

MIDWEEK LENTEN EVENTS ...*“Hey Joseph!”*

Throughout the Lenten season, a series of **Midweek Lenten Events** are being held each Wednesday.



We gather first for a Lenten Supper in the Parish Hall at **5:30 pm**.

Then at **6:30 pm**, we gather in our worship space ... as we explore the story ... *“Hey Joseph!”*

Watch for details in our weekly bulletin to see how you can help with providing the meal. Free-will offerings collected will be designated for Camperships for children and youth who will attend summer Bible Camp.

The focus for our Midweek Lenten worship this year is based on the story of Joseph from Genesis. It is an action-packed story that has relevance for today in that it deals with family squabbles, favoritism, sibling rivalry, hatred, jealousy ... well, you get the drift.

Joseph’s Granary ... each week you are invited to bring along with you non-perishable food items to help us stock Joseph’s Granary, in preparation for the “famine.” A table is set up in our worship space upon which you will see this collection of food accumulate each and every Wednesday, beginning on Ash Wednesday. This

collection of bounty will then be donated to our two Food Banks here in Port Clinton.



“Hey Joseph!”

Here’s how we will be following the story of Joseph during Lent. As a part of your Lenten discipline, consider reading along with the action as we make our way each week and see the connections between our families and Joseph’s.

March 2: The Brothers Meet

Story Background: Genesis 43 and 43

March 9: Repentance Tested

Story Background: Genesis 44:1-34

March 16: Shalom Restored

Story Background: Genesis 45:1-20, 25-28

If you would like to be a part of the cast of characters who will appear as we enter into the story of Joseph, please see Pastor Jim.

Midweek 4, March 2: The Brothers Meet: Aide (m/f); Guard (m); Joseph (m); brothers (2 m); Benjamin (m); Court Jester (m/f non-speaking).

Midweek 5, March 9: Repentance Tested: Joseph (m); steward (m/f); Police (2 m/f); brothers (2 m).

Midweek 6, March 16: Shalom Restored: Joseph (m); brothers (2 m); Pharaoh (m); Jacob (m).

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

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER WORSHIP SCHEDULE



Maundy Thursday ... Thursday, March 24 ... 7:00 pm

With nightfall our Lenten observance comes to an end, and we gather with Christians around the world to begin the Three Days, during which we participate once again in the saving power of Jesus' passing over from death to life. At the heart of the Maundy Thursday liturgy is Jesus' amazing sacrifice for us that draws us into communion with God and each other.

Worship on this day will be centered in the Mark's version of the Last Supper, Mark 14:22-42, where Jesus provides the gift of the Lord's Supper, inviting us ... "to do this in remembrance of me." We, too, will gather around the Table and receive the gifts God gives in the Lord's Supper. Our worship will conclude with the Stripping of the Altar as we walk with Jesus from the Upper Room to the Garden and his betrayal and arrest.

Good Friday ... Friday, March 25 ... Noon and 7:00pm

It has been our custom to gather as a united community of Christ on Good Friday to worship together as our Lord Jesus is placed upon the cross to die for us and for the sin of the world.

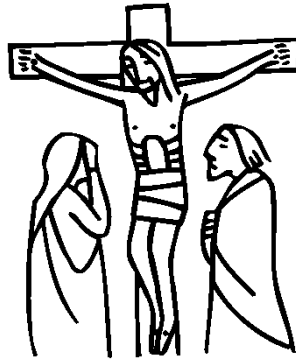
This year the Port Clinton Ministerial invites you to assemble at St. Thomas Episcopal Church on Good Friday at Noon.

Our worship will feature a dramatic reading focusing on the meaning of our Lord's Passion and Death. Area pastors will be providing leadership for this traditional time for community worship.

The Way of the Cross ...

*On Good Friday afternoon, worship at St. John@The Bay will be an experiential, walking journey through the village of Put-in-Bay as we travel the **Way of the Cross**. We will gather at the corner of Catawba and Concord, near the PIB School building at **2:45 pm**. Following the Cross, we will stop at several locations to hear the story of Passion of Our Lord and to pray for the world and our community. Wear warm clothes and comfortable shoes as we make our way on this solemn day.*

Then, at 7:00 pm as the darkness begins to creep in, we will worship here at St. John, also in a service of Tenebrae, as light is extinguished candle by candle, and we recall the suffering, the loneliness, the bitter agony, and finally the last breath of Jesus, who completes God's plan of salvation. We will hear the story of our Lord's Crucifixion according to Mark. We leave in utter silence.



Easter Vigil ... Saturday, March 26... 5:00pm

We assemble in the Parish Hall as the Paschal candle is lit ... "May the light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds." This is our Passover with Christ from darkness to light, from captivity to freedom, from death to life. Tonight is the heart of our celebration of the Three Days and the pinnacle of the church's year. The resurrection of Christ is proclaimed in word and sign, and we gather around a pillar of fire, hear ancient stories of our faith, remember our baptism, and share the food and drink of the Promised Land. Raised with Christ, we go forth into the world, aflame with the good news of the resurrection.



**Easter Sunrise ... Sunday, March 27 ... 7:00 am ...
OUTDOORS ... AT WATER WORKS PARK!**

In the darkness of the "first day of the week" we gather to anticipate the message of the angel of the Lord who announces

to all, "He is not here, for he has been raised!" This service, weather permitting, will be held along the lake shore in Water Works Park, at the end of Washington Street. Please bring a lawn chair, and a blanket. If the weather is too severe, worship will be held at St. John. Youth from our congregation will be leading this Sunrise Service. Come and be among the first to shout, "He is risen indeed! Alleluia!"

The Resurrection of our Lord ...

Sunday, March 27 ... 8 and 10:30am

On this day the Lord has acted! On the first day of the week God began creation, transforming darkness into light. On this, the "eighth day" of the week, Jesus Christ was raised from the dead. We celebrate this new creation in the waters of baptism and in the feast of victory. With great joy, accompanied by our Senior Choir, we celebrate this day of days, even as we begin the great fifty days of Easter. Filled with hope, we go forth to share with all the world the news that "Jesus Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!"



PLEASE NOTE THAT ON EASTER SUNDAY ... THERE WILL BE THREE WORSHIP SERVICES ... 7:00 AM AT Waterworks Park and then at BOTH 8:00 am and 10:30am, here at St. John.

NARRATIVE LECTIONARY

Here are the primary texts that are a part of the Narrative Lectionary for the weekends during the month of March.

March 5 and 6: Great Commandment

Mark 12:28-44

Psalm 89:1-4

March 12 and 13: End of the Age

Mark 13:1-8, 24-37

Psalm 102:12-17

March 19 and 20: Triumphal Entry

Mark 11:1-11

Psalm 118:25-29

March 24: Maundy Thursday

Mark 14:22-42

Psalm 116:12-19

March 25: Good Friday

Mark 15:16-39

Psalm 22:1-2, 14-21

March 26 and 27: Resurrection of our Lord

Mark 16:1-8

Psalm 118:21-27

JOINT YOUTH MINISTRY AND CONFIRMATION WINTER RETREAT!

Our joint Youth Ministry and Confirmation and Winter Retreat at Camp Mowana, will take place **on the weekend of March 4-6**. Pastor Karl Kessler will be leading worship on Saturday evening and Sunday morning.

Here are the details that you need to know:

- ❖ We will meet at the church on **Friday, March 4 at 4:30 pm** to head to Camp Mowana, which is near Mansfield, and is about a 1.5hr drive. Our tradition is to stop for a “fast food” supper on the way, so please bring some cash.
- ❖ The retreat begins upon our arrival, after some time to get settled.
- ❖ Our time away will be filled with games, group building activities, campfire, food, and of course, some time for learning!

- ❖ The retreat will end on Sunday at 11:00 am, as we head back to PC, where your parents will celebrate your arrival back home, meeting us at the church at approximately **12:45 pm**.
- ❖ You will need to bring the following items: **Comfortable clothes and sturdy shoes; Bedding** (pillow and sheets/blanket for a single bed or a sleeping bag); **Towel and wash cloth; soap and all other necessary toiletry items; Extra sweater or sweatshirt** in case you get cold in the lodge; **Jacket/rain gear/outdoor kind of coat/gloves/hat; Flashlight; Bible and pen/pencil; and some kind of a snack item to share with group.**

If you have any questions please contact me I'll do my best to answer.

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 \$1185.09! Our Next NOISY OFFERING will be ... March 12 and 14!



book of faith

Open Scripture. Join the Conversation.

CONFIRMATION MINISTRY

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE THAT TAKES PLACE AS WE ENTER THE LENTEN SEASON.

Here's the schedule for the month of March ... LENTEN WORSHIP AT 6:30, CLASS 7-7:45 pm

3-2-16	Sadducees and Pharisees
3-9-16	Death of Jesus
3-16-16	Resurrection of Jesus 2-24-16 Peter
3-23-16	NO CLASS- HOLY WEEK

3-30-16 NO CLASS

Just a reminder ... as winter weather continues ... if school is cancelled, Confirmation class is cancelled. If bad weather moves in after school, you will be contacted if there is a cancellation. If you have any questions see Pastor Jim.

Our vision ... “Growing Disciples of Jesus”

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!

WHERE YOUR HEART IS ...

Cheerful Givers

“Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” 2 Corinthians 9:7

Shorty is a steady, no-frills kind of guy. He’d worked the same job for most of his life. Slowly, over the years, he had built up a comfortable financial cushion on which to retire. Not a lot of extras, but enough. Those who knew him well knew he was a kind person. Some of the little kids were scared of him. He didn’t smile much, but you could count on him. Steady. Some might say faithful.

Shorty was practical, too. He could fix almost anything. It was his diligence that kept the boiler in the church basement limping along two years longer than it ever should have lasted.

When the boiler finally gave up its last rumble, Shorty knew enough to throw in the towel. The call went out. Donations were needed for the new furnace. It was a small congregation. Some joked about breaking up the furniture for kindling.

The check arrived in the mail in an unmarked envelope. It was a generous gift. Enough for an entire furnace. There were conditions. No one was to know. No plaque or announcement. Just the hum of heat warming those who came to worship.

Shorty’s gift to his church came from the heart. Not many of us could make the kind of financial gift Shorty made, but if we keep our eyes and ears and heart open, opportunities to give and to serve will be numerous.

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ADULT DSQ ON SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 9:15 AM

Adult DSQ gathers on most Sunday mornings at 9:15 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 March.

March 6 ... NO CLASS ... Winter Retreat

March 13 ... “The Book of Joshua: Immigrants or Invaders?”

March 20 ... “The Book of Joshua: Immigrants or Invaders?”

March 27 ... NO CLASS ... Easter Breakfast

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

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 40th 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.*

PASTOR JIM AT VINEYARDS

On Wednesday, March 16 Pastor Jim will be leading Lenten Worship at the Vineyards. There is a meal at Noon, followed by worship.



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!

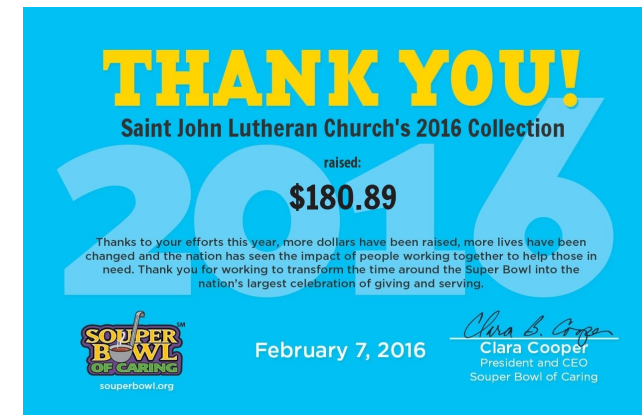
WORSHIP AT THE BAY ... SUNDAY AFTERNOONS AT ... 3:00PM!

Here's the preaching schedule for TheBay during the month of March:

All Sundays ... Pastor Jim Lehman

COMPANION RELATIONSHIPS

It is with true joy and delight that we are connected with brothers and sisters in Christ around the world! Continue to lift up our brothers and sisters in the Nkuhungu congregation in Tanzania and the Bacska Palanka congregation in Serbia. (This the congregation formerly served by Pastor Jasmina Kotas-Medved. Pastor Jasmina moved in August of 2013 to a new congregation)





A SMALL GROUP MINISTRY FOR MEN

Our small group ministry for men gathers next on Saturday, March 12 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 "Lydia's Conversion." (Acts 16:11-15) Dave Bloom will be providing our breakfast.

**Master
Builders**

Lutheran
Men in
Mission

Evangelical
Lutheran
Church in
America

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

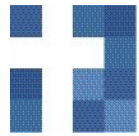


Living in God's amazing grace

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!



Northwestern Ohio Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

We are also partners with the congregations of the Northwestern Ohio Synod (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."***

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?

EASTER EGG HUNT IS HERE!!

March 27th Parish Hall 9:30am

Ellen Bloom will lead DSQ - Pre-School - Grade 2

Julie Frattaroli will lead DSQ grades 3-5 MS and HS
(Come on MS and HSchoolers!!! You know you want to!)

Prizes will be given and bragging rights to all 😊

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, Henry Kihlken, Gaile Money, Val Holzapfel, David Shassere, Nikki Hepner, Chad Koehl, Marilyn Jennings, Jim & Lana Casperson, Lauren Lieske, Marcia Hattan, Connie Frias, Richard Furr, Bill Godby, Nancy Danklefsen, Dorothy Ostling, Ron Jensen, JoAnne Grover, Marcia Bloom, Bill Coyle, Jordan Borer, Lyllian Casperson

REMEMBER OUR FRIENDS IN EXTENDED CARE

EDGEWOOD NURSING HOME 1330 FULTON ST. PORT CLINTON
Milton Long Bernice Pollauf

OTTERBEIN NORTSHORE RETIREMENT CENTER 9400 North Shore Blvd.
Don Waggoner Evelyn Finke Jean Huebner Erna Coppeler

UPMC SENIOR COMMUNITY
Fran Petersen

RIVERVIEW NURSING HOME
Mary Adams Harold Sass
Eleanor Miller

ELMWOOD Fremont
Evelyn Farrow

ST. MARY IN THE WOODS THE WILLOWS
Doris Rogers Lu Switzer

OHIO VETERANS HOME Sandusky
Jim Hansen

PROVIDENCE COMMONS
Jeanne Wonnell

LUTHER HOME OF MERCY
John Tewers Angie Frias

PROVIDENCE CARE
Annette Krynock

PASTORAL ACTIVITIES

Baptism Cali Sage White January 9

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

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2/22/2016

		DESIGNATED FUNDS
CHECKING	\$ 7,609.28	Concerts \$ 4,019.51
SAVINGS	<u>\$121,201.43</u>	Handbell Choir 250.00
TOTAL	\$128,810.71	Youth Gathering 412.23
		Kitchen Reno 5,204.85
		Landscaping 10,561.39
		Nursery 430.88
		Praise Fund 668.11
		Stage Curtains 398.80
		Basement Restoration Fund \$ 7,314.06

THANKS to all who contributed in ANY way to our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. We had a GREAT crew of willing workers who made sure that everyone had enough to eat. Comments we received indicated a job WELL DONE. Through the efforts of ALL ... we were able to raise **\$467.00!!** This will help send our kids away to Bible Camp this summer. A special thanks is extended to the Ottawa County Branch of Thrivent Financial who donated all of our supplies and for sending 3 persons to help with the greater effort. Again ... **THANKS!**

FROM WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 17 THROUGH EASTER SUNDAY, you will have another way to show "Where Your Heart Is" by recycling some of the items that used to end up in the kitchen waste. Recycle containers will be located in the kitchen and the parish hall basement hallway (for easy access from the meeting rooms). Additional instructions will be posted on the containers (e.g., what can and cannot be recycled). If you would like to be one of the volunteers who takes the collected items to the local recycle sites, please contact John Coppeler or Julie Rosiar. At the end of this trial, we will evaluate the feasibility of continuing this program. Thank you for your cooperation!

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 25th, 26th and 28th. Please call the Board of Education office at 419-732-2102 to register.

MARCH WORSHIP SCHEDULE

March 6 ASSISTING MINISTER Rod Miller
LECTOR Pam Boytim ACOLYTE Lydia Roberts
USHER Louise Toris, John Coppeler, Carol Kessler, Edna Hansen
GREETER Diane Ball, Doris Libben
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS Kathy Walls, Louise Toris
WORSHIP PREP Kathy Walls

March 13 ASSISTING MINISTER Edna Hansen
LECTOR Julie Rosiar ACOLYTE Nate Frattaroli
USHER Andy Wells, Shirley Wells, Hope Davenport, Lynette Reinheimer
GREETER the Mitchell family
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS Kathy Walls, Hope Davenport
WORSHIP PREP Kathy Walls

March 20 ASSISTING MINISTER Jean Lehman
LECTOR Diann Crosser ACOLYTE Mya Wright
USHER Pam Boytim, Lee Bredbeck, the Mitchell family
GREETER Ron & Bea Jensen
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS Kathy Walls, Lee Bredbeck
WORSHIP PREP Doris Libben and David Bloom

March 27 EASTER WORSHIP AT 8:00 & 10:30
ASSISTING MINISTER Bill Wiewandt
LECTOR 8:00 Mark Coppeler 10:30 Hope Davenport
ACOLYTE 8:00 Abi Frattaroli 10:30 Taylor Householder
USHERS 8:00 Paula Hart, Mark & Tammy Coppeler, Dave Bloom
10:30 Doug & Candy Shealy, Karl & Carol Kessler
GREETER Connie Lieske, Jean Lehman
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS 8:00 Kathy Walls, John Coppeler
10:30 Karl Kessler, Chad Mitchell
WORSHIP PREP Doris Libben and David Bloom

SATURDAY NIGHT WORSHIP TEAMS

	USHERS/GREETERS	COMMUNION
3/5	Sally Fastzkie, Bill Jappsen	Linda Gillett, Bob Mackey
3/12	Linda Gillett, Bob Mackey	Mary & Ron Bash
3/19	Lida & Ron Knipp	Sally Fastzkie, Bill Jappsen
3/26	Betty Hitchings, Judy Mulligan	Ron & Lida Knipp

EASTER FLOWERS

Once again this year, we will be purchasing spring flowers to decorate our church during the Easter festival. If you would like to donate towards a flower in honor or memory of a loved one, please fill out the form below and return it to the church office along with your money. Suggested donation is \$5.00. Please return the slips by March 20.

GIVEN BY _____ DONATION _____

IN HONOR OF _____

IN LOVING MEMORY OF _____
Proceeds are used to help support our Radio Ministry.

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Thursday, MARCH 24 ... Maundy Thursday ... 7:00 pm

**Friday, MARCH 25 ... Good Friday Community Worship,
Noon at St. Thomas Episcopal Church**

**Friday, MARCH 25 ... Way of the Cross @The Bay...2:45
pm**

**Friday, MARCH 25 ... Good Friday Tenebrae Worship ...
7:00 pm**

Saturday, MARCH 26 ... Easter Vigil ... 5:00 pm

**Sunday, MARCH 27 ... Easter Sunrise at the Lake ... 7:00
AM**

**Sunday, MARCH 27 ... Easter Worship ... 8:00 and 10:30
am**

**Sunday, MARCH 27 ... Easter Breakfast and Egg Hunt ...
9:00 am**

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES February 9, 2016

Members Present: Jim Frattaroli, Pam Boytim, Louise Toris, Barb Polachek, Kristina Smith, Candy Shealy, R.J. Fellhauer, John Coppeler, Julie Rosiar, and Pastor Lehman.

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the January 12, 2016 Council meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Barb Polachek to approve the minutes and seconded by Julie Rosiar. All in favor.

Treasurer's Report: The January Treasurer's report was reviewed. A motion was made by Kristina Smith to accept the report and seconded by Barb Polachek. All in favor.

Congregational Life: The Committee is recruiting various groups to prepare the Lenten meals.

Worship Committee: We are switching to Setting 8 until Easter. Pastor Jim still needs people to participate in the "Hey Joseph!" drama for mid-week worship during Lent. This year is the 25th anniversary of the handbell choir. The schedule of services for Holy Week was reviewed.

Christian Education Committee: The Committee finalized plans for the Festival of Kids which was held on February 7. The Lesson, Ten Men Healed, was told through a skit performed by the Middle School, with background characters (the Village People and Lepers) portrayed by members of Fireproof Friends. The kids enjoyed games, a finger painting craft, and made a trail mix snack. There will be a Prayer

Buddy event on March 13, where youth and adults will make butterflies to decorate the sanctuary for Easter.

Property Committee: The Committee is looking into having the oil changed in the elevator, which is an expense of approximately \$2,700.00.

Ministry Resources Committee: The Committee is gearing up to select the annual stewardship program. On February 17, the Committee will be starting a pilot recycling program. The program will run for seven weeks and then be re-evaluated.

Pastor's Report: Thirteen youth and three adults have signed up for the joint Confirmation Ministry/Youth Ministry Retreat March 4-6. Voting members are needed for the NWOS Assembly (one male and one female) May 19-21 at BGSU. We will be electing a new Bishop. The Leadership Team at St.John@theBay met on January 17 and discussed re-shaping worship into a more intimate, round-table setting in the parish hall.

New Business: Summer Day Camp was discussed. It will be held June 26 to July 1. Peace and Danbury St. Paul will be participating with us this year and we are planning on 70-80 kids. Because we will need 7+ classrooms, we will need to get the three classrooms in the basement under the Sanctuary ready. A work day will be scheduled to clean up the dust from the waterproofing project. Volunteers with shop vacs will be needed.

Mission Teaching Moment: Pastor Jim provided information from the ELCA on "Your Offering at Work." We have the option of giving a portion of our individual offerings to benevolence, also known as mission support, by marking on our envelopes what portion is for current (operating) expenses and what portion is for benevolence. When offerings go to the Synod, 49% is used for the Bishop's office and ministries such as seminaries, church colleges, and St.John@theBay, and 51% goes to the national ELCA for churchwide (local and worldwide) ministry support. By sharing your time, talents and financial resources, you are participating in God's work throughout the United States and around the world.

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

Respectfully submitted, Pam Boytim, Secretary

ENJOY THE CONVENIENCE OF ELECTRONIC GIVING

St. John Lutheran Church wants to remind you that we offer electronic giving as a way to automate your regular weekly offering. Electronic giving offers convenience for individual congregation members and provides much-needed donation consistency for our congregation. Direct Debit Giving is used to automatically transfer funds from your checking or savings account to the church's bank account. As you contemplate future contributions, please consider electronic giving. Authorization forms and additional information are available from the church office.

ST. JOHN has a lead on a knee tricycle that can be used @ a price of \$25.00 payable to St. John's. When finished using it, it must be returned to St. Johns.

YOUTH MINISTRY COORDINATOR

The Church Council, along with the approval of the congregation in adopting the 2016 Spending Plan, is pleased to announce the addition of **Stephanie Setley** to our ministry team here at St. John. Stephanie will be serving as our Youth Ministry Coordinator and will begin investing her time and gifts (5 hours per week, starting February 1) by concentrating on High School Youth Ministry and assisting with Confirmation Ministry.

Here's some background on Stephanie.

Introducing Stephanie Setley, Youth Ministry Director.

Greetings in the name of Christ! It is my joy to be working alongside each of you here at St. John's to expand the youth ministry in this place. I am humbled by the opportunity, and would like to share a sincere thank you to Pastor Jim and the council for extending it to me.

Let me tell you a bit about myself. I was born in Baltimore, Maryland where I attended First Lutheran Church of Gray Manor. My mother was confirmed at the same church but did not return there until I was born. I was dropped off for Sunday School until worship became a requirement for my own Confirmation years. Does any of this sound familiar? My

family's experience with the church resembles that of many others. The difference between my story and my mother's, however, is the opportunities extended to me beyond my confirmation years.

I was blessed to have the support of many of the adults of my congregation. They invited me to be active in many roles, not by simply making an announcement, or posting opportunities in the bulletin. Instead the came to me as an individual and said, "Stephanie, would you like to... I think you would do well."

That personal invitation made a world of difference. Its easy to ignore a general invitation, but when someone you respect puts their hand on your shoulder and says, "You can do it!" you believe you really can. You feel valued.

And that's what I am challenging each of you to do. Ask your children to be involved - ask your neighbor's children - ask the children you see here today, and the children you don't see. Let them know you value their presence and include them in the life of this congregation in every way. Each of us can support parents and sponsors in fulfilling baptismal promises to their children and God.

My vision of confirmation and youth ministry as being a ministry of the whole congregation, and just one piece of a lifetime of discipleship, comes from my own experiences with campus ministry at WVU and my education at Gettysburg Seminary. I graduated with a masters degree in 2015 with concentrations of youth and young adult ministry, and church communications. It was also there that I met my husband, Tony Setley, and the reason I am now a part of the Port Clinton community. Tony was called as pastor/priest of Peace Lutheran and St. Thomas' Episcopal Church last September. Tony, our 16-month-old son Samuel, our two dogs Selah and Sadie, and I are pleased to now call PC home.

Because of my connections to Peace, and St. Thomas' we will also be expanding collaborative ministry with these churches. If you feel called to be involved, have an idea you want to share, or have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me. Because I am new to the area and this congregation, I look to your guidance as I learn the ins-and-outs of life here.

May God bless you during this time of Lent, knowing that God loves you, and does not abandon.

-Stephanie Setley

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Come join your Church Family!

Easter Breakfast

FREE WILL OFFERING to benefit VACATION BIBLE CAMP

March 27th

Parish Hall

9:00-10:30am

*Note new time

Breakfast Menu

Chef Best Egg Bakes - Cheese and Sausage/ Cheese

Fruit, Yogurt, Granola Parfaits

Toast

Ham

Coffee Milk Juice

Spring Cleaning at St. John

DSQ needs your help to get ready for Summer Day Camp

We are expecting approximately **70-80 campers this year** from the **community, St. John, Peace, St. Thomas and St. Paul Lutheran in Marblehead.**

Problem, and a **GREAT problem** to have, but we **need more space.** Since the church basement classrooms will not be completed in time, we need to just get them clean and serviceable enough to put comforters down so the children can sit on the floors.

Basement Dust Bowl

Everything needs washed down.....walls, woodwork, doors, windows, shelves, bulletin boards, tables, furniture and any item sitting around like toys, books, pictures, crosses, etc.

Work Days - Take Your Pick - Sign-Up Sheets on the table outside of the Narthex.

March 12th Saturday 9:00 - 11:00AM

March 14th Monday 6:30 - 8:30PM

March 17th Thursday 9:30 - 11:30AM

*******Please bring your own cleaning supplies: buckets, LOTS OF RAGS, soap, shop vac if you have one, etc.**

CHURCH BASEMENT PROJECT: \$40,000.00

Received to Date: \$37,064.59

Balance Needed: \$ 2,935.41