



Pastor's Message

Grace to you from God our Father and from Christ Jesus our Lord. We have been serving God together for ten years. God has truly blessed us during this time. Take a moment to read the history section to see some of the ways that God has blessed us. Other ways that God has blessed us include many baptisms, weddings, folks joining the congregation and folks recommitted to God! The Spirit has been at work and I am so grateful for all that has happened here. You all have trained me very well. As a first call pastor called to this faithful place, I have learned so much about God and how he works.

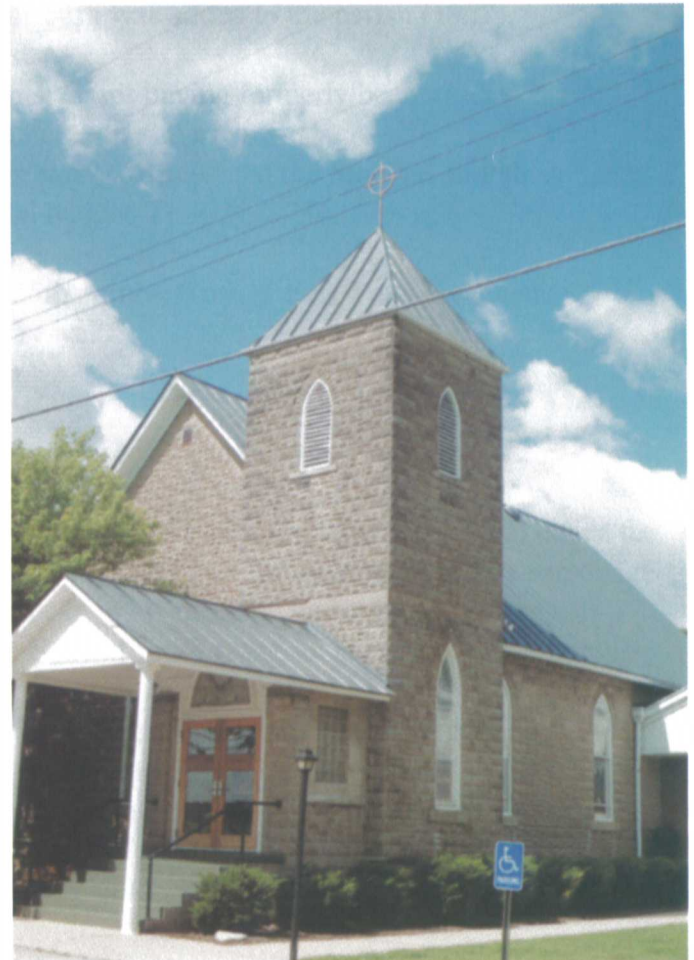
We have also endured many tragic events as well. These perhaps are some of the most holy moments in our time together. Times when you have been vulnerable and allowed me to share that time with you in prayer. And, times when you have helped me in my vulnerable times. Thank you and thanks be to God for His graciousness.

We celebrated 100 years of ministry here at St. John and that gives me great hope for the future. This congregation has been serving God for over 100 years now in difficult and great times and will serve God for years to come. God has been steadfast and will be steadfast! Praise God.

We will miss you all very much. In His Peace, Pastor Terri



Bishop Callon Holloway
Anniversary Worship 2004



2008

Historical Sketch of St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ingomar
"Where Town and Country Meet Christ"

1891 A small group of Lutherans decided to organize at the home of D. W. Summers. First communion service held in the Methodist church building. Pastor G. C. Smith of Salem Lutheran Church, Lewisburg, officiated with 24 people communing. Sunday School was organized.

1894 Sept 16 A congregational meeting was held and the building was purchased for \$250.

1904 January 21 First meeting of Willing Workers, the Ladies Aid Society for our congregation.

August State officials examined the building and found it unsafe. "I remember members holding the windows to keep all them from blowing in a wind storm." Dr. Charles Cassel. The bell of this building was moved to the new building. A congregational meeting was held and decided to "move to Ingomar." The present site was purchased from John Unger for \$150. December 3, the congregation was formally organized as the St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ingomar. The Rev. E. M. Potts, Ph.D. was called as the first pastor of the new congregation.

1905 Spring The basement was dug by hand by members and friends. August 27, the cornerstone laid.

1906 The present nave was constructed, costing \$5,400. The bell from the Methodist church was used.

December 16 Dedication services were officiated over by the Rev. V. V. Christy, pastor at Ellerton and president of the District Synod of Ohio. Membership 32. Indebtedness \$750.

1907 In 1907, St. John was received into the District Synod of Ohio of the General Council as a mission congregation. A parish was formed of the Ingomar church and Grace church of West Carrollton. Later the congregation of St. John's (Gebhart) of Miamisburg was added to the parish (1922).

Pastor L. P. Pence was called to this joint ministry.

1919 The church building was wired for electrical lights, lamps having formerly been used.

1920 St. John became a part of the United Lutheran Church in America.

1921 Sunday School rooms were added, now used for church offices. At the time the church statistics were: 129 baptized, 67 confirmed, 62 communing. Total budget for 1921, \$732.

1923 Pastor H. C. TerVehn was called to St. John.

1931 October 25 The congregation celebrated its 25th Anniversary. Pastor Potts preached.

1932 Pastor Charles W. Cassel, S.T.M. was called to serve.

1941 Grace Church, West Carrollton went on its own.

1942 Pastor William H. Kibler was called to St. John.

1945 Raymond L. Nickel was ordained, the only son of the congregation to become a pastor.

1946 Pastor H. F. Hamburger was called to serve at St. John.

1950 January 1 St. John Lutheran Church of Ingomar decided to become self-supporting and called the Rev. H. F. Hamburger, who had served the parish since 1946, as its first full time pastor. The parsonage was purchased from R. O. Klepinger. "The pastor has rocks in his head, he wants us to become self-supporting!" Mr. Robert Woodard to his wife, Hester. Second set of front doors added to the church building around this time.

1954 Pipe Organ installed to glorify God with beautiful music. Mr. Raymond Klepinger paid \$5,000.00 for this superior instrument. The organ was made in Hagerstown, Maryland.

1958 Pastor Larry E. Kettlehake was called as pastor. Preparation for the parish hall was begun.

1959 September 27. The cornerstone was laid.

1960 The Parish Building was dedicated, the Rev. Herbert Veler, pres. of the Ohio Synod, presided.

1961 Pastor Dean C. Cheek was called.

1964 Fire in Sanctuary in the southwest corner. The pipe chamber was in the middle of the fire yet, it

did not receive any fire or water damage.

1966 Pastor Nicholas K. Mays was called to serve.

1969 February West Alexandria Churches Organized for Community Action was organized. St. John helped begin this ministry that continues to this day. Pastor John K. Bispala was called.

1972 The congregation formed a joint parish with Shiloh Lutheran of Lewisburg, lasting about 5 years.

1974 Pr. Donald R. Brewer called to serve St. John. Canopy added to the front of the church building. Bells, one and one half octaves, were purchased from Trinity Lutheran Church in Brookville.

Later another half octave was added.

1976 Lent St. John of Ingomar and St. John's of Enterprise hold joint Wednesday Lenten Services.

1980 Pr. Daniel C. Hoehn called to serve St. John. Consecration of the Communion table and linens. Lutheran Youth Organization put on a Haunted House for many years.

1982 Gable roof put on Parish Hall, lead by Butch Spitler and Earl Hall. Ceiling fans installed in sanctuary.

1983 Pr. John H. Keithley called to serve St. John. West Alexandria Food Bank began serving the community. Members of the congregation volunteered for this ministry.

1991 Pr. Devon Strong called to serve St. John. The sanctuary was plastered and painted.

1996 - 1998 Pr. Larry Kettlehake came as interim. He worked with the council and property committee listing needed repairs and improvements. Many of these projects occurred after he left.

1998 July St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church and Triumphant Cross Lutheran Church, Trotwood called the first female pastor at these congregations, Rev. Terri L. E. Peterson.

1998 - 2004 many updates occurred during this time. Including Processional Cross handcrafted and donated to the Church by Tom Donaldson, Pastor's office painted and carpeted. Furniture purchased and carpet laid, kitchen cupboards refaced, Parish Hall doors installed, computer for office purchased, drapes for parish hall windows hung, handicap lift in parish hall installed for \$9,635.00

New Church sign with movable letters and light in front of building, storage shed purchased, sidewalk redone and ramp to Parish Hall door installed, Sanctuary door designed and crafted by Terry Bruns at Woodwright Lumber installed, furnace replace and air conditioning added, two pews in the front by the handicap lift were replaced to make room for wheelchairs. Curio case crafted by Bud Robbins.

2002 January Pr. Terri began serving St. John full time.

2004 November Congregational meeting. The congregation voted to have the roof on the Sanctuary covered with a metal roof. The work will be done in the Spring of 2005. Cost approximately \$22,000.00. Attendance - 82 with 80 members communing.

1998 until present Fundraising and ministries for those in need

Monies raised to help Eagan Rinehart with medical bills, to purchase hearing aid device for Rachael Peterson, for Habitat for Humanity, Preble County Chapter, for Birthright of Eaton, for World Hunger Appeal, ELCA, for Hurricane Victims around the world including Florida, for Disaster relief around the world.

Operation Christmas Child - Shoeboxes, items collected and packaged in shoe boxes, adopt a family for Christmas and continue to help through the year, donating food and time to the West Alexandria Food Bank, and Heifer Project Ark purchased for \$5,110.50.

2005 Organ updated and moved and new carpet installed in sanctuary.

2008 Yamaha, baby grand piano, donated in memory of Martha Ellen and George Henry.

Pastor Terri and family move to South Bend, Indiana.

Ministry to the glory of God continues, the community of Ingomar is blessed and are a blessing.





Church Activities



Children's Message



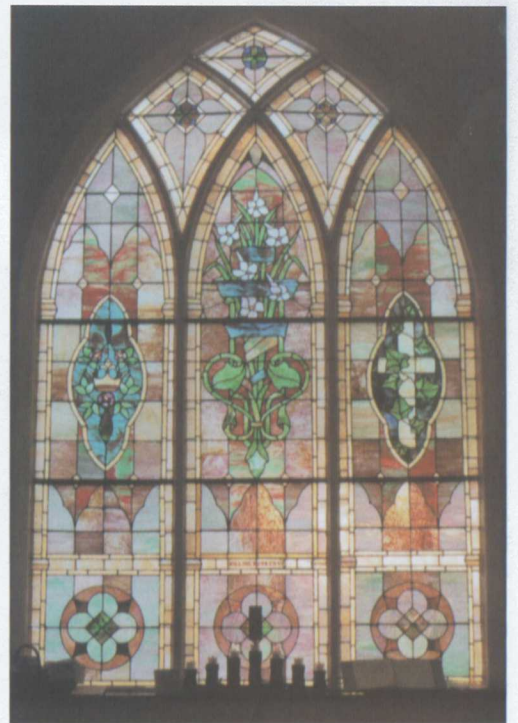
Christmas Eve Service



Moving Organ - 2006



Time Capsule - 2005



Willing Workers Window

Church Activities



Bible Bowl - First Place



Christmas Program



Adopt-a-Family - 2003



New Roof



Good Friday Palms



ANDERSON, PAUL & MARY



BENEKE, PAUL & MARNA



BLISS, WILLIAM & KAREN



BOEBEL, FRED & KATHY
KATIE, FRED IV



CLINE, EDWARD & ELIZABETH



COBB, GEORGE & MELISSA
MAX, DUSTIN



COFFROAD, EVADEAN



COLLINS, LOREY
FULTON



COMBS, BOB & DARLENE



COMER, HELEN L.



COTTERMAN, JOHN & STEPHANIE



DAFLER, WILLIAM & JULIE



DAWSON, CHRIS & JENNY
ANDY, JESSE, WILLY, COREY



DEGLER, DON & JACKIE



DEGLER, MARK & ANGIE ERBAUGH
LUCAS



DONALDSON, EARLA
ELISE, DANIEL



EBY, FRED & LAUNE



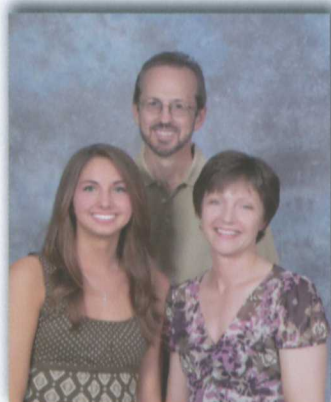
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EUBANK, HARRY & KATHY



HALL, JUDY



INGRAM, RANDY & CHRIS
LAURA



IZOR, LARRY & SHIRLEY



KOTTKE, LINDA
SARAH, MIRIAM



LATVALA, MARK & SHANNON
JOSEPH



MCKINLEY, MARK & CAROL



PAULUS, KEITH & LINDA



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LIAM, KEEGAN, RACHEL



SCHIML, PAULA



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AMY



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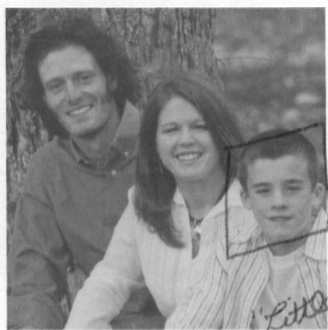


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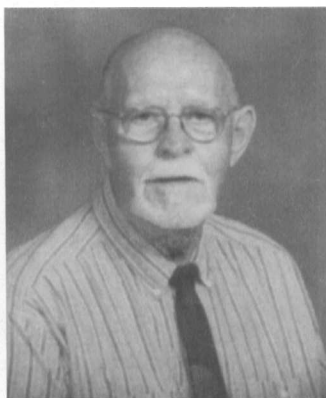


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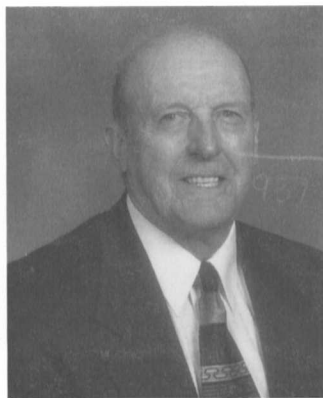
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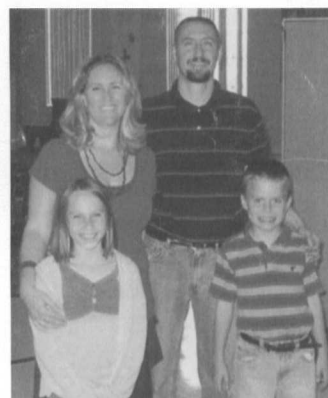
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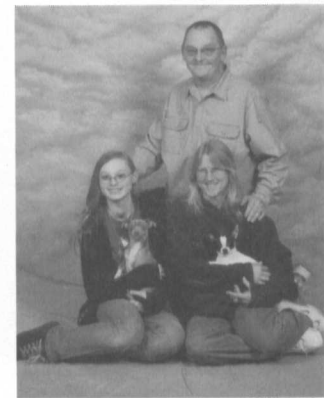
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