



St. John's Lutheran

MESSENGER

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PRESIDENT'S CHAPEL

Dear Siblings in Christ,

July 1st, 2023

Today, I'm starting my column with a good news story. Remember, the word "Evangelical" comes from the Greek word euangelion, meaning "the good news" or the "gospel." When our *actions* support our *words*, we are living the Gospel. Frequently, our national press takes a dim view of Christianity and the impact of Christians living their lives by the Gospel. So it is really noteworthy when someone outside our church takes notice of what we do. On June 12th, St John's received a letter from the Miamisburg School Board of Education, noting that our church was successfully nominated for a State of Ohio School Board Association 2023 "Business Honor Roll Award". We were among 21 local businesses and churches honored for supporting various Miamisburg school social issues and needs, and I'll accept the award on behalf of the church on Thursday the 29th of June. So thanks for your support of Miamisburg schools through the backpack supply program, the Christmas Forest, and (indirectly) by supporting our Hunger mission through helping hands.

So, how can we magnify our community impacts going forward? First, let's continue to exploit opportunities to fulfill emerging community needs. For example, our summer Friday lunch program, run by Beth Knight, is one opportunity. If you want to help feed some hungry elementary grade kids during the summer, it's not a hard job. Beth can let you know what to do, and with a couple hours investment, you'll make the day for about 40 local kids. Second, now that our remarkable meeting house renovation is nearly complete, we can look to our local schools and community to see if this space can be better utilized than it has been over the last 20+ years. I'll be in touch with the synod about any nascent mission Christian congregations looking for a permanent meeting place. We'll also be reaching out to wedding photographers, planners, and caterers looking for wedding venues, as older but attractive church buildings represent a potentially growing market for wedding locales. Lastly, we are looking to sponsor a few community seminars in the coming year. Some of the proposed seminar topics could include financial planning, estate planning, local historical or science events, and so forth.

If you haven't noticed, time continues to move forward, and the rate of change in our society is accelerating. While St. John's history is rich and long, our congregation must "think differently" as we imagine our church in the future. Our long term impact depends on strengthening our community involvement. While some of these changes may be scary, our evolving mission can also be exciting and fulfilling. If you have ideas about unmet community needs, be sure to let a council member know. In the meantime, enjoy your summer, and keep the faith.

God's Peace to all!

Brian Kent, President

JUNE WAS A BUSY MONTH FOR ST. JOHN'S

There were a lot of activities that went on this month at church. Below are a few pictures from all the events.

June 4th before church, the Holtzman's brought their baby goats for everyone to hold and pet.

June 10th
The youth met at Community Park in Miamisburg and did some painting then had lunch and played games.

TWIGS Scrapbooking group was in the newly renovated meeting house June 9th and 10th.

That evening the Spaghetti Dinner was held that benefited Helping Hands. About 90 people attended and enjoyed the meal.

A total of \$653.82 was raised.

Thanks to everyone who helped prepare and put on the dinner.

The plan is to hold the dinner again next year.

And finishing the month with VBS held at Parkview Church (pictures on next page.)







CHARITY CRAFTING EVENT

Join St. John's Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church (WELCA) to help raise money to support community outreach services: Jeremiah's Letter, the Women's Shelter, Miamisburg Helping Hands Food bank, Miamisburg City Schools Special Programs and Blue Star Mothers.

Bring any craft projects you're working on and just can't seem to finish, or start something new.

Join in the fellowship on Friday, August 18th (2:30pm to 12:00 pm) and Saturday, August 19th (9:00am to 10:00pm). Come both days or just one.

There will be 6ft. and 8ft. working spaces, internet access, and electrical outlets (bring your own extension cords). Meals, snacks, water and pop will be provided.

Space is limited to 35 participants, so register early. The price for both days is \$65, Friday only \$35 and Saturday only \$45.

Any questions or to register, contact Debbie Ball at 937-776-5388 or email her at ballfour853@hotmail.com

SUMMER PARK LUNCHES

We are providing lunch for community kids each Friday in June and July. Please sign up in the narthex to pack or deliver lunch at Miamisburg Community Park.

Details are on the sign up sheet or talk to Beth Knight.

SUMMER YOUTH ACTIVITIES FOR MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOLERS

Summer Scoops - Monday, July 10, 3:30-5pm, at K&W Drive-In, 450 S Main St. Springboro. Middle and high schoolers come hangout, eat ice cream and meet youth from Epiphany Lutheran.

Messy Games - Sunday, August 13, 3:30-5pm, at Epiphany Lutheran Austin Campus, 10551 Sheehan Rd. Get ready to get messy with a shaving cream battle, color way and an epic slip-n-slide!

Registration required, let Brook know by August 7 if you want to go.

Back to School School Supply Lists



Below is a list of school supplies that will be needed for the 2nd grade class.

Please have everything to the church by July 30th.

The supplies will be given out on August 3rd to the children.

- 1 set colored pencils
- 1 box 24 count crayons
- 1 set 8 count markers washable
- 2 Expo dry erase markers low odor, chisel tip
- 4 jumbo glue sticks
- 1 highlighter – any color
- 2 packs #2 pencils
- 1 pair scissors sharp point
- 3 2 pocket folders (prefer plastic) red, yellow, blue
- 3 spiral notebooks black, red, green
- 1 roll paper towels
- 1 small school box
- 1 ear buds with USB connector

NO WELCA MEETING IN JULY

The next meeting will be on Monday, August 7th at Cheryl Page's home. All women are invited to attend.

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

Double Layer Chocolate Pie

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| 1 (4 oz.) cream cheese, softened | 2 pkgs. (3.9 oz) instant chocolate pudding |
| 1 Tbsp. milk or half & half | 1 ½ cup milk or half & half |
| 1 Tbsp. sugar | 1 chocolate pie crust |
| 1 (12 oz) Cool whip | |

Beat cream cheese, then add milk and sugar. After mixed well, add 1 ½ cups of Cool Whip. Spread in bottom of chocolate crust. Mix pudding with 1 ½ cups milk (it will be very thick). Fold in 2 cups of Cool Whip mixing well. Spread over cream cheese mixture. Refrigerate at least 4 hours before serving.

Join Zoom Meeting on Sundays

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85711628176?pwd=V0dOK21vekJqNTIwM3hOT2UyNzkyQT09>

Meeting ID: 857 1162 8176

Passcode: 071964

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Passcode: 071964

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kdSEte9ZyO>

REMINDER

You can always find the Zoom link for the simulcast Sunday services on St. John's website:

www.stjohnsmiamisburg.org

Click on the "In-Person Worship and Simulcast Link" menu option near the top of the home page.



Budget Report for May 2023

Income for May 2023: **\$10,089.76**

Expenses for May 2023:

Outreach	\$334.00
Staff	\$4,822.53
Facility Upkeep/Administration	\$1,432.49
Property Insurance	\$438.83
Utilities	\$511.37
Committees	\$74.21
	\$7,613.43

May Budget Balance (income - expenses): **\$2,476.33**

YTD Income: **\$40,155.56**

YTD Expenses: **\$38,186.55**

Description of categories:

Outreach: Benevolence, special benevolence.

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

Conference: Council retreat.

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

Property Insurance: paid monthly beginning in May

Committees: Discipleship, Learning, Worship & Music.

Utilities: Gas, electricity, water and trash services.



July 1
Evan Lewis Bell
July 12
Emily Bell
July 14
Craig Naylor
July 23
Ruby Clark
July 29
Ann Nade

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Ida Geary		
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Brook Nauta	Children's Choir	513-217-0564/937-367-1473

Christian Education

Barb Hoffman	Pre-k through 1 st Grade	937-859-8871/937-231-6341
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Ministry Contacts

Nancy McCabe	Prayer Chain	937-866-8669
Beth Knight	Son-Rise Breakfast @ First Lutheran	330-692-2092



July 5
Doug and Nancy McCabe
July 21
Everett and Ursula Morris



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HAPPENING'S IN JULY

- July 9 1:00 p.m. Area 56
- July 10 3:30 p.m. Youth Activity – Summer Scoops at K&W Drive-In
- July 16 6:00 a.m. SonRise Breakfast

Sunday's at 7:30 p.m. - AA/AI Anon meets in Fellowship Hall

Monday's & Friday's at noon - AA Group meets in Fellowship Hall

*Please notify the office of any meetings and/or events that need to be included in the calendar.
This will ensure rooms are not double booked.*



July 3rd thru July 5th
July 10th thru July 12th