

September 2017 Newsletter



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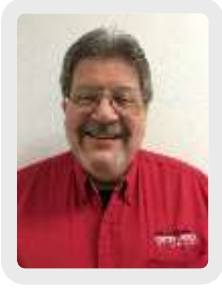
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**“The purpose of this congregation is to be a faith community
promoting the kingdom of God through
worship, teaching and action...GET READY!”**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>September 2017</h1>					1	2
3 Communion Sunday 9:00 a.m. Worship (close of our summer schedule)	4 Labor Day	5 9:00 a.m. Scavenger Hunt submissions deadline	6 1:30 p.m. Women's Guild meeting <i>(Devotions: Roberta Lorenz; Hostess: Judy Samson)</i> 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice	7	8 3:00-5:00 p.m. open for Bake Sale Items Drop-off	9 7:30 a.m. open for Bake Sale items drop-off 8:00 a.m. – ? Bake Sale to coincide with Village-wide Rummage Sale 
10 Rally Sunday FALL SCHEDULE BEGINS! 9:00 a.m. Bible Study and Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Worship 11:15 s.m. Potluck lunch, games and ice cream <i>Happy Grandparents Day!</i> Fire Dept RSVPs due	11	12  6:30 p.m. Council meeting	13 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice	14	15	16
17 Honoring Firefighter 9:00 a.m. Bible Study, Sunday School, and Youth Group meeting 10:15 a.m. Worship  Following worship: food and fellowship with Firefighters	18	19 9:00 a.m. Newsletter info due in church office	20 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice	21	22 <i>Autumn begins</i>  	23
24 Christmas in September 9:00 a.m. Bible Study and Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Worship	25	26	27 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice	28 1:30 p.m. Assemble Newsletters	29	30 9:00 a.m.—3:30 p.m. Confirmation Class Session 1

Pastor's Message

"Labor, Wealth, and Poverty . . ."



As I pen this article, Labor Day looms ahead—summer is coming to a close. Soon our children will return to school, and life will settle into a more “*normal*” routine. As you know, Labor Day was set aside as a holiday to emphasize the importance of work and the labor movement in this country. While it can have a negative connotation because we see it as the end of summer fun, remembering the value of work and celebrating it are important things to do.

As a student of history, I am alarmed by what I see happening in our country when it comes to labor, especially the discounting and demonizing of the labor movement. It seems that our collective memory as a nation has been erased.

I grew up in an anti-union household. My parents were not fond of labor unions, and all the negative press created by folks like Jimmy Hoffa fueled their opinions. Several times unions tried to organize at the foundry where my father worked, and each time those efforts were defeated, my father rejoiced. As one might expect, I grew up holding the same opinions.

In college, I majored in history, and that exposed me to information I had never seen. I learned about the horrendous conditions in factories in the late 1800's and early 1900's. I read of men, like Carnegie and Rockefeller, who “used” other human beings to increase their own wealth while impoverishing those who worked for them. Conditions in factories were dangerous, and workers frequently died because of those unsafe conditions. I read of how some average folks decided

Confirmation Class To Start September 30!

This year, we are trying something new for Confirmation Classes. Rather than hold classes on a weekly basis, we are going to use a series of all-day classes scheduled every five to six weeks. These all-day events will start at 9:00 a.m. and end at 3:30 p.m. Our first All-Day Class is set for September 30.



Confirmation Class is open to all seventh and eighth graders, at St. John's UCC. If you have a young person interested in Confirmation and have not already signed him or her up, call the church office, at 920-984-3845, and let us know.

Special Service September 17!

Be sure to join us for a very special time honoring and thanking our volunteer firefighters, Sunday, September 17, at 10:15 a.m. We will focus on thanking those who so selflessly protect our communities. We plan to present certificates of appreciation to the firefighters of area departments. Following our worship service, we will hold an appreciation meal in our fellowship hall with the firefighters and their family members. Please plan to be here to help us thank and honor those who volunteer to put their lives on the line for all of us in times of need.



“Labor, Wealth, and Poverty . . .” *continued from page 1*

to stand up and make their voices heard. The labor movement led to safer working conditions, shorter workweeks, and higher wages. The titans of wealth were forced to share their wealth, and our country prospered. The labor movement contributed to the birth of the middle class, and that has made all the difference in the economics of this nation.

As we prepare to celebrate yet another Labor Day and rejoice in what has happened over the last one hundred years, we need to remember that there is still much work ahead of us—if we want to create a nation of opportunity for **all** people. All around us are signs of trouble. Some folks still do not earn a livable wage. Many cannot afford health insurance. There is still a glass ceiling for women, most of whom are paid much less than men for doing the same work. Those who possess great wealth still use their power selfishly to “buy” the legislation that will favor their way of life while impoverishing others who have less political clout.

One of the problems we have is in our thinking about labor. We think that the purpose of labor is to enrich those who work harder or smarter, so we engage in cutthroat economics. We want to have it all—no matter who might pay the price for our greed. When persons speak out against such practices, we label them “socialist” or “communist”. I suspect that I may garner a few such labels just for sharing these thoughts.

I am convinced that God provides labor as a way of adding to human

Worship Time Change



As is our custom, we will return to our 10:15 worship time on Sunday, September 10, 2017. Please mark your calendars and invite your friends, family, and neighbors. We will have Christian Education hour at 9:00 a.m., followed by our worship service, and then, around 11:15, we will enjoy a potluck meal, games, fellowship, and fun on Rally Sunday! Bring your tasty dish to share, and join us!

September 2017 Schedule

Sunday, September 3—Communion Sunday

Reader	Jim Rucci
Greeter / Usher	Jim Rucci & Keith Kruse
Usher	Brenda Holz & Lisa Waterstradt

Sunday, September 10—Fall Schedule Begins (10:15 a.m.)

Reader	Sue Biese
Greeter / Usher	Duane & Carol Henke
Usher	Karen Arnold & Esther Meyer

Sunday, September 17 – Honoring local Firefighters

Reader	Bob Menning
Greeter / Usher	Bob & Carla Menning
Usher	Kerri & Wyatt Samson

Sunday, September 24 – Christmas in September

Reader	Robin Schmidt
Greeter / Usher	Carol & Robin Schmidt
Usher	Steve Hanson & Mark Hooyman

October, November, and December Schedules are on pages 21, 22, and 23.



Scheduler Change

After many years of scheduling our wonderful volunteers (readers, greeters, and ushers) for our Sunday worship services, I am happy to have Connie Wheeler offer to take over this opportunity to serve our church. I hope you will give Connie the same cooperation that you have always given me.

A big “THANK YOU” to all who have served the church in any of these positions throughout my years of scheduling. Thank you for serving when you were scheduled and substituting when a scheduled individual could not be here. To God be the glory as we continue to serve through St. John’s UCC.

--Ila Mae Jens



A heartfelt thank you to you, Ila Mae, for all the years you faithfully and skillfully worked out the schedules for our readers, greeters, and ushers. Thank you for always taking great care with regards to whom you scheduled when, so that those who volunteered over the years were able to serve on their designated Sundays.

Also, thank you, Connie, for taking on this role for our church family.

Called to *Serve*

“Labor, Wealth, and Poverty . . .” *continued from page 3*



dignity. We have been given extraordinary power to steer our own destiny and pursue our own dreams. How wonderful it is when dreams are realized and goals are achieved! Yet God also challenges us to see that our labor must have a corporate dimension. We must be concerned about others and allow them a piece of the economic pie. Healthy labor holds selfishness and selflessness in a delicate balance.

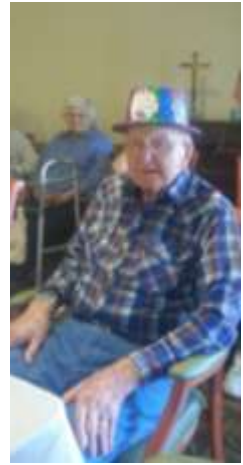
As a child, I loved playing Monopoly with my friends and relatives. It was especially gratifying when I played with kids younger than I, because it was easier to win and wind up with all the money. While that may be all right for a board game and a pastime, when our economics are fueled by this same desire to win, it contributes to crushing poverty, and that leads to ever-greater suffering.

It is no random coincidence that the majority of those who participated in the sad events of 9/11 came from Saudi Arabia where there was, and still is, rampant poverty among its citizens. The Saud family is playing Monopoly with all of its oil-generated wealth. They want to win, and average folks are losing. That kind of poverty leads to despair, and despair leads to violence and war. It always has, and it always will.

While we cannot point to one such family in our own nation, it is clear that those with wealth are continuing to live as if our national economy was nothing more than a game of Monopoly. Millionaires and billionaires create PACs to further their own selfish interests and protect their wealth. Unions and union

A Celebration Visit!

August 11, 2017, was an important day in the life of our church; one of our members, Mike Minlschmidt, celebrated his 101st birthday! It was with great pleasure several members of our congregation went to celebrate and visit with Mike, during the “happy hour” on that Friday. Mike was celebrated by residents of the home, where he now lives; his son and his granddaughter, who were visiting from Minnesota; and members of our church family!



We had live music, balloons, cake, cookies, and beverages. Mike was also given several gifts from Harley-Davidson! After one of the staff had listened to Mike’s story of his *younger years*, -- of how as a young couple, when he and his wife traveled, they took their Harley-Davidson motorcycle along to do some exploring—a staff member contacted Harley-Davidson and share his story! Being inspired by Mike’s life, longevity and passion for riding a Harley, Harley-Davidson brought Mike a birthday gift. He received a Harley-Davidson cap and mug, which pleased him greatly! We were thrilled to share this time with our great friend, on such a **happy day**. May God bless you with many more blessings, Mike.

It is with momentous joy that we celebrate you, Mike!

I will give thanks to You, Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all Your wonderful deeds. I will be glad and rejoice in You; I will sing the praises of Your name, O Most High (Ps. 9:1-2).

“Labor, Wealth, and Poverty . . .” *continued from page 6*

workers are blamed for economic woes. In recent years, there has been backtracking on previous labor agreements. Fear is used to hold back a rise in the minimum wage for those who receive the lowest wages. CEO’s get golden parachutes, while far too many still have no health insurance.

We need to stop all the selfishness. We need to see that the best economy is the one that values all labor and provides a livable wage for all workers. We need to see that none of us “wins” if some of us must “lose” in the process. God created work so that we might find dignity and purpose in our living. If we are ever to experience all that God intends, then we must come to terms with the systemic inequalities that still exist in our economic process. Greed must give way to fairness. Our desire for wealth must be balanced by a sense of obligation to those less fortunate. We must labor to erase poverty, increase opportunity, and live fairly.

*We must be
concerned
about others
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pie.*

Peace, Pastor Tom



Defend the weak and the fatherless;
uphold the cause of the poor and the oppressed (Ps 82:3 NIV).

Pastor Tom's Contact Information

Hey you! Yes, you! Do you want to speak with Pastor about something? Please feel free to call him.

Typically, he is in the church office Tuesday and Thursday mornings.



- ☑ The office telephone number is 920-984-3845.
- ☑ His cell phone number is 920-268-5757.
- ☑ His email address is styward@sbcglobal.net (*be sure to put in subject line "St. John's"*).



Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received (1 Peter 4:10 NRSV).



Best Choice Save-A-Label Program



Do you buy Best Choice brand products? Sal's and Don's grocery stores in Black Creek and Seymour, respectively, sell this brand! If you do, please cut around the UPC symbol, on

each Best Choice product you have. It's not necessary to send in the whole label.

Place your labels in the box between the office doors, and Kim will collect and redeem them for cash, through the program, for St. John's! One label is worth \$.03! They will add up if we all cut and turn in labels. Questions? Please feel free to ask Kim, or go online to <https://bestchoicebrand.com/save-a-label/>.

Church Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 11, 2017

The meeting was called to order by President Bob Menning, with Gary Vander Linden, Judy Samson, Connie Wheeler, Lisa Waterstradt, and Pastor Tom Fritz present.

The meeting was opened with a prayer from Pastor Tom Fritz.



A motion was made, by Lisa Waterstradt and seconded by Judy Samson, to accept the minutes from last month. Motion passed.

A motion was made, by Connie Wheeler and seconded by Judy Samson, to accept the Financial Secretary's and Treasurer's reports. Motion passed.

Pastors Report (June)

- Conducted 8 Worship Services, 1 Baptism and attended 1 Conference
- Attended 2 church meetings, 2 administrative meetings, and 1 group meeting
- Made 6 home visits, 2 hospital visits and 2 other visiting times

Committee Reports

Membership: Envelopes and newsletters should be all set for the new members. We are looking into a date for new members in the fall.

Christian Ed: Next meeting is August 1, 2017, and will need to discuss adult classes and confirmation classes for Pastor Tom.

Stewardship & Mission: We are looking into having Cottage Nights or Home Visits as get-togethers to go over a profile on what you want in a pastor for our church. This will be groups of 8-12 members who will meet, at a house, to discuss the needs of a Pastor. Each member of the church would be included in a group throughout this time.

Music: Pastor Tom will talk to Bonnie about singing the Lord's Prayer once a month during service.

House: The door for the deck has been fixed, and everything should be done, so Pastor Tom can stay there when he needs or wants to.

Parish Relations: We are looking into having a formal review for employees of the church. We would also like to do an evaluation on Pastor Tom.

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Church Council Meeting Minutes... *Continued from page 10*

Campital Campaign/Mission Projects: For the month of June, we brought in \$1,834.85 for a YTD total of \$2,694.85.

Old Business:

- The shed has been emptied and is ready to be moved. The snowblower has sold, but the lawn mower is still available.
- The front door has been fixed for a cost of \$76.00.
- The window in the back entrance has been fixed for a cost of \$411.00.

New Business:

- Christmas in July - There will be a letter going out soon. We would like to get the building fund paid off by the end of this year. We will be doing a special Christmas theme each month around the 25th. Watch for details.
- We will be going to unlimited internet for the office use through Verizon. We are still working on canceling the Centurylink service.
- Pastor Tom will be on vacation July 17 - July 21.

Prayers and Thanks:

- Larry and Bruce
- To the members who helped and their time in the rummage sale.

A motion was made, by Lisa Waterstradt and seconded by Judy Samson, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

Next Council Meeting: Tuesday, August 8, 2017, at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer.

Connie Wheeler, Council Secretary



I love the Lord, because He has heard my voice and my supplications.

Because He inclined His ear to me, therefore I will call on Him as long

as I live" (Psalm 116:1-2 NRSV)!

Christian Education Meeting

August 1, 2017

There were seven people present at the meeting.

Current Balance is \$1,645.95.

We are going to continue with the curriculum that we used last year. All children will start together in the 1st and 2nd grade classroom with the DVD video and music and then split into two groups, with the younger children (2nd grade and younger) being with Robin, and then 3rd grade to 6th grade will be with Audrey Blake.

Rally Sunday is September 10, 2017! Please plan on attending! We will have a potluck lunch, games and ice cream! Each child will receive tickets to be used for games and ice cream. There will be the Fish Pond, Bean Bag Toss tournament, and Bounce House. Come; have some fun, or just watch the fun happen!

Postcards left over from the parade will be sent out to families with Rally Sunday information.

We will continue with *Campital*/Campaign funds with gathering the last Sunday's offering during Sunday School and selling candy bars for \$1.00 each.

Youth Group (grades 5 and up) will continue to meet on the 3rd Sunday of each month from 9:00 – 10:00 a.m., in the upstairs Youth Group Room.

Confirmation students and parents will be meeting on Thursday, August 17th, at 6:00 p.m., to discuss the upcoming year. Some of the options are Sunday morning, Wednesday night, or Saturday during the day but only one Saturday every 6 weeks.

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Christian Education Meeting.... *Continued from page 12*

Statements of Faith will be April 29th, and Confirmation will be May 6th.

Please plan ahead with these dates.

Camp Work Weekend is scheduled for October 13--15, at Moon Beach. Information will be sent home with the children soon. Any questions, please contact Sue Biese.

Christmas Program will be Sunday, December 17th during the worship service at 10:15 a.m. Please plan to attend. Practices will be announced, so please watch for those dates, so the children attend.

Our next Christian Education meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 3rd, at 6:30 p.m.

Connie Wheeler, Secretary



Choir Season

It's that glorious time of year.

Yes! Senior choir practice is here!

Time to stretch those vocal pipes,

Starting August 30th, on Wednesday nights.

We'll gather in the sanctuary in droves!

Filling up the seats in the choir alcove.

Come at 6:30 p.m., ready to sing!

To God, let our praises ring!

By Bonnie VanderLinden

Are We Update With You?

Help us keep things correct in the office, please. If you have a change in your contact information (phone, cell, mailing address, physical address, email address, even your name...) please notify us. We get notifications, from our envelope service after the envelopes that are mailed out are returned, due to a move or change in address. Help us stay ahead of the mailings and save money, by keeping us informed, please. Thank you.



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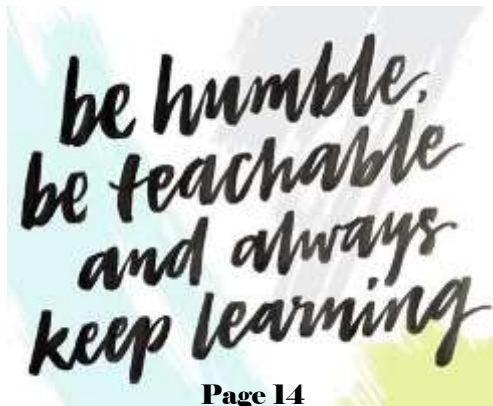
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Winning Is Part of the Fun

Our scavenger hunt fun is coming to a close. All entries must be submitted to the church office by **Tuesday, September 5, 2017, at 9:00** in the morning, in order to be considered as part of the contest. Entries may be placed in the box between the office doors by the deadline. If you still want to participate, you are welcome to do so; however, you will have to adhere to the same deadline as the other contestants. *Scavenger Hunt* booklets are available; they are on the table in the northwest corner of our sanctuary. Hints and clues are available for donations of \$5.00 and \$10.00 each. See Pastor or Kim and have your money ready if you want a hint or a clue. Be sure to include your name and a good contact number and/or email address with your entry in case we have questions regarding your entry while we judge the answers.



Fall Feast



We are gearing up for our annual fall feast. This year, we will serve from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., on Sunday, October 1. We will hold a bake sale, as is our tradition, as well. We ask each family to donate some baked goods for our bake sale. We also are requesting that each family bring desserts for the feast, if possible. Please see page 3, in the *Women's Guild Congregational Activity Book*, or page 16 in this newsletter, for the roles and committees we are calling upon in order to make this another successful Fall Feast. Be sure to invite your neighbors, co-workers, family members, and friends to come, and dine with us. **Page 15**

Fall Feast – Sunday, October 1, 2017

SERVING FROM 11:30 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.



FOOD: Chicken, Ham, Potatoes, Coleslaw

CO-CHAIRS: *Bernice Shepard* 984-3900

Bob Menning 920-268-8197

Todd St. John; Denis Shepard; Elly Menning

SERVING DESSERTS

CHAIR: *Please speak with others on your committee if you are willing to chair the dessert committee.*

Jan Boman; Esther Meyer; Trudy Koon

SERVING

CHAIR: *Robin Schmidt* 920-450-0292

Ila Mae Jens; Judy Samson; Kerri Samson; Sue Schneider; Jonathan Tesch; Brady Volkman

KITCHEN *washing dishes and clean up*

CHAIR: *Doris Schmidt* 984-3615

Kent Abel; Cheryl Duhm; Esther Meyer; Carol Schmidt

DINING ROOM

CHAIR: *Roberta Lorenz* 984-3824

Karen Arnold; Debbie Boettcher; Audrey Hooyman-Blake; Stephanie Julius; Kimberly Marcks; Caitlin Pingel; Verla Pingel; Lisa Raaths; Samantha Scott

BAKERY

CHAIR: *Jan Rohloff* 984-3418

Carla Menning; Connie Rohloff

PUBLICITY *provide details to church secretary by September 13, 2017*

CHAIR: *Vi Brown-Luebke* 920-428-8840

Todd Arnold; Ruth Hanson

CASHIERS *Treasurer will get change*

CO-CHAIRS: *Val Abel and Kent Abel* 715-745-4314

Lisa Waterstradt

GREETER *Marian Goodwin* 984-3668

Treasurer's Report - July 2017

Building Fund	Deposits	\$ 4,145.50																					
	Interest	\$.10																					
	Disbursements	\$ (969.50)																					
Memorial Fund	Deposits	\$ -																					
	Disbursements	\$ -																					
Organ Fund	Deposits	\$ -	-																				
	Disbursements	\$ -	-																				
General	Deposits	\$ 11,557.85																					
	Disbursements	\$ (14,807.79)																					
<i>Capital Campaign</i>	Deposits	\$ 170.00																					
	Total YTD	\$ 2,864.85																					
	<i>Goal for 2017</i>	\$ 3,500.00																					
OCWM	Deposits	\$ 495.00																					
	Disbursements	\$ (810.50)																					
	Total YTD		\$4,554.50																				
	<i>Goal for 2017</i>		\$7,000.00																				
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Building Fund Balance		\$ 24,080.29	7/12 statement																				
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	Payments Made YTD	\$ 29,056.50																					
YTD Giving		\$ 85,544.12																					
YTD Expenses		<u>\$(44,036.40)</u>	excluding building payments																				
Net Amount		<u>\$ 41,507.72</u>																					



Christmas in September

Have you heard about our special Christmas-themed services? We are celebrating Christ's birth each month (now through November) to remind us that Christ desires to be born anew in our lives in every moment of every season and to help eliminate our mortgage balance, so that we can begin 2018 debt free!



Our financial goal is to eliminate our mortgage before the beginning of 2018. Each month, we will hold a Christmas themed service on the Sunday closest to the 25th. In September, that Sunday is the 24th. Each month, we invite our members and friends to give an additional monetary Christmas gift to the church, which will be used to pay down the mortgage. Our goal is an additional \$25,000.00, from July through November. Join us, as we keep the birth and life of Christ in the forefronts of our lives. It is necessary that *Christmas* gifts be in addition to regular tithes and offerings, rather than in place of regular contributions.

Each of these remaining *Christmas* Sundays (September 24th, October 22nd, and November 26th), we will feature something related to Christmas—like sharing Christmas cookie recipes, or caroling at the homes of our shut-ins. Do you have an idea you'd like to propose we consider? Feel free to speak with Pastor.

"His names will be: amazing Counselor, strong God, eternal Father, Prince of wholeness. ... and there'll be no limit to the wholeness He brings. ... He'll put that kingdom on a firm footing and keep it going with fair dealing and right living, beginning now and lasting always. The zeal of God-of-the-Angel-Armies will do all this" (Isaiah 9:6-7 The Message)!

Financial Secretary's Report July 2017

ST.JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT							
Jul-17							
DATE	07/02/2017	07/09/2017	07/16/2017	07/23/2017	07/30/2017	DIRECT DEPOSIT	TOTAL
CHECKING DEPOSIT	\$1,749.00	\$5,306.85	\$2,071.00	\$3,977.00	\$2,894.50	\$200.00	\$16,198.35
GENERAL FUND	\$1,524.00	\$2,277.00	\$1,771.00	\$1,217.00	\$1,429.00	\$75.00	\$8,293.00
OCWM	\$55.00	\$55.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$355.00		\$495.00
BUILDING FUND	\$170.00	\$280.00	\$275.00	\$2,745.00	\$600.50	\$75.00	\$4,145.50
CAMPITAL CAMPAIGN			\$10.00		\$110.00	\$50.00	\$170.00
ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING							\$0.00
NEIGHBORS IN NEED							\$0.00
STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH							\$0.00
CHRISTMAS FUND							\$0.00
FUEL FUND							\$0.00
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TOTAL MEMB. CONTRIBUTIONS	\$1,749.00	\$2,612.00	\$2,071.00	\$3,977.00	\$2,494.50	\$200.00	
OTHER INCOME							TOTAL
Endowment Campital Campaign		\$2,694.85					\$2,694.85
Storage shed & Lawn mower for Building Fund					\$400.00		\$400.00
							\$0.00
							\$0.00
							\$0.00
TOTAL OTHER INCOME	\$0.00	\$2,694.85	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	
TOTAL CHECKING DEPOSIT	\$1,749.00	\$5,306.85	\$2,071.00	\$3,977.00	\$2,894.50	\$200.00	

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ST.JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT							
Aug-17							
DATE	08/06/2017	08/13/2017	08/20/2017	08/27/2017		DIRECT DEPOSIT	TOTAL
CHECKING DEPOSIT	\$2,254.00	\$1,095.00	\$2,163.10	\$4,345.00		\$200.00	\$10,057.10
GENERAL FUND	\$1,688.00	\$929.00	\$872.10	\$1,690.00		\$75.00	\$5,254.10
OCWM	\$25.00	\$36.00	\$25.00	\$355.00			\$441.00
BUILDING FUND	\$511.00	\$65.00	\$1,251.00	\$2,170.00		\$75.00	\$4,072.00
CAMPITAL CAMPAIGN				\$100.00		\$50.00	\$150.00
ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING							\$0.00
NEIGHBORS IN NEED							\$0.00
STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH							\$0.00
CHRISTMAS FUND							\$0.00
FUEL FUND	\$30.00	\$65.00	\$15.00	\$30.00			\$140.00
							\$0.00
							\$0.00
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							\$0.00
TOTAL MEMB. CONTRIBUTIONS	\$2,254.00	\$1,095.00	\$2,163.10	\$4,345.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	
OTHER INCOME							TOTAL
							\$0.00
							\$0.00
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							\$0.00
TOTAL OTHER INCOME	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
TOTAL CHECKING DEPOSIT	\$2,254.00	\$1,095.00	\$2,163.10	\$4,345.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	

October 2017 Schedule

Sunday, October 1 @ 10:15 a.m. - Communion Sunday

Reader	Connie Wheeler
Greeter / Usher	Connie & Cailey Wheeler
Ushers	Gene & Audrey Blake

Sunday, October 8 @ 10:15 a.m.

Reader	Roberta Lorenz
Greeter / Usher	Roberta Lorenz & Esther Meyer
Ushers	Lisa Raaths & Judy Samson

Sunday, October 15 @ 10:15 a.m.

Reader	Lisa St. John
Greeter / Usher	Todd & Lisa St. John
Ushers	Tanner St. John & Jonathan Tesch

Sunday, October 22 @ 10:15 a.m.- Christmas in October

Reader	Jan Rohloff
Greeter / Usher	Jan Rohloff & Marian Goodwin
Ushers	Gary & Carla Lathrop

Sunday, October 29 @ 10:15 a.m.

Reader	Marian Zuleger
Greeter / Usher	Marian Zuleger & Barb Sassman
Ushers	Duane Zuleger & Jennifer Sassman

November 2017 Schedule

Sunday, November 5 @ 10:15 a.m. - Communion Sunday

Reader	Bob Menning
Greeter / Usher	Bob & Carla Menning
Ushers	Ray & Ella Menning

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Sunday, November 12 @ 10:15 a.m.

Reader	Sue Biese
Greeter / Usher	Joe & Sue Biese
Ushers	George & Kerri Samson

Sunday, November 19 @ 10:15 a.m.

Reader	Trudy Koon
Greeter / Usher	Trudy Koon & Portia Fenske
Ushers	Grant & Brandy Krull

Wednesday, November 22 @ 7:00 p.m. - Thanksgiving Service

Reader	<i>TBD</i>
Greeter / Usher	<i>TBD</i>
Ushers	<i>TBD</i>

Sunday, November 26 @ 10:15 a.m. – Christmas in November

Reader	Vi Brown-Luebke
Greeter / Usher	Vi Brown-Luebke & Morgan Vander Linden
Ushers	Gary & Bonnie Vander Linden

December 2017 Schedule

Sunday, December 3 @ 10:15 a.m. - Communion Sunday

Reader	Connie Wheeler
Greeter / Usher	Connie & Cailey Wheeler
Ushers	Mark & Kelcie Hooyman

Sunday, December 10 @ 10:15 a.m.

Reader	Bryce Vander Linden
Greeter / Usher	Bryce Vander Linden & Steve Hanson
Ushers	Aron Rasmussen & Darwin Ethington

Sunday, December 17 @ 10:15 a.m. – Children's Christmas Program

Reader	Lisa St. John
Greeter / Usher	Todd & Lisa St. John
Ushers	Ryan & Stephanie Julius

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Sunday, December 24 @ 10:15 a.m.

Reader	Jan Rohloff
Greeter / Usher	Jan Rohloff & Brandon Rohloff
Ushers	Mike & Connie Rohloff

Sunday, December 24 @ 4:00 p.m. - Christmas Eve Service

Reader	<i>TBD</i>
Greeter / Usher	<i>TBD</i>
Ushers	<i>TBD</i>

Sunday, December 24 @ 7:00 p.m. - Christmas Eve Service

Reader	<i>TBD</i>
Greeter / Usher	<i>TBD</i>
Ushers	<i>TBD</i>

Sunday, December 31 @ 10:15 a.m.

Reader	Kent Abel
Greeter / Usher	Kent & Valerie Abel
Ushers	Dallas & Lisa Waterstradt

Bake Sale



We are holding a Bake Sale, **September 9, 2017**, from 8:00 a.m., until we sell-out. This bake sale coincides with the village-wide rummage sale. Would you please bring freshly baked goods to the church Friday, September 8, between 3:00 and 5:00 p.m. or Saturday morning? Someone will be here, by 7:30 a.m., Saturday, to receive your donated goodies! If you have any questions, please speak with Marian Zuleger. Your delicious baked goods will be greatly appreciated. **Thank you.**

Good Shepherd's Semi-Annual Meeting

September 19

You are invited to Good Shepherd's semi-annual meeting, Tuesday, September 19, 2017, at 7:00 p.m., in their community center. On their agenda is:

- Presentation of Child Care programming by Tina Schmidt, Child Care Director.
- Good Shepherd updates to follow.

Refreshments will be provided. Thank you for your continued support of Good Shepherd services. If you have any questions, please call Cori Moeller, Director of Community Relations, at 920-833-6856.

Riddles



Q: What has a foot but no legs?

A: A snail

Q: Poor people have it. Rich people need it. If you eat it you die. What is it?

A: Nothing

Q: I'm tall when I'm young, and I'm short when I'm old. What am I?

A: A candle

Q: Mary's father has 5 daughters – Nana, Nene, Nini, Nono. What is the fifth daughter's name?

A: If you answered Nunu, you are wrong. It's Mary!

Q: A dad and his son were riding their bikes and crashed. Two ambulances came and took them to different hospitals. The man's son was in the operating room and the doctor said, "I can't operate on you. You're my son." How is that possible?

A: The doctor is his mom!

Source: <http://www.funology.com/riddles/>

Volunteer Opportunity



Heartland Hospice serves patients that are facing a life-limiting illness, by providing care, comfort, and compassion.

Volunteers are an integral part of the hospice team and are needed to help provide those services.

Heartland Hospice is looking for caring and compassionate individuals, to join their volunteer team, to provide friendly visits, pet therapy (where allergies are not an issue), and to play music for patients facing a life-limiting illness. Friendly visitor volunteers help improve the quality of patients' lives through social visits, reading to patients, going for walks, playing cards, and reminiscing.

Heartland is, also, looking for vigil volunteers to help support patients and families during the final days and hours of life. Vigil volunteers have the special ability to comfort patients and families through their companionship and presence at the bedside during that important time. Take a chance; be a friend; hold a hand, and make a difference! Heartland Hospice's volunteer opportunities offer flexible scheduling and training options.

Interested individuals, please contact Amy Sadewater or Nicky Lane, at 920-336-6455.

"Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by My Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave Me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave Me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited Me in, I needed clothes and you clothed Me, I was sick and you looked after Me, I was in prison and you came to visit Me' (Matthew 35:34-36, NIV).

Women's Guild Meeting Minutes



The Women's Guild met on Wednesday, August 2, 2017, at 1:30 in the afternoon and drafted the Women's Guild Congregational Activity Book to start on September 6, 2017.

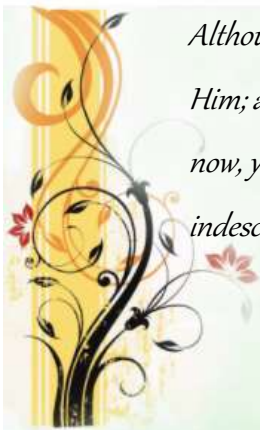
Publication of the book is in process. Please watch for this publication, so to be sure you stay connected and are aware of the upcoming opportunities of service and togetherness. If you have any questions, please contact Guild President Roberta Lorenz, 920-984-3824. The books are now available; please pick up yours.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, September 6, 2017, at 1:30 in the afternoon. Roberta Lorenz will lead us in devotions, and Judy Samson will be our hostess for this meeting. Come, and join us!

Many thanks to the ladies, who faithfully organize the programs, information and many opportunities of service.

Thank you all who participate in all sorts of ways.

Guild Secretary Audrey Hooyman-Blake



Although you have not seen Him, you love Him; and even though you do not see Him now, you believe in Him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy,

(1 Peter 1:8, NRSV)!

Rally Day September 10, 2017

Schedule of Fun!

9:00 a.m. Sunday School begins

10:15 a.m. Worship Service

11:15 a.m. Potluck lunch

11:45 a.m. Inflatable Bounce House Opens for fun

Come out and watch our youth as they jump high

12:00 noon **FREE:** St. John's Traditional FISH POND game for all children (6 tickets will be awarded to each child)

Chairs: *Folding chairs will be set up outside for anyone who wishes to watch the activities*

12:30 p.m. **New this year!** Bean Bag Tournament (a.k.a. Corn Hole Toss) Teams of 2 will compete for bragging rights and small prizes! Please let Robin Schmidt (920-450-0292), know if you are planning on competing.
FUN FOR ALL AGES!

Invite your neighborhood children to come, and see that Sunday school and church can be filled with fun and excitement.

Sharing God's love through Christ is the great commission. ☺



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