

## MAY 2024 NEWSLETTER

# ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN



**Please join us!**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month at 9:00 a.m.**

**SUNDAY WORSHIP**

**10:00 A.M.**

**WORKING  
✝ TO SHARE  
GOD'S LOVE**

### OUR MISSION

**Evangelism:**

Making Christ's love known to all people

**Service:**

Using our God given talents to serve other people

**Fellowship:**

Meeting together and encouraging one another

**Spiritual Growth:**

Becoming more like Christ

**Worship:**

Honoring and Praising God in and through our lives

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## **PASTOR'S MESSAGE**

The Easter season continues throughout April and into May. On May 19<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate the Day of Pentecost. Once we enter the season of Pentecost, not a whole lot happens from the perspective of significant events in the church calendar until Reformation Sunday in October. Having said that, I am going to take the opportunity throughout the summer months to freshen us up on the teachings of our Lutheran heritage, by taking a break from preaching on the common lectionary texts and focus on specific articles from the Augsburg Confession. I am sharing this with you all, knowing that you may only hear about one of these a month, but on the weeks I fill in, and seem to be talking about something completely out of context, I want you all to have some idea what it is I am doing.

If you are unfamiliar with the Augsburg Confession, this is a document that was presented to Emperor Charles in the summer of 1530, roughly 13 years after the Reformation. This is still extremely relevant as the document explicitly stated and explained various statements of faith held dear to Lutherans. During that time, any assertions that went against the grain of accepted norms were constantly under attack. It was necessary for leaders of the Reformation movement to defend their beliefs and do so in a manner that could be backed by Scripture.

It will take many weeks to cover these articles, but I intend to do so not only to look at something different, but also to provide a reminder or in some cases an introduction to what it is that makes Lutherans unique and show how these beliefs are still relevant to us today. I trust this will be informative and ideally open the doors to a greater appreciation to the fundamentals of our faith.

Pastor Timothy Holt

## **INDIANA-KENTUCKY SYNOD ASSEMBLY**

We are looking for two individuals to attend the Synod Assembly in Louisville, KY on June 7-9. One male and one female representative. Any confirmed member is welcome to attend. Registration closes May 6<sup>th</sup>. Contact Paula for registration details.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School will be the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month at 9:00 a.m. (Breakfast will be provided.)

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## GRADUATION RECOGNITION

This year's High School Graduation Recognition Sunday will be May 12th.

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## FOOD BANK DONATIONS

**Food Bank Sunday is May 12th.**

Items that the Food Bank can use are: Peaches, fruit cocktail, pears, instant pudding, Jello, corn, peas, Spaghettios/Ravioli, carrots, canned potatoes, tuna, rice, flour, Hamburger Helper, spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, cereal, macaroni-n-cheese, Ramen noodles, cake mix, chicken noodle soup, cream of mushroom soup, cream of chicken soup, canned chicken, vegetable oil, sugar, toilet paper, diapers size 3,4,or 5, toothpaste, razors, soap, shampoo, liquid laundry soap, feminine products, Kleenex, paper towels, dish soap, coffee, stuffing mix.

You can drop off your donations in the Narthex.

Monetary donations are also accepted.

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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Vacation Bible School will be held July 8<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>.

Meal served before and  
program from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

This year VBS will be held here at St. John's.

The theme this year is Hometown Nazareth.

Watch for more details.

## CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS

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## FELLOWSHIP HOUR

All are welcome to come for coffee, pancakes, sweets, and fellowship on Sunday mornings at 9:00 until Worship time in the Fellowship Hall.

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

### ACOLYTES

MAY 5 – NEVA SCHILLING  
MAY 12 – CALI JACKLE  
MAY 19 – JOSIE ENGLERT  
MAY 26 – JARRETT VERKAMP

### READERS

MAY 5 – JAIDA VERKAMP  
MAY 12 – TERESA LENTS  
MAY 19 – CAROL ZEHR  
MAY 26 – KAY HALL

## BIBLE STUDY

On May 13th at 1:00 p.m. in the Conference Room, the study will continue from the book *“They Walked with God”*.

This month’s chapters are *Simon and Mary, The Woman Who Washed Jesus’ Feet, The Gadarene Demoniac*.

This will be the last Bible Study until Fall.

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## PASTORAL CARE

If you or a loved one is hospitalized or would like Pastoral care, please contact Pastor Holt at 812-695-3061 Office, 812-556-2955 Home.  
Thank you.



## PRAYERS

Please continue to lift up the following people in your prayers:

Sue Schnarr  
Jerry Jackle  
Bob Daunhauer\*  
Courtney Drew\*  
Annie Voelkel\*  
Lisa Boerste\*  
John Schnarr\*  
Renee & Nick Hedinger\*

*We thank everyone who has brought us prayer requests and we encourage you to continue to bring in names of members, family and friends that could use our prayers.*

**In an effort to keep our growing list of prayer concerns as timely and as relevant as possible, we will remove petitions from the list after one month, unless we are made aware of a continued need. Thanks for helping us keep things up-to-date.**

## ALTAR CARE

The Altar care providers for the month of May are Audrey Weisheit and Chris Gogel. Please contact them at 812-661-2414 if you would like to place flowers by the altar for a special occasion. Thank you.

## **MAY BIRTHDAYS**

**May 1 – Steve Haas**

**May 15 – Brooke Schnarr**

**Chase Schnarr**

**Logan Schnarr**

**May 16 – Camden Bonner**

**May 19 – Sharon Hoffman**

**Jerry Jackle**

**May 20 – Zander Barker**

**Kassidy Sendelweck**

**May 21 – Lorelai Peltier**

**May 22 – Jaclyn Durcholz**

**Jackson Schnieders**

**May 25 – Michelle Bonner**

**Sharon Reutepohler**

**Sue Voelkel**

**May 26 – Blake Broeker**

**Cali Jackle**

**Jarrett Schnieders**

**May 30 – Audrey Weisheit**

## **MAY ANNIVERSARIES**

**MAY 7**

**Caleb & Hannah Peltier**

**MAY 13**

**Jim & Helen Rudolph**

**MAY 15**

**Brian & Jada Maxwell**

**MAY 27**

**John & Karla Brumfield**

**MAY 28**

**Curt & Sharon Reutepohler**

**Happy  
Anniversary**

**Happy  
Birthday!**

*If you or a loved one's information is incorrect or omitted, please let us know.*

*Unapproved minutes, printed for informational purposes only.*

St. John's Lutheran Church-Boone Township  
Quarterly Congregational Meeting- April 7th, 2024

The quarterly congregation meeting of St. John's Lutheran Church, Otwell was held at 11 am following worship on April 7th, 2024. Meeting called to order by President Larry Harris. All members of Council present and a quorum of the congregation was present. Also present was Pastor Tim Holt who led the opening prayer.

Treasurer report was reviewed and approved. Motion was made by Paul Mann and seconded by Steve Meyer.

The Secretary's report was reviewed and approved. Motion was made by Jean Hoffman and seconded by Carol Zehr.

Team reports:

Facilities- no report  
Outreach- no report  
Worship- no report  
Education -no report

New business-

Saturday, April 20th, 2024 there is a work day here at St. Johns. All are welcome to come and pitch in.

June 7-9th, 2024 in Louisville there is Indiana-Kentucky Synod Assembly. If you would like to attend and represent St. John's please contact Paula Mann for further details.

No old business.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Steve Meyer and seconded by Jim Schiller. Motion passed.

Next council meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 15, 2024 at 6:30 pm.

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Jada Maxwell  
Secretary

*Unapproved minutes, printed for informational purposes only.*  
St. John's Lutheran Church April 2024 Council Meeting

Monday, April 15, 2024 the Church Council Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by President Larry Harris. All members present, including Pastor Holt , except Marlene Eck who was absent. Devotions were led by Terry Stemle.

Treasures report was presented and approved, Motion by Janele Verkamp and seconded by Diann Zehr.

The Secretary report was presented and noted to have one correction to the minutes. The purchase price of the car was \$3,800. Motion to approve with correction by Joann Schnarr and seconded by Steve Meyer, motion carried.

Pastor's report was presented, on Sunday, April 7th, 2 kids from the congregation had participated in their 1st Communion. No new visitations or hospitalizations to report.

Facility report- work day at the church is April 20,2024 starting at 0900. The north camera needs to be rehung.

Outreach - There was approximately three hundred left over from the wheelchair fund and this was put to vote to use for the Good Gifts Lent project. Motion was made by Steve Meyer and seconded by Diann Zehr. Motion carried. The Lent offering that was collected will be tabled to use for another time.

Worship- nothing new to report

Mutual Ministry- nothing new to report

Education- Sunday school continues to do well with a noted number of students attending. VBS will be here at St. John's , Monday thru Thursday , July 8-11, 2024 starting at 5:15 with meals and program from 6 to 8pm. The theme is Hometown Nazarius.

Parish Life- Sunrise service and breakfast went well. Next project will be the upcoming VBS in July.

Old business- There is money from Melanie Freyberger in memory of the family that is available for use. This is about 700 dollars. Steve Meyer entertained a motion to use this money for upgrades on the children's playground. Seconded by Joann Schnarr Motion carried.

Next meeting will be held on May 13 2024 at 6:30 pm. Motion to adjourn made by Joann Schnarr and seconded by Steve Meyer. Meeting concluded with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Jada Maxwell

2024 Church Council Secretary