

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER** Our Troops in the Middle East, T. J. Smith, Christopher Bentlage, Marilyn Davis, Shirley Wells, Caroline Burr, Angela Arebaugh, Karen Keller, Emily Jasinski, Kevin Murray, Betty Lettich, Patsy Nagy, Bernie Gates, Chuck Guth, D. J. & Jim Rusincovitch, Jeanne Huskey, Jan Hetrick, Lu Hamit, Ed Zilles, Don & Carole Van Orman, Bob Wigard, David Reifsnyder, Ivy Moss, Carolyn Zietzma, Jeanne Auxter, Heather Hammon, Brenda Pettigrew, Jerry Johns, Don Arebaugh, Carol Pedrin, Santos, Mr/Mrs Gerald Willicutt, Tom Frattaroli, Lucas Gutman, Gaile Money, Val Holzapfel, David Shassere, Nikki Hepner, Chad Koehl, Marilyn Jennings, Jim & Lana Casperson, Lauren Lieske, Marcia Hattan, Connie Frias, Bill Godby, Nancy Danklefsen, JoAnne Grover, Marcia Bloom, Bill Coyle, Jordan Borer, Lyllian Casperson, Sue Herzog, Pat Postma, Debbie Coppeler, Pat Verlotti, Tony Vallese, Joan Mason, Erna Coppeler, Rose Crawford, Matthew Zietsma, Dorothy Ostling, Ron Jensen

**REMEMBER OUR FRIENDS IN EXTENDED CARE**

EDGEWOOD NURSING HOME 1330 FULTON ST. PORT CLINTON

Milton Long Bernice Pollauf

OTTERBEIN NORTHSORE RETIREMENT CENTER 9400 North Shore Blvd.

Don Waggoner Evelyn Finke Jean Huebner Henry Kihlken

UPMC SENIOR COMMUNITY

Fran Petersen

RIVERVIEW NURSING HOME

Mary Adams Harold Sass

ELMWOOD Fremont

Evelyn Farrow

ST. MARY IN THE WOODS

Doris Rogers

THE WILLOWS

Lu Switzer

OHIO VETERANS HOME Sandusky

Jim Hansen

PROVIDENCE COMMONS

Jeanne Wonnell

LUTHER HOME OF MERCY

John Tewers

PROVIDENCE CARE

Annette Krynock

**PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE (419-734-5548) if you know of someone of our church family who is hospitalized.**

***Our Mission ... We are a Christ-centered and Caring Congregation called by God to Share the good news of salvation for all people.***

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT 3/29/2016**

CHECKING \$ 8,979.77  
SAVINGS \$125,343.66  
TOTAL \$134,323.43

**DESIGNATED FUNDS**

Concerts \$ 4,019.51  
Handbell Choir 250.00  
Youth Gathering 12.23  
Kitchen Reno 5,204.85  
Landscaping 10,561.39  
Nursery 430.88  
Praise Fund 668.11  
Stage Curtains 398.80  
Basement Restoration Fund \$ 10,124.56

**KINDERGARTEN SCREENING**

Kindergarten screening is fast approaching. The Port Clinton City Schools are looking for any children who will be 5 years old by August 1, 2016 so they can be registered for the **REQUIRED** kindergarten screening. The screening will be held on April 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. Please call the Board of Education office at 419-732-2102 to register.

**CALLING ALL KNITTERS**

St. John knitting group is currently working on a project for our homebound and nursing home family as a gift in December. We are in need twenty or so lap blankets measuring approximately 40" x 48", either knitted or crocheted. We still have a good supply of donated yarn in our closet to choose from for your blankets. If you would like assistance navigating the yarn closet please contact the church office or Kathy Walls at 419-797-9125 and arrangements will be made for someone to meet you there.

**THANK YOUS** from ELCA World Hunger and St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank for contribution of \$90.45 to each from Souper Bowl offering.

**CHRIST IN OUR HOME** for April, May and June are available on the table at the entrance to the parish hall. Large print editions are also available.

## APRIL WORSHIP SCHEDULE

APRIL 3 ASSISTING MINISTER Julie Rosiar  
 LECTOR Bill Wiewandt ACOLYTE Lydia Roberts  
 USHER Connie & Lauren Lieske, Snip & Sharon Snider  
 GREETER Pam Boytim, Lee Bredbeck  
 COMMUNION ASSISTANTS Hope Davenport, Lee Bredbeck  
 WORSHIP PREP Candy Shealy, Snip Snider

APRIL 10 ASSISTING MINISTER Shirley Wells  
 LECTOR Jim Sass ACOLYTE Owen Frattaroli  
 USHER Vee Reifsnnyder, Jim Sass, Paul & Donna Armstrong  
 GREETER Vee Reifsnnyder, Lynette Reinheimer  
 COMMUNION ASSISTANTS Hope Davenport, Vee Reifsnnyder  
 WORSHIP PREP Candy Shealy, Snip Snider

APRIL 17 ASSISTING MINISTER Jean Lehman  
 LECTOR Carol Manbeck ACOLYTE Rachel St. Clair  
 USHER Bob Polachek, Kristina Smith, Hope Davenport, Edna Hansen  
 GREETER Gene and Brenda Keckler  
 COMMUNION ASSISTANTS Hope Davenport, Edna Hansen  
 WORSHIP PREP Jean Solem, Marcia Hattan

APRIL 24 ASSISTING MINISTER Ken Gipe  
 LECTOR Lynette Reinheimer ACOLYTE Lydia Roberts  
 USHER Louise Toris, John Coppeler, Gary Mackey, Sue King  
 GREETER Diane Ball, Doris Libben  
 COMMUNION ASSISTANTS Hope Davenport, Louise Toris  
 WORSHIP PREP Marcia Hattan, Jean Solem

## SATURDAY NIGHT WORSHIP TEAMS

	USHERS/GREETERS	COMMUNION
4/2	Sally Fastzkie, Bill Jappsen	Linda Gillett, Bob Mackey
4/9	Linda Gillett, Bob Mackey	Mary & Ron Bash
4/16	Lida & Ron Knipp	Sally Fastzkie, Bill Jappsen
4/23	Betty Hitchings, Judy Mulligan	Ron & Lida Knipp
4/30	Sally Fastzkie, Bill Jappsen	Mary & Ron Bash



*We're excited to announce a YOUTH GATHERING has been added to the 2016 Synod Assembly.*

*The gathering will be held from 7 p.m. Friday, May 20, until 3 p.m. Saturday, May 21, at St. Mark's, Bowling Green, and Bowling Green State University.*

*The cost is \$30 per participant and covers snacks, breakfast and lunch on Saturday, the Rachel Kurtz and Agape Concert and the cost of materials.*

**NEEDS OF THE SAINTS FUND** ...In 2 Corinthians 8 and 9, Paul draws attention to an effort taking place that gives concrete expression to the oneness of the Church. The reality is that the saints in Jerusalem are experiencing great hardship, and so a collection of resources is begun to help alleviate this suffering. Offerings were being gathered from "saint to saint." Paul writes, "*For the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God.*"

We have become aware that there are some "saints" among us who experience hardship due to the economic instability of our time. Following in the steps of the early Church, your Church Council has established the **Needs of the Saints Fund** here at St. John. Designated offerings will be received in order to provide financial resources that can then be shared with those from within our faith community who are experiencing economic hardships. Disbursements will be made at the discretion of your pastor(s). The privacy of who seek his assistance will be respected. Those who receive assistance may choose to reimburse this fund when they are able in order to provide resources for future needs. How can you participate? Make a gift ... designate it for the **Needs of the Saints** ... and place it in the offering plate or send it to the Church Office. Special envelopes are available in the pews, and on the table at the top of the Parish Hall stairs.

# KROGER REWARDS

St. John Lutheran Church has been a participant in the Kroger Community Rewards Program for several years. Whenever a registered member of St. John makes a purchase at Kroger and uses her or his Kroger Plus Card, that purchase will contribute to St. John's rewards. In addition, once a household member registers, then all linked Kroger Plus Cards used by family members also begin earning funds for St. John.

It's simple, Shop at Kroger, Use your Kroger Plus Card and St. John will receive a reward check each quarter, based on the percentage of spending of our group in comparison to that of the other registered organizations. Funds are raised for St. John with every transaction you make.

DURING 2015 - \$845.55 was earned by St. John members through Kroger Community Rewards – 100% of these funds were used to support the St. John Radio Ministry.

## How Do I Enroll?

On-line – go to [www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com) and follow the directions.

**YOU MUST RE-ENROLL EACH YEAR BEFORE MAY 1.**

## Does Everything in my Shopping Cart Count towards my donation to St. John?

Supporters can earn rewards on almost everything, every time they shop. However, there are specific purchases that **CANNOT** be included: alcohol, tobacco, government-assisted pharmacy expenses, postage stamps, Kroger giftcards and Green Dot Prepaid Cards, gift certificates, lottery and promotional tickets, fuel, fuel-center purchases, office services and Sales Tax. Eligible pharmacy purchases include out-of-pocket co-pays for non-government assisted pharmacy programs.

## Can I give to more than one organization at a time?

No. Your Kroger Plus Card can be linked to only one organization at a time. However, you may choose to give to two organizations by changing your non-profit organization designation after six months. That way, you can give to one organization for six months and then the other for six months.

Please remember to re-enroll before May 1 or if you are not presently enrolled go to [www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com) and follow the directions to enroll.

THANK YOU to everyone who donated to *Fill the Gap* in 2015 and so far in 2016. The closet is currently in need of shampoo, body wash, dish soap, laundry soap, deodorant, toothpaste and size 4 and 5 diapers. If you have any of these items and can donate them to the cause, we have community members in need and would really appreciate them. You all make this outreach possible. Thank you, Kristen Gerwin

## UPDATES ON TWO MEMBERS OF MINISTRY TEAM

A many of you are aware our Organist, Henry Kihlken had surgery in February. Over the past several weeks he has been recuperating from his surgery at the Jane Baker House at Otterbein-Northshore. We should know more about his return to his position in the middle of April.

After several weeks in Mexico, our Choir Director Craig Dieterich returned only to contract an illness that has taken him out of commission for some time, which helps explain the absence of the choir over the last month or so. Hopefully, we will be able to “resurrect” the Senior Choir in the next week or so. Watch for further details.

## SPECIAL MUSIC

Over the past month, a number of gifted individuals and groups have been willing to share their musical gifts during our Sunday morning worship. If you have a gift to share, contact Erin Linehan or Kristina Smith who serve on our Worship Committee.

**Joseph's Granary ... Thanks to all who brought non-perishable food items during Lent as we stocked Joseph's Granary! This collection of bounty is being donated to our local Food Bank.**

***NOISY OFFERINGS** are collected on the second weekend of each month. The proceeds from this joyful noise are used to enhance our Mission Support of the ELCA and the Northwestern Ohio Synod. Through this ongoing effort we have received an additional \$1289.38! Our Next **NOISY OFFERING** will be ... April 9 and 10!*



### **Jesus Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The Season of Easter continues during the month of April. It is a “week of weeks” steadfastly moving on as we rejoice over what God has done in raising Jesus from the dead! Join us for worship as the good news is celebrated each weekend.

### **PRAISE TEAM WORSHIP**

Our next Praise Worship Sunday will be April 17. Our young and joyful musicians and singers will lead us in lifting up praise and thanksgiving to God!

It is our hope that we will offer this type of worship, from time to time in order to offer variety which will enable all of our folks to find a place in praising God.

Our Praise Worship Sunday will also provide a “mini-break” for Linda Stauffer who has been so graciously using her gifts at the piano and organ console during the absence of our regular

organist, Henry Kihlken. A HUGE THANK YOU is due to Linda for her willingness to step into this “gap” during the busiest time of the Church Year!

### **NARRATIVE LECTONARY**

Here are the primary texts that are a part of the Narrative Lectionary for the weekends during the season of Easter.

#### **April 2 and 3: You Shall Be My Witnesses**

Acts 1:1-14                      Mark 6:7-13

#### **April 9 and 10: Peter Heals in Jerusalem**

Acts 3:1-10                      Mark 6:53-56

#### **April 16 and 17: Church at Thessalonica**

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10                      Mark 13:9-11

#### **April 23 and 24: Church at Corinth**

Acts 18:1-4                      1 Corinthians 1:10-18  
Mark 9:34-35

#### **April 30 and May 1: Faith, Hope and Love**

1 Corinthians 13:1-13                      Mark 12:28-31

#### **May 7 and 8: Death Swallowed in Life**

1 Corinthians 15:1-26, 51-57                      Mark 12:26-27a

#### **May 14 and 15: Gifts of the Spirit: Pentecost**

Acts 2:1-4                      1 Corinthians 12:1-13

### **CONFIRMATION MINISTRY**

Here's the schedule for the month of April ... WE RETURN TO OUR NORMAL SCHEDULE WITH CLASSES HELD FROM 6:30-7:30 pm

4-6-16                      Mary Magdalene                      (Class taught by Stephanie Setley)

4-13-16                      Thomas

4-20-16                      Saul/Paul

4-27-16                      Lydia

5-6-16 MOVIE NIGHT AT THE LEHMAN'S

**MARK THESE DATES ...**

**Our “preferred” week for Summer Bible Camp ... including Confirmation Camp ... will be June 19-24 at LMC! This is the one week of the summer where there is programming for all ages ... from the youngest through high school. Watch for a letter sometime in early March to let you know about the particulars for registration. For now ... block these dates off on your calendars ... it’s a great way to “get rid” of your kids for a week ... where they can grow in faith and experience Christian community. June 19-24 at LMC!**

### **“GET IN THE GAME”**

The Ministry Resources Committee has selected the weekend of April 30 and May 1 to complete and receive Time and Talent Surveys. You will also be inspired by the presentation of “Get in the Game,” a chancel drama that will motivate all to prayerfully use gifts for God’s Work here at St. John.

### **BASEMENT WORK TASK FORCE NEEDED**

**April 9th Saturday 9:00am - 11:00am**

Things to be completed:

- Continue washing off classroom furniture, doors, cabinets, windows, etc.
- Wash off storage cabinet and altar
- Start pulling up all carpet and bagging
- Finishing tearing apart long green cabinet
- Haul away church pews (4)
- Haul out old drinking fountain and small wooden altar

**\*\*\*\*Sign-Up Sheet on table outside of Narthex by elevator.**



**Northwestern Ohio Synod**  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

We are also partners with the congregations of the Northwestern Ohio Synod ([www.nwos-elca.org](http://www.nwos-elca.org)) ... seeking to fulfill our common purpose ... *“Marked with the cross of Christ forever, we who belong to the congregations, agencies and ministries of the Northwestern Ohio Synod, together, will seek to witness to God’s creative and redeeming Word to all the world.”*

### **UPDATE ON: Now I Lay Me Down to Sleep (the Bed Project)**

18 Beds and bedding have been delivered to Ottawa County children since the first of January this year!!! Our joint project with the Firelands Presbyterian continues!! Thanks to Stan and Linda Jadwisiak and Bob and Barb Polachek for their deliveries. St. John’s Christmas offering has been put to good use!!

### **WHERE YOUR HEART IS ...**

#### **Sowing and Reaping**

*“The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.” 2 Corinthians 9:6*

Joyce found her own way to nurse’s training. It was 1944. The government promised to pick up the cost of anyone who would volunteer for duty upon graduation. She jumped at the chance.

It was difficult. The studies, the long hours, and distance from the family. Her duty on a psych floor in Kansas brought home the reality of war and initiated her into her profession.

Fifty years later, a lifetime of caring with hands and heart had passed. In her community, people knew her. She had cried with parents who had lost a child to meningitis. When a family came in burned by a house fire, she rode in the ambulance, consoling and comforting with words and actions. She started the local Hospice program, spent 10 years walking 200 students through LPN training at the local vocational school, and educated the community on the concerns of aging before she was done. Person after person would remember her kind care during a difficult time. They would stop her on the street to thank her.

When Joyce had heart trouble, it was her turn to be on the receiving end. The word went out. Joyce’s birthday. Would you send a card? They arrived. Collected in secret until they could be poured out on the table, onto her lap, spilling card after card onto the floor. Not quite bags and bags, but enough to get the message across.

Thank you, Joyce, for hearing the call, packing your suitcase, and getting on that bus. A bountiful harvest from a life bountifully lived.

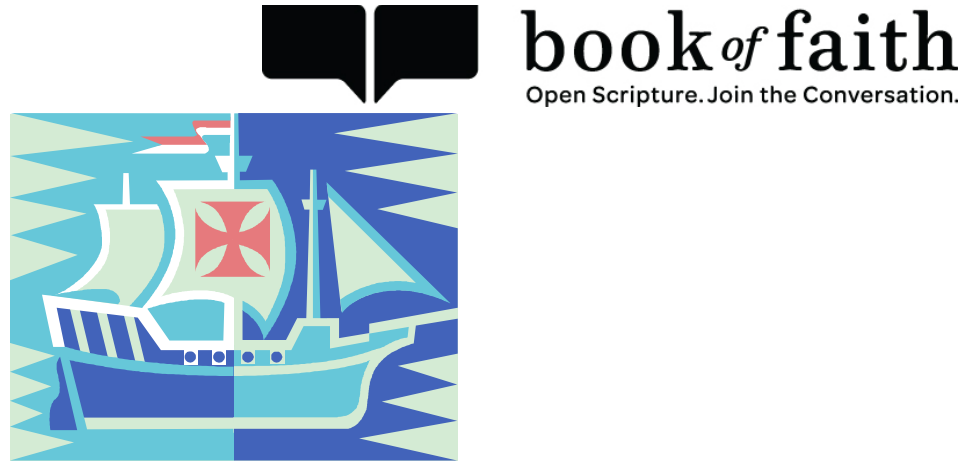
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**CHURCH BASEMENT PROJECT: NEEDED \$40,000.00**

Received to Date: \$40,393.59

**THANK YOU FOR HELPING US MEET AND EXCEED OUR GOAL**



### **Adult DSQ on Sunday Mornings at 10:15 am**

Adult DSQ gathers on most Sunday mornings at 10:15 am! Come to gather with folks as we seek to find connections between the Bible and our daily lives as disciples of Jesus. **Our new study will explore “The Book of Joshua: Immigrants or Invaders?”** Here’s the schedule for the month of April.

April 3 ...	NO CLASS ... Pastor Jim on vacation
April 10 ...	NO CLASS ... Pastor Jim on vacation
April 17 ...	“The Book of Joshua: Immigrants or Invaders?”
April 24 ...	Conversation with Pastor Marc Miller

**Come and join us! There’s always room for more!**

### **PASTOR MARC MILLER**

Our friend, colleague, encourager and advocate who has faithfully served the Northwestern Ohio Synod, and been a gift to us as we have carried out our mission at TheBay will soon be making a transition into a new call. This will be

Pastor Marc’s final, official visit as Director of Evangelical Mission here in our Synod. **You are invited to come and have conversation with Pastor Miller in the Lounge on Sunday, April 24 beginning at 10:15 am.** There are some exciting developments in the “works,” which we should know a little more about by his visit.

Pastor Miller will also be making the trek across the lake to be with us in worship at TheBay at 3:00 pm.

### **VACATION PLANS ...**

***Pastor Jim and Jean Lehman will be heading south for a bit of renewal following the Lent-Holy-Week-Easter cycle. They will be making a brief stop in Port St. Lucie, Florida to watch the grandchildren for a weekend, and then will head out a week-long cruise for an early celebration of their 40<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary. Vacation dates are April 1-10.***

### ***Providing worship supply will be:***

April 2: Pr. Janine Dress and April 3: Pr. Bob Butcher  
April 9: Pr. Janine Dress and April 10: Pr. John Ferne  
Jim Stauffer will be leading worship at TheBay both of these Sundays.

### **OUR VALUES**

***WORSHIP:*** Our first response to the good news of God’s unconditional love in Jesus is to worship.

***SACRED SPACE:*** We strive to provide a welcoming place where all can enter into God’s presence, and experience the wonder, peace, majesty, grandeur and mercy of the God who loves us all.

**MAKING A JOYFUL NOISE:** *In gratitude and joy, we lift our praises to the LORD, so that through “our music God may be glorified.”*

**A CARING COMMUNITY:** *We recognize that when God calls us to faith in Christ, we are joined to a community where we can experience genuine warmth, deep friendships, and loving relationships.*

**NURTURING DISCIPLES:** *We will offer meaningful opportunities for children, youth and adults to hear, learn and experience the good news of God’s love in Jesus.*

### ***A SMALL GROUP MINISTRY FOR MEN***

Our small group ministry for men gathers next on Saturday, April 16 at 8:00 am for food and fellowship, study, prayer and service. Pastor Jim will be leading our study of The Acts of the Apostles! Our theme is “Paul and Silas in Prison.” (Acts 16:16-40) Bob Mackey will be providing our breakfast.

**Our Mission ... We are a Christ-centered and Caring Congregation called by God to Share the good news of salvation for all people.**



Our mission and ministry on South Bass Island continues to be blessed by God as the Holy Spirit goes about its work of stirring up faith! Please remember to keep this outreach effort in your prayers, as our community gathers each week around God’s Word and the Lord’s Supper, and experiences the wonders of God’s amazing love and the bonds of an emerging Christian community!

### **WORSHIP AT THE BAY ... SUNDAY AFTERNOONS AT ... 3:00PM!**

Here’s the preaching schedule for TheBay during the month of April:

April 3 and 10 ... Jim and Linda Stauffer  
April 17 and 24 ... Pastor Jim Lehman

**THANKS BE TO GOD, ALWAYS! AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT OF THIS COMMUNITY OF FAITH!**

### **BOUNDARIES WORKSHOP**

Every few years, the NWOS offers a Boundary Workshop to assist rostered leaders in their call to provide faithful leadership in their congregations. On Tuesday, April 12 Rostered Leaders will gather at St. Mark Lutheran Church, Bowling Green from 8:30 am-3:00 pm. Though this is Pastor Jim’s first day back from vacation, the plan is to attend this event as there is a strong expectation that all will attend.



*Living in God’s amazing grace*

As the people who are St. John Lutheran Church we joyfully live in partnership with all the congregations, institutions and agencies that are affiliated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America ... seeking to fulfill the mission statement ... **“Marked with the Cross of Christ forever we are claimed, gathered and sent for the sake of the world.”**

***Our partnership with the ELCA and the Northwestern Ohio Synod continues to be blessed as we have joined as direct partners with both the churchwide and synodical expressions of the church in our outreach on South Bass Island. Resources are being provided that have enabled us to add staff to assist with the development of our second site at TheBay and to enrich our youth and family ministry here in Port Clinton.***

***This expressed partnership is deeply appreciated ... and has caused us to continually give thanks to God!***

### **Basement Work Frolic Thank You**

Over the course of several days, and many hours, 5 classrooms were cleaned washing walls, windows, ceilings, fixtures, chairs and tables, books, and toys were taken home to be washed. Two large metal desks were hauled away for scrap and the dumpster was filled with carpeting, scraps, and old wooden cabinets.

#### **Basement Task Force**

Julie and Mike Rosiar                  Pastor and Carol Kessler          Julie Frattarolli  
Candy Shealy                          Bob and Barb Polachek                  Ellen Bloom  
Chad Mitchell                          **All your help was greatly appreciated!**

## **EASTER BREAKFAST A HUGE SUCCESS**

**We served over 110 people for breakfast!** New hit food on the menu.....raisin bread! The Easter Egg Hunt was a good time for everyone, along with the Egg and Spoon Races.

**This all was made possible by Pam Boytim and her scores of Easter Bunny Helpers.**

Saturday was prep day when it all was set up. Cutting up fruit for the Yogurt Parfaits and making them, putting applesauce in bowls, setting up tables with tablecloths, salt & pepper, napkins and placemats, cutting up ham, baking cookies, setting up drink table with coffee cups and glasses, preparing coffee and other drinks, setting up dirty dish station, filling Easter Eggs, putting out prizes, filling carrot bags with popcorn, and setting up the three toaster stations. Also, the crew who decorated the Sanctuary with all the butterflies and balloons! (Good job Pastor Lehman blowing up those balloons.)

Sunday saw the early risers putting the ham in the oven and egg bakes before 7:00am in time to make it to the Sun Rise Service at Waterworks. By 8:00am the Bunny Helpers were in full

force in the kitchen with final preparations making the secret sauce for the ham - YUMMY!, filling pitchers, making toast, filling roasters, putting out parfaits and applesauce, and ready to serve the congregation after the 8:00am Service along with the people who had breakfast before 10:30 service. Then, it was the score of Bunny Helpers who helped clean up doing dishes (By hand, as well as, using the dishwasher.) and putting them away, clearing off tables and serving tables, cleaning coffee pots, packing up leftovers for people to take home, and taking dirty dishtowels home to be washed.

**Thank you to everyone who donated food: yogurt, fruit, bread, butter, ham, and money to pay for the Egg Bakes! You and all the Easter Bunny Helpers made it possible to have such a great day!**

### **VOTING MEMBERS FOR THE NORTHWESTERN OHIO SYNOD ASSEMBLY ARE NEEDED!**

The NWOS Assembly will be held on May 19-21 at Bowling Green State University. St. John may have up to three Lay Voting Members (Sherry Ferne has already volunteered!). We have two spots open, one male and one female. If you would like to have a wonderful experience seeing the Church at work and worship, please see Pastor Jim or contact the church office a.s.a.p.

Being a part of a Synod Assembly can be a great time to grow in faith, why not consider it this year as you will become a part of the assembly that will be electing our new Bishop?

#### **ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES March 8, 2016**

**Members Present:** Jim Frattaroli, Pam Boytim, Louise Toris (by telephone), Barb Polachek, Erin Linehan, Kristina Smith, Jennifer Libben, John Coppeler, Julie Rosiar, and Pastor Lehman.

Council members discussed how they have seen God at work. For our mission teaching moment, Pastor Jim provided an article about a young woman from Cameroon who is going to medical school with assistance from Mission Support through The Lutheran World Federation. We also read an article from the President of Trinity Lutheran Seminary stating his concerns about the decline in available pastors and first call graduates and the number of congregations in need of leaders.



**Secretary's Report:** The minutes of the February 9, 2016 Council meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Kristina Smith to approve the minutes and seconded by Erin Linehan. All in favor.

**Treasurer's Report:** The February Treasurer's report was reviewed. A motion was made by Julie Rosiar to accept the report and seconded by Kristina Smith. All in favor.

**Worship Committee:** The Committee discussed plans for Easter Sunday. The 8:00 a.m. service will be traditional, with the 10:30 service being contemporary, also described as "super fun and unusual."

**Pastor's Report:** Council was reminded that two voting members are still needed for the NWOS Assembly (one male and one female) May 19-21 at BGSU. We also discussed moving up the time of the 11:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service since attendance has been declining. A motion was made by Julie Rosiar and seconded by Barb Polachek to move the 11:00 p.m. service to 10:00 p.m., with the concert beginning at 9:30. All in favor. The existing Sick Leave Policy was reviewed in conjunction with Henry's recent illness. He will use his vacation time prior to the Sick Leave Policy being applied. Pastor Marc Miller is leaving as Mission Director of the Synod and his last visit with us and the Bay will be April 24.

**Congregational Life:** The Committee highlighted the Lenten meals thus far which have included a potluck, a potato bar provided by Council, and a taco bar provided by the Bell Choir. The youth will have a hot dog bar on March 9 and there will be another potluck on March 16. The meals have been well organized and delicious!

**Christian Education Committee:** The Committee discussed plans for Easter Sunday, including the younger kids making ribbon rings to waive when marching into Church, the Youth Lenten Dinner on March 9, and the Prayer Buddy Event on March 13 where butterflies will be made to decorate the Sanctuary. Pastor Jim reported that 13 youth will be going to the confirmation/youth ministry retreat March 4-6. Information has also been distributed for Summer Bible Camp at LMC which will be held June 19-24 (not to be confused with St. John Summer Day Camp which is June 26-July 1).

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Kristina Smith and seconded by Erin Linehan. All in favor. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Pam Boytim, Secretary

## SUMMER DAY CAMP VOLUNTEERS

**Date: June 27th - July 1st 9:00AM - 3:00PM**

SDC (VBS) is soon approaching and it is time to volunteer! We need many helpers for various duties like registration, help with snack and lunch, filling drinks and making ice chunks, serving the snack after the Thursday Night Camper Program, helping set up and clean up the Camper Picnic on Friday, help with crafts, preparing meals for Middle School Campers, and end of day organization. You can help 1 day or 5 days; mornings, afternoon, or evenings; one hour or 5 hours. Whatever time fits your schedule. All help is genuinely appreciated by the campers!

**A SDC Volunteer Sign-Up Sheet is on the table outside the Narthex by the elevator.**

This year we will be including campers from Peace Lutheran, St. Thomas Episcopal, and St. Paul in Marblehead.

**Questions? Just ask Barb Polachek, SDC Coordinator at 419-341-9797.**