

# THE SPIRIT OF ST JOHN

## ST JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

JOSEPH WOLF, PASTOR

SEPTEMBER 2023

### 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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## PRAYERS

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

## HAPPY SEPTEMBER

## BIRTHDAY

- 1 CHARLOTTE MEYER
- 2 BILL MEYER
- 6 DANIELLE BARTOS
- 11 PAM JARVIS
- 20 SHIRLEY WEST
- 23 LEOLA CREIGLOW

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY LEOLA** – On September 23 Leola will turn 103. We would like to shower her with birthday wishes. If you can, please send her a birthday card to: LEOLA CREIGLOW, INN AT WINCHESTER TRAIL, 6401 WINCHESTER BLVD, CANAL WINCHESTER, OH 43110

**COUNCIL NOTES**  
**AUGUST 15, 2023**

**ATTENDEES:** Bonnie Butterbaugh, Marianne Daily, Mike Drodofsky, Shirley Evans, Alan Fisher, Jon Leist, Chuck Wolcott, Ruby Wolcott

**ABSENT:** Tina Anderson, Jonette Christy, Charlotte Meyer and Pastor Wolf

Meeting called to order by Alan Fisher.

Meeting opened with devotions.

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

**DECONS –**

Choir practice time has changed to 3:30 pm on Wednesdays beginning September 6.

Open House went well. Approximately 60 people attended.

Trunk or Treat – Jon and Linda will be doing this again this year. Date to be determined based on when Trick or Treat is scheduled.

Octoberfest – planning for October 29, Need volunteer to coordinate this event.

**EDUCATION –**

Sunday School is going well. Very good attendance. Will be using a work book and video from Unoffendable.

**TRUSTEES –**

Alan was able to complete the repair of the furnace ducts.

Roof material has been purchased for the ramp to the basement.

Have received offers of free estimates to repair/replace the windows. Will try to set up.

Still need the hallway to the Pastor's office painted.

Jarvis' are working on the repair to the shed.

The Chimney needs repaired. Possibly contact the fire dept to see if they can assist.

Get an estimate on possibly painting a cross on the church where the old chimney was removed.

Need gutter guards, Chuck will bring in a sample.

**FINANCE –**

Bonnie Butterbaugh made a motion to move \$10,000 to a CD from the checking account, seconded by Ruby Wolcott. Passed

Marianne suggested we made a contribution to Lutheran World Relief to assist with all the devastation around the world. (Earthquakes, fires, floods). Council will consider.

Check with Wagnalls to see if we could possibly do an event during their Christmas event in December.

Suggestion to have a potluck and carol sing some Sunday in December after church.

Meeting adjourned by praying the Lord's Prayer.

**NEXT COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE SEPTEMBER 19 AT 6:30 PM**

Respectfully submitted, Marianne Daily, Secretary

# COMING IN SEPTEMBER

SEPTEMBER 3, 10, 17, 24 – SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS 9:00 AM WORSHIP 10:30 AM  
SEPTEMBER 6, 13, 20, 28 – CHOIR PRACTICE 3:30 PM  
SEPTEMBER 10 – GRANDPARENTS DAY  
SEPTEMBER 19 – GIRLS LUNCH-NOON TBD  
SEPTEMBER 19 – MENS LUNCH – NOON TBD  
SEPTEMBER 19 – COUNCIL MEETING 6:30 PM @ CHURCH  
SEPTEMBER 24 – OUTDOOR WORSHIP 10:30 AM BRING A CHAIR--ICE CREAM SERVED FOLLOWING SERVICE  
OCTOBER 29 – OCTOBERFEST – WE WILL BE HOLDING ANOTHER OCTOBERFEST THIS YEAR. PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP.

## FOOD BANK DONATIONS

ITEMS NEEDED: SYRUP, MASHED POTATOES (BOX OR BAGGED), DEODORANT (MEN & WOMEN). PLEASE BRING YOUR ITEMS AND LEAVE THEM IN ONE OF THE RED BASKETS IN THE NARTHEX.

## ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flower chart is in the Narthex where you may sign up to place 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.

CHOIR PRACTICE BEGINS WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 AT 3:30 PM. **NOTE- NEW TIME**

## BIRTHDAY BAG PROJECT

We will be participating in this project and hopefully will have your help.

The Fairfield County Hunger Coalition is collecting items to create Birthday Bags that will be donated to local food pantries. Each bag will contain the following items

Boxed Cake Mix	Plates, Cups, Napkins
Frosting and Sprinkles	Decorations (Birthday)
Candles	Blank Birthday Cards
Aluminum Cake Pans	Gift Bags –larger bags - preferable bags that can be used for boys or girls
Cooking oil	Small Gifts

Do not pack your items in the gift bags. All items should be kept separately.

We need to collect all items by Sunday, September 24. Items may be brought to church and left in the Narthex.

This is a great opportunity for us to once again help out our community.

# SPOTLIGHT

## SUE MASON



Sue Mason was baptized and raised Lutheran. Sue and her husband, Gary, were married at David Lutheran in Canal Winchester. Up until COVID, Gary and she were active for 25 years at Epiphany Lutheran in Pickerington, where she taught Sunday school. About 8 years ago, her choir visited different Lutheran churches and she remembered St. John as being so friendly. She has been coming to St. John since April.

Sue graduated from Canal Winchester. She presently lives in Pickerington. Five years ago Sue retired from Nationwide where she worked for 46 years! The last 15 years she was an executive assistant and a meeting planner for sales conferences.

Her 3 sons are married, and she has 4 grandchildren. Two of her sons live locally; the other lives in Georgia. She spends a lot of her retirement time enjoying her grandchildren.

Sue volunteers at Ronald McDonald House making lunches 2 times a month.

Sue's mom was a baker, and she learned from her mom. She used give cookies to everybody as gifts. Someone suggested she sell her cookies, and she has been selling her baked goods at Baltimore and Millersport Farm Markets. Who tasted her snickerdoodle cookies at the ice cream social? Yum, yum! Her favorite thing to bake are butter cookies with butter icing, Texas sheet cake, and peanut butter sheet cake.

Creating scrapbooks of her travels, of her sons' weddings, and for her friends keeps Sue busy. Over the past 20 years she created over 52 scrapbooks!

Another hobby of Sue's is reading murder mysteries and crime stories.

St. John welcomes Sue, a very talented lady!

**DEADLINE FOR THE SPIRIT IS THE 20TH OF EVERY MONTH.**

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# September 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>3</b> SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00 HOLY COMMUNION 10:30 WORSHIP	<b>4</b> <i>Labor Day</i>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> <b>CHOIR 3:30 PM</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00 10:30 WORSHIP <b>Grandparents Day</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> <b>CHOIR 3:30 PM</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00 HOLY COMMUNION 10:30 WORSHIP	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> <b>GIRLS/MENS LUNCH NOON COUNCIL 6:30 PM</b>	<b>20</b> <b>SPIRIT INFORMATION DUE CHOIR 3:30 PM</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> <i>Autumn Begins</i>
<b>24</b> SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00 <b>10:30 OUTDOOR WORSHIP</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> <b>CHOIR 3:30 PM</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> <b>SPIRIT PREP – 10 AM</b>	<b>30</b>

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