



St. John's Lutheran

MESSENGER

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PRESIDENT'S CHAPEL

Dear Siblings in Christ,

Sep 1st, 2023

Compared to last month, this column is really going in a different direction....or is it? Last month I spoke of praying, perhaps this month we should start with "prayers answered"? After nearly 3 years, St Johns is now in serious negotiations on a potential new call. First, to moderate expectations, we are in the earliest stages of interviews and discussion. The candidate is also talking to 2 other local churches, and has not come to a conclusion on where he will end up. Yet our discussions with the call committee and council this past week were very good, and council is in the earliest stages of working on a compensation package. Will these negotiations end up with a call? It's not a guarantee, but it is our goal to negotiate with the candidate in good faith to that end. On that topic, the candidate has expressed a desire for a 60% call, slightly more than the 50% call we advertised. Council doesn't think this is a "deal breaker" by any means, but it will require each and every family of this Congregation to consider the following question. Are we ready for a call? Are we prepared to "step up" and contribute 10-15% more to our "current expenses" contributions to support the call? Because the truth is, if we want a permanent pastor after all this time, we can't extend this call and expect to pay for it *without increasing our current contribution levels*. Now this church has had a long history of coming through when financial needs present themselves. We've paid for renovations, roof leaks, HVAC systems often in quick and generous response times. Now is the time to consider that "next step" in giving. Once we work the compensation details, we will be able to tell you precisely what that call will translate to in increased congregational giving. Until we precisely know this number, I pray that you earnestly consider what you might be able to do to help support a new and permanent Pastor for St Johns.

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One other item to discuss is administrative in nature. Our Congregational directory is woefully out of date. Many of you have moved, changed emails, or changed phone carriers. Don't worry, we're not going to hire someone to snap pictures and sell you photos. I've asked Karen to print a list of current member information, and we will place a copy on the in the back. Can you check you and your family's information and mark that it is correct, or provide pen/ink updates? We'll then print our own directory and distribute it to our members. Thanks for helping with this effort.

On this Labor Day weekend, remember all who work to support our country. Be safe, be well, enjoy family time and as always God's Peace to all!

Brian Kent, President

BACKPACK BLESSING

Sunday, August 20th, Pastor Mtui blessed all of our children's backpacks! May god be with them at school and always!





Sunday school starts Sept 17. Parents/grandparents are invited to the confirmation class that day.

Robin Skelding and Pastor Heidi are alternating Sundays teaching confirmation.

The high school class will meet the first Sunday of each month starting in October. We will have a joint opening with all kids on those Sundays.



WELCA will meet on Monday, September 11th at Perkins Restaurant on Byers Rd. at 6:00 p.m.

Please let Ida Geary know if you plan on coming by noon on Sept. 11th.

BLUE STAR MOTHERS

The Discipleship Committee will be taking donations of the items below that will be given to Blue Star Mothers who will then send to our deployed troops for Christmas. Everything will need to be at church by Sunday, Oct. 29th.

- Tuna or chicken in foil packs (no cans)
 - Pop Tarts
 - Men's' body wash/shampoo – all in one
 - Toothpaste in boxes
 - Chapstick
 - Lotion – no pumps
 - Deodorant (solid)
 - Slim Jims
 - Protein or granola bars
 - Trail mix – individual bags
 - Cookies – individual packs (no bags)
 - Gum
 - Tic tacs
 - Drink mixes – individual servings
 - Combos – small packs
 - Tissues – small packs
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LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

Thanks to everyone who contributed to putting together school kits for Lutheran World Relief.

We collected 16 school kits that will be sent to children across the world.



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.



Join Zoom Meeting on Sundays

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

Meeting ID: 857 1162 8176

Passcode: 071964

One tap mobile

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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

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

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 then 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 July 2023

Income for July 2023:		\$6,040.06
Expenses for July 2023:		
Outreach	\$333.00	
Staff	\$3,013.46	
Facility Upkeep/Administration	\$2,212.82	
Property Insurance	\$438.83	
Utilities	\$580.02	
Committees	\$34.18	
		\$6,612.31
July Budget Balance (income - expenses):		(\$572.25)
YTD Income:	\$52,692.91	
YTD Expenses:	\$49,270.62	

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.

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

***Executive Committee**

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 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

Beth Knight	Pre-k through 1 st Grade	937-330-692-2092
Barb Hoffman		937-859-8871/937-231-6341
Brook Nauta	2 nd Grade through 6 th 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



September 6
Olivia Knight
September 9
Cathy Zimmer
September 17
Garry Andrews
September 19
Judy Kuemmel
September 24
Barb Hoffman
September 27
Bernice Bowell
September 30
Sara Bell
Mai Fenwick



September 4
Charlie & Gail Braun
September 13
Bobby & Beth Knight
September 18
Brian & Linda Kent



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HAPPENING'S IN SEPTEMBER

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| • September 2 | 10:00 a.m. | Dayton Tamil Academy |
| • September 9 | 10:00 a.m. | Dayton Tamil Academy |
| • September 10 | 11:15 a.m. | Rally Day Picnic |
| | 1:00 p.m. | Area 56 |
| • September 11 | 6:30 p.m. | WELCA @ Perkins |
| • September 12 | 6:00 p.m. | Girl Scout Troop #3330-2023 |
| | 6:00 p.m. | Girl Scout Troop #35159 |
| • September 16 | 9:00 a.m. | Area 56 Assembly |
| | 10:00 a.m. | Dayton Tamil Academy |
| • September 17 | 6:00 a.m. | SonRise Breakfast |
| • September 23 | 10:00 a.m. | Dayton Tamil Academy |
| • September 26 | 6:00 p.m. | Girl Scout Troop #3330-2023 |
| | 6:00 p.m. | Girl Scout Troop #35159 |
| • September 29 | 5:00 p.m. | TWIGS Scrapbooking Event |
| • September 30 | 9:00 a.m. | TWIGS Scrapbooking Event |
| | 10:00 p.m. | Dayton Tamil Academy |

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.*