



St. John's Lutheran

MESSENGER

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President's Chapel

Dear Siblings in Christ,

November 1st, 2021

It is difficult to believe we are almost at the end of the "Lutheran Church Year". Last Sunday, October 31st, we celebrated Reformation Sunday with our youth leading our worship service. In two more weeks, we'll celebrate Christ the King Sunday, in preparation for (wait for it) the Advent and Christmas Season. Yes, the holidays will be upon us, and the plan of course is to celebrate Christmas in person in our own Sanctuary! But I'm getting slightly ahead of myself. October was a very busy month for the Congregation. After weeks of joint planning, we pulled off two very large community events over one extended weekend between October 22-25. The festivities began with another joint event with Parkview Church, who shared our new "Trunk-or-Treat" tradition in the St. John's church cemetery. The Trunk or Treat organizing team expected around 100-150 people. By all counts, we entertained more than 400+, absolutely beyond anyone's planning! For the first time, Linda and I came and shared our trunk, candy, and traffic management skills, as we worked hard to assure the parents and children crossed the street safely in the dark during peak traffic times. Gary Andrews "Deuce-and-a-half" Army truck was a huge hit with the kids, as were the many decorated trunks, the campfire, and lots of fun. Congratulations go to all who organized this great event.

The following Saturday Morning, we kicked off our first ever "Bread and Shred" event, coupled with WELCA's Fall "Grandma's Attic Bazaar". Within minutes of our 9:00 am opening, community members drove through, dropped off their shredding, and many provided generous donations in cash and food (~114 lbs.) for helping hands. At about 11:30, our food truck arrived to serve upscale hot dogs and hot drinks. Meanwhile, the Bazaar saw a steady stream of customers interested in resale items and fresh baked goods. All told, The Shred-and-Bread raised over \$840 in direct donations, which were matched with an additional \$300 by WELCA for Helping Hands. Every car coming through our shred line were extremely grateful for our services. After compiling their total results, WELCA also raised cash for the Miamisburg Schools, Blue Star Mothers, The Abused Women's Shelter amongst others. More than anything else, this event reminded our local community that St. John's is relevant and socially contributing to the needs of Miamisburg and the surrounding communities. Once again, a special thanks for everyone who worked to make this big event a success.

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So as we move through November, our adult and children's Sunday school is active and thriving, and we continue to welcome our various supply pastors as we continue to search for both a temporary interim Pastor and a final called Pastor. I don't have a lot of news to report from synod on this topic right now, but Pastor Abrams has told me many potential pastors have reviewed our package and are thinking about if we're the right church to talk to. We do have a disadvantage in that we are looking for a part time call, but that doesn't mean we won't eventually connect with a suitable candidate. Keep praying for our search, and continue to welcome our guest supply pastors who are working to maintain continuity in our worship experience. Anyway, that's about it. Worship and Music will be meeting on November 9th to discuss the upcoming Advent/Christmas/Epiphany celebrations, so we'll fill you in on our plans next month. In the meantime, we remember all our brothers and sisters who've passed on this Sunday.

God's peace to all. Brian Kent, President

RECEPTION FOR PASTOR JOAN ARMSTRONG

After church on November 14th, there will be a luncheon for Pastor Joan. More details to come, so stay tuned. BTW – Pastor Joan will be leading service, so be sure to come and say hi.

ROOF LOAN UPDATE

The loan to repair the Fellowship Hall roof is being paid down every month by \$270.75. The roof loan, which started at \$25,377, now has a balance of \$7,907 thanks to some generous donations that helped to pay down the balance faster. The 10-year loan will now be paid off in May 2024, and any additional donations towards the loan will help to pay it off even sooner and also reduce the amount of interest paid. Please mark "Roof Loan" on your contribution if you wish to donate to this important cause.

AIR CONDITIONER REPLACEMENT

One of the four air conditioner units that services the sanctuary had to be replaced in July at a cost of \$5806. This expense was approved by the congregation and paid for with existing maintenance funds. If you would like to help rebuild the maintenance fund, please mark "Air Conditioner" or "HVAC" on your donation. Thanks to your donations, \$1995 has been contributed so far.

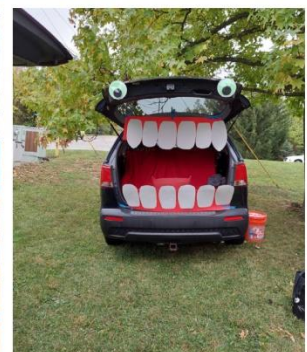
NEWS FROM THE LEARNING COMMITTEE

Over 100 Socks of Love were delivered to First Lutheran in October, along with bagged breakfasts to be distributed to homeless people in Dayton. The socks were filled with toiletries during VBS, thanks to donations from the people of St. Johns and Parkview Methodist.

We are collecting coats, hats, gloves, blankets, shoes, and any items to help people stay warm in the winter. If you have any that you don't need, please put them in the bin in the narthex. If you would like to help with SonRise breakfast, contact Beth Knight.

We hope you enjoy the pictures from Tom's Maze, Trunk or Treat and the Shred and Bread/WELCA Bazaar.







Cranberry Bars

1 ½ cup oats	½ cups chopped nuts
1 ½ cup flour	1 ½ stick margarine
½ tsp. salt	1 tbsp. water
¾ cup brown sugar	1 can whole cranberry sauce

Mix oats, flour, salt, sugar and nuts. Stir in melted margarine. Press 2 ½ cups of mixture in a foil-lined 8-inch baking dish, let foil extend over edges. Bake 10 minutes at 375°. Add water to rest of mixture and stir. Stir sauce in can then spread over baked mixture and top with rest of mixture. Bake 35-40 minutes at 375°. Cool in pan, lift out with foil and cut into squares.

This recipe was submitted by Nancy McCabe from the "Kitchen Keepsakes from St. John's Family" cookbook that was published in 1998 by the Women of St. John's Lutheran Church.

DID YOU KNOW.....

You can listen to Sunday's service on your telephone?

It's easy, at 9:50 on Sunday morning –dial 1-312-626-6799

Meeting ID: 880 1708 9351

Passcode: 149911

And of course Simulcast Sunday Service is still available. Please use the following logon information for upcoming Zoom services.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88017089351?pwd=aEI5OWRyWGVYSHM0SFJ1cFRuOUZmdz09>

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Budget Report for September 2021

Income for September 2021: \$6,024.70

Expenses for September 2021:

Outreach	\$250.00
Staff	\$2,114.65
Facility Upkeep/Administration	\$477.82
Roof Loan Payment	\$270.75
Utilities	\$258.64
Committees	\$18.90
	\$3,390.76

September Budget Balance (income - expenses): \$2,633.94

Year to Date Income: \$64,262.51

Year to Date Expenses: \$53,141.11

Description of categories:

Outreach: Benevolence, special benevolence.

Staff: Pastor's pay and expenses, staff salaries and benefits, FICA, worker's comp.

Facility Upkeep/Administration: Maintenance/repair and office expenses.

Property Insurance: paid once a year in April.

Roof Loan: Monthly payment for fellowship hall roof repair loan from endowment.

Committees: Discipleship, Learning, Worship & Music.

Utilities: Gas, electricity, water and trash services.



November 2
Aubrey Knight
November 4
Emma Holtzman
November 8
Bruce Holtzman
November 9
Fernando Ñauta
November 11
Suzanne Page
November 20
Steven Page
November 22
Brooklyn Mikesell
November 29
Cindy Kemper
Hannah Settle

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Brook Ñauta	Children's Choir	513-217-0564/937-367-1473

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November 6
David & Julie Helter
November 8
Mike & Sara Bell
November 13
Terry & Tonya McKown
November 14
Steve & Renee Lamb
November 17
Austin & Molly Brewer

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The office will be closed
Monday, Nov. 22nd thru
Friday, Nov. 26th.