
St. John's Way, Truth and Life

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“For where there is the forgiveness of sins, there is life and salvation.”

I'm at NEXUS with Robert John, Mollie, and Emily Bouch. NEXUS is a program where high schoolers are able to explore a call to ordained ministry. One of the professors was teaching us about Ezekiel and he asked, “who can finish the sentence: For where there is forgiveness of sins....”

After giving the students a chance Dr. Mattes looked to us pastors and said, “anybody?” I said that it was my favorite sentence in the whole world and finished it. He responded that it was probably in his top 5.

Why not number one? I began to think and realized that perhaps I had too hastily skipped over: “Alleluia, Christ is Risen!” The risen Lord and Savior comes to free us from sin, death, and the devil. “Shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin,” is one of the means that God uses to gift us with forgiveness, life and salvation.

Holy Communion is that precious gift where God Himself comes to feed us with His very body and blood. We have a very personal encounter with Jesus as we receive the body and blood and hear a very pointed: “for you.” For you He died. For you he rose. For you He comes to meet you in worship, in the sacrament.

*You are God's priceless possession!
Relax and enjoy your salvation.*

See you in Worship,

Pastor Johnson



Church Picnic

Sunday, August 18, 2024

- 4:00 p.m. – ??? p.m.
- Eat at 5:00
- The Fleeger Meadow
- 253 Pump Station Rd, Worthington, 16262
- 4.4 miles from Main St. Worthington
- Drinks, hot dogs will be provided.
- Please bring your own tableware
- and a covered dish or dessert to share.
- Bring clothes to play in the creek!
 - Activities for all ages!
- Evening ends with a bonfire.
- Hope to see you there!!!!



Rally Day Breakfast - September 8th

@ 9:45 a.m. in the Social Hall

Join us as we kick off a new year of Sunday School with our Rally Day intergenerational celebration, including light breakfast. Orientation for all students, come and meet your teacher! Games and fun!

Come join the fun and fellowship!

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Electronic Giving is Good for You and the Church

You can now make a contribution to our church through a mobile app!

To get started, download GivePlus Church for free from the App Store or Google Play. Simply search for "GivePlus Church" to quickly find and download the app today. Then, you can easily make donations directly from your smartphone using your debit/credit card or checking/savings account.

You can also choose to donate as a guest or set up an account that allows you to securely and conveniently schedule recurring donations and manage and review your giving history.

We hope you enjoy this new way to contribute to our ministry, and thank you for your support.

1. Download the free app on your Apple or Android phone.
2. Make one-time or recurring donations using your debit/credit card or checking/savings account.
3. Log in or donate as a guest.
4. Securely and conveniently manage donations using Touch ID/Fingerprint, PIN or password.

To give through the app, search your phone's app store for "GivePlus Mobile" or contact the church office.

"Give according to your income, lest God make your income according to your giving."

Mark Your Calendars	
August 18	Church Picnic @ Fleegeer Pavillion
September 8	Rally Day
September 15	Progressive Workshop Luncheon
September 17	SPARK Night
October 6	Anniversary Service – Pastor Bish
October 14	Deadline for reservations Reformation Sunday
October 19	Mission District Convocation here
October 27	Reformation Sunday
November 3	Turkey/Ham
November 10	Hymn Fest
December 1	Christmas Concert



➤ The July meeting was canceled. The next scheduled regular meeting of Council is August 12th.

A complete copy of the approved minutes from each month is posted on bulletin boards in the Narthex and Education Building.

Your Church Council members are always available for your questions and concerns:

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| Kyle Kirkpatrick - Vice President | 724-954-7366 |
| Dean Crooks | 724-664-2015 |
| Wendy Hodak | 724-664-4345 |
| Gene Hughes | 724-543-3011 |
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| Megan Rupp | 724-859-1317 |
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*The members of
St. Mark's Lutheran Church
in Adrian
280 St. Marks Road
cordially invite the members of
St. John's to their 200th
Anniversary Celebration
September 28th 3:00 to 8:00 p.m.
September 29th at 3:00 p.m.*

Children and Youth
August 2024



Tenth Avenue
North
At the Dayton
Fair
Monday August

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**



Parking Lot Helpers Needed
During Folk Festival
August 1st-3rd
Please see Julie
If you are able to fill a time slot.
Donations collected go to a non-profit
organization and to the Youth Group.

We had a GRAND 2 weeks at In-Tents Camps! We enjoyed the Quemahoning Swim area and Packaged Flood Buckets for NALC Disaster Relief! Pastor Brian Barlow was our Speaker. We had a unforgettable, super week! Thank you to all of our Church Family for your continued support!



Mark Your Calendars for September

Sunday Sept. 8th Rally Day 9:45am
Sunday School Open House, Breakfast
WE MISS YOU! Come celebrate
200 years at St. John's!
And get ready for the next 200!

Sunday, Sept. 8th Youth Group Kickoff!
6:30-8
Grades 6-12

Tuesday Sept. 17th: SPARK Kick Off!
6:15-7:30pm

Wednesday September 25th: SEE YOU
AT THE POLE! 7am At Armstrong HS

Saturday Sept. 28th
Ford City Park Christock Family Event
12-4pm, Free Food and Free Kids Stuff!





- 2 Joseph Acerni, Gage Duncan
- 3 Teresa Zydonik Randy Sedwick
Pastor Bish
- 4 Tom Simmons
- 5 Katie Acerni
- 6 Jon Livingston
- 8 Joe Campbell, Amanda Snyder

- 9 Stephen Livengood
- 10 Emily Graff, Ava Dosch
- 11 Mark Dongilli
- 12 Kathy Hooks
- 13 Rose Debnar, Corbin Bowser, Kylea Zimmerman,
Ava Rupp
- 14 Gary Zurn
- 15 Bob Helm
- 16 Gene Hughes
- 17 Olivia McGalla
- 19 Christine Whiteman, Julius Kuruc, Addison Round
- 21 Jessica Simmons, Emily Rodgers, Andi Dosch
- 22 Judy Kozlosky, Dennis Kirkpatrick,
Sarah Spatafore
- 23 Harvey Wingard, Betty Mitchell
- 25 Tracy Trulick, Mitchell Ignatz
- 26 Seth Bowser, Leroy Zacherl
- 27 Shirley Stitt
- 28 Ashlynn Zurn, Brenna Zurn, Christian Peralta
- 29 Joan George, Donovan Crawford, Parker Crawford
- 30 Hadley Heller
- 31 Todd Stitt



Our June Church Offerings

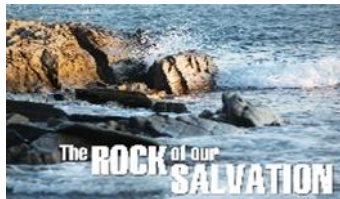
Offerings	June Receipts	June Budget	Year To-Date	Budget To-Date
Current				
Operating	22,977	26,887	145,183	161,323
Benevolence	1,417	3,333	9,033	20,000
Capital				
Campaign	2,234	1,762	12,088	10,572

Current Account	Income	Expenses	Gain/ -Loss
Current Month	22,977	20,340	2,637
Year to Date	145,183	141,009	4,174

ATTENDANCE

Our June Worship Attendance

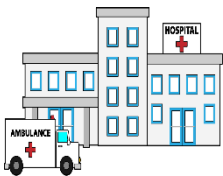
June	2023	2024
1 st Sunday in June	124	43(E) 77(L)
2 nd Sunday in June	43(E) 61(L)	48(E) 64(L)
3 rd Sunday in June	34(E) 59(L)*	40(E) 51(L)
4 th Sunday in June	*38(E) 71(L)	28(E) 58(L)
5 th Sunday in June		42(E) 62(L)
Average for June	107	103



Rock of our Salvation
Worship

8:30 a.m. Sunday,
August 11th and 25th 2024

Every Sunday morning Jesus has promised to meet us at church; to speak to us through His Holy Word; and feed us with His precious body and blood.



Heading into the hospital?

If you or a member of your family is hospitalized,

please contact the office @ 724-548-2051. Because of confidentiality issues, the hospitals are not as helpful in notifying us as they once were.



Summer Sunday morning worship services; 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. There is no reason to miss praising our Lord!



Thank You's for July 2024:

Thank you to Alan & Betty Mitchell, RuthAnn Hankey, Blair & MaryJane Dawson, Julie Smith, Janice Smith for helping with the

July newsletter mailing.

- ♥ Thank you to everyone who continue to support and volunteer with the Katie's Cupboard Ministry @ St. John's.
- ♥ Thank you to Blair Dawson for repairing the air conditioning above the fellowship hall.
- ♥ Many thanks to Rob Nemchek of Nemchek Heating and cooling for supplying parts to repair the A/C.
- ♥ Thank you to Connie McMaster, Tammy Fleeeger, Rose Montgomery, Patty Kirkpatrick, Linda Charley, Kay Thorell, Karen Waugaman , Amber & Kylie Zurn & Ruth Ann Hankey for covering the phones during our secretarial vacancy.
- ♥ Linda Howlett would like to let everyone know that her neighbor's grandchildren LOVED Vacation Bible School and the foam party was awesome!
- ♥ To all the people to made and gave me the over 80 lunch Thank you! Helen Kaufman
- ♥ Thank you to everyone who helped support our NALC Camps, in prayer and more!
- ♥ Thank you to Emily Bouch, Cassidy, Delaney and Marlee Smith, Stella Venesky and Jerah Wranich for help leading music at NALC Camp.
- ♥ Thank you to EVERYONE who supports our Children's and Youth Ministries at St. Johns!
- ♥ Thank you to Bill Bouch for chaperoning the NEXUS youth trip.



Prayer Shawl Ministry:
Please consider joining our ministry. The need for shawls has increased and we are in need of people who are willing to touch the lives of those who are

ill or grieving by making a shawl and offer hope, comfort and God's love. Fleece blankets are also welcomed. The mystery of the Prayer-Shawl is not in yarn or the needles, but in the action of God. Our hope is to discover God working in the lives of the ones we are praying for. God is also working in the lives of the knitters and crocheters. Anyone interested in knitting or crocheting a shawl is welcome. This can also be a time to learn to knit or crochet. Shawls are created at home on your own time and at your own speed. **Please bring completed shawls to the office. Prayer tags are available for you to sign so recipients know who made the shawl.**



St Johns Bicentennial Anniversary Celebration

Faithfully spreading the Gospel in Armstrong County and surrounding areas for over 250 years

St Johns Kittanning

REFORMATION SUNDAY OCT 27 2024

Luncheon following 11AM Worship

Catered luncheon will be Roast Beef/Turkey gravy, mashed potato, vegetable & roll.

Desserts lovingly made by St Johns famous bakers! Can you help? contact Tammy Fleeeger 724/664-1773

Cost: \$20.00/person*

Cost for immediate family of 4: \$60.00*

do not let finances deter you from celebrating with us... See Pastor Johnson for details

NAME: _____

_____ YES I will attend _____ number
Return check - (mail to office or place in offering)

_____ I would love to help underwrite costs so those who wish to attend may be blessed
I will reach out to Pastor Johnson

_____ YES! I can make a dessert!

RESERVATIONS DUE MONDAY OCTOBER 14



Internet Streaming St. John's Live Broadcast

The St. John's worship service is broadcast live on You Tube each Sunday at 11:00 a.m.



Mission District Mission Trip
August 25-30
Indian Lake, Ohio

Indian Lake Ohio was hit by tornadoes and now that the relief agencies have left, the NALC is sending in work teams to minister to those who have fallen through the cracks.



Katie's Cupboard

Romans 12:13 Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality

Ephesians 4:32 Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God has forgiven you

Just a note to say "THANK YOU" to the folks of St Johns for serving our Risen, Living Lord Jesus by sustaining our neighbors thru Katie's Cupboard.

We meet Jesus every day as your neighbor helps themselves, calls the office for a bag of food, pops in and share coffee cake before the service. AND some neighbors drop off items and chat with "us".

What a great way to build relationships!

Please know your contributions, efforts to stock, clean, sort and maintain are noticed in the community and are a blessing to many beyond measure.

Adult Sunday School Begins September 15th



First Communion Classes

Children going into 3rd grade and over who are not yet communing are invited to take communion classes in preparation of their first communion. The classes are scheduled as follows:

- Sun Aug 11th, 7:00 pm Parents only meeting
- Mon -Thurs 4:00-5:00 pm Student Classes
- Friday 7:00 pm Parents and Students
- Sunday August 18th First Communion

"Let the little children come to me"



Sharing the Bounty

At times our gardens under produce and at times they over produce. Over producing gives us the opportunity to share with others. Place on the table next to the water cooler in the Gathering Space your over abundance to share.

Please feel free to take from the table what you like and can use. Some weeks there may be lots, others maybe not so much. You do not need to put anything on the table in order to enjoy a share from the table. There will be a container with plastic bags under the table for your goodies. Enjoy!



August 4

Assisting Ministers	Karen Waugaman(E)
	Debbie Bouch(L)
Lectors	Linda Charley (E)
	Colvin Adkins (L)
Comm Assistants	Amber Zurn, Susan Barto (E)
	Mollie Bouch, Sue Neal (L)
Acolytes	Ashlynn Zurn(E)
	Stella Venesky(L)
Camera Operators	Robert John(E)
	Keith Livengood(L)

August 11

Assisting Ministers	Julie Smith(E)
	Sara Shafer (L)
Lectors	Delaney Smith(E)
	Sophia Whiteman(L)
Comm Assistants	Karen Waugaman, Nancy Pierce(E)
Acolytes	Gracie Hodak(E)
	Lucas Bowser(L)
Camera Operators	Nick Wranich(E)
	Bill Bouch(L)

August 18

Assisting Ministers	Nancy Pierce(E)
	Kay Thorell(L)
Lectors	Patty Kirkpatrick (E)
	Richard Thorell (L)
Comm Assistants	Patty & Kyle Kirkpatrick(E)
	Charlie Bleakney, Sara Shafer(L)
Acolytes	Logan Duncan(E)
	Quinn Kellner(L)
Camera Operators	Robert John(E)
	Keith Livengood(L)

August 25

Assisting Ministers	John Swanson(E)
	Charlie Bleakney (L)
Lector	Rebecca Swanson(E)
	Gene Hughes(L)
Comm Assistants	Melissa Venesky, Lori Young(E)
Acolytes	Anna Venesky(E)
	Ella Fennell(L)
Camera Operators	Nick Wranich(E)
	Bill Bouch(L)

The heavens declare the glory of God.

We preach Christ.

Come meet Jesus this Sunday.

AUGUST

Altar Guild: Janice Smith, Betty Mitchell (E)
Deb & Bill Bouch (L)

Money Counters: Dean Crooks, Richard Thorell, Patty Kirkpatrick

Ushers: John Graff, Chris and Connie Choncek, Jeff Choncek.



Children's Hour:
See you all in the Fall!

St. John's Lutheran Church Staff:

Director of Children's & Youth Ministry	Julie Smith
Secretary	TBA
Sexton	Colin Toy
Director of Music/Organist	Rebecca Veith
Sr. Choir Accompanist	Elizabeth Cramer

*"Go therefore and make disciples
of all nations, baptizing them
in the name of the Father, and of the
Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching
them to observe all that I have
commanded you.
And behold, I am with you always, to
the end of the age"*

