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LABOR DAY...SEPTEMBER 2

Our Summer is coming to an end. For most of us, the unofficial Summer begins in May on Memorial Day and ends in September with Labor Day. (School is out and school begins again.) (Official end of summer is actually September 21).

We offer praise and thanksgiving for our Summer and hope and guidance for things to come in the Fall.

However, the Bible offers a very different definition of Labor Day.

The following are Bible verses that give us examples of Labor Day in the Bible.

-Exodus 20: 9-11—Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work but the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work neither you nor your son or daughter or your male or female servant, nor your animals nor any foreigner residing in your towns. "For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day.

-Psalm 128:2 –You will eat the fruit of your labors, blessings and prosperity will be yours

-Ecclesiastes 3:22—So you saw that there is nothing better for a person than to enjoy their work, because that is their lot. For you can bring them to see what will happen after them.

-MATTHEW 11: 28—Come to me all you who are weary and burdened and I will give you rest.

-COLOSSIANS 3:23—Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters,

-GENESIS 1: 31—God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning the sixth day.

-Proverbs 14:23—The Bible tells us to "work heartily" for the Lord as in labor there is profit but mere talk leads only to poverty.

Here is a list of other bible verses that refer to labor:

- Thessalonians 3:10-12,
- Thessalonians 4:11-12
- Timothy 2:6
- Timothy 5:8
- Proverbs 12:11
- Corinthians 15:58

HAVE A SAFE AND ENJOYABLE LABOR DAY, OUR END TO SUMMER.

CHURCH CUSTODIAN NEEDED

Effective October 1, 2024, Jamey Brassfield will retire as our custodian after 22 years. We wish to thank her for her many years of above and beyond service. We will hold a reception sometime in the Fall in honor of and to thank Jamey .

Anyone interested in filling this position or knows someone who is interested should contact Bob Pletcher or Nate Atkins.

THANKS JAMEY , YOU WENT ABOVE AND BEYOND AND IT WAS VERY MUCH APPRECIATED!!!!

PRODUCE GIVE-A-WAY

Will be held on Tuesday, September 17. Volunteers are very much needed and appreciated.

A GIANT THANK YOU goes to the congregation of St. John's. Approximately 150 jars of peanut butter and 400 boxes of macaroni and cheese were donated from the congregation and distributed to those that came to the Produce Market on July 16th. We served 97 households and 210 people that day. We also had 15 new families.

Our faithful volunteers continue to use their hands to do God's work. We had 21 volunteers helping on this hot July day. Thank you volunteers!!!!

Gary & Leslie Williams had applied to Thrivent, a National Lutheran Financial Institution, for a grant and received \$250.00 to help with the purchase of the peanut butter and macaroni and cheese. Thank you!!!

In July the produce given out included, corn on the cob, cabbage, Cheryl's cookies, cantaloupe and juice boxes. We get a variety of produce each month.

If you are able, please join us on the third Tuesday of each month to help distribute the produce that Mid-Ohio sends to us. We would love your company and the fellowship is wonderful

Karen Showers

CONGRATULATION.....

Kyndrix Blake Crumbie was born on July 29, 6inches/13 ounces, and 17 inches long to Kaytlynn Pletcher and Marvin Crumbie Jr. Kyndrix is Bob Pletcher's great-grandson and a nephew to Joy and Joe Pletcher.

UPCOMING EVENTS.....

Camping and Canoeing Weekend will be held on Saturday September 14 and Sunday, September 15 at Campbell Cove Campgrounds in Hocking Hills. Some campers will actually begin coming in on Tuesday, September 10. (If you still want to camp and find out the campsites are all full, contact Steve Wolfe. In the past the campgrounds has allowed us to double up) The canoeing event will be on Saturday morning with a potluck meal following at the campgrounds.. Even if you do not canoe you are invited to come and attend the potluck. On Sunday morning there will be a breakfast and a small Sunday School session held. (A possible zip-line group may be organized sometime?????)

Mark your calendars for a fun weekend.

13TH ANNUAL TRIPLE NICKEL COUNTRY CRUISE-IN.....

Will be held on Saturday October 12 with the event starting at 1:00PM but registration begins at 12:30PM. (See attached flyer for more details).

Volunteers to work and donations of food will be needed. See Steve Wolfe

WELCA NEWS.....

The September meeting will be held at the church on Tuesday, September 10 at 2PM to pack quilts and kits for LWR.

St John's Lutheran Church
Congregational Council Meeting Minutes
August 1, 2024

Council Vice President, Bob Pletcher, opened the meeting at 8:09 pm. Members present: Pastor Al Laese, Nate Atkins, Gary Williams, Linda Showers, and Joe Pletcher.

Linda Showers offered a devotion from Smithsonian about evidence of the resurrection.

Minutes from abbreviated meeting after church on July 7 were approved (Approved: N. Atkins/G. Williams)

PASTOR'S REPORT- June 2024- 4 Sunday worship services and Sunday School; 4 Cluster meetings; 1 visit; 1 Church Council meeting; 1 vacation Sunday; 264 miles.

PASTOR'S REPORT- July 2024- 4 Sunday worship services and Sunday School; 5 Cluster meetings; 1 Church Council meeting; 1 hospital visit; 1 private communion; 1 inactive member funeral; 208 miles.

Both monthly reports were approved. (Approved: L. Showers/G. Williams)

TREASURER'S REPORT- reviewed by council (Approved: G. Williams/L. Showers)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE- No report

EDUCATION- No report

PRODUCE- Produce Chr., Gary Williams, reported that the produce market on 7/16/24 served 97 households, including 15 new families, which is the highest number of new families including 43 children. 21 volunteers were involved. Truck arrived at 8:05. Distribution started at around 8:30 am. By 9:08, 68 families had been served. Distribution included approximately 150 jars of peanut butter and 400 boxes of macaroni and cheese, from donations from the congregation and a \$250 Thrivent grant, which Gary and Leslie Williams applied for.

PROPERTY- Bob Pletcher read a resignation letter effective 10/1/24 from Jamey Brassfield following 21 faithful years as church custodian. N. Atkins asked about the need to publish a job description. Council decided to wait until a need is identified. (Approved: G. Williams/N. Atkins)

EVANGELISM- Linda Showers provided update on the update church directory. Correspondence will go out to request changes to the directory with a goal to have it updated by 11/1/24 and have it available in hard copy and electronic formats.

OLD BUSINESS- None

NEW BUSINESS- None

Motion to Adjourn- 8:40 p.m. (N. Atkins/L. Showers)

Meeting followed by The Lord's Prayer

J. Pletcher- 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)

**HOMEMADE FOOD
& ICE CREAM**

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

**FAMILY
FUN!**

**RAFFLE
PRIZES**

**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!

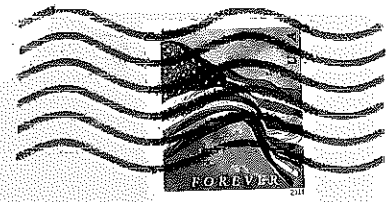
PROCEEDS BENEFIT: Saint John's Lutheran Church P.R.A.Y.E.R Company Youth Group

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

September 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Holy Communion Worship-10AM SCS 9AM WEICA change collection	2	3	4	5 Council 8PM	6	
8 Worship 10M SCS 9AM	9 WEICA 2PM	10	11	12	13	14 Canoeing at Hocking Hills
15 Canoeing at Hocking Hills Worship-10AM SCS 9AM WEICA change collection	16 Produce Give- A-Way	17	18	19	20	21
22 Worship-10AM SCS-9AM	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 Worship-10AM SCS 9AM	30	Pastor Al 740-541-2823	Church 740-697-0202	Vicky Thomas Church Secretary 740-674-6814 cabininthearchard@yahoo.com		

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BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARIES FOR
THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER.

Anniversaries
September 3—Bill & Vicky Thomas
20—Brian & Susan Miller

Birthdays:
September 2—Gary Williams
21—Lynne Parmiter
24—Nate Atkins
29—Andrea Laese

MISSION STATEMENT FOR ST. JOHN'S, LUTHERAN CHURCH,
OF STOVERTOWN

"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".