



St. John's Lutheran

MESSENGER

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"This is the day that the lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it!"

– Psalm 118:24

Summer is upon us – long days of sunshine, warm temperatures, and, this year, the World Cup! While most of you aren't into soccer, it's worth noting that, worldwide, there are about a billion people tuning in to this event. 48 countries gather to play games. While I'm particularly into the game in question (soccer), it's worth just appreciating an event that would cause the world to pause and to plat – together! No bombings, no trade deals, just play. It's a reminder, even across faith lines, that we rejoice in the gift that each day gives us. If we can play together, we see our common humanity. We are reminded not to take ourselves too seriously, or to dehumanize anyone else. Like a child, we receive God's gift of each new day, of life itself, and rejoice through play. May this be a reminder for the rest of our lives as well.

Blessings!

Pastor John

FIRST SUNDAY AT KINGSTON ONGOING SERVICE PROJECT

Join the group at Kingston Assisted Living, 1120 Dunaway St., at 2:10 on the first Sunday of each month to visit with our neighbors and share games or a craft and conversation.

A great way to spend an hour on Sunday afternoon.

See Brook or Beth for more information.

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

Once again this year, we will be collecting schools supplies for fourth grade students in the Miamisburg City School District. The following is a list of the items needed for one student. Our goal is to collect enough items to be able to distribute to 20 students. Your donations of any of the following is greatly appreciated!

You say you don't want to go shopping? Monetary donations will be accepted, and members of the Learning Committee will do the shopping for you. Donations will be collected through July 26th.

1 - Set Colored Pencils	1 - box of 24 crayons
1 - Set Markers (8 color washable)	4 - Expo Low Odor, Chisel Tip Dry Erase Black Markers
1 - Highlighter (any color)	8 - Glue Sticks
1 - Pair of Sharp Point Scissors	2 - Packs Post-It Notes (3" x 3" size)
4 - Packs #2 yellow pencils	1 - Small Zipper Pouch for pencils
1 - Eraser	1 - Red Ink Pen (no gel pen)
4 - Two pocket folders with prongs (preferably plastic) 1 each of the following colors: Red, Yellow, Blue and Green	4 - Single Subject Spiral Notebooks 1 each of the following colors: Red, Yellow, Blue and Green
2 - Wide Ruled Composition Notebooks	1 - Pack Wide Ruled Loose Leaf notebook paper
1 - Pair Wired Headphones (USB connector if available)	

Thank you in advance for your continued support in this Community Outreach program.

St. John's Learning Committee

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WELCA MEETING'S

WELCA's August meeting will be at Cheryl Page's home at 6:00 p.m. on August 3rd. This meeting we will be planning the Craft Event that takes place on Friday, August 7th and Saturday, August 8th.

The September meeting will be on Monday, September 14th at 6:00 p.m. Location to be determined. Please watch bulletin for an announcement of the location.

All women are invited to attend any of the WELCA meetings

FREE COMMUNITY DOCUMENT SHREDDING AND HELPING HANDS DONATIONS

St. Johns Lutheran Church will host a FREE community document shredding event on **Saturday October 3rd from 9 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.** We will offer free personal document shredding services, and send you on your way with coffee and a donut.

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!!





The office will be closed on Thursday, July 2nd and will reopen on Monday, July 6th.

Have a safe holiday weekend.

JULY/AUGUST/SEPTEMBER

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| • July 2 | 7:00 p.m. | Girl Scout Leaders Meeting |
| • July 5 | 1:00 p.m. | Robotics Camp |
| | 2:15 p.m. | Service Project – Kingston of Miamisburg |
| • July 12 | 1:00 p.m. | Robotics Camp |
| • July 18 | 12:00 noon | Area 56 Committee Meeting |
| • July 19 | 1:00 p.m. | Robotics Camp |
| • July 26 | 1:00 p.m. | Robotics Camp |
| • August 2 | 1:00 p.m. | Robotics Camp |
| | 2:15 p.m. | Service Project – Kingston of Miamisburg |
| • August 3 | 6:00 p.m. | WELCA Meeting |
| • August 6 | 7:00 p.m. | Girl Scout Leaders Meeting |
| • August 7 | 2:00 p.m. | WELCA Craft Event |
| • August 8 | 8:00 a.m. | WELCA Craft Event |
| • August 9 | 1:00 p.m. | Robotics Camp |
| • August 15 | 12:00 noon | Area 56 Committee Meeting |
| • August 16 | 1:00 p.m. | Robotics Camp |
| • September 3 | 7:00 p.m. | Girl Scout Leaders Meeting |
| • September 6 | 2:15 p.m. | Service Project – Kingston of Miamisburg |
| • September 14 | 6:00 p.m. | WELCA Meeting |
| • September 19 | 12:00 noon | Area 56 Assembly |

Sundays at 7:30 p.m. - AA/Al Anon --Mondays & Fridays at noon -AA Group

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.

NEW TAX BREAK FOR CHARITABLE CASH DONATIONS

There is a new tax law change that benefits those who do not itemize deductions on their tax return. Beginning this year, you can deduct cash donations to charities up to \$1,000 per single filer or \$2,000 per joint return when you do your taxes at the end of the year. This deduction is a credit subtracted from your taxable income, no need to itemize. If you would like credit for your cash donations and do not have a box of giving envelopes, call Judy Kuemmel (937-321-1198) or write your name on the envelope containing your cash donation. If you donate by check your name and address printed on the check will be used. A giving statement will be prepared for you at the end of the year showing your total donations. Why not maximize your generosity and get a tax credit too?

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

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

Meeting ID: 857 1162 8176

Passcode: 071964

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Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kdSEte9ZyO>

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.

Budget Report for May 2026

Income for May 2026:		\$16,343.06
Expenses for May 2026:		
Outreach	\$233.00	
Staff	\$7,462.13	
Facility Upkeep/Administration	\$293.46	
Property Insurance	\$568.00	
Utilities	\$613.56	
Committees	\$0.00	
		\$9,170.15
May Budget Balance (income - expenses):		\$7,172.91
Monthly Income Needed to Meet Budget:		\$10,016.00
YTD Income:	\$48,809.71	
YTD Expenses:	\$50,688.81	
YTD Balance:	(\$1,879.10)	

Description of categories:

Outreach: Synod benevolence.
 Staff: Pastor, supply pastor and staff 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



- July 5 Doug & Nancy McCabe
- July 12 Emily Bell
- July 14 Pastor John
- July 21 Everett & Ursula Morris
- July 29 Ann Nade
- August 5 Fernando & Brook Ñauta
- August 7 Melanie Ñauta
- August 15 Nick & Paige Turkelson
- August 18 Renee Lamb
Doug McCabe
- August 21 Debbie Ball
- August 23 Connor Geary
- August 26 Richard & Robin Skelding
- 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

CONGREGATIONAL CONTACTS

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Council Members

Julie Heltter	*President	937-232-3378
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Judy Kuemmel	*Financial Secretary	937-321-1198
Brian Kent	*Recording Secretary	937-572-3025
Adam Wallace	Member	
Amy Ñauta	Youth Representative	

***Executive Committee**

Organizations, Boards and Staff

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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 st Grade	937-414-5212
Barb Hoffman		937-859-8871/937-231-6341
Brook Ñauta	2 nd Grade through 6 th Grade	513-217-0564/937-367-1473
Robin Skelding	Confirmation	937-748-5405

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