

The Friendly Visitor

June 2018

St. John's Lutheran Church

*God has called us to
Care, Share, Teach and Love
as Jesus has loved us.*



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busy as we may be this summer, we need to take time to listen to what our Lord is calling us to do in our daily routines. For each of us is continually called to live so that God's kingdom comes into this world and God's will is done not our own.

As the sun shines longer and brighter through the summer months, I am reminded of the story of the 'Little Sunbeam.' It goes like this:

There was a little sunbeam that lost its way from heaven. At nightfall, it found a great stone church and tried to get into it to rest. But the doors of the church were all shut and locked. Likewise, the windows were all closed and barred. There was not even a cranny or crack in the walls for the sunbeam to get through. So, it went away. This was a pity, a very great pity. Not for the sunbeam, but for the church. For, you see, the church was dark and it needed light. The church was cold and it needed warmth. The church was gloomy and it needed comfort.

The message is simple. We are called to be little sunbeams for the Lord in the busyness of summertime and, indeed, all year long. We are called to provide light, warmth and comfort to all. We are to share God's love with everyone, everywhere, all the time. Let us continue to be 'God's Sunbeams.'

Peace,
Pr. Roger

Pastor's Corner

Called to be God's Sunbeams

Dear Friends,

As Spring gives way to Summer, we can become very busy with barbecues, vacations, trips to the beach, camping, picnics, parades and so many other summertime activities in addition to our daily routines. It is a time of fun and relaxation with family and friends.

In the busyness of our summertime days, let us also remember to listen to the voice of the Lord in the stillness of our hearts. Someone once said: 'In the busyness of our lives, unless we stop, look, listen and reflect; we will be like sponges absorbing everything and understanding nothing.' As

Exciting news for St. John's

A new committee, called Member Care, is now being formed. This committee has been established by the Church Council as part of its 2-year plan. Some of the areas of responsibility for this group are Church Prayer Circle, Coffee Hour, Member Directory, New Member Orientation and Shepherding, Member Recognition Activities and many more. Our goal is that this committee will allow the people of St. John's an opportunity to recognize and celebrate wonderful moments and offer support to our members in need, all which will strengthen the bond of our church family. Meetings will be brief, held monthly on the second Sunday of each month between services. Our first meeting is scheduled for June 10th at 9:15 am.

If you feel you would like to become part of this most worthwhile group, please see or call, either of the co-chairs: Debbie Carlton 586-943-5945 or Gayle LeClair 586-943-8040.

Thank You.

Gardening Day 2018 Report

Beginning Balance	\$207.00
Donations	\$ 25.00
Total:	\$232.00

Expenditures

Mulch	\$162.00
Plants for Corner Garden	
<u>By the Ed Building</u>	<u>\$ 70.00</u>
Total	\$232.00

All annual flowers, flags, lawn bags, preen, doughnuts, juice and lunch were donated by Congregation Members

Remaining Balance	\$0
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'The Gift of Time' Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers

Too many of our older and disabled neighbors are lonely and isolated. They long for just a brief visit now and then from someone who will take the time to sit and chat. And other families in our community are struggling to take care of a loved one at home. For these full-time caregivers, a break to run errands, go to their own doctor appointments, or just relax for an hour is often impossible because their parent or spouse cannot be left alone.

If you have a few hours, once or twice a month, to visit or just sit with an older or disabled adult, your gift of time will make a huge difference for our lonely and struggling neighbors. No hands-on care or nursing experience is needed. For more information, call the Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers at (586) 757-5551. Learn more about our work at www.ivcinfo.org.



Donations Needed

The Lutheran World Relief quilters need:
fabric yard goods, sheets,
tablecloths, draperies,
or whatever you may have.
All donations are greatly appreciated.

St. John's Website

Check out our website at:
www.stjohns-nb.org



Newsletter

If you or someone you know would like to receive the monthly newsletter by regular mail or email, please fill out the slip below and place in the offering plate or call the church office, 725-6801.

Please add the following name to the newsletter mailing list:

Name

Email address or street address

From the Editor

Articles for the July/August newsletter are due no later than June 26. Full page flyers should be submitted by June 26. Articles past the due date will be saved for the following newsletter. Please submit your articles in the Editor's mailbox or by emailing them to:

walter_steffens@sbcglobal.net

Also if there's something that you would enjoy seeing inserted into the newsletter please e-mail or contact me by phone.

Thank-you for all your support.

Tim Steffens

*Don't compare your life to others.
You have no idea what their journey is
all about.*

SPAGHETTI DINNER



Saturday, June 9

4:00 - 7:00 pm

St. John's Lutheran Church Education Bldg.

Annual St. John's Campout July 13-15, 2018

Lake Huron Campground

2353 N Lakeshore Rd

Carsonville, MI 48419

(810) 622-0110 ♦ www.lakehuroncamp.com



Please join us for a weekend of camping, fun and community with your St. John's family in the great outdoors. There will

be many fun activities including a short service, a potluck, and lots of free time to enjoy hiking, swimming, boating, putt-putt golf and other fun activities, or just hanging out and relaxing.

There are tent, RV, and cabin sites available. Reserve your site now. For more information or to sign up for a dish for our potluck, please contact Enoch Carlton at (586) 484-8407.

