

JULY/AUGUST
2024

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Church Office Hours
Mondays and Fridays
10:00-3:00 pm
Sunday
Worship Service
10:00 am

Season After Pentecost

The Kiwanis Club of West Alexandria is selling chances for 2 season tickets to OSU's 2024 home football games. Cost is \$5.00 and can be purchased from Carolyn Studebaker or any Kiwanis member.



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 wanted to give everyone an update on some of the activities going on related to the maintenance and upkeep of the church.

There has been much discussion among council members on the condition of the stained glass windows and the storm windows in the sanctuary. Mark McKinley contacted Window Creations, a stained glass window restoration company located north of Van Wert, Ohio. A representative of Window Creations visited the church and performed an extensive inspection of all the windows in the sanctuary and offices. Window Creations invited members of St. John to visit their facility to better understand the restoration process and see first hand the quality of their work.

On June 25, five council members, the church secretary and three other members traveled to Window Creations studio and factory to discuss the repairs needed to our windows and our repair options. All of us were very impressed by the level of craftsmanship and the quality products Window Creations provides. All of our stained glass windows are in need of extensive repairs which will be costly. When shown detailed photographs of the windows, it became clear to all of us that these repairs must be performed before the windows deteriorate any further.

Copies of window inspections, repair options, and costs will be provided to all members. Further discussion will take place in the upcoming weeks with a congregational meeting and vote to take place in late July. Please share any thoughts or concerns you may have with council members or myself.

Steven Dafler, Council President



ST. JOHN, INGOMAR
2024 ANNUAL ICE CREAM SOCIAL
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7
4:30-6:30 PM

CALLING ALL CRAFTERS, BAKERS, AND ENERGETIC SORTS. GET READY FOR ST. JOHN'S LARGEST MINISTRY FUND RAISER.

We can't do it without you!

See Earla or Chris for more details.



Firefighter Safe

Once again, Firefighter Safe will be instructing on basic first aid and CPR/AED training in one class at St. John on Saturday, August 3, 9:00 am-1:00 pm.

INTENDED AUDIENCE:

Individuals who require or desire first aid, AED, and CPR classes that deliver comprehensive emergency care knowledge and skills. This includes adult residential care personnel, emergency response teams in business and industry, parents and babysitters, and teachers. Call Lorey Collins today at 937-533-3330 to reserve your spot in class or use the sign-up sheet in the sanctuary.



The Women of Salem are hosting the annual Summer Splash on Tuesday, July 16 at 6:30 pm in the fellowship hall. Please let Carolyn know by July 7 if you plan to go. Salem Women's July Mission is "Backpacks & School Supplies" for TVS schools. If you would like to participate, please bring your supplies to the gathering. A list of especially needed items includes: spiral notebooks, pencils, crayons, (8 or 24 packs), and compasses for math class.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Kathy Carpenter, Dana Spitler, Wendy Suggs, Darren Eby, Kendra Welch, Heather Sampson, Rick Morris, Tayler Bunch, Greg Davis, Annie Presley, Randy Presley, Chris Dawson, Brad Pettit, Marlene Neff, Lynn & Susie Mercer, Sue Johnson, Dolly Shelton, Andrew Obst, and Eric Walker.

GRIEVING FAMILIES OF Jim Jordan, Steve Early, Daniel Corder, and Terry Wysong.

MISSIONARIES: Jonathan & Michelle Voge & Family

ST JOHN FAMILY: Stephanie Cotterman, Mut Buettner, Lynn Voge, Paula Schiml, Bill Dafler, Butch Spitler, Melissa Collins.

SHUT-INS: Catherine Dafler, Marna Beneke, Janet Ferguson.

SOUTHWEST
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DISTRICT



SWOMD - Southwest Ohio Mission District (NALC) News

Fred Boebel, member of St. John was recently elected to the position of Lay Member of the Executive Council, SWOMD. This group is committed to strengthen the Southwest Ohio NALC congregations in all areas of church and outreach ministries. The August 10 Faith Festival at Grace Lutheran in Eaton is an opportunity for us to learn more about this ministry as well as fellowship, worship, learn, and enjoy being among our brothers and sisters in Christ.

July & August Honorees

July

11th Hartmut Buettner
12th Catherine Dafler
13th Carolyn Studebaker
14th Olivia Erbaugh
14th Buzz Wright
16th Amy Stockslager
19th Bill & Julie Dafler (A)
Jenny Dawson 30th
19th Kathy Boebel
26th Curtis Hittle
29th Kathy Eubank

August

Gabriel Collins 2nd
Judy Erbaugh 10th
Ellie Arnett 21st
Randy & Chris Ingram (A) 22nd
Bill Dafler 25th
Stephanie Cotterman 28th



Thank you

Thanks to our St. John family for your prayers, cards, flowers, and other acts of kindness upon Bob's passing.

Special thanks to Pastor Bill for his visits and the beautiful service and to all who contributed to the dinner. God bless you all.

Darlene, Debbie, and Doug



SUNDAY, JULY 28, 2024 @ 10:00
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UNDER OUR BEAUTIFUL
SHELTER!

A CARRY-IN MEAL
WILL FOLLOW THE SERVICE.

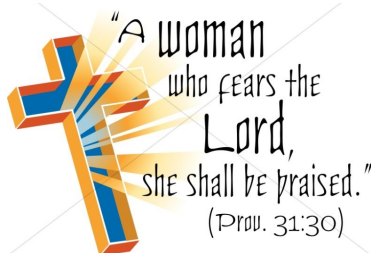
Women of St. John Meeting Minutes

The June meeting of St. John Church Women was held on June 13 with 10 members present. Topic "Mornings with Jesus" was presented by Earla. Meeting led by Stephanie, vice President Kathy reported 109 cards sent. Secretary's report was read and approved. Treasurer reported a balance of \$874.62. Carolyn reported Women's Council will meet June 19 and will visit 2 facilities they support. Earla reported they will be getting ice cream for social from a business in Germantown. No report regarding Rotary. Homeless meal this month will be provided by Kathy and Earla. Meeting closed with the Missionary benediction.

Refreshments were served by Earla and LaVerne.

*The Women of St. John meet the second Thursday
of the month at 7:00 pm.*

All women are welcome to attend!



*To all the kind people
who send me cards
and bring flowers, I
say thank you for
your thoughtfulness.
Sincerely,
Marna Beneke*



West Alexandria Food Bank

St. John Church

20 E. South St.

West Alexandria

937-839-1615

Mondays & Wednesdays: 10am – 12pm

Also open on the 2nd & Last Wednesday each month, 6 – 7:30pm

The Food Bank's current needs are macaroni & cheese, shampoo, egg noodles, ramen noodles.



The next Fellowship Dinner hosted by our friends from St. Andrew's in Farmersville will be on Wednesday, July 17, at 6:30 P.M. at Rob's, 705 Arlington Rd, Brookville, OH. Please let Chris know if you would like to attend so you can be included in the reservation count. Feel free to invite your friends and neighbors to join in the food, fun, and friendship!

We look forward to seeing you then!



The Lutheran family reunion – Saturday, August 10, 10 am–2pm at Grace Lutheran Church, 111 Lutheran Dr., Eaton, OH. Enjoy a day of church fellowship, worship, learning, and enjoying being among your brothers and sisters in Christ. All members of the southwest Ohio mission district of the NALC are invited! Registration forms can be found in your bulletin, at the back of the church, or register online at :

<https://forms.gle/fzguwG5vWyVobRcH8>



NORTH AMERICAN
**LUTHERAN
CHURCH**

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Sunday, August 25

11:15 AM-1:15 AM

St. Andrew Lutheran Church

282 S. Broadway Street,
Farmersville

All are welcome!

Menu includes hot chicken sandwiches, bar-b-que sandwiches, hot dogs, baked beans, potato salad, macaroni and

cheese, cake and pie,

and, of course, ice cream!

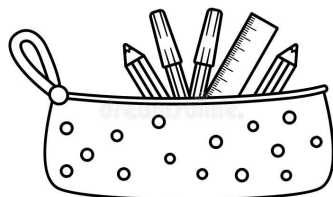
Fundraiser to support the ministry of

St. Andrew Lutheran Church.

Please call (937) 696-2115

for more information.

The Success Program & West Alexandria Foodbank are working together and requesting donations of school supplies. The following are especially needed: Dry erase markers (fine and chisel point), glue sticks, 24 pack pencils, and 24 pack colored pencils. Donations can be placed in the box labeled "School Supplies" at the back of the church. Thank you!



W. Alexandria Food Bank reported in the first quarter of 2024 distribution to 94 families, 55 seniors, 157 adults aged 18-59, and 88 children.

The Success Program provides services to students and families in all five Preble County school districts.



Why You Should Join The Merry Mary Walkers?

Even though we all have our own reason for joining Relay For Life, we'll take down cancer because we're in it together. Our team is fundraising for the American Cancer Society's support service and lifesaving research.

Believe us, every dollar really does count, so we're asking for your help. Please donate or join our team today, because together we can end cancer.

Talk to Earla Donaldson for more information.

JULY, 2024

SUNDAY						
MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		SATURDAY
AG-Stephanie C. CA-Lorey C. Ushers-Dave W. & Randy I.	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 Communion M-Carol M. LR-Mark M. Pentecost 7	8	9	10 Council 6:30 pm	11 Women of St. John 7:00 PM	12	13
14 Healing M-Mandy A. LR-Earla D. Pentecost 8	15	16 Summer Splash at Salem 6:30 pm	17	18	19	20 Sleep Mat Project 9-11:00 AM
21 Communion M-Jenny D. LR-Lorey C. Pentecost 9	22	23 Homeless Meal Darlene & Becky	24	25	26	27
28 Jon Voge Visit Healing LR-Stephanie C. Outdoor Service	29	30				

AUGUST, 2024						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
AG-Janette H. CA-Stephanie C. Ushers-Fred B. & Scott H.				1	2	3 CPR/First Aid Training 9:00 am-1:00 pm
4 Communion M-Carol M. LR-Mark M. Pentecost 11	5	6	7 Worship & Music Committee 6:30 pm	8 Women of St. John 7:00 pm	9	10 Lutheran Family Reunion @ Grace, Eaton 10:00 am-2:00 pm
11 Healing M-Jenny D. LR-Chris I. Pentecost 12	12	13	14	15	16	17 Sleep Mat Project 9-11 am
18 Communion M- LR-Earla D. Pentecost 13	19 TVS Begin Classes	20	21 Eaton Begin Classes Grades 1-12	22	23	24
25 Healing LR-Randy I. Pentecost 14	26	27 Homeless Shelter Meal June S.	28	29	30	31