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BE KIND AND DO NOT JUDGE

Each day you find yourself faced with a different challenge that has to be dealt with. As we deal with these challenges let us remember everyone else is also struggling with these same challenges or others. **BE KIND AND DO NOT JUDGE OTHERS.** Be the support that everyone needs.

The word Kindness is defined as choosing to do something that helps others or yourself, motivated by genuine warm feelings. Kindness is the quality of being friendly, generous, and considerate.

Do not judge. Matthew 7:1-5 states do not judge or you too will be judged. For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.

Romans 14:1-4 reads, do not judge others and you will not be judged. For you will be treated as you treat others.

KINDNESS MAKES RELATIONS GROW

by Fruit of the Spirit, Maria Hornok

Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you. Ephesians 4:31-32

"Be kind to your wife" is how a pastor in Wisconsin closes his phone conversations to friends. Following his simple recommendation lends harmony to relationships. As a fellow pastor my husband includes Ephesians 4:32 in wedding ceremonies. Kindness is like plant food to all our relationships, whether with husband and relatives;

friends, and coworkers; or to checkers, servers, phone agents and salesclerks. Kind words and deeds minimize conflicts and nurture our bonds. By the same token, tenderheartedness waters our relationships. They dry up when we fail to be sensitive to each other's feelings or empathize with others.

Along with kindness and tenderness, we must also forgive offenses. This kills the noxious weeds of bitterness and malice. We forgive because God commends it, not because the offender deserves it. Do we dare hold a grudge against someone when God has forgiven all our offenses against Him? When we trust in Christ for eternal life, His blood cleanses us from all sin and provides open fellowship with God through Christ. Likewise, forgiving one another keeps our human relationships open and eliminates feelings of resentment.

Ephesians also says to put away anger and evil speaking. Ephesians 4:29 tells us how our words should build up and give grace to those who hear. The fruit of the Spirit includes words of encouragement spoken graciously. Would you like your relationships to grow?

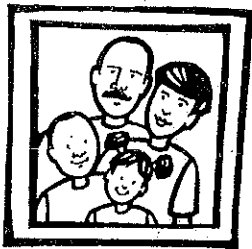
REMEMBER THESE EVENTS



RECEPTION IN HONOR OF JAMEY BRASSFIELD.

Will be held on Sunday, October 6, immediately following the morning worship service. Jamey is retiring after 22 years of being our

church custodian. She has went above and beyond her duties, and her attention to details will be missed. THANK YOU JAMEY!!!!!!



COMMUNITY DIRECTORY

Linda Showers has been asked to compile a community directory which will include names, address, telephone numbers and e-mail of our members, friends, and family.

She has the rough draft on a table in the narthex. She asked everyone to view this. Please advise her of additions and or changes as soon as possible.

13th ANNUAL TRIPLE NICKEL COUNTRY CRUISE-IN

Will be held on Saturday, October 12th. Events start at 1:00PM, with registration of vehicles at 12:30PM.

There will be numerous activities and homemade food available. Food sign-up sheets have been posted in the narthex. Sponsors for plaques and new yard signs for areas secured at show and new t-shirts are in place. See Steve Wolfe if you wish to volunteer during the show.

There is a flyer posted in this newsletter.

CHURCH CANOEING AND CAMPING EVENT.

Was a HUGE success. However, due to the drought, no one was able to canoe, but other activities were enjoyed.

We will do it again next year on September 12-14th.
Mark your calendars!

PRODUCE GIVE-A-WAY

Will be held on the third Tuesday of October, October 15 at 9:00AM.

Volunteer are needed and appreciated.

WELCA NEWS.

WELCA will meet on Tuesday, October 8, at 2:00PM at the church.

Hostess will be Janet Novaria and topic leader will be Susan Showers.

BIRTHDAYS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER.

Birthdays:

- October 5---Pastor Al
- 9---Sandy Seyerle
- 13---Katlynn Pletcher
- Adam Dietz
- 23---Donna Miller
- 27---Susan Miller

St John's Lutheran Church
Congregational Council Meeting Minutes
September 5, 2024

Council Vice President, Bob Pletcher, opened the meeting at 8:05 pm. Members present: Nate Atkins, Pastor Al Laese, Tom Gibson, Joe Pletcher, Linda Showers, and Steve Wolfe. Bob confirmed a quorum.

Linda Showers offered a devotion from Billy Graham on "Why Church": *The true Christian goes to church not for what he can get out of it, but for what he can put into it... When the church remains strong, it burns brightly as a beacon of hope and peace.*

Joe Pletcher read the minutes from the August meeting from *The Word* [Approved as read]

PASTOR'S REPORT – August 2024 - 4 Sunday worship services & Sunday School; 1 Church Council meeting; 3 Cluster meetings; 135 miles. There are a couple of Synod events planned over the next 6 months that Pr. Laese may attend, including a "Trinity Days" training. [Approved: N. Atkins/T. Gibson]

TREASURER'S REPORT – reviewed by council [Approved: S. Wolfe/L. Showers]

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE – Finance Chr., Joe Pletcher, reported that he is working on a revised W2 for Pr. Laese. Motion passed for St. John's to pay for any accompanying fees [J. Pletcher/L. Showers]. Motion passed to issue checks for individuals in the employ of St. John's Stovertown as "Pay Stubs" [J. Pletcher/N. Atkins].

EDUCATION – No Report

PRODUCE – Produce Chr., Gary Williams, sent the Produce Market Report: Tuesday, 8/20/24 at St. John's Lutheran – Stovertown - 110 households served; 13 new families; 19 volunteers – thank you all volunteers!

PROPERTY – Council VP, Bob Pletcher shared applications for the St. John's Stovertown Custodial Position with Chr. Nate Atkins. Jamey Brassfield provided a detailed job description.

EVANGELISM – A first draft of the new St. John's Stovertown Community Directory is complete. Linda will email the draft and post it in the Narthex for edits/additions/corrections through October.

PRAYER CO. – Chr. Steve Wolfe: Campout/Canoe Trip 9/14-9/15/24 – canoe trip & potluck on Saturday; Cruise-In in 5 weeks – food signup soon; sponsors for plaques & new yard signs for areas secured; new t-shirt design.

OLD BUSINESS

The reception to thank Jamey Brassfield for her 22 years of faithful service will be held after church on 10/6/24. Motion passed to gift her a monetary bonus [L. Showers/S. Wolfe].

NEW BUSINESS

Susan Showers requested that Council review materials cleaned out of old file cabinets. Among the materials were several copies of old Annual Reports and "Contemporary Worship Services: The Holy Communion," 1970: The Lutheran Church in America. Motion passed to make the copies available to any interested congregants in the Fellowship Hall through 10/7/24 [N. Atkins/J. Pletcher].

Motion to Adjourn – 9:10 pm [S. Wolfe/N. Atkins]

Meeting followed by The Lord's Prayer

L. Showers - for Council Secretary, Frank Dietz

13th ANNUAL!



TRIPLE NICKEL COUNTRY CRUISE-IN

"Autumn in the Country!"

Saturday, Oct. 12th, 2024



Event Starts at 1pm - Reg. Starts 12:30pm

Saint John's Lutheran Church - Stovertown

6575 Center Road, Roseville, OH 43777

Just South

Of Zanesville

On Ohio Route 555!



CARS, TRUCKS, BIKES, TRACTORS
"If It Has Wheels, It's WELCOME!"



Free Admission and NO Entry Fee!

**DASH PLAQUES &
GOODY BAGS**
(While Supplies Last)

**FAMILY
FUN!**

**HOMEMADE FOOD
& ICE CREAM**

**RAFFLE
PRIZES**

**TWO 50/50
DRAWINGS**
**BOUNCE
HOUSE**

**MUSIC BY:
CLAY CITY DJ's**

BRING YOUR CHAIRS AND CANOPIES!

Bring an FM Radio to ensure you hear announcements on event grounds!

PLEASE! NO OUTSIDE FOOD OR DRINK!

PROCEEDS BENEFIT: Saint John's Lutheran Church P.R.A.Y.E.R Company Youth Group

MORE INFO: Steve Wolfe (740)-647-3066, email: sjlcpc@hotmail.com

October 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Pastor AI 740-541-2823	Church 740-697-0202		1	2 Council 8PM	3	4
Reception Holy Communion Worship-10AM SCS-9AM WELCA change collection	7	WELCA 2PM	8	9	10	11 CAR SHOW
13 Worship-10AM SCS-9AM	14	Produce Give-a-way	15	16	17	18
20 Worship-10AM SCS-9AM WELCA change collection	21		22	23	24	25
27 Worship-10AM SCS-9AM	28		29	30	31	Vicky Thomas Secretary 740-674-6814 (Cell-740-252-1890) cabinintheorchard@yahoo.com
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OF STOVERTOWN**

**"We, the members of St. John's Lutheran Church of Stoyertown, 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".**