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Church Office

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

Sunday
Worship Service
9:00 am



JULY 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

One Mule?



by Bill Sherrill
Timely Truths

Are you as smart as a mule?

Across the street from my office in Ft. Smith, Arkansas, nearly fifty years ago, there was a gas station, they did not call them “service stations” back then. It was run by an old German. He was one of the most efficient men I have ever known, but some days even he would get behind. You could tell that it really bothered him. He was not used to leaving anything undone at the close of the day.

One day, when things were particularly out of order, I stopped in to get gas and to my surprise he called from the little shop attached to the station, “You vill haft to pump it you self!” (This was in the day when self-service was unheard of.)

After I had finished pumping my gas I walked back to where Herman was and found him hanging half in and half out of the engine compartment of an old auto.

He spoke apologetically, “This old car and me are juust alike, vorn out, but don’t know ven to qvit.” Then with the wisdom of more than eighty years of hard labor he said, “Do you know how much verk vone mule can do?”

“No,” I confessed, “How much work can one mule do?”

We begin to think that we must do more than is possible!
 “All he can do,” he smiled, “Juust all he can do, no more.”

Some days we all need to hear Herman again. We begin to think that we must do more than is possible and then feel guilty that we have not finished everything that seemed to be set before us.

Just once in a while we may need to just shout from the work shop, “You vill haft to pump it you self!” After all we should at least be as smart as a mule!

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Congregational Announcement 6-6-21

On the morning of June 2nd Bishop Dillahunt removed Pastor Heine as interim pastor here at St. John.

I would like to briefly explain the events that led the bishop to take this action. On April 15 a complaint was filed in the City of Mason, Ohio alleging possible criminal behavior by Pastor Heine.

On Monday April 26, the church secretary received a phone call from a detective with the Mason police department asking if there had been any complaints of improper behavior by Pastor Heine.

Later that day I received a phone call from the church secretary and we discussed the matter.

I gave this matter considerable thought and prayer.

On Wednesday April 28 I contacted Pastor Abrams, (assistant to the bishop), and made him aware of the situation.

Pastor Abrams immediately met with the bishop. The bishop initiated an investigation that included contacting the detective involved with the case.

I received a call from the bishop late that same day. She instructed those of us aware of the matter not to discuss it as the police investigation was on going.

On May 19 formal charges were served to Pastor Heine. The bishop was notified on June 1. She took immediate action to remove Pastor Heine from his position as interim Pastor here at St. John for the safety of the congregation.

Pastor Heine has denied these charges. He served us well during his time here.

He deserves our continued support, understanding and compassion.

I would ask that you would pray for Pastor Heine, our church, and one another.

Steven Dafler, Council President

Happy Birthday wishes and blessings go out this month to our brother and sister in Christ, Dale Cotterman and Catherine Dafler. Both were born in the year 1925!





VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED!

Are you a safe and dependable driver with extra time on your hands?

- Adult volunteer drivers are needed to help older adults and people with disabilities
- Make a difference in someone's day by helping to drive them to medical appointments, run errands for essential items or get to employment
- Flexible volunteer opportunity, we ask that volunteers provide a minimum of 2 trips per month

Find out how YOU can help!

To learn more information, please RSVP to attend one of our virtual informational sessions:

Thursday, June 24th, 2021	2:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m.
Wednesday, July 21st, 2021	10:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m.

Contact Heather Robison at hrobison@csmv-sidney.org or call 937-575-7128 if you would like to attend or need additional information.

Attendance is not required to volunteer.

To volunteer, you must have a good driving record, a reliable vehicle, a valid Ohio driver's license, proof of insurance and attend require training.

Program funded in part by the Ohio Department of Transportation

LOCAL BLOOD DRIVES FOR JULY

A bank to which you enjoy giving!

Tuesday, July 6 1:00-7:00 pm
Dixie Elementary
1150 W. Main St New Lebanon

Thursday, July 8 Noon-6:00 pm
Eaton Community Church
813 Camden Rd.

Tuesday, July 13 3:00-7:00 pm
Elementary School Gym in New Paris
6940 Oxford Gettysburg Rd.

Have a newsworthy announcement for the St John newsletter? You can email it to: stjohningomar@swohio.twcbc.com or call 937-839-5321 any time and leave a detailed message. The newsletter generally is being prepared throughout the month and goes to print the last week.

WELCA minutes for June

All women of St John are always welcome to attend Women of the ELCA meetings! Next meeting is July 8 10 at 7:00 pm

- ◇ The June meeting of St. John Women of the ELCA was held in the parish hall on June 10 with 8 members present.
- ◇ The meeting was called to order by President Earla Donaldson. The program "Friendship" was presented by Stephanie Cotterman.
- ◇ The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.
- ◇ Treasurer reported a balance of \$80.87
- ◇ Kathy reported 8 cards were sent.
- ◇ Carolyn reported Women's Council will meet on June 15. She gave a list of items needed.
- ◇ Correspondence: Letter from Bishop Dillahunt informing us of a donation of \$1194.28 made to East Lake Victoria fund for girls by what was formerly the "Red Eye Women" project.
- ◇ Earla announced she and Chris want to proceed with the ice cream social. The group agreed.
- ◇ Kathy and Earla will provide the homeless meal this month.
- ◇ Meeting closed with the Missionary Benediction.
- ◇ Refreshments provided by Becky and Stephanie.

Community Vacation Bible School!
July 19-23 from 6-8:00 pm
11 Dorsey Lane

Peace Park Worship Service
July 4 at 10:00 am
Pastor Jerry Carter will be bringing the word All you need to
bring is a chair.

St. John Ingomar Annual Ice Cream Social is Returning!
Scheduled for Saturday, September 11, 2021 from 4:30-6:30
pm

We are in the beginning stages of asking for volunteers to help
with donations of food, bazaar items, and your time. If you
have helped in the past and would like to again, please contact
Chris (937-839-5212 or church office number) or Earla (937-839
-7203).

Looking into July's Sunday Gospel Text Messages....

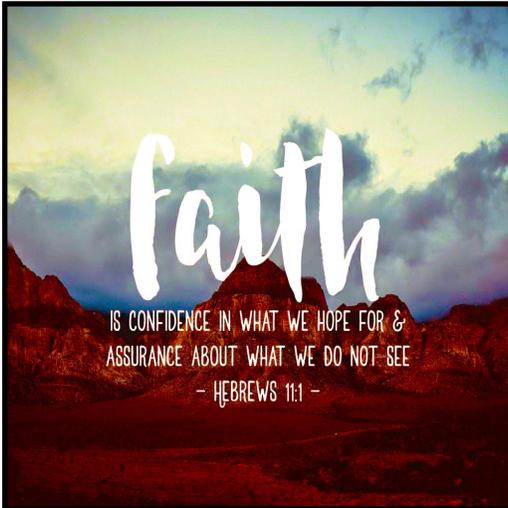


July 4-Mark 6:1-13 *Sending of the Twelve to preach and heal*

July 11-Mark 6:14-29 *The death of John the Baptist*

July 18-Mark 6:30-34, 53-56 *Christ healing the multitudes*

July 25-John 6:1-21 *Christ feeding the five thousand*



MEMBERS IN OUR PRAYERS

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

FRIENDS AND FAMILY OF OUR MEMBERS

THOSE WHO ARE GRIEVING

Family of Sheryl Deaton

MISSIONARIES

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

John Matteucci	Tammy Wombold
Paul Heine	Tim Weldy
Linda Crumbaker	Bonnie Taylor
Mark Blosser	Colleen Mitchell
Stacy Cline	Shawn Bellamy
Joan McCaffrey	Jim Boyle
Cynthia Foster	Eric Walker
Linda Parks	Todd McKee
Debbie Elmore	Andrew Obst
Branson Bennett	Connie Johnson
Lori Cooper	Melinda Studebaker
Dane & Marlene Stockslager	
Dorothy Chapman	Andy & Amanda Thompson
Eugene & Sandy Chapman	Shauna Hebbeler

*I would like to thank everyone for the get well cards and prayers when I had my hand surgery. I have the best church family ever and the prayers have helped me to heal quickly. Thank you and God bless you all.
Melissa Collins*

Thank you to all Saint John members who continue to send their tithes and offerings . Generously giving back to God makes a big difference in the work of the church. Giving is worship!

MISSIONARY NEWS FROM CYPRUS

Hello from sunny Cyprus,

Please read through to the end! We have a cool testimony to share regarding our God of Miracles!

We have been in and out of lockdown since the start of the year. Over the last month, our numbers of daily covid cases have dropped drastically and life is starting to get back to the “new normal”. But masks are still in full force for indoor and outdoor activities. (And it’s HOT!)

Around Easter, we took time as a family to pray about our summer and what it will look like. At that time, traveling to the USA seemed difficult because people flying into Cyprus from the USA needed special permission. Upon praying, we still felt an urge from the Lord about returning for the sake of spending time with family. As you may or may not know, Michelle’s dad was diagnosed with Kidney Cancer in November. (Since then, his health has improved immensely and there is no cancer currently in his body, praise the Lord!) Jon’s dad has had some health problems and has slow growing lymphoma. So we felt led by the Lord to return to the USA, primarily for the purpose of having quality time with family and also having a much-needed rest. (Leading YWAM in Cyprus, starting some new ministries, reaching out to refugees in the midst of pandemic/lockdown has been exhausting.) So we found some amazing flights and are planning to be in the USA for a little over a month this Summer- July 1-Aug 10! Flying from the USA has also been put back on the list of accepted countries into Cyprus!!! PRAISE THE LORD! Due to wanting to be careful and not expose our families in any way to covid, we will not be traveling around extensively while in the USA. This is the first time in our 20 years of serving overseas, that we will not be making visits to churches/ friends throughout the USA. But we would still love to connect with you while we are in the same time zone! Please let us know if you would want to connect via phone, whatsapp, zoom, etc.

So...a quick testimony from Monday. I (Jon) was at the weekly food distribution for refugees. A volunteer came up to me said that one lady from Africa needed prayer. She had pain in her neck and couldn’t turn her head. She was in a lot of pain. I asked her if she had any other pain. She had some minor other pains through out her body. Upon praying, I felt like God highlighted that He was a Father to the Fatherless and something about praying for her leg. (All of this was being translated into French.) I discovered that her right leg was about 1 inch shorter than her left. I asked her if I could pray for her leg. She sat in a chair with her legs out and I saw the difference in size. I started to pray over her leg and to bless her with the reality of God as a Father and His love for her. Upon finishing praying, I saw her leg had grown an inch and both had been realigned to the same size!!! The lady translating was blown away. The lady we prayed for said she felt this intense heat going through her body as we prayed for her, from her legs to her head. Once again, she had full motion in her neck and was in disbelief, almost to tears. This completely blew me away. God loves to touch the poor, needy and broken. I told this lady, “God loves you so much!”

On June 19th, we will be helping run a World Refugee Day Fair here in Larnaca. This will include international food, drinks, children’s activities, music, dance, and handicrafts for sale. Please pray as we organize this event and highlight the beauty of the nations we are serving here! It’s going to be a fun time of celebration as we honor our refugee friends.

Thanks for your continued prayer, support and encouragement! Love to hear from you all.

Love the Voge’s

FINANCIAL		REPORT	MAY	2021	
ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH, INGOMAR					
CURRENT EXPENSE FUND					
BALANCE ON HAND		5.1.21	15719.24		
RECEIPTS		MAY	9219.32		
TOTAL IN CURRENT FUND			24938.56		
CURRENT EXPENSES					
TWIN VALLEY BANK-ATM			380.00		
COPIER			86.87		
DPL		3/18-4/17	106.45	24 MO CD-12/18-\$11,134.3	
KNOX ENERGY		3/9-4/11	268.64		
SPECTRUM			172.38		
MYCOMP-SERV KEEPER-			69.89	AMERIPRISE-\$326,631	
BROOKVILLE FLOWER			105.00	5.31.21	+4863
RUMPKE			55.95		
ED RIKE PLUMBING			482.50		
SOUTHWESTERN OHIO HEATING			320.90	CURRENT OFFERING	
CHRIS INGRAM-P.WORKER			969.50	May-20-6728.83	
RICKY'S LAWN CARE-		-APRIL	320.00	May-21- 9219.32	
PAUL W. HEINE, INTERIM			3242.80	Jan-May 20-35,608.41	
US POST OFC-STAMPS			275.00	Jan-May-21- 42,959.65	
ORGANIST/PIANIST			320.00		
STEVE STOCKSLAGER		REIMB	193.50	Cash Flow	
WINE			25.71	Receipts-	9219.32
				Expenses-	7395.09
				+	+1824.23
TOTAL EXPENSES			7395.09		
BALANCE IN CURRENT FUND			17543.47		
BENEVOLENCE		MEMORIAL	DISCRETION	W/HUNGER	STEPHEN
BEG. BAL	0	10456	941.55	0	1649.18
RECEIPTS	1250	110	0	125	0
PAID OUT	1030	0	0	50	0
END. BAL	220	10566	941.55	75	1649.18
disaster-30					
S.SCHOOL		YOUTH	ACCRUED	MISSIONARY	ORGAN
BEG BAL	43.49	2164.87	36978.70	249	15355.33
RECEIPTS	0	0	0	355	80
PAID OUT	0	0	0	200	0
END. BAL	43.49	2164.87	36978.7	404	15435.33
BENEVOLENCE PLEDGE		13104	G/WORKS PLEDGE		400
PAID OUT		900	PAID		100
UNPAID PLEDGE		12204	UNPAID		300
CHECKBOOK BALANCE					

July

2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Altar Guild and Communion Assistant-Stephanie Cotterman						
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
WACOCA Peace Park Worship 10:00 am				WELCA 7:00 pm		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Holy Communion M-Jenny Dawson LR- Chris Ingram A-Lucas & Olivia Erbaugh			Stephen Ministry 6-8:00 pm			Sleep Mat Project 9-11:00 am
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
M-Mandy Arnett LR-Kathy Boebel A-Ellie Arnett						
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Holy Communion		Homeless Shelter Meal Carolyn & Stephanie				Preble County Fair begins
M-Carol McKinley LR-Earla Donaldson A-Lucas & Olivia Erbaugh						