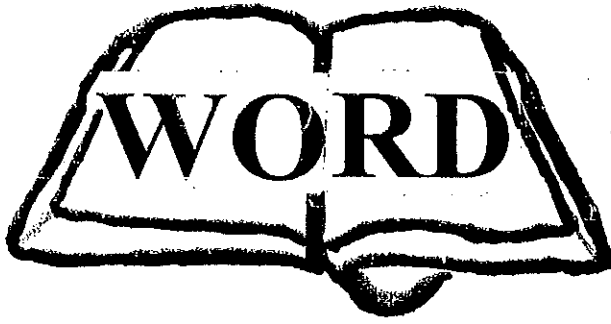


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FATHER'S DAY

Sunday, June 18.

IT'S SO NICE TO HAVE A DAD AROUND THE HOUSE

Helen Steiner Rice

DADS are special people
No home should be without,
For every family will agree,
They're "SO NICE TO HAVE AROUND"
They are a happy mixture
Of a "SMALL BOY" and a "MAN"
And they're very necessary
In every 'FAMILY PLAN'
Sometimes they're most demanding
And stern, and firm and tough,
But underneath they're "Soft as silk"
For this is just a 'BLUFF'
But in any kind of trouble
Dad reaches out his hand,
And you can always count on him
To help and understand
And while we do not praise Dad
As often as we should
We love him and admire him
And while that's understood
It's only fair to emphasize
His importance and his worth
For if there were no loving Dads
This world would be a "LOVELESS EARTH"

DADS play no small role in the lives of their children and who they grow up to be. Come the third Sunday of June it's time to celebrate them. To make them feel special this year, you might select a gift, make a DIY one for him, or you can spend quality time together doing some things he enjoys.

Ephesians 6:4- "Fathers do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord"

2 Samuel 7:14-15 "I will be a father to him, and he'll be a son to me. When he does wrong, I'll discipline him in the usual ways, the pitfalls and obstacles of this mortal life. But I'll never remove my gracious love from him"

Proverbs 22:6 - "Start children off on the way they should go and even when they are old they will not turn from it.

**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY TO ALL FATHERS
IN THE CONGREGATION.**

MID-OHIO PRODUCE GIVE-A-WAY

A BIG SHOUT OUT to the St. John's congregation for their generous gifts of the peanut butter, macaroni & cheese, and SpaghettiO's. We collected a total of 155 jars of peanut butter, 33 boxes of macaroni & cheese and 188 cans of SpaghettiO's. WOW!! That is approximately

\$850.00 dollars worth of food. Currently we have been consistently serving about 130 households per month at our market. This food donated will be helpful to our families. Thank you very very much! Mid-Ohio, the supplier of the produce tells us the demand for food is up, so they will be buying more in bulk, which means there will be more for us to bag. If you are able to volunteer, we would love to have you join us on the third Tuesday of each month at 8AM. Come with a smile and a warm heart.

Thank You. Karen Showers

NEXT GIVE-A-WAY IS SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, JUNE 20TH FROM 9-11AM. VOLUNTEERS NEED TO ARRIVE BY 8AM.

ANNUAL CAR SHOW.....

Just A Note: Our annual car show has been in June for most of its existence. That has been changed due to the fact the show was in October last year and did very well.

At the time of this printing, please watch calendars and bulletins for a date in **October**.

OUR SYMPATHIES TO THE FAMILIES.....

-of **Gordon Lane** who passed on May 3 and his funeral was on Friday, May 6,2023.

-of **Bill Pletcher** (brother of Bob Pletcher) who passed away on May 4, and his funeral was May 27.

WE WISH TO WELCOME.....
into our St. John's family of God, Joy Pletcher.

WELCA NEWS.....

No meeting this month.

The July outing (**All church members and guests are invited**) will be at Creno's near the vocational school. The date is Tuesday, July 11 at 6PM. Attendees are asked to bring a white elephant gift to be used as Bingo prizes. Please plan to join us for food, fun and fellowship

The basement sale will be July 28 and 29th. If possible, pleased wait to bring items the week of July 23 and take to the basement. Thank You. The monies raised help us on various community outreach projects so thank you for your participation.

BIRTHDAYS AD ANNIVERSARIES FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE.....

- Birthdays:** June 3: Steve Wolfe
- 10: Bryan Cramer
- 15: Brian Miller
- 21: Emily Dietz
- 28: Janet Slack
- 30: Dakota Brassfield

THANK YOU.....

To Linda Showers for continuing to keep us up date on activities of the church in her Wednesday e-mails.

If you do not receive these and would like to, h is her e-mail: lsshowe@gmail.com

ST. JOHN'S. STOVERTOWN COUNCIL MINUTES-May 4, 2023 8:06PM

Members present: Pastor Laese, Joe Pletcher, Nate Atkins, Gary Williams, Tom Gibson and Bill Thomas.

Joe Pletcher led devotions focusing on Joy and Happiness. We are capable of having joy in our lives.

Pastor read the minutes from March 2
They were approved after the correct motions.

The Treasurer's report was before us. It also was approved.

Pastor's report is as follows: March:Worship and Sunday School-5;Church Council-1; Hospital Visit-1:Cluter Meeting-Cambridge-1:Cluster Local-4: Total Miles-264
April:Worship and Sunday School-3: Extra Services-Easter Sunrise and Maundy Thursday-2:
Cluster-Pleasant City to meet with the Bishop-1:Cluster Local-2: Private Communion-1:
Total Miles-238
Pastor's Report was approved

Produce Committee Report; 130 families served, 8 new families, Donations needed for Summer Food for Kids at the May 16 give-a-way

Property-New LED lights are brightening up the basement

New Business: Brenda Hartley wishes to transfer to St. John's Philo. Tom Gibson moved to approve the transfer. Joe Pletcher seconded. Motion approved

After meetings with Pastor Laese, Joy Pletcher has asked to join our congregation. Tom Gibson moved to approve Joy's membership. Nate Atkins seconded. Motion carried

The church camp-in will be the weekend of May 19 and 20

Council concluded at 8:50PM with all praying the Lord's Prayer

Bill Thomas, Secretary Pro-temp

The women of the ELCA met at the church. Eleven members were present.

President Kathy welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming. Kathy read the WELCA Purpose Statement and had grace prior to her serving an abundant and delicious lunch. Thank you, Kathy. She thanked everyone who helped set up, provide food, serve and clean up for Jackie Stauffer's Celebration of Life lunch.

The secretary's report was read and approved.

Treasurer's report: **Checking** - \$290.04 available

Memorial - \$400.42

Project - \$2209.81

NOTE: The Basement sale will be July 28th and 29th. If possible, please wait to bring items the week of July 23rd and take to the basement. Thank you. The monies raised help us on various community outreach projects so thank you for your participation.

Correspondence

Thank you sent to Brighton Presbyterian Church for the delicious desserts they provided for Jackie's Celebration of Life.

A thank you was received from the family of Jackie Stauffer.

A thank you note was received from Vicky Thomas.

Cards sent to Sandy Seyerle and Jason Fabiny.

Committee Reports

Mission Growth: No Report

Mission Community: The Mother/Daughter/Friends potluck is planned for May 15th at 6PM. Meat and drinks provided. Joy Pletcher will provide the music for a hymn sing. Kathy will provide a door prize. The theme is Creative Hands.

Mission Action: No Report

Old / New Business

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-Janet Novaria and Karen Showers will be the hostesses for the September 12th meeting at the church. We will be putting the health and kiddie kits together and packing the quilts for Lutheran World Relief.

-It was moved by Susan Showers and seconded by Janet Novaria that we donate \$100 to the Lion/Lioness Pediatric Cancer Research Fund. Motion passed.

Topic

Susan Showers had a topic on the power of "Thank-you." Karen Showers generously shared her creative talent and materials to help us create a homemade thank you card.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Showers, Secretary

The May 14th M/D/F potluck was enjoyed by approximately 30 people. Thanks to all who attended. Special thanks to Joy Pletcher for supplying the beautiful music for our hymn sing and Kathy Jenkins for emceeding the event.



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"We, the members of St. John's Lutheran Church of Stovertown, being children of God, would like to invite all to share in the good news of Jesus Christ. As witnesses of God's love and forgiveness we reach out to you".

FATHER'S DAY PRAYER.

Heavenly Father
you entrusted your Son Jesus
the child of Mary
to the care of Joseph, an earthly Father
Bless all fathers
as they care for their families
Give them strength and wisdom, tenderness and
patience,
Support them in the work they have to do
protecting, those who look to them as we look to
you for love, and salvation.
Through Jesus Christ our rock and defender
Amen

POWER PRAYERS TO START YOUR DAY

Donna K. Maltese

Lord I know You hear my voice when I pray to You! You are my strength and my shield. When my heart trust in You, I am overjoyed. You give me courage to meet the challenges of the day. You give me strength to do the tasks You have set before me. You build me up, raise me to the heights and lead me to places I would never have dreamed were possible. You are the Friend who will never leave me, the Guide who walks before me. With you in my life, I can do anything. Amen
