

# ST. JOHN'S CHIMES

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*"Letting God's love shine through us to the Community we Serve"*

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## FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Friends,

We are in the midst of my favorite season! Are you guessing “Fall”? Well, you’re kind of right about that, I do love fall, but I was thinking of a church season: Stewardship! People think when they hear the “s” word, they are going to get asked for money. Stewardship actually means managing all the gifts God has given us: not just money, but all of who we are and all of what we have. Usually, we use this in the classical “Three T’s”: Time, Talent, Treasure. So, just like New Year’s resolution time, this is a time we can make good stewardship goals. Of course, first, we think of what we own to give to God. Good stewardship means looking at all we have and praying to God if we are using these things to please and glorify our God. The body of Christ, our church, all churches also need to ask ourselves that question. Building upkeep and repairs, technology to provide quality worship experiences online, staff salaries, programs etc. all need your help and wise stewardship! What goals will you make for your own treasure and for the church’s treasures to glorify God with your whole heart, mind and soul?

Aren’t the bells, chimes, piano, organ and choir beautiful? Thank God for great talent, right? RIGHT! But that’s the not the end of the talent here at St. John. We need all your talents. Encouragers, Supporters, Prayers, Knowledge, Wisdom, etc., etc. etc. are all talents. As a member of the Body of Christ, we need everyone’s participation as much as you possibly can. We understand if you can only worship on Facebook, but we could use your participation in other ways too! There are an abundance of ways to participate if you cannot be physically present on Sundays. Come and join us for fellowship activities if you can. Give to our Giving Tree. Pray for us! Do Meals on Wheels. Read your Chimes which is filled with information! Being a good steward of talent means you need to use your talent! What goals will you make for your own talent and for the church’s

talents to glorify God with your whole heart, mind and soul?

Time is one of the most precious commodities these days. And just like treasures and talents, some have an abundance and some have little. Some of us have to manage our time and others try to fill our time. Time is a gift. We were created by our Wonderful Creator God to be here in this particular time in history for a special reason! You are who you are and I am who I am because God created us this way, with all our quirks, sins, and wonderful traits. So, considering the gift of time as stewardship means being faithful to the idea of work, enjoyment and rest. Just like in Ecclesiastes 3 where there is a “time for this and a time for that. . .” we need to remember how we use our time is seen by God as a way of being a follower of His Son. Are we making time to serve the Church? Are we making time to serve others in our community? Are we making time for our own selves? We MUST take care of our bodies in order to be healthy to serve others. What goals will you make for your own time and for the church’s time to glorify God with your whole heart, mind and soul?

Once we make our goals, believe me, the only way we can go is, “Up, Up, and Away!”

PS: That’s a hint of our Stewardship theme this year!

Peace!

Pastor Laurie



## RESULTS of the ONA TASK FORCE SURVEY

The Task Force has heard requests from the congregation that the results of the survey be shared with all. In response to this, you will find below what we learned from you. We include the information we received, some samples of comments we heard as well as how we have responded to these questions and comments. The task force believes that we have heard all that you have said to us and that we have responded through written and spoken words to your comments.

**Total number received: 24 (including one survey without check marks)**

**Yes: 16 responses - some of their comments**

- I really want to be part of a church that is ONA.
- I want people to realize that we are all important to God
- We have a real opportunity to reach out, lend support and help individuals heal their traumas in their Christian journeys. Lincoln and Logan County need this.

**Not sure: 3 responses comments**

- We need to include everyone, not just LGBTQ. Let's add other races and ethnic groups, etc. I say welcome all.
- I have no personal objections to becoming an ONA church. Would some be less open to those we are encouraging to attend? Might some be less than welcoming?

**No: 4 responses and comments**

- I'm afraid of losing more members than we gain. I want to welcome a variety of people not just the LGBTQ community. I liked the Geneseo statement (was sent out with the survey).
- I like the idea of welcoming. There is no doubt that the Bible commands us to take care of the unfortunate or defend those who are oppressed. The Bible should be viewed as God's definitive work. You can't take essential Christian doctrines and open them for re-interpretation because it would pass through the hands of flawed humanity.

## How we've responded to these comments and questions?

1. Responses have been published in The Chimes [please review the summer editions] and there have also been several responses from the Pulpit. We've encouraged members to please make use of the resources that are available on the ONA table. We have heard many times a response to the comment above about Scripture. For those who haven't been part of these discussions, we offer our understanding here. Scripture has been open to interpretation and translation since it first was written. All this work has been done by "flawed" human beings. As we heard from Pastor Lauren, the word "homosexual" didn't even appear in the Bible until 1946 when the RSV was written. Furthermore, scholars who created the RSV translation later agreed that the use of the word homosexual was not true to the text as intended by the original authors of the Bible. In addition, scholars agree that the story of Jesus and the Gospel is a story of ever-widening openness to all of humankind. This too we believe.
2. In terms of fear that we won't be welcoming. The hope of the task force is that we can trust each other to live by the statement and covenant we make as we become an ONA church
3. The LGBRQ community has not been singled out in our statement. The statement is an affirmation of many groups and of our desire to affirm all people as children of God.



## ONA STATEMENT

As members of St. John United Church of Christ, we reaffirm our belief that all people are created in the image of God and so loved by God.

We recognize and celebrate the diverse gifts of God among us.

We seek to be a faith community that invites into its midst all persons regardless of race, age, ethnicity, culture, sexual orientation, gender identity, family structure, marital status, economic condition as well as mental, emotional, and physical capabilities.

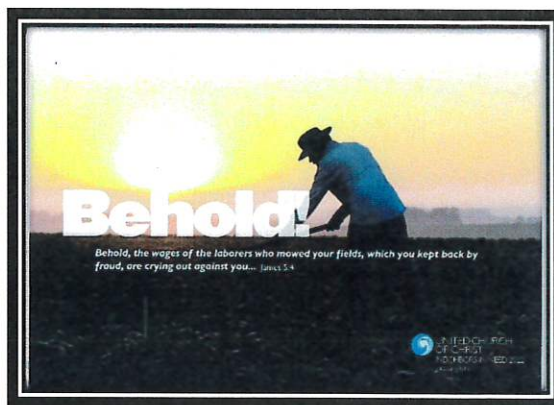
In this spirit, we make a public covenant to be an open and affirming congregation, welcoming all into the full life and ministry of our church and as full participants in worship, rites, and sacraments.

As we move forward, we commit ourselves to making justice and inclusivity a reality in this church and in our community, our nation, and the world.

**SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2022  
Immediately following the morning  
worship service**

The council is calling a special meeting of the congregation on October 23<sup>rd</sup> for the purpose of voting on the Open and Affirming Statement.

## NEIGHBORS IN NEED OFFERING Sunday, October 2, 2022



The Neighbors in Need offering, which we will receive on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, supports the UCC's ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries to fund a wide array of local and national justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects. Through our national Justice and Local Church Ministries office, <https://tinyurl.com/2bfyatb>, you can find resources, news updates, and action alerts on a broad spectrum of justice issues. Working with members of the UCC Justice and Peace Action Network (a network of thousands of UCC justice and peace advocates), Justice and Witness continues its strong policy advocacy work on issues such as the federal budget, voting rights, immigration, health care, hate crimes, civil liberties, and environmental justice. Neighbors in Need also supports our American Indian neighbors in the UCC. One-third of the offering supports the UCC's Council for American Indian Ministries (CAIM). Historically, forebears of the UCC established churches and worked with Lakota, Dakota, Nakota, Mandan, Hidatsa, Arickara, and Hocak in North and South Dakota, Wisconsin, and northern Nebraska. Today there are 20 UCC congregations on reservations and one urban, multi-tribal UCC congregation in Minneapolis, Minnesota. These churches and their pastors are supported by CAIM. CAIM is also an invaluable resource for more than 1,000 individuals from dozens of other tribes and nations who are members of other UCC congregations in the U.S.

BEHOLD! With your assistance, we together can help our Neighbors in Need

## **MEMOS** by Tonita Reifsteck...

Since the article was printed on the "MEMORIES" posted on the display in entryway 4 more have been added: (none had a name on them)

- Enjoyed 'WHISKERS' the Church Mouse!
- Ordination of Ted Michalsen
- The after-school program 'Celebration' with (I think) 4 other churches
- Easter Egg hunt in Sunken Garden with Val

**MEALS on WHEELS** drivers/delivery (team of 2 makes it easier) see Tonita Reifsteck. 4<sup>th</sup> Monday and 5<sup>th</sup> Monday and 5<sup>th</sup> Friday (need only 1 to fill team)

**COFFEE MAKER** in Kitchen has been cleaned. Coffee Hour began September 11<sup>th</sup>

**NEED** someone who comes to the church on Wednesday or Thursday willing to run a pitcher of water through the machine to keep it fresh and full/don't have to make a special trip to do this.... Talk to Toni –

**COFFEE HOUR** sign-up sheet at back of sanctuary for volunteers to make coffee before church. THANK YOU!!!

St. John shirts hanging on coat rack outside sanctuary – take and enjoy - FREE....

**Founded in 1942, this October 2022 is the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of KOINONIA FARMS in Americus Georgia.** Founded by Clarence Jordan as a Christian project of community unity to help by sharing work and resources it became the nucleus of Habitat for Humanity in 1970's. St. John was a supporter of that ministry in the early 1970's as each year members Elmo and Ella Pascale traveled to Georgia and brought back a trunk full of Pecans to sell at church and Lincoln College. St. John also began support of the local Habitat for Humanity affiliate. The Cottonpatch Bible, also written by Clarence Jordan in the 1960's, was used in the early Sunday morning contemporary services in Fellowship Hall.



## **LET'S REMEMBER OUR HOMEBOUND**

### **ST. CLARA'S REHAB and SENIOR CARE**

1450 Castle Manor Drive, Lincoln, IL 62656  
Leola Dowling  
Evelyn Fulkerson  
Susan Webb  
John Wilmert

### **CASTLE MANOR**

1550 Castle Manor Drive, Lincoln, IL 62656  
Jerry and Mary Berglin

### **COPPER CREEK**

203 Stahlhut Drive, Lincoln, IL 62656  
Steve Aue

### **CEDARHURST OF SPRINGFIELD**

3520 Old Jacksonville Road, Springfield, IL 62711  
Helen Opperman

### **CARRIAGE CROSSING SENIOR LIVING**

1402 Leslie Drive, Bloomington, IL 61704  
Sandy Morgan

### **CARLINVILLE REHAB/HEALTH CARE CENTER**

751 N. Oak Street, Carlinville, IL 62626  
Bill Krepps

### **VONDERLIETH LIVING CENTER**

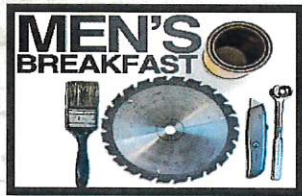
1120 N. Topper Drive, Mt. Pulaski, IL 62548  
Jerry Gehlbach

### **ASHTON PLACE**

4151 Ashton Road, Sarasota, FL 34233  
Patty McCann

### **AT HOME**

Dave Armbrust  
922 Decatur Street, Lincoln, IL 62656



**Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>  
8:30 a.m.  
Imo's Café**

**All Men of the Church are Welcome.**

**WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY  
Sunday, October 2, 2022**



- You are invited to wear something from another country
- The Lord's Prayer in different languages

**Western Association  
Fall Meeting  
& Ecclesiastical Council  
for Lesa Branham**

**Saturday, October 8th  
10:30 AM - 1:30 PM  
First Congregational, Springfield  
Register by September 30th**



**ST. JOHN DINERS**

**Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>  
Horsch Radish in Gibson City  
Be at the church by 10:00 a.m.  
Bus will leave the church at 10:15 a.m.  
Reservations are for 11:30 a.m.**



The Small Group Ministry has planned the October St. John Diners outing will be at Horsch Radish the new German Restaurant in Gibson City  
A sign-up sheet is at the back of the sanctuary.

**GREETERS**

**October 2<sup>nd</sup>: Marlene Wilmert  
October 9<sup>th</sup>: Randy Pech  
October 16<sup>th</sup>: Bob Meinershagen  
October 23<sup>rd</sup>: Sandy Meinershagen  
October 30<sup>th</sup>: Alice Paulus**



## PROTOCOL

**SERVICES WILL CONTINUE TO BE "HYBRID":** (a combination of online and in-person).

**MASKING:** Masks are now a personal choice. We urge you to wear one if you feel even slightly sick. But it now completely up to you to wear a mask or not.

**COMMUNION:** Communion sets will remain in the back for you to pick up as you come in. If you wish to bring your own, of course, that's fine. Darlene has "smidget" Tupperware containers if you wish to use one for your own juice/wine.

**FOOD:** Food offered at events can be homemade, but we ask groups in the church to also offer a commercially prepared option for those who would prefer their food made in that way.

## PAINT PARTY Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup> 1:00 p.m.

Bring your family and friends and come enjoy a relaxing afternoon of painting this peaceful picture. This is a fundraiser for the upcoming Veterans Celebration. Cost per person is \$40.00.



### PIE AUCTION

coming to St. John's  
Sunday, October 16

Mark your  
calendars  
and watch for  
more details

Proceeds  
going the  
Veterans  
Celebration





**ST. JOHN GAMERS**  
**Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>**  
**2:00 p.m.**



**Puzzle Mania – Have fun putting puzzled together.**



Articles for the **October 2022** newsletter should be in the Church Office by **September 19<sup>th</sup>**.

**VETERANS MINISTRY**



The following fundraisers have been planned:

October 16<sup>th</sup> – Pie Auction after Church  
 Paint Party at 1:00 p.m.

Watch for more info on these events in the newsletters, bulletins, emails, etc.



**PRIZES NEEDED**

St. John United Church of Christ is no longer doing their monthly Bingo at St. Clara's Rehab and Senior Care. But we can still help them when their activity department does Bingo. Here's how we can help. They are in need of Bingo prizes. Some ideas are SMALL stuffed animals, door or window décor, adult coloring books and colored pencils, word search books (large print might be helpful), some gently used white elephant type gifts and little knick-knacks (non-breakable) to mention a few. No jewelry, please. These items can be placed under "The Giving Tree." Thank you!!!

**ATTENDANCE**

August 28<sup>th</sup>

52 In-Person, 52 on Facebook, 15 bulletins mailed and website = 119+

September 4<sup>th</sup>

28 In-Person, 85 on Facebook, 15 bulletins mailed and website = 128+

September 11<sup>th</sup>

37 In-Person, 47 on Facebook, 15 bulletins mailed and website = 99+

September 18<sup>th</sup>

33 In-Person, 35 on Facebook, 15 bulletins mailed and website = 83+

September 25<sup>th</sup>

44 In-Person, 28 on Facebook, 14 bulletins mailed and website = 86+



### AUGUST FINANCIALS

Beginning Balance		\$ 4,895.23
Income	\$28,175.58	
Expenses	\$23,540.96	
Ending Balance		\$ 9,529.85

### ALTAR FLOWERS

- October 2<sup>nd</sup>: Edna and Wayne Mara
- October 9<sup>th</sup>: Church Office
- October 16<sup>th</sup>:
- October 23<sup>rd</sup>:
- October 30<sup>th</sup>: Church Office



**VOLUNTEER NEEDED** – know of a recently retired friend looking for a chance to serve the community? This would involve 10:30 a.m. to noon. Any questions or if interested please see Tonita Reifsteck or call 217-855-1645.

*October is Pastor Appreciation Month.  
Take a moment to show your appreciation to Pastor Laurie.*



**BOY SCOUT TROOP 102  
GERMANFEST  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2022  
10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**



**Celebrate Life Birthday Group  
Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup>  
11:30 a.m.  
at Kickapoo Creek Park**

**Provided: Hot dogs, buns, condiments, and chips will be furnished plus items to make s'mores.**

**Please bring drink and anything else you want to eat.**

**October birthdays will be celebrated.**

Let Tonita Reifsteck or Sandy Wilmert know if you are coming.

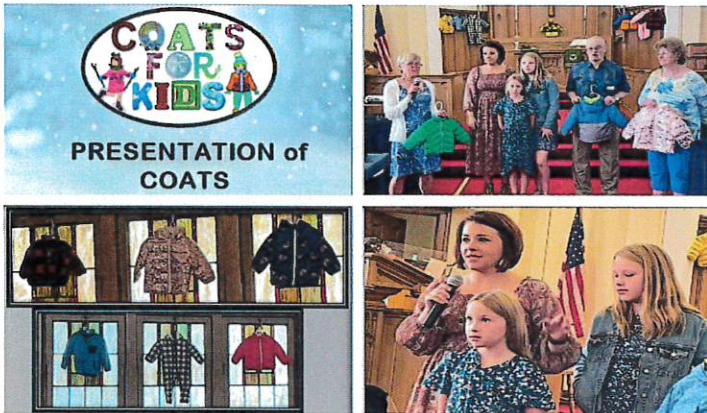


## MISSION COMMITTEE

By: Verdeen Ingram, Co-Chair

**SPECIAL OFFERING SUNDAYS...**The Mission Committee has designated the following Sundays:

- **Second Sunday of each month** a special offering will be taken following church for the **Children of Lincoln project**.
- **Fourth Sunday of each month** a special offering will be taken following church for the **Diaper Project for Head Start at Community Action**.



On Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup> we dedicated and blessed 253 coats! These coats were purchased on sale in late winter with your Thanksgiving offerings of last year. Breann Titus and her family were on hand to accept the coats for Community Action. On Monday the guys from Community Action brought their trailer, picked up the coats and took them back to the agency offices. Some of them are probably already being used by kids in Lincoln and Logan County.

Thank you so much for your support of this project. We have been buying and giving out coats for 33 years now. We are so excited to be able to continue to keep kids warm.

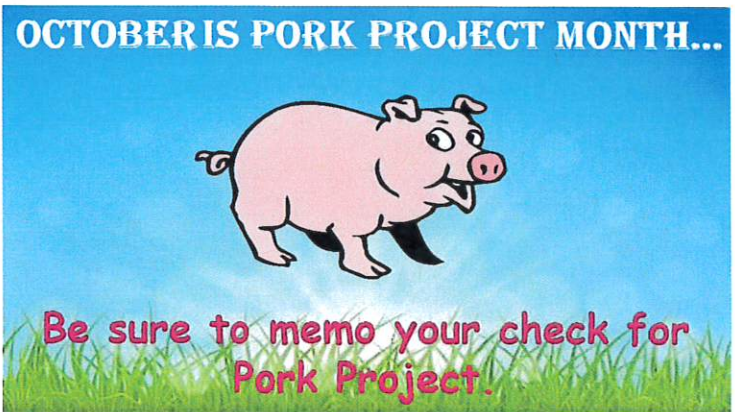
YOU make this project possible. Thank you again!

## HATS, GLOVES, SCARVES and MITTENS...



Remember that hats, gloves and scarves are also needed to keep kids warm. Please add these to your shopping list. We will be collecting through November 13 - the Sunday they will be dedicated. You may leave your donations under the Giving Tree at any time.

Thank You!



October is Pork Project month! The food pantries have been blessed with donations of fresh produce during the summer, but those donations will be coming to an end soon. That is why it is so nice to have donations of pigs from the local pork producers. We can help out by paying processing fees.

Please drop your check (or cash) in the designated offering plate in the back of the sanctuary or send it to the church office any time during the month. We will make sure that the clients of the pantry get some of that good ground pork soon!

Thank you for your support!



## OUTREACH and PUBLICITY

Co-Chairs: Jim and Leslie Wilmert  
and Tonita Reifsteck – 160<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Outreach and Publicity met on September 1<sup>st</sup> with Jim and Leslie Wilmert, Jack Leich, Sandy Wilmert, Tonita Reifsteck and Pastor Laurie in attendance.

Business decisions made were ordered water bottles for LJHS, signed cards for College Students



and voted for Support gifts to each of the 4 to be sent to their homes. Noted request from Stewardship for budget line-item amount and will again offer

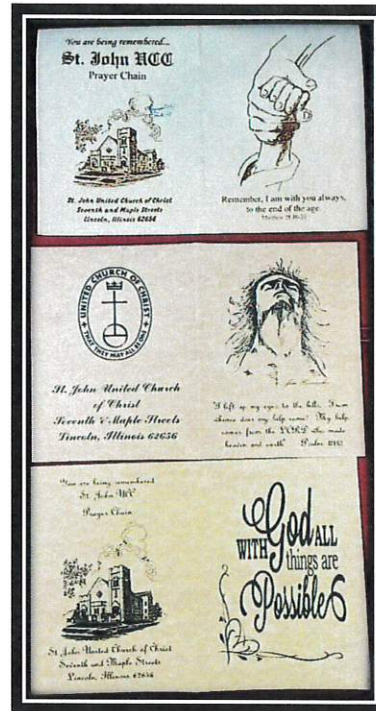
Devotionals from abundance at Immanuel Lutheran Church for those interested, continuing most programs already in place. Noted that Daily Devotions can be pulled off internet of GOD IS STILL SPEAKING.org site. Do not have quarterly booklets.

Voted to participate in the Christmas Parade and will pass out pencils along the route as we have (ran out last year so ordered 2500 for 2022).

Noted that recyclables will not be collected at Toni's porch/house anymore (a COVID convenience); Coffee Maker in kitchen will be cleaned before September 11<sup>th</sup>. Meals on Wheels 2 helpers needed 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Mondays and one on 5<sup>th</sup> Friday. Next Blood Drive is September 13<sup>th</sup>. Germanfest by the Boy Scouts will be Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup>.

## ST. JOHN UCC PRAYER CHAIN

By: Tonita Reifsteck



There is nothing new about prayer – it is mentioned in both the Old and New Testament of the Bible and Jesus practiced prayer and initiated a prayer all Christians use a guide in their worship. With all that history, why this article? Prayer is a way of life for many in our families, our church family, our friends. It usually begins with a request

to an individual, a close group or in many instances a known source of like believers on prayer in a time of need.

Prayer has long been the 'lifeline' for our church-proud of the heritage of our 'son of the congregation', Reinhold Niebuhr's "SERENITY PRAYER" and always lifting up church family and others in the world in their time of crisis or need. The network of responding to that need has long been a ministry of St. John UCC.

Requests for prayers come via any member or friend of the church, the church's pastor, a member of the Charity Guild who sponsors this ministry or Outreach Ministry who funds the cards and postage needed for the ministry. Each prayer requests is sent to the participating 'praying members' and a card is sent through Charity Guild member. Many requests are made asking that their name not be divulged so if a card can be shared it is through the person that received the request, or none is sent.

Not much thought has been given to this scenario until recently while visiting a lady requesting prayers some years back needing support ('do not

use name' situation). When I sat down I noticed the cover of one of our Prayer Chain card and also the inside message (card cut apart) had been placed under the glass of her end table – to which she commented: “it has been a source of strength each day -someone caring and praying in my behalf”. She then asked, “what do others get if they don't give their name?” I could only answer – the knowledge that we have them on our Prayer list.

Many of our church family have had 'times of need of prayer support' and have even thanked us for hat support (including yours truly) and the message we have shared by cards we now share with everyone. Prayer cards were begun in 2000 – there have been three versions. Design on front of first card was a sketch by Ted Michalsen (now Pastor Ted) when a senior in Sunday School class. The message was gleaned from the class's shared 'sentence prayer/thought' on any given Sunday one year – then composed the context for the card. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Prayer card was designed by Outreach Ministry using the sketch and message reflections from Jim Hernandez's book "Sojourns In The Clay" (Jim was son-in-law of Marita Schneider). The 3<sup>rd</sup> card was designed by Jennifer Brickey and the original prayer/thoughts from the St. John high school Sunday School class was repeated.

Prayer is personal talk with God – these messages are guides for comfort, support and strength for life's daily challenges. That is our prayer – that they may be so for all. St. John UCC Prayer Chain

## CELEBRATE LIFE BIRTHDAY

By: Tonita Reifsteck

A group of 11 Karen Birnbaum, Mary Fuller, Nancy and Jerry Gehlbach, Janet Johnson, Norma Kramer, Alice Paulus, Tonita Reifsteck, Lynn Spellman, Carol Webb and Sandy Wilmert met at the shelter in Kickapoo Park on a delightful, sunny Friday, September 9<sup>th</sup> to enjoy their lunch. Following lunch all enjoyed a delicious chocolate cake brought by Janet with a scoop of their choice of Culver's custard brought by Toni. Birthday, Get Well and "Thinking of You" cards were signed to be mailed. Norma shared some reflective readings from a 'Scrapbook' ushering us into the 'autumn' mood. It was such a lovely day no one really wanted to leave so 2 ladies went for fun time swinging!



The large pavilion has been reserved for the group for Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. for a wiener roast picnic lunch. Anyone is welcome but are asked to tell Sandy Wilmert or Tonita Reifsteck if they want a hot dog meal. Hot dogs, buns and condiments will be furnished. All coming are to bring own drink and anything else wanted for your meal. Any questions call Sandy Wilmert or Toni Reifsteck.

## October Food Item Is...



Food items are delivered to the Community Action Food Pantry.

All non-perishable items are **WELCOME.**



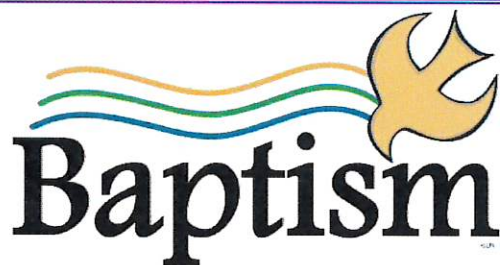
## A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL...

On Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup> Karen, Alice, Sandy and Toni joined other ladies from various churches of Lincoln and surrounding communities at

Immanuel Lutheran's Women's annual retreat. After a tasty breakfast all gathered in the sanctuary for a musical and reflective Patriotic Program. Some of the over 250 quilts



the ladies of the church had done in the past year were draped over the pews or in the Fellowship area of the church – (not all were displayed as they had to be removed after the program to have sanctuary ready for a wedding that day). It was a delightful day of fellowship and renewal of friendships after not being able to hold it for 2 years.



# Baptism

Receiving the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, September 11, 2022 during the morning worship service was Lucille Miller and her mother, Elizabeth Miller.



## BIRTHDAYS

- 4 Rhonda (Kincheloe) Howard
- 7 Rod Morgan
- 13 Cody Conrady
- 14 Troy Meinershagen
- 16 Alison Pagel
- 25 Carla Jurgenson
- 26 Pastor Laurie Hill  
David Wilmert
- 30 Leland Semple
- 31 Greg Fuller  
Jenna Michalsen  
Michelle Muhlach



Elizabeth Miller was received into membership at St. John United Church of Christ in Lincoln, Illinois on Sunday, September 11, 2022 during the morning worship service.

## TAKE NOTE...

Starting Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> we will return to passing the offering plate for the regular offering during the announcements. The Special Offering plates will remain on the table at the back of the sanctuary.





# October Calendar

## Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>

Men's Fellowship at 8:30 a.m.  
Bus Trip to Tanners Orchard at 11:00 a.m.

## Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>

In-Person and Live-stream Worship Service with  
Communion at 10:00 a.m.  
St. John Ringers practice  
St. John Singers practice

## Monday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>

Jubilant Feet at 8:00 a.m.  
Stewardship Committee meeting at 7:00 p.m.  
Boy Scouts at 7:00 p.m.

## Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup>

St. John Chimers practice at 7:00 p.m.

## Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup>

Outreach and Publicity at 7:00 p.m.

## Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup>

Western Association Fall Meeting

## Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>

In-Person/Live-stream Worship at 10:00 a.m.  
St. John Ringers practice  
St. John Singers practice  
St. John Gamers at 2:00 p.m.

## Monday, October 10<sup>th</sup>

Jubilant Feet at 8:00 a.m.  
Boy Scouts at 7:00 p.m.

## Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup>

St. John Chimers practice at 7:00 p.m.

## Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup>

Celebrate Life Birthday Group at 11:30 a.m.

## Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>

St. John Diners – Gibson City

## Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup>

In-Person/Live-stream Worship at 10:00 a.m.  
Pie Auction  
St. John Ringers practice  
St. John Singers practice  
Paint Party at 1:00 p.m.

## Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup>

Jubilant Feet at 8:00 a.m.  
Church Council meeting at 7:00 p.m.  
Boy Scouts at 7:00 p.m.

## Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>

CAPCIL at 10:00 a.m.  
Veterans Ministry meeting at 4:00 p.m.

## Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup>

St. John Chimers practice at 7:00 p.m.

## Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup>

Small Group Team meeting at 7:00 p.m.

## Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>

In-Person/Live-stream Worship at 10:00 a.m.  
Special Congregational Meeting following  
morning worship  
St. John Ringers practice  
St. John Singers practice

## Monday, October 24<sup>th</sup>

Jubilant Feet at 8:00 a.m.  
Boy Scouts at 7:00 p.m.

## Tuesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>

Creative Delights at 3:00 p.m.

## Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup>

St. John Chimers practice at 7:00 p.m.

## Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup>

Boy Scout Germanfest from 10:30 to 2:00 p.m.

## Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup>

In-Person/Live-stream Worship at 10:00 a.m.  
St. John Ringers practice  
St. John Singers practice

## Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup>

Jubilant Feet at 8:00 a.m.  
Boy Scouts at 7:00 p.m.





Linda Barrow  
Rev. John Bock  
Wayne Bowns  
Ron Brandy  
Helen Dalpoas  
Alta Gehrke  
Ruth Gordon  
Cindy Hansen  
Larry and Marcia Howen  
Emily Jewsbury  
Dwayne Keiffer  
Sammy McClure  
Sherri Mester  
Drake Miller  
Lynn Price  
Mercedize Reyes  
Alissa Smith  
Kathy Staten  
Jan Steele  
Karen Sutton  
Kent Tangman  
Jim Walsh  
Vicki Smith Williams  
Leslie Wilmert  
Fred Wiseman  
Barb Braley  
Sherry Reed  
Kyle Lucas  
Ann Holloway  
Jen Steele  
Harold Boyer  
Carla Jurgenson  
Lin Ziemer  
Jackie Curry  
Martha Pagel  
Nathan Lucas  
Stacey Marten  
Donna Kessinger

Ron (Donna's boss)  
Lindsay (Donna's co-worker)  
Donnie Kirk  
Angela Rogers  
Ruth Olson  
Allen  
Dustin

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Jerry and Mary Berglin,  
Leola Dowling, Evelyn Fulkerson,  
Jerry Gehlbach, Bill Krepps, Patty McCann,  
Sandy Morgan, Helen Opperman, Susan Webb,  
John Wilmert



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Maintenance Person  
Organist  
St. John Chimers Director  
St. John Ringers and St. John Singers Director

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