



THE SPIRIT OF ST JOHN

ST JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

JOSEPH WOLF, PASTOR

JULY 2024

OUR VISION STATEMENT

“To embrace the gift of who we are
as God’s people in this
Community and move out into the
world to live as
Good News proclaimers and doers.”

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MEAGAN SCHMITZ
LEE & PEGGY SMITH
LARRY & SHIRLEY WEST
NANCY WRIGHT

HAPPY JULY BIRTHDAY

9 JAY BARTOS
12 LYNN BAUMBUSCH
12 PEGGY SMITH
16 MARY MERRITT
17 LEE SMITH
20 DIANA JOHNSON
27 MONICA LONG
28 JOE WOLF
31 BRIAN FOWLER

As you know, July 28 was to be Pastor Wolf's last service at St John. In discussions with him the past few weeks he has proposed that he not leave at the end of July and would continue to serve as our "stated supply pastor".
Pastor Joe's proposal is:

As of August 1st, to remain as our Pastor continuing to do what he is currently doing. His compensation would change from \$900/week to \$250/week.

He would: Create the weekly bulletins
Create weekly videos
Lead weekly services 'when on duty'
Deliver weekly sermons 'when on duty'
Perform Baptisms 'when on duty'

His current contract has him working 9 out of 12 months. He wants the ability (with reasonable notice) to take time off whenever he would like/need.

Council has discussed Pastor Joe's proposal and recommends that we move forward with a trial period (6-month?) along with some reasonable notifications of time off.

However, before proceeding, Council would like the congregation's thoughts and feedback and to hear any of your concerns or questions. Please reach out to any council member, or email the church with any concerns.

The Church's email is office.stjohnlithopolis@gmail.com

Council members are:

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JUNE BLOOM: YOUR CHURCH

And he went through Syria and Cilicia, strengthening the churches. Acts 15:41

To bloom where we're planted, we need to be the best version of who we are wherever we are, and that includes the church we attend. We should be a strengthening influence in our local churches. The apostle Paul was intent on strengthening the Body of Christ, and Acts 15:41 brings up a good question: As you go through life, are you strengthening the church you attend?

- **We strengthen the church when we attend regularly, as often as possible.**
- **We strengthen the church when we're warm and supportive in our attitude toward all the other members and toward the leaders.**
- **We strengthen the church when we volunteer for those church-related ministries the Lord puts on our hearts.**
- **We strengthen the church when we pray for our congregation and provide financial support.**

When Jesus returned to heaven, He only ordained one organization to continue His work on earth: His Church. How wonderful we can do as Paul did – going around strengthening the Church.

Christians cannot grow spiritually as they ought to in isolation from one another.

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

PLEASE LEAVE ITEMS FOR THE FOOD PANTRY IN THE SHOPPING BASKET IN THE NARTHAX

DID YOU KNOW????

BONNIE BUTTERBAUGH IS A NOTARY.

DO YOU HAVE A SPECIAL TALENT OR SKILL YOU COULD OFFER TO OTHERS? LET US KNOW AND WE WILL ADD IT TO NEXT MONTHS SPIRIT.



On Sunday, June 23, we wished Danny well as he begins his training at the US Naval Academy. Please remember to keep Danny in your prayers.

PROJECT SUGGESTIONS FOR 2024

- A/C 'S CHECK OUT /SERVICE
- REPLACE ROOF GOING INTO THE BASEMENT, POWER WASH WALLS/PAINT IF NEEDED. MATERIAL IN NOAH'S ROOM (PANELS).
- WOULD LIKE TO PAINT HALLWAY TO PASTOR'S OFFICE AND RESTROOMS
- UPPER PART OF CLASSROOM, INVENTORY OF BOOKS TO TAKE TO WAGONALLS OR HALF PRICE BOOKS.
- CLEANING AND INVENTORY OF CABINETS IN ROOM BY ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL.
- CARPET CLEANED NARTHEX
- NEED REPAIR ON CHURCH SIGN. I HAVE THE FUSES PLUS MIGHT NEED A COUPLE OF BLUBS.
- OPEN FOR ANY OTHER PROJECTS AND SUGGESTIONS/
- CEILING OVER ORGAN, WEST WALL CRACKS AND EAST WALL.

**IF YOU CAN DO ANY OF THE ABOVE PROJECTS, PLEASE CALL
JON LEIST (614) 570-6248**

JULY HAPPENINGS

**JULY 7, 14, 21, 28 SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00 AM CHURCH SERVICES 10:30 AM
JULY 9 - GIRLS/GUYS LUNCH 12:00 PM @ O'CHARLEY'S, CANAL WINCHESTER
JULY 21 - COUNCIL MEETING FOLLOWING CHURCH @ CHURCH**

CEILING LOAN STATUS

Balance on loan \$10,451.34

If you wish to make a contribution to be used toward the ceiling, please make sure to mark it CEILING

COUNCIL NOTES

JUNE 23, 2024

ATTENDEES: Sally Acton, Bonnie Butterbaugh, Marianne Daily, Mike Drodofsky, Alan Fisher, Jon Leist, Charlotte Meyer, Chuck Wolcott and Ruby Wolcott

Marianne began the meeting with a devotion

SUNDAY SCHOOL – We will be getting more children in Sunday School due to a new family joining our church. It was suggested by Chuck that a second teacher would be helpful to fill in when Jonette is not here. He suggested Robin, but that would be up to her.

THE CREIGLOW FAMILY donated \$20,000 to St. John. Bonnie informed us that she sent a note to the family expressing our appreciation for the gift

FINANCE – Alan went over the budget. There were no anomalies.

JOBS TO BE DONE – Jon would like basement storage areas cleaned and organized with unneeded items disposed of. Final decisions on how to utilize the rooms still need to be decided.

DISCUSSION ABOUT A NEW PROPOSAL FROM PASTOR JOE – Pastor Joe told Alan he could stay on as pastor after his initial retirement, at a greatly reduced amount of money. Questions were asked about the wisdom and/or advantages of this. This is a subject that needs to be presented to the congregation. It was decided a temple talk will be given after church next Sunday, June 30th, to allow the congregation a chance to voice their opinions and/or suggestions

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by Ruby Wolcott

July 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 <small>Canada Day</small>	2	3	4 <small>Independence Day</small>	5	6
7 SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00 HOLY COMMUNION WORSHIP 10:30	8	9 <small>GIRLS LUNCH</small>	10	11	12	13
14 SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00 10:30 WORSHIP	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00 HOLY COMMUNION WORSHIP 10:30 <small>COUNCIL MTG</small>	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00 10:30 WORSHIP	29	30	31			

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