



*St. John's Lutheran*

# MESSENGER

A Publication of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church located in Miamisburg, Ohio, Established in 1819

June 2023

## **PRESIDENT'S CHAPEL**

Dear Siblings in Christ,

June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023

I hope you're hungry! In fact, I hope most of Miamisburg will be hungry on Saturday June 10<sup>th</sup>, as we will host our community Spaghetti dinner that day from 4-7 PM. The proceeds above expenses will all go towards helping hands, and we have also received a grant from Thrivent to help with expenses. The organizing committee for this event includes Patty Thacker, Linda Kent, and Cindy Kemper, but a lot of people are helping to make this day a success. Set up begins at noon with the 1<sup>st</sup> dinner served at 4PM, so if you have some time that Saturday, we can use all the help we can. This is a community wide event, but of course you and your family are welcome to come enjoy the meal as well. Prices are \$8 for adults, \$4 for children under 12, although we will also accept additional donations for helping hands.

Check out the separate article about the state of the meeting house renovations seen elsewhere in this newsletter. Also, don't forget to support our June VBS program, see Beth Knight and/or Brook Ñauta if you want to help out.

As we approach summer, it is also easy for all of us to ebb away from church due to our busy activities and vacations. While this is understandable, and inevitable that many will miss some services, I continue to encourage you to remain active in our church worship activities this summer. Worshiping together not only boosts your faith, it gives you a weekly opportunity to reaffirm the faith of your friends and families who also come to worship. Our "concerns and problems" don't disappear with warm weather, so any support you give a friend or neighbor this time of year is all part of our commitment to living our faith.

Also, God wants us to stay safe this summer! So don't forget those seat belts, life preservers, and helmets as you and your family remain active in the outdoors. Those devices were invented by someone serving God's mission, so make use of them whenever appropriate.

In advance, thanks to all who will help with the dinner, and thanks again for those who've helped with the meeting house renovations.

God's Peace to all!

*Brian Kent, President*



On Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, Pastor Heidi confirmed Emma Holtzman, Jesse Nauta and Brody Lamb.



## YOUTH SERVICE PROJECT

Saturday, June 10, 10am-1pm, bring a friend and meet at Miamisburg Community park, 590 S 1st St. Miamisburg for a service project, games and lunch, together with Parkview Church. Wear clothes for painting.

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## GOD'S LOVE IS OUT OF THIS WORLD VBS

Lots of out of this world activities are coming on June 19-23, 6-8pm as we explore the immense wonders of God's Love with Parkview Church. Registration is on the St. John's website for preschool or elementary aged kids. Invite your grandkids, neighbors, and friends!

Donations of supplies are needed by June 18th. Please see the board in the narthex.



## 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.

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## 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.

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June 10, 10am-1pm, bring a friend and join us for a service project with Miamisburg Parks and Recs, then lunch together with Parkview Church.

## MISSION TRIP

Parkview Methodist has invited us to join them on a trip to Red Bird Mission in the Appalachian Mountains of Kentucky, July 9-14. The group will stay in cabins and do work projects in the local communities during the day. If you would like more information, contact Brook Nauta.



## BOARD OF TRUSTEES FINISHES MEETING HOUSE PAINT AND PLASTER PROJECT

On Friday June 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Board of Trustees finished the planned repair work on the Meeting House and Meeting House narthex! As you recall, part of this year's annual congregational meeting was to approve 2 major capital projects, of which the meeting house was the first. (The wall by the new Sanctuary entrance will be done in midsummer.) The meeting house project was a monumental "self help" plus contractor assisted project. Your BOT removed old lighting and the ceiling vents from the old air conditioning system. We then subcontracted out putting up a new drywall ceiling in the Narthex and Meeting House. Once that was completed, the BOT replaced all the lighting in the meeting house and narthex, and upgraded some "non-code compliant" electrical issues. Following that, we painted the walls with a bright new white matte

finish, and repainted all the trim of the windows, doors, and baseboards beautiful contrasting beige very close to the original beige windows. The results are stunning as you can see in the before and after pictures. This project would not have been possible without the help of many volunteers (Tom Hoffman, Everett Morris, Garry Andrews) as well as trim painters Robin Skelding and Sara Bell. By "self painting" the room and trim, the BOT saved over \$6,000 alone in costs. We came in within \$300 of our budget for completing the project. Thanks to EVERYONE who provided prayers, physical and moral support throughout this project. The BOT spent many a day working this important upgrade, so wander up and see for yourself!





## 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 18<sup>th</sup> (2:30pm to 12:00 pm) and Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup> (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](mailto:ballfour853@hotmail.com)

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## SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER – SATURDAY, JUNE 10TH

Plan on coming hungry on Saturday from 4-7 for spaghetti, meatballs, salad, breadsticks, dessert and drinks.

Proceeds will benefit Miamisburg Helping Hands.

Go to [www.stjohnsmiamisburg.org](http://www.stjohnsmiamisburg.org) for more information on the spaghetti dinner.



Join Zoom Meeting on Sundays

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

Meeting ID: 857 1162 8176

Passcode: 071964

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Meeting ID: 857 1162 8176

Passcode: 071964

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85711628176?pwd=V0dOK21vekJqNTIwM3hOT2UyNzkyQT09>

### REMINDER

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

[www.stjohnsmiamisburg.org](http://www.stjohnsmiamisburg.org)

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





### Budget Report for April 2023

**Income for April 2023:** **\$10,044.03**

**Expenses for April 2023:**

Outreach	\$333.00
Staff	\$5,643.12
Facility Upkeep/Administration	\$1,014.19
Property Insurance	\$438.87
Utilities	\$1,101.79
Committees	\$172.60
	<b>\$8,703.57</b>

**April Budget Balance (income - expenses):** **\$1,340.46**

**YTD Income:** **\$30,065.80**  
**YTD Expenses:** **\$30,573.13**

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 April

**Committees:** Discipleship, Learning, Worship & Music.

**Utilities:** Gas, electricity, water and trash services.

## Congregational Contacts

Pastor Heidi Johns Interim Pastor 513-255-6279

**Council Members**

Brian Kent	*President	937-885-3529/937-572-3025
Everett Morris	*Vice President	937-760-1099
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Cathy Zimmer	*Secretary	937-212-9283
Judy Kuemmel	*Financial Secretary	937-321-1198
Garry Andrews		937-848-2090
Ida Geary		
Cindy Kemper		937-367-2341

**Organizations, Boards and Staff**

Karen Doyle	Church Secretary/Messenger Editor	937-866-3780
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Cheryl Page	Discipleship Committee Chairman	937-602-7952
Brook Nauta	Learning Committee Chair	513-217-0564/937-367-1473
Ida Geary	WELCA President	937-626-7765
Doug McCabe	Organist	937-866-8669
Brook Nauta	Children's Choir	513-217-0564/937-367-1473

**Christian Education**

Barb Hoffman	Pre-k through 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	937-859-8871/937-231-6341
Brook Nauta	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade through 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	513-217-0564/937-367-1473
Robin Skelding	Confirmation	937-748-5405

**Ministry Contacts**

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



June 11  
Karen Settle  
June 17  
John Boyd  
June 22  
Matthew Page  
June 23  
Nancy Jones-Andrews  
June 29  
Dan Reed  
June 30  
Luke Helter  
Everett Morris



June 25  
Jim and Tammy Denman



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## HAPPENING'S IN JUNE

- June 2 5:00 p.m. TWIGS Scrapbooking Event
- June 3 9:00 a.m. TWIGS Scrapbooking Event
- June 4 1:00 p.m. Area 56
- June 5 6:30 p.m. WELCA meeting at Perkins
- June 9 5:00 p.m. TWIGS Scrapbooking Event
- June 10 9:00 a.m. TWIGS Scrapbooking Event
- June 10 10:00 a.m. Youth Service Project
- June 10 4:00 p.m. Spaghetti Dinner
- June 17 9:00 a.m. Area 56 Assembly
- June 18 6:00 a.m. SonRise Breakfast
- **June 19 – June 23 6:00 p.m. Vacation Bible School @ Parkview Methodist**

Sunday's at 7:30 p.m. - AA/Al 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.*