

October 2019

Pastor's Message:

Dear Friends in Christ,

I remember the encounter like it was yesterday: It was a lovely autumn Sunday in 2003. I was in Ohio to celebrate my Dad's 80th birthday. And we had gone to the church where my dad grew up, as he was invited to preach; and my brother John and I were to preside at worship. I got to St. Peter's in Delphos early. I lingered outside to enjoy the morning air. I watched the first person arrive for worship. Slowly, and with difficulty, a dear senior woman made her way up the sidewalk towards the church. I greeted her with "And how are you this morning?" And she gave the best one-word answer there is: "*Grateful!*" "*I am grateful!*"

The routine answer to my question would have been "Fine" or "I'm OK". But her answer was a beautiful, unexpected testimony. "*I am grateful!*" She didn't need to elaborate! I could tell she was grateful to be alive; grateful to be able to come to worship; grateful for a church that welcomed her and cared for her; grateful for a God whom she could count on for grace and strength sufficient for the day!

As we live into our *Gifted & Grateful* theme this fall, consider making this elder woman's mantra your own: "*I am grateful!*" is a powerful prayer; a wonderful response; and an outstanding witness! It can be on the lips of anyone who knows what it means to belong to God and to enjoy life in Jesus' name!

-Pastor Paul

Gifted and Grateful

We have some groups forming for the *Gifted and Grateful* study so that all of us can participate and spend some time being Church Together too! Some of the group options are as follows: Every other Wednesday at 7pm at Church (starting October 9th) "Girl's Group" at Amanda Reinemann's home October 22 at 7pm. Saturday after worship Oct. 14 & 28. Sunday morning a new group is forming at 9:00.

Can any of you offer to convene a group?
Who would like to find a group?



Upcoming Events

October 12 - Service of Healing Prayers

October 19 – Fall Clean-up Day

October 20 – Trunk or Treat

November 2 – Service of Remembrance

August 2019 Year to Date

+YTD General Fund

Receipts: \$ 133,686

Expenses: \$ 140,624

+YTD Building Fund:

Receipts: \$ 68,678

Expenses: \$ 74,204

+YTD ELCA Benevolence:

\$ 10,029 Goal for 2019: \$15,000

+YTD Missionary Sponsorship:

\$ 4,416 Goal for 2019: \$6,000

Thank you for your regular attendance and offerings!

Service of Healing Prayers

We'll gather on Saturday, October 12 at 5:00 for a Service of Healing Prayers.

Service of Remembrance

We'll gather Saturday, November 2 at 5:00 to remember those who have died in the past year and to care for those who are grieving. Please invite someone you know who is dealing with loss.

Veterans Group

St. John's Veterans Group **Will Not** be meeting in October due to various conflicts. Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday November 12th, the day after Veterans' Day. Our meetings are open to both St. John's Veteran members and non-members so bring a friend. Bring along any old Military items that might want to share the story about with the group. Coffee and doughnuts will be served. If you have any questions please contact Roy Glocke, (262) 339-6868 (please leave a Voicemail or Text) or E-mail: royglocke@aol.com

Thank You for a Terrific Church Picnic!

Thank you to our Picnic Team who organized and helped to make our annual picnic a great success. Thanks to everyone who helped for setup and cleanup, kitchen help, baskets, and games and to those who provided baskets/silent auction items and food for the potluck! Thank you for attending and because of your generosity we raised \$ 908 to be split between our Good Samaritan fund and Crossways Camps. We are truly blessed!



Family Promise Help – St. John's to Host in November!

St. John's is hosting Family Promise families the week of Sunday, November 17 through Saturday, November 23. We will be providing meals, hosting meals, and staying overnight with families. We also need a set-up and take-down crew on Sunday morning as well. This is a very simple way to share your gifts and to help a family that is homeless! Please sign up to help in the gathering space. Talk to Wendy Wolf if you have questions.

Fall Clean Up Day - Saturday, October 19 – 8:00-noon

Join us for a day to take care of God's house! This is not only God's house, it's our house too! And just like your own home, it needs tender loving care, and regular maintenance and cleaning.

It's time to do some deep cleaning inside and outside the church. We have projects for all ages! Come when you can and leave when you must! If October 19th doesn't work for you, talk to Wendy Wolf to work out a time when it's convenient for you!



God's Work, Our Hands

We are called by the Holy spirit to serve and love one another. Thank you to our great group of volunteers that used their hands to do God's Work! We were able to do some work for Habitat for Humanity house build, deliver flowers to patients at Kathy Hospice, worked on some hiking trails in God's great creation, and played bingo with some residents at Forest View. Thank you to everyone who also donated items for *All People's Food Pantry and Elevate Inc.* too! Thank you for spreading love and compassion in God's world.

Trunk or Treat - Sunday, October 20 - 6:00-7:30pm



Let's start the night with a simple dinner with lots of spooky people, continue to fun games, and finish with some trunk or treat. We have several children that have food allergies, (peanut, egg, gluten). Please consider this when selecting candy to hand out of your trunk. Thank you!

1. Wear a costume – adults come in costume too!
2. Bring a dish to pass
3. Plan to decorate a trunk
4. Plan on having a ton of fun!!!

Things to do this Fall at St. John's!

+**Bell Choir** rehearsals are on the calendar for October! Come join us! Contact Marcia Earl at humady@aol.com

+**Adult Choir** has begun rehearsals on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm. High school age and older are invited to join. Reading music is not necessary, but is helpful.



+**Be an usher, greeter, reader, communion assistant, or run the PowerPoint!** Talk to Wendy Wolf if you're interested or have any questions. We could use more ushers and greeters at the 9:45 service.

+**Women's Groups:** Naomi Circle meets on the 3rd Monday of each month at 1pm. Ruth Circle meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 1pm. These groups work on quilts, health kits, bake sale, Giving Tree, etc.

+**Quilters** meet the 3rd Monday of each month at 9am. No experience necessary! If you can tie your shoe, you can tie a quilt!

+**Monday morning Bible Study** meets Mondays at 9am with Pastor. We study the next week's reading. Join us!

+**Our Dartball team meets on Mondays at 7:30 pm** at St. John's and neighboring churches to shoot dartball and have some great fellowship. Talk to Joel Heidtke (375-1535) if you'd be interesting in playing or being a sub!

Lutheran Disaster Response

Hurricane Dorian has hit the Bahamas with devastating force, leading to major damage and a growing number of reported deaths. Lutheran Disaster Response is in communication with the Florida-Bahamas Synod, the South Carolina Synod, the North Carolina Synod, Lutheran Services Carolinas and other partners who are preparing to respond. We are ready to stand by our neighbors as they recover from this hurricane and any others the 2019 season may bring. Please pray for people who have been affected by hurricanes. May God's healing presence give them peace and hope in their time of need. Your gifts designated for "Hurricane Response" will be used entirely (100 percent) for direct response until it is complete. Together, we can help provide immediate and long-lasting support for those whose lives have been impacted by hurricanes.

Called to Serve

Readers

(8:00 Service)

10/6 Heather Anders
10/13 Keri Kraus
10/20 Mark Hornburg
10/27 Carol Cler

(9:45 Service)

10/6 Reuben Heidtke
10/13 Sarah Murray
10/20 Scott DeChant
10/27 Sam Eisenhauer

Ushers

(8:00 Service)

10/6 Skip Bartelt, Paul Stahl
10/13 George Liberatore, Luke M.
10/20 Mark Hornburg, Pete Kutzora
10/27 Kevin Gierach, Joel Heidtke

(9:45 Service)

10/6 Don Meyerpeter, Keith H
10/13
10/20 Duane Plath
10/27 Gary & Kathy Zirtzlaff

Communion Assistants

(8:00 Service)

10/6 Sandy Lippold, Darleen Wanta

10/13 Pete & Robin Kutzora

10/20 Lisa & Jake Brennan

10/27 Carol Cler, Kären Keel

(9:45 Service)

10/6 Reuben Heidtke
Amanda Reinemann
10/13 Sarah Murray
Amber Cefalu
10/20 Scott DeChant
Tracey Corlett
10/27 Judy Henrichs, Holden B

Greeters

(8:00 Service)

10/6 Mark Hornburg, Scott Novotny
10/13 Skip & Laura Bartelt
10/20 Lisa & Ty Brennan
10/27 Jessica Frank & family

(9:45 Service)

10/6 Sue & Gary Kielisch
10/13 Skip & Laura Bartelt
10/20 Gale Loehrl, Linda S.
10/27 Dave Williams
Zach Byrne



October Anniversaries!

Oct. 3 Matt & Sarah Schaus – 10 years
Oct. 5 Jim & Sharon Ziemer – 34 years
Jason & Angela Pickart – 17 years
Oct. 7 Josh & Melissa Staller – 13 years
Oct. 17 Bob & Michelle Jones – 32 years
Oct. 22 Paul & Pam Stahl – 36 years
Oct. 26 Jeffrey & Laurie Matthews – 29 years

If we missed your special day please let us know.

October Birthdays!

Oct 1 Liam Mickie
Oct 3 Maryann Stoecker
Oct 4 Candace Liebner
Kelli Fraley
Oct 6 Riley Haddorff
Oct 8 Steve Devoe
Bob Zarda
Megan Olafsson
Jon Gust
Oct 9 Joann Kurtz
Oct 10 Jack Frank
Oct 11 Benjamin Hollister
Oct 12 Hope Groth
Oct 13 Ryan Kutzora
Erin Anders
Oct 14 Terry Stoecker
Christine Miller
Jenny Micksch
Oct 15 Tracey Jackson
Melanie Gierach
Emily Blank
Renee Liberatore
Oct 16 Colleen Wagner
Lili Inchaurregui
Oct 17 Arliss Steffen
Oct 18 Amy Hennings Canard
Kristen Mickie
Jackie Goodman
Jacob Williams
Oct 19 Tim Kiernan
Karen Bertucci
Oct 20 Abby Adams
Oct 21 Mike Schneider
Truman Ayers
Aiden Brice
Oct 23 Ruth Bogart Harrass
Pam Dhein
Cindy Driebel
Caleb Dalton
Oct 24 Mary Bukovic
Kayla Brennan
Oct 25 Kimberly Byrne
Oct 26 Maryann Ostranger
Vince Dueno
Tom Toll
Oct 27 Georgia Haddorff
Oct 29 Randy Adametz
Sharon Kiernan
Oct 31 Nick Robel

Happy Birthday!

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At St. John's we're privileged and challenged to *Welcome, Worship, and Witness* in Christ's name. Thank you for being part of this faith community and for the serving you do to the glory of God!

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Office hours: M-F 9:00am-1:00pm
Worship Services: Saturday 5:00pm, Sunday 8:00 am & 9:45 am
Sunday School 9:00 am
Holy Communion is celebrated every weekend.

