



August Newsletter

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From the Pastor

Summer marches on with heat and humidity and preparations in full swing for the upcoming activities that mark the end of Summer and the beginning of Fall. I know that many in our midst have had a busy time during June and July -- competitions of various sorts, Summer school, County Fair projects, State Fair preparations, Summer camps, and Summer sports to name a few. Congratulations to all who had success in your various endeavors and I pray that all had real learning and growing experiences no matter what you have been doing.

Now comes August -- school is about ready to begin, Fall sports are already in full preparation for the seasons ahead, the bands are rehearsing and the cheerleaders are practicing and activity around church is once again beginning to ramp up.

In particular take note of our Confirmation Ministry and Youth ministries and Christian Education in general. While Sunday School has taken a few weeks off, with the exception of the Adult opportunities, Rally Sunday, August 28, 9:00 a.m. marks the beginning of the Fall emphasis on perhaps our most important activity as a church which worships Jesus as Lord -- teaching the world about Jesus and His love for all of us!

Confirmation will begin with a meeting on Wednesday, August 17 at 7:00 p.m. of students, parents, teachers, and mentors. Please plan to attend this meeting if you are a 7th or 8th grader and a parent. Please contact the church office (394-4421) if you are planning to attend or if you cannot attend before August 17

Along with Sunday School and Confirmation comes the Fall kick-off for Luther League, grades 7 - 12 (Sunday August 21 -- swimming and planning beginning at 3 p.m. at the Althausers on Peridot. And Kids of the Kingdom, grades 1 - 6, on August 28, 3 p.m. - activity to be determined as of this writing. And Teen Scene (grades 7-12) will begin on Wednesday August 24 at 6:00 p.m. (note the time change).

And choirs are beginning to think about rehearsals and formation. This year will mark the return of the Bell Choir for late elementary through adults of all ages. The bells have been refurbished and other equipment is in the process of being procured. And we really would like to grow our Senior Choir and our Sunday School choir. Be watching for the beginning of rehearsals in September!

So things are moving quickly. And in addition, I will be attending, as a voting member elected by the Southern Ohio Synod, the Church Wide Assembly in New Orleans August 8-13. It has been a busy Summer and the Fall looks even busier. Come and join us as together we seek to grow in our faith, share the Good News of Jesus, Invite others into a relationship with Christ, and care for our neighbors in all the world.

Thought of the Month

Forgiveness is every person's deepest need and the greatest quality of being like Jesus. Franklin Graham

Bible Trivia Questions

How did Paul say we should let our requests be made known to God?

Answer on page 6

Thank You

I want to say a very heartfelt thank you to Mick for all of the visits and prayers in my behalf during my recent hospital stay and surgery. I also want to thank everyone for the prayers and cards. I know very well God does love all of us and keeps us in his care.

Sincerely, thank you everyone—Carol Bulle

Additional thank you are on the bulletin board in the office area: Wernle, Compassionate Care, Wittenburg, LOMO

HUGS-Relay for Life News

St. Jacob Relay for Life team will be selling tickets for a hog raffle and gift baskets raffle (over 85 prizes) to be raffled at the Shelby County relay on August 5-6 at the fairgrounds in Sidney. You may purchase tickets for both raffles from any HUGS team member or the church office. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.



Hog Raffle-Hugs will pay for the standard processing fee, but anything over that is to be paid by the winner at pick up.

WALKERS NEEDED-There is a sign-up sheet on the back window for walkers during the relay (**August 5 from 6:00pm thru August 6 11:30am**) It's a great time to fellowship and to walk for a great cause. Please consider signing up.

Luminaries forms and Survivor registration forms are available on the back table. Survivors should sign-up ASAP.

*Reminder: If you haven't already done so please don't forget to turn in your water bottle filled with dimes to the team by the end of July.

Christmas Decorating Team

We **ALL** like to see the sanctuary adored with lights and decorations during Advent and Christmas. But this just does not happen by itself. St. Jacob is in need of a chairman for this team. Fred & Cheryl Pulfer have served on this team for over 15 years with the last 10 years being the chairs. They have decided to take a break from this team. If you are interested, please contact the church office as soon as possible.

Confirmand Mentoring

It is that time of the year again where we are looking for mentors for this year's 8th grade confirmands. The idea is to be a friend to one of the young persons in the class. You can do this by keeping in communication by phone call, email, or mail once a month. This is a rewarding experience for both child and mentor. If you feel the calling to accept the challenge of being a role model & friend to a young person in the confirmation class, please contact Jenni Shoffner 394-2653 or the church office. **We would like to have all mentors in place by our August 17th meeting.**



Sunday Morning Servants

	August 7	August 14	August 21	August 28
Reader (8am)	Kantessa Stewart	Gloria Zwiebel	Jennie Bertke	Madison Weiskittel
Reader (10am)	Lori Mann	Krista Meyer	Roger Lentz	John Fahnestock
Acolytes	Deacon	Deacon	Deacon	Deacon
Greeters	N-Sally Fogt S-Jim & Betty Koppin	N-Krista Meyer S-Ike & Mitzi Eisenhardt	N-Molly Berner S-Mike & Sharon Schnell	N-Lorrie Moniaci S-Earl & Joyce Vance
Church Bus Driver	Gary Levi	DJ Heintz	Cory Eisenhardt	Fred Pulfer
Communion Asst	Krista Meyer		Penny Fahnestock	
Blood Pressure Ck	Shelley Rose			



St Jacob annual golf outing will be held **August 7th, 2016** at Shelby Oaks Golf Course in Sidney. In past years, we have donated the proceeds to Relay for Life and Alzheimer’s. This year, the proceeds will be going to the Cystic Fibrosis (CF) foundation, which is a nonprofit, donor-supported organization.

The CF Foundation is the world’s leader in the search for a cure for cystic fibrosis. The Foundation funds lifesaving research, as well as works to provide access to specialized care, and effective treatments for people with CF. Nearly every CF drug available today was made possible because of the CF Foundation support. Through its efforts, the life expectancy of a child with CF has doubled in the last 30 years, and research to find a cure is more promising than ever before.

Cystic fibrosis is a life-threatening genetic disease that primarily affects the lungs and digestive system. An estimated 30,000 children and adults in the United States (70,000 worldwide) have CF. In people with CF, a defective gene and its protein product cause the body to produce unusually thick, sticky

mucus that:

1. Clogs the lungs and leads to life-threatening lung infections. When mucus clogs the lungs, it can become very difficult to breathe. The thick mucus also traps bacteria in the airways, which can result in infections and inflammation and often leads to severe lung damage, and eventually, respiratory failure. Respiratory problems are the most serious and persistent complication for people with CF.

2. Obstructs the pancreas and stops natural enzymes from helping the body break down food and absorb vital nutrients. In the pancreas, the buildup of mucus prevents the release of digestive enzymes that help the body break down food and absorb important nutrients. People with CF often have malnutrition and poor growth.

The cost of this year’s 4-person team scramble is \$45.00 for non-members and \$25.00 for members of the Oaks and will begin at 1:00pm. If you would like to sponsor a hole for \$50.00, please contact the church office or Lindsey Riethman. Any donations for door prizes would also be appreciated. A sign-up sheet will be put up in the near future. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Althausser at 937-394-4421.

August 1	LouAnn Levi, Madison Wendel
August 4	Gene Billing
August 5	Virginia Fields, Diane Frank, Jasson Sniffin
August 7	Marilyn Free, Connor McCoy
August 8	Bart Bixler, Vern Peacock
August 9	Austin Liess, Jeff Watren
August 10	Ed Counts, DJ Heintz, Linda Pleiman
August 11	Jennifer Hoewischer, Adam Shadoan, Avery Shoffner
August 13	Scott Bertsch
August 14	Brad Lentz
August 15	Tim Lentz
August 17	Karin Bok, Darrin Ihle, Wayne Wilt
August 18	Kelsey Meyer, Tim Schaffer
August 19	Kayla Ihle, LuAnn Rickert
August 20	June Barhorst, Kelly Heitkamp
August 21	Susan Bertsch, Bryan Hoersten, Madison Weiskittel
August 22	Jason Fogt, Roger Lentz, Maura Rose, Homer Spence
August 23	Kaylie Kipp, Andrew Prenger
August 24	Jay Billing, Abbey Lang
August 25	Liam Cooper, Don Eisenhardt, Joshua Yeager
August 27	Charles Elsass, Kathy Hayes
August 29	Matt Pulfer
August 30	Candi Consiglio, Earl Schmitz
August 31	Beverly Smart



August 1	Kevin and Betsey Hammergren
August 3	Earl and Joyce Vance
August 6	Mike and Sharon Schnell & Jim and Sara Bertsch
August 7	Paul and Kathy Grisez
August 10	Anthony and Vicki Linkmeyer
August 11	Keith and Rhonda Vance
August 22	Rick and Krista Withrow
August 26	Jeff and Darana Lobaugh
August 31	Frank and Lisa Brady



We are collecting school supplies again this year beginning **July 1st -August 7th** . There is a barrel in the back of the sanctuary for your items along with a list of needed supplies. The supplies will be dispensed in late August to the schools.

Veterans Plaque Update-We have identified everyone on the board except these two individuals— Bob Fogt and Louis Zimpfer, both served in WWII. If anyone would have any information on these two, please contact the church office or anyone in the Brotherhood with this information.



Our sister congregation in St. Paris (Covenant Lutheran) invites us to join them in this project at Kiser Lake throughout the summer. It is a “Litter Patrol” around the lake on the following dates at the times listed. Aug 16, 6-8pm, & Sept. 1, 6-8pm. Meet at the Marina for supplies & instructions or be in touch with Brenda Cook at 937-508-8169.

On **Sunday, August 28th** at 9:00 a.m. St. Jacob Sunday School will be celebrating **RALLY DAY!** Come join us for games, prizes, and meeting your new teachers. Ages 3 years and up are encouraged to attend Sunday school. There are classes for all ages plus 2 adult classes. We are looking forward to seeing you in Sunday School this year!



Labor of Love Weekend

This year’s Labor of Love is scheduled for **Sept. 2nd-5th**. We will be spending the weekend helping the less fortunate in southern Ohio, repairing homes or building wheel chair ramps. We will join a group of men & women from the United Methodist Church in Sidney to work on projects of the Jackson Ohio Area Ministry. We will stay in a church close to the work area. We will cook our meals at the church so a nominal fee of \$95.00 will be requested to help with the food cost. We will leave Sidney on Friday 5:30-6:00pm & return Monday afternoon or early evening. Please contact Charles or Steve Elsass by **Sunday, August 14th** if interested in joining us for this Labor of Love weekend.

Alzheimer’s Walk

The Shelby County Alzheimer’s Walk for 2016 will be held on **Saturday, September 24th**. The entire event will take place at the court square in Sidney. There will be stations on the lawn for registration, t-shirts, and educational information-starting at 9:00 a.m. Walk will be after the opening ceremony at 10:00 a.m. St. Jacob has been a leader on Shelby County in the annual Alzheimer’s Walk and we expect to be again this year. Thank you in advance for your help. If you have any questions or if you would like to participate in the walk or in other fund raisers, please contact Sue Althaus 394-4801.



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Growing and Sharing; Inviting and Caring



We will “kick off” the new year of activities on **Sunday, August 21st** at

Just bring yourself and a friend (let us know by signing up in the back of the church). We will be swimming at the Althausers on Peridot and will be talking about the fall and winter activities. See you then! Anyone 7th grade—12th grade are invited to attend. See you then!

Kids of the Kingdom will meet **Sunday, August 28th** at 3pm. Be watching the bulletin for details.



Upcoming Events

- August 5-6 Relay for Life Walk-Sidney fairgrounds 6pm-noon
- August 7 Blood Pressure Check 9-9:45am in office area
Annual Golf Outing-Shelby Oaks 1pm
- August 15 Church Council 7:30pm
- August 17 Confirmation student/parent & mentor's meeting 7pm
- August 21 Luther League-Fall Kickoff Event 3pm
- August 22 Vision Dev. Team 8pm
- August 23 Evangelism Team 7pm
- August 24 Teen Scene 6pm
- August 28 Rally Day/Fellowship Sunday
Kids of the Kingdom 3pm
- August 30 Worship Team 7pm

Save the Date:

- Sept 24 Shelby County Alzheimer's Walk 9am
- Sept 27 Personal Disaster Plan & Church Security Seminar 7pm

Bible Trivia Answer: By prayer & supplication with thanksgiving