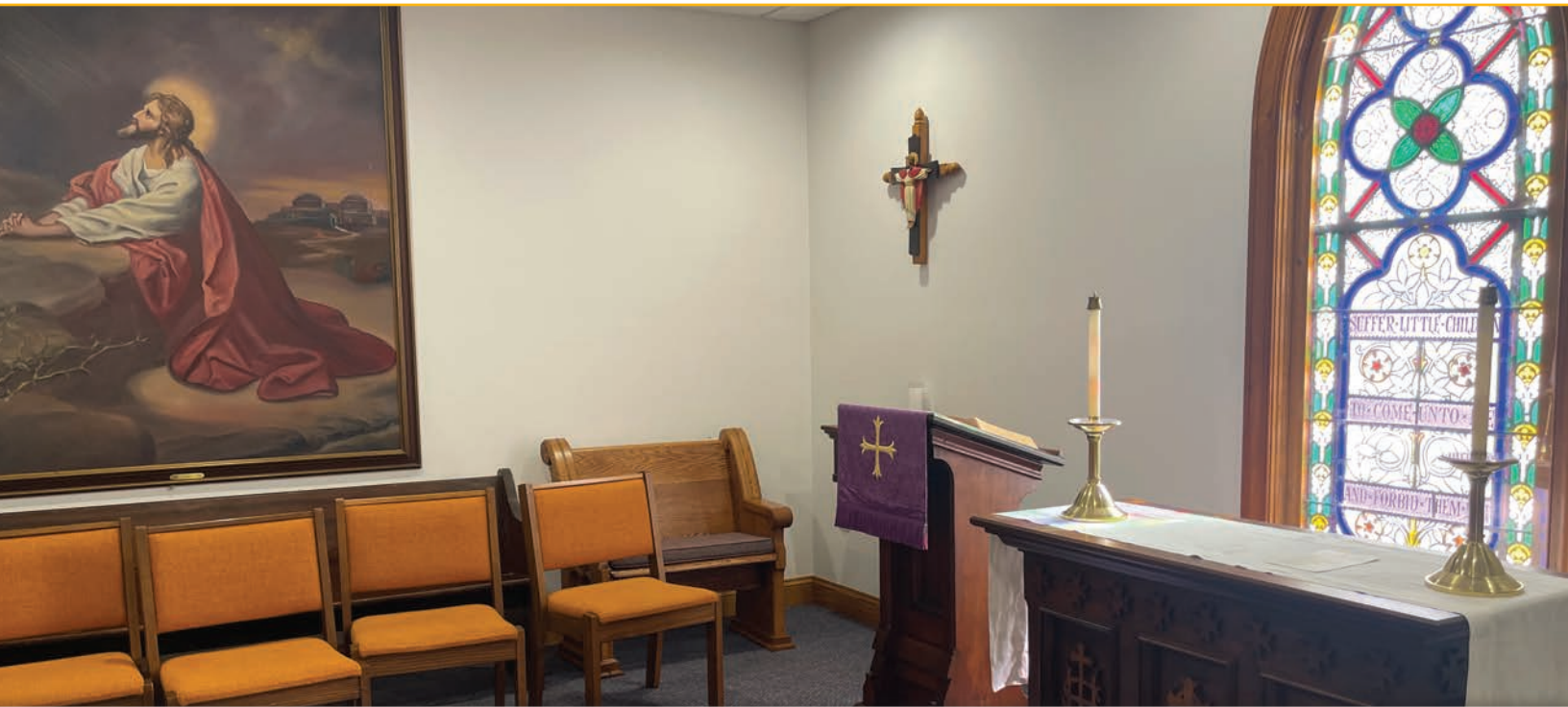


THE ST. JOHN NEWS



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SUNDAY WORSHIP
SERVICE | 9AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL
SEPT-MAY | 10:15AM

ADULT BIBLE STUDY
SEPT-MAY | WED 9:30AM

KIDS CLUB
NOV-MAY | THURS 3:45-5PM

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

Summer is winding down and a new season of Sunday school and fellowship is beginning at St. John. I always look forward to this time, when the leaves start to fall, it gets a little cooler, we can slow down a little (maybe) and settle into a new season of learning. All the groups that went on hiatus are starting back up again, and I look forward to all the fellowship we missed over the summer.

I hope that you, too, look forward to this new season of learning. I think there would be no better time than the start of this new season to invite a friend to join in on the fellowship or join one of the many St. John groups or committees. If you have a suggestion for new ways St. John can get more involved with the community, bring them up. There is always room for more!

In Christ's love and peace,

B. Robinson
Becky Robinson

FROM THE PASTOR



Another summer is nearly gone and for families with school age children the beginning of another school year is upon them. While the beginning of the school year brings excitement it is also a time

of new challenges. For all students it is a time of meeting new teachers and new classes. The students hope they like their new teachers; fingers are crossed hoping they get their favorite teacher, and nerves are on edge about whether they will do well in school.

According to Dr. David Anderson of Milestones Ministry there are Five Principles of faith formation. I believe these principles extend beyond the realm of faith formation and into developing overall healthy youth and community. Here are the Five Principles:

1. Faith is formed by the power of the Holy spirit through personal, trusted relationship—often in our own homes.
2. The church is a living partnership between the ministry of the congregation and the ministry of the home.
3. Where Christ is present in faith, the home is church, too!
4. Faith is caught more than its taught.
5. If we want Christian children and youth, we need Christian adults who practice the faith with them.

These five principles form the foundation for a healthy community that is focused on robust relationships across the generations. Each Sunday we practice caring conversations with the hope that these conversations will continue during

the week. Every child in our congregation needs four or five adults who will have caring conversations with them during the week. Our youth need to know that we all care about them, that we love them, that they are valued. Parents need other adults to have caring conversations with them about what is going on in their lives. Our more seasoned adults have a wealth of experience and knowledge to share.

As we move into a new school year and as fall approaches, let's be intentional about reaching out to one another. Let's find ways to check in with our youth and their parents and have caring conversations with them. Let the love of Christ be made known to them in your conversations and relationships.

Peace,

Pastor Wayne Gallipo

Are you curious about our Lutheran faith? Would you like to explore the Bible? Would you like to learn more about Martin Luther and the reformation? Would you like to learn what Luther taught us about the creeds we use in worship? The Ten Commandments? What we believe about Holy Communion and Holy Baptism? Pastor Wayne would like to offer confirmation classes beginning in the fall. This is traditionally offered for our youth leading to Affirmation of Baptism after they have completed their study but he would like to offer this for all ages whether you are already confirmed or not. This will be a two year program and will meet after worship during the school year. If you are interested please sign up on the sign up sheet in the gathering space.



FROM THE MANY DESKS OF CAROL GARMAN

MUSIC NEWS | Thank you to everyone who shared their musical talents during our August worship services. A special thank you to our "Of the Lands and Seasons" musicians.

With One Voice and Hand Bell Choirs will begin the new season Wednesday, September 3 at 6:30PM, with a night of food and fellowship at the home of Barb & David Booz. Regular rehearsals will resume the following week, September 10, 6:45PM for WOV and 7:30PM for Hand Bells. New members welcome. Please contact me for more information.

Children's Choir will rehearse during Sunday School, beginning September 7.

KID'S CLUB | Kid's club will resume Thursday, November 6.

THANK YOU | Thank you to everyone who participated in the talent show. We enjoyed 20 different acts and ice cream and fellowship afterwards. We have a lot of talent in our church family!

Thank you for all the aluminum can donations. We have brought in \$90.00 so far this year which helps pay for Sunday School and Kid's Club supplies. Keep them coming! Donation box is in fellowship hall near the telephone.

UPCOMING DATES

September 7 (Sun) Rally Day/beginning of Sunday School for all ages. Bible stories, games, crafts, music activities for preschool & elementary age children.

September 14 (Sun) Pastor meets with confirmation students and parents

September 14 (Sun) Songs & S'mores - bring a chair and sit around the camp fire! Join in singing songs and making s'mores from 2:00PM -4:00PM, at the church. Feel free to bring a favorite dessert/snack or something for your s'mores. Basic s'more supplies and drinks will be provided. If you have any questions, see Stacey Haynes.

September 27 & 28 (Sat & Sun) Pippinfest weekend. Regular worship time Sunday morning, but Sunday School will not meet.

October 12 (Sun) Harvest Home Sunday, Of the Lands and Seasons liturgy, please bring donations for the food pantry or Ruth's Harvest.

October 26 (Sun) Reformation Sunday.

Carol

ANNUAL TALENT SHOW





WORSHIP IN THE PARK

On Sunday, August 31, St. John held their worship service at the Carroll Valley Park, followed by a council-sponsored (with the congregation bringing side dishes) lunch. It was a gorgeous day to be reminded of the glory of God.



WOMEN OF ST. JOHN

The Women of St. John always keep themselves busy and this past month they were busy meal planning for upcoming Fairfield Lions Club dinner meetings, finalizing plans for the upcoming craft fair and planning a couple future projects.

CRAFT FAIR & BAKE SALE | The craft fair/soup & bake sale will be held on Saturday, November 8 from 9:00AM – 3:00PM. Vendor applications are still being accepted. Visit the church web site at www.stjohnfairfield.net under upcoming events for the application and set-up details. Soup and baked goods will be on sale through the duration of the fair.

NEWSLETTER | The Women of St. John feel it is important that all members have access to the newsletter, so they will start mailing out copies of the newsletter to members who are unable to access it by computer, including those that are homebound. If you know of anybody that should be put on the list to receive the newsletter via mail, please contact any of the Women of St. John members or Becky Robinson.

CROCHETING | Are you interested in learning to crochet or continue crocheting with a group? Please contact Frances (see her in church, text or call 717.491.7298) if interested. She hopes to organize a class beginning in January.

Come join the fellowship and support our ministry to church and community.

We meet monthly, on the 1st Tuesday at 10:00AM. And more often if projects such as event set-up, crafting, kitchen prep, cooking, stocking & organizing needs to be done. For more information, contact Nancy Miller, Sue Hull or Linda Sanders.

WEDNESDAY ADULT CHRISTIAN DISCUSSION GROUP

We are excited to invite all adults to join our Christian Discussion Group,. held every Wednesday at 9:30AM in the Social Hall.

Our group is a welcoming space where we explore all kinds of topics related to our faith. We ask questions, share our doubts, and discuss what it means to live as a Christian in today's world. We also consider social issues and reflect on where we, as Christians, are called to stand--always keeping the focus on faith, not politics. Our goal is to encourage understanding, growth, and unity, without alienating anyone.

During our discussions, we enjoy snacks and fellowship of one another. It's a time to learn, reflect, and strengthen our understanding of Christ, supporting each other as we seek to follow His teachings in our daily lives.

Whether you have questions, doubts, or simply want to deepen your faith, we welcome you to join us for conversation, connection and community.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Please take a look at some other events happening
in the church and within our community.**

"Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved." -Acts 2:46-47 NIV



Sunday, September 7th
10:15-11:15am

Help us kick off the new Sunday School year
with carnival games, crafts and refresh-
ments!

Join us this year as we explore the bible!

Sundays from 10:15-11:15am

Classes for All Ages!
Preschool- High School
Confirmation (7th & 8th and Adults)
Adult Class

No Sunday School Pippinfest Weekend



SEXTON POSITION AVAILABLE

Paula Sebold, the current sexton,
has put in her resignation and the
Personnel Committee will be looking
for a replacement. If you or you know
anybody that is interested, please call
the office at 717-642-5822.



CLOTHING DRIVE

The Neighbors Helping Neighbors
fall clothing give-away will take
place Saturday, October 18th. Drop
off will be from 8AM-11AM and
shopping from 11AM-1PM. Donations
of shoes, fall/winter clothing, baby/
infant items will be accepted.

PRAYERS REQUESTED

+ Prayers for Paula Sebold,
as she gets back surgery on
September 22.

+ Prayers for the victims of the
Annunciation Catholic School
shooting.

SENIOR CORNERSTONE

The Iron Springs Brethren in Christ Church holds a Senior Cornerstone (devotions, snack, games, prizes, music) on the 1st & 3rd Thursdays of the month from 10AM-12 NOON.

If you have any interest or want to know more, contact their office at 717.642.5492 or see their website: <https://ironspringsbic.wordpress.com/>

APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE!

Applications for the Women of St. John's craft fair vendors are available in the gathering area and on our website, under 'Upcoming Events'!!

THANK YOUs

There are always *many* things to be thankful for. Here are some special shoutouts from great members to other great members.

+ A big "Thank You!" to Paula Sebold. She was St. John's sexton for the last three years and she has done a fantastic job. We will miss her and are sad to see her go.

+ The Property Committee would like to specially thank:

- Doug and Susie Kump for treating the yard, spraying the flower beds, and mowing the lawn.
- Fairfield Landscaping for trimming all the shrubs and bushes.

Thank you all for your hard work and efforts to keeping our grounds looking nice.

+ Thank you to Family Ministries for the prayer stations they had set up through July and August.

+ Thank you to all those who helped make the outdoor worship service possible.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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Women of St. John
Social Hall
10:00AM

SEPT
7

Rally Day
After Service
10:15 - 11:00AM

SEPT
8

Council Meeting
Social Hall
6:30PM

SEPT
14

Songs & S'mores
Church Yard
2:00PM - 4:00PM

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS *(If you see them, wish them Happy Birthday!)*

SEPT 2 LINDA SANDERS

SEPT 3 DAVE THOMAS

SEPT 9 ED DEARDORFF

SEPT 13 CHARLOTTE ROBINSON

SEPT 17 AMANDA CREVIER

SEPT 20 JOSH HAYNES

SEPT 23 AUSTIN MCDANNELL
SHERRI YINGLING

SEPT 28 SANDRA LUTY

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