Miller
Ushers: 8:00 Pam Boytim, Lee Bredbeck, Tim and Jody Mackey
10:30 Hope Davenport, Stan Jadwisiak, Marcia Hattan, Edna Hansen
Greeters: 8:00 Joni Chaffin, Doris Libben 10:30 Marcia Hattan, Lynne Nickelsen

Jan. 8 Assisting Minister: Mary Anne Mitchell
Lector: 8:00 Marcia Hattan 10:30 Edna Hansen
Acolyte: 8:00 Hailey Ball 10:30 Andro Keck
Ushers: 8:00 Mark & Tammy Coppeler, Carol Di Masso, Ron Jensen
10:30 Danna, Corey & Mya Wright, Chad Mitchell
Greeters: 8:00 Diane Ball, Vee Reifsnnyder 10:30 Jean Lehman, Doug Shealy

Jan. 15 Assisting Minister: Brenda MacDonald
Lector: 8:00 Paul Armstrong 10:30 Ken Gipe
Acolyte: 8:00 Katie Wiewandt 10:30 Allison Goans
Ushers: 8:00 Connie & Lauren Lieske, George & Doris Libben
10:30 Pat & Bernie Gates, Bob Polachek, Ken Gipe
Greeters: 8:00 Connie Lieske, Larry Logsdon 10:30 Mary Anne & Chad Mitchell

Jan. 22 Assisting Minister: Bea Jensen
Lector: 8:00 Doris Libben 10:30 Chris Keck
Acolyte: 8:00 Olivia McDougall 10:30 Breeyana Wells
Ushers: 8:00 Dave Bloom, Paula Hart, Larry & Sara Logsdon
10:30 Ed & Vickie Heinsen, Candy & Doug Shealy
Greeters: 8:00 Ron & Bea Jensen 10:30 Gene & Brenda Keckler

Jan. 29 Assisting Minister: Bob Polachek
Lector: 8:00 Julie Rosiar 10:30 Stan Jadwisiak
Acolyte: 8:00 Ella Miller 10:30 Lillian Reiman
Ushers: 8:00 John Coppeler, Louise Toris, Gary Mackey & Sue King
10:30 Shirley Wells, Andy Wells, Bruce Bridgeman, Lynette Reinheimer
Greeters: 8:00 Lee Bredbeck, Pam Boytim 10:30 Ed Heinsen, Lynette Reinheimer

Worship Prep: 8:00 Rose Wozniak, Kathy Walls
10:30 Jean Lehman, Karen Roberts

On Daily Devotions: Please pick up your *Daily Devotional, "Christ In Our Home"*! This is a quarterly devotional book that is available at church...you can find them in the office, on the table at the top of the stairs and you may even find them in your pew! Each day's devotion consists of a scripture reading (usually just a few verses), a short reflection and a prayer. It is a booklet you can keep at home, in your purse or in your car (but please don't read them while driving!) Regular and large print editions are available. **In addition to being consistent in your devotional time, is then sharing what you've read and reflected on with others.** What great conversations we can have about faith when we study and reflect on the same verse as a faith community! Asking one another questions like, "What did that mean to you?" "Do you think it is easy or difficult to live out what we are called to do in that devotion?" "How can we support each other in this?" We encourage you to give it a try...share what you've read...and keep growing in faith!