

**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, Chuck Guth, D. J. & Jim Rusincovitch, Jan Hetrick, Lu Hamit, Ed Zilles, Don & Carole Van Orman, Bob Wigard, 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, Marilyn Jennings, Jim & Lana Casperson, Lauren Lieske, Marcia Hattan, Connie Frias, Bill Godby, JoAnne Grover, Marcia Bloom, Bill Coyle, Jordan Borer, Lillian Casperson, Sue Herzog, Debbie Coppeler, Pat Verlotti, Tony Vallese, Joan Mason, Erna Coppeler, Rose Crawford, Matthew Zietsma, Ron Jensen, Donald Bennett, Jeanne Huskey, Michael Sorg, Nancy Benko, Chad Koehl, Henry Kihlken, Andy Grover, Nancy Danklefsen

**REMEMBER OUR FRIENDS IN EXTENDED CARE**

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

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

UPMC SENIOR COMMUNITY RIVERVIEW NURSING HOME  
Fran Petersen Mary Adams Harold Sass

ELMWOOD Fremont STONY POINT 341 Lear Rd Room#14 Avon Lake OH 44012 \_  
Evelyn Farrow Doris Rogers

THE WILLOWS Lu Switzer

Gaymont Nursing Center 66 Norwood Ave Norwalk 44857 Lillian Casperson

OHIO VETERANS HOME Sandusky GENOA CARE CENTER 300 Cherry St. Rm 410  
Jim Hansen Carol Di Masso

LUTHER HOME OF MERCY PROVIDENCE CARE  
John Tewers Joyce Pfisterer Annette Krynock  
Joyce Miller

**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 7/26/2016  
CHECKING ACCOUNT \$ 5,936.07  
SAVINGS ACCOUNT \$136,398.98  
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS \$145,335.05

**DESIGNATED FUNDS**

Concerts	\$ 4,019.51	Handbell Choir	250.00
Youth Gathering	12.23	Kitchen Reno	5,204.85
Landscaping	10,189.89	Nursery	430.88
Praise Fund	668.11	Stage Curtains	398.80
DSQ Offering	166.88	Basement Restoration Fund	\$ 11,250.49

**PASTORAL ACTIVITIES**

Funeral	Burnell Gates	June 7	
Graveside	Joan Surhbier	June 10	
Wedding	Mooney-Merritt	June 18	PCYC
Funeral	David Reifsnnyder	June 23	
Baptism	Lauren Smith	June 26	

**ST. PAUL LUTHERAN WOMEN**, 541 S. Church Rd, Danbury will be hosting their Annual Peach Social on August 13 from 4-6:30 pm. The event features: Homemade Chicken Noodle Soup, Sandwiches, Homemade Pie, Ice Cream and beverages.

**THANK YOU** so much for inviting non-members kids, like ours, to your Vacation Bible School. They enjoy the learning & fellowship every summer.

The Lovitt Family, Steve, Megan, Kate & Evan

**SUMMER SPECIAL MUSIC**

Over recent months, 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, especially as we

move into summer when our choirs take a break, contact Erin Linehan or Kristina Smith who serve on our Worship Committee.

## AUGUST WORSHIP SCHEDULE

August 7 ASSISTING MINISTER Mark Coppeler  
LECTOR Bill Wiewandt ACOLYTE Taylor Householder  
USHER Connie & Lauren Lieske, Paul & Donna Armstrong  
GREETER Pam Boytim, Carol Kessler  
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS Chad Mitchell, Bill Wiewandt  
WORSHIP PREP Kathy Walls

August 14 ASSISTING MINISTER Bob Polachek  
LECTOR Jim Sass ACOLYTE Lydia Roberts  
USHER Vee Reifsnyder, Jim Sass, Karl & Carol Kessler  
GREETER Vee Reifsnyder, Lynette Reinheimer  
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS Chad Mitchell, Vee Reifsnyder  
WORSHIP PREP Kathy Walls

August 21 ASSISTING MINISTER Rod Miller  
LECTOR Carol Manbeck ACOLYTE Rachel St. Clair  
USHER Bob Polachek, Kristina Smith, Hope Davenport, Edna Hansen  
GREETER Gene and Brenda Keckler  
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS Chad Mitchell, Edna Hansen  
WORSHIP PREP Doris Libben, David Bloom

August 28 ASSISTING MINISTER Bill Wiewandt  
LECTOR Lynette Reinheimer ACOLYTE Bekah Koehl  
USHER Louise Toris, John Coppeler, Gary Mackey, Sue King  
GREETER Diane Ball, Doris Libben  
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS Chad Mitchell, John Coppeler  
WORSHIP PREP Doris Libben, David Bloom

## SATURDAY NIGHT WORSHIP TEAMS

USHERS/GREETERS

COMMUNION

8/6 Sally Fastzkie, Bill Jappsen  
8/13 Linda Gillett, Bob Mackey  
8/20 Lida & Ron Knipp  
8/27 Betty Hitchings, Judy Mulligan

Linda Gillett, Bob Mackey  
Mary & Ron Bash  
Bill Jappsen, Ron Knipp  
Ron & Lida Knipp

## LOF † News

### Francesca Battistelli - August 13th [Saturday]

Grammy award-winning singer Francesca Battistelli performs at Lakeside-Chautauqua at **8:15pm** Adult tickets are \$21.25 in advance, \$25 at the door. **Youth (12-18) are just \$8.75!** Children under age 12 and guests age 90 and older are free!! The ticket is a actually pass to Lakeside and is valid until 7pm Sunday. If you want a ticket, please leave payment (payable to St. John Lutheran) in the office or my mailbox, indicating how many tickets for each age group you need. We will carpool, since parking is not free and is limited.

### Cedar Point's PointFest - September 17th [Saturday]

**Toby Mac, Chris Tomlin, For King & Country, and more.** Tickets are \$42 if purchased **before July 29th** so let me know if you can go ASAP! *We need at least 10 people to go to get the group rate.* The cost includes admission to the park (saves you \$32 if you were to purchase a ticket at the gate). If you already have a season pass, entrance tot he festival is just \$20! Check out [PointFestival.com](http://PointFestival.com) for info and pictures from previous concerts. Again, please **contact me ASAP** so we can get a group rate!

Blessings, Stephanie Setley  
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My Instagram/Twitter: @ZSetley  
[facebook.com/stephanie.setley](https://facebook.com/stephanie.setley)



We are social! #PCLutherans

St. John Lutheran Youth Instagram: @SJLCPCYouth



***Vacation Bible Camp at St. John@TheBay will be held August 1-August 5. This ecumenical ministry will be held at the Put-Bay-Town Hall from 9:00-Noon. The theme is "Surf Shack: Catch the Wave of God's Amazing Love."***

***Pastor Jim Lehman will be participating each day and will be leading the Recreation (play time) segment of VBC!***

***This is our third week long effort to be engaged with children this summer! Please keep this ministry in your prayers throughout the week. If you would like to "see" what VBC, island-style, is like, contact Pastor Jim and you can tag along for as day or two!***

***THE MONTH OF AUGUST IS FAVORITE HYMN MONTH!***

Before you go searching for verification on your calendars or on Google, Pastor Jim is the one who made this decree! Many of you have "favorite" hymns that Pastor Jim NEVER or RARELY picks, so this is your chance to get even or perhaps to just "level the playing field."

During the month of July we have been collecting hymn requests that will now be used during the month of August. Pastor Jim will still get to choose when these hymns will appear! If for some reason, we have too many hymns for August, we may spill over into September. ***The sign-up sheet will remain out until August 15.***

### ***CONFIRMATION MINISTRY***

On Wednesday, August 31 ... Pastor Jim, Pastor Tony and Stephanie will be hosting the annual Confirmation Ministry Orientation. (I know it is depressing to hear that summer is speeding by!)

Returning and prospective Confirmation Ministry Participants are invited to be present at 6:30 pm. Even with three long-winded pastor/youth leader types leading this, you are guaranteed to be out and on your way in **one hour!**

We will review how we do Confirmation Ministry; review some tweaks and changes, receive schedules for the coming year; and have the chance to answer all of your pressing questions.

Confirmation Ministry "normally" begins when youth reach 6<sup>th</sup> Grade. However, if you are older than that, and just didn't get started then, for one reason or another, you are most welcome to join this community of young persons who are learning about faith and life. We have youth in a wide range of ages, so come and learn more!

**PLEASE NOTE THAT WITH THIS PROGRAM YEAR ...** Classes will be held on the **first and third Sundays of the month ... beginning at 5:00 pm.** Each time we gather there will be two classes, a meal and activities with the whole youth ministry group. The evening will conclude at **7:30 pm.**

**Classes will begin on Sunday, September 18 from 5:00-7:30pm.** Complete schedules for the year will be available at the Orientation. Every 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month there will be an All Youth LOFT event!

## **COMMUNITY NEEDS PROJECT**

**Also ... Plus Year Youth, their Parents and Confirmation Mentors will meet on Wednesday, August 24 at 6:30 pm to begin planning for the Community Needs Project. Yes, this event is “separated” from the Orientation in order to give us a little more time for dreaming and planning. Letters will be sent out to those “expected” to be present in the very near future.**

## **NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

*The Nominating Committee of St. John Lutheran Church has begun its work of prayerfully calling forth leaders to assist in the accomplishment of God’s mission in and through this congregation.*

*Members of the Nominating Committee are: Marlene Benko, Ken Gipe, Linda Hopfinger, Mark Coppeler, Jim Sass and Monette Garn.*

*If you are interested in assuming a position of leadership, we’d be glad to hear from you and learn about your particular interest. For example ... do you have a heart for worship, Christian education or congregational life? Just contact one of the above Committee members or Pastor Jim Lehman.*

***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 \$1,679.06! Our Next NOISY OFFERING will be ... August 13 and 14!***

## **Taking the Word into the Week.**

Beginning on Labor Day weekend, September 3/4 and then continuing through September 24/25, we will once again be lifting up the partnership of those who have a vital role in preaching. “Taking the Word into the Week” Revised and shortened surveys will be available so that you can report back on how the proclaimed Word leaks out of our worship through you into the midst of your daily lives and has an impact on family, friends and community. Watch for more details in the September Eagle.

## **LECTIONARY TEXTS FOR AUGUST**

**August 6 and 7**

Genesis 15:1-6      Psalm 33:12-22      Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16      Luke 12:32-40

**August 13 and 14**

Jeremiah 23:23-29      Psalm 82      Hebrews 11:29-12:2      Luke 12:49-56

**August 20 and 21**

Isaiah 58:9b-14      Psalm 103:1-8      Hebrews 12:18-29      Luke 13:10-17

**August 27 and 28**

Proverbs 25:6-7      Psalm 112      Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16      Luke 14:1, 7-14

**September 3 and 4**

Deuteronomy 30:15-20      Psalm 1      Philemon 1-21      Luke 14:25-33

## **COLLEAGUE EVENTS**

Two primarily fellowship events will take place during the month of August that promote “collegiality” among pastoral leaders. Participating in such events deepens relationships, revives the spirit and encourages one another in what can be at times, a lonely vocation.

On Tuesday, August 16 Lutheran pastors and Roman Catholic priests from this “neck of the woods” will gather on Catawba Island for a cookout! This event begins at 4:00 pm.

On Thursday, August 25, pastors from the North Central Conference will gather at a lake cottage in Indiana for an all-day time of fellowship, food, water activities and conversation.

Pastor Jim has put both these events on his calendar, and Lord-willing, will be participating in both.

## **RETIREMENT PLANS**

The Church Council has received official notification that Jean Solem, who has served St. John as our Administrative Assistant, is planning to retire effective September 30, 2016. Undoubtedly, there will be a gaping hole in the ministry team here at St. John, but this will be a well-deserved time for Jean to relax and help care for grandchildren.

Plans are being formulated to start the process of finding a new Administrative Assistant. We will be searching for someone who is proficient in extending hospitality, has computer skills (Word, in particular), is a self-starter and is willing to be a part of a ministry team. The anticipation is that this position will be 30 hours per week. A background check and drug test will be required of all candidates. If you or someone you know might be interested in being considered for this position, please contact a member of the Executive Committee: Jim Frattaroli, Lu Hamit, Pam Boytim or Louise Toris. In the next two weeks, we will begin to advertise this position beyond the boundaries of this congregation.

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

### ***With Those***

“Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.” Romans 12:15

The group had been together for a week. Seven days in a Benedictine monastery following the order of the day: time for study, prayer, rest, and recreation. We ate our meals, worshiped, and worked together. We listened and learned each other’s stories. On the closing day, we were friends.

Steve was a string-bean of a man. One of the more quiet of the group, he absorbed and reflected on the week in silence. On the last day, he spoke. He was recently divorced. It hadn’t been his idea. He was still reeling. The loneliness and rejection sat right behind his eyes. It was painful to hear him talk about it.

He broke down, then was embarrassed he broke down. He bent his head and covered his eyes. We all stood in awkward silence. We had been together only seven days. As close as we had grown, we weren’t ready for such intimacy with this suffering man.

Roger, the risk-taker, stepped forward, put his arm on Steve’s shoulder and stood as close to him as he could get. His own eyes filled with tears. Happily-married Roger stood side-by-side with the sobbing Steve and shouldered, for a moment, his loneliness, rejection, and remorse.

He could have stayed at a safe distance. He could have given Steve a few pats on the back and left him to deal with it. He didn’t. He had been sent to stay and see him through it; such a Christ-like moment. To share suffering in Jesus’ name is to be a steward of the heart of God for the sake of another. Is there any greater gift?

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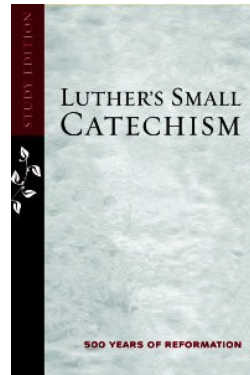
## **ADULT DSQ ON SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 10:15 AM**



### **REVISITING THE SMALL CATECHISM**

With 2017 being the year to observe, celebrate and contemplate the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation, our Adult DSQ Class will begin to explore or perhaps for some of you, to re-explore Luther’s Small Catechism. This series will begin on Sunday, September 11 at 10:15 am. A new 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition of the Small Catechism has been produced, and copies of the pocket edition will be available for you. There is also a

study edition that is available if you would like to purchase one, we can do so as a group and save a few dollars. For those who are smartphone savvy, there is a **free Small Catechism app** that is available to be downloaded from Augsburg in the Apple and Google Play Stores! See you on September 11 in the Lounge!



**WORSHIP AT THE BAY ... WORSHIP CONTINUES WITH OUR SUMMER SCHEDULE ... 6:30PM!**

**The preaching schedule for TheBay during the month of August ... finds that Pastor Jim Lehman will be leading worship and preaching each Sunday.**

The summer months offer a great opportunity for you to travel to the island and connect with your mission in this place. As in the past, we will have FREE tickets for the Miller Ferry available to those who would like to worship with our sisters and brothers

at TheBay. If you are interested check with the church office or Pastor Jim.

**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.*

**COMPANION RELATIONSHIPS**

It is with true joy and delight that we are connected with brothers and sisters in Christ around the world!

We have had two tremendous opportunities to deeps these connections in the last month. On Sunday, July 17 we welcomed back to St. John, Evka Hlavati who is the Administrative Assistant to Bishop Samuel Vrobovsky in the Slovak Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession in Serbia. What a delight it was to renew this relationship.

As some of you know, we had been exploring some options with Pastor Jasmina Kotas-Medved about a possible term call to return her to be a part of our ministry in both our locations. Recently, we received word that she has determined that the Holy Spirit is leading her to remain serving in Serbia. While we held at some hope that this might happen, we continue to support Pastor Jasmina wherever she serves.

Subsequent conversation and e-mails with Evka have uncovered another possibility that we will be praying and talking about in the very near future. Just when one door closes, another opens! Stay tuned!

Then on July 30 we had the opportunity to welcome to St. John at our Saturday worship, Bishop Kinyunyu of the Dodoma Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania! We have been connected with the Nkuhungu congregation Dodoma for a long time! Plans are underway to see how we might strengthen this relationship from both ends of the world!

Continue to lift up our brothers and sisters in the Nkuhungu congregation in Tanzania and the Bacska Palanka congregation in Serbia.



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

**Our small group ministry for men gathers next on Saturday, August 13 at 8:00 am for food and fellowship, study, prayer and service. In August we**

**will be launching a new study on Genesis, the first book of the Bible. Our theme is appropriately: “The Beginning” (Genesis 1:1-2:3). Dave Bloom will be providing breakfast.**

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America

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

 **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.”***



*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!***

**SAVE THE DATE: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11<sup>th</sup> is the ELCA GOD'S WORK: OUR HANDS day.**



*Varied projects are being developed. If you have any ideas, please let us know.*

## **ST. JOHN FALL FESTIVAL**

Here we are in August already and enjoying the humid days of summer. However, let's jump ahead to think of cooler temps in September and our **ST. JOHN FALL FESTIVAL** coming **Sept. 17th**, 10a.m. to 3p.m.

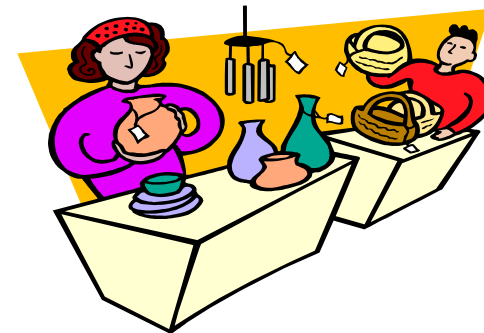
This is our only event that the women of St. John have that fund our philanthropic endeavors. The proceeds of this Fall Festival will be divided evenly as follows:

- . Missions: LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF
- . Community: OTTAWA COUNTY FIRST CALL FOR HELP
- . Church: ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

### **WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP?**

- . Make a craft item to sell, or buy, buy, buy from the festival's many vendors
- . Sign up to volunteer your help
- . Furnish some food items (sign up sheets will appear soon)
- . Come and eat lunch

***Watch the Saturday/Sunday bulletins and the September Eagle for more information about our St. John Fall Festival.***





## SERVICE OF INSTALLATION

Pastor Daniel G. Beaudoin was installed as the 3rd Bishop of the Northwestern Ohio Synod, ELCA on Saturday, July 23, 2016 at a meaningful and Spirit-filled 1:00pm worship service. The Service of Installation was held at St. Mark Lutheran Church in Bowling Green, OH with ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton presiding. A myriad of special guests were present on this day from the “one, holy, catholic and apostolic church.”

It was indeed a great and wondrous day ... a packed house of worship ... “Glory be to God.” Please remember Bishop Beaudoin and his family in your prayers in the coming weeks as he assumes this office on our behalf. Also say a prayer of thanksgiving for Bishop Marcus Lohrmann and the rest of the staff as their times of service in this office have come to an end.

