

St. John's News



THANK YOU

A Big THANKYOU to Gary and Bette Kaltenbach, Brent Bachelder, Don Bixler, and John Fritz for all the work they have done to keep the church property looking good!!



October Birthdays- Emily Boroff, Judy Peto, Juanita Bennett, Paula Leow, John Hetrick, Dave Wilson, Elaine Roosen, Gabby McNalley, Sandy Elfring, Jeanne Wheeler, Linda Willis, Ellie Edminster, Leslie Ferguson, Jordan Fisher, Sara Kaltenbach, Eric Hine, Debbie Shiets, Don Weickert, Casey Fisher, Connie Dagg, Deanna Jacobs, Michael Seem, Jacob Marsh, Kirstyn Bennett, Roxanne Smith, Cindy Calmes, Patty Mills, Beau Baker, Jacqué Lease, Terry Reed, Mary Woessner, Micaela Eberhard, Denny Gerwin, Tina Kidd.

October Anniversaries- Dave & Linda Wilson; Joel & Amy Boling; Terry & Margie Fought; Jay & Kim Bowers, Brent & Shari Bachelder; Steve & Tami Hottinger; Don & Ann Weickert.

Pastor's Report:

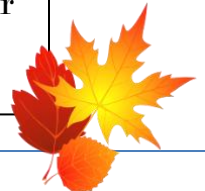
Please include in your prayers:

- The family and friends of Jeanne Goodman (at rest, August 12, 2021)
- The family and friends of Larry Bowers (at rest, August 20, 2021)
- The family and friends of Mary Shaffer (at rest, September 12, 2021)



LUTHER LUNCH BUNCH- Will meet at 11:30 AM on Wednesday, October 20th and carpool to the Country Farm House in Wayne, Ohio. Please call Carol Franks or the Church Office with your reservation.

ST. JOHN'S WILL HOST THE WOMEN'S EASTERN CONFERENCE on Saturday, October 16th from 9:00-1:00 PM. For more information, please see Debbie Schiets. In-kind gifts are for St. John's Blessing Box.



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS: We are off to a slow start for our in-person meetings, but we will give it a whirl and see how it goes. Sunday School materials will be delivered to homes beginning the month of October for those who are not yet ready to have their children return. We need a few more helpers downstairs once more of the children return, so if you are interested in helping, let Sue know.



Stepping Stones Bible Study: Carol Franks is getting ready for the Stepping Stones Bible Study program to be held on the following dates: October 3, 10, 17, and 24. Bibles will be given out in church on November 7. All third and fourth grade students and the parents have been invited to attend. Right now, the plans are to meet in the auditorium Sunday mornings from 9:15-10:15. An at home option has been offered to families due to COVID.



KIDS OF THE KINGDOM:

Oct. 27- Shine with Jesus **Nov. 17-** Let's Be Thankful

Dec. 15 Jesus' Birthday Party

We will meet from 6:00 pm-7:15pm. A meal will be provided! Come and join the fun with Sue and Dave!

Cherish Our Children: It's that time of year again to update our Cherish Our Children Prayer Ministry. Remember this is a prayer ministry only. We have a few new children who we need to add to our list to hold up in prayer, so if you are interested in getting involved, let Sue know. I'll send reminder cards sometime in October to make sure everything is updated.



Mitten Tree: Before we know it, we will once again collect hats, scarves, mittens/ gloves, to donate to the Fremont City School children in January. Cooler weather is finally coming so now is the time for knitting, crocheting, or looking for items to purchase.

Sue and Dave are going to be mailing out and delivering monthly the taking faith home monthly inserts. We feel that getting these into the hands of our families is a very important way to get faith into the homes...



- Based on the Revised Common Lectionary used by many congregations
 - Gives examples of each of the Four Key faith practices (caring conversations, devotions, service, and rituals and traditions)
- Includes a weekly prayer, Bible verse, mealtime prayer, and blessing.
- Offers suggested daily Bible readings and Hymn for the week

There will be copies in the insert racks so EVERYONE in our congregation can join...



LIFT Confirmation-

We held our Parent's meeting and first Confirmation class for the youth in September and will have our second class on Sunday, October 24th, at 11:45a.m. in the Auditorium in the St. John's Parish House. This year we will be going over Church History and Being Lutheran, the 10 Commandments, the Apostle's Creed, Faith Structure & Other Denominations, the Lord's Prayer, Sacraments and Faith and Finances.... Youth will be Confirmed on Pentecost Sunday, June 5th, 2022.



Jr./Sr. High Sunday School

Dave has been having a Sunday School class every Sunday from 9:15a.m. till 10a.m. when he has to get over to make sure the Church Online equipment is working... this class is open to ALL Junior and Senior High youth. We talk about topics dealing with our lives, religion, the church etc...

5th Qtr. In the Youth Room!!!

Our 5th Quarters have been well received with many Jr. and Sr. High youth coming from St. John's and Grace. This year Josh Bower has joined our team and we have added the fun of an Escape Room through a game that shows up on the tv and through the surround sound system in the Youth Room... Thanks Josh!!! We have our last 5th qtr. for the football season on Friday, Oct. 15th from 9:30p.m. to 11:30p.m.



After School Chill... 2:30 - 4:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 2:30 to 3:30 on Friday, the youth room will be open for Jr. and Sr. High youth to come in and study together... A place to unwind, listen to some music... A safe place for a while after school... During regular school days....

St. John's Webpage:

After much planning and learning there are some big changes happening on the St. John's Webpage.... Please keep watching for new additions regularly.... We now have a link to the newsletter and links straight to the LIFT website... I am in the process of cleaning up the many titles and making them more uniform... A big part of the webpage is the Ministries page found under the About Us tab... *I need updated*



explanation of each of these ministries and when and where they meet from the leader of each group! ...

thanks, Dave



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Blessing of the Animals: LIFT will host an outdoor service to bless pets on Sunday, October 3 at 1 PM at St. Mark Lutheran Church (902 E. State Street). Bring your leashed pet as we celebrate all God's creatures!



LIFT Block Party Rescheduled

Because of a pretty unpleasant weather forecast on August 12th, the planned date for the Block Party, we've rescheduled the date for the LIFT Block Party: **Sunday, October 24th, 2-5pm**
Still lots of games, lots of food, lots of fun and fellowship and friendship. All are welcome!

BRIDGE OF HOPE COORDINATOR, Ashley Wynn, received an overflow of donations from Justice for Migrant Women. This included two carloads full of hand sanitizer, cleaning wipes, dish soap, and toothpaste. (pictured below are items from one of the two car loads) With these donations she was able to stock up the pantry, as well as share with three contacts who work directly with the migrant farm workers. She also attended a worker appreciation dinner for one of the migrant camps where she gave each family a gift basket with snacks, personal care products and the gospel of John in Spanish; and donated children's items they used as prizes for games. (gift baskets pictures below)
Bridge of Hope has also been able to provide diapers for several migrant families in need, through our contact with the Department of Jobs and Family Services - Migrant Worker Outreach.
Bridge of Hope continues to make connections in the community which enable us to expand our ministry to the migrant families who do the important and hard work of planting and harvesting food in our community.

LOMO Camp News!!



Camp Boo-ther *October 1-3, 2021* at Camp Luther

Camp Boo-ther is an opportunity for all ages to trick or treat, enjoy hayrides, carve a pumpkin, make caramel apples, sit around a bonfire, and more! Take advantage of this time to relax, reconnect, and unplug as a family.

Luther Servant Weekend *October 8-10, 2021* at Camp Luther

Every year we rely on volunteers to help us prepare Camp Luther for the summer and to close it in the fall. During the weekend, there will be projects for all ages along with time for campfires and fellowship!



Maple Syrup Festival- *March 13, 2022* at LMC



11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Treat yourself to a day filled with maple syrup, all you can eat pancakes, maple infused sausage and live music performed by a local band. You can purchase sassafras tea and donuts that are cooked over an open fire, buy real maple syrup or take a nature hike. Be sure to visit the sugar shack. You can relax and enjoy a conversation around the fire and connect with friends, old and new. This annual tradition is a fun and welcoming family and community festival themed in maple syrup. Funds are raised at the festival for summer camperships



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