

# St. John's Lutheran Church

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## May 2024 Newsletter

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# Home Bound and Shut-Ins

Nancey Elser  
Evergreen Manor  
924 Charlie's Way  
Montpelier, OH 43543

Larry Eriksen  
Fountain Park, Room #203  
1433 N. Main St.  
Bryan, OH 43506

## Serving in Worship during May

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### **Acolyte**

5: Rowen Saneholtz  
12: Kolbee Thomas  
19: Kolbee Thomas  
26: Rowen Saneholtz

### **Lay Reader**

5: Dave Jaessing  
12: Vonda Henry  
19: open  
26: open

### **Greeters**

5: Sue Dewire  
12: Hill Family, Tim & Vonda Henry  
19: Lexy Robson, Joan Becker  
26: open



# May Birthdays

3-Nicholas Carlson  
4-Ann Kidston  
4-Wesley Dye  
7-Lennan Shoup  
8-Addison Elser  
10-Adam Scott  
10-Erin Elser  
12-Allie Scott  
14-Melinda Shilling  
16-Alison Clark  
17-Quin Burt  
18-Austin O'Neal  
19-Amy Eriksen

19-Quinn Shoup  
20-David Elser  
24-Jim Engels  
24-Ziva Kidston  
24-Grace Sanholtz  
25-Dorothy Myers  
27-Ellen Gearhart  
27-Larry Poynter  
28-Jean Scott  
28-Rozetta Luke  
29-Kyler Sapp  
31-Cody Ewers  
31-Marilyn Parrish



# May Anniversaries

4-Jason and Sara Luke  
24-Mike and Sally Taylor

20-Charles and Nancy Elser

## **Celebration!**

We celebrate Briggs Fiser being confirmed on Sunday, May 5, 2024.

### **Church Clean-up Work Day**

This Saturday, May 11, a work day will take place here at St. John's and start at 8 a.m. to clean-up the outside of the church. Come and help pull weeds, trim bushes, mulch, power wash the building, etc. so our church will look its best on the outside. If many helping hands show up, the work can be finished faster.

### **2024 Graduates Request**

If you have any students who graduate from High School or college this year, please Email Megan Hill at [209st.johnsyouth@gmail.com](mailto:209st.johnsyouth@gmail.com) with the following information:

1. Name
2. What school they are graduating from
3. What degree they earned (if college)
4. What their future plans are

Graduate information submitted so far:

Braden Saneholtz is graduating from The Ohio State University with a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science and Engineering. After graduation he will be working as a computer programming consultant for the corporate office of Huntington bank in Columbus.

Sara Luke finished her Bachelor's degree this year from Western Governors University in Early Education.

### **Call Committee Update**

From the Call Committee: As we patiently and prayerfully await the right pastor for our congregation there is an online Bible Study members of the congregation are welcome to work through. You can sign up for this at the following link:

<https://nalclifetolife.org/> Thank you for your prayers and support.

### **LikeWise Academy News**

As the school year draws to a close, there are some informational papers available at each door about the program. Next school year, they are looking for volunteers and LikeWise is hoping to add more grade levels. Any supporting donations would be appreciated.

## **Mission Trip 2024**

This year the week of June 9 - 15 has been selected as our Mission Trip to Birmingham Alabama. Next Step STORM led by Monty Brenaman will be our Base Camp. They started as a mission to help people who had been affected by physical storms. Today they are based in Birmingham to help people dealing with Life Storms.

Our Church Mission has attended Next Step Storm several times. The facilities are top notch, (air conditioned) and the food provided is great. Jobs and tools for the jobs are provided along with leadership on tasks needed to be done.

If you have questions contact Rozetta Luke (419-388-8638), Matt Fredrick (517-605-3196), Dave Jaessing, someone who has previously gone on a mission trip or you can check out Next Step STORM at [nextstepstorm.org](http://nextstepstorm.org).

No special ability is needed, just a willingness to help someone in need.

Please consider joining the trip this year. Thank you, **Rozetta Luke**, 07353 Co Rd K, Montpelier OH 43543 [lukemr@williams-net.com](mailto:lukemr@williams-net.com)

## **New Altar Flower Sign-up Notebook**

You can sign-up for altar flowers again on the stand by the office. We also want to say thank you to Becky Jaessing who created the lovely previous ones. Her program became lost on an update to her computer.

## **VBS**

This year's VBS theme is SCUBA: diving into friendship with God. VBS will take place during the week of June 24-28 from 9-11:30am with a program at the 10am service on Sunday, June 30. VBS is open to all students, preschool to entering grade 6. Please extend the invite to all family, friends, and community members. If you or your kids entering grade 7 and above would be interested in helping lead a station or lead groups from one station to the next, please let Megan Hill know. She is actively looking for volunteers and those who are willing to help make SCUBA a success.

## **WOTC Collecting Bible Month**

May is the month the Women Of The Church are collecting Bibles for NALC Disaster Response. They will accept new and used Bibles.



### **WOTC Board Meeting April 14,,2024**

Present: Brenda Athy, Janice Thompson, Bev Psurny Lexy Robson and Stacy DeMara

Devotions were done by Brenda.

**Treasurer's** – Checking \$2,967.67      Funeral Fund \$1,914.69

**Vice President** — Janice was able to get the CD renewed at the State Bank at 4.25% for 9 months. The alter linen was discussed. It was decided to wait & clean the kitchen on October 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Secretary of Mission** — Lexy contacted Mary Bate she agreed to speak during church when she comes to pick up the kits in September or October. Lexy is going to get back with her when it gets closer. Lexy will be putting up the signs for health kit month.

**Secretary of Community** — Bev asked if Mary Bates would be willing to speak at our Women's Thank offering. Discussion was held on the Women's General Meeting.

**Old Business —**

Brenda said that the gift bags that she got around for the Senior Center in April went over very well.

Brenda has made a pamphlet about St. John's that she has been taking to some of the local stores & the laundry mat. Brenda has been putting the monthly kits on the church's Facebook page along with a daily devotional. Discussion was also held on how to bring more people into St. John's.

**New Business —**

It was also discussed if some of the memorial donations could be given to the Women's group to go toward the kitchen or something the Women's Board decides on.

Next meeting will be at 9:00 on May 19<sup>th</sup>. Devotions will be done by Lexy.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by: Stay DeMara



**St. John's Lutheran Church  
Church Council Meeting  
April 14, 2024**

**Present:** Michael Kidston, Nate Thompson, Ric Clark, Mike Timbrook, Matthew Luke, Ann Kidston, Marilyn Parrish, Jeanne Willson, Megan Hill, Sara Luke, Riki Timbrook, Robin Willson, Nathan Baker, Dale Gearhart, Jason Luke, Matt Sloan, Lonnie Gillen, Pastor George Zornow, and Brenda Athy from WOTC and the Call Committee.

- 1. Meeting Called to Order:** President Michael called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.
- 2. Approve the Agenda:** Motion to approve the agenda made by Dale and seconded by Mike. Motion approved.
- 3. Devotions:** Given by Megan for Parish Ed. (Trustees in May)
- 4. Opening Prayer:** Given by Pastor George Zornow.
- 5. Approve Minutes of Last Meeting:** The March 10, 2024 Church Council minutes, previously emailed out, were read by council members. Motion to approve the March 10, 2024 Church Council minutes with the typo of 12:04 a.m. corrected to p.m. on Meeting Called to Order, made by Mike and seconded by Dale. Motion approved.
- 6. Treasurer’s Report:** Given by Lonnie in Tiffany’s absence. (Copies of the March Financial Report are available on the bulletin board near the office and on the table in a yellow/orange folder by the front door entrance.)  
**Treasurer Notes – March:**
  - \$504 was collected for Easter flowers and will be paid in April.
  - There was information and discussion about the CD renewals and updates will be given next month.
  - Motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report made by Matt and seconded by Ann. Motion approved.
- 7. Board Reports:**
  - **Deacons** – given by Mike. Present were Ric and Mike.



- There were 5 Sundays in March. The attendance for the 4 Sundays, minus Easter, for 8:00 a.m. services had an average of 20 and the 10:00 a.m. service an average of 69 with a total average of 89 per Sunday.
- The 3 Wednesday Lenten services averaged 35 in attendance.
- Maundy Thursday had 42 at the service and 16 at the potluck meal before it.
- Good Friday had 30 in attendance at the service.
- Easter Sunday, March 31 service had 37 at the 8 a.m. and 136 at the 10 a.m.
- There are issues with the sound board and Mike will come in this week to check on it.
- **Elders** – Given by Ann. Present were Matthew, Ann, Marilyn, and Jeanne.
  - Jeanne opened with prayer.
  - Discussed the Elder Worship Schedule for May.
  - Will continue to contact members not attending and will meet again on April 23 at 1 p.m.
- **Parish Ed.**– Given by Megan. Present were Megan, Sara, Riki, and Robin.
  - An interview has been conducted for Confirmation. Briggs will be confirmed on May 5 at the 10 a.m. service.
  - The last Wednesday night activities and classes will be April 24 and the last Sunday School classes will be April 28. Confirmation classes are also done as they have gone through their book.
  - We will have Teacher Recognition on Sunday, April 28 and Graduation Recognition will be May 19.
- **Trustees** – Given by Dale. Present were Nathan, Dale, Jason, and Matt.

- A church Work Day will be scheduled Saturday, May 11 at 8 a.m. Need help for pulling weeds, mulching, and some power washing.
- New windows for the east side should be coming this week and Siebenaler has been contacted to install them.
- The flag poles need to be replaced in the front of the church, possibly with taller ones. The Trustees are open to suggestions as to where they should be positioned.
- Unfortunately, the new concrete in the west parking lot is falling apart. Dale will contact the company about replacement as it is only 2 years old.

## **8. Pastor's Report:**

- Pastor George Zornow apologized about not being able to be here on Palm Sunday due to his nose bleed problems.
- He was able to contact the people who didn't have family nearby during Holy Week before Easter.
- The confirmation class have finished their studies on the New Testament. He has enjoyed teaching the class and working with the students.
- He emphasized that even when confirmation classes are done and you have been confirmed, doesn't mean you are done with your faith. He wants students and parents to understand that confirmation isn't graduation, but a step into life 's journey of growing in your faith. He recommends adult members even take a Bible Study at least once a year to help their faith to grow.
- He added we should encourage young people to go into the ministry

## **9. Committee Reports:**

Brenda Athy, president of WOTC and a member of the Call Committee gave reports.

- The WOTC Board has decided to move the kitchen cleaning to October.

- The board members are concerned that hardly any soap was collected for soap month in March. Pastor George added the NALC warehouses are depleted and need help replenishing supplies for NALC Disaster Response due to so many disasters lately.

The Call Committee will be talking to church members next week at both services.

- Brenda will speak at the 8 a.m. service and Alysha Sloan will speak at the 10 a.m.

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

**11. Half-Time Prayer:** given by Pastor George Zornow.

**12. Old Business:** There was none.

**13. New Business:**

- Megan spoke how we have been without a Music Director for several years and so she is looking to do something different on Wednesday, rather than the traditional ½ hour music class and ½ hour study class. She would like to have 15 minutes of worship and praise with all ages together and then break off into their classes.
- Megan asked if we have internet in the sanctuary so she could run videos from the back and play them in the front on the screen so only one person can run everything. Nathan replied we do have internet, but not Wi-Fi. Megan then asked about having a flat screen TV with ROKU or a Smart TV on a cart which would be helpful for one person to teach music only from the front especially for VBS this June. Nathan stated since we have concrete block walls, having Wi-Fi throughout the church would be a great undertaking. They will look into doing it just for the sanctuary as it would be difficult to do it in the classrooms. Discussions were also had about using a Hotspot on a cell phone for the classrooms. The Trustees gave

permission for Megan to buy a Smart TV with ROKU and a cart for under \$500.

- Dale shared that Matt would be mowing the grass this year.

**14.Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Mike and seconded by Megan. Motion approved.

**Lord's Prayer:** The meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer. Next meeting is May 19, 2024 at 11:30 a.m.



*Happy Mother's Day on May 12*



**Happy Memorial Day on May 27**