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June / July 2024

Worship Schedule

June 16 & 23

7:45 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Service in Sanctuary

9:00 a.m. Service
in the
Family Life Center

June 30: 10:30 Combined
Worship in the Sanctuary

July 7: 10:30 Combined
Worship in the Sanctuary

NEW Worship Schedule Beginning Sunday, July 14:

Traditional Worship
9:00 a.m. Sanctuary

Contemporary Worship
10:45 a.m. Sanctuary



Blended (Combined) Services

In the Sanctuary at 10:30 a.m.

- **June 30 (Mission trip presentation)**
- **July 7 (4th of July weekend)**
- **September 1 (Labor Day weekend)**

ICE CREAM SOCIAL AND CAR SHOW

SUNDAY, JULY 14



Vacation Bible School
July 29 - August 1



More information inside this newsletter!

To the Congregation of St. John Lutheran Church:

Thank you for all your candid responses, conversations, ideas, suggestions and patience during this time of discernment. The people of our church are so wonderful, faith-filled and servant hearted! We want all the awesome work that each of us do to make this community of believers the body of Christ to shine inside and outside of our walls, as well as to a new pastor. For our church to be more attractive for a new pastor, we need to make some necessary changes.

The first of those needed changes was updating our Constitution and Bylaws to more accurately reflect who we are and who we want to be as the people of St. John. Thank you for your vote to pass the suggested Constitution and Bylaws. The council decided to bring back much of the old Bylaws, due to your feedback, which includes the worship, evangelism/outreach, finance, and stewardship committees. We are also bringing the voting power back to the people of the congregation through the elected council, which includes one additional at-large member, for a total of seven council members, to be added to the ballot this fall. For suggestions or volunteers for this new council position or the evangelism/outreach, or stewardship committee, please see any member of the nominating committee, Judy Menchhofer, Jordan Rushton, Kirsten Fuelling or Becky Davis.

The second of those needed changes is to prepare our worship space and service times to be more attractive for a new pastor and improve efficiencies for our staff and volunteers. Beginning Sunday, July 14, we will be changing to two services, all in one space. All the members and attendees are important. The decision to move to the service times below was one that received much discussion, discernment and prayer. We recognize that it is a decision that affects everyone, including every member of council. Change is hard, but change is necessary. Our radio spot at 10:30, will not change. The radio station will pull the traditional service from a recording from that day. Please help us as we transition to these new changes. We look forward to new friends, old friends, more collaboration of volunteers and increased fellowship opportunities!

Together, we can continue to **Make the Love of Christ Known.**

God's peace,

Your Church Council,

Jennifer Barrett Diane Menchhofer Kendall Robinson

Shane Stachler Pam Rasawehr Chad Sapp

Starting July 14, 2024, worship service times will be as follows:

9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

10:45 a.m. Contemporary Worship

Both services will be held in the sanctuary.

Join us for the St. John Builders' annual

ICE CREAM SOCIAL



4:00 – 6:00 pm

St. John Lutheran Church
1100 N. Main St., Celina

*Ice cream, pies, cakes,
sandwiches, and more!*

Grand Lake Soundwaves
will perform at 4:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Sunday, July 14, 2024

Proceeds to benefit St. John Builders Building for God's People by God's People

Volunteers will be needed to help make ice cream on Friday, July 12, in the fellowship hall.
Volunteers will also be needed on Sunday, July 14, for set-up, serving, clean-up!



4th Annual
PURPLE DOOR CHURCH
CAR SHOW

ALL CUSTOM, CLASSIC, STREET ROD, RAT ROD, MOTORCYCLES
AND TRUCKS. ALL YEARS WELCOME

DOOR PRIZES | MUSIC | DASH PLAQUES [1ST 100]
TOP 25 AWARDS, PEOPLES CHOICE AWARD, ST JOHN YOUTH
AWARD, BILL FRITZINGER AWARD, BEST MOTORCYCLE, BEST TRUCK

Registration (\$10): 2 - 4 pm
Show: 4 - 6 pm
Ice Cream Social: 4 pm
Location: St John Lutheran Church
1100 N Main St | Celina, OH

JULY 14, 2024

Questions?
Ron Heindel: 419-303-7983
RAIN OR SHINE. Not responsible for accident or injury.

IT'S VBS TIME!

July 29 - August 1, 2024



REGISTER
NOW!



REGISTRATION IS NOW LIVE!
[BIT.LY/PURPLEDOOR-VBS2024](https://bit.ly/purpledoor-vbs2024)

For ages 3 (potty trained) - those
entering 6th grade (Fall 2024)

Free Will Dinner beginning at 5pm
VBS >>> 6:00 pm-8:00 pm

On Thursday families are invited
for a special closing, more
information to follow.

We are in need of volunteers
for this great event! Please feel
in your heart to sign up **TODAY!**

For more information,
contact Jenelle at
j.gross@purpledoorchurch.org

BIT.LY/VBS2024-VOLUNTEERS





Hands that Grow and Give

Our hands can do many things;
They can clap and wave, and flap like wings.
They can hold and hug, and help and heal;
They can show how we think and how we feel.
But no matter how our hands look or feel,
They all have something in common, something real.
They all can grow, like flowers in the sun,
And they all can give, like stars that shine for everyone.
Growing hands are hands that learn and teach;
They try new things beyond their reach.
They practice hard, and they improve;
They show their courage while on the move.
Giving hands are hands that share;
They know the importance of learning to care.
They share their talents, and give their time;
They make others happy and help them shine!
So, let's use our hands to grow and give,
And make this world a better place to live.



Dear Potential VBS volunteer,

As we prepare for another inspiring Vacation Bible School (VBS) at Purple Door Church, I am reminded of the importance of trust and faith in our journey. This year's theme, "Putting Our Trust in God," resonates deeply with the challenges and joys we face in life. We are gearing up for another wonderful week of fun! Our theme for VBS is Camp Firelight! It comes by way of the folks at Cokesbury, and we've loved using their VBS in the past. Camp Firelight revolves around helping students to trust in God, no matter the circumstances, as He helps us to overcome fears and share His love with everyone! Students will explore their faith and learn how they can serve their community through this exciting theme!

Do you enjoy working with children between the ages of 3 and 6th grade? We are seeking dedicated volunteers to join us in bringing this theme to life and creating a nurturing and supportive environment for our children. Volunteering for VBS is an opportunity to demonstrate our faith through action and to positively impact the lives of young hearts. No special experience or skills is required to help at VBS, just a willingness to have fun with the group and experience the week alongside them!

The Bible reminds us “Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in you” (Psalm 56:3). Let us come together as a community to embody this message and install courage and trust in our children.

We have various volunteer roles available, including:

- Check-in
- Meal Teams
- Dessert Teams
- Crew Leaders (youth and adult)
- Snack Crew
- Teachers
- Decorating Team (youth and adult)



If you feel called to volunteer, please fill out the form online.

bit.ly/VBS2024-volunteers

VBS is Monday July 29th - Thursday Aug 1st.

"Have I not commanded you?

Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9

Thank you for considering this opportunity to share your time and talents. Let's embrace this journey of faith together and create lasting memories for our children that walk in our purple doors.

In trust and faith,

Jenelle Gross

HELLO I'M

NEW HERE

New Member Class

6:00 pm

Wednesday, July 10,
in the church parlor.

If you're interested in joining the church or would just like to learn more about our church, sign up to join this class. bit.ly/PDC-New-Member-Class.

Pub Theology

BEER, CONVERSATION & GOD

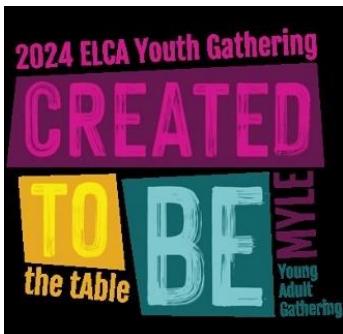
all perspectives welcome

Where: Brew Nation, 110 S. Main St., Celina

When: 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7 pm

Come together for conversations which explore life, faith, and morality over a drink of your choice.

June 20 July 18



2024 ELCA Youth Gathering – New Orleans

The youth group is heading to the ELCA Youth Gathering for the first time since 2015! The week of July 16-20, thousands of young people will come together in New Orleans to affirm their faith, experience new perspectives, ponder their vocation, deepen their relationships, and serve with partners in the ELCA. The Gathering has a long history in the church—maybe some of you have attended!

If you would like to support this group of young people with prayer or donations, please contact Ingrid Tebbe. We would love to have you on this journey with us while we learn about who we were Created to Be! Contact Ingrid: 419-953-7003 or i.tebbe@purpledoorchurch.org.



CHURCH LIBRARY
News

There will be no Library News this month. Watch for more details in future bulletins, newsletters, E-blasts, etc.

Please continue to pray for the library's leader, Estella Nusbaum.



Looking for a way to serve others?

We have formed a volunteer group (men and women) to provide a couple of hours at a time of helping those who are in need with:

- † Visits so family members can get out to get groceries etc.
- † Help with making lunch (does not include providing food)
- † Help with basic chores such as getting to the bathroom or getting dressed or undressed for bed.
- † Driving to doctor appointments.

It's an easy and fun opportunity to make a difference in the lives of others!

For more information or to volunteer, email Lorna Saddler at saddlers@bright.net or call / text her at 419-790-5584.



Walking Club
10:00 am
Mondays
and
Thursdays

JUNE:

- 3 – Dog Park by the Boat Ramp
- 6 – Boardwalk -meet at the Gazebo
- 10 – Huffy Pond by the shelter house
- 13 – Coldwater Park by the swimming pool
- 17 – Johnny Appleseed Museum in Urbana
- 20 – Mercer Co. Fairgrounds by the grandstand
- 24 – East Bank by the shelter house
- 27 – Walk to the Courthouse and back

JULY:

- 1 – Huffy Pond by the shelter house
- 4 – No group walking – **Happy 4th of July**
- 8 – Zuma Park, Brookside Dr., Montezuma
- 11 - Mercer Co. Fairgrounds by the grandstand
- 15 – Union Station, 1301 Western, Cincinnati
(carpooling from the church)
- 18 – Coldwater Park by the swimming pool
- 22 – Boat ramp to spillway and back
- 25 – New Bremen by the shelter house
- 29 – East Bank Rd. by the first shelter house.

C.A.L.L. MINISTRIES

This ministry is very appreciative of the support they receive from us! St. John is a generous contributor to the C.A.L.L. Food Pantry. Items needed at this time are bath soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothbrushes and toothpaste, and other personal care items. Donations can be dropped off in the grocery cart in the Narthex or in the box in the Family Life Center.

June Delivery: Mike and Rhonda Overman

July Delivery: Rick Hagen



ESTELLE NUSBAUM

Francis and I are so thankful for everyone who has been so good to us! We appreciate those who brought food, transported us and visited and/or sent cards.

MARY MEYER

I sincerely thank this wonderful congregation for the meals, prayers and cards after my knee surgery. Thank you to Denny Rolfs for covering for me and anyone else who is helping. I am doing well, just impatient. Thanks again!

FROM THE FAMILY OF MARGE BECKSTEDT

During a time like this we realize how much our friends and relatives really mean to us. Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered.

GARRY GRAY

Thank you all for the birthday cards, get well cards, flowers, Portal of Prayer and your prayers. I also appreciate the home communion and all the church does for me. Thank you again!



From the Ronald McDonald House Charities, Dayton:

Dear Jenelle and friends at St. John Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your donation of **prayer tie fleece blankets**. We appreciate your thoughtfulness and support in our mission to provide essential services that remove barriers, strengthen families, and promote healing when children need healthcare.

Thank you again for choosing to support the families served by RMHC Dayton.

Transition Corner

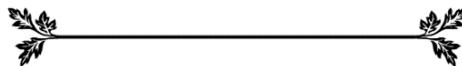
Kay and I traveled to Bowling Green last Sunday to help celebrate the high school graduation of a young woman from our last (pre-retirement) parish. What happened?!? The shy little girl who became a gawky young teen with a thin little voice was suddenly a poised and graceful young lady with commanding stage presence and a whale of a voice – and she's heading off to Jacobs School of Music at IU. It seemed like we just turned our heads for a moment, and everything was different for someone we saw regularly, week after week. Has that happened to you? - in your awareness of the community around you?

Much as time and our powers of observation about individuals get away from us, so do our perceptions of the neighbors and neighborhood God has grown up around us. The three basic questions of the interim/transition time (between settled pastors) are, “Who are we?” “Who are our neighbors?” and “Who is God calling us to become?” (i.e., what is the mission to which God is calling us currently, in this place?). As we forge ahead in this transition time, one challenging opportunity is intentional and close observation of our neighbors, their joys and sorrows, and the way God has positioned us with gifts, skills, and hearts to walk alongside one another in meaningful ways – some of which will likely be new or renewed to us.

Look for opportunities in a few weeks to capitalize on the Purple Door Pacers' active strolls – engaging in “Prayer Walking” (also known as *lectio vicinitas*); joining me (and other St. John's folks) in conversations with community leaders/servants (and maybe at *Pub Theology*); playing our own directed version of “pin the tail on” the (county) map; and more!

One last reminder: God remains in charge, lovingly, carefully, and often carrying us (despite ourselves) into the future God has prepared for us. I look forward to walking with you more closely on the journey!

Pastor Jeff Bunke, Transition Consultant



Pastor Bunke, one of our 3 support pastors, and his wife Kay live in Maumee, OH. Pastor Bunke led our 3 worship services on April 21 and will preach again for us on August 4. He is working closely with our Transition Team as the Transition Consultant appointed to us by the Northwestern Ohio Synod, ELCA.

CHURCH CALENDAR

JUNE

16 – SUNDAY: Father's Day

7:45, 9:00, 10:30 am Worship

17 - MONDAY

10:00 am Purple Door Pacers

7:00 pm Bible Study/Parlor

18 – TUESDAY

9:00 am Bible Study/Parlor

19 – WEDNESDAY

8:30 am St. John Flyers

9:45 am Bible Study/106D

7:45 pm Worship Team/FLC

20 – THURSDAY

10:00 am Purple Door Pacers

7:00 pm Pub Theology/Brew Nation

21 – FRIDAY

22 – SATURDAY

23 – SUNDAY

7:45, 9:00, 10:30 am Worship

24 – MONDAY

8:30 am St. John Builders - FH

10:00 am Purple Door Pacers

7:00 pm Bible Study/Parlor

25 – TUESDAY

9:00 am Sewing Circle/Sewing Rm.

9:00 am Bible Study/Parlor

1:00 pm Book Club/Library

26 – WEDNESDAY

8:30 am St. John Flyers

9:45 am Bible Study/106D

7:45 pm Worship Team/FLC

27 – THURSDAY

10:00 am Purple Door Pacers

30 – SUNDAY (ONE SERVICE ONLY)

10:30 am Blended Service in Sanctuary

JULY

1 - MONDAY

10:00 am Purple Door Pacers

2 – TUESDAY

7:00 pm St. John Builders (Rm. 106A)

3 – WEDNESDAY

4 – THURSDAY - HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!

7 – SUNDAY (ONE SERVICE ONLY)

10:30 am Blended Service in Sanctuary

8 – MONDAY

10:00 am Purple Door Pacers

9 – TUESDAY

9:00 am Bible Study/Parlor

9:00 am Sewing Circle/Sewing Rm.

10 – WEDNESDAY

8:30 am St. John Flyers/FLC

9:45 am Bible Study/106D

7:45 pm Worship Team

11 – THURSDAY

10:00 am Purple Door Pacers

14 – SUNDAY – IN SANCTUARY

9:00 am Worship (Traditional)

10:45 am Worship (Contemporary)

4:00 pm ICE CREAM SOCIAL

and Car Show

15 - MONDAY

8:30 am St. John Builders - FH

10:00 am Purple Door Pacers

16 – TUESDAY

9:00 am Bible Study/Parlor

1:00 pm Book Club/Library

17 – WEDNESDAY

8:30 am St. John Flyers/FLC

9:45 am Bible Study/106D

7:45 pm Worship Team

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7:00 pm Pub Theology/Brew Nation

21 – SUNDAY – IN SANCTUARY

9:00 am Worship (Traditional)

10:45 am Worship (Contemporary)

22 - MONDAY

10:00 am Purple Door Pacers

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9:00 am Bible Study/Parlor
9:00 am Sewing Circle/Sewing Rm.

24 – WEDNESDAY

8:30 am St. John Flyers/FLC
9:45 am Bible Study/106D
7:45 pm Worship Team

25 – THURSDAY

10:00 am Purple Door Pacers

28 – SUNDAY – IN SANCTUARY

9:00 am Worship (Traditional)
10:45 am Worship (Contemporary)

29 - MONDAY

10:00 am Purple Door Pacers
5:00 pm – Vacation Bible School meal
6:00 - 8:00 pm Vacation Bible School

30 – TUESDAY

9:00 am Bible Study/Parlor
5:00 pm – Vacation Bible School meal
6:00 - 8:00 pm Vacation Bible School

31 - WEDNESDAY

8:30 am St. John Flyers/FLC
9:45 am Bible Study/106D
5:00 pm – Vacation Bible School meal
6:00 - 8:00 pm Vacation Bible School
7:45 pm Worship Team

**THESE DATES AND EVENTS ARE SUBJECT
TO CHANGE. PLEASE STAY UP TO DATE
WITH CANCELLATIONS AND
POSTPONEMENTS ON OUR WEBSITE
OR FACEBOOK.**

CARNIVAL FOR CHRIST

JULY 17 (3 – 7 PM)

JULY 18 (1 – 7 PM)

**AT DO GOOD RESTAURANT
AND MINISTRY**

IN OSGOOD, OH

**SO MANY THINGS FOR KIDS TO DO, ALL
CENTERED ON OUR SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST!**

**NO ADMISSION FEE – ALL ACTIVITIES ARE
FREE!**



Save the Date!

**Annual Church Campout
(Campers and Cabins!)**



September 6-8 at Lake Loramie

More details coming soon!

Sewing Circle

**Meets the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month
9:00 am**

Everyone is welcome to join

Serving in Worship in June

JUNE Altar Flowers ~
23: Marti & Less Irey
30: White

JULY Altar Flowers ~
7: Gayetta Hogan
14:
21:
28: Cathy & Tom Weis

JULY Schedule for Serving in Worship

Due to new worship times, details will be shared when schedules are done.

Altar Guild ~
7:45: Kris Heiby (9 & 16)
 Cheryl Heindel (23 & 30)
10:30: Joann Plattner (9 & 16)
 Greg White (23 & 30)

Flower Delivery ~ June 30:

Flower Delivery ~ July
 7 – Judy Menchhofer
 14 – Gini Fickert
 21 – Linda Long
 28 – Brenda VanTilburg

7:45

| | June 9 | June 16 | June 23 | June 30 |
|---------------------------|---|---|--|----------------|
| Assisting Minister | | Gabi Heindel | | |
| Reader | Todd Hone | Karen Leugers | Reader Needed! | |
| Ushers | Dan & Kathy Snider, Don & Denise Green | Dan & Cheryl Heindel Ron & Karen Heindel | Tim & Yolanda Hone Todd Hone, Steve Siebert | |
| Comm. Assistants | Tim & Yolanda Hone | Todd Hone Kathy Snider | Don Green Becky Davis | |
| Welcome Team | Don Green | Cheryl Heindel | Jen Roidt | |

9:00

| | June 9 | June 16 | June 23 |
|-------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Reader | Michelle Behm | Billie Hiles | Michelle Behm |
| Ushers | John & Kelly Stephenson | Dave & Charlene Stephenson | Bill and Cindy Grier |
| Comm. Assistants | John & Kelly Stephenson | Jordan Rushton Emilie Buening | John Maury Pam Rasawehr |
| Kids' Praise | Sheena Stover KJae Stover | Kirsten Fuelling Kelly Stephenson | Emilie Buening And Boys |
| Altar Guild | Emilie Buening | Mary Miller | Darlene Snavely |
| Welcome Team | John & Kelly Stephenson | Dave & Charlene Stephenson | Bill and Cindy Grier |

10:30

| | June 9 | June 16 | June 23 |
|---------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Assisting Minister | Cindy Wendel | Carrie Cubberley | David Barrett |
| Reader | Mike Overman | Sue Buxton | Jim Fennig |
| Ushers | Tena Potts & Dennis Bagley Terry & Linda Fisher | Ed Fuelling, Kirsten Fuelling | Dave McMurray, Tim Menchhofer |
| Comm. Assistants | Jim & Margie Fennig | Tim Menchhofer Asst needed | Rhonda Overman Lorna Saddler |
| Kids' Praise | White Family | Tricia McMurray | Jenny Barrett |
| Welcome Team | Lynne Fuelling | Trisha McMurray | Lorna Saddler |

**Blended
(Combined)
Worship
In
sanctuary
10:30 am**

SERVING:

ASST. MINISTER:
David Barrett

READER: Ed Fuelling

USHERS:
John Dieringer, Mike
Overman, Shane
Stachler, Katie Trisel

**COMMUNION
ASSISTANTS:**
Mike & Diana Spicer

WELCOME CENTER:
Diana Spicer

Stay Informed About What's Happening at St. John Lutheran Church

The best way to keep up with information and news is now with the app. Click "**Announcements**" on our App. Those announcements will always be up-to-date. You can find our app by searching your app store for: St John Lutheran Celina.

Features on the app:

- Livestream our worship services.
- See a calendar of events
- Read the "Looking out my Window" email blast.
- Give online with a credit card, Apple Pay or bank account information.
- Access an online Bible.

If you are receiving this printed newsletter but would like to receive it by email instead, please send your request to Office@purpledoorchurch.org.

Thank you for helping us conserve postage, resources, and time!

The City of Celina has started its water line replacement along **Myers Road** in front of the church. After the installation is complete and the dust settles, the sidewalk project will then begin. Donations toward the cost of the sidewalk will be appreciated.

Brief Financial Report

| | April | YTD - 2024 |
|----------|--------------|-------------------|
| Income | \$34,863 | \$165,378 |
| Expenses | \$54,003 | \$185,232 |
| Net | (\$19,140) | (\$19,854) |

Giving was 37.88% less than budgeted for the month of April, 26.33% less for Year-to-Date.

Expenses were 21.08% less than budgeted for the month of April, 21.86% less for Year-to-Date.

The financial report for May will be available after the next Council meeting in June.

Thanks to everyone for continuing to support the missions of St. John Lutheran Church! We need your contributions.

Please remember the church - even when you're on vacation or taking a rest. We have multiple ways to give: in the offering plate, drop off cash or checks in person in Room #104, send checks by mail, and you may give online through our app with a credit card or bank account number.

~ Our Staff ~

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Monday-Thursday
9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
(Closed 12:30-1:00pm)

Church (office entrance) is open on
Friday: 9:00 a.m. -12 noon
(Office is closed)

Property Steward Denny Rolfs
Custodian Mary Meyer
Finance Asst. Emily Stewart
Organist Carl Stuck
Contemp. Music Dir.
Children's Choir Director Cindy Wendel
Adult Choir Director Erik Hirschfeld
Video Creator Collin Brogan
Audio Director Ashley Wagnild
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