



# MESSENGER

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St. Johnians (to coin a word!)

I wanted to highlight for you today the partnership we've had for the last several years with the Tamil school. Each Saturday, up to ten different grades of students gather to study this language. For most, it's part of their cultural heritage. Tamil is arguably the oldest language in the world! It's also considered one of the most difficult for English speakers to learn. The program the school runs is an internationally accredited program, standardized across the entire world. Thus, credit earned locally works anywhere in the world.

The Tamil school gains access to classroom space for its students. They have been very appreciative of our partnership.

What do we gain?

First and foremost, we are able to be hospitable to our neighbors, helping to fill our baptismal calling to serve our neighbors. St. John's has done great opening their doors to a variety of groups – girl scouts, AA, historical societies, dieting groups, craft groups etc. All of these are part of our reason for existing as a church – to love the world as God does.

We also gain from this. Having people in our building helps bridge the gap between "neighbor" and "member". As folks grow comfortable here, some will find their way to church services and membership. We also collect a modest rent. Yes, we're paid for doing what God has asked! What a blessing this partnership has been.

"... Be hospitable, a lover of goodness, prudent, upright, devout, and self-controlled."– Titus 1:8

Blessings!  
Pastor John

Good things are happening at St. John's and I am excited to be part of it! This summer, our children and youth participated in Colors of the Wind Peace Camp (see a few pictures on the next page).

This summer, for eight weeks, our congregation fed day campers at Riverfront Park in Miamisburg every Friday.

Church Council has been making plans for the Fall, as well. Good things are happening at St. John's!

We're trying something new this month. We're having a meeting on Friday, August 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. to choose hymns/songs for the quarter. Anyone who is interested can attend the meeting. Anyone who is interested and can't attend, can submit songs ahead of time. Now is your chance to make sure we sing your favorite hymn.

Hymns and songs are special to me. They help me remember God's word and God's love for me. Songs stick with me and have a way of changing my attitude. I've been thinking of an old camp song lately. It's called the All Day Song. The refrain is, "Love Him in the morning when you see the sun arising. Love Him in the evening 'cause he took you through the day. And in the in between time when you feel the pressure coming, remember that he loves you and he promises to stay." For me, I can remember those words and know that God's in control despite whatever is going on in my life. It reminds me to be grateful. Good things are happening at St. John's and God loves me and you, and that is something to be thankful for!

Julie Helter

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## FROM THE DISCIPLESHIP COMMITTEE

We will be collecting school kits for Lutheran World Relief thru September.

The kits are very specific:

- 4 - 70 sheet Notebooks
- 24 count Crayons
- 1 Pencil Sharpener
- 1 - 30cm Ruler
- Blunt Scissors
- 5 unsharpened Pencils
- 5 Black or Blue Pens
- 1 - 2 1/2" Eraser

Please put items in the wagon that is located in the narthex. Thank You.







Students can bring their backpacks to worship on **August 11<sup>th</sup>** for a blessing as we start the new school year.

Young and Old are invited to an outing to Young's Dairy on August 11<sup>th</sup>. We will head there for lunch and ice cream after worship then chose from their many activities to enjoy - carousel, mini golf, visit the animals, driving range, corn maze, or just relax and enjoy the people. Questions - see Brook.



Rally Day -- Sept. 8th @ 9:00 a.m. Watch for more information to come.

Sunday school begins on Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 a.m.

Thank you notes from the children participating in Miamisburg's Traveling Parks program for the lunches we provided on Fridays during June and July.





## 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 16<sup>th</sup> (2:30pm to 12:00 pm) and Saturday, August 17<sup>th</sup> (8:00am to 11:00pm). 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 40 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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## **SOUTHERN BREEZE** *SPECIAL EDITION* **2024 BIENNIAL**

### **GROUNDING IN LOVE** *Saturday*

**September 28th**  
**St. John's Lutheran**  
**Piqua, Ohio**

They will be studying Ephesians 3:16-19 led by our synod's own, Rev. Rebecca Grate.

There will be workshops and built in time for rest and reflection.

There will be good food, meaningful conversation & much laughter.

If you would like more information on this event, contact the church office, 937-866-3780 and we can get the appropriate information to you.

## 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.

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### Join Zoom Meeting

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

Meeting ID: 857 1162 8176

Passcode: 071964

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Dial by your location

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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 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 June 2024

Income for June 2024: \$9,031.62

### Expenses for June 2024:

Outreach	\$333.00
Staff	\$7,051.40
Facility Upkeep/Administration	\$2,950.89
Property Insurance	\$479.83
Utilities	\$416.38
Committees	(\$5.00)
	\$11,226.50

June Budget Balance (income - expenses): (\$2,194.88)

YTD Income: \$55,221.12

YTD Expenses: \$62,884.26

YTD Balance: (\$7,663.14)

### Description of categories:

**Outreach:** Benevolence, special benevolence.

**Staff:** Pastor and staff pay and expenses.

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

**Property Insurance:** paid monthly

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

**Utilities:** Natural 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 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

### 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

Beth Knight	Pre-k through 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	937-330-692-2092
Barb Hoffman		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
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August 5  
Fernando & Brook Ñauta  
August 15  
Nick & Paige Turkelson  
August 26  
Richard & Robin Skelding



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## **AUGUST CALENDAR**

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| • August 5  | 6:30 p.m.  | WELCA Meeting @ Cheryl Page's home |
| • August 9  | 10:00 a.m. | Hymn Selection Meeting             |
| • August 11 | 11:00 a.m. | Young's Jersey Dairy               |
|             | 1:00 p.m.  | Area 56 Meeting                    |
| • August 16 | 5:00 p.m.  | WELCA Craft Event                  |
| • August 17 | 8:00 a.m.  | WELCA Craft Event                  |
| • August 23 | 9:00 a.m.  | Learning Committee Meeting         |
| • August 28 | 6:30 p.m.  | Council Meeting                    |

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.*