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JOIN US FOR WEEKLY WORSHIP

Traditional Service: Saturdays at 6:00pm, Sundays at 8:15am & 11am
Contemporary Service: Sundays at 10:45am
Sunday School: Sundays at 9:30am

When was the last time you thought about all the blessings you have received from God? What does the Bible teach about our response to God's generosity? In October of 2017 we will join in a congregation wide study of Mark Allan Powell's book, *Giving to God, The Bible's Good News about Living a Generous Life.* This is not "your parents' stewardship drive". This is a Gospel centered look at the joys of generosity. Watch for details.

WOMEN'S CIRCLES

Here's a spiritual growth goal: join a Circle of friends. Elizabeth Circle meets the 1st Monday each month. Sarah Circle meets the 4th Monday each month. Joining our Circles is an easy way to make new friends and grow spiritually. Contact Nancy Miller at 614-277-8542, or Debbie Abbitt at 614-326-9253, for more information.

Time is creeping up and Sarah Circle is collecting wrapped bars of soap for Lutheran World Relief by August 28th. Also, if your family can help—we need personal care kits: which consist of a dark-colored bath-size towel, 2 bath-size wrapped bars of soap, 1 adult size toothbrush , 1 sturdy comb, and 1 metal nail clippers (attached file optional) Thank you for caring!

Sarah Circle
August 28 at 7pm

Elizabeth Circle
Beans & Wienies for Faith Mission
Aug. 10th by 3pm .
No Meeting

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, August 12th 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.

The deadline for the SEPTEMBER Eagle is August 10th.
Email announcements & articles to sj@stjohnsgc.org or leave a handwritten copy in the church office.

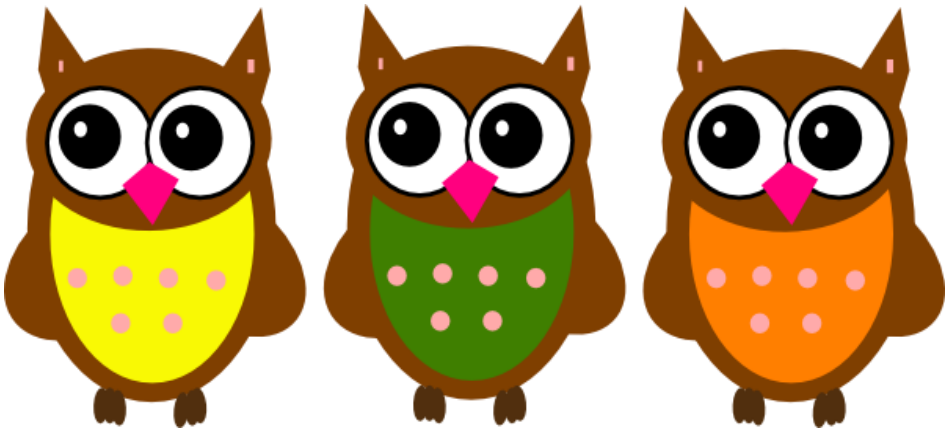
OWLS UPCOMING EVENT – AUGUST 18, 2017

QUESTION: HOW MANY PAIRS OF SHOES DO YOU OWN? The answer could be any number from 1 to 50, maybe more!!! How old were you when your parents bought your first pair? I want you to think about your answers as you read about our next program

While on a trip to Uganda in 2015, Becky Kent walked a mile in her own comfortable shoes. Watching hundreds of barefoot children pass by gave the Hilliard resident a chance to also walk in theirs. She and her husband were in Uganda for another organization when a fellow volunteer invited her to attend a jigger-removal clinic at a nearby ministry, Sole Hope. About 150 children – all shoeless, their feet covered with painful sores from sand fleas, or jiggers – lined up to receive a foot washing, jigger extraction and a pair of shoes. Jiggers covered both feet of some children or spread to their hands and feet. The removal process can be very painful but they are very happy when they are all gone.

S0 --- Who makes the shoes? How are they made? What material is used? If you come to our meeting you will get the answers and learn so much more about this blessed ministry.

We will enjoy a potluck before our speaker. Bring your favorite covered dish to share. Fried chicken will be provided. Our meeting starts at 11:30 am so please plan to arrive by 11:15 am. Ask a friend to join you! We love visitors and look forward to seeing you on the 18th! 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.



CALLING ALL OWLS! INVITATION TO JOIN THE OWLS

Have you retired recently? Are you looking for a club, group, etc. to get involved in to share your love of God? The Older Wiser Lutheran Seniors at St. John's would like to invite all members to join the fun and share the Christian fellowship at our monthly meetings. An OWL might be a little older in age but we are very young at heart. There isn't an age requirement but you must be old enough to enjoy the friendship and fellowship of others from St. John's. We are a very active group that meets the third Friday of every month for either a potluck lunch at the church or an outing to visit different interests around the area.

BEACONS and QUILTERS NEWS

The Beacons collect and recycle just about anything except decorative pieces and large items. We sort and donate used clothing to the Methodist Free Store on Parsons Avenue or the Grove City Volunteers of America. The cancelled stamps go to the Wounded Soldier project for two hospitals in Virginia. We donate card fronts to Grove City Cancer Thrift Store. Some of the towels, wrapped soap, and other hygiene products, and cat litter bucket make up the health kits for LSS Disaster Services. The used Bibles go to the LSS Disaster Services, also. Place your donation in the Beacons' cabinet in the Link. Thank you for your donations.

There is a need for basic housekeeping items for the clients of Faith Mission, Nancy's Place, and Choices shelters transitioning from homelessness to apartments. The Beacons are accepting cooking equipment such as clean pots, pans and skillets, tableware of one to four place settings and cooking/eating utensils. There is also a need for shower curtains and rings, towels and washcloths, and bath mats. Please mark you donations with your preference of shelter. Thank you for helping those who are making this difficult and courageous step in their lives.

School supplies are on sale. The Beacons can always use your donation of Crayola crayons for the Christmas bags. A good sale price is $.50 to $.65 for a box of 24 Crayola crayons. Larger boxes of crayons do not fit in the bags. We can always use ballpoint pens, pencils and sturdy combs to add to the bags if you find a good deal on them. We make and fill 100 Christmas bags. We appreciate any quality you wish to purchase. Thank you for thinking about Christmas giving in August.

In the fall, we will start to cut and sew the Christmas bags. We need any Christmas material you bought years ago to use in that project you thought you would get to but never did find the time to do.

The second 2017 general meeting of the LSS Auxiliaries will be September 16, 2017 at 11:30AM-1:30PM at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 2001 Northwest Blvd., Columbus, Ohio 43212.

The Quilters meet every Tuesday from 9am to 2pm in rooms 103-104. 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 offerings for the food pantries and for the Beacons' general fund.

Galatians 6:2 - "Bear one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ."

Bed Brigade Update

Delivery Highlights April thru June:

- *ACTS took place on Saturday June 10… built beds and provided 2 teams to deliver for the day*
- *Youthworks provided volunteers for 4 days… 2 days building beds and 2 days delivering beds*

June gave us 27 deliveries and 66 beds being given out to people in need

Finances 2nd Quarter (April – June 2017)
Beginning Balance $7,356.65
Deposits $8,154
YouthWorks donation $2000
ACTS donation $1000
Resurrection Lutheran church donation $2500
Individual donations totaling $2654
Expenses $8,335.68
Home Depot $5000 (wood and materials)
Walmart $2000 (bedding)
Bibles/books $848
UHaul Truck rental for mattresses $262.31
Promo printed banner and display $224.57
Ending Balance $7,174.97

Finance Highlights:

We put the word out that we needed significant help to cover our summer plans and it was amazing to see God at work, yet again, to meet our needs so that we can continue impacting the community for Him.
YouthWorks donation of $2000; ACTS donation of $1000; Resurrection Lutheran (from Wooster) $2500
Individual donations from St. Johns over $2600

Other Highlights:

Coordinated to get some professional promotional material made up… informational brochures and a standing banner
Grange Insurance printed the brochures for free; Chris Cotton helped with the art work for free
Participated in a volunteer fair at Grange Insurance…

We thank you for your gifts of time and funding and especially for your prayers!

ANNUAL BRATWURST FESTIVAL

St. James Lutheran Church, 5660 Trabue Road, Columbus, Ohio, will host its 34th annual Brats and Crafts Festival on August 4-6. Hours are 4-9pm on Friday, 11:30am—9pm on Saturday, and 11:30am-4pm on Sunday.

The event will include authentic German food and beer and live German polka music and dancing featuring Ken and Mary Turbo Accordions Express.
An 1860's-era "baseball" game will be played Saturday at 4pm featuring the Ohio Village Muffins and the St. James Lutheran Strikers.
The weekend concludes with strolling singers from the Columbus Maennerchor and the traditional German Worship Service on Sunday afternoon.
We hope you will join us!
614-878-5158 or www.stjameslutheran.us

1 Day 3 Great Events

Church Picnic and Outdoor Worship

and Back to School Bash

One Day – Three Great Events!!

It is almost that time! On August 27, at 10:30am, **we will combine our four weekend worship services into one grand outdoor worship event. Bring lawn chairs and dress causal as we gather by our shelter house to praise God under His clear blue sky.**

The **Church Picnic** will be here before you know it! We have set aside Sunday, August 27th for this time of fellowship. We will gather in the shelter house (weather permitting) immediately following the **Outdoor Worship Service**. The meat main course and beverages will be provided. Please bring a side dish to share and tableware for you and your family. This year, we will also incorporate into the church picnic, all of the fun activities from the **Back to School Bash** that benefit the Alaska and Mexico Mission trips ! There will be games, face painting, a silent auction, euchre tournament and more. Please save the date and plan spend the afternoon with us. You will be glad you did!

AUGUST 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 *Scrip order deadline* Quilters 9am Refit Exercise 9:30am OWLS Planning 12:30pm OA 6:30pm SW Historical Society 7pm BSA 392 7pm Healing Words Al Anon 7:30pm	*2*	3 Promise Keepers 7am Refit Exercise 9:30am O. A. 6:30pm	4 Bulletin Team 9:30am AA 8:30pm	*5* Trad. Worship 6pm AA Serenity Seekers 7pm
6 Trad Worship 8:15am Sunday School 9:30am Contemp. Worship 10:45am Trad Worship 11:00am Community at the Table 12pm BSA 392 Leaders 5pm	*7* First Place 4 Health 1:30pm Puppets 6:30pm	*8* Quilters 9am Refit Exercise 9:30am Fat Quarters Quilt Guild 5pm O.A. 6:30pm BSA 392 7pm Healing Words Al Anon 7:30pm	*9*	*10* EAGLE DEADLINE FAITH MISSION Promise Keepers 7am Refit Exercise 9:30am O.A. 6:30pm	*11* Bulletin Team 9:30am AA 8:30pm	*12* Prayers Shawl Min. 9:30am Trad. Worship 6pm AA Serenity Seekers 7pm
13 Trad Worship 8:15am Sunday School 9:30am Contemp. Worship 10:45am Trad. Worship 11am	*14* First Place 4 Health 1:30pm Prayer/Bible Study 6:30pm Puppets 6:30pm Finance Team7pm	*15* Beacons/Quilters 9am Refit Exercise 9:30am Fat Quarters Quilt Guild 5pm O.A. 6:30pm BSA 392 7pm Healing Words Al Anon 7:30pm	*16*	*17* Promise Keepers 7am Refit Exercise 9:30am O.A. 6:30pm	*18* Bulletin Team 9:30am OWLS Potluck 11:30am AA 8:30pm	*19* 1st Year Catechism Advance Trad. Worship 6pm AA Serenity Seekers 7pm
20 Health Screenings Trad Worship 8:15am Sunday School 9:30am Contemp. Worship 10:45am Trad. Worship 11am GSA 1826 12:30pm	*21* First Place 4 Health 1:30pm Puppets 6:30pm Council 7pm Respect Life Team 7pm	*22* Quilters 9am Refit Exercise 9:30am O.A. 6:30pm BSA 392 7pm Healing Words Al Anon 7:30pm	*23*	*24* Promise Keepers 7am Refit Exercise 9:30am O. A. 6:30pm	*25* Bulletin Team 9:30am AA 8:30pm	*26* Trad. Worship 6pm AA Serenity Seekers 7pm
27 Sunday School 9:30am Outdoor Worship 10:30 Church Picnic and Silent Auction 12pm Adult Basketball 5pm	*28* First Place 4 Health 1:30pm Puppets 6:30pm Sarah Circle 7pm Cub Scouts 7pm	*29* Quilters 9am Refit Exercise 9:30am O.A. 6:30pm BSA 392 7pm Cub Scouts 7pm Healing Words Al Anon 7:30pm	*30*	*31* Promise Keepers 7am Refit Exercise 9:30am Wedding Rehearsal 6pm O. A. 6:30pm		

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

1
Tom Birkefeld
Brian Burns
Matthew Johnston
Michael Kredel
Ben Previts

2
Jonathan Hodge
Tyler White

3
Ella Kapustka
Elizabeth Nixon
Monica Cline
Meghan Zelich

4
Christina Allman
Mark Locey
Delaney Waller

5
Cody Buckingham
Sydney Krebs

6
Robert Beck
Jenny Brockman
Jamie Dent
Elizabeth Hernandez
Jim Jones
Herman Rehder
Scott Rutan
Kyle Sonnen
Brent Spoon
Cheryl Ward
Adelaide Westerfeld

7
Barbara Armentrout
Aaron Clark
Nickie Leonard
Robert Rapp
Genevieve Sheets
Dorothy Stephenson

8
Joshua Baumgartner
Rosalie Daniels
Cynthia Hutson
Janis Linton
Howard McCarley
Bob A. Seese
Joe Wilkins

9
Madison Chamberlain
Arica Dougherty
Ben Ranke
Michaela Stenerson

10
Robert Briggeman
Kristin Champlin
Jack Koehler
Cindy Moore
Sam Swanson
Ashley Worthington

11
Logan Bausch
Josh Hartley
Kenneth Hysell
Zachary Schemrich

12
Patricia Griffith
Judy Johnston
Alice Katterhenrich
Matthew Little
Orlie May
Becka Potokar
Jenna Pugh
Melissa Shortland

13
Jerald McNamee
David Neal II
Wilma Phillips
Carol Rich

14
Karen Bellows
Steven Brown
Chandler Hill
Megan Jenkins

15
Phil Isaacson
Ron Kimes
Sandra Krebs
Paul Morris

16
Bob Boyer, Jr.
Abigail Brubaker
Fritz Buck
Christopher Orta

17
Emily Briggeman
Tami Criner
Bob Hartman Jr.
Kayla Kochensparger
Jane Lewis

18
Lilybelle Beavers
Erik Henricksen
Dave Mauch
Joy McClure
Anna Potokar
Evan Van Cleave

19
Chris Burns
Donna Conley
Richard Lyday
Sydney Walkowiak

20
David Schoch
Debra Sparkes
Diana Trenary

21
Emma Anderson
Logan Hostetler
Sandra Wheeler

22
Richard McQuay
Kristina Myers
Jodelle Shipley
Kenneth Taylor
Matthew Welch

24
Scott Hirth
Tim Koethke

25
Karen Yeater

27
Dylan Allman
Linda Cash
Sandy Hayes
Larry Link
John Uhrin

28
Lynda Berry
Beth Gottshall
Jimmy Heffernan III
Tom Lipp
Ethan Weaver

29
Jeremy Butsko
Carolyn Fullen
Jill Manning
Sharon Waller

30
Jennifer Baumgartner
Abby Kozman
Sally Weisenberger

31
Jeff Anderson
Billy Chaney
Mistie Clark
Eric Gillispie
Stephen Landes
Samantha Logan
Thadeus Logan
Nate White
Pam Wittenberg

Join the 2017-2018 St. John's Youth Ministry ADULT leadership team!

Our youth ministry goals are for each youth to have the opportunity…

- to be surrounded in a web of faith.
- to have a biblical self-esteem.
- to have a working knowledge of the Word of God.
- to develop a meaningful prayer life.
- to be involved in meaningful service projects.
- to develop faith/leadership skills.
- to have a vision for the future.

Training for Explorers and Energizers will be Wednesday, Sept. 20th, starting at 7pm. Groups start the following Wednesday on Sept. 27th.

Training for Adventure Club and Faith Trek will be Thursday, Sept. 21st, starting at 5:45pm. Groups start the following Thursday on Sept. 28th.

You can make a difference in the life of a student this school year by volunteering to help with Adventure Club, Faith Trek, Explorers, or Energizers. Adults are needed to faith web with students, prepare meals, serve meals, greet students, clean up after meals, play games in the gym with students, lead crafts and bible studies, be encouraging faith witnesses, and just love the stuffing out of youth**!** Make a difference; join us! *If you would like to know more about how you get involved, please talk to Diana, Laurie, or Gary. Church office number is 614-875-2314.*

YOUTH GROUP STARTING DATES!

<u>ADVENTURE CLUB</u> (grade K through 4th grade) and <u>FAITH TREK</u> (grades 5 – 6) will start on Thursday, Sept. 28th, 5:45 – 7:15pm. Cost for meal: $2 or a donation

We do have a pre-school class for children (ages 4 and 5) whose parents or grandparents are leaders at Club. We have babysitting for younger children (ages three and under) whose parents or grandparents are leaders at Club. If there is available space, we will open the pre-school class up to children who have siblings who come to Club. Talk to Laurie Pecuch about availability. Connect with Laurie about helping with Adventure Club. You can reach her at lpecuch@stjohnsgc.org or at 614-620-2669.

<u>EXPLORERS</u> (grades 7 – 8) will start on Wednesday on Sept. 27th, 7 – 8:30pm. Connect with Diana Imbrock at 614-271-5775 about helping with Explorers.

ENERGIZERS (grades 9 – 12) will start on Wednesday, Sept. 27th, 7 – 8:30pm. Connect with Laurie Pecuch at 614-620-2669 about helping with Energizers.

First Year Catechism Advance is August 19th and 20th. We will spend the night at St. John's. Throughout Saturday and Sunday, we will have fun exploring what baptism means to Lutherans. We will also do a service project, do your first sermon note, and meet lots of neat people of faith. The First year Catechism Advance is for new students joining confirmation, typically entering the 7th grade, and for those who need to make-up the weekend experience. Contact Gary at gpeuch@stjohnsgc.org for more information and to register for catechism. We do need adults who can transport youth to Putt-n-Play in the evening, or transport for our service project, or pick up pizza, or just like to visit with us. Talk to Gary or Laurie if you can help.

Summer Trips have always been a highlight for many youth, families, and adults at St. John's. Our first trip was The Academy at Heartland.

St. John's sent 21 high school youth and adults to The Academy from June 5th – 8th. The Academy took place at a retreat and conference center just north of Columbus at a wonderful place called Heartland. Our focus for this year's Academy was story talks, conversation building, and bible study skills.

Each student stood in front of their peers and gave five story talks. With each story talk, students gained confidence and skill at speaking in front of the group. The story talks included: how to introduce yourself, a childhood story, a lesson I learned story, a God-sighting, and God has a purpose for my life story talk. Many of these students were cabin coaches at Adventure Camp and were able to share their faith stories with the children at camp.

We also learned the art of asking questions and getting to know others through a faith skill we call "The Conversation Building Stack". Over the years, this has been one of the skills that students say has been most helpful in college, the workplace, and in sharing their faith.

On Wednesday of the Academy, our very own OWLS (Older Wiser LutheranS) joined us. We were blessed to have 24 OWLS make the trip for lunch. After lunch, we moved to a special set of round tables where our young people interviewed the OWLS and learned about their childhood, hopes and dreams, and faith. It's always a highlight for us! (By the way, the three "young men" on the floor in the picture below volunteered to sit there.)

A few other highlight for us were: Students leading bible study, students praying for each other, one student who wrote everyone an encouraging letter, team building activities, a night hike, the climbing wall, praying for our prayer buddies (the children) back at St. John's…*thanks be to God!*

Save the date! Faith Celebration and Confirmation will be on Sunday, September 24th. Join us from 9:15am to 10:15am in the Family Life Center as students share their faith tri-folds. Light refreshments will be served. Feel free to stop by or stay for the entire Faith Celebration. Everyone is welcome. Students will then confirm their faith at the 11am worship service. It's a beautiful morning of witnessing God and celebrating our young people. Plan on joining us!

MORE YOUTH NEWS

Two weeks after The Academy we went to Adventure Camp and Upper Camp at Lutheran Memorial Camp, near Fulton, Ohio, where 112 children, teens, and adults joined us for a very memorable weekend where we learned these bible points: God made us, God is always with us, God will always love you, God made you for a reason! (WOW, GOD!)

What is this experience in a nutshell? Take a bunch of awesome adults, mix in our very own trained teen cabin coaches, add a great curriculum, and you get Adventure Camp for grades K—4! There is a special program for ages three through five who come with a parent or grandparent. Then kick it up a notch with programming geared toward 5th and 6th graders and you have Upper Camp.

To get a good feel of camp, visit the St. John's Facebook page and see the pictures posted by Laura Imbrock on June 26th. You'll see joy on children's faces, teens sharing their faith throughout the weekend, adults leading our bible, game, and imagination station sites, campfire skits, swimming in the pool, Pastor Don showing us what God's love looks like, and more…

One of my favorite memories of the weekend was coming up from the outdoor chapel and looking out across the field and saying, "Where are all the children? They should be at games and bible." Only to round the corner of the path to see the children and teens lined up on the front porch of the lodge giving hugs and greetings to Gail and Rosie Turnbull. What a sweet picture of faith-webbing!

A WEEK AFTER Lutheran Memorial Camp, we were with teens doing the SUMMER SERVICE TRIP. This trip almost didn't happen as every place we reserved as our home base cancelled on us. Over the years we've gone to Pittsburgh, Indianapolis, Wheeling, and Delaware to serve. Not having a place to call home base, we decided to stay (sleep) and St. John's and go into the community to serve. I guess you could call our trip "The Summer Service Stay". We had three service crews that went out and served July 5th – 7th. We built beds, delivered beds, visited members of St. John's, served in the two LSS food pantries (stocking shelves and helping clients shop) (one group packaged 600 pounds of carrots), and did a variety show (including a puppet show) and hosted an ice cream social at Grovewood Place.

None of the Summer Service Stay would have been possible without the faithful help of these fine folks at St. John's:

- Bed Brigade – Ron Nighbert, Dennis Imbrock, Suzie Brace, Nick Grossman, Jennie Nixon
- Grovewood Place – Della Welsh
- Puppet Ministry – Jennifer Mitchell
- Making us a delicious dinner on Thursday night: Keith and Jane Stenerson
- Special Snacks – Nancy Shockley
- Evening Vespers – Courtney Starr and Dylan Yurco
- Guest Speakers – Steve Contizano, Christina Allman, Wendy Forbes, Jacob Stuckert

Our hearts are full! The youth staff have been very blessed by your prayers, your faithful witness, and your support of the youth ministries at St. John's. ***To God be the Glory, great things He has done! Wow, God!***

Ada Weygandt sends her thanks to the ACTS volunteers who helped with yard work at her house

We would like to express our heartfelt thanks for all the loving prayers and concerns over the past months for our father, Marvin Weinhart. There are too many to thank individually, but we would like to express our appreciation to all those who played such an important part in Marvin's faith life. The many cards, visits, phone calls, and flowers were personally appreciated by him and his family. We especially want to thank those that assisted with the memorial service, and the kitchen crew who worked so hard to beautifully decorate the fellowship hall and prepare refreshments. St. John's held a special place in Marvin's heart, and while he will no longer be there for services and Sunday School, his spirit and memories will live on. Blessings and Love, Melinda Krouskop, Carol Williams, and families

THANK YOU to all those who participated in our first Baby Bottle campaign for the Pregnancy Decision Health Centers of Columbus! You were so generous in your donations for this effort! We were able to give over $1100 to the centers for their good work in helping young moms and families in greater Columbus. Their efforts are truly life-saving, and we are so happy to be able to come alongside them in such a generous way. You really made a difference! -The Respect Life Committee

MEMORIAL GIFTS GIVEN AS OF JULY 16, 2017

Organ and Refurbishing Fund

Given in memory of **Marvin Weinhart** by Richard Rush; Nanciann Bowles; Laura Rush; Viola Davis; Wilma Phillips; Marge Kennell; Chapel Sunday School Class; Marilyn Weisenberger; Bob & Joy McClure; Ron and Judy Kientz; Nancy Mellen; Sandy Hayes; and Carl & Nancy Kinman.

Given in memory of the seven Navy sailors killed aboard the USS Fitzgerald on June 17, 2017: **Shingo Alexander Douglass, Noe Hernandex, Ngoc T. Truong Huynh, Xavier Alec Martin, Gary Leo Rehm, Jr., Kyle Rigsby, and Carlos Victor Ganzon Sibayan,** by Bob Brofford.

Memorial Fund

Given in memory of **Jack Pieffer** by Mary Fail; and Mark and Bridget Pieffer

Given in memory of **Marvin Weinhart** by Cheryl Seemueller; Genevieve Sheets; Ed and Glenda Sheets; Ron and Pat Churchill; Jim and Connie Schemrich; Robert Eesley; Marilyn Wright; Mary Fail James & Patricia Duerler; David Waller; BJ Roach; Suzie Long; Connie & Steve Barker and Lorene Kraft; Rebecca Priwer; Michael & Deborah Gibboney; Marilyn Gibboney; Charles T. Smith; Gerald & Suzanne Geddes; Mr. & Mrs. Ken Weinhart; Ricky Lattro; Diane Hill; Phyllis Herbert; Cindy Le and Family; Dorothy Cannon and Family; Lois Phillips; John D. Kennedy; Joan O'Connor; Bob and Dottie Mounts; Millie Quinn; Norm and Barb Emmets; Palmer Donovin Manuf. Co.; JoAnne Keller; Robert & Bonnie Swanson; Marilyn Martin; Holly & Kevin Starr; Stephen, Brenda, Jeff Dardinger; Sharon and Dan Garner; Shirley Blake; Kathleen Cianca; Lawrence and Mary Kable; Rose Mary Krebs; and Gloria Baugess.

Mexico Mission Trip

Given in honor of **Diana Imbrock** by Christine Hank.

Bed Brigade

Given in honor of **Michaela Stenerson's graduation** by Christine Hank.

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CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL

Officers: David Dye, President; Teresa Orahood, Vice President; Beth Katterhenrich, Secretary; Dan Yeater, Treasurer.
Members-At-Large: Aaron Clark, Cindy Henricksen, Jim Jones, Jody Shockley, Kevin Stenerson, and Neva Warren.

BIRTHS

- Congratulations to Elizabeth and Van Daranikone on the birth of their son, Corvan, on June 15, 2017. Corvan is welcomed by brothers Vance and Revan, grandparents Craig and Connie Sonnen, great-grandmother Phyllis Sonnen, and great-aunts Cindy and Christie Sonnen.
- Congratulations to Sarah and Joshua Hartley on the birth of their baby girl, Lucy Jean Hartley on June 15, 2017. Lucy is welcomed by sister Addison, and grandmother, Rita Orahood.

Congratulations to Joshua and Sarah Hartley on the baptism of their infant daughter, Lucy Jean on July 16 2017.

Congratulations to William Kredel and Amanda Hessler who were married at St. John's on July 7, 2017. Pastor Allman officiated.

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO the family and friends of:

Marvin Weinhart who died on June 19;

Jack Pieffer who died on June 16;

Susan Koehler whose brother, Daniel Roth, died on June 3rd.

Harlow Hutchison who died on June 25

David Katterhenrich who died on July 10

Joyce Althoff who died on July 17

All who mourn are in our prayers..

The Eagle

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Dear Disciples of Jesus,

Pastor Don and I have had many lively discussions centered around the topic of discipleship and its importance in the continued growth of St. John's. As we continue to move forward in our understanding of who we are as disciples and what God is calling us to be, we turn time and again to the Scriptures as our guide and inspiration.

A few years back, our Bishop, John Bradosky shared some wonderful thoughts with the pastors and lay leaders of the Ohio Mission District on the characteristics of leadership as found in Joshua 14. As we prepare to enter into the Call process, it is perhaps a good idea to reflect on some of these characteristics and be prayerful as the Lord calls each of us to use the gifts we have been given for the greater good.

Characteristics of Leadership (As found in Joshua 14) John Bradosky, Bishop, NALC

Be discipled by someone –
Joshua was discipled by Moses, and in turn discipled others down the line

More leaders are required than just one
Joshua empowered the people in each of the 12 tribes to have leaders and for the leaders to have leaders under them

Remember the past while discerning the future
In particular, look to the Gospel and those who have sacrificed their lives for it in order that we might receive. Look to your church legacy and those who have gone before you in order that you may bear the fruit of their labors. What will your legacy to the next generations be?

Leaders cannot lead alone
There must be complete and utter reliance on the Lord, trusting in God's providence, and most importantly, trusting in God's Holy Spirit. It requires a willingness to enter into seasons of prayer and fasting, especially when God seems silent, or when a decision cannot be agreed upon.

Remember that there are battles still to be fought
Battles come from within and from without – stay "armored up" with God's Word, with prayer, and through worship and the reception of Holy Communion. Failure to be obedient to God's Word is deadly. It is a lack of love within the Body that creates chaos and destroys.

Know the Mission
Our mission as the NALC is and always will be the Great Commission "Go. Baptize. Make Disciples." The mission needs to be the same in the congregations, above all else. Let your identity be known to the world.

See yourself as the Lord sees you
Connected in Christ, living in Christ, sharing the Gospel.

May all your decisions be a gift for the common good
As congregations, Mission Districts, The NALC, who we are, what we decide, is a gift, from one to the other, and out into the World. Be that gift!

May we continue to strive toward growth as leaders and disciples to the Glory of God in Christ Jesus!

Looking Forward in Faith,
Pastor Patti