

NEWSLETTER
ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH
June 2018

A word from Pastor Jean...

"To all who are thirsty I will give freely from the springs of the water of life."

~Revelation 21:6b, NLT

There continue to be stories in the news about the water situation in Flint. The State of Michigan has declared the crisis is over and has withdrawn their provision of bottled drinking water from the people of Flint.

However, the people of Flint disagree...they are not willing to drink the water from the tap. The wonderful blessing is that the people of the United Methodist Church and the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America are standing in the gap and are continuing to collect and distribute bottled water to the residents of Flint. Therefore, I believe that we have a real ministry/mission opportunity.

Our wonderful little city is celebrating its Sesquicentennial this summer. What better way to be the hands and feet of Christ than to collect cases of water to send to our brothers and sisters in Flint. Nancy Ingram and I recently attended the North/West Lower Michigan Synod Assembly where we learned that the Lutheran Mission will come and pick up collections of bottled water and deliver them to Flint for distribution.

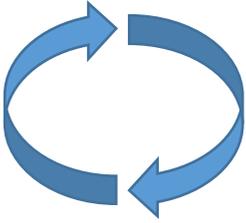
My challenge to both churches is to collect 150 cases (in honor of Lake City's 150 years) of water to send to Flint. Each time to go to the grocery store, please add a case of bottled water to your cart and bring it to the church. Let's see if we can accomplish (or better yet, exceed) this goal by July 1st! If the church building is locked, please feel free to leave your gift of water under the portico and it will be brought inside.

Let's share the amazing love of Christ with our brothers and sisters in Flint by giving the gift of living water! The Apostle John wrote in Revelation 21, verse 6b: *"To all who are thirsty I will give freely from the springs of the water of life."*

Blessings,

Pastor Jean

P.S. I want to issue a challenge...let's be alert to our brothers and sisters volunteering their gifts to this church. I invite you to go a step further, though, and thank them for giving of their time in the name of Jesus Christ. Too often, we are quick to criticize because something isn't done the way we would do it. Rather than being like that, let's have the spirit of Christ in us and thank them for giving to the Lord! That's what Jesus would do! So, let me start...Thank you to those who keep our building neat and clean and thanks to those who mow our lawn and tend the gardens! Thank you for giving to the Lord!



Mutual Ministry Team Highlights

May 23, 2018

Present: Missy McGiness, Larry Collins, Dave King, Laura Marion, Pastor Jean

Discussion: Combined Worship Service on July 1 at Lake City United Methodist Church at 10 a.m. We moved this service to the first Sunday in honor of the Greatest Fourth in the North celebration. A combined choir will perform. Rehearsal for the choir will be announced in the bulletins.

Upcoming Events:

- Blessing of the Motorcycles – June 9 at St. John, Registration at 9 a.m.
- 6th Annual Bike Rodeo – June 9 at LCUMC – 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Vacation Bible School at LCUMC – 5:00-7:30 p.m. – Volunteers needed

Greatest Fourth in the North:

We will be participating in the parade. Please bring bags of wrapped hard candies to the church and place in the containers labeled “GFITN” located in the Narthex. We will be wearing shirts highlighting the Mutual Ministry of St. John & LCUMC. Order blanks will be available soon.

Mutual Ministry/Mission Opportunity:

We will be collecting cases of bottled water for our brothers and sisters in Flint. Please see the info featured on another of this newsletter. Our goal is to collect 150 cases (in honor of Lake City’s 150th birthday) by the 1st of July!

We are exploring other mutual mission opportunities in our community, so watch for further details in the coming weeks!

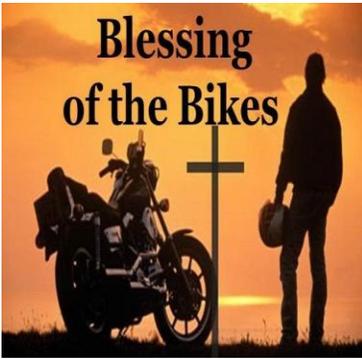
Next Meeting – June 20th at 5 p.m. at Lake City UMC



Combined Choir

There will be a joint service at the UMC on Sunday, July 1st. If you would like to help sing in the choir, see Jeanene Brandt, as she has copies of the music. We will be accompanied by CD music. Look for rehearsal times in the bulletin.

5th Annual Charlie Bartholomew, Jr. Memorial Blessing/Ride



Blessing of the Bikes
Saturday, June 9, 2018
Registration begins at 9 a.m.
Blessing takes place at 10 a.m.
St. John Lutheran Church Parking Lot

See Bonnie James about donating cookies for this event!



STEWARDSHIP

Thank you to everyone who have completed their Stewardship materials and returned them to the little white church in the Narthex.

If you did not receive a stewardship packet or need another, please see Greg Brandt. The Committee hopes for a good response so that they can assist the Church Council in preparing a relevant and current budget for the future of St. John. **We need everyone's response even if you have not changed your current giving or information as it will be used to compile a new Directory.** The family of St. John sincerely appreciates your support as you share your gifts, talents and time.



ST. JOHN FUNDRAISERS

The Fellowship Events committee recently discussed fundraising ideas:

- September-Church Yard Sale
- October-Fall Auction and Dinner
- November-Pasty Sale

We need to know what events the congregation is interested in and willing to support. Please check the one(s) you would like to see take place this fall and please sign up to help. The survey/sign-up sheets are in the Narthex.



6th Annual Bike Rodeo
Saturday, June 9th
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Lake City UMC Parking Lot

Volunteers are needed! Sign-up sheets on the table in the Narthex.

A mutual ministry opportunity for St. John & Lake City UMC!



Vacation Bible School
June 11-14, 2018
5:00 - 7:30 p.m.
Lake City United Methodist Church

If you are willing to help, please see Bonnie James for details.

Congregational Meeting June 24th

The Annual Congregational meeting will be June 24th after the service. There will be a vote on the Revised Constitution. Constitution copies will be in the Conference Room to read and return.

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Watch for flyers for more details!

SPRING HAS SPRUNG AND WE NEED YOUR HELP!



NEEDED: Volunteers to mow the church lawn and help clean up the Memorial Garden. **PLEASE SIGN UP ON THE BOARD IN THE NARTHEX.**

We need your help to keep our church looking beautiful!



A mutual ministry/mission of St. John & Lake City UMC!

REMINDER!

We are collecting cases of bottled water to be delivered to the people of Flint. Please pick up a case each time you shop and deliver it to the church.

Goal: 150 cases of water by July 1st!



COMING IN JULY...



As part of our Mutual Ministry, St. John Lutheran and Lake City United Methodist Churches, we are entering a float in the Greatest Fourth in the North Parade. **Please start bringing bags of wrapped candy and place in the box marked "GFITN Parade" in the Narthex.**

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**Church Council
Special Meeting
May 6, 2018 10:30 am**

Present: Jerry Greenlee, Doug Gensler, Marcia Martinez, Ron Hamel, Jim Bartholomew, Pastor Jean

A special meeting was called to vote on the purchase of a new lawnmower. The committee presented the bids and Ebels Hardware was chosen for the best value.

A motion was made by Doug and supported by Jim to purchase a lawnmower for \$2,750.00. All present voted in favor of the motion and it carried. A gift from the Roe family in the amount of \$2,000.00 covered the majority of the purchase with the remaining \$750.00 coming from the general fund.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m. on a motion from Jerry and supported by Ron. All voted in favor.

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**Church Council
May 16, 2018**

Opened with prayer by Pastor Jean

Present: Marcia Martinez, Jerry Greenlee, Jack Graham, Doug Gensler, Pastor Jean and Laura Bradley – Visitors: Lois Cinco, Jeanene Brandt and Dan Martinez

Excused: Jim Bartholomew

April minutes read and approved by Jack Graham and Jerry Greenlee.

Treasurer's report read and approved by Jerry Greenlee and Jack Graham.

Business:

1. Constitution has been approved by Synod and is ready to be voted on by members on June 24th. It will be posted on May 19th for members to review.
2. Footprints – Council members to review and make changes by June and will be voted by members in June.
3. Budget – will be reviewed by Council June 20th and voted by members June 24th.

Property:

Roof – Collechio to be asked for repair.

New Mower – purchased and a thank you to be sent to the Roe Family.

Colleen Metiva is doing a schedule for mowing and Dan Martinez is doing a maintenance schedule for the mower. Everyone will get a copy that is mowing and a copy will be posted on the wall of the storage building so that the mower will last longer. No children to use the new mower.

Sue Armstead to coordinate cleaning the group that is cleaning memorial garden.

Laura Bradley to coordinate cleaning the outside entries of the church.

Rob Root will no longer be plowing so if anyone knows someone we can get next winter, please get a quote and give to a Council member or Pastor.

Other business:

Lois Cinco asked for confirmation or young members to maybe help in some way one Sunday a month with part of the service this summer to keep them involved. Maybe a letter should be sent to some people to apologize for nitpicking.

Two graduates this year – Jacob Ball and Dominic Huffman. They do not want a reception so cards will be sent to both of them.

Christine Fechter's mom has been sent home on Hospice and lives in Ohio. A gas card is being given to her from the M & Ms group to help with her traveling.

The One Call system is now being set up.

Pastor and Nancy Ingram are leaving Sunday after church for synod assembly.

Dates to remember: June 24th will be the Church Picnic – flyers will be posted.

June 20th is our next meeting.

Meeting adjourned by Jack Graham and Doug Gensler. Closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Laura Bradley.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO GRADUATES

This year we have two of our young people graduating from High School. Best wishes to Jacob Ball and Dominic Hoffman!

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St. John Annual Yard Sale

Thursday & Friday, Sept. 6 & 7, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Saturday, Sept 8, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Everything half off!

It's time to think *Garage Sale*, our biggest and very best fund raising activity here at St. John! This year we are scheduling the sale in September in conjunction with the Festival of the Pines. That happens to fall just days after the big Labor Day weekend, so we will be very busy quickly setting up. We have also decided to advertise and feature our Bean Sup Sale and Bake Sale here at the church for all 3 days, instead of our usual one day set up downtown.

Donations can be brought in throughout the summer and should be placed in the Sunday School wing, in the last room on the right. (the Youth Room) If you have any questions, please call Gay Gensler at 775-6735. Lots more details will follow as the summer goes along.

Suggestions for donations for Yard Sale:

Almost anything that is clean and useable
Small appliances, cookware & bakeware, Tupperware, etc.
Kitchen items, glassware, canisters, mugs, dishes, silverware & utensils
Furniture, home décor, lamps, area rugs, floral arrangements
Pictures & paintings, frames, mirrors, wall hangings, wreaths
Collectibles, antiques, vintage items, clocks, nicknacks
Linens, bedding, towels, curtains, decorative pillows
Crafts, yarn, sewing, candles, vases, silk flowers
Outdoor furniture, planters, flower pots, potted plants, garden misc.
Books, magazines, puzzles, CDs, DVDs, videos, old records
Girl stuff - purses, jewelry, scarves, hats, stationery, sports & athletics

Suggestions for donations for Yard Sale (Continued):

Guy stuff - tools, car gear, sports & athletics, fishing equipment, caps & hats

Kind's fun stuff - books, toys, games, stuffed animals, sports items etc.

Baby accessories, blankets, high chairs, changing tables, baby swings

Holiday decorations for all seasons

PLEASE DO NOT DONATE:

Adult & children's clothing and shoes

Computers

Children's car seats

Bed pillows

Items that are broken, in poor condition or not working

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	1 H.B. Gary Piellusch	2 H.B. Kyle Pylkas H.B. Olivia Dolley
3 9:30 Worship & Communion	4	5 H.B. Lois Cinco	6	7 10:00 Bible Study	8	9 Blessing of Bikes Bike Rodeo LCUMC H.B. Tina Hamel
10 9:30 Worship of the Word H.B. Cindy Bombard	11 VBS @ UMC 5:00 – 7:30	12 VBS @ UMC 5:00 – 7:30	13 VBS @ UMC 5:00 – 7:30	14 10:00 Bible Study H.B. Shawn Atkins VBS @ UMC 5:00 – 7:30	15 H.B. Jack Cairy	16 H.A. Walt & Gretchen Whitmer
17 9:30 Worship & Communion	18 H.B. Nick Bartholomew	19 5:00 FIT Board Mtg H.B. Jeanene Brandt	20 5:00 Mutual Ministry @ LCUMC 6:00 Council	21 10:00 Bible Study	22	23
24 9:30 Worship of the Word Congregation meeting & picnic H.A. Ron & Tina Hamel	25	26	27 H.A. Shawn & Tammy Atkins	28 10:00 Bible Study	29	30