

# PARISH NEWS

## of St. John's Lutheran Church

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LARRY KETTLEHAKE, PASTOR

### PARISH HALL "KICK-OFF" BANQUET, NOVEMBER 20

Thursday, November 20, is going to be one of the biggest days in the history of St. John's Lutheran Church.

Why? Because, on that day will be held the "Kick-Off" banquet for our Parish Hall fund raising drive. Be sure to save the date on your calendar.

Also, the annual Thanksgiving dinner will be held in conjunction with the 'Kick-Off' festivities.

The affair will be held at the Twin Valley Rod and Gun Club starting at 6:30 p.m. The dinner will be prepared and served by the Women's Missionary Society and a free will offering will be received. Any profits from the evening will be turned over to the building fund.

As you most know, the congregation voted to buy an additional one and one half acres of land for use in our building program.

The program for the evening will feature short reports from Kenneth Duncan, chairman of the Executive Building Committee; Robert Barton, Christian Education Committee chairman; Kenneth Spitler, Furnishings and Equipment chairman; Robert Stiver, Fellowship and Recreation, chairman and Robert Woodard, Financing chairman. Pastor Kettlehake and Mr. Duncan will answer any questions regarding what has been done so far.

The Sunday before the "big night," each member of the congregation will receive a combined report from each of these committees with their suggestions. You are asked to read it over and be ready to add to the list on the night of the banquet.

If the program proceeds as planned, we should be able to break ground in the spring and by early 1960 be using the new unit.

Of course, ground cannot be broken without the cooperation of

every member of the congregation. Only through the Grace of God and the sacrifice of each member will the first brick be laid.

So make plans now to attend the gala evening. You do not have to bring anything except yourself and your commitment to Jesus Christ.

### LAND, HO!

Another hurdle has been surmounted at St. John's. The way has been cleared by our members for more land on which to construct our new Parish Hall.

On Sunday, October 12, the congregation voted to buy land from Mr. James Cooper and Mrs. Mamie Wachtel at a cost of \$2,300 for one and one-half acres.

This new ground is located immediately to the west and north of our present church lot.

With this plat, and with the land that has been given us by Mr. and Mrs. Vol Paullus, we are no longer crowded.

May we thank the Lord for this step forward.

### CHRISTIAN EDUCATOR TO VISIT ST. JOHN'S

The Rev. Richard Powell, director of Christian education for the Synod of Ohio, will meet with our Sunday School Board and church council on Wednesday, Nov. 19, to discuss our Christian education program.

During the last two months our Sunday School and its past, present and future have been analysed. These observations were forwarded to Pastor Powell for his study and consideration.

We must know what kind of an educational program we want before we can erect an educational building.

## THE PARTY LINE

### "PARSON TO PERSON"

My column will be short this month because of so many other events to report.

Many of the "Every Member Visitors" have commented to me that they were well received in most homes.

From their visits I have learned of changes of addresses, unbaptized children, sickness, etc. which makes me urge you, the members of the congregation, to notify the pastor if you move, become ill beyond the flu stage, etc.

Before long, members of the parish will visit your homes seeking a pledge for our new Parish Hall. Please receive them as you did on the Every Member Visit. They are calling in your home to talk about the future of the church and they will want your suggestions.

Within the not-too-far-distant future I hope we can add certain educational courses to our program. The Women's Missionary Society, Brotherhood and Luther League all need to re-study their programs to see where they can be improved.

We must move forward at St. John's. The Christian Church cannot look back on its history or very long at the present. It must concern itself with what is ahead. May you all look that way.

### NEW L. L. OFFICERS

The following officers were elected at the League meeting on Sunday, Oct. 12.

President, George Suggs, Jr.; Vice-President, William Henry; Secretary, Beverly Eby; Treasurer, Judy Eubank and Chaplain, Phillip Bear. These officers were installed on Sunday, Oct. 19 during the worship service.

### RESERVATIONS WANTED

The Women's Missionary Society requests that all persons who will attend the "Kick-Off/Thanksgiving" banquet fill out the following form and place it in the offering plate by Sunday, Nov. 19.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Number of reservations \_\_\_\_\_

## NOW READ THIS!

How do you like this new and improved issue of your PARISH NEWS? This is only an experiment and we would like your comments.

Why has this been printed and not mimeographed? Several reasons are involved.

First, as was said, it is an experiment. Mr. and Mrs. George Dunkin, owners of the Twin Valley News, and Pastor Kettlehake are making this issue possible.

Second, by having our paper printed, the pastor is able to contribute EIGHT hours or more of his time to other duties. He was spending this much time (or more) to the preparation of former issues.

Third, a neater job and a more presentable paper are the results. Nothing is too good for the Lord.

The cost is slightly higher than the former way. SOOOO, IF YOUR ORGANIZATION WOULD LIKE TO SPONSOR ONE OR TWO MONTHS EACH YEAR, SEE PASTOR KETTLEHAKE.

### W. M. S.

The Women's Missionary Society of St. John's met Thursday, Oct. 9 at 7:30 p.m.

Devotions were led by the chaplain, Miriam Eubank. The topic, "The Christian Citizen", was presented by Roberta Spitzer. Mrs. Hester Woodard, vice-president, presided over the business meeting with 33 members in attendance.

In October the group rolled bandages for the leper colony. Approximately 20 members were in attendance for this project.

On Monday evening, Oct. 5, 14 members traveled to Germantown to hear Mrs. Fred Wiegman tell about and show filmstrips on "The Holy Land."

Three different rest homes are now being visited by the organization each week.

The annual "Thank Offering" will be on Sunday, November 23, with Pastor Kettlehake delivering the message rather than an outside speaker.

All women of the church are invited to attend the monthly meetings of the Society.

## PRICES UP-GIVING DOWN

Figures often tell a story much better than words. On Sunday, Oct. 19, Pastor Kettlehake reported the following figures in his stewardship sermon "Give and Take."

Current	
Amount	Number of people giving
\$5.00	2
3.00	2
2.50	4
2.00	11
1.50	6
1.25	5
1.00	14
.75 per week	24
.50	24
.40	9
.30	3
.25	20
.20	3
.15	7
.10	12
.05	10
NOTHING	61

Benevolence	
Amount	Number of people giving
\$5.00	2
3.25	1
2.00	3
1.50	2
1.25	2
1.00	4
.75 per week	3
.50	33
.40	2
.30	7
.25	29
.20	9
.15	11
.10	20
.05	11
NOTHING	77

Shocking? The figures are not only shocking, but they are SAD. This report shows that there are many in our congregation, about one-third of the members, who are not contributing anything to the work of the Lord. (This does not count loose offerings which, however, do not amount to much.)

Being a Christian means that we are followers and supporters of Jesus Christ.

He, and His Church, cannot be supported when many persons are giving less than the cost of one

## YOUNG PEOPLE

### ON THE MOVE

The Luther League is leading. If any of you have attended recent meetings of St. John's Luther League, then you know what the young people are doing.

However, there are still a few of our young folks who have not attended any meetings. WE WANT YOU NOW!

Here's what's up for November. **Saturday, Nov. 8**—We will leave the church in the morning (time to be announced) and travel to Wittenberg College to see the Wittenberg-Ohio Wesleyan football game. Also included in the trip will be a tour of the campus and lunch in Woodlawn Hall.

The only cost will be 65¢ for the meal. Transportation will be furnished by the church and free game tickets have been donated by the college.

**Sunday, Nov. 16**—A regular meeting will be held at the church starting at 6:30 p.m. Sandra Naudasher has the devotions, Phil Bear the topic and Sue Bennett recreation. Of course there will be some "chow."

**Sunday, Nov. 23**—A "pot-luck" supper will be held at the church beginning at 6:30 p.m. This will be a MOVIE NITE, so come and join the fun and fellowship.

**Sunday, Nov. 30**—On this night, Carol Eby will have devotions, Sherry Pitsinger the topic and Fred Eby recreation.

### ATTENDANCE RECORD

	S.S.	Church	L.L.
SEPT. 28	158	166	—
OCT. 5	164	208	31*
OCT. 12	146	149	29
OCT. 19	151	173	24
TOTAL	619	696	84
AVERAGE	155	174	28

\*This figure includes Leaguers, parents and guests.

milkshake each week to the church.

The average gift per week per member for benevolence is only 33¢ and for current expenses, only 61¢. Is this Christian?

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### CHURCH CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER

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| 1  | Catechism; first year, 9 a.m., second year, 10:30 a.m.  | 16 | Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. and Worship, 10:45 a.m. Luther League, 6:30 p.m.                                  |
| 2  | Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. and Worship, 10:45 a.m. Sermon on the sacrament of Baptism.  | 17 | Lutheran Men of Preble County at Lewisburg.  |
| 4  | Leadership Training, 7:30 p.m.  | 18 | Leadership Training, 7:30 p.m.   |
| 5  | Church Council, 7:30 p.m.   | 19 | Sunday School Board will meet with Pastor Powell at 7:30 p.m.  |
| 7  | (Friday) The first year catechism class will meet at 4:30 instead of Saturday morning when we will attend the Wittenberg football game. | 20 | KICK-OFF BANQUET for the new Parish Hall. Twin Valley Rod and Gun Club, 6:30 p.m.                          |
| 8  | Second year catechism, 9 a.m. Luther League to Wittenberg College.  | 22 | First year catechism, 9 a.m., second year, 10:30 a.m.  |
| 9  | Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. and Worship, 10:45 a.m.  | 23 | Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. and Worship, 10:45 a.m. Luther League pot-luck supper and MOVIE NITE at 6:30 p.m. |
| 10 | Property Committee, 7:30 p.m.   | 24 | Brotherhood at 7:30 p.m.   |
| 11 | Leadership Training, 7:30 p.m.  | 27 | THANKSGIVING DAY   |
| 12 | Executive Building Committee, 7:30 p.m.   | 29 | First year catechism, 9 a.m., second year, 10:30 a.m.  |
| 13 | Women's Missionary Society, 7:30 p.m.   | 30 | Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. and Worship, 10:45 a.m. Luther League at 6:30 p.m.                                |
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