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The Eagle
July 2023

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Traditional

Saturdays at 4pm

Sundays at 8:15 & 11am

Contemporary

Sundays at 11am

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SUNDAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY	
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2	Traditional Worship 8:15am Sunday School 9:30am Small Group 10am Traditional Worship 11am Contemporary Worship 11am Adult Basketball 5:30pm	3	Lunchtime AA 12pm Elizabeth Circle 6:30pm Daily Reprieve AA 7pm	4	OFFICE CLOSED	5	OWLS Planning Mtg. 11:30am Small Group 1pm Summer Fun 5:30pm	6	Promise Keepers 8am A Joyful Pause 9am A Joyful Pause 5:30pm	7	Bulletin Team 10:30am Fast Food Fridays (off-site) 1pm AA 8:30pm	8	Prayer Shawl Ministry 9am Traditional Worship 4pm Serenity Seekers AA 7pm
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SUMMER YOUTH AND FAMILY

FAMILIES

- **A JOYFUL PAUSE!** Come for free play in the gym, arts and crafts, table games, a light meal, and fellowship! Times you can choose from are **9am to noon** and/or **5:30—8:30pm** on **Thursdays: July 6 and August 10**. That's once a month and two times to choose from! Join us when you can. Leave when you have to! Families with older children are welcome to join us. We love our faith webbing grandparents. All are welcome!
- We hope that you're also enjoying your **Summer Family Faith Bag** which is giving you nine different faith adventures together! Two of those adventures actually bring you back to St. John's for a sweet treat and a faith webbing experience in the Prayer Room.

GRADES 5—8

- **SUMMER FUN!** Each evening will be full of fun, faith, and friendship! Dinner included. Join us on **Wednesdays: July 5 and August 9, 5:30—8:30pm**.
- **FAITH IN ACTION!** We will be putting our faith into action and making a difference. Serving is important and we need you to do it! Join us **July 10—13, Monday—Thursday, from 5:30—8:30pm**. Dinner included. We will have a variety of service experiences throughout the week. Come make a difference for Jesus' sake!

GRADES 7—8 and 9—12+

- **ST. JOHNSVILLE!** Learn Christian finances while playing the game of "St. Johnsville". Sundays, 9:30—10:30am. Meets in the confirmation room.



GRADES 9—12+

- **FAITH IN ACTION!** You will find purpose, belonging, and even a sense of Christian identity when you serve and help others. Come serve with us **July 10—13 (Monday through Thursday) from 11am—3pm**. Lunch is included.
- **FAST FOOD FRIDAYS!** Throughout the summer, we will meet to catch up with each other. Come when you can. Leave when you have to. **Time will be 1—3pm. July 7, 14, and August 4, 11, 18**. Mark your calendar. Places TBA.
- **WHAT DO YOU THINK?** A place for us to share our thoughts on current and relevant topics that affect us all. **Sundays: July 9 and July 16, 1:30—3pm**. Meets in the high school room.



VBS went great!!

Thank you for all the donations and all the support to make VBS happen each year. We had a wonderful time teaching youth about the Hero Hotline of the Bible and learning about ways that we are called together to serve God! We could not have put on such an amazing VBS without the help of our VBS teachers, kitchen ladies, craft and recreation leaders, science and service leaders, puppet leader, music leaders, and our awesome teen helpers! It is these hard-working people that make it a blessing each year to love kids into the kingdom at VBS.

Missionaries on the Move!



From July 21 – 30^{1st}, our Mexico Mission Family will be glorifying our God together with our brothers and sisters in Christ in Mexico. This year's **Mexico Mission Family** is Jill Althoff, Lukas Althoff, Evan Beachler, Emily Briggeman, Laura Carpenter, Matt Carpenter, Matt Easterday, Kim Easterday, Ana Gantz, John Gantz, Chelsea Hartzler, Dennis Imbrock, Diana Imbrock, Alec Stenerson, Michaela Stenerson, Amy Wanner, and Megan Wycuff.

While in Mexico we will be sharing God's Word, playing games, making crafts, and loving the children of a Tijuana orphanage. This is the 16th year that we have been called to serve and love at Rancho Genesis!

Please hold our "missionaries on the move" in your hearts and prayers as we extend the love of Christ and St. John's to all we encounter!

Elizabeth Circle
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**Women's
Ministry**
CONNECTING AND ENRICHING
WOMEN IN FAITH

Sarah Circle
Contact
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Here's a spiritual growth goal: join a Circle of friends!

Joining our Circles is an easy way to make new friends and grow spiritually.

Both Circles have evening meeting times. Contact the leaders listed above for more information.

OWLS EVENT — JULY 21, 2023



The Older Wiser Lutheran Seniors (OWLS) have a very interesting program for our July meeting and we hope you join us to hear about a wonderful program that benefits children less fortunate than some. Sufficient Grace is a non-profit organization made up of a loving group of people committed to providing love, hope and food to children in need. Their mission statement is "To provide children physical nourishment through food, and Spiritual encouragement

through kindness and example. Since their launch in 2012, they have provided more than 827,880 meals, and with the donations, that number will grow every week.

Each school year 5500 volunteer hours and support are needed to make sure the program runs smoothly. This ensures that food is stocked, packaged and delivered each week for distribution at the end of the school day in time for a snack and later, dinner. No child is turned away. They also provide extra bags for students to take home to a younger sibling who is not of school age yet.

Their goal is to remove the barriers food insecurity can bring so they are better able to focus on school and have every opportunity to succeed which in turn helps our communities. Hope you join us and hear more about this extraordinary project.

The OWLS will provide fried chicken for our potluck lunch but we ask you bring a covered dish and join your friends for a delicious lunch and a wonderful program. Please plan to arrive around 11:15 am so we can open the meeting at 11:30 am. Use the salmon insert in Sunday's bulletin to make your reservation so the group can plan accordingly. You can also call the office or Bonnie Swanson at 614-562-8002. Hope to see you there!

MEMORIAL GIFTS GIVEN AS OF JUNE 11, 2023

Current Fund

Thrivent Charitable Grant given by the Rosenthal Family in memory of **Pastor Ray and Janet Rosenthal**.

Accessibility Project

Given in memory of **Pastor Ray Rosenthal** by JoAnne Keller; Richard Rush; Raymond and Karen Bentley; Barbara Armentrout; Elaine Glass; Howard and Nellie McCarley; Miriam Simmons; Pat Walters; Ruth Wiechman; Jim and Carol Rorick; Keith and Jane Stenerson; Phil and Karen Rohr; Suzie Long; Don and Glenda Allman; Janice Howsmon; Christopher and Tracy Meihls; Greg and Jody Hart; The White and Mays Families; Dellno and Betty Lewis; Virginia Bent; The Cosier, Cisco, and Bell Families; Todd E. Larson; Rev. Paul Cannon; Ronald and Susan Marks; Marjorie Kennell; Tom and Jeanne Phillips; Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Tecumseh, MI; Pat Marie.

Given in memory of **Janet Rosenthal** by Darlene and Aaron Cove; Nancy Mellen; Marge Barnhart; Steven and Mary Frank; Kathy Messenger; Kristina and Julie Angiulli; Phil and Karen Rohr; Roy and Sheila Merwin; Pat Marie.

Given in memory of **Pastor Ray and Janet Rosenthal** by Susan Koehler; Paul and Mitzie Schemrich; Robert and Bonnie Swanson; Doug and Karen Jackson; Barry and Nancy Fisher; Ken and Anne Butcher; Elizabeth Brown; Barbara McDaniels and Family; Carole Kuhn; Erle and Judy Taylor; Averil MacKenzie.

Given in memory of **Rita Lang** by Susan Koehler.

Given in memory of **Carol Schreiber** by Susan Koehler.

Given in memory of **Joann Claggett** by Jim and Carol Rorick; Dellno and Betty Lewis; and Joann's small group.

Given in memory of **Craig Sonnen** by Connie Sonnen.

Given in honor of **Elaine Bennett** by Wilma Phillips; and Cheryl Thompson.



The Quilters do more than just make quilts. We also continue selected activities of the former group, the Beacons. We encourage you to help others by donating items such as food for the food pantries, used stamps for two veterans' hospitals in Virginia, card fronts to a Cancer Thrift Store craftsperson, flat sheets for the filler and backing in the quilts, and Christmas bag items. Please place your donations in the Food Pantry and Quilters' cabinets in the Link. Everyone appreciates the extra time and bit of effort you make to get your donations to the Link cabinets now. Thank you for remembering your donations will help others.



Start to think "crayons." In the fall, we will start collecting items for the Christmas bags for the children at the Grove City Food Pantry at the Methodist Church. The school supplies will go on sale this month. The Quilters can always use your donations Crayola crayons for the children. A good sale price is \$.50 for a box of 24 Crayola crayons. Larger boxes of crayons do not fit in the Christmas bags. We can use heavy combs, pens, and nail clippers, also. Any quality you wish to donate is acceptable. This year—*surprise!*—we are not requesting Beanie Babies or small plush toys. We were gifted with handmade toys from a member of the former Touching Little Lives group. Of course, if you wish to donate Beanie Babies or plush toys now, we will gladly accept them.

The Quilters meet most Tuesdays from 9:30am to 1:30pm in rooms 103-104. Come and go at any time. Bring a sack lunch if you wish. There is a box of adult-themed Christmas fabric just waiting for someone to make a small or large quilt for the Christmas sale. We always welcome visitors. We provide everything you will need.

John 15:12 ~ "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you."

ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN
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**The article deadline for the AUGUST Eagle
is JULY 10TH.**

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

*Our Christian Sympathy
is extended to*

The family and friends of **Narsie Ingmire-Rausch**,
who passed away at the age of 101 on May 7, 2023.

The family and friends of **Jerry Hunt**,
who passed away on May 14, 2023.

The family and friends of **Sandra Collins**,
who passed away on June 7, 2023.

The family and friends of **William "Bill" England**,
who passed away on June 9, 2023.

*All who grieve are in
our thoughts and prayers.*

*Congratulations
On Your Baptism*

Congratulations to mother **Brianna Overly**
for the baptism of her children **Alahni and Ezariah**
on June 18, 2023.

QUARTERLY CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS
will follow all services the weekend of
JULY 22nd and 23rd.
Please plan to attend.

Church Office hours are
Monday through Friday, 8am to 4pm.

JOIN US FOR WEEKLY WORSHIP
Traditional Service: Saturdays at 4:00pm,
Sundays at 8:15am & 11am
Contemporary Service: Sundays at 11am
Sunday School: for all ages every Sunday, 9:30am

CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL

Officers: Aaron Clark, Council President; Paul Wittenberg Vice President, Karen Bentley, Secretary; Kathy Myers, Treasurer.

Members-At-Large: Warren Althoff, Shirley Blake, Dave Clark, Cindy Gonsowski, Karen Grossman, Tammy LeVally, Phil Pennington, Gary Smith.



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Letter from the Associate Pastor

Dear Disciples of Jesus,

Belonging is something even the most independent of us yearn for in the deepest recesses of our heart. As a middle child of six, I knew my sense of belonging early on was clearly identified with this wonderfully loud and often hectic bunch of sisters and brothers. When my father left us, I spent a great deal of time as a child wondering to whom I belonged.

Having a family of my own, one child by birth, another by adoption, I wanted them to first and foremost know that they never had to wonder to whom they belong. They are children of the heavenly father and our children, loved and treasured and belonging.

Growing up in the church there was a tremendous sense of belonging. The nuns and priests knew me by name, (mostly because I was always in one sort of trouble or another) and greeted me when I set foot on the hallowed floors. There was something soothing about knowing the rituals of liturgy, the words flowing easily from my lips, my body responding automatically to the ups and downs, hands reaching out for body and blood, given and shed - for me - FOR ME - that also enhanced that sense of belonging.

This sense of belonging is what called me into ministry in the first place. That Jesus himself would continually draw from the edges and fringes of community, those whom others would rather not have belong - the tax collector, the crazed man, the Samaritan woman, the thief - and call them into a new community of relatedness; this is what compels me to bring the Good News to those who don't think they belong. Because this is the Good News - when Jesus Christ stretched out his arms on the cross, God drew all things in heaven and on earth into belonging.

In the name of Jesus draw others to Him - go and find those who have no sense of belonging and stretch out your arms in welcome. Love them into a sense of belonging in ways that are simple and genuine and real. Jesus did simple things. He ate with tax collectors and sinners; he went into the homes of the sick and dead and prayed. He sat at a well with an outcast woman and quenched her thirst for living water. He set his foot on the hallowed ground of peoples' lives, and drew them in. Who's waiting to be embraced by you today?

Looking Forward in Faith,

Pastor Patti

