

St. John's Lutheran Church

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June 2022 Newsletter



Shut-Ins and Home Bound

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Bryan, OH 43506

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1433 N. Main St.

Bryan, OH 43506

Luella Rockey

07949 St. Rt. 107

Montpelier, OH 43543

Serving in Worship during June

Acolytes

5: Jess Hendricks

12: Anna Burt

19: Olivia Thompson

26: Jess Hendricks

Lay Readers

5: open

12: open

19: Dave Jaessing

26: open

Greeters

5: open

12: Jason Luke family

19: Kent & Kim Hutchison

26: open



June Birthdays

1 – Pastor Didi Panzo
4 – Becky Jaessing
4 – Kimme Engels
4 – Brady Steinke
6 – Emil Whitis
6 – Stephanie Johnson
7 – Dylan Hutchison
8 – Lyndsi Engels
9 – Megan Whitis
11 – Susan Rockey
13 – Denise Brown

15 – Josh Fiser
17 – Keith Gearhart
19 – DickTodd
19 – Cadin Jaessing
20 – Dale Rockey
22 – Hillis Rockey
24 – Bill Tarr
24 – Joshua Luke
27 – Addalyn Hendricks
29 – Michael Vogel
29 – Parker Smith

June Anniversaries

4 - Dennis and Val Steinke
6 - Howard and Marilyn Parrish
10 - Dan and Deb Clum
18 - Jon and Holly Willson
20 - Jim and Joni Engels
24 - Mike and Melinda Shilling
26 – David and Jennifer Clark
28 – Ryan and Kati Burt



Much Rejoicing!

We rejoice with Jess Hendricks who was confirmed Sunday, May 8 at the 10 a.m. service. His parents are Shawn and Renae Hendricks.

We rejoice in the ordination of our former Intern. Pastor Philip Sandi was ordained to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament, Thursday, May 12 by the Rev. Dr. Dan Selbo, bishop of the North American Lutheran Church. Philip has accepted a call to serve as the Pastor at the St. John's Lutheran Church (NALC) in Danforth, Illinois. He asks for and appreciates your prayer, presence and support.

We rejoice in the Baptism of Braelynn Rae McCoy May 22. Her foster mom is Robin Willson and her parents are Jackie McCoy and Melvin McCoy.

We rejoice with Nathan and Mattea Baker on the occasion of the birth of their daughter, Maraylie Grace Baker on May 17..

In Sympathy

We extend our Christian sympathy to the family and friends of Dean Cogswell, who died May 18.

Thank You

Thank you to Pastor Paul, the Funeral Dinner Team ladies, and the members of St. John's church for all their prayers and support during this difficult time. Connie Cogswell.

A BIG Thank You

Many thanks to our teacher volunteers who helped teach each Wednesday and Sunday during the children's activities and Sunday School. We appreciate you taking the time and effort to help our youth learn about our Savior Jesus and how much God loves us.

CONGRATULATION TO OUR 2022 GRADUATES

Hayden and Henley Dye are both graduates from Edon High School. They both plan to go to Northwest State Community College and work for the family business, Dyco.

Erin Elser is a graduate of North Central High School. Following graduation, Erin plans to attend Grand Valley State University majoring in exercise science. She has intentions of attending grad school and becoming a Physical Therapist.

Katie Taylor is a graduate from the John Duns Scotus Honors program at the University of Saint Francis with a Bachelor of Science in Biology. Following graduation, she will be continuing her education at USF in the Masters program for Physician Assistant.

Kathryn Ewers graduated from Kent State University's College of Architecture and Environmental Design on May 13, 2022 with her Bachelor of Arts in Interior Design degree. Kati has accepted a position at GPD Group in Akron, OH.

Jacqueline Carlson is a graduate of The Ohio State University with a degree in Environmental Science she will be working at Lake Tahoe, CA with the National Forestry Services.



It's time to sign up for Vacation Bible School! This year's VBS is going to be MONUMENTAL. Go off-road for a Monumental adventure through the colorful canyons and sunbaked trails of the southwest. By exploring God's awesomeness, kids form a rock-solid faith for the road ahead. VBS will take place June 20-24 from 9-11:30 am with a program to follow on Sunday, June 26th at the 10 am service. We are seeking volunteers to fill a variety of roles-group leaders, class teachers, snacks, and decorations. If you are available to help in any capacity, please contact Megan Hill at 209st.johnsyouth@gmail.com. Paper registrations forms are available in the church office and at the Montpelier Library.

Lake Luther Summer Camp Info

Summer camp registration is open. Go to www.lomik.org and click on “register” to get started. St. John’s has some youth already planning to go during the week of July 17-22. Addi Thompson will be working there through the summer. Contact Megan Hill if questions.

Retiring

After much prayer for discernment and wisdom, Pastor Paul has announced that he will be retiring effective November 30, 2022. Joy Gruetter will be stepping down as St. John's Music Director effective May 31, 2022. We are grateful to God for this ministry we have shared here.

Elders Seeking Volunteers for a Call Committee

If you are interested in serving on the Call Committee, please let the Elders know. You can contact Matthew Luke, Jim Thompson, Jeanne Willson, or Merlin Wright.

New Contact Addresses

Philip Sandi
307 N. Front St.
Danforth, IL 60930

Alan and Teresa Aley
1122 N. Grimes St.
McPherson, KS 67460



WOTC did not meet in May.

June is NALC Flood Bucket Month

June is flood bucket month. WOTC will be collecting during this month. Our giving is even more important during this difficult time. The following is needed:

- 1 five-gallon bucket with lid
- 1 jug bleach
- 2 large trash bags
- 1 roll paper towels
- Comet or scouring cleanser
- Pine Sol or liquid cleaner
- scrub brush
- gloves, 1 pair each, size L preferred: rubber (reusable, i.e. Playtex, dishwashing type), & leather



**St. John's Lutheran Church
Church Council Meeting
May 15, 2022**

Present: Jim Engels, Ric Clark, Mike Timbrook, Jeanne Willson, Merlin Wright, Megan Hill, Sara Luke, Robin Willson, Nathan Baker, Dale Gearhart, Shawn Hendricks, Bill Hill, Lonnie Gillen, Tiffany Thomas, Matt Sloan, and Pastor Paul Gruetter.

- 1. Meeting Called to Order:** President Jim E. called the meeting to order at 11:35 a.m.
- 2. Approve the Agenda:** Motion to approve the agenda made by Bill and seconded by Mike Motion approved.
- 3. Devotions:** Given by Bill from the Trustees. (Deacons in June)
- 4. Opening Prayer:** Given by Pastor Paul.
- 5. Approve Minutes of Last Meeting:** The April 10, 2022 Church Council Minutes, also previously emailed, were read by council members. Motion to approve April 10, 2022 meeting minutes made by Dale and seconded by Merlin. Motion approved.
- 6. Treasurer's Report:** (Copies of the April Financial Report are available on the bulletin board near the office and on the table in a yellow/orange folder by the front entrance.)

Treasurer Notes – April

- \$1,303.99 was transferred from the Memorial Fund to cover the cost of covering the kneelers and \$2,910 was transferred to cover the cost of the Prayer Room.
- The Clearing Account consists of the Seed Offering of \$2,590 from the Special Prayer Service offered by Philip Sandi and \$630 collected to pay for the Easter Flowers.
- Lonnie Gillen introduced Tiffany Thomas to Council members as the new Assistant Treasurer as Lonnie will no longer continue in that position.
- President Jim E. commented we are a little behind in our budget in the area of revenue.

7. Board Reports:

- **Deacons** – given by Mike. Present was Ric and Mike.

- There were 4 Sundays in April. The attendance for the 8:00 a.m. service had an average of 26 and the 10:00 a.m. service an average of 96 for a total average of 122 per Sunday. There was 1 Lent Wednesday service in April with 36 attending. Maundy Thursday attendance was 36 with 22 sharing a meal together and on Good Friday was 21 people came. Attendance for the Easter Sunrise service was 40, at the 8 a.m. it was 23 and the 10 a.m. service had 113.
- **Elders** – Given by Merlin. Present were Pastor Paul, Jeanne, and Merlin.
 - The assisting Elder Communion Schedule for June is set.
 - Discussed visiting select members.
 - Discussed that Pastor Paul was installed at St. John's on June 19, 2011. A note will be in the bulletin that Sunday to acknowledge his installation anniversary.
- **Parish Education** – Given by Megan. Present were Megan, Sara, and Robin.
 - May 22 will be our last Sunday School until September.
 - Teacher and Graduation Recognition will be Sunday, May 29 and all the gifts are ordered for those.
 - Vacation Bible school (VBS) will be June 20 – 24. Paper registrations are available at the Montpelier Library and also in the church office. Megan will be meeting with all the leaders.
 - Next fall, we will need a confirmation teacher on Sunday and looking for a volunteer.
- **Trustees** – Given by Dale Present were Nathan, Shawn, Bill, Dale and Matt Sloan.
 - Jeanne Willson submitted for vacation time to attend the Mission Trip to Birmingham, AL and the Trustees approved.
 - Dale said thank you to Nathan for fixing the upstairs Men's Rest Room toilet.

- A water fountain for downstairs has been ordered as the old one was very difficult for the children to use. Thank you to the person who donated the cost for it.
- Mike and Melinda Shilling have donated a new American flag.
- The building will be power washed in June when the weather is warmer.
- Trustees passed a motion to place 2 names for signing checks; adding Tiffany Thomas along with Valerie Steinke's name. They will need to sign a new card at the bank.
- Megan will also have to sign for the Youth Account for the bank requirement of the new signature card.
- The V. Richards Account fund will be moved from ELCA to a local account after waiting for the 6-year CD to come due.
- St. John's was given the okay to close the alley from Montpelier Village.

8. Pastor's Report: Given by Pastor Paul.

- o For the month of April worship services: 8 Sunday services, 5 seasonal services, 7 sermons, 2 funerals and 1 worship service at Evergreen and at Fountain Park. In person visits: 7 homes, nursing homes, hospital, 8 office or elsewhere. Attended 3 meetings and 11 other events. Taught 6 classes. Assorted other contacts – telephone, Facebook, etc.
- Pastor Paul shared with Council that it is his plan to retire at the end of November of this year so he can spend more time with his family. He had promised the Elders he would give them 6 months' notice. President Jim E will be contacting our Northwest Ohio District Dean, Bert Schultz, who will help guide our congregation through this time with interims and call committees.

- Joy Gruetter has also submitted her retirement as the Children's Choir Director and the Senior Choir Director effective May 31, 2022. This will give the congregation time to plan for the music programs when they start up again in the fall.
- President Jim E. spoke that he will contact the Dean and then we will need to form a call committee of 6 voting members according to our Constitution. Next Sunday, he will make an announcement during both church services next Sunday and seek volunteers for the Call Committee.
- Members of Council spoke words of appreciation of Pastor Paul's leadership, especially as we were starting out with NALC.
- Pastor Paul reminded council that the Dean will work on interim coverage. He also reminded council that St. John's has assets of finances and many children's ministries that are attractive to pastors.

9. Reports: There were no committee reports.

10. Approve All Reports: Motion to approve all reports made by Dale and seconded by Shawn. Motion approved.

11. Half-Time Prayer: Pastor Paul led the prayer.

12. Old Business:

- Megan related that she would like to order 10 short chairs with 4 tables and 10 taller chairs with 4 tables for the 2 downstairs classrooms that would cost \$5,011.60. Motion to approve the purchase of 20 chairs and 8 tables at a cost of \$5,011.60 made by Megan and seconded by Pastor Paul. Motion approved.
- There was discussion about using Philip Sandi's Special Prayer Service Seed Offering money to help pay for the furniture. Motion to approve the ordering of the furniture and to use the Contingency Fund to pay for it made by Nathan and seconded by Shawn. Motion approved.

13. New Business:

- Bill requested Council's approval to serve as Vice President and that his Trustee's position be filled by Matt Sloan.
- Motion to approve to move Bill Hill from Trustee to Vice President for the balance of this year made by Nathan and seconded by Shawn. Motion approved.
- Motion to approve Matt Sloan to fill the Trustee position left vacant by Bill Hill made by Shawn and seconded by Mike. Motion approved.
- Motion to move the V. Richards Memorial Account from ELCA to a local account made by Dale and seconded by Shawn. Motion approved.
- There was discussion about forming a Call Committee. Motion to approve the Elders to assemble a list of names on a Call Committee for Council's approval made by Nathan and seconded by Shawn. Motion approved.

14. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Shawn and seconded by Bill. Motion approved.

15. Lord's Prayer: The meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer. Next meeting is June 12 at 11:30 a.m.

