

# St John Lutheran Church

Newsletter

AUGUST 2024

## Reflection from Vicar Dave

I would like to say a big thank you for the warm welcome and extended arms of friendship from the congregation that my wife and I have received from everyone since I started as Vicar in June. We feel blessed to be part of this church family. Many of you have provided assistance as I have gotten started and to all I give my gratitude to all.

It has been a busy and enjoyable 2 months as I get to know you and hopefully you have also gotten to know me a bit.

We have had a lot happen since I joined. As I write this, we are planning the joy of baptisms of James and Mike Deming. We had a funeral for Haily Sauser and are planning one for Bob Stuck. While we miss those who have gone before us, we know they are resting in the eternal, loving arms of our Savior.

God has been with us, and we know we have the presence of the Holy Spirit in our daily lives. We have spent a good bit of time traveling through the book of Mark thus far, but we are transitioning a bit into the book of Gospel of John. As I think about the book of John, I always remember the first chapter that says in part during the first 3 verses "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God and the Word was God.....All things came into being through Him."

I hope all of you can come and be part of this journey.

## Food Pantry

On August 11, the Food Pantry Volunteers are inviting the Pantry patrons to an end-of-the summer picnic. It will begin at noon and last till 1 p.m. The library Book Bus will also be part of the festivities and you are welcome to join the picnickers and to board the Book Bus for a free book. In August we are asking for donations of plastic bags of any size from sandwich to gallon.



## Internship Committee

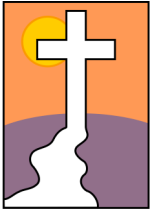
The Internship Committee met in July and discussed ways we can support Vicar Dave. In the coming months you will occasionally see sermon evaluation forms, which you are invited to fill out. All information on the form will be confidential and viewed only by members of the Internship Committee. A summary of the evaluations collected will be shared with Vicar Dave.

Please accept our 'Special Thanks' for all the Prayers, cards, food and calls for Bob during his illness these past few years. He was always asking if the Congregation was Praying for him. Our Thanks to Vicar Dave for his visits to Bob, to Nancy E. for bringing him Communion and her visits with us, keeping us informed as to what all was happening at Church and to those that stopped by to say Hello.

You let us know how important the 'Card Ministry' is. We would look forward to the Mail coming each day with anticipation of who was sending kind and loving words of Christian Love and encouragement.

And our Dear Sister in Christ, Ruby Emmelheim, led the pack in sending cards to Bob, what a joy she is.

Bob was born August 5, 1936 in Dayton, Ky, but moved to Bellevue as a young child. He was preceded in death by his parents, Helen and Art Stuck, brother Don, Sister in law Diana, Niece Stacy and step Sister Ruth. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Vera Perry-Stuck.



A Service will be held at St John Lutheran church, Lower Tug Fork Rd, Melbourne, Ky, Saturday August 3, 11 am

My Love and Blessings to you all.

Vera

## Calendar August 2024

August 3: Memorial Service for Bob Stuck 11a.m.

August 14: Council Meeting, 7 p.m.

August 4: Worship, 10 a.m.

August 16: Knit/Crochet Together, 11 a.m.

August 4: Modern Lutheran Women meeting following worship

August 18: Worship, 10 a.m.

August 5: AA, 8 p.m.

August 18: Small Group Meet and Greet Vicar Dave following worship in the Fellowship Hall

August 11: Worship with Blessing of the Backpacks, 10 a.m.

August 19: AA 8 p.m.

August 11: Reception for children and youth following worship

August 25: Worship, 10 a.m.

August 12: Food Pantry Picnic, 12:00

August 26: Food Pantry Distribution, 1-3 p.m.

August 12: Food Pantry Distribution with Library Book Bus, 1-3 p.m.

August 26: AA 8 p.m.

August 12: AA, 8 p.m.

## Blessing of the Backpacks

Vicar Dave will bless our children and youth along with their backpacks at our worship service on August 11. There will be a doughnut reception after worship, provided by Modern Lutheran Women.



# Council

## St. John Council Minutes

June 12, 2024

7:00 PM

Nancy called this meeting to order. Vicar Dave, Lewis Heiert, Sylvia Tarvin, Emily Knight, Sue Heiert, Dennis Heiert, Nancy Enzweiler, and Taylor Gillespie are present.

Vicar Dave shared a Devotion from Isaiah

Lewis made a motion to accept the agenda and Sylvia seconded this motion.

Nancy shared that \$47.03 is a remaining balance of the Mission Investment Fund. Karen Castle will need to cancel the account with the Mission Investment Fund.

Dennis made a motion to cancel the account with the Mission Investment Fund and Lewis seconded it.

Nancy discussed a \$900 discrepancy written by Melanie Pelle.

Movers cost during the carpet installation was \$720.

Dennis brought to our attention that instead of two Fuel checks/costs, it should be one for signs and one for fuel and that they are not both fuel costs as listed on the second page of the Reconciliation Report.

Nancy asked Vicar Dave if he had any questions at this time and he did not.

Lewis made a motion that we accept the secretary report and Sylvia seconded this motion.

Taylor made a motion to accept the notes from our last council meeting and Sue seconded this motion.

Vicar Dave shared what he has been doing as part of his internship and what he has been doing with members. He gave us a business card and shared how he could use them. Vicar Dave will be at church for the next Food Pantry on June 24th and he will be available by appointment. He will be at church sporadically and does not have set office hours.

We discussed the leak in the basement of the church and we still need to learn where the water is coming in from. It may have something to do with the cracked concrete outside.

Landscaping cost is \$2300 with Dawson Carder.

Sue made a motion to accept this \$2300 offer from Dawson Carder and Sylvia seconded this motion.

Dennis is working on getting bids for the concrete work.

Old Business - UV protection to help protect the carpet is something that Lewis will look into before our next meeting. The printer installation will take place on June 17th from roughly 9:00 - 10:30 AM.

We discussed the welcome events for Vicar Dave that we have in place and more ideas. We would like to include the church picnic in September as one of these welcoming events.

Lewis nominates Emily Knight to be secretary and she accepts. Lewis made a motion for Emily Knight to be secretary and Taylor seconded this motion.

We are working on an Internship Committee to evaluate and support Vicar Dave throughout his internship process. We need 3-5 people to be on this committee. Nancy will chair this committee and Emily has made the commitment to be on this committee. It cannot contain all council members, so we will be reaching out to more members. We will meet once a month as part of this committee and it may be virtual meetings.

Vicar Dave let us know that he is willing to meet with members or non-members that might need a formal introduction or some form of communication from him, specifically. We discussed a few names and we may get a list of churches nearby to get the word out.

Nancy asked Vicar Dave if he would write something in this newsletter (about himself) and he said yes. We all shared our experiences with St. John's. The amount of years that these council members have been associated with this church in some way is remarkable!

Dennis made a motion to adjourn this meeting and Taylor seconded this motion.

- *Respectfully submitted by Emily Knight*

## Council Notes

At July's council meeting, the members present approved a new bid for the landscaping and discussed future projects such as a mailing list update, God's Work, Our Hands Sunday and the Blessing of the Backpacks and concrete repair. The Internship Committee membership is finalized: Rhonda Wells, Emily Knight and Nancy Enzweiler.

## HOME BOUND MEMBERS

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28 Spring House Drive

Cold Spring, KY 41076 -1887

### LOUELLA PAINTER

The Seasons

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7 Meadow Lane #3

Highland Heights, KY 41076

### RUBY EMMELHAINZ

2335 Darlington Road

Melbourne, KY 41059

There is a telephone prayer chain at St. John that has been active for a number of years.

This is just a reminder to all member to call Judy Willmoth at 859-391-0518 if you want to pass on prayer concerns.

Likewise, please contact Judy or Nancy Enzweiler if you would like to join this ministry



Keeping you informed is one of our main priorities– it is a way we can Gather, Grow and Serve.....

If you have a change of address or telephone number please notify the office via email

Office@tugforklutheran.com as soon as possible.

## Kroger Community Rewards

Anyone with an email address who shops at Kroger (locally or elsewhere) can sign up for Kroger to donate a percentage of the money spent in the store to our church. We do not receive names or any personal information about the people enrolled in the program. To enroll, visit [www.kroger.com](http://www.kroger.com) and set up an account, if you do not already have one. At the prompt "Community Rewards," either search St. John in Melbourne, KY or enter 82289. You only have to do this once, and you will stay enrolled in the program until you decide to change your settings. Please consider helping St. John increase the income from this source, and encourage others of your family and friends to do the same.



**There is a place for everyone here. Vicar Dave Eakin is our Intern. He is available for Pastoral Care and to meet with congregation members. Office hours are TBA. He can be reached at 404-307-8858 and [Pastor@tugforklutheran.com](mailto:Pastor@tugforklutheran.com)**

Brittany, our Office Administrator is in the church office on Wednesdays and Fridays.

Mondays she is available by the church email all day, working from home.

**Mission Statement: Empowered by the Spirit, we gather, grow and serve.**



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