**St. John’s News-May 2025**

**CONGREGATIONAL REPORT**

**Congratulations** to *Ryker Busack, Ryze Owens, and Journey Smith* who received their First Communion on Maundy Thursday, April 17th.

**Funeral Service** was held here for Gerard Recker on Thursday, April 24th. Gerard was a member of Trinity Lutheran, Kingsway.

**Women’s News****- IT’S COOKBOOK TIME AGAIN!** Have any favorite recipe/recipes? We’re putting together a new cookbook! We’ll be taking recipes until Sunday, **June 15th**. A basket will be at both entrances of the sanctuary, for you to drop your recipes into, or you can text a photo of your recipes to Sandy- at 419-967-0747. Please include your name and phone number, in case there are any questions concerning your recipe. Also include a note if you want the recipe returned to you. Thanks!!

**LOVE ONE ANOTHER BAKE / CRAFT SALE**

**Jesus gave us the commandment to love one another as Jesus loves us**.

The Women of St. John’s thought of an idea to **love others** by sponsoring a bake / craft sale. Some **love to make** the items, others **love to obtain** them, and others will **love the proceeds for their projects, etc.**

**The BAKE / CRAFT SALE will be held Sunday, May 18, 2025 after both worship services.**

We are asking all church members to participate. You may bring your baked and / or craft items to the auditorium on Saturday **May 17th** **between 9:30am – 2:30pm** and Sunday morning.

The proceeds from the sale will be divided between St. John’s Youth for their programs or Gathering in 2 years. The other half will be sent to Lutheran Disaster Response – Carolinas. Lutheran Disaster Response posted on Face book March 32, 2025:

*\*Congratulations to @LDR Carolinas and Mennonite Disaster Service for the first Bridging Together bridge build.- LDRC and MDS are partnering to fund and build bridges in Western North Carolina – and the first bridge build began last week in Edneyville. Many families need bridges to cross small creeks between the state-maintained road and their homes. There are estimated to be over 5,000 of these private bridges that need to be replaced because of Hurricane Helene.*

*Lutheran Disaster Response provides funding for the bridges while Mennonite Disaster Service provides the labor with volunteers that include Mennonites, Lutheran, and Amish volunteer groups.*

*Congratulations, and thanks so much for all you do for communities impacted by disaster!*

*#LutheranDisasterResponse#LDR#BridgingTogether*

[*https://www.citizen-times.com/story/news/local/2025/03/25/mennonites-amish-lutherans-to-build-wnc-bridges-destroyed-by-helene-82633656007/*](https://www.citizen-times.com/story/news/local/2025/03/25/mennonites-amish-lutherans-to-build-wnc-bridges-destroyed-by-helene-82633656007/)

**Join in the love of others by supporting our bake / craft sale.**

If you have questions, contact Debbie Schiets 419-680-8491 or dschiets@yahoo.com.

***May Birthdays-*** Samantha Klotz, Helga Friar, Steve Hottinger, Bill Ebert, LaDonna Michael, Brittney

Miller, Scott Williams, Don Bixler, Michelle Merrill, Marcia Rohrbacher, Rich Roth, Brenda Hetrick,

Josh Kensler, Mary Jane Kraak, Kim Bowers, Sue Lawrence, Kevin Weiker, Canaan Bower, Josh Smith,

Julia Dagg, Scott McCord, Anne Weiker, Sally Miller, Mary Miller, Sara Sherick, Macy Merrill, Joe

Bennett, Gail Ebert, Jaylyn Hill, Denny Michael, Jack Seem, Henry Burch, Bea Nitschke, Melissa Weickert,

Alex Boroff, Veronica Dickey.

***Anniversaries-*** Ken & Marlene Olsen, Rick & Debbie Grine, Gary & Mary Ann McNair, Dylan &

Shelby Willey, Dave & Pat Fleming, Scott & Kathy McCord, Joe & Sue Albrechta, Brian & Debbie Cummings.

**LUTHER LUNCH BUNCH** - We will be carpooling to Bistro 163, in Port Clinton, on May 21st. We will meet in the back parking lot at 11:30 AM. Please RSV to Carol Franks or the church office by May 14th.

 Our Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, **May 18th**, following the 10:30 AM service.

We will meet in the Parish House Auditorium.

**SCHOLARSHIP FUND-**Applications for Scholarship requests are now being accepted. The application to apply and the completed application may be picked up and dropped off at the church office. First-time Applicants: must be a confirmed St. John’s member for a minimum of 2 years, be active in the life of the church, and are graduating or have graduated from high school within the last five years. The application, proof of acceptance to a college or facility of advanced education, and an essay are required. Second-year and Beyond Applicants: the application and proof of enrollment in a facility of advanced education is required. Applications must be submitted by **May 15, 2025**. The Scholarships will be awarded in June, 2025.

 **SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS** -Our last Spring Sunday School will be May 25th. We will take a summer break and then start up again in the Fall.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: "ROAD TRIP! ON THE GO WITH GOD"**

**Hayes Memorial United Methodist Church , June 23-26 from 5:30-7:30.**

 A light meal will be provided from: 5:30-6:00

 The theme is based on Joshua 1:9- "The LORD you God is with you wherever you go." Join us as we have fun, make new friends, and experience God's goodness together. Volunteer helpers and participants may register at: myvbs.org/LIFTFremont

 **Live Streaming**: If there are any older youth that would like to help with live streaming, please let Sue or the church office know.

**MAY DATES TO REMEMBER!!**

***May 6th –*** 9:00 AM-Backpack Buddies ***May 7th -*** Rachel/Charity Circle

9:30 AM- Women of the Church Meeting ***May 11th*** - Mother’s Day- 11:45 AM-

 6:00 PM- Executive Board Meeting Luncheon- Auditorium

***May 12th -*** 5:30 PM-Abigail Circle ***May 14th*** -9:00 AM- Sewing Group

***May 18th* - 11:45 AM-Semi-Annual** 6:00 PM-Church Council

**Congregational Meeting**

Bake Sale/Craft Sale**-**After each service. ***May 20th-*** 9:00 AM- Backpack Buddies

***May 21st-*** 11:30 AM**-**Luther Lunch ***May 25th*** -**5:00 PM-Dinner Church**

**May 26th -** Church Office Closed ***May 28th -*** 9:00 AM- Sewing

 Luncheon

**Sunday, May 11th**

**ALL are invited to join us for a free lunch (a free-will donation basket will be set out to help offset expenses.) featuring Lees Famous Recipe Chicken strips along with numerous sides and dessert!**

**Lunch will be served in the Parish House Auditorium, following the 10:30 AM Service.**

**Please RSVP by May 8th by calling the Church Office or complete the form and drop it in the offering plate.**

**Name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Number Attending -------**