



St. John's Lutheran

MESSENGER

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"Life is what happens when you're busy making other plans." - John Lennon

Ordinary Time starts with the first Sunday in June this year and runs until the end of October. It's the season of green paraments and "nothing special".

Yet, I have found that the "nothing special" is where life is at. Sure, we have plans and hopes; things to look forward to, but the "real life" is the in between events, what happens when it's not a major celebration of something or another.

Reflecting on this, I think of the story of Elijah in I Kings, chapters 18 and 19. We watch a seminal event in chapter 18 – Elijah is taking a stand against the prophets of Baal and establishing that there really is only one God (not Baal!). Then chapter 19 starts "ordinary time". Elijah is tired and worn out. We see him sleeping, eating, drinking. We see him fearful of death and worldly things. We see God, through angels, tenderly helping him to recover. We see Elijah then yearning to reconnect with God. He looks in amazing places – fires, earthquakes, storms etc. In the end, he finds God in the quiet silence. This is Ordinary Time doing its work.

God is with us in our day to day. We, like John Lennon, get busy making other plans. Yet, as we slow down and focus on this day, as we desire to reconnect, God finds us – in recuperation, in silence, in the "down" times.

Welcome to Ordinary Time; may God be a blessing to you and yours! Read I Kings 19 again at some point this summer. Feel God's tender embrace in the everyday. This is God's gift through Christ!

Pastor John



Contact Beth Knight if you can provide lunches to children at Riverfront park on Fridays in June and July.

Your help is needed to provide the food and/or pack and deliver the lunches.

This is a joint ministry with the city of Miamisburg and other local churches and organizations.



Colors of the Wind Peace Camp is back at St. John's, June 25-27, 6:00-8:30 p.m. for ages 5-18!

Based on the story of Pentecost, we will explore how the Spirit of God lives and blows through each of us in different ways, practice communicating when it is difficult and disagreeing respectfully, and connect to each other and the larger world through lots of fun activities.

Registration is available on the St. John's Website.

If you would like to help out, please talk to Beth or Brook.



Baptism of Cecilia Rose Turkelson May 19, 2024

Spring Fest Parade ✨



ARE YOU A THRIVENT MEMBER?

Thrivent members are eligible for participating in the Thrivent Choice program, where up to \$250 per project can be requested. These projects are intended for outreach programs, not the general expenses of the congregation, and could be requested for such events and activities as the Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser, Shred & Bread fundraiser, Christmas Forest, School Supplies, and any other outreach activities that our congregation supports.

How can you help? Contact your Thrivent representative to see if your membership makes you eligible for the Thrivent Choice program.

If you are eligible, please let Linda Kent or Karen Doyle know so that we can create a list of Thrivent members within the congregation.

Join Zoom Meeting

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REMINDER

You can always find the Zoom link for the simulcast 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.

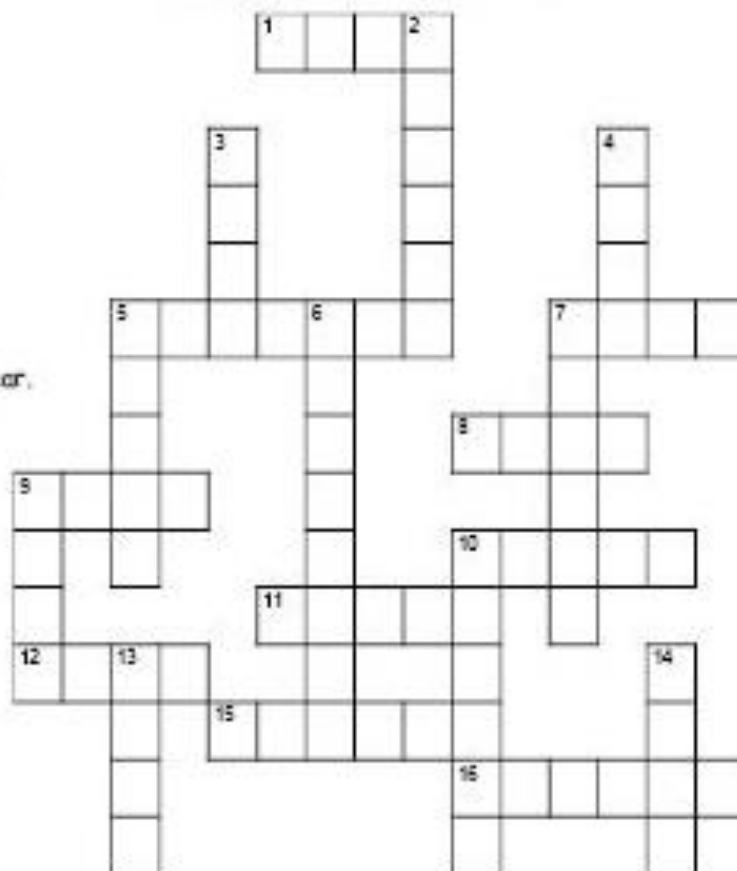


Across

1. Grains on the beach.
5. Living in a tent.
7. It warms you up.
8. Two wheeled transportation.
9. Comes with a shovel.
10. Full of daylight.
11. A sandy shore.
12. Area of inland water.
15. Warmest 3 months of the year.
16. Top for warm weather.

Down

2. Plunging into the water.
3. Move through the water.
4. Summer hazard.
5. House in the woods.
6. Frozen treat.
7. Trail walking.
9. A place to swim.
10. Pants for hot weather.
13. Toy for a windy day.
14. Mildly hot.



Word Bank

BEACH, BIKE, CABIN, CAMPING, DIVING, FIRE, HEAT, HIKING, ICE CREAM, KITE,
LAKE, PAIL, POOL, SAND, SHORTS, SUMMER, SUNNY, SWIM, T-SHIRT, WARM

Budget Report for April 2024

Income for April 2024:		\$9,946.72
Expenses for April 2024:		
Outreach	\$333.00	
Staff	\$7,853.67	
Facility Upkeep/Administration	\$1,172.22	
Property Insurance	\$479.87	
Utilities	\$759.64	
Committees	\$34.86	
		\$10,633.26
April Budget Balance (income - expenses):		(\$686.54)
YTD Income:	\$34,989.44	
YTD Expenses:	\$41,972.31	

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 monthly

Committees: Discipleship, Learning, Worship & Music.

Utilities: Natural gas, electricity, water and trash services.

Congregational Contacts

Pastor John Czarnota Pastor 920-642-3363

Council Members

Julie Helter	*President	937-232-3378
Garry Andrews	*Vice President	937-848-2090
Linda Kent	*Church Treasurer	937-885-3529/937-572-7815
Judy Kuemmel	*Financial Secretary	937-321-1198
Allen Jackson	*Recording Secretary	937-672-7888
Ida Geary		
Cindy Kemper		937-367-2341
Cathy Zimmer		937-212-9283

***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
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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
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Happy Birthday
To Everyone
Born in June!

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 & Tammy Denman



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JUNE CALENDAR

- June 1 4:00 p.m. Spaghetti Dinner
- June 2 1:00 p.m. Area 56 Meeting
- June 7 5:00 p.m. TWIGS Scrapbooking Event
- June 8 8:00 a.m. TWIGS Scrapbooking Event
- June 14 5:00 p.m. TWIGS Scrapbooking Event
- June 15 8:00 a.m. TWIGS Scrapbooking Event
- June 17 & 18 OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
- June 25 – June 27
- 6:00 p.m. Colors of Wind Peace Camp
- June 26 6:30 p.m. Council Meeting
- June 29 10:00 a.m. Area 56 Assembly

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.