

THE EAGLE

St. John Lutheran Church
Greenville, OH



Mission Statement: *Growing in grace. Living by faith. Serving with love.*

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August 2024

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This last month has brought renewed attention to the verse that hangs above St. John’s doors “Go therefore, and make disciples of all nations.” Matthew 28:19. Last month while Ruble’s Painting was painting our church Gathering Area for our Refresh Project, they realized rather than removing the words they would need to paint around each individual letter. I wonder if the words took on new meaning for them as they did this tedious work! We would also do well with taking a moment to carefully meditate on the meaning of these words. In addition to being the final word you are left with each day that you leave our church, this is also the final commission that Jesus gave to His disciples.

It is a reminder that our mission as Christians doesn’t end when we leave church, or close our Bible, or unfold our hands in prayer, this is where our mission *begins*. We are to bring the grace we are given to others; we are to love as we have been loved, we are to give, and share, and bring God’s light into this world we have been placed in, calling more to the calling we were given as disciples. This Summer, our theme has been “Growing in Grace” - in Christ’s Great Commission to us, we remember that our growth is not just for our benefit, but for the world and for our neighbor!

Disciples don’t just meditate on the information they’ve been given and then hide it away in their hearts – but they live out the teachings so that the world may know. This month, as we finish our summer theme, let us consider how God has been growing our faith and how that might serve our neighbor. Let us consider how we might engage in going into the world and making disciples. May we meditate closely on God’s mission and make it our own. Amen.

Pastor Alliyah



This Month's Prayer Requests

Pray for God's presence and comfort for those who are listed below.

Assisted Living, Nursing Care, & Homebound:

Jackie Beisner, Joan Blaine, Velma Lucas, Randy Coblentz, Polly Klein, Duane Shields, Carl Strobel

On-going Illness & Recovery:

Jodi Barge, Jackie Beisner, Delores & Lester Beisner, Joan Blaine, Dixie Copp, Don Dietrich, Jim Gower, Graham Guttadore, Joe Heindl, Kelly Kelch, Polly Klein, Velma Lucas, Don McCabe, Lori Mehaffie, Ryan Nichols, Fred Prasuhn, David Priebe, Barb (Willman) Rhoads, John Rismiller, Duane Shields, Ann Starks, Carl Strobel, Ione Thompson, Lori Trittschuh, Diane Wentworth and Phyllis Whitesel.

Military:

Lt Col Brian Sturdevant – SCOTT AFB, IL
M Sgt Steven Pagett – N LAS VEGAS, NV

Prayers of Thanksgiving:

We thank the Lord for the joining in Church Membership of Kathy Dixon to St. John Lutheran Church – Kathy joined our congregation as a member on July 14th. Please keep this new member in your prayers and plan to introduce yourself to her if you haven't yet.

We thank the Lord for the Baptism of Lennon KarleeAnne Byrd, daughter of Spencer & Macayla Byrd on July 20th. Please keep this family in your prayers as Lennon grows in faith.

Prayers of Sympathy:

We lift our prayers for the family of Marti Irey (mother of Tim Irey, grandmother of Allison and Xander Irey) who passed June 26, 2024. We trust in the promise of the Resurrection.

This list is presented in the hope that our members will remember to pray, visit and send cards to these people. This is one way to show our love and concern for them and that they are a vital part of St. John's Church Family. If you desire to be removed from the prayer lists, please contact the Church Office or the Internal Care Team.

Prayer Request Forms are available in the Gathering Area. In the event of illness or hospitalization, please let us know by calling the Church Office (937) 548-5404.

Church One Call Note

If you are not receiving church, one calls or prayer chain calls and would like to, please call the church-office, we would be happy to add you to the list for receiving these calls. If you are already signed up, but are not receiving the calls, please check to see if your cell-phone's voice mail box is set up or full. If your voice mailbox is full, you will not receive the church one-call message, but it will appear as a missed call from St. John.

August One-Call Coordinator:

Jerri Altenberger

AUGUST READINGS

August 4, 2024 – Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading: Exodus 16:2-15
Psalm: 145:10-21
Second Reading: Ephesians 4:1-16
Gospel: John 6:22-35

August 11, 2024 – Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading: 1 Kings 19:1-8
Psalm: 34:1-8
Second Reading: Ephesians 4:17—5:2
Gospel: John 6:35-51

August 18, 2024 – Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading: Joshua 24:1-2, 14-18
Psalm: 34:12-22
Second Reading: Ephesians 5:6-21
Gospel: John 6:51-69

August 25, 2024 – Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading: Isaiah 29:11-19
Psalm: 14
Second Reading: 5:22-33
Gospel: Mark 7:1-13

August Altar Flowers:

All August Sundays Currently Open.

Sign-up for 2024 is available in the Gathering Area, if you would like to provide flowers in memory or in honor of someone or a special occasion you can write your name and information on the 2024 chart.

Instructions for Altar Flower Sign-up

Congrats on your decision to provide Altar flowers! Here are some steps to complete.

- Select a date on flower chart wall calendar located on glass window outside church office, add your name.
- Complete donation form by Monday, the week before your chosen Sunday, for the bulletin announcement.
- Select a florist and plan for Friday anytime, or Sat before noon delivery.
Delivery: 1. Helen’s Flowers can make delivery
 2. Deliver yourself using your entry fob
 3. Sign out a fob for temporary use with the church office.
- There are tin cans available as substitute for a vase that are optional to return.
- NOTE: In Honor of ..., in Memory of ..., In celebration of ..., are popular notes. Other options praising God or giving glory to Him are common too. Tradition has been fresh cut flowers, but recently we have seen artificial flowers and potted flowers used as well.
- Forms are also available in the church office if you would like to provide the information via paper rather than email to the church office.

August Altar Guild:

Elaine Roan & Amanda Hill

Previous Month’s Reports

June Attendance		July Attendance	
6/02/24	65	7/07/24	84
6/09/24	77	7/14/24	78
6/16/24	75	7/20/24	54
6/23/24	67	7/21/24	72
6/30/24	96	7/28/24	86

Council Report –July Council Update

1. Church Clean-up Day at St. John is scheduled for Saturday, October 19th from 9:00 a.m. until done. (Rain date Oct. 26th).
2. Annual Congregational Meeting is scheduled for November 10, 2024.

3. Council approved the resignation of David Priebe, Organist.
4. Council approved the use of Thrivent funds to pay for food for cookout after the outdoor Church service on July 20th.
Submitted by Denise Suter

Finances – For July 2024

Building Improvement Fund Balance 31-June-24
\$ 36,481

Status of Current Operating Fund as of: 31-June-24
\$ 186,082

My E-Offering for June 2024: \$2,159.40

	Offering	Expenses	Difference
Month June 2024	\$ 21,342	\$ 26,507	\$ (5,165)
YTD June 2024	\$ 123,536	\$ 121,013	\$ 2,523
Month June 2023	\$ 19,321	\$ 22,721	\$ (\$3,400)
YTD June 2023	\$ 123,017	\$ 113,226	\$ 9,792

For detail account information, see bulletin board across from the Finance Office.

Online Giving

Giving online is convenient and secure. If you would like to give your offering online, please visit our Church Website www.stjohnsgreenvilleohio.org and click on the “DONATE NOW-MYEOFFERING” button.

SERVING THROUGH LOVE

Communion Servers: Please note in August we will have communion the first and fourth Sunday of the month.

08/04/24 Elaine Roan, Kris Osterbur, Denise Suter

08/25/24 Tom Boyer, Dave Suter, Ron Smith

August Ushers are:

Jim Sander, Mike Boyer, Steve Black, Don Dietrich

August Funeral Dinner Coordinator:

Sheryl Rismiller

Lector

08/04/2024 Sue Sharp

08/11/24

08/18/24

08/25/24

Mike Boyer

Greeters

08/04/2024 Mike Boyer
08/11/24 Mike Boyer
08/18/24 Mike Boyer
08/25/24 Mike Boyer

Sound Tech

08/04/2024 Darrel Roan
08/11/24 Mark Wentworth
08/18/24 Darrel Roan
08/25/24 Mark Wentworth

Media Tech

08/04/2024 Elaine Roan
08/11/24 Jeff Gower
08/18/24 Elaine Roan
08/25/24 Jeff Gower

Live Streamers

08/04/2024 Tammy Green
08/11/24 Maggie Rismiller
08/18/24 Kris Osterbur
08/25/24 Kristen Gower

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOTE: to encourage team members to assist in our evangelism outreach at the Darke County Fair, there will be **no “All Team Meeting” in the month of August.**

David Priebe Retirement Reception

David Priebe has served faithfully as our church organist and pianist for the last 26 years. As a church we are grateful for his service, his gifts, and his dedication to St. John. He will be retiring August 25, 2024, we plan to recognize Dave’s years of service at this Sunday Service. Please plan to attend as we honor David together – a reception will follow the Aug 25 service.

Mission Presentation: August 4

Join us on August 4th to hear about the Bill and Kris Osterbur’s Mission Trip to Tanzania this Summer. They will share a photo video presentation during

the service and further details after the service in the Parish Hall.

St. John Building to Host Midwestern Area Clergy Retreat: Aug 19 - Aug 21

St. John is hosting a clergy retreat for Midwestern Area Clergy with Pastor Jess Abbott organizing. The retreat is scheduled for August 19 (1 PM) - August 21 (12 PM). Clergy and their spouses will enjoy presentations and devotionals at the church along with checking out the Darke County Fair. If you would like to assist with this event, there will be an opportunity to help with food for lunch and/or setup/prepare/cleanup - a sign-up sheet will be available if you'd like to be involved. Additionally, if you would be willing to potentially host a clergy person and their spouse, please contact Jeff Gower indicating how many you could host, and if you'd be willing to host a clergy couple, male pastor, or female pastor, or no preference - a sign up will also be available at the information table. You would *not* be responsible for feeding them or providing transportation - just providing a room for them to stay the night August 19 and August 20. Please keep this upcoming event in your prayers as Pastor Jess and the St. John fellowship team coordinate details.

Outdoor Service Pictures

Thank you to all who attended our Outdoor Service and Picnic! Especially to our musicians; Donovan Brown, Brian Gant, John Guttadore and to Ron Smith and our music and worship team for organizing the picnic as well as to all who helped set up and tear down. What a wonderful evening of fellowship together!





CONNECT GROUPS

ROMEO'S – Retired Old Men Eating Out
 R.O.M.E.O.'s traveled to St. Henry to eat at The Bake Shop. What a nice little place. Good breakfast and they also have their fresh donuts and rolls. We will have to return there someday. There were eight of us fellows this time. Retirees come out with us some time. It's always a great time with the boys. Who knows where we will venture next month. Next outing will be **August 1st & August 15th**. We meet in the church parking lot at 9:00am.

R.O.M.E.O.s Houston's Restaurant



The Lutheran Family Reunion

Join the NALC Churches of Southwest Ohio Mission District on **August 10th (10 AM - 2 PM)** for a day of church fellowship, worship, learning and enjoying being among your brothers and sisters in Christ! **This "Family Reunion" is for all ages** and will have a focus on intergenerational ministry. Bring your kids and youth - we will have activities for them to enjoy this time together! This event is organized and hosted by the NALC Southwest Ohio Executive Committee, and is **taking place at Grace Lutheran Church, Eaton, OH.** Lunch will also be provided for those who register by August 1 (late registration may also be available – call or email Pastor Alliyah to confirm). Costs are covered by the budget of the Southwest Ohio Mission District. Registration forms are available at the church information center or in the church office.

Growing in Grace Discipleship Training

Thank you to all who have been attending our "Growing in Grace" Discipleship Training throughout July – our final three sessions will take place July 31 / Aug 1, Aug 7 / Aug 8, (Break from Aug 14-22) then meeting for our Testimony Sharing Day on Aug 28 / 29. Wednesday sessions are 7 pm and Thursday sessions are at 1 pm.

JULIET'S – Join Us Ladies In Eating Together
 Our next gathering will be on **Wednesday, August 28th**. We will meet at the church at **10:30AM** and carpool to The Spot, 201 S. Ohio St. Sydney, Ohio.

Sewing Group All women are invited and there is a sign-up sheet in the gathering area. Please invite a friend. Any questions call Donna Howdieshell. The sewing group meets every 3rd Monday of the month at **9:00 a.m.** in the Parish Hall. We will meet again **August 19th**

Knitted Together in Christ– Crochet and Knitting Group

On Sunday June 23rd, St. John church blessed ninety baby blankets that were lovingly made and donated to Darke County Pregnancy Help Center, and Rustic Hope. This is an increase from the more than sixty blankets donated last year.

We would like to thank all who helped in some way, by attending the Bible Study, or making blankets.

Linda Brown, Shirley Crotcher, Laura Gower, Kristen Gower, Pastor Alliyah Blakeley, Amanda Hill, Louise Lucas, Iris Prasuhn, Rita Rismiller, Sheryl Rismiller, Elaine Roan, Arlene Sharp, Betsy Smith, Terri Watts, Diane Wentworth, and any others who we may have missed.

We would also like to thank Sheryl Rismiller and Louise Lucas for helping provide funds for yarn with their Thrivent Action Team money.

A big thank you goes to Ron and Betsy Smith for helping to put up shelving and organizing the yarn and blanket storage.

We plan to continue the Bible Study starting again in October, however, we have plenty of yarn in the room next to the finance office, if you would like to start making more blankets before then.

Women’s Bible Study & Circle Meeting



ESTHER: It's Tough Being a Woman by Beth Moore

This in-depth study will lead women through a journey of tragedy and triumph, teaching you how to trust God’s caring and provision for the tough times. Just as it was tough being a woman in Esther’s day, it is tough today

This is a combination of individual study and monthly group sessions which will continue for the next 9 months.

Our next meeting is **Wednesday, August 7th at 10:00** at St. John. We look forward to you joining us.

Women of the Church Update

1. Recipient of 2024 Thank Offering will be equally divided to Lutheran Military Veterans and Families Ministries and Darke County Cancer Association.
2. Sept 15th will be Blessing of the Quilts. All Quilters are encouraged to wear their Quilt Pins.

Swinging 8’s Square Dance Club

Swinging 8’s Square Dance Club of Greenville will be sponsoring Community Dance Night every 3rd Tuesday of the Month. All are welcome! Come for the music, the fellowship or get up on the floor and try your hand (and feet) at Western Style Square Dancing. Instruction will be available. Next dance night will be **August 20th, 2024**.

Location: Fellowship Hall @ St. John

Time: 7:00-9:30 PM

Cost: Freewill Donation.

ST. JOHN OUTREACH

(Local Outreach) St. John Youth Ministry

The Youth at St John are supporting Operation Christmas Child along with St John congregation. This outreach is part of Samaritan’s Purse and is based on the story of the Good Samaritan. Their mission is to follow the example of Christ by helping those in need and proclaiming the hope of the Gospel (Luke 10:30-37). By providing a shoebox filled with toys, school supplies and personal care items to children in need around the world we are showing Discipleship and Evangelism. We have the boxes, just pick one up along with the label for a boy or girl and the age category, we also have the list for their suggestions of what to fill it with. The Youth Team will cover the \$10/box mailing fee with the funds from the parking fundraiser during the Darke County Fair. All boxes need to be returned by September 30th to the church. Please take advantage of the back-to-school sales and watch for other sales to fill boxes. If you have any questions please see Denise Suter, Betsy Smith, Sue Sharp or Laura Gower

(Local Outreach) Youth Fair Parking

Youth Fair Parking (**August 16th-24th**) It's almost that time of year for The Great Darke County Fair. St John will be parking cars again at 738 and 742 Sweitzer St across from the hospital. The funds earned support the Youth Group's "Shoe Ministry" that provides shoes and socks to all elementary schools in Darke County and the Pregnancy Center, the office staff at all locations are able to provide much needed shoes to students in need. We are also providing the Pregnancy Center with underwear and socks for the little ones they support. There is a sign-up sheet at the Connect Center, please prayerfully consider signing up and representing St John during the week, it's easy and you will meet some wonderful people. If you have any questions, please contact Denise Suter, Laura Gower or Betsy Smith.

(Local Outreach) Bible Blitz: Aug 16

St. John will be doing our "Bible Blitz" again on **August 16th** at TSC in front of the store, if you plan on attending, please let Brian Strobel know. This is a great opportunity to be "in the community" and spread some of Christ's love around. If you have extra Bibles in your home that are in new or lightly used condition, or would like to purchase some for this project we would be happy to receive and distribute them. We will plan on giving away any left-over Bibles at Lutheran Day during the Darke County Fair. Brian Strobel is using one of his Thrivent Action Teams towards this project. Thank you, Brian, for organizing this!

(Local Outreach) Lutheran Day at the Fair – Aug 22, 5:45 PM

The Evangelism and Fellowship Team are pairing together to represent St. John at Lutheran Day at the Darke County Fair (**August 22nd** – at the decision of the Fair Board, we will *not* be able to hand out treats like previous years, but may pass out water, Bibles, and some Evangelism Items.) We will meet together at **5:45 pm** at the Spiritual Life Center on August 22nd and you're encouraged to wear your St. John shirts, or pick up a Thrivent Shirt to wear along with your St. John name tag. Watch your bulletin for more information and let Dixie Copp or Pastor Alliyah know if you have any questions.

Summer Evangelism Invite Challenge

We have had a wonderful Summer "Growing in Grace" and learning ways to grow in our faith while sharing it with others – August is your final month to complete your "Evangelism Invite Challenge" of inviting 3 people to church over the course of the Summer. We have plenty of invite cards left if you need to re-stock. Thank you to all who have participated – we have seen many new visitors throughout the course of the Summer as a result of personal invites, remember to greet these guests when you see them. And continue praying over who you might be called to invite.

(Local Outreach) Soup Kitchen July Update

St. John's Team this Month: Jim Sander, Betsy Smith, Darrel & Elaine Roan, Mary Jane Dietrich, Carol Bruss, Birdie Kitchen

A very warm summer day welcomed Tuesday's diners to lunch at the GRCC. Our team prepared and served baked beans and a hotdog on a bun with a choice of toppings: mustard, ketchup, sauerkraut, onions, and relish. There was a tray of fresh veggies (tomatoes, carrots, celery, red/yellow/green peppers) and a tray of fresh fruit (strawberries, bananas, mandarin oranges) for the diners to choose from. There were also lunch size bags of chips and a fabulous Ho-Ho dessert. We served 48 meals.

The next meal will be served on Tuesday, **August 13th**. We plan to serve sloppy Joe's, pasta salad, mixed vegetables and cookies.

WAYS TO GIVE & SERVE

STEWARDSHIP FOCUS

The stewardship focus for this month was the Weekday Christian Education program in our community. It continues to be offered as a weekly after school program in each of our county schools. Those kids that participate meet for a little over an hour once per week immediately after school directly in the school building, they attend. This program, which is called R.O.C.K. (Reaching Out to Christ's Kids) is run by teachers of the program and their volunteer helpers. These are for primary school age children.

They meet for 8 weeks both in the fall and spring. Time initially will include some time for play and a snack, then getting kids organized into small groups where a Christian-based lesson is taught including Bible verses and songs.

Our donations go towards the items needed for their programming (paper goods, T-shirts for staff, etc.) and the teachers do receive a small stipend.

The program is currently in need of at least one teacher and some volunteer helpers for this fall.

Please keep the individuals who give of their time/talents as well as the children involved in the program in your prayers.

If there are any questions or if interested in helping, you can contact Vivian Dailey.

They are staffed by volunteers and Christy would certainly encourage anyone wanting to volunteer to let her know.

THRIVENT ACTION TEAMS

Using your Thrivent Action Teams is a great way to give back or help with a service project at no cost to you. If you are a Thrivent member, you are eligible for two Action Teams (\$250) a year to help with mission and outreach projects.

This month, Brian Strobel is using one of his Action Teams for our **Bible Blitz** and Jerri Altenberger is using one for our **Evangelism Outreach** at the Darke County Fair. And Birdie Kitchen is using one for our **Evangelism Yard Sign** project.

(Local Outreach) Prayer Shawls Needed

In times of illness or times of need the Internal Care Team occasionally distributes Prayer Shawls to members of St. John. A prayer shawl is a crocheted or knitted shawl that has been prayed over while it has been made, and then blessed during a service of blessing at the church. It is a reminder of the love of God, and the warm prayers that our congregation shares with those in need. These are a great encouragement to those who have received them. The Internal Care team is in need of some more shawls to re-stock our inventory (especially in need of some additional feminine colors for our shawls), if you would like to be involved in this ministry and need instructions, please contact the Internal Care Team (Shirley C, Sue S, Carol H, or Linda B) for more information.

Care Partners for Grieving Members

The Internal Care team has made a purchase of some special grief booklets that will be used to minister to those who are grieving the recent loss of a loved one. We are in need of some members who would be willing to serve as **Care Partners**. These Care Partners would be assigned to one family or person with the responsibility of sending these booklets by mail to them four times during the year, and commit to praying for the family for one year after their loss. If you are interested in serving in this important roll, please contact the Internal Care Team for more information. *Thank you* to all those who have already volunteered or have been part of this meaningful ministry.

INTERNAL CARE NOTE

In the event of a new illness or injury, following a surgery, or the death of a St. John member, your Internal Caring Team can deliver food to your home if needed. We are here to help you get through these struggles. Please contact Shirley Crotcher, Linda Brown, Sue Sharp or Carol Hoop if you need assistance.

CD Ministry

The Internal Care Team also occasionally provides CD recordings of the service to those who are not able to attend in person, please contact an Internal Care member if you would like to receive these CDs.

IN THANKSGIVING

Thank You! | From ROCK

Dear Supporters and Friends @ St. John Lutheran Church, another school year of sessions is behind us & summer is officially here. Thank you for your gift to (ROCK) Reaching Out to Christ's Kids Weekday Christian Education. We appreciate your continued support, both financially and in prayers. Your donation will help us to continue on the journey to spread the news of Jesus Christ to the children of Darke County schools.

Vivian Daily, Treasurer

With Heartfelt Gratitude | From DCPHC

Dear church family,

We are blessed by your generous donation. We praise God generous church families like you. We value your prayers and donation. God brought Proverbs 11:25 to mind. "The one who blessed other is abundantly blessed, those who help others are helped."

These blankets represent a significant blessing to the center. The dedication of these women, who have invested their time and prayer into a cause without expecting to witness its full impact, is truly commendable.

These blankets serve as a blessing to numerous individuals, and we are immensely grateful for the community of exceptional talents that continually give back to our society in ways that surpass imagination. We extend our heartfelt gratitude for your time, talent, unwavering support, and, above all, your prayers.

Thank you, Pregnancy Help Center Staff

Thank You! | From Design Outreach

Dear St. John Lutheran Church,

Thank you so much for your generous gift to Design Outreach! In over 370 communities across 12 countries, more than 290,000 men, women, and children made in the image of God are rejoicing over the transformation that has occurred in their lives because of LifePump—all because of the generosity and kindness of people like you.

One of these individuals whose life has been transformed is Halison Zachalia, an entrepreneur and resident of Zioya, Malawi. He and his wife did not have much money to start a business, but having water through LifePump encouraged them to try. Because of LifePump, he and his wife not only started a restaurant, but they also were able to build a new home. They now are blessing others by giving food to the elderly, helping children buy soap and notebooks for school, and helping others through their profits.

Testimonies like these are only possible through the generosity of people like you.

The life-changing, generational impact of reliable solutions to the world's greatest challenges is beyond measure, and we cannot thank you enough for partnering with us in this important work.

From my heart to yours,

Greg Bixler, Ph.D., P.E., CEO & Co-founder

P.S. To follow the impact of your gift, you can subscribe to our periodic newsletter! Visit our Resources page on the Design Outreach website at doutreach.org.

Thank You! | From Youth For Christ

Dear Members,

Thank you for your recent gift to help reach you people through Youth for Christ of the Miami Valley.

I'm excited to share that many students were impacted by their recent experience at Junior High Camp. A handful of students re-committed their life to Jesus, a couple of girls who were disengaged at the beginning of camp had open and softened hearts by the end. Another handful of teens who are not in relationship with Christ are contemplating what that might mean for them and are still processing the messages they heard at camp. We look forward to following up with all of these students!

You are making a difference! It might be indirectly, but you are still a piece of this puzzle that God is putting together to bring these students healing and wholeness. You are helping them see His bigger picture for them and we are so glad you're a part of this team!

For youth and for Christ,
Erin Alette
Executive Director

Thank You! | From LMVFM

Dear Friends and Members of St. John Lutheran,

Thank you so much for your donation to the ministry of LMVFM. We truly appreciate the support you have shown with this donation to continue serving with Christ's love to those who serve, or have served, in our military forces or as military contractors.

LMVFM meets the veterans and their families where they are, addresses and/or assists them with their needs accordingly, often by thinking outside the box. Because we can serve with Christ's love and help the whole military family unit that's what makes LMVFM so unique and this ministry so important. We are able to provide this love and services to them for *free*

largely in part because of your continued prayers and generous financial support.

Together in His Service,
CH Leslie Haines, (MAJ) ret., STS, MA
Executive Director Lutheran Military Veterans and Families Ministries, Inc.

Thank you all so very much for your partnership with us in ministry to our veterans, contractors and their family members. Support from ministry partners like you allows us to continue our work with those who have given so much to us and our country.
God's Blessings ~Leslie (LMVFM)

Thank you for being a wonderful blessing to our military veterans and their families through LMVFM! ~Deb (LMVFM)

Thank You!

Dear St. John,

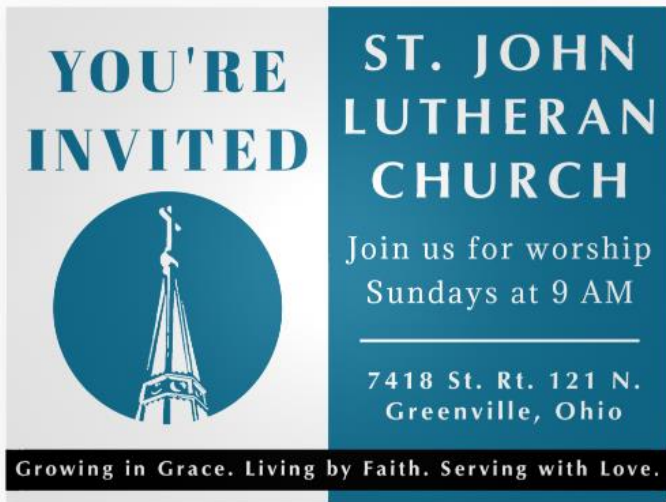
I want to thank all of you who prayed for me during my recent heart surgery. Also, for the visit from Sue and Bryan Sharp and the beautiful prayer shawl.

Ione Thompson

AUGUST AT A GLANCE

- 6 Potential Special Election
- 7 Priscilla Bible Study
- 8 Council Meeting
- 12 Women's Board Meeting
- 13 Soup Kitchen @ GRCC
- 19-21 NALC Pastors Retreat
- 19 Newsletter Deadline/Women's Work Day
- 19 Newsletter Fold

- **No All Team Meeting in August**



Advertising Opportunity

The Evangelism Team is working on purchasing some St. John Yard Signs that could be placed in member yards to advertise St. John, especially prior to our Sunday School Year beginning and let people in the community know about us. Watch for an opportunity to sign up to receive one if you are interested in posting one in your yard. They will match our Summer “Invite Cards”. Thank you to Birdie Kitchen for using one of her Thrivent Action Teams to support this project.

Looking Ahead | Christian Education

Our Sunday School “Kick Off” Day will be **September 15**. We would love to include your youth, kids, or grandkids! Please sign up if you intend to attend this year. A sign up will be out prior to September 15. More information will be in your September newsletter. Please contact Pastor, Lori T, or Dave S. for any questions or concerns or to volunteer to be a Sunday School Teacher.

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP

Sunday Worship: 9:00 AM

Holy Communion: This month we celebrate Communion on **August 4th** and **August 25th**

Online Worship

If you are not able to worship with us in person, we invite you to join us for worship online.

We are posting current services over our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/stjohngreenville/ you do not need a Facebook account to view the service. If you're watching on Facebook, you can invite your friends to watch the service by clicking “share” this is an easy way to let others know about our congregation and share the good news. We also post special services on the St. John YouTube page which can be found by searching “St. John Greenville OH” on YouTube.

OFFICE NOTES & REMINDERS

Inclement Weather Reminder

If Darke County is under a Level 3 Emergency, we will cancel church. “One Call” and the Church Facebook Page will also be used for notification of church cancellation. Notices will be broadcast on WHIO Channel 7 and Radio Station 1290.

Safety Tip: Tornado Safe Place Items

- Head protection items
- Non - perishable foods (pull top cans)
- Flashlights/radio/ batteries
- Fully charged cellphone
- First Aid Kit/ medications
- Water bottles.

Items For Your Pockets:

- Insurance Cards
- Driver’s License/ I.D. Cards
- Keys (car, lock box, safe, home)
- Credit Cards/ Cash
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Deadline for submitting articles and updates to
schedules and calendars for the **SEPTEMBER**
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St. John Office Hours

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	NOTES
James 3:18 Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness.							**There will be No All Team Meeting this month.
4 9AM Worship HC	5	6 Potential Special Election 6:00PM Swinging 8's Square Dance	7 10:00AM Priscilla Bible Study 7PM Growing in Grace Bible Study	8 6PM Council Mtg 1PM Growing in Grace Bible Study	9 6PM Online NALC Annual Convocation	10 10AM Lutheran Family Reunion @ Grace Lutheran in Eaton, Ohio	
11 9AM Worship	12 9AM Women's Board Mtg	13 10AM Soup Kitchen @ GRCC 6:00PM Swinging 8's Square Dance	14	15 9AM R.O.M.E.O.'s	16 Fair Parking St. John Bible Blitz (TBA)	17 Fair Parking	
18 Fair Parking 9AM Worship	19 Pastors Retreat Fair Parking NALC Event Newsletter Deadline	20 Pastors Retreat Fair Parking NALC Event 6:00PM Swinging 8's Square Dance	21 Pastors Retreat Fair Parking NALC Event	22 Fair Parking Newsletter Fold No All Team Mtg. Lutheran day at the Fair	23 Fair Parking	24 Fair Parking	
25 9AM Worship HC David Priebe Retirement Reception following worship	26	27 6:00PM Swinging 8's Square Dance	28 11AM JULIET'S 7PM "Testimony Day" Growing in Grace Bible Study	29 1PM "Testimony Day" Growing in Grace Bible Study	30	31	



