



St. John's Lutheran

# MESSENGER

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May/June 2025

*"After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. <sup>10</sup> They cried out in a loud voice, saying,*

*"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!"*

- Revelation 7:9-10 (NRSV-UE)

The above passage, part of John's "Revelation", is often used in the Easter season, a powerful look at the scope of God's saving grace (no one could count!). This year, I want to also draw your attention to the diversity within this vision – people of all tribes, nations, languages... The good news of Easter- Christ's triumph over sin and death, is a message for all people in their diversity.

Note: It doesn't say "a wide range of people once different, now asked to conform to the one true culture, language etc.". Rather, God's grace embraces all this diversity. People are loved in their language, culture etc.

This Easter season, this becomes my challenge to you: Let's look at our diversity with an eye toward appreciation of all the paths that connect people to God. We come in all different colors, philosophies and traditions. We are better for it, having such diversity among us. John was celebrating it in his ancient vision of Christ's triumph – we can celebrate it this Eastertide.

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

Pastor John



St. John's will be holding a fundraising spaghetti dinner to support Helping Hands on Saturday, May 17, from 4-7 pm.

The menu will be spaghetti, sauce, meatballs, salad, breadsticks, dessert and drinks.

We need your help! People to serve, bus tables, and take payments are all needed. We also need your homemade desserts!

Most important – come and enjoy a spaghetti dinner on May 17!

Mark your calendar and watch for details in future bulletins and emails.

If you wish to help in any way, please contact Linda Kent, Cindy Kemper or Debbie Ball.

**BUON APPETITO!**

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## **SPRINGFEST PARADE**

St. John's will be in the Miamisburg Spring Fest Parade at 9:30 a.m. on May 17th.

Everyone is invited to come ride/walk with us. See Beth for more information.

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## **TRAVELING PLAYGROUND**

St. John's will be providing lunches for the traveling playground at Riverfront park on Fridays in June and July.

Your help is needed to provide the food and/or pack and deliver the lunches. There is a sign up sheet in the narthex if you would like to volunteer and/or donate food for the traveling playground lunches.



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

## 2025 GENERAL/SPECIAL ELECTION

The 2025 General/Special Election will be on Tuesday, May 6th.

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.

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## PERSONAL CARE ITEMS

The personal care items collected during Lent were taken to Helping Hands by Cheryl Page, Gail Braun and Barb Hoffman.

Helping Hands appreciated the donation of 110 pounds of personal care items.

In 2024 they served 2593 households and 7651 individuals. So far in 2025, they have served 682 households and 2130 individuals.

Thank you to everyone who brought in donations.

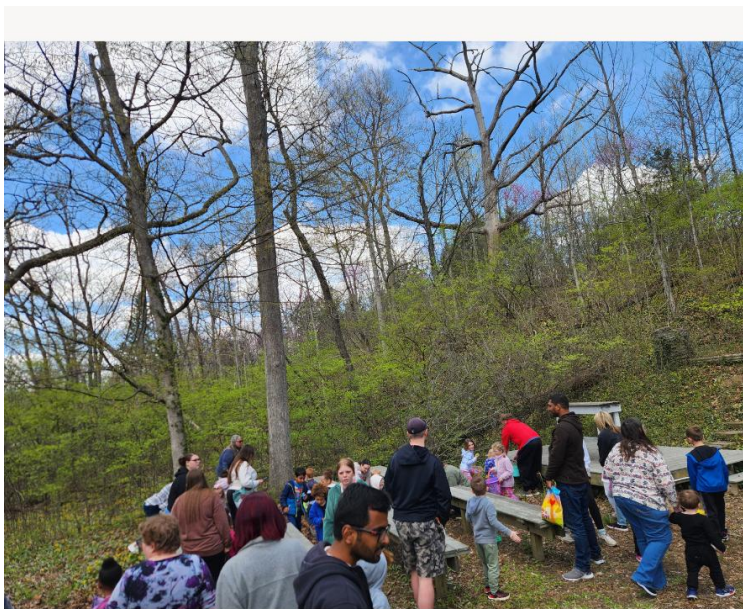


On April 26<sup>th</sup>, St. John's youth explored and picked up trash at Twin Creek Metropark as part of Adopt-a-Park, Five Rivers Metroparks Earth Day celebration.

## Pancake Breakfast



On March 9<sup>th</sup>, everyone  
was invited for some  
pancakes and fun before  
we moved into the season  
of Lent.



## Easter Egg Hunt



## Join Zoom Meeting

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

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## 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.

## 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.

### Budget Report for March 2025

<b>Income for March 2025:</b>		<b>\$8,795.65</b>
<b>Expenses for March 2025:</b>		
Outreach	\$233.00	
Staff	\$7,644.71	
Facility Upkeep/Administration	\$1,011.91	
Property Insurance	\$479.83	
Utilities	\$2,136.53	
Committees	\$193.00	
		<b>\$11,698.98</b>
<b>March Budget Balance (income - expenses):</b>		<b>(\$2,903.33)</b>
<b>YTD Income:</b>	<b>\$24,609.29</b>	
<b>YTD Expenses:</b>	<b>\$32,308.59</b>	
<b>YTD Balance:</b>	<b>(\$7,699.30)</b>	

Description of categories:

Outreach: Synod 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.

## Congregational Contacts

Pastor John Czarnota      Pastor      920-642-3363

**Council Members**

Julie Helter	*President	937-232-3378
Everett Morris	*Vice President	937-760-1099
Linda Kent	*Church Treasurer	937-885-3529/937-572-7815
Judy Kuemmel	*Financial Secretary	937-321-1198
Garry Andrews	*Recording Secretary	937-848-2090
Cindy Kemper		937-367-2341
Cathy Zimmer		937-212-9283

**\*Executive Committee**

**Organizations, Boards and Staff**

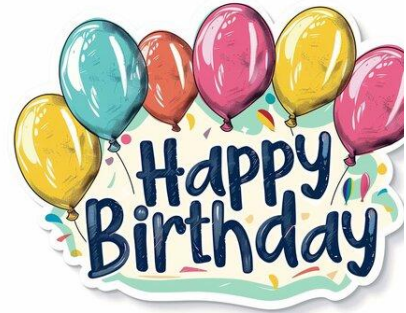
Karen Doyle	Church Secretary/Messenger Editor	937-866-3780
Tom Hoffman	Board of Trustees Chairman	937-859-8871/937-654-1218
Cheryl Page	Discipleship Committee Chairman	937-602-7952
Brook Nauta	Learning Committee Chair	513-217-0564/937-367-1473
Ida Geary	WELCA President	937-626-7765
Doug McCabe	Organist	937-866-8669
Brook Nauta	Children's Choir	513-217-0564/937-367-1473

**Christian Education**

Beth Knight	Pre-k through 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	937-414-5212
Barb Hoffman		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	937-654-4972
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## MAY

May 3

Delinda Pierce

May 11 *Happy Mother's Day*

May 20

Seth Helter

May 21

Kimberly Holtzman

May 22

Debra Humphrey

May 29

Ursula Morris

May 31

Cheryl Page

## JUNE

June 11

Karen Settle

June 15 *Happy Father's Day*

June 22

Matthew Page

June 23

Nancy Andrews

June 29

Dan Reed

June 30

Luke Helter

Everett Morris



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## MAY/JUNE CALENDAR

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|---------------|------------|---------------------------------|
| • May 1       | 7:00 p.m.  | Girl Scout Leaders Meeting      |
| • May 2       | 9:00 a.m.  | Learning Committee Meeting      |
| • May 4       | 11:15 a.m. | 1 <sup>st</sup> Communion Class |
| • May 5       | 6:00 p.m.  | WELCA Monthly Meeting           |
| • May 6       | 6:30 a.m.  | Election Day                    |
| • May 11 & 25 | 6:00 p.m.  | Girl Scout Troop #35159         |
|               | 6:30 p.m.  | Girl Scout Troop #32299         |
| • May 13 & 27 | 6:00 p.m.  | Girl Scout Troop #3330          |
| • May 18      | 11:15 a.m. | Confirmation Retreat            |
|               | 1:00 p.m.  | Area 56 Meeting                 |
| • May 20      | 6:30 p.m.  | Council Meeting                 |
| • June 6      | 2:30 p.m.  | TWIGS Scrapbooking Event        |
| • June 7      | 8:00 a.m.  | TWIGS Scrapbooking Event        |
| • June 13     | 2:30 p.m.  | TWIGS Scrapbooking Event        |
| • June 14     | 8:00 a.m.  | TWIGS Scrapbooking Event        |
| • June 21     | 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

Friday's at 6:30 p.m. during May Dayton Tamil Academy

*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.*