



St. John's Lutheran

MESSENGER

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September/October 2025

School is back in session; learning is in the air!

As the kids head back, it's a chance for us adults to consider our educations too. Have you tackled something new? My wife is starting her second year in the Tamil academy this year – welcome to first grade Erin! Our brains appreciate new challenges. It can change our attitudes toward the rest of life and the world.

And... if you're looking for something, our adult study will resume September 7th at 9:00 am. We've been working through "Making Sense of Scripture", which has produced many good discussions about what we say about the scriptures, faith etc. and how it works with our understandings of the world. Join us! (You can start now, even if you weren't a part of things last school year.)

St. Paul writes "When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways." (I Corinthians 13:11) Do you remember trying to figure out how this whole "God thing" worked as child? And now, your faith has grown and morphed as you wrestle with adult things, abstract thinking, and mortality. Yet, data shows us that most adult Christians rely on their early Sunday school for their biblical understanding. Imagine if you had to navigate the world as if it worked like you thought it did when you were 8! Likewise, our faith can and should deepen and mature as we age, and a part of this is study. So – join us, or read a book, or learn Tamil.

Blessings,

Pastor John

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

There will be a brief congregational meeting after Sunday service on September 7th to approve expenses related to removing trees in the cemetery.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday school starts September 7th!

Kids and youth can join us in the Kids chapel at 9am.

Any adults who would like to help, please talk to Brook Ñauta.

WELCA MEETING

WELCA's September meeting will be at Perkin's restaurant on Monday, September 8th at 6:00 p.m. Please let Ida Geary know that day if you are planning on going so a table can be reserved.



Labor Day

Monday, September 1st

Church office closed

A graphic consisting of several horizontal red and white stripes, resembling the bottom portion of the American flag.

PEACE CAMP



EVENTS

Mark Your Calendar

FREE COMMUNITY DOCUMENT SHREDDING AND HELPING HANDS DONATIONS

St. Johns Lutheran Church will host a FREE community document shredding event on **Saturday October 11th from 9 am to 1pm.** We will offer free personal document shredding services, and send you on your way with either coffee and a donut or a hot Bratwurst and drink.



We will also accept non-perishable food staples and/or cash donations for our community Helping Hands food pantry in downtown Miamisburg.

Clear out those old document boxes and bags, and if you can, share what you can for our ongoing community hunger ministry. See you there and thank you in advance for any donations you can spare!!

WAYNESVILLE FALL FEST OUTING

All are invited to gather after church on September 21st to go to the Waynesville Fall Fest.

Admission is \$15/adults, \$13/kids with a variety of fun activities included.

ZION LUTHERAN FREE FESTIVAL

Connect & Celebrate!

SEPT. 6TH, 11:00-3:00
RAIN OR SHINE!

FREE FUN FOR ALL!

Including: 100's of Prizes,
LIVE Music, Food, 30+ Games,
Scavenger Hunt, Petting Zoo,
Pony Rides Hayrides, Clown,
Magician, Face Painters, Crafts,
Acorn Game, Wheel of the
Future, Music Booth, and more!

For a full list of
activities:



More info:

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Dayton
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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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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.

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 July 2025

Income for July 2025:		\$8,625.41
Expenses for July 2025:		
Outreach	\$233.00	
Staff	\$7,612.65	
Facility Upkeep/Administration	\$1,815.86	
Property Insurance	\$472.00	
Utilities	\$432.36	
Committees	\$293.10	
		\$10,858.97
July Budget Balance (income - expenses):		(\$2,233.56)
YTD Income:	\$66,075.08	
YTD Expenses:	\$73,959.20	
YTD Balance:	(\$7,884.12)	

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 Heltter	*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

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	937-414-5212
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	937-654-4972
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September 4
Charlie & Gail Braun

September 6
Olivia Knight

September 8
Jonathan Czarnota

September 9
Cathy Zimmer

September 13
Bobby & Beth Knight

September 17
Garry Andrews

September 18
Brian & Linda Kent

September 19
Judy Kuemmel

September 24
Barb Hoffman

September 27
Bernice Bowell

September 30
Sara Bell
Mai Fenwick

October 1
Sandy Null

October 3
Dana & Judy Kuemmel

October 7
Ken Yeazel

October 12
Jeff Nade

October 25
Gail Braun

October 29
Nick Turkelson



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SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

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| • September 4 | 6:00 p.m. | Girl Scout Leaders Meeting |
| • September 7 | 11:15 a.m. | Congregational Meeting |
| • September 8 | 6:00 p.m. | WELCA Meeting @ Perkin's |
| • September 14 | 6:00 p.m. | Girl Scout Troop #35159 Meeting |
| • September 20 | 10:00 a.m. | Area 56 Assembly |
| • September 28 | 6:00 p.m. | Girl Scout Troop #35159 Meeting |
| • October 2 | 7:00 p.m. | Girl Scout Leaders Meeting |
| • October 3 | 2:30 p.m. | TWIGS Scrapbooking Event |
| • October 4 | 8:00 a.m. | TWIGS Scrapbooking Event |
| • October 5 | 6:00 p.m. | WELCA Meeting |
| • October 10 | 2:30 p.m. | TWIGS Scrapbooking Event |
| • October 11 | 8:00 a.m. | TWIGS Scrapbooking Event |
| | 9:00 a.m. | Shred & Bread |
| • October 12 | 6:00 p.m. | Girl Scout Troop #35159 Meeting |
| • October 19 | 1:00 p.m. | Area 56 Meeting |
| • October 21 | 11:30 a.m. | Waynesville Fall Fest |
| • October 26 | 6:00 p.m. | Girl Scout Troop #35159 Meeting |

Sundays at 7:30 p.m.

Mondays & Fridays at noon

Friday's at 6:30 p.m. thru May

AA/Al Anon meets in Fellowship Hall

AA Group meets in Fellowship Hall

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.