

THE SPIRIT OF ST JOHN



LORD GOD ALMIGHTY, IN WHOSE NAME
THE FOUNDERS OF THIS COUNTRY WON
LIBERTY FOR THEMSELVES AND FOR US, AND
LIT THE TORCH OF FREEDOM FOR NATIONS
THEN UNBORN: GRANT THAT WE AND ALL THE
PEOPLE OF THIS LAND MAY HAVE THE GRACE
TO MAINTAIN OUR LIBERTIES IN
RIGHTEOUSNESS AND PEACE; THROUGH JESUS
CHRIST OUR LORD, WHO LIVES AND REIGNS
WITH YOU AND THE HOLY SPIRIT, ONE GOD,
FOREVER AND EVER.

AMEN.

St John Evangelical Lutheran Church
Joe Wolf, Pastor

PRAYERS

ALAN BUTTERBAUGH
LEOLA CREIGLOW
JIM & NANCY FOGLE
RUSS FREES
DOUG LEAR
LINDA LEIST
BILL MEYER
SAM PEARSON
MICHELLE ROGERS
LEE SMITH
SHIRLEY WEST

HAPPY JULY BIRTHDAY

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

COMING IN JULY

JULY 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 – SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS 9:00 AM
JULY 11 – GIRLS LUNCH-NOON @ ELPEDREGAL, LITHOPOLIS
JULY 18 – COUNCIL MEETING 6:30 PM @ CHURCH
JULY 30 - ICE CREAM SOCIAL 11:30 PM – 2:00 PM

ALTAR FLOWERS

There is an altar flower chart in the Narthex where you may sign up to put flowers on the altar. Flowers are \$35. You may leave the money in the envelope under the chart for Linda Leist. Please be sure to indicate if the flowers are for a special occasion.

BAKE SALE---\$900.00

Thanks to all who participated either by baking or working. We had a very successful sale. Special thanks to Diana Johnson for all her hard work on this sale.

FOOD BANK DONATIONS

BEGINNING SUNDAY, JULY 2 WE WILL BE COLLECTING FOOD ITEMS FOR THE PANTRY. PLEASE BRING YOUR ITEMS AND LEAVE THEM IN ONE OF THE RED BASKETS IN THE NARTHEX.



Choir is over for the summer, but we want to thank our amazing choir for all the wonderful songs that have added to our worship. But also a special thank you to the choir director, *Sally Acton*. You are very special to us.

SPOTLIGHT

LORIE LONG



I recently had the pleasure to get to know Lorie Long about her life.

Monica Long, Lorie's sister-in-law, invited Lorie to St. John's Ash Wednesday this year. She has been coming ever since. Lorie is in a new stage of life as her husband passed away the spring of 2022. She would have been married to Kevin for 37 years this past August. They used to go to car shows and vacation at Pigeon Forge. Now she is learning to do things Kevin did around their home and finding new things to do. She now mows the 11 acres of her property. While she mows she loves to listen to a podcast hosted by Dale Earnhardt Jr. about NASCAR. Mowing is her "me" time. She also has the advantage of walking her property during lunch breaks.

Lorie was a lifelong member of a Canal Winchester church, baptized, married, and a choir member. She is the 3rd generation to graduate from Canal Winchester schools. One pastime she enjoys is playing Mexican Train with other CW grads once a month.

Lorie works at home for the Department of Defense Agency supporting the Marine Corp. She has worked for the agency for 31 years.

Besides being an avid NASCAR fan, she is an avid OSU Buckeye Football fan. Katie Winters, a prolific author, is Lorie's favorite author right now. She has read several of her suspenseful series that include information about New England. She likes to bake and completes puzzles in the winter. A visit to Amish country is always fun for Lorie.

Please welcome Lorie to our congregation!

Submitted by Pam Jarvis

YOUR IMPACT

On others is bigger than you think. Someone still giggles when they think of that funny thing you said. Someone still smiles when they think of the compliment you gave them. Someone silently admires you. The advice you give has made a difference for people. The support and love you've offered others has made someone's day. Your input and opinions have made someone think twice. You're not insignificant and forgotten.

Your existence makes a positive difference, whether you see it or note.

Unknown/Power of Wordz

ICE CREAM **MEET & MINGLE** **SOCIAL**



SUNDAY, JULY 30, 2023
11:30 AM - 2:00 PM

ST JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH
133 W SOUTH STREET
LITHOPOLIS, OHIO 43136

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR COMMUNITY
ICE CREAM SOCIAL. WE WILL BE OFFERING
SERVINGS OF ICE CREAM WITH A VARIETY
OF TOPPINGS AND COOKIES.

11:30-2:00 pm ICE CREAM SERVED
12:00-1:00 PM MUSICAL PRESENTATIONS
1:00 – 2:00 PM TOURS/INFO

ALL ARE WELCOME

TRUSTEES REPORT

PROJECTS THAT NEED VOLUNTEERS:

- Replace rod iron railing at the entrance to the basement and around the walkway.
- Hallway leading into the Pastor's office and bathrooms needs painted.
- Two sections in the kids Sunday school room needs finished.
- Church parking lot- needs attention. Some sections have gaps and a couple of sections are getting big dips.
- There may be some issues with some exhaust pipes coming out of the back wall (basement wall).

IF YOU SEE OTHER THINGS THAT NEED ATTENTION AROUND THE CHURCH, PLEASE, CONTACT JON LEIST (jleist@insight.rr.com) or call him at 614-570-6248

THE WAGNALLS USED BOOK SALE

DONATIONS ACCEPTED AT THE COMMUNITY BUILDING (LIMIT 2 BOXES)
 JULY 31, AUGUST 1, AUGUST 2 AND AUGUST 3 – 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

SHOPPING HOURS:

FRIDAY, AUGUST 4, SATURDAY, AUGUST 5 – 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

FOR A LISTING OF ACCEPTABLE DONATED ITEMS, PLEASE SEE THE POSTER ON THE BULLETIN BOARD AT CHURCH.

ST JOHN 'S CHURCH INCOME/EXPENSE MONTHLY 2023

	TOTAL DEPOSITS	REGULAR	CEILING/MISC	TOTAL EXPENSE	DIFFERENCE
JAN	\$8,213.65	7,593.08	620.57	3,372.02	4,841.63
FEB	\$8,306.70	761.09	445.61	7,641.55	665.15
MAR	\$6,964.35	6,411.63	552.72	7,653.53	(689.18)
APR	\$7,403.72	7,108.08	295.64	6,598.75	804.97
MAY	\$7,935.76	7,114.97	820.79	6,352.51	1,583.25
TOTAL	\$38,824.18	36,088.85	2,735.33	31,618.36	7,205.82



COUNCIL NOTES
JUNE 20, 2023

ATTENDEES: Tina Anderson Marianne Daily, Mike Drodofsky, Alan Fisher, Charlotte Meyer, Jon Leist, Chuck Wolcott, Ruby Wolcott

ABSENT: Bonnie Butterbaugh, Jonette Christy, Shirley Evans, and Pastor Wolf

Meeting called to order by Alan Fisher.

Meeting opened with devotions.

Council was asked to approve the minutes from the May Council meeting. Minutes approved.

FINANCIAL:

Tina presented her monthly report to council. We have enough money in the ceiling fund for one more payment. Donations have dropped off. Maybe begin adding a note reminding everyone about the ceiling fund in the Spirit. In 2022 donations were approximately \$854/mo. So far in 2023 they are \$455/mo.

We are currently sending \$200/mo to the Synod. Can designate where it should be used, Council decided to designate to the Synod.

We have been able to increase the amount of dollars in our savings account. We are in the best shape we have been for sometime.

TRUSTEES:

Neil and Pam Jarvis painted the shed. Don Hornbeck will be restraining the ramp.

Having Custom Air come out and do a check up on the furnace.

Bat people will be coming to see if they can find where the bats are getting into the church.

Jon has purchased replacement fiberglass panels for the ramp on the side entrance. Alan will take care of the tables stored there.

Jon will get a quote to have the air ducts cleaned. He has had to change the filters quite frequently.

WORSHIP:

Ruby and Chuck have inserted ribbon page markers in all the hymnals.

EDUCATION:

Bible study class is doing well. Have had 5 to 8 people for the class. They review/discuss a presentation by David Jeremiah. Encourage more to attend.

5TH SUNDAY SOCIAL EVENT – Working on an Ice Cream Social in July. Will be working on the agenda for the event. Will be asking people to volunteer for duties at the event. It is planned for July 30 from 11:30– 2:00.

CORRECTION TO MAY’S NOTE: TV has been set up in the Sunday School Room.

OUT REACH

Jon volunteered to deliver food collected to the food bank.

MEETING ADJOURNED WITH THE LORD’S PRAYER

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE JULY 18 AT 6:30 PM

Respectfully submitted, Marianne Daily, Secretary

July 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00 HOLY COMMUNION 10:30	3	4 <i>Independence Day</i>	5	6	7	8
9 SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00	10	11 GIRLS LUNCH NOON	12	13	14	15
16 SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00 HOLY COMMUNION 10:30	17	18 COUNCIL MEETING 6:30PM	19	20	21	22
23 SS 9:00 ICE CREAM 11:30	24	25	26	27	28 SPIRIT PREP	29
	30	31				

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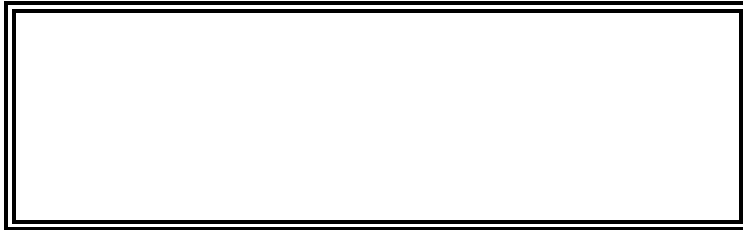
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**DEADLINE FOR THE AUGUST
SPIRIT IS JULY 20**

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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.”