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Contemporary Service: Sundays at 10:45am

Sunday School: Sundays at 9:30am

NOVEMBER, 2016

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CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL

Officers: David Dye, President; Teresa Orahod, Vice President; Beth Katterhenrich, Secretary; Kathy Wilkins, Treasurer.

Members-At-Large: Joel Baughman, Aaron Clark, Tom Lang, Tammy LeValley, Jody Shockley, Kevin Stenerson and Neva Warren.



- Congratulations to Addison & Ashley Kleoudis who were married on 09/24/2016.
- Congratulations to Drew & Elizabeth Duncan who were married here on 10/08/2016.
- Taylor & Allison vonLohr who were married here 10/15/16.
May God bless your new life together



- Congratulations to Aaron & Mistie Clark on the baptism of their daughter, Allison, 10/9/2016 in the Contemporary service.
- Congratulations to Jeffrey & Megan Allman on the baptism of their daughter, Emma, 10/9/2016 in the 11:00 am Traditional service.



- Our Christian sympathy is extended to the friends and family of Evelyn Warren, who passed away on 10/03/2016.
- Our Christian sympathy is extended to the friends and family of Steven Sennett, who passed away on 10/06/2016.

All who mourn are in our prayers.



- **Lutheran World Relief** would like to thank everyone who remembered to buy bath soap for Overseas!
- **QUILTERS** write The Quilters from UMC and Fat Quarters Guild want to thank you for having the 2016 Quilt Show during Arts in the Alley. The use of the classroom for receiving quilts and judging as well as your family life center for the Quilt Show was very much appreciated.
- **PHIL & GLORIA ISAACSON write:** Thank you to everyone for their prayers, cards, and visits during my recent hospitalization, and my continuing health issues. And a special thank you to Pastor Allman for his wonderful visit, scripture, and prayer. Thank you all so very much. Our church family here at

St. Johns is a constant source of fellowship and friendship. And a much valued blessing to both Gloria and I.

- **BARBARA GROSSMAN writes:** Words cannot express my gratitude for the many thoughts, cards and prayers I received while in the hospital. Thank you so very much.
- **LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF (LWR)** writes: Thanks to all who helped with these projects. The packers, Sarah Circle who put together 29 personal care kits, all who contributed 95 bars of soap and the fabric for the 94 quilts that we packed. Thanks to Beulah Leonard for the many years that she had helped make the quilts. Both Beulah Leonard and Marilyn Wright are retiring from LWR quilt making. If someone would like to help with the project please contact Marilyn @ 614-875-5617.
- A big "Thank You" to Phil Isaacson for so beautifully handcrafting our new baptismal shelf in the sanctuary. It is so unique! Thank you again from the entire Altar Guild.

Lay Ministry Notes: What is a Ministry Team?

A ministry team is a group of people who unite their abilities and resources to achieve their mutual goals. A committee is different from a ministry team. A committee is structured around doing the maintenance work of the church.

Ministry Teams have characteristics that include:

An affinity for each other and their ministry

They have a single issue to work on, which gives them a built-in agenda before they even meet

They require team players

Most of all they consist of people wanting to do a specific task in a team setting that best utilizes their God-given gifts and abilities

Purpose:

To make serving in ministry more productive while protecting the people involved from burnout.

How it Works:

Determine people's gifts and passions and match them up with ministries that utilize those gifts and passions. When you form a team, you maximize your potential and strengths and minimize your weaknesses and limits. Ministry Teams were how Jesus did ministry.

Once we have determined people's gifts and passions and have matched them up with ministries that utilize those gifts and passions, a "Team Leader" is established to oversee the ministry, recruit and organize volunteers; distribute the work load, etc.

A team leader is an enthusiastic member of the team. They provide leadership, but work right alongside of the other team members. They also clearly delegate the responsibilities so that you have an element of control – that is, make sure that what is going on is what is *supposed* to be going on, and what is supposed to be going on is what is actually going on. They often follow up by asking:

How is it going?

Do you have what you need to make your ministry or project successful?

What problems, frustrations, or concerns do you have?

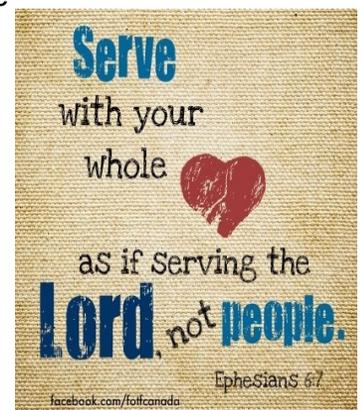
Offer ideas or suggestions to resolve situations

Follow-up

Track your volunteers

Recognize and appreciate volunteer's efforts

With the holidays coming, there are all kinds of ways to get involved here at St. John's. If you need help getting connected, please call or email Elaine Bennett at 614-446-0148 or elaine.bennett@stjohnsgc.org!



CHRISTMAS CAROLING TO OUR HOME-BOUND MEMBERS AND FRIENDS will be Sunday, Dec. 4th.

Meet us in the Fellowship Hall at 2pm. We'll divide into groups and then go share songs and a small gift to our homebound members and friends. If you know of a person (they do not have to be homebound) that would enjoy a short visit from us, please contact the church office by Sunday, November 27th, leaving their name, address, and telephone number with Patty or Jan. If you are able to drive for this event, please talk to Laurie Pecuch. *Thanks so much!*



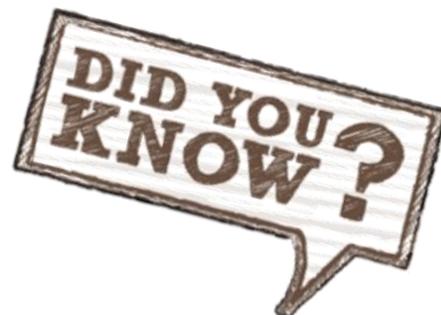
SCRIP GIFT CARDS make great gifts!

Every purchase you make earns a rebate that can go towards the general summer camp youth account – or if you have a youth going on a summer church trip then rebate monies can go towards your very own youth camper. Scrip rebates tend to be between 2% and 6%, depending on the retailer. **Order forms can be obtained from the youth office door and are placed the first Tuesday of the month. (i.e. Nov. 1, Dec. 6, Jan. 2) The turn-around time to get your cards is within the week.**



Considering purchasing Scrip gift cards through St. John's for the holiday shopping and they make great stocking stuffers at Christmas. Here are few of the several hundred available:

- CVS, Walgreens, Wal-mart, Giant Eagle, Meijer, Whole Foods, GFS, Target, Staples...
- Lowes, Home Depot, Andersons, Best Buy...
- Cabelas, Build-A-Bear, Kohl's, Land's End, Macy's, Old Navy, TJ Maxx, Talbots, JC Penney, Nike, Dick's Sporting Goods, Finish Line, Eddie Bauer, Dress Barn, Babies R Us, Toys R Us, Gamestop, Claire's, Michaels, JoAnn Fabrics and Crafts, Bed Bath & Beyond... Amazon.com, overstock.com, Tanger Outlets, Oriental Trading...
- There are 50 restaurants involved in the program, including Chipotle, I-Hop, Olive Garden...
- AMC, Cinemark, Regal Theaters...
- Speedway, GetGo, BP, AutoZone, Advance Auto Parts
Disney, Hyatt Hotels, Quality Inn, Royal Caribbean, Carnival Cruise Line, Best Western, Delta...



MINISTRY TID-BITS, DID YOU KNOW?

- Adventure Club and Faith Trek serve a yummy meal to around 100 youth, teens, and adults on Thursday evenings. It's a great evening. Talk to Laurie about how you can be involved!
- Last month confirming their faith were: Bailey Bennett, Kaelyn Canter, Arica Dougherty, Abby Kozman, Susannah Mitchell, Julia Patterson, Kaitlyn Price, and Mahala Wanner. Blessings to our new confirmands!
- Youth Groups (Adventure Club, Faith Trek, Explorers, and Energizers) don't meet in December to give families time to spend together at church, school, and at other special family functions. Hope you can join us Christmas caroling on the afternoon of Dec. 4th, and for the Christmas program on Dec. 11th.

ST. JOHN'S YOUTH MINISTRIES, where you can make a difference, for Jesus' sake!

GRADES K—4

ADVENTURE CLUB meets on Thursdays, 5:45–7:15pm. Greeters table opens at 5:25pm. Suggested meal donation is \$2 for students and leaders. We have a class for ages 4 and 5 children who come with a sibling, and babysitting for ages 3 and under who come with a parent or grandparent helping with Club. Contact Laurie at lpecuch@stjohnsgc.org.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR meets on Thursdays, 5:15 - 5:45pm. Talk to Janet Wittenberg..

FAITH FIVE is sharing faith and life. Here are the five easy steps...

1. Sharing Highs and Lows or your day.
2. Reading Scripture to2. Reading Scripture together.
3. Talking about Scripture.
4. Praying for each other.
5. Blessing each other.



GRADES 5—6

FAITH TREK meets on Thursdays, 5:45—7:15pm. Greeters table opens at 5:25pm. Suggested cost is \$2 for a pizza meal. Session runs simultaneously with Adventure Club. Faith Trek has its own unique programming, geared towards 5th and 6th graders. Everyone loves Faith Trek!

WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEARN HOW TO ACOLYTE? Talk to Laurie Pecuch! We have a few openings on Saturday night and Sunday 11am worship.

Pre-Catechism Sunday School meets with Tim and Christina Allman, Sundays at 9:30am, room 303.



GRADES 7—8

SUNDAY SCHOOL—Trot through the New Testament every Sunday morning, 9:30—10:30am with Gary and other wonderful adult leaders.

EXPLORERS meets on Wednesdays, 7—8:30pm. Discover faith, fun, and friendships! This is a great place to bring friends! Talk to Diana Imbrock about details.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES SIGN-UP BOARDS are on the third floor in the confirmation room. Students are required to do at least four different service projects each year.

PARENTS, please check your weekly email from Gary for the latest news and updates for this age group. If you're not receiving his emails, please contact him at gpecuch@stjohnsgc.org.



GRADES 9—12

ENERGIZERS meets on Wednesday, 7 – 8:30pm. Starting in the chapel, relevant guest speakers, laughter, friends, and you! Join us for Energizers! Questions? Contact Laurie.

Bible Study on Sunday Nights! Join Diana for a deeper look into His Word from 6 – 8pm. Contact her at dimbrock@stjohnsgc.org. Also contact her about a new study starting on Monday nights at 7pm.

Talk to Eli Wanner, our Operation Christmas Child leader, on how you can be involved!

Eggie Dish, November 13, at Gail and Rosie's home, during the Sunday School hour, 9:30—10:30am.



COME ONE! COME ALL! To the annual Chili Cook-off and Dessert Auction on Sunday, November 20, right after the late service. We will be tasting chili and voting on the best St. John's recipe. Bid on some amazing desserts created by the incredible bakers right here in our midst. It's a perfect time to get those much needed Thanksgiving treats without all the work! All donations and auction monies will go to support short-term missions. If you would like to enter your award-winning chili in the contest or create a dessert for the auction, please contact Diana at dimbrock@stjohnsgc.org. Come join us for a fun-filled, tummy-filled afternoon!

Called: Missionaries for Mexico

Do you feel called to attend the annual family reunion in Mexico? Once again, we are going to Mexico to love and serve the children of La Roca, Tijuana. The 2017 mission experience is July 21st – 31st. If you feel called, please contact Diana at dimbrock@stjohnsgc.org



to register or with any questions ¡Gloria a Dios!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD is in full-swing, but...it's not too late to stuff a box and spread the love of Jesus to a child here in the U.S. and across the world! Simply grab a box at the church's entrances, fill it with school supplies, hygiene items, and toys, put in \$7.00 for shipping if you can, and drop it off in the bins at church! The dead line for drop-off is Sunday, November 6th! Questions? Contact Eli Wanner or Diana Imbrock. Thank you for loving a child into the kingdom!



The 20-somethingst Annual Bike Project!



For the 20-somethingst year, St. John's is again pairing up with The Buckeye Ranch to supply bikes for the children in need of Central Ohio. And, once again, two high-schoolers, Missy Myers and Rachel Dougherty, are heading up the project. If you would like to partner with us in this endeavor, we would love to have you be the hands and feet of Jesus with us. You may sponsor a helmet for \$10, a fourth of a bike for \$25, a half a bike for \$50, or a full bike for \$100. Just pick up the appropriate envelope at the church entrances, put in cash or a check made out to St. John's, and put the envelope in the offering plate or drop it off at the church office.

Thank you for giving some excited children *cool* rides this Christmas!



THOUGHTS FOR THE HOLIDAYS WHILE DEALING WITH GRIEF

PLAN AHEAD. Bereaved individuals who experience the most difficulty with the holiday season are those who have given little thought to the challenges they will encounter. Consider ahead of time what may be expected of you, both socially and emotionally, as well as your own preferences.

ACCEPT YOUR LIMITATIONS. Grief consumes most of your available energy no matter what the season. The holidays place additional demands on your time and emotions. Plan to lower your expectations to accommodate current needs.

MAKE CHANGES. Your circumstances have changed. Expect to make necessary alterations in holiday plans to accommodate those changes. Consider changing your surroundings, rituals and/or traditions to diminish stress. Serve notice on family and friends that this year things may be somewhat different.

TRIM DOWN TO ESSENTIALS. Limit social and family commitments to suit your available energy. Shop early or use catalog sales. Re-evaluate priorities and forgo unnecessary activities and obligations.

ASK FOR AND ACCEPT HELP. Accept offers for assistance with holiday shopping, decorating, cleaning, cooking, etc. Chances are loved ones are looking for ways to lessen your burden at this time of year. Allow those who care about you to offer their support in concrete ways.

INFORM OTHERS OF YOUR NEEDS. Give family and friends the tools they need to help you through the holidays. Be specific with them about your preferences and desires, and keep them up-to-date when those needs change.

BUILD IN FLEXIBILITY. Learn to "play it by ear." There is no concrete formula for learning to deal with loss. You are the foremost authority on what is best for you, and your needs may legitimately change from day to day. Accept the fluctuations that must occur when walking in unknown territory, and learn to take each moment as it comes.

GIVE YOURSELF PERMISSION "TO BE". Allow breathing space and expect fluctuations in mood and perspective. The bereaved work overtime. Not only is life more complicated, but all energy is siphoned into mental and emotional resolution. Grieving is nature's way of healing the mind and heart from the greatest injury of all. Allow yourself the privilege of limping till your wounds have healed and you can learn to run again.

Revelation 21:4 He will remove all of their sorrows, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. For the old world and its evils are gone forever.

May God bless everyone this Christmas season!

Your Parish Nurse
Joanne Keller



DO YOU KNOW OF SOMEONE WHO WOULD BE BLESSED BY RECEIVING A PRAYER SHAWL? Please call Nancy Kinman at 875-8155. **WRAPPED IN PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY** will hold its next monthly meeting on **Saturday, November 12 in Rooms 103 & 104 from 9:00am-11:00am.** Everyone is welcome. Bring your knitting/crochet materials and any completed shawls to be blessed with prayer. We would be happy to teach anyone interested to knit or crochet. Please join us!

For more information call Glenda Allman at 614-871-0060 or Diana Imbrock at 614-871-3854.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The **deadline for the December Eagle is November 10.**

Email announcements & articles to sj@stjohnsgc.org or leave a handwritten copy in the church office.

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			
<p>2 BSF Women's Chorale 6pm Chancel Choir 7pm Explorers/Energizers 7pm</p>	<p>3 Promise Keepers 7:00am Children's Choir 5:15pm Adv Club/Faith Trk 5:45pm Cele. Ringers 6:30pm Dartball (away)</p>	<p>4 Bulletin Team 9:30am AA 8:30pm</p>	<p>5 Traditional Worship 6:00pm A.A. Serenity Seekers 7:00pm</p>
<p>9 BSF Women's Chorale 6pm Chancel Choir 7pm Explorers/Energizers 7pm</p>	<p>10 Eagle Deadline Promise Keepers 7:00am Children's Choir 5:15pm Adv Club/Faith Trk 5:45pm Cele. Ringers 6:30pm Dartball (away)</p>	<p>11 Bulletin Team 9:30am A.A. 8:30pm</p>	<p>12 Prayer Shawl Ministry 9am Trad Worship 6pm A.A. Serenity Seekers 7pm</p>
<p>16 BSF Women's Chorale 6pm Chancel Choir 7pm Explorers/Energizers 7pm</p>	<p>17 Promise Keepers 7:00am Card Ministry 9:30am Kitchen Team Mtg 10am Children's Choir 5:15pm Adv Club/Faith Trk 5:45pm Cele. Ringers 6:30pm Dartball 7pm</p>	<p>18 Bulletin Team 9:30am OWLS 11:30am AA 8:30pm</p>	<p>19 Trad Worship 6pm A.A. Serenity Seekers 7pm</p>
<p>23 Women's Chorale 6pm Chancel Choir 7pm</p>	<p>24</p> 	<p>25 Office closed</p>	<p>26 Trad Worship 6pm A.A. Serenity Seekers 7pm</p>
<p>30 BSF Women's Chorale 6pm Chancel Choir 7pm</p>			

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November



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
		1 Scrip Deadline Quilters 9am Bible Study 9:30am OWLS Planning 12:30pm O.A. 6:30pm BSA 392 7pm Cub Scouts 7pm SW Historical Soc 7pm Healing Words AI-Anon 7:30pm
6 ALL SAINTS DAY Trad Worship 8:15 & 11am Sunday School 9:30am Men's Chorale 9:45am Contemporary Worship 10:45am Veterans Luncheon 12pm Alaska Steering 12pm GSA 1826 12:30pm BSA 392 Leaders 5pm Adult Basketball 5pm IQA 6pm	7 BSF Leaders First Place 4 Health 1:30pm Elizabeth Circle 6:30pm Puppets 6:30pm	8 Quilters 9am Bible Study 9:30am Fat Quarters Guild 5pm O.A. 6:30pm BSA 392 7pm Cub Scouts 7pm Healing Words AI-Anon 7:30pm
13 Trad Worship 8:15 & 11am Sunday School 9:30am Men's Chorale 9:45am Contemporary Worship 10:45am Respect Life Baby Shower 2pm Adult Basketball 5pm IQA 6pm	14 BSF Leaders First Place 4 Health 1:30pm Puppets 6:30pm Finance Team 7pm	15 Beacons & Quilters 9am Bible Study 9:30am OA 6:30pm Mom2Mom 6:30 pm BSA 392 7pm Cub Scouts 7pm Healing Words AI-Anon 7:30pm
20 Trad Worship 8:15 & 11am Sunday School 9:30am Health Screenings 9:30am Men's Chorale 9:45am Contemporary Worship 10:45am Chili Cook off 12pm GSA 1826 12:30pm Adult Basketball 5pm IQA 6pm	21 BSF Leaders First Place 4 Health 1:30pm Puppets 6:30pm Council 7pm Respect Life 7pm	22 Quilters 9am Bible Study 9:30am OA 6:30pm Bed Brigade 7pm BSA 392 7pm Cub Scouts 7pm Healing Words AI-Anon 7:30pm
27 ADVENT Trad Worship 8:15 & 11am Sunday School 9:30am Men's Chorale 9:45am Contemporary Worship 10:45am Service of Comfort 4pm Service of Comfort Recept 6pm Adult Basketball 5pm	28 BSF Leaders First Place 4 Health 1:30pm Puppets 6:30pm Sarah Circle 7pm	29 Quilters 9am Bible Study 9:30am OA 6:30pm BSA 392 7pm Cub Scouts 7pm Healing Words AI-Anon 7:30pm

MEXICO MISSIONS

In one word, Mexico was simple. Now one might expect the word "eye-opening" or "life-changing" when asked how the trip was, but those go without saying. I chose "simple" because no matter how complicated it may seem, all we have to do is trust in God's plan for us while we're there and show His love to these kids who may not experience it that often.

Arriving at Rancho Genesis, there was mostly excitement boiling up inside of me. Having been on the trip once before, I figured I knew how the week would go: I would have a niño of about eight years of age, we would play games together and I would teach them about Jesus, and then we would have a really tough time saying good-bye at the end of the week. I thought it would be exactly like my first experience at the camp, but God had another plan. When the niños arrived and began getting paired with their amigos, I noticed the number of younger children dwindling and I knew at once that I would have a completely different experience. As they called my name, they called up Arely, 14 years old, and Alberto, 12 years old. Of course I was a little disappointed. I was the youngest amigo and was paired with some of the oldest niños. I didn't know how I was going to connect with them as all they wanted to do was run around with their friends. I realized then that I was there to love whatever child of His God decided to pair me with and that He would provide the opportunities needed to do just that. I prayed about it and the next day my niños suddenly decided to color during all of free time. When I noticed them finally sitting down, I quickly sat by them and talked and laughed with them the entire time. I knew then that I would have an entirely different experience than before and I embraced it. Throughout the week Arely, Alberto, and I got very close as well as many of the other children and I. I knew that if I had been paired with younger children, I would have needed to be with them all the time and wouldn't have had the opportunity to interact with as many children as I did. On the last night at campfire, Arely told me that I was a great role model and friend and that I had impacted her a lot. It was obvious to me that God knew what He was doing when He paired me with her and Beto.

I wanted my experience to be a certain way at first and it turned out completely different. It made me remember that I was on a mission trip, not a vacation. I had such a great time seeing God work in everyone and turn what looked like a difficult situation into an experience better than I could ever have imagined. I can't wait to go back and embark on another journey to love God's beautiful children in Mexico!

---Michaela Stenerson

Jeremiah 29:11 "'For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the Lord, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.'"

Sunday School Assistant Teachers Needed Top 3 Reasons Why You Should Volunteer:



1.) **It's Fun!** - You'll have plenty of fun—because you're free to really enjoy each Bible lesson! Kids dive into activities with enthusiasm and remember what they learn. Teaching is a joy when you see kids connecting with Jesus.

2.) **It's Easy!** - Teaching Sunday school has never been easier. You'll find age-appropriate lessons, and compelling questions to get kids talking. Handouts and take-home pages are provided weekly.

3.) **You have the Opportunity to Touch Hearts! Change Lives! Learn Together!** Every Sunday, children connect the Word of God to their daily lives, learn of God's love and forgiveness through Jesus Christ, and grow in faith together.

Don't Wait – Volunteer Today! Contact Elaine Bennett at Elaine.bennett@stjohnsgc.org more information. You'll be glad you did!

Adopt-A-Family Drive



In the hopes of helping to make the holidays a little brighter for some of our fellow members who may be struggling financially, we will be accepting monetary donations during the month of December for our annual holiday Adopt-A-Family drive. Envelopes will be available throughout the church and in the church office. If you or anyone you know of within the congregation would like to be considered for Adopt-A-Family funds, please let one of the Pastors know. The names are kept completely confidential.

Christmas Decorators Needed!

The first weekend of December we will be decorating the church for Christmas. We have artificial trees that need to be assembled and strung with lights, garland to put up, wreaths to hang, etc. We could use all of the help we can get! If you would be able to give even an hour of your time to help beautify our church and set the mood as we prepare for the birth of our Savior, we would greatly appreciate it. Please contact Elaine Bennett if you are interested at 446-0148 or

Elaine.bennett@stjohnsgc.org



Cookie Sale

Save the Date! Christmas Cookie Sale coming!

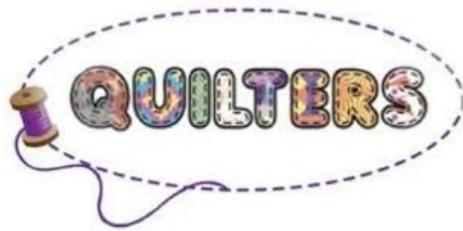
Do you love to bake? Do you have a favorite cookie recipe you'd love to share? Your talents are needed! Once again we will be having our Christmas Cookie, Fudge and Peanut Brittle Sale on **Saturday, December 17th**. This sale will also be open to the community.

We will need dozens of cookies and peanut brittle. We are asking for **homemade items ONLY**. If you don't want to bake but want to help in other ways, you can donate one of the following items: 10 ¼" green & red plastic plates or large Christmas Cookie platters (approx..12-14" in size).

Please watch for these items to be listed on the back of our salmon bulletin insert.

Any questions, please call Sue Sutton 539-9544 or Suzie Brace 871-3201.





Notes from the Beacons and Quilters

Thanks to you, our collection of candy for the Christmas bags is growing. You may donate any leftover Halloween candy. We need a wheelbarrow full of candy to fill the 100 Christmas bags our church donates to the LSS Food Pantry at Great Western Shopping Center. We can use clean, sturdy combs to add to the bags, also. Please place your donation in the Link.

The Beacons are once again setting up the mitten tree. Help warm cold hands, heads and feet by bringing in mittens, gloves, warm hats, ear muffs, leg warmers, scarves, socks and more. We welcome babies, children and adult items. On Tuesday, November 15, 2016, the mitten tree will be placed in the north entrance of the church. Please decorate the tree with your donations. On Tuesday, December 13, 2016, the Beacons will take the mitten tree donations and the 100 Christmas bags to the LSS Food Pantry in the Great Western Shopping Center. The mitten tree items will be given to people in need of warm clothing who come for food at Christmas time. The Christmas bags will be given to children as a gift of Christian love and concern.

The Christmas Quilt Sale is coming! It will be December 17, 2016 from 9am-noon and after each church services on the December 18, 2016 in the Link. These are the days of the Christmas Cookie Sale, also. We have hand-knotted quilts of various colors and sizes.

Northwestern Ohio is prone to spring floods. The LSS Ohio Disasters Services give used Bibles and health kits to the victims. The need is greater than the supply. Please help the Beacons make up the health kits. Donations of bath towels, washcloths, full-size wrapped bars of soap, toothbrushes, 4 oz or larger tubes of toothpaste, sturdy combs, full size deodorant, mop buckets or cat litter buckets and used Bibles are needed. Please place your donations in the Beacons bin in the link. Thank you for caring and sharing.

Choices is the LSS and Franklin county's only shelter for female and male domestic violence victims. Domestic violence can be defined as a partner controlling of activities of their partner by verbal or violent actions. Choices turns no one away. They have 51 beds. If these beds are occupied, they will find other accommodations. The average stay is 31-32 days. In 2015, they helped 742 people of which 352 were children. Last year, they answered 3600 hot line calls. A new building is in the planning stages. You may reach Choices at 614-224-4663.

The Quilters meet every Tuesday from 9am to 2pm in rooms 103-104. There will be no meeting November 22, 2016. The Beacons meet with the Quilters on the third Tuesday to sort and bag clothes, cut and sort labels and stamps, and help with projects. Bring a sack lunch. All materials are provided. At the Beacons' meeting, we take monetary offerings for the food pantries and for the Beacons' general fund.

This Thanksgiving, we are truly thankful for your support of our ministries. You respond to our many requests for donations. The Beacons and Quilters thank you for you and your concern and understanding for others. We wish you a Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving.

Service of Comfort and Remembrance

A special Service of Comfort and Remembrance will be held on Sunday, **November 27th** at 4pm. This is a service set aside for family or friends who have had loved ones pass away this past year. More information will be sent out in the coming weeks. Watch the weekly Newsnotes for more information as well.



OLDER WISER LUTHERANS (OWLS)

OWLS UPCOMING EVENT – NOVEMBER 18TH

You are probably aware of the changes coming to our beautiful city and if you aren't you should mark your calendars to come and hear about the exciting news from a "person in the know". Mr. Don Walters' position with Grove City is responsible for communicating city information with the 1200 plus businesses, 40,000 residents both through outbound and inbound mediums. Involved are press releases, media relations, marketing materials, community and business surveys, regional promotional efforts, e-business news, social media, Public Relations, public records requests, state of the City meetings and special projects as determined by the Mayor, City Council, and the City Administrator. The job title for this gentleman is Business and Community Relations for the City of Grove City.

We hope you come to hear more about the exciting changes and opportunities as well as share a meal and fellowship with your friends – old friends and new ones! It's easy to join the OWLS – just show up! No age requirement – No one is too young or too old. Single? Married? Everyone is welcome.

We will enjoy a potluck before our speaker. Bring your favorite covered dish to share. Fried chicken will be provided. If you don't like chicken, feel free to bring a meat dish. Our meeting starts at 11:30 am so please plan to arrive by 11:15 am. Use the salmon insert in the church bulletin to sign up or call the office to make your reservation. If you sign up and your plans change, please call the church office to cancel.

It's baby shower time!



We are privileged to partner with the Pregnancy Decision Health Centers (PDHC) of Columbus, a wonderful pro-life ministry that reaches out to moms and families facing pregnancy and parenthood under challenging circumstances. When a woman comes to PDHC, she finds free services including pregnancy tests, guidance and counseling, information about abortion, adoption and parenting, materials such as diapers and clothing, a chance to hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and a friend to care for her as she walks through pregnancy and beyond. Help is also available for dads and grandparents, for those struggling with a past abortion decision, and for adoptive parents and those who have placed children for adoption. These are great folks who want to offer God's love to young families in need.

Your Respect Life Committee, along with our counterpart at Our Lady of Perpetual Help on Broadway, are throwing a baby shower for the benefit of PDHC's clients. Please join us on November 13 between 2 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. at St. John's as we celebrate life. We'll have food, games and information about God's gift of life, and representatives of PDHC will be there to fill us in on their ministry and the women and families they help. If you can, please bring something for their clients: diapers, wipes, baby clothes, anything you might bring to a baby shower. These young families sometimes struggle to believe that anyone cares about them, and the help they receive at PDHC can make the difference between a difficult, stressful week of worrying about the bills and a joyful reassurance that the Body of Christ supports them as they carry and raise their children.

If you have any questions, please contact Lois at Imoore2701@yahoo.com or Elaine at the church office. Thanks for all you do to support life, and we look forward to seeing you at the baby shower!

Your Respect Life Committee

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS



*Dear Veterans,
You are invited to
St. John's Veteran's Luncheon
In honor of Veterans Day
And your service to our country!*



*Sunday, November 6, 2016
12:15pm
in the Family Life Center
Please RSVP by Oct. 30, on the salmon insert
or call the church 614-875-2314
Bring a guest!*

MEMORIAL GIFTS GIVEN AS OF OCTOBER 2, 2016



Memorial Fund

Given for the **Bell Choir** by Joyce Rawson.

Organ and Refurbishing Fund

Given in honor of the 50th anniversary of **Pastor Ray Rosenthal's ordination** by Chuck and Kris Gehring.

Given in honor of the **wedding of Brady Stewart and Heather Cermak** by Pam Castle; Kenneth and Margo Cooper; and Alice Katterhenrich.

Given in memory of **Nelson Daley** by Jan Daley.

Given by Ron and Neva Warren; Paul and Pam Wittenberg; Barbara Grossman; Ray and Jan Rosenthal; Steve and Deborah Johnston; and Dorothy Cannon.

Given in memory of **Pastor Jerry Haubrich** by Elma Haubrich.

Given in memory of **Paul Katterhenrich** by Alice Katterhenrich.

Wycliffe Bible Translators

Given for the **ministry of Stephen and Rachel Katterhenrich** by the Chapel Sunday School Class and the Wednesday Night Small Group.

Current Fund

Thrivent Choice Dollars designated by Don and Glenda Allman.

Given in memory of **Nelson Daley** by Jan Daley.

Building and Maintenance Fund

Given in appreciation of the use of the Family Life Center for the Arts in the Alley Quilt Show by the Grove City United Methodist Quilters and the Fat Quarters Quilt Guild.

Adopt-a-Family Fund

Given by the Chapel Sunday School Class.



The Eagle

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Have you ever developed a close bond with someone over a very short period of time? Mentally, you know that the relationship is new, but the roots of the relationship extend deep in a quick amount of time. The closeness and camaraderie is unquestioned.

This was my experience while I was in Ethiopia in August. While I was there teaching and presenting, I had the opportunity to connect with Ken and William. We met for the first time at the airport and around a dinner table and we only spent 4 days together. And yet each of us remarked at how quickly our brotherhood had formed, how the relationship was mutually beneficial, and we were closer to Jesus because of one another.

During our Bible Study one morning, we were looking at Zephaniah 3:9. It says, "Then I will purify the lips of the people, that all of them may call on the name of the LORD and serve him *shoulder to shoulder*" (*emphasis mine*). I believe the end of this verse was the recipe for the strengthened relationship—well, at least one aspect of the two ingredient recipe. We stood shoulder to shoulder with one another. For men especially, but it is true for everyone, standing next to another and focusing your energy and attention and lives at a similar focal point has the ability to bond people together. Think about the 100,000 people sitting at an Ohio State football game. If you are crammed into your seat (mostly around people that you don't know) and the Buckeyes come through on a huge play, it is no strange thing to be giving high fives all around you. You stand shoulder to shoulder next to fellow fans and it bonds you together.

While in Ethiopia, I had the privilege of standing shoulder to shoulder with Ken and William. Our energies and efforts were focused on helping the people that we were teaching and training. It was a shared focus—and it made us close. But this was only one piece of the equation. The second element was the very Word of God.

Every morning at breakfast we would gather around the scripture. It was not some elaborate and prepared Bible Study. Instead, we opened the Word of God, read a few verses, and shared what the Lord was saying to us through the Word. That's it. It was simple. It was natural. It was fertilizer on our friendship and on our faith. Reading the Word of God—together—with friends is life giving and life changing. And it isn't hard to duplicate.

Every quarter at St. John's we distribute a wonderful little booklet that people read faithfully. Portals of Prayer has been a mainstay of our spiritual life for many, many years. I love to hear and see people point to the devotional booklet when I visit them in their homes and the booklet pops up in conversation from time to time as well. I wonder if I might challenge you in how you use Portals of Prayer. Continue to read the scripture verse, the devotion, and the extra reading that is offered for each day. Then, once a week, invite a friend to join you for a cup of coffee. Read the scripture together and have a discussion about what the Lord is saying to each of you. The joy of standing shoulder to shoulder is allowing the Word of God to be the glue that connects you together. See what the Lord does as you leverage a devotion that you are already using to come alongside another, stand with them, and dive deep into God's Word.

I promise, reading and living the scriptures faithfully with a friend will change you in remarkable ways.

Pastor Scott