

THE SPIRIT OF ST JOHN



November blessings

*For earth's ten thousand fragrant incenses,
Sweet altar-gifts from leaf and fruit and flower;
For ripening summer and the harvesting;
The flaming pageant of the ripening woods,
The fiery gorse, the heather-purpled hills;
For meadows silver-white with hoary dew;
For sheer delight of tasting once again
that first crisp breath of winter in the air;
The cold without, the cheer warmth within.*

We thank you, Lord!

- Suchismita Singha





INDOOR CHURCH TO BEGIN

On Sunday, October 25 we held our first “back to indoor church” services. We will continue to have these indoor services as long as the COVID numbers remain in the acceptable range. If those numbers climb we will reevaluate and if necessary close the church to services. The church has been sanitized and will be after every service. These indoor services come with some requirements. **YOU MUST WEAR A MASK.** Seating will be in every-other row. Families may sit together otherwise we ask that you maintain a six-foot distance between each other. There will be no singing or printed bulletins. The entire service will be on the TV screen. Communion (real bread and wine) is brought to worshippers. Plenty of hand sanitizer in each row. The only bathroom facility that will be available will be the ones on the first floor. Please **DO NOT** go to other areas of the church. We ask that everyone enter the church either via the double front doors or the entrance with the ramp.

These are difficult times for all, and that includes our church. We have fallen behind in our giving and now we must come to all of you for your help. Indoor church services will began on Sunday, October 25 (please read the **INDOOR CHURCH TO BEGIN** for guidelines). We are praying that the church giving will increase at that time. However, if you are unable to attend church, please consider sending your contribution to the church, address below. It is only with your help and support that we can continue to thrive and serve our community.

SEND TO:
ST JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH
PO BOX 206
LITHOPOLIS, OH 43136

FINANCIAL REPORT-YTD

TOTAL DEPOSITS	REGULAR	MISC	TOTAL EXPENSES	DIFFERENCE
\$64,283.59	\$63,543.69	\$640.23	\$71,744.89	(\$7,561.30)



Steve Acton **Lynn Baumbusch**
Dolores Behrens **Leola Creiglow**
Nancy Fogle **Linda Leist**
Sue Loy **Patty Myers**
Mike Padgett **Eric Preskar**
Freda Rutter **Linda Ryan**
Clint Stickdorn **Diane Swartz**
Susie Tomlinson

2 ED RUTTER
6 KELLY PHILLIPS
9 ALISHA GILBERT
11 PERRY MEYERS
14 EMILY SMITH
15 JEFF BAUMBUSCH
15 WILLIAM STEPHEN
16 OLIVA JANEY
17 MARIANNE DAILY
18 DANNY MAGIA
20 ANNA BARTOS
21 HELEN RUTTER
23 CHUCK WOLCOTT

GIRL'S LUNCH BUNCH

Met for the last time in October. Had a wiener roast, which was enjoyed by all. We are planning a bigger and better one next year with a hayride! Thank you Sandy Moneypenny for hosting, everyone had a wonderful time.

If the COVID numbers drop and we feel comfortable enough to go inside we will plan another lunch. Stay tuned for updates. Until then STAY SAFE.

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*Keep the prayers
going for your
Secret Sister*

CHURCH COUNCIL NOTES

OCTOBER 20, 2020 via ZOOM
ST JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
CHURCH COUNCIL NOTES

Meeting was moved from October 13 due to illness.

ATTENDEES: Pastor Joe Wolf, Marianne Daily, Robin Gile, Tina Anderson, Jon Leist

ABSENT: Jay Bartos, Andy Gilbert and Monica Long

Don Hornbeck submitted his resignation letter to Council. We need to seek a replacement for him.

MEF – Standing Committee—who is on it?

Community Dinners will be served next week. Pastor will go to GFS to pick up food. We will have a better idea of costs after their first dinner.

BUDGET – we do not have enough to cover payroll. Jon will not be doing repairs to Noah's room, so that money is available. But this will not be enough to cover the shortage.

Where would money come from to cover payroll? There is interest from the money market. Could withdraw enough to cover expenses. Tina needs permission to draw money from this account. Council did not vote on this since we did not have a quorum. Robin will check with other council members.

Notification will be put in the Spirit.

IN-HOUSE CHURCH – Discussed how to go about beginning Sunday services in the church.

Decision was made to mark off every other pew. Masks will be required; some will be available at the service. Bread & Wine will be used at the service on Nov. 1. The Pastor will wear gloves and take communion to each pew. Cups used for wine will be disposable. Service will be no more than 35 minutes. No singing. Entire service will be on the screen. No bulletins. We will be watching numbers for Fairfield/Franklin County to determine whether to continue services. Services will begin at 10:30 am.

Discussion for Christmas Service. Suggestion made to do a Facebook live. Marianne will have a committee call each person listed in our directory to update their information and see how many actually use Facebook. Possibly tape message from people within the congregation to be played at the Christmas service. There will not be an in-house Christmas service.

TRUSTEE REPORT – BATS --Jon reported that the bats would not be dealt with at this time. Since the weather has become cold, the bats will hibernate so it would be impossible to catch them.

GUTTERS & ROOF REPAIR will begin soon.

PAINTING & REPAIR OF CRACKS IN THE CHURCH – Jon has an estimate of \$3,000. Decided to begin a Donation Appeal to paint and repair in the sanctuary. (Message will be included in the Spirit and a chart tracking collections donations).

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

As many of you that were in church Sunday noticed that the ceiling had become much more in need of repair. Jon Leist has received an estimate for the scraping, painting and sealing of the ceiling, as well as repairing the sidewalls. The cost for these repairs is \$3,500. This expense would be in addition to the cost for replacement of our Slate Roof and repair of gutters. We are asking for donations to help cover the costs for the repair of the ceiling and walls.

There will be a basket located in the church before entering the Sanctuary for you to deposit your donation. If you are not attending church, please feel free to send your donation to the church and mark it Ceiling/Wall repairs. (St John Lutheran Church, PO Box 206, Lithopolis, Oh 43136)

As our church ages, we find that it is in need of attention, which comes at a cost. So your assistance would be greatly appreciated to help keep our church in good repair.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBER NEEDED

If you could spare some time please volunteer to be a member of Church Council. We meet once a month, right now via Zoom, and the meetings last approximately one hour.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Robin Gile



**DEADLINE FOR THE
DECEMBER SPIRIT IS
NOVEMBER 20**

November 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 CHURCH 10:30 AM COMMUNION Daylight Savings Ends fall back 1 hr	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 CHURCH 10:30 AM	9	10	11 Veterans Day	12	13	14
15 CHURCH 10:30 AM COMMUNION	16	17 COUNCIL 6:30 PM	18	19	20	21
22 CHURCH 10:30 AM	23	24	25	26 THANKSGIVING	27	28
29 CHURCH 10:30 AM	30					

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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.