



From Our Pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

The days between our congregational annual meeting (January 25) and Ash Wednesday (February 18) have been a whirlwind of activity, reorganizing, and refocusing. Upon the approval of the 2015 Congregational Mission Spending Plan (budget) and the election of new Church Council members, we immediately reorganize into a new church council. We then meet to make ministry assignments and establish new Church Council goals. This is always an exciting time to be the church, as we pray for and seek God's guidance and direction in the coming year.

At our planning retreat on January 31, we established three goals for Church Council and one goal for the congregation to pursue in 2015.

2015 Church Council Goals include:

- 1. Increase Generous Giving to Finance the Outreach Pastor Position*
- 2. Explore 21st Century Giving Options (on-line and automatic giving)*
- 3. Increase Volunteerism with a Focus on Spiritual Gifts and Mentoring*

In the April Voice, I will update you on the plans and strategies that Church Council will be employing to achieve these three goals.

This article will focus on our 2015 Congregational Goal, which is to call an Outreach Pastor. By paper ballot the vote to enter into the call process to call an Outreach Pastor passed 91-1 at the Annual Meeting on January 25, 2015. The following week, I called the Northwestern Ohio Synod Office to let them know that we would be entering the call process. Soon after that call, I received a packet detailing the Northwestern Ohio Synod's call process. The first phase of the call process involves four distinct steps:

1. Healthy Congregations Workshop
2. Ministry Site Profile
3. Appointing a Call Committee
4. Northwestern Ohio Synod Orientation Meeting.

Step #1 is the Healthy Congregations workshop. The purpose of this workshop is to help congregations focus on their strengths and mission. It is designed for staff and congregational leaders and is led by a trained facilitator. On Saturday, March 21, Pastor Kristina Ahlman from Solomon Lutheran Church in Woodville, will lead the Church Staff and Church Council of St. John's through the Healthy Congregations workshop. Thank you to staff member Diane Boelkens and Council Member Rick Lees for helping coordinate this workshop.

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Step #2 is the writing of the Ministry Site Profile (MSP). This is an 11 page form that describes our community and our congregation. Sample blank copies of this document are available in the Church Office. This profile will highlight for potential pastoral candidates both who we are as a congregation and the type of leader we are seeking to serve in the position of Outreach Pastor. It is recommended that a team of 3-4 people serve on the Ministry Site Profile writing team. Thank you to Staff Member Melissa Lang, Council Member Linda Henry, and Mike Sibbersen for serving on this writing team. Our goal is to have the Ministry Site Profile completed by May 15, 2015.

Step #3 is to appoint a Call Committee. St. John's Constitution stipulates that a Call Committee of 9-12 voting members shall be appointed by the Church Council (C 13.03). The task of the call committee is to prayerfully seek qualified and gifted candidates to fulfill the position of Outreach Pastor. This committee will meet with and interview potential candidates, and when God leads the right pastor to us, make a recommendation to the Church Council that we call this individual. Church Council will then recommend the candidate to the congregation for approval. As our Church Constitution states, "Authority to call a pastor shall be in this congregation by at least a two-thirds majority ballot vote of members present and voting at a meeting legally called for that purpose" (C 9.01). Our target date for appointing a Call Committee is April 28, 2015.

Step #4 is for the newly appointed Call Committee to attend an Orientation Session at the Bishop's Office in Findlay, Ohio. These sessions are offered on a quarterly basis. Our plan is to have steps #1-3 completed in order to attend the Orientation Session scheduled for June 16, 2015. The Orientation Session will educate the St. John's Call Committee on the ins and outs of the call process. It is our hope that soon after the Orientation Session, the Call Committee will begin interviewing potential Outreach Pastor candidates.

So what might you do between now and June 16?

First, please pray. Pray that God send us a faithful and gifted pastor who will lead us to pursue our God given mission in the community and the world, "to witness and to serve others."

Second, please consider. Please give careful consideration to serving on the Call Committee if your name is lifted up as a potential committee member. We need folks who understand our mission and vision, and are able to envision the kind of leader we need in the foreseeable future.

Finally, give thanks. Give thanks to God that we have grown spiritually and numerically as a congregation and are ready and willing to allow God to lead us in this next great endeavor. As I stated earlier, it is indeed an exciting time to be the church.

Blessings,

Pastor Daniel G. Beaudoin



Our Vision: "Spiritual Practices for the Sake of the World"

1. DAILY PRAYER ✓

In our prayers (from February bulletins):

- Natalie St. Arnaud, health concerns
• Hazel Schaller, health concerns
• Howard Bookenberger, health concerns
• Pauline Gaertner, health concerns
• Bob Reitzel, Kingston Rehabilitation
• Lucille Larcom, The Arbors Rehabilitation
• Brody and Lisa Donald Marriage Celebration
• Linda Polzin Family, upon the death of her sister, Helen
• Ron Shook Family, upon the death of his brother, Gerald
• Jodie Huss Family, upon the death of her father, Jim Jeschke
• Krista Agee Family (Dayschool Teacher), upon the death of her mother, Sharon
• Brittany Jacobs Family (Dayschool Teacher), upon the death of her grandfather and grandmother Harley and Donna Jacobs, aunt Diane Jacobs Johnson and uncle Kenneth Johnson

2. DAILY BIBLE READING PROGRAM ✓

During March, we will continue to read through a number of St. Paul's Letter's: Romans, Philemon, Colossians, and Ephesians. We will also read through the Gospel of Mark. On Palm Sunday (March 29), we will read about Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. The 2015 Daily Bible Reading Schedule (light purple sheet) is available on the Prayer Desk in the Narthex.

Table with 3 columns: Date, Bible Book, and Chapter/Verse. Rows include March 1-31 with corresponding readings from Romans, Ephesians, Colossians, and Mark.

3. WEEKLY WORSHIP ✓

- 8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service
9:30 a.m. Fellowship
9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Catechism, Adult Ed
10:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
11:45 a.m. Fellowship
3:00 p.m. Quiet Communion (1st Sunday of the month)

February Attendance

Table with 2 columns: Date and Attendance. Rows: Sun. Feb. 1 ~ 165, Sun., Feb. 8 ~ 273, Ash Wednesday ~ 127, Sun., Feb. 15 ~ 191, Sun., Feb. 22 ~ 370.

4. GENEROUS GIVING ✓

St. John's Financial Giving as of Feb. 22, 2015
General Fund Income (Year-to-Date)

Table with 3 columns: Budget, Actual, Difference. Row: \$56,784, \$38,199, (\$18,585)

Benevolence Fund (Year-to-Date)

Table with 3 columns: Budget, Actual, Difference. Row: \$4,960, \$3,226, (\$1,734)

(Copies of current Financial Reports are in the information holders located to the right of the Prayer Desk in the Narthex.)



In Loving Memory of
James Jeschke

Les Limmer & Martha Limmer
Robert F. Armstrong

Kay and John Falk
Jim and Karen Cajka

MEMORIALS

In Loving Memory of
Dudley Welling

Mary Lou, Lynda, Laurie & family



In Loving Memory of
Janice Nollenberger

Howard and Phyllis Bookenberger
Almede and Dick Kohring
Tom and Lee Anne Dierksheide
Jennie and Brian Ruckstahl
The Helkeus Stuck Family

Trudy and Nigel Davies
Sharon and Ted Bitter
Greg and Linda Boltman
Dwight and Judith Reitzel Osterud

Darlene Michel
Pastor Jim and Chris Budke
Clarence and Maxine Haas
Betty Smoyer
Howard Smith

In Loving Memory of
Ernest Swartz

Dave and Linda Polzin
Barbara & LeRoy Lashaway
Shirley Johnson
Paul and Laurie Swartz
Dan and Amy Sheldrick
Clarence and Maxine Haas
Bob Johnson
Ray and Gwen Swartz
Brent and Rhonda Freeman
Dave and Linda Bockbrader
Fred Brinker
Myrl and Sheri Bretz
Sarah Bretz
Laura and Ryan Bair
Pastor Jim and Chris Budke
Lee and Ellie Schober
Tom and Terri Schaller
Matthew & Monica Schober
Kari and Brian Hatfield
Scott and Andrea Sibbersen
Dianne and Tom Waldock
Julie and Rick Blackmore
Marian and Beverly Miller
John and Jean Baker
Arnold and Barbara Brossia
Mark, Sandy & Libby Snyder
Christina and Dustin Martin
Brian Swartz Family
Jack and Tammy Faykosh
Don and Madeline Peters
Jerry and Debbie Beaverson
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Reino
Jeff and Kim Kohring
Don and Betty Jo Schaller
Dan and Laurie Magrum
Gretchen, Mike and Lauren
Denise
Glen, Linda, and Andy
Dierksheide

Josh Kieffer
The Murray's
Ken Gahler
Wes Gahler
Dave and Janell Vickers
April Oman
Marian Berger
Bill and Sue Wensink
Karina Hahn-Claydon
Erv and Bonnie Zitlow
Cecile Gainer and
The Gilbert Family
Randy and Deb Ernsthausen
James and Sandra Sander
Larry and Judy Fox
Howard & Dolores Oestreich
Paul and Martha Wielinski
Joyce Plumb and Kamann's
Clarence & Wilma Smithers
Bob and June Mitchell
Rosalie Smithers
Clarence & Wilma Smithers
Dennis and Janet Bower
Lou and Jean Snyder
Ben and Brianne Frobose
Bob and Deb. Valasek
Noel and Marti Heisler
Les and Rhonda Bockbrader
Tom and Carol Swartz
Shirley and Bob Freeman
Tim and Cindi Ernsthausen
Jeff, Kristin, Benjamin, Kate,
and Rebekah Swartz
Bill & Carolyn Staib & Family
Eddie Brough
Howard & Phyllis Bookenberger
Gordon and Kathy Moore
Kathy Baughman Storch
Ed and Diane Boelkens

William and Judy Trombly
Larry and Becky Warns
Bruce and Leann Peiffer
Betty Staib
Bob and Jane Sibbersen
Mike Sibbersen
Joanne Schulte
John F. Schulte
Glen and Doris Welling
Thelma Schaller
Ruth Powell
Anita Nietz
Nancy Martin
Judy Wilbarger
Nancy Baker
Tim and Patti Bihn
Ted and Sharon Bitter
Warren and Martha Newsted
Greg and Linda Boltman
Doug and Jana Miller
Lee and Deborah Wehner
Stanley and Patricia Mann
Craig and Audra Wing
Jack and Mildred Heims
Praise Band c/o Carol Taylor
St. John's Lutheran Church
Rick, Lynda, & Michael Lees
W.W. Grangier Inc
Alice M. Yant
Joseph & Elizabeth Windau
Ronald & Kathleen Holzman
Ella Freeman
Dwight & Judith Reitzel Osterud
Betty Wolf
Jan Rucki
Marilyn Goeckerman
Beverly McNeeley



PASTORAL ACTS

Funeral

James Jeschke
on 2/1/15

Marriage Blessing

Brody and Lisa Donald
on 2/15/15

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

(Those over 74 years young)

March 8 Sally Claytor
 March 9 Sandra Minarik
 March 11 Douglas Bolfa
 March 18 Mary Jane Reitzel
 March 24 Glen Welling
 March 27 Maxine Haas
 March 27 Genevieve Kurfess



7630 Reitz Road, #75, Perrysburg 43551
 23781 Bradner Road, Genoa 43430
 2130 Kathy Lane, Geona 43430
 25260 Ault Road, Perrysburg 43551
 6862 Devils Hold Road, Pemberville 43450
 PO Box 212, Stony Ridge, 43463
 22601 Tracy Road, Perrysburg 43551

ALTER FLOWERS

The 2015 Flower Calendar is located on the bulletin board across from Pastor Daniel's office. You may sponsor altar flowers in honor of, in memory of, or to the glory of God. We use two bouquets each Sunday; the cost is \$20 per vase. If no one signs up for flowers, we will use our church silk flowers as the altar flowers.



SOCIAL MINISTRIES

Sunday Specials for March

Food Pantry is collecting **Easter Candy, Egg Coloring Kits**

The Food Pantry is now serving 110 families. We currently have 17 families on the waiting list!

(A new policy beginning in February is to delete those that do not show up for their appointment (and do not call) and add the waiting list families.

McDonalds Fundraiser will be held on Sat., March 28, from 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Shared Bounty is collecting men and women's deodorant

Please place in the bin in the coatroom. Thanks in advance for your support!



CHRISTIAN LEARNING

Bible Adventures

Bible Adventures will continue through Wednesday, March 25. We will meet in the Before & After School Room at 7 p.m. during the Lenten service. We will continue learning about Jelly Beans: The Colors of Easter. Bible Adventures is for anyone preschool-age through 2nd grade. The following is the March schedule:



*March 4 ~ Red Jelly Bean, March 11 ~ Black Jelly Bean,
March 18 ~ Yellow Jelly Bean, March 25 ~ Celebrate Easter!*

Sunday, March 8, Daylight Savings Time begins! Spring is on its way!!

5th Grade First Communion Class

Classes will be held on **Sunday, March 8, 15, and 22** during the Sunday School hour (9:45-10:30 a.m.) in the Parish Hall. Bring a Bible, paper, and pen/pencil. Bring a parent too! Pastor Dan will be teaching about Holy Communion. We ask that one parent attend these classes with their child. Students will receive their 1st Communion on **Palm Sunday, March 29**. (On **Sunday, March 22** there will be a Parent and Student Meeting in the Chapel right after the last class.)



First Communion Retreat

We will be conducting a First Communion Retreat with Bethlehem Lutheran Church on **Saturday, March 28 from 9-11:30 a.m.**

Easter Breakfast

The Youth will be hosting the **Easter Breakfast on Sunday, April 5**, from 9:15-10:15 in the Parish House. This breakfast is a fundraiser for our youth to raise money for the National Youth Gathering in Detroit this July. As this is a fundraiser for our youth, we will be asking for a suggested donation of \$5 per adult or \$10 per family. We will hope you will join us for food and fellowship as we celebrate our risen Christ. *Reminder: There will be NO Sunday School/Catechism on Easter Sunday.*



Graduating Seniors:

A reminder that St. John's offers several scholarships through our Memorial and Outreach Committee to graduating seniors. Scholarship application forms are available in the office and they are due back to the church office by **April 1**. Any questions contact Diane Boelkens.

MID-WEEK LENT SCHEDULE

Our 2105 Lenten theme is "Hope in the Midst of Suffering"

Wednesday, March 4

6:00 Soup Supper hosted by Social Ministries
7:00 Lenten Worship ~ Ed's Story: Consider the Birds
7:00 *Bible Adventures ~ Red Jelly Bean

Wednesday, March 18

6:00 Soup Supper hosted by Worship and Music
7:00 Lenten Worship ~ Ed's Story: My Garden
7:00 *Bible Adventures ~ Yellow Jelly Bean

Wednesday, March 11

6:00 Soup Supper hosted by Church Council
7:00 Lenten Worship ~ Ed's Story: Be There
7:00 *Bible Adventures ~ Black Jelly Bean

Wednesday, March 25

6:00 Soup Supper hosted by Prayer & Retreat,
Witness, and Memorial & Outreach
7:00 Lenten Worship ~ Ed's Story: Ask Forgiveness
7:00 *Bible Adventures ~ Celebrate Easter!

** Preschool through 2nd Grade meets in the Before and After School Room
3rd graders and above are asked to attend Lenten Worship with their parents*



Palm Sunday, March 29

5th Grade First Communion at
8:30 and 10:45 a.m. Worship
9:45 Easter Event for the kids

➔ Mark your calendars for APRIL ←

Maundy Thursday

**April 2 at 7:30 p.m. Worship
Holy Communion, Stripping of the Altar**

Good Friday

April 3 at 7:30 p.m. Tenebrae Worship

Easter Services



**April 5 at 8:30 and 10:45 a.m.
Easter Breakfast 9:15-10:15 a.m.
No Catechism/Sunday School
Quiet Communion 3:00 p.m.**



BIBLE STUDY / CLASSES / FELLOWSHIP

New Disciples' (Membership) Class

Sunday mornings at 9:45 a.m. on March 1 and 8.

Meet in the Church Council Room.

Pastor's Bible Study

Pastor's Bible Study on *Introduction to the New Testament* meets at 6:30 on Thursday evenings during Lent ~ March 5, 12, 19 and 26.

Sunday Morning Bible Study

Please join us in the Lounge on Sunday mornings at 9:45 while we look at the Bible through the lens of John 3:16. We are going through the Bible, book by book, stopping at 3:16 in every book and seeing if we can see God's love in the verse or in that chapter. Dan Dent leads this bible study and all are invited to attend the class.

Men's Breakfast

The **Men's Breakfast** will be on **March 7, from 7:00-9:30 a.m.** at Panera Bread on Rt. 20 in Perrysburg. All men are invited!

Pairs and Spares

Pairs and Spares have yet to meet this year, as our Jan. and Feb. meetings have been cancelled due to snow and cold weather! We will try again on **Saturday, March 14**, and have lunch at Bob Evans in Perrysburg on Route 25 at Noon. We will be brainstorming on ideas for the coming months. Please let Pastor Jim (419-341-0397) or Shirley Johnson (419-874-7234) know if you are coming to Bob Evans by Thursday, March 12.

"Rise Up For Detroit" FUNDRAISER

Do you enjoy the music our bands and choirs provide for us every Sunday? On **Sunday, March 22**, the Prayer and Retreat Committee will be sponsoring a musical event featuring the Adult and Cherub Choirs, JJAAM, Stones of Praise and The Travelers. This "Rise Up for Detroit" event will be a fundraiser for our St. John's Youth attending the 2015 National Youth Gathering "Rise Up" in Detroit. Following the late worship service, lunch will be served for a suggested donation of \$5/person or \$10/family. Then each musical group will perform some of their favorite songs. Between performances there will be time for sharing information on the songs, readings, thoughts and testimonials. Please plan to join us as we praise God through our music and help our youth attend the Youth Gathering at the same time.

NOTE: The National Youth Gathering meeting has been changed from Sunday, March 15, to Sunday, March 22. We will meet immediately after this fundraiser, approximately 2-2:30 p.m.



THE BIBLE STUDY FOR MARCH WILL BE Session 6, “Making Conversion Last,” found in the January-February issue of *Gather* magazine. The theme verse is Acts 8:38-39: “He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing.”

This study will give us several contrasting conversion stories to illustrate the factors that can help religious transformation succeed or fail. Discussion of these passages will help us understand how we can strive to create communities that nurture spiritual growth.

The Bible Study will begin at 1:30 p.m. in the Lounge on Wednesday, March 11, 2015. All are welcome.

COMFORTERS FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF will be tied on Thursday, March 5, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 in the Parish House. Countless lives have been touched by these tangible gifts of God's love.

FLEECE TIED BLANKETS ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED BY LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF. Instructions are available in the rack by the desk in the narthex.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Thursday, March 5 – Tie Comforters

Wednesday, March 11 – Bible Study (Rebekah Circle)

PRAY FOR SPECIAL CONCERNS EVERY MONDAY AT NOON. Give thanks for God's love and forgiveness.



LIBRARY NEWS

Stop in the Church Library to see the new books, movies, and Cd's we have to read or watch on these cold, winter days while we wait for spring.

We have two Music Books:

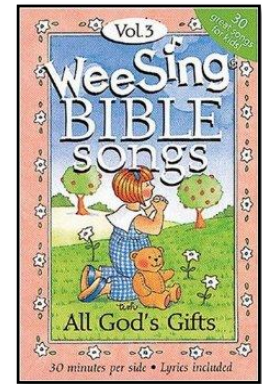
Randy Travis - Rise and Shine for piano, guitar, and vocal
The Best of Him

We have two new kids sing along CD's:

All God's Gifts - Wee Sing →
Travel Songs - Wee Sing

We have added two more videos of the ever popular Veggie Tales:

Celery Night Fever A Lesson in Forgiveness
The Pirates Who Don't Do Anything



Family Videos:

The Bible - Four DVD Epic Miniseries

In the Kids Department we have added eight new books:

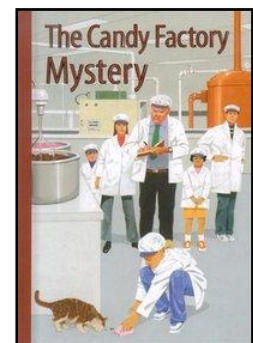
My Bible Friends - Baby Moses and Baby Jesus by Etta B. Degering
My Bible Friends - Joseph's New Coat and Joseph and His Brother's by Etta B. Degering
It's Fun to Learn - A Sense of Fun - Emily Hutta

Chapter Books:

The Bears' Blitz - 14 Short Stories - Stephanie Moody
Storm's Fury - 14 Short Horse Stories - Jann Conrad
Where's Ruddy - Adventure Stories - Ron Ray

Boxcar Children:

The Ghost Ship Mystery - Gertrude Chandler Warner
The Candy Factory Mystery - Gertrude Chandler Warner →



And for the adults we have added four new books:

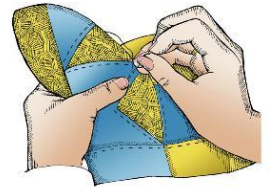
Beyond the Gathering Storm - Jan Karon
Home to Holly Springs - first of the Father Tim novels - Jan Karon
Love Finds You in Miracle, Kentucky - Andrea Boeshaar
Beyond the Gathering Storm - Janette Oke

St. John's has a wonderful library! Feel free to stop in whenever you are in the church.



Baby Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief

In the fall of 2014, our WELCA group included 20 baby care kits with their shipment of handmade comforters to Lutheran World Relief. Each baby care kit has the bare necessities to care for a baby. We will need to collect quite a few items if we want to assemble a number of kits again for the Fall of 2015. **There is a box in the coatroom for anyone who would like to contribute items for this worthy cause.**



LWR MISSION QUILTS & KITS

The following information is taken from Lutheran World Relief's 2015 Ministry Guide:



"Bringing a baby into the world can be a difficult and scary thing for a mother living in poverty. She worries about her baby's health and well-being when there is a lack of money to buy the things every mother wants for her newborn. The items included in a Baby Care Kit provide the things a mother needs to care for her baby the way she hopes to - soft blankets to give warmth and comfort, soap to keep germs away. Lack of something to dress her baby in often keeps a mother isolated from her community, but the clothes in a Baby Care Kit welcome both mother and baby out into the world."

The following items should be included in each Baby Care Kit:

- 1) Two lightweight cotton t-shirts (no onesies, please).
- 2) Two long- or shirt-sleeved gowns, sleepers (without feet), or pajama tops and pants (without feet). Note: As the baby's legs grow, the item can be worn for a longer period of time if it doesn't have attached feet.
- 3) One receiving blanket.
- 4) One larger blanket (up to 52" square) can be crocheted, knitted, a comforter, crib-size blanket, etc.
- 5) Four cloth diapers, flat fold preferred.
- 6) One jacket, sweater or sweatshirt with a hood, or include a baby cap.
- 7) Two pairs of socks.
- 8) One hand towel, dark color recommended.
- 9) Two bath-size bars of gentle soap, in original wrapping.
- 10) Two diaper pins, or large safety pins.

Per Lutheran World Relief, **do not add other items not on the above list.** The kits are designed to be acceptable and useful in cultures and climates different from ours. Gently used, clean items (no stains or tears) can be substituted for new ones.

TIP: Sizes 6 - 24 months may be used. Varying the sizes of the clothing items included will make the baby care kits useful as baby grows.

Questions?? Please call Ellie Schober at (419) 837-5992

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Join our icy expedition at VBS this summer where we learn about Conquering Challenges with God's Mighty Power!



At Everest VBS, kids embark on the coolest adventure of the summer, where they discover what it means to hold on to God's mighty power in everyday life. Everest VBS is filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences where kids see, hear, touch, and even taste! Sciency-Fun Gizmos™, team-building games, cool Bible songs, and tasty treats, are just a few of the standout activities that help your child's faith flow into real life. Plus, we'll help kids discover how to see evidence of God in everyday life - something we call God Sightings.

Everest VBS will be June 22 ~ 26 from 9 a.m. to Noon

So, if you have a 2-year-old through fifth-grader (entering 5th), mark your calendars and keep your eyes open for the registration form in February. We look forward to enjoying this amazing adventure with you!

WE NEED YOU ON OUR CREW!



Every summer during our annual VBS, we are able to witness to around 100 two-year-olds through fifth-graders sharing the amazing love God has for them. None of this would be possible without the help of our talented crew. There are so many different ways that we need volunteers. Please prayerfully consider helping this year! If you have never helped before, you will be amazed at how often the crew gets as much out of VBS as the kids attending.

If you would like to help with VBS, we need YOU!!!

So, if you would like to help, have any questions, or need more information, please contact the VBS Director, Rachele Chaffee, at 419-376-1757 or rachelechaffee@hotmail.com

→ REGISTER FOR VBS ON-LINE ←

www.vbsstjohns.weebly.com



Thank you to the Dayschool for serving during coffee hour in February. Thank you to all who brought in cookies & snacks. The Prayer & Retreat Committee will be serving in March.

St. John's, I want to thank you as a whole. Your prayers and financial support to my student ministry with Cru are greatly appreciated. Thank you! God Bless, --*Joshua Beaudoin*

Dear Arlene Baker and people of St. John's, We want to thank you for all your work and kindness during Thelma Stickel's funeral luncheon. The people who assisted us were helpful and wonderful to work with. Thank you again for your coming to our rescue. We appreciate it. God bless, -- *Sue Gerke*

Friends and families of St. John's, Thank you so very much for the Meijer gift card. This will be a long ordeal, so your kindness, thoughtfulness and prayers are greatly appreciated. Thank you again! -- *Greg and Joan Cornell and family*

Dear St. John's,

Greetings from Vance AFB, Enid, OK. Just wanted to drop a note to let you all know how we are doing. We are all settled into our house on base, it's small, but it will do. Austin is doing well at Eisenhower and has become really good friends with Carson. Jonathan and Kamie enjoy the day taking the dogs to the dog park and they have yet to experience all of the playgrounds on base.

I want to thank everyone that has included me in their prayers regarding my sinus surgery. It's been a month since the surgery and the doctor is extremely pleased with my recovery. What a relief to be able to breathe clearly. Unfortunately, the AF requires I be grounded for 12 months, but I'm still here at least. So that's good. In the mean time, I'm working with the 5th Flying Training Squadron processing pay documents for the reserve guys. It's really easy going and my co-workers are super nice.

We have been watching the live stream of the 8:30 service on UStream. What a gift that has been! It's like we are home (except when they interrupt Pastor's sermon with commercials!). We have found a couple churches here we like, one has an ok service, but the people are really friendly and the other has an awesome service, but no one bothers to talk to you.

We miss you! -- *Andrew, Kamie, Austin, and Jonathan Umbaugh*

Dear friends in Christ, Thank you for your generous gift of \$2,355.98 (12/31/14). You folks are such a blessing to us. Whenever the day seems darkest, you come thru with prayers and gifts that allow us to keep going. We are so thankful for you as a mission partner and I wish you could experience the gratitude of the people we served and continue to serve. They experience the love and caring of Christ through you, because of your generosity. Thank you for your continuing care and prayers. In Him, -- *Marge Reas for the Redeemer family*

Thank you was received from the following:

TEAM (support for Scott and Caitlin Andrews) for the gift of \$125

