



St. John's Lutheran

# MESSENGER

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## **PRESIDENT'S CHAPEL**

Dear Siblings in Christ,

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

I am providing some thoughts today on spiritual daily prayer. Here we are in August, it's hot and humid, and it is very easy to feel tired and worn-out in the heat. Perhaps you've had the opportunity to "take a vacation" to different, perhaps cooler climates. Or maybe you're thinking "I really need a vacation" but either don't have adequate time and/or resources to have the getaway you most richly deserve. Maybe you're caring for someone who can't be left on their own, or your work/home life is just too hectic. With school beginning right around the corner, you know time is limited. Even if you've had vacation, getting back to the daily "real world" routine can be difficult. Though talking through such feelings with family and close friends can help, are we overlooking the opportunity to reach out a real expert ...our "mighty counselor"?

It is pretty natural to feel like we don't need daily prayer, especially if things are going well and you have few chronic problems or issues that demand extra time and attention. But I think if you look on one's life as a whole, these "good times" are probably shorter than you think or remember. When we get down, or sick, or face stressful home or job related problems, that same clock that raced past you in good times begins to count the seconds at an exorbitantly slow pace. It's like hospital time --- tick---tick---tick---. Its times like this that we may initiate prayer, where we ask God's forbearance in mitigating our problems. But prayer shouldn't have to be that way at all. God *knows* when we've had it good. He *knows* when we're struggling. Prayer should be more of an ongoing dialog of hope, for no matter what our journey, we know what awaits our faith. Our "mighty counselor" is always there for us now and will be with us through and after our earthy journey. Since we will be with him in the end for a long time, perhaps we should get to know him better now. Ask him, talk to him in prayer. Not once a year, or once in a while. Greet him in the morning. Say good night in the evening. Why not engage him daily as the lifelong friend he is! I know I certainly need to do better, so no time like the present to improve. Besides, God never needs nor goes on vacation. Voicemails are never necessary.

God's Peace to all!

*Brian Kent, President*

## WELCA AUGUST MEETING

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

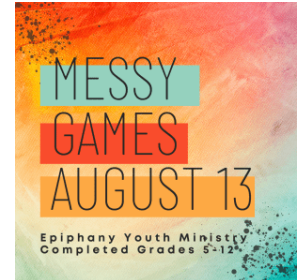
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## SUMMER YOUTH ACTIVITIES FOR MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOLERS

**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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## 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)



The ladies are sewing at church on Wednesdays. They are making clothing protectors, walker bags and lap robes.

If anyone is interested in joining them or just want to help with the projects they have made (cutting, tying together or anytime else). Contact Ida Geary 937-626-7765 or Gail Braun (937) 546-7638 and they can give you more details.



- Beehive Homes of Springboro sent a thank you to St. John's for the clothing protectors that were given to them. They thought they were very pretty and helpful.
- Astoria Health & Rehabilitation Center in Germantown also sent a note appreciating the clothing protectors and walker bags that were given to them.



### **SPECIAL ELECTION - TUESDAY, AUGUST 8<sup>TH</sup>**

St. John's is a polling location so there will be a lot of traffic in both the building and parking lot. Please be especially cautious if you will be on the property on Tuesday from 6:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.



# LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

We will be sending school kits to Lutheran World Relief.

Place the items for the kits in the wagon that is located in the narthex.

Each kit should include the following:

- **Four** 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper, approximately 8" x 10 ½"; no loose leaf paper.
- **One** 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other.
- **One** pencil sharpener.
- **One** pair of blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well).
- **Five** unsharpened #2 pencils with erases; secure together with a rubber band.
- **Five** black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band.
- **One** box of 16 or 24 crayons
- **One** 2 ½" eraser.
- **One** sturdy drawstrings backpack-style cloth bag, approximately 14" x 17" with shoulder straps (no standard backpacks).





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

### ICE POPS

1 (3 oz.) pkg. Jello (any flavor)  
1 cup sugar  
1 sm. pkg. Kool Aid (any flavor)

2 cups hot water  
2 cups cold water

Dissolve the gelatin, sugar and Kool Aid in hot water. Add cold water. Mix well and freeze in molds or paper cups. Insert handles. Makes 18.

Join Zoom Meeting on Sundays

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

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### 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.

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## ST. JOHN'S MESSENGER

The newsletter is available electronically. Signing up on the website is easy - just go to the About Us tab, click on newsletter than scroll to the bottom of the home page to sign up or contact the office to get signed up for electronic copies.

Your home copy of the Messenger will be in full color ... and ... you will be saving the church the cost of postage to mail it if you missed picking up your printed copy on the first Sunday of each month.



### Budget Report for June 2023

<b>Income for June 2023:</b>		<b>\$6,497.29</b>
<b>Expenses for June 2023:</b>		
Outreach	\$334.00	
Staff	\$1,733.90	
Facility Upkeep/Administration	\$1,261.09	
Property Insurance	\$438.83	
Utilities	\$365.04	
Committees	\$137.58	
		<b>\$4,270.44</b>
<b>June Budget Balance (income - expenses):</b>		<b>\$2,226.85</b>
<b>YTD Income:</b>	<b>\$46,652.85</b>	
<b>YTD Expenses:</b>	<b>\$42,658.19</b>	

#### 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

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

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



August 7  
Melanie Ñauta  
August 18  
Renee Lamb  
Doug McCabe  
August 21  
Debbie Ball  
August 23  
Connor Geary  
August 28  
Mike Ball  
Sue Patrick

## 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
Linda Kent	*Church Treasurer	937-885-3529/937-572-7815
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
Tom Hoffman	Board of Trustees Chairman	937-859-8871/937-654-1218
Cheryl Page	Discipleship Committee Chairman	937-602-7952
Brook Ñauta	Learning Committee Chair	513-217-0564/937-367-1473
Ida Geary	WELCA President	937-626-7765
Doug McCabe	Organist	937-866-8669
Brook Ñauta	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 Ñauta	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



August 5  
Fernando & Brook Ñauta  
August 15  
Nick & Paige Turkelson  
August 26  
Richard & Robn Skelding



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## **HAPPENING'S IN AUGUST**

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| • August 7  | 6:30 p.m.  | WELCA Monthly Meeting        |
| • August 8  | 6:30 a.m.  | Special Election             |
| • August 13 | 1:00 p.m.  | Area 56                      |
|             | 3:30 p.m.  | Youth Activity – Messy Games |
| • August 18 | 2:30 p.m.  | WELCA Charity Crafting Event |
| • August 19 | 9:00 a.m.  | WELCA Charity Crafting Event |
|             | 10:00 a.m. | Dayton Tamil Academy         |
| • August 20 | 6:00 a.m.  | SonRise Breakfast            |
| • August 22 | 6:00 p.m.  | Girl Scout Troop #3330       |
| • August 26 | 5:00 p.m.  | Rose Mbanyamsig Memorial     |

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.*