



**SEPTEMBER 2021**

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**Church Office**

**Hours  
Mondays  
and  
Fridays  
10:00 AM–3:00**

**Sunday  
Worship Service  
9:00 am**

**Pastor Tim Swanson,  
Welcome to St. John!**



**2021**

# St. John Lutheran Church

*St. John Lutheran Church comes together to love God and one another, serve others and share God's word. We do these things by God's Grace that comes through the death and resurrection of His Son, Jesus Christ*

## ***I'm Not Driving***

I'm sitting in the passenger seat today. The perspective is different in the passenger seat. When I'm not driving, I see things I usually would not see. For example, I do not recall seeing that building. I never noticed that grove of trees. When did they start construction on that corner? Has that coffee shop always been there?

When I'm not driving, I'm an observer. I go wherever the driver takes me. I can make suggestions and requests about the route, the music we listen to, and listen to music, but the driver makes those decisions. If the driver decides to stop, I stop. If the driver chooses to take a different route than I would, I go where he wants to go. So when I'm not driving, I can look at the scenery, write an article, or take a nap.

When I'm not driving, I can see many things and do a lot of things that I would because I trust the driver. The driver is in control. I'm in the passenger seat.

It is the same with life. So here are a few things I've learned by being a passenger.

I must trust the Driver. The Driver knows that He has a plan for me. He wants me to enjoy the view. He has so much to show me, but if I insist on driving or tell Him how to go, I may miss it. I trust that He will take care of me.

He has planned the route. He knows what's around every corner. He knows the best places to stop along the way. He knows the dangers to avoid. It usually turns out better when I let the driver drive. I trust that he knows where we are going and how to get there.

The Driver controls the pace and the best time to arrive. He understands that I usually want to get to my destination as soon as possible. Of course, there are times when He drives slower than I prefer, and there are times when He moves faster than I like. But I trust Him to get me where I need to be when I need to be there.

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going."

Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?"

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him."

The only way I know to get to where I ultimately want to go is to trust the One who knows the way, the One who is the way.

He is the Driver. I am the passenger

**Looking into September's Sunday Gospel Text Messages....**

Sept. 5– Mark7:24-37 Christ healing a little girl and a deaf man  
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Sept. 12-Mark 8:27-38 Peter's confession of faith  
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Sept. 19-Mark 9:30-37 Prediction of the passion  
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Sept. 26-Mark 9:38-50 Warnings to those who obstruct faith  
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St John Library Closing

Please check out the shelves for any reading material you would like to have. You may stop in during office hours on Mondays and Fridays between 10:00 am and 3:00 pm or after worship on Sunday.



Come worship with us!

WELCA August Meeting Minutes
 
  
 The August meeting of St. John Women of the ELCA was held in the parish hall on August 12
 
  
 for our annual work night. Six members were present.
 
  
 The meeting was called to order by President Earla Donaldson.
 
  
 The program was presented by Earla with excerpts from Joy Comes in the Morning.
 
  
 The minutes from the last meeting were read and approved.
 
  
 Treasurer reported a balance of \$550.87
 
  
 Kathy reported 41 cards were sent.
 
  
 A decision was made to cancel guest night in October.
 
  
 The group shared snacks and made Christmas gift tags for Women's Council.
 
  
 Kathy and Earla will provide the homeless meal this month.
 
  
 The meeting closed with the Missionary Benediction.
 
  
*All women of St. John are invited and welcome to attend meetings the second Thursday of each month.*
  
*Women of the ELCA seeks to be an instrument of Christian Mission in helping the Church to declare the*
  
*Gospel of Jesus Christ through:*
  
 • *Learning of Christ and the mission of His church*
  
 • *Witnessing in our daily lives to our Christian faith*
  
 • *Serving the needs of others in the congregation and*
  
*Community*
  
 • *Supporting the total work of the church through prayers and offerings*

*You can't buy happiness, but you can buy ice cream. And that's kind of the same thing!*

**St. John Ingomar Annual Ice Cream Social**  
**Saturday, September 11, 2021 from 4:30-6:30 pm**

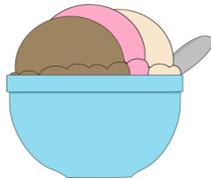
**Menu**

**Extras**

**Sandwiches**

**Bazaar**

**Hot Turkey**  
**Barbecue**  
**Hot Dogs**  
**Ham**



**Craft items for the home**  
**Home baked goodies**  
**Garden veggies**  
**Books**

**Chicken Noodle Soup**  
**Baked Beans**  
**Potato Salad**  
**Cole Slaw**  
**Taco Salad**  
**Pickled Beets and Eggs**  
**Assorted Pies and Cakes**  
**Assorted Ice Cream Flavors**  
*Take out is available*

**All Proceeds will be  
 donated to the Preble  
 County Success Program  
 and the Women's Shelter**



**Women's Outdoor Gathering**

**Sponsored by the Dayton Conference, Women of the ELCA**  
**September 18, 2021 Time: 2pm-4pm**

**Where: Irelan Park Shelter Parking available at the child care center**  
**4532 Marshall & E David Rd Kettering, OH**

**Sweet honey refreshments (individually wrapped)**

**Good fellowship \* Door prizes**

**Theme based on the Beattitudes (Matthew 5:3-12)**

**Let's get to beeing together again!**

**We will be following the CDC recommended COVID guidelines. Picnic tables provided,**  
**but we encourage you to bring your lawn chair if able. Questions call 937- 546- 2024.**

**If needed cancellation will be e-mailed on Friday Sept 17.**





### MEMBERS IN OUR PRAYERS

Family of Dale Cotterman	Judy Erbaugh	Reenie Halsey
Mary Buettner	Cleo Eby	Helen Comer
Catherine Dafler	Janet Ferguson	Bob Combs
Laura Metz	Butch Spitler	Melissa Collins
	Marna Beneke	

### MISSIONARIES

Jon & Michelle Voge and family  
and  
Michelle's dad, Brian

Faith is like the  
bird that feels the  
light  
And sings when the  
dawn is still dark

Thank you to all Saint John members who continue to send their tithes and offerings .  
The act of giving changes us, making us more like our generous Creator.



### FRIENDS AND FAMILY OF OUR MEMBERS

Family of Jack Barrett	Becky Wilder
Family of Trish Rhea	Jane Rahn
Amy Miller	Troy Lunsford
Leon Fawley	Colleen Mitchell
David Ellis	Tim Weldy
Paul Samson	Tammy Wombold
John Waldon	John Matteucci
Kenn Cotterman	Paul Heine
Carol Storost	Stacy Cline
Kelly Cooper	Joan McCaffrey
Jerry Cooper	Andy & Amanda Thompson
Ryan Welty	Melinda Studebaker
Maxine Ingram	Dane & Marlene Stockslager
Andy Eck	Shauna Hebbeler
Larry & Beverly Spitler	Connie Johnson
	Eric Walker

FINANCIAL		REPORT	JULY	2021	
ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH, INGOMAR					
CURRENT EXPENSE FUND					
BALANCE ON HAND 7.1.2021			21214.05		
RECEIPTS		JULY	5654.47		
TOTAL IN CURRENT FUND			26868.52		
CURRENT EXPENSES					
TWIN VALLEY BANK			300.00		
G.E. CAPITAL-COPIER			86.87		
DPL		5/17-6/17	191.22	24 MO CD-12/17-\$11,134.39	
KNOX ENERGY		5/11-6/15	46.99		
TIME WARNER-PHONE/INTERNET			172.11		
RUMPKE			56.52		
RICKY'S LAWN CARE		June	320.00		
SERV. KEEPER/MY COMPUTER			69.89	AMERIPRISE-\$328,832.	
ORGANIST/PIANIST			160.00	7.31.20	+2340
JIM MILLER/INTERIM			845.75		
CHRIS INGRAM. P WORKER			1386.00	CURRENT OFFERING	
BROOKVILLE FLOWER SHOP-JUN			105.00	JuLY 20-6232.19	
CHECKS/BINDER			303.37	JuLY 21-5654.47	
AMAZON-OFFICE			22.51	Jan-July 20-49259.46	
MY COMPUTER-WIFI UPDATE			1034.65	Jan-July-21-55329.03	
BWC			20.00		
STEVE DAFLER-INTERIM			33.28		
TRANSFER MEMORIAL			49.68	Cash Flow	
				Receipts- 5654.47	
				Expenses- 5203.84	
				+450.63	
TOTAL EXPENSES			5203.84		
BALANCE IN CURRENT FUND			21664.68		
BENEVOLENCE		MEMORIAL	DISCRETIONAR	W/HUNGER	STEPHEN
BEG. BAL	0	11066	941.55	0	1674.18
RECEIPTS	1190	709.68	200.00	125	25.00
PAID OUT	1190	1859.68	0	125	206.30
END. BAL	0	9916	1141.55	0	1492.88
Disaster 80					
S.SCHOOL		YOUTH	ACCRUED	MISSIONARY	ORGAN
BEG BAL	43.49	2164.87	32302.70	559	15595.33
RECEIPTS	0	0	0	255	80.00
PAID OUT	0	200.00	0	0	0
END. BAL	43.49	1964.87	32302.7	814	15675.33
BENEVOLENCE PLEDGE		9924	G/WORKS PLEDGE		200
PAID OUT		1010	PAID OUT		100
UNPAID PLEDGE		8914	OVERPAID		100

# September

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Altar Guild-June Souleyrette

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Altar Guild-June S. Communion Assistant-Earla D.			1	2	3	4
Holy Communion M-Carol M. LR-Randy I. A-TBA	6	7 Worship & Music Committee 6:30 pm	8	9 Set up for Ice Cream Social 6:00 pm	10	11 Ice Cream Social 4:30-6:30
Holy Communion M-Mandy A. LR-Carolyn S. A-TBA	13	14 Retired Teachers Luncheon	15	16 WELCA 7:00 pm	17	18 Sleep Mat Project 9-11:00 am
Holy Communion M-Jenny S. LR-Chris I A-TBA	20	21	22	23	24	25
Holy Communion M-Carol M. LR-Lorey C. A-TBA	27	28 Homeless Shelter Meal Judy & Angie E.	29	30		