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#### The Tower Monthly Newsletter

#### July 2015

#### Worship Schedule

7:45 & 10:45 AM Service In the Sanctuary

**9:15 AM Service** In the Family Life Center

**\* 'Kids Praise'** 9:15 & 10:45 Services for Ages 3 thru Grade 4

✤ 10:45 AM Radio Broadcast WCSM – 96.7 FM

Holy Communion 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays

Nursery Available 9 to Noon

> Worship On Wednesday In Recess until September 9<sup>th</sup>!

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 8:30am-4:30pm (*Closed 12:30-1:30pm*) Fridays 8:30am-12:30pm

## HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY!!



One Nation Under God

# St John Builders



St. John Lutheran Church 1100 N. Main St., Celina



Sunday, July 12, 2015 4:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Homemade Pies & Cakes - Delicious Sandwiches - Drinks & Chips Games & Outdoor Activities

Sponsored by St. John Builders, a ministry of St. John Lutheran Church, Celina, assisting those in need of home modification/repair who cannot afford these needs on their own.



Patriotic songs and other favorites performed by Carl Stuck at 5:30p.m. in the Sanctuary



#### **OPPORTUNITIES TO MAKE THE LOVE OF CHRIST KNOWN**

"So when each separate part works as it should, the whole body grows and builds itself up through love." Ephesians 4:16

**<u>Ice Cream Social</u>**: The St. John Builders Ice Cream Social is coming up on July 12<sup>th</sup>. This is a wonderful community event that raises money for the ministry of St. John Builders. There are a variety of serving opportunities for you to join in on the fun!

- <u>Ice Cream Making</u>: On Friday, July 10<sup>th</sup> beginning bright and early at 6am, the builders will start making ice cream and finish late in the evening. All training, materials and (most importantly) the recipe are provided. Shifts are ideally 3 hours long and consist of 2-3 people at a time, but shifts are flexible since we love all the help we can get. Of course free samples of your work are included.
- <u>Kitchen/Serving</u>: The day of the social, (Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup>), people are needed to work in the kitchen cutting pies, serving the food on the line, handling payments, cleaning up and more. Shifts start at 3/3:30pm and last until everything is cleaned up at about 8pm. Shifts of 1 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> 2 hours are ideal but any and all help is welcome and appreciated.
- <u>**PIES:**</u> Everyone knows that ice cream tastes better with pie, so we need a lot of them! Pies of all varieties are needed on the day of the social (Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup>). Drop off your pie(s) in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday morning or bring them anytime on that day.

If you have questions or would like to sign up for any of these opportunities, contact Kim Gardner (gardnerkimjohn@gmail.com or 419/733-7639)

- <u>Lakefest Parade Walkers:</u> St. John participates in the Lakefest parade each year. This year's parade is on Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup>. We have an opportunity for people who are interested in walking with our float and handing out flyers and gifts to children along the route. Any age is welcome (as long as a parent walks with their young children). Put on those tennis shoes and join us! If you are interested in either of these opportunities or would like more information, contact Andrea Kuehne in the church office.
- <u>VBS Crew Leaders</u>: VBS is being held August 2<sup>nd</sup> thru 6<sup>th</sup> (Sunday thru Thursday from 6-8:30pm) and we have opportunities for people to serve as Crew Leaders. This involves leading groups of preschool or elementary children from activity to activity. No teaching is required, just being a smiling face and friend to your group! If you are interested in serving in this way or would like more information, contact Cindy Snyder in the church office.
- <u>God's Gardeners:</u> We have an opportunity for people who like to work with flowers and enjoy being with fellow Christians. If you are interested or would like more information, contact Lynne Fuelling at 419/953-5809 or contact the church office.



#### NEWS AND MEETINGS

**Charity Circle** –July 8<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 in the Parlor **Grace Circle** – July 13<sup>th</sup> at 1pm in the Parlor **Shalom Circle** – No meeting **Friendship Circle** - No meeting

# SEWING CIRCLE ~ JULY $14^{\text{TH}}$ at 9 am in the sewing room



From the Sewing Room By Marilyn Nelson Co-chair Mission in Action

WHOA -What happened to April, May and June? They came and went too soon.

We are sending out a GREAT BIG SHOUT of - THANK YOU to all the ladies who make comforter tops.

What a lovely bunch we had to worked with in June. 14 comforters were finished by 12 ladies. It was a busy,fun day. Won't you join us - on the 2nd Tuesday of each month?



#### Jeanne Lillich

Thank you to all the people who have brought me meals. I really appreciate it and God bless you!

#### Ken & Pam Arps

Thank you to our church family for the many 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Cards that we received.

#### Leighann Buschor

Thank you for the frame I received after Graduate Sunday. It will be a constant reminder of the support I find in the Lord and the congregation of St. John. I plan on putting a picture of the youth group in the frame so I can always have a piece of home with me. Thank you and God Bless.

#### CALL Food & Clothing Pantry

Thank you for your donation of \$817 and 129 items to CALL Ministries.



There are quite a few books in our library that are a part of a series. We would like to introduce you to Gilbert Morris, author of The House of Winslow series. The first book in the series was published in 1986 – "The Honorable Imposter." There are 16 books in total and we have all of them in our library – why don't you challenge yourself to read all of them? There are several in our book club who have.

#### **BOOK CLUB**

We will be reading Gilbert Morris' first book in the series, "The Honorable Imposter" for our Book Club discussion on August 18<sup>th</sup> at 1pm (note change in time). Books will be available July 18<sup>th</sup> and placed on the Welcome Center. If you need a book call Estella Nusbaum at 419-586-3093.





St. John is a generous contributor to the CALL Food and Clothing Pantry. It is often asked "What should I give?" or "What is needed?" In response, we are doing an "Item of the Month" donation. Although any item is greatly appreciated, the "Item of the Month" reflects those items that are not discounted. This is one great way that St. John is Making the Love of Christ Known. Donations can be dropped off in the grocery cart in the Narthex or the Box in the Family Life Center

#### FOOD ITEM OF THE MONTH – PUDDING MIXES

A Special THANK YOU to Julius & Dorothy Bader for delivering the donated items to CALL this month!

#### **Graduation News:**

Kirsten Fuelling, daughter of Ed & Lynne Fuelling, graduated with Honors from Ohio Northern University with a Bachelor of Music and a minor in Psychology. While there, she was involved in University Singers, Women's Chorus, Opera Workshop, Delta Omicron, Alpha Lamda Delta, Phi Eta Sigma, Alpha Phi Omega and Rugby. Kirsten is planning on attending Bowling Green University for her Masters in Music Performance in the fall.



#### St. John Youth Events

CAMPFIRE



WHAT: Campfire, Food, & Games
WHO: Sr. High Youth & FRIENDS
WHEN: Wednesday, July 8th at 6:30PM
WHERE: Outside the St. John Family Life Center
TOPIC: "Can I Ask That? Hard Questions About God & Faith"
COST: Free Questions?? Text Cindy Snyder at 419-363-2059

HOUSE PARTY

WHO: Sr. High Youth & FRIENDS
WHEN: Wednesday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30PM
WHERE: Fennig's House, 7361 Oldtown Rd, Celina
TOPIC: "Can I Ask That? Hard Questions About God & Faith"
COST: Free (AND YOU WILL GET FOOD)
Questions? Text Cindy Snyder at 419-363-2059 (No RSVP)

#### Let's Help Make School Smooth Sailing!

#### School Supply Drive July 26<sup>th</sup>-August 9<sup>th</sup>

Social Concerns will be collecting school supplies for needy students in Mercer County. Any cash donations will be used to offset workbook fees and purchase supplies. Items may be put in the containers located in the Narthex and in the Family Life Center. These supplies will be taken to the C.A.L.L. to help families in need. Thank you so much!

#### LARGER NEEDED ITEMS:

- Zippered pencil pouches
- Bookbags
- Lunch boxes
- 7-8 subject accordion –style organizers

#### ALSO:

- Pencils
- Blunt/sharp scissors
- Colored pencils
- Highlighters
- Glue sticks
- Pocket folders
- Cap erasers
- Assorted markers
- Dry erase markers
- Kleenex boxes
- School glue



#### AND:

- Pens (black, blue, red)
- Pink block erasers
- 24 count Crayola crayons
- 1-3-5 subject notebooks
- Lined, wide ruled paper
- 1-2"ring binders

#### St. John Lutheran Council Meeting May 19, 2015

#### **Present:**

Pastor Jeff Gramza, David Barrett, Charlene Stephenson, James Hiles, Sandy Kaup, Sue Buxton, Craig Henderson, Dan Heindel, Joe Beiler, Steve Siebert, Andrea Kuehne, Julie Bollenbacher.

**Opening:** Charlene Stephenson opened with devotions and prayer.

**Secretary's Report:** Craig Henderson moved and Charlene Stephenson seconded to accept the secretary's report. Motion passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:** Joe Beiler moved and Sandy Kaup seconded to accept the treasurer's report. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **Pastor's report:**

- During the month of April, there were 2 baptisms, 8 confirmed, 1 funeral, and 15 new members. On May 15 & 16, Ed and Lynne Fuelling, and Linda Fisher were our delegates at the North West Ohio Synod Assembly.
- The Youth Summer Events Calendar was finished and mailed. The Mission trip is ready to go with 35 (including 8 adults). Final arrangements for "The Gathering" are underway.
- The Kitefest was a huge success with the largest turn-out to date. 125 kites were flown and 180 dinners were served. Fund raising has started and teams are being organized for the "Relay for Life." The sale of the peacock feathers and t-shirts are off to a great start.
- Thanks to the Gallmans for the hog, the VanTilburgs for roasting it, and St. John Builders for making the ice cream for the Kitefest. Planning is underway for an October trip to Wernle Home.
- Mulch has been delivered and special mulch has been ordered for the children's play areas. We need to get bids for the sealing of the parking lot. Pastor has requested that all cleaning supplies be kept locked up and away from food storage areas.
- We have started the transformation to fewer bulletins, with an announcement page being offered to those who don't need the bulletin.
- April was an excellent month for giving. There was a substantial increase of online giving.
- WOW numbers are not all in yet, but averages of 117 dinners were served. This number has increased every year. Special thanks to the Praise Team for leading the music at the opening for the Elementary and Jr. High kids. VBS and confirmation camp planning are under way.
- Ground was broke on May 9<sup>th</sup> for the latest St. Johns Builders home at 1008 Sycamore St. A "Meal Train" has been started for volunteers to sign up to provide food for the builders.

#### **Old Business**

- Pastor Jeff and the council discussed the fact that not much has been said by the congregation about adding a visitation pastor. The executive council will work on it.
- We have not yet received names of local missionaries so we are still contributing to the general missionary fund.

#### **New Business**

- Pastor Jeff was contacted by Trinity Lutheran Seminary about becoming a financial partner. Discussion followed. On June 14, someone from the seminary will be here to speak at our services. Discussion was held about the possibility of having an intern since the internship program at Trinity has changed.
- There was also discussion about the next phase of the Organ Project and the remodeling of the sanctuary.

#### Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn was made by Joe Beiler, seconded by James Hiles. The Council meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

#### June Council Meeting Synopsis:

(Full council minutes will be provided next month after they are approved by Council)

• Council approved the expenditure for re-sealing the parking lot by the Family Life Center.

#### This Month's Church Register:

#### **MARRIAGE:**

6/13 Tracie Knapke and Alex Adams

#### **BIRTH:**

6/8 Samuel Edward Evers, son of Josh and Stacy

May F	Receipts/Ex	penses
	Current Month	Year-To-Date
Receipts	\$40,685	\$215,932
Expenses	\$49,053	\$214,970
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$8367)	\$961

### CHURCH CALENDAR

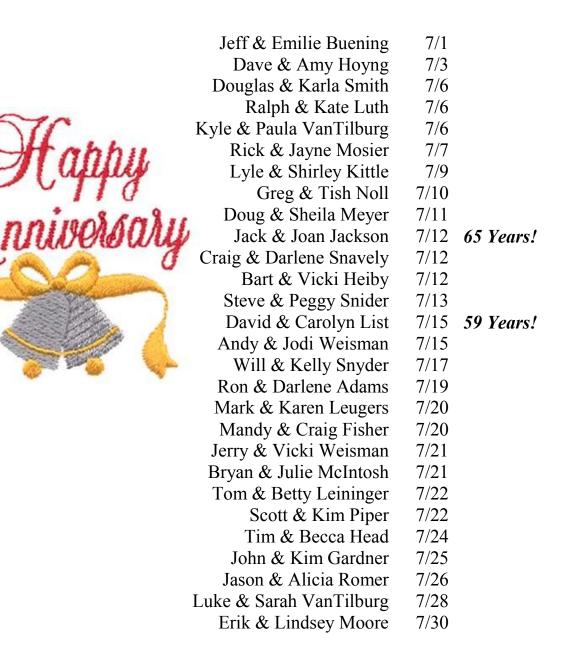
1 – Wednesday	10:30 a
6:00 am Aerobics/FLC	1:00 pr
6:30 pm Worship Team/FLC	6:15 pr
2 - THURSDAY	14-Tt
7:30 am Aerobics/FLC	7:30 ar
6:15 pm Aerobics/FLC	9:00 ar
3 - FRIDAY	3:00 pr
OFFICE CLOSED	6:15 pr
Kelch Wedding Rehearsal	6:30 pr
4 – SATURDAY	15 - W
Kelch Wedding	6:00 ar
5 – SUNDAY	6:30 ar
7:45; 9:15; 10:45 a.m. Worship/HC	6:30 pr
10:30 am Drama Ministry/FLC	16 – TI
6 – MONDAY	7:30 ar
6:00 am Aerobics/FLC	6:15 pr
10:30 am Young Adults Bible Study/Parlor	17 – FF
6:15 pm Aerobics/FLC	18 - SA
7– TUESDAY	<b>19 – S</b> u
7:30 am Aerobics/FLC	7:45; 9
6:15 pm Aerobics/FLC	10:30 a
7:00 pm St. John Builders/106-A	20 - M
8 – WEDNESDAY	6:00 ar
6:00 am Aerobics/FLC	8:00 ar
1:30 pm Charity Circle/Parlor	10:30 a
6:30 pm Worship Team/FLC	6:15 pr
6:30 pm Sr. High Youth Campfire/Outside FLC	<b>21–</b> Tu
9 – THURSDAY	7:30 ar
7:30 am Aerobics/FLC	6:15 pr
6:15 pm Aerobics/FLC	7:00 pr
10 – Friday	22 - W
6:00 am Builders Ice Cream Making/FH	6:00 ar
11 – SATURDAY	6:30 pr
12 – SUNDAY	6:30 pr
7:45; 9:15; 10:45 a.m. Worship	23 - T1
10:30 am Drama Ministry/FLC	7:30 ar
4:00 pm Ice Cream Social	6:15 pr
4:00 pm Barbershop Concert/FLC	24 – FI
5:30 pm Organ Concert/Sanctuary	25-SA
	26 – St

6:00 am Aerobics/FLC am Young Adults Bible Study/Parlor m Grace Circle/Parlor m Aerobics/FLC JESDAY n Aerobics/FLC m Sewing Circle/Sewing Room m Library Team/Library m Aerobics/FLC m Executive Committee/Parlor **EDNESDAY** n Aerobics/FLC n ELCA Youth Gathering Departs m Worship Team/FLC HURSDAY n Aerobics/FLC m Aerobics/FLC RIDAY ATURDAY JNDAY 0:15; 10:45 a.m. Worship am Drama Ministry/FLC **[ONDAY** n Aerobics/FLC m St. John Builders / FH am Young Adults Bible Study/Parlor m Aerobics/FLC JESDAY n Aerobics/FLC m Aerobics/FLC m Council/106-A **EDNESDAY** n Aerobics/FLC m Worship Team/FLC m Sr. High House Party/Fennig's HURSDAY n Aerobics/FLC m Aerobics/FLC RIDAY ATURDAY JNDAY 7:45; 9:15; 10:45 a.m. Worship

13-MONDAY

27 – MONDAY
6:00 am Aerobics/FLC
10:30 am Young Adults Bible Study/Parlor
6:15 pm Aerobics/FLC
28– TUESDAY
7:30 am Aerobics/FLC
6:15 pm Aerobics/FLC

29 – WEDNESDAY
6:00 am Aerobics/FLC
6:30 pm Worship Team/FLC
30 – THURSDAY
7:30 am Aerobics/FLC
6:15 pm Aerobics/FLC
31 – FRIDAY



#### ST JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

			Groups
For Ages 3– those enteri Sunday August 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Thu Early Registration \$5, aft (Free Will Dinner beginni	ursday August 6 <sup>th</sup> 6:00 er July 31 <sup>st</sup> \$10	,	Conquering Challenges with God's Mighty Power
Name:			
Address:			
City:			
Home Phone:		Age:	
Birthday:	Male/Female C	Grade:	
Guardian Name:		Cell	
Emergency Contact:		Phone	
Special Concerns (Alle	ergies, etc.)		
E-Mail Address:			
			LG 14-16 XL 18-20
Return registration with 1100 N Main St, Celina Or register online at ww	ОН 419-586-2332		

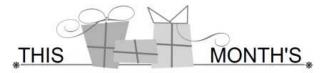
I understand that photographs and/or video recordings of my child may be made during this event. I authorize the use of such material by St. John Lutheran Church for its purposes.

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# Purple Door Youth H.S. Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	<i>Wed</i> 1	<i>Thu</i> <b>2</b>	<i>Fri</i> <b>3</b>	<i>Sat</i> <b>4</b>
5	6	7	<b>8</b> 6:30pm Sr. High Youth Campfire	9	10	Independence Day 11
12	13	14	<b>15</b> ELCA Youth Gathering	<b>16</b> ELCA Youth Gathering	<b>17</b> ELCA Youth Gathering	<b>18</b> ELCA Youth Gathering
<b>19</b> ELCA Youth Gathering	20	21	<b>22</b> 6:30pm Sr. High Youth House Party**	23	<b>24</b> Lake Festival	<b>25</b> Lake Festival
26	27	28	29	30	31	

\*\* At Fennig's House (7361 Oldtown Rd, Celina)



# birthdays

т	N	7/4
Jean	Now	7/4
Margie	Fennig	7/4
Matthew	Snavely	7/5
Matt	Leugers	7/5
Claire	Kuehne	7/5
Joan	Bollenbacher	7/6
Matt	VanTilburg	7/6
Patsy	Murray	7/7
Adam	Bollenbacher	7/7
Mort	Ward	7/9
Jamie	Coffman	7/9
Bella	Burklo	7/9
Beverly	Granger	7/10
Dennis	Dagley	7/10
Joshua	Rasawehr	7/10
Robert	LaPoint	7/10
Ginny	Wade	7/11
Raeh	Harrod	7/11
Louise	Davis	7/12
Keaton	McMurray	7/12
Kilyr	Grier	7/12
Linda	Siebert	7/13
Mary Ann	Fisher	7/13
Alex	Heiby	7/13
Judy	Menchhofer	7/14
Annette	Roehm	7/14
Trace	Walls	7/14
Hilde	Young	7/15
Todd	Hone	7/15
Stuart	Amstutz	7/15
Pat	Corle	7/16

Brian	Nedderman	7/17
Janet	Morrison	7/18
Darlene	Black	7/19
Evelyn	Hemmelgarn	7/19
Roger	Claybaugh	7/21
Heath	Stachler	7/21
Stacy	Evers	7/21
Calvin	Smith	7/21
Zack	Marks	7/22
Don	Wilson	7/23
Deborah	Mihm	7/24
Maria	Suhr	7/24
Jordan	Hellwarth	7/24
Arnold	Fast	7/25
Rhonda	Overman	7/25
Adam	Lenhart	7/25
Cadence	Hirschfeld	7/25
Bert	Miller	7/26
Brittany	Schwartz	7/26
Hilary	Goettemoeller	7/26
Ginny	Brewer	7/28
Robert C	Chaney	7/27
Ronald	Kuhn	7/27
Tonya	Walls	7/27
Reece	Thomas	7/27
Riley	Weisman	7/27
Kora	Harrod	7/27
Rita	Meihls	7/28
Mike	Grunden	7/28
Becky	Davis	7/28
Richard	Gansert	7/29
Ryan	Beckstedt	7/29
Paige	Veit	7/29
Kevin	Meyer	7/30
Connie	Lightfoot	7/31
Max	Overman	7/31

#### Serving in Worship in July

#### Altar Flowers ~

- 05: Anonymous
- 12: Jack & Joan Jackson
- 19: Jerry & Vicki Weisman
- 26: **Open**

#### Altar Guild ~ 05 & 19

(7:45) Shirley Kittle
(9:15) Carolyn List/Emilie Buening
(10:45) Rhonda Overman (5)/Karen Leugers (19)

#### 7:45

7:45 Service	July 5	July 12	July 19	July 26
Readers	Joe Beiler	Paul Czernik	Kris Heiby	Judy Menchhofer
	Ted & Ellen	Ted & Ellen	Steve & Linda	Steve & Linda
Ushers	Stachler, Jane Selby,	Stachler, Jane Selby,	Siebert, Joe & Sara	Siebert, Joe & Sara
	Ralph Luth	Ralph Luth	Beiler	Beiler
Communion	Jeff & Cindy		Kathy Snider,	
Assistants	Buschor		Estella Nusbaum	
Welcome	Estella Nusbaum	Nancy Bredemeier	Jen Roidt	Cindy Duschar
Team	Esteria nusuaum	Nancy Dieuenieiei	Jell Kolut	Cindy Buschor

#### 9:15

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9:15 Service	July 5	July 12	July 19	July 26
Readers	Billie Hiles	Robin Elston	Charlene Stephenson	Sue Buxton
Ushers	Mike & Lori Suchland	Elston Family	Dave & Charlene Stephenson	Chris & Andrew Cowdery
Communion Assistants	Dave & Charlene Stephenson, Jim VanTilburg		Carman & Jill Ellis, Nancy Chaney	
Kids Praise	Liz Rushton Anaira Harris	Jordan Rushton Hunter Lynch	Kathryn Stover	Kristi Stachler Samantha Hiles

#### 10:45

10:45 Service	July 5	July 12	July 19	July 26
Assistants	Cindy Wendel	Carrie Cubberley	David Barrett	Jim Fennig
Readers	Diane Menchhofer	Ginny Wade	Craig Klopfleisch	Andrew Cowdery
Ushers	Mike & Diana Spicer, Tim Menchhofer, Shane Stachler	Lee & Judy Fennig, Ed Fuelling, Kirsten Fuelling	Jim & Margie Fennig, Kevin & Mary Meyer	Ron & Sheryl Frahm, Kevin & Mary Meyer
Communion Assistants	Lee & Judy Fennig		Myron & Sue Buxton	
Kids Praise	Mindy Gallman Alex Gallman	Makenzie Fennig Audrey Stachler	Trisha McMurray Josh Kuehne	Linda Eichler Lauren Cubberley
Welcome Team	Pam Arps	Lorna Saddler	Trisha McMurray	Diana Spicer

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