

July Newsletter



Believe it or not, church is still busy during the summer. To be sure there are not as many "meetings" going on, although several of our standing teams are meeting. And there may not be as many people worshipping with us every Sunday (camps, vacations, etc.). Just the same there is work and activity behind the scenes getting ready for the Fall of the year.

Soon there will be announcements out asking for teachers for Sunday School. And there will be dates to save for Confirmation Class orientation. And for special programs (like the Personal Preparedness seminar and the Church Safety seminar coming in September). And then it will be full boar into the Fall all of which takes preparation and time and effort for things to seemingly go smoothly. So "church" is still busy! So keep St. Jacob in your prayers as these busy times hopefully produce beneficial times for us as a congregation and as a community. Ask God to help and guide us as together we seek to serve God and our neighbors. Seek God's guidance for you so that when the call goes our to participate and/or to serve in new and special ways you will be ready to enthusiastically say "Here I am! I'm ready!" Remember, we are always better and stronger together with God.

A quick note about two items that are already in the past: Coming in September will be a presentation by our delegation who traveled to Brazil to talk about our trip, our accomplishments, and our hopes for our future companionship with Espirito Santo a Belem and our partnership with Vila Velha. Suffice it to say here that it was a wonderful trip (see elsewhere in this newsletter from some of the travelers) and one that was very productive.

Also, VBS is in the books for 2016. It was again a wonderful week filled with learning and enthusiasm from the youth and from the staff. Thanks to all who in any way contributed to the success of the week!!! VBS remains one of the vital outreach ministries that we do. Year in and year out, many young people attend our VBS who are not members here. For some of them, this is the only exposure they have to the Good News of Jesus and the grace and love of God. Over the years, I can't tell you how many people have told me they remember their days in VBS at St. Jacob and how much of a difference it has made in their lives. We dare not ever let this yearly program go away. So again, THANK YOU to all who helped with it, and thank you to parents and grandparents, and neighbors who manage to get the students to church every day of VBS!

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Thought of the Month

People often say, "I do not understand love of God; what is love of God?" It would be more exact to say, "cannot understand love in this world without love of God."

Leo Tolstoy

Bible Trivia Question

Which of these is a name used in scripture to describe Satan?

The Devil, the dragon, that old serpent, all of the above

Answer on page 8

Thank You

Dear Church Family, Thank you so much providing me with a scholarship to attend LOMO this summer. I'm looking forward to attend my first church camp. Thanks Again. Love, Carly Rogers

Thank you so much for the beautiful, amazing quilt. I know it must have taken many hours, but I want you to know I will cherish it for many more. I pray that God continues to bless you for your hard work and your blessing to me. Thank You! Derek Brady

Thank you so much for the quilt and the scholarship award. I'm very grateful for both and immensely humble that this church has that much faith in me and my future to honor and support me in that way. I will never be able to fully thank you for all you have done for me but I hope this token of my appreciation helps! Thank You! Sincerely, Katrina McGowan

Thank you so much for my Senior Quilt. It is beautiful and very special to me. I plan on bringing it with me to Wright State University in the fall. Thanks again, Ashley Frilling

Additional thank you are on the bulletin board in the office area: Luther Home of Mercy, Graceworks, ELCA Global Church Sponsorship

VBS Report

What a wonderful Vacation Bible School we had once again! Thanks to Lorrie Moniaci and staff of some 20 different people with over 50 different children heard the Good News of "Egypt—Joseph's Journey to Prison to Palace".

The following youth from St. Jacob will be attending church camp this summer.

- June 12-17 Rickey Bertke—LMC All Stars
Ava Bertke, Anna Brady, & Carly Rogers—LMC Rising Stars
Laura Brady & Erin Luellen—LMC Senior Camp
- June 19-24 Braelin Houston, Audrey Krites—Camp Mowana Rising Stars
Justin Krites—Camp Mowana Shining Stars
Joseph Krites—Camp Mowana All Stars
- July 24-29 Kiera McGowan & Eva Pleiman—LMC Rising Stars



If you would like to mail a letter the address is Lutheran Memorial Camp P.O. Box 8 Fulton, OH 43321 or email is lmc@lomocamps.org. Mowana Camp is 2276 Fleming Falls Rd. Mansfield, OH 44903 or email mowana@lomocamps.org. Please include the campers name and program. These campers would love to hear from their church family! It's not too late to mail or give a letter to the youth that attended church camp this summer.



God's work.
Our hands.

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. June 29, 3-5pm, July 9, 9-11am, July 25, 10am-noon, 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.

Sunday Morning Servants

	July 3	July 10	July 17	July 24	July 31
Reader (8am)	Dale Wical	LuAnn Levi	Christa Weiskittel	Mike Christman	Lisa Brady
Reader (10am)	Ken Taylor	Jamie Quatman	Brad Pleiman	Derek Brady	Kathy Fogt
Acolytes	Deacon	Deacon	Deacon	Deacon	Deacon
Greeters	N -Ken & Violet Taylor	N -Darrell Heintz	N -Larry & Patti Billing	N -Dave & Kathy Fogt	N -Karen Schaffer
	S -Donna Russell	N -Jeff & Jennie Bertke	S -Kay & Velma Billing	S -Michael Bertsch	S -Dave & Joyce McGowan
Church Bus Driver	Fred Zwiebel	Steve Elsass	Jeff Bertke	Jerry Pleiman	Dave Fogt
Communion Asst	Donna Russell		Derek Brady		
Blood Pressure Ck	Joyce Jones				



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 Althaus at 937-394-4421.

HUGS-Relay for Life



Wash Away Cancer – We are trying something new to raise money to fight cancer. We are asking you to take a bottle of water home with you. After you drink the water we would like you to put your loose change of **dimes** in the bottle.

One per family will be great, but if you want to fill more, that would be wonderful. We will need these brought back to the church by the end of July. You will find water bottles at the back of the church. Dimes do add up, so let's see how many we get back. Thanks again from St. Jacob HUGS Relay for Life Team.

HUGS-Relay for Life Raffle - The fight against cancer goes on and we know we're going to win this thing! Hardly anyone we know can say they don't have a friend or relative that hasn't battled this terrible disease. We're asking for your help in raising funds because we think it is important that we all join together to help win. The St. Jacob HUGS Relay for Life team will be sponsoring a raffle to raise funds for the American Cancer Society. This is a community affair and fundraising event for our group to raise money. We are in need of donations for our raffle to be held at the Shelby County Relay for Life in August. All raffle items for this event are donated by businesses and community members. Donations can be monetary, gift certificates, or merchandise. Any and all contributions are appreciated. If at all possible, so we are prepared for the event, we would appreciate any donations by **July 3rd**. If you require additional information please contact me, Phyllis Evans 937-394-7214 and I will be happy to answer any questions you may have. Make checks payable to St. Jacob HUGS Relay 4 Life Team. Thank you for your consideration. The St. Jacob HUGS Relay team couldn't do it without the generosity of donors like you. Please give your donations to a Hugs team member: Jan or Steve Elsass, Phyllis Evans, Joyce Ike, Heather Althausser, Dianne Cavinder, Dave Fogt, Cheryl Pulfer, Carol Bodenhorn, or Betty Koppin.

HOG Raffle & Relay Weekend

St. Jacob Relay for Life team will be selling tickets for a 1/2 hog. Hugs will pay for the standard processing fee, but anything over that is to be paid by the winner at pick up. Drawing will be held during at the Shelby County Relay for Life. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Also, we will be raffling off items (see above).

Shelby County Relay for Life is August 5th 6:00 pm—August 6th noon at the fairgrounds. A signup sheet will be going up soon for walkers. It's a great time of fellowship and to walk for a great cause. Please consider signing up.

Luminaries forms and Survivor Registration forms will be available soon at the church. Survivors should sign up as soon as possible.

Thank you for all your support!



Mission Interpreter News



Recently a letter and certificate was received from the ELCA Global Church Sponsorship team, thanking our congregation for being a **Top 100 Generous Congregation** to the ministries of ELCA Global Church Sponsorship.

A portion of the letter reads "St. Jacob Lutheran Church's generosity to God's work through ELCA Global Church Sponsorship is making an impact all around the world. Whether your gifts support our Missionaries, Young Adults in Global Mission, Global Ministry Projects or International Women Leaders, God's love is being experienced through accompanying our global companions."

It is great to be acknowledged on the national level.

Thank You for your continued support.

Nancy Martin

- July 2 Matt Himmeger
- July 3 Cameron Wilt
- July 4 Doug Fogt, Weslee Fogt
- July 5 Jaycob Greer, Misty Wooddell
- July 6 Darla Line, Nicholas Polsky, Andrew Shoemaker
- July 7 Josh Ceyler, Jane Dunlap, Amber Lawrence, Ashley Wilt
- July 9 Scott Cathcart, Carolyn Metz, Lisa Thomas
- July 10 Sarah Dirksen, Bradley Eshleman, Kelsey Line, Sandra Pence, Amy Shadoan
- July 11 Anthony Eshleman, Jason Jensvold
- July 12 Gail Kohler, Linda Markley, Ivo Quatman, Morgan Wendel, Lily Zwiebel
- July 14 Tiffany Hoersten
- July 18 Todd LaMarr, Nicholas Pulfer
- July 20 Dianne Cavinder, Mark Wahl
- July 21 Logan Haverfield, Kiele Peacock
- July 22 Mara Cathcart, Lizia Creager, Kara Kipp, Mary Ann Klopffleisch
- July 23 Alex Fogt, Philip Wilt
- July 24 John Bertsch, Doug Evans, Brittany Huelskamp, Ariel Rogers
- July 25 Jennifer Hayes, Jessica Hayes, Darcy Steinke
- July 27 Troy Kies
- July 28 Fred Pulfer
- July 29 Chloe Spence, Gerald Wells
- July 30 Meredith Yoder
- July 31 Eloise Lang, Noah Pleiman, Kaydree Withrow



- July 9 David and Vickey Greer
- July 11 David and Carolyn Jensvold
- July 12 Clarence and Miriam Pfaadt
- July 20 Matt and Larissa Himmeger
- July 26 Tammy and Chris Montague



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.

Luther League News

Luther League will be going to Kings Island on **Monday, July 11th**. We will leave the parking lot of the church at 8:30 a.m. and return after the fireworks. You are responsible for your own ticket and money for food. (Pre-purchased discount tickets are highly suggested!). There is a sign-up sheet in the back if you (and a friend) are planning on going.



Church Council Meeting Minutes

June 20, 2016

Members in attendance:

Pastor Althausser	Kim Klopfleisch	Lisa Brady	Dave Greer
Cheryl Pulfer	Rick Ike	Carol Bodenhorn	Keith Elsass
Jim Brandt	Charles Elsass	Deb Christman	Ann Huffman

Excused Members:

Kay Billing

Gathering Hymn **“For the Beauty of the Earth”** **LBW #561, vs 1-3**

Listening for God’s Guidance **Genesis 1:26-31** **Theme: Creation**

The meeting was called to order by President Jim Brandt.

Secretary’s Report

Roll Call was taken. The minutes from the May 16, 2016 meeting were reviewed.

Kim Klopfleisch moved and Ann Huffman seconded to accept the Secretary’s Report. Motion passed.

Financial Secretary’s Report

For May, 2016, the Current Offering was \$19,489.00 and the Benevolence Offering was \$1,980.00. The Capital Campaign collected \$916.00. Charles Elsass moved and Carol Bodenhorn seconded to accept the Financial Secretary’s report. Motion passed.

Treasurer’s Report

For May, 2016 the receipts were \$19,489.00 and expenses were \$17,108.68 for a positive difference of \$2,380.32. This brings the Year-to-Date receipts to \$94,223.34 and the expenses to \$84,736.76 for a positive difference of \$9,486.58. Keith Elsass moved and Carol Bodenhorn seconded to accept the Treasurer’s Report. Motion passed.

Offering Our Gifts and Talents

Trustee’s Report

Charles Elsass reported that the parking lot repair is complete, the shed has been painted and the exterior door has been fixed. Future projects include drain and column repair, and possibly more work on the basement wall. It was also suggested that the air conditioners/heaters in the church office and back Sunday school room be evaluated for repair or replacement. This project was discussed in the past while Mark Wahl was the head Trustee. Charles will talk with Mark to see if there is any past information that can be reviewed before moving forward. Cheryl Pulfer moved and Carol Bodenhorn seconded to accept the Trustees’ Report. Motion passed.

Deacon’s Reports

The Parish Ed committee had nothing new to report.

The Worship Team had nothing new to report.

The Vision Development Team had nothing new to report.

The Benevolence/Christian Action Team had nothing new to report.

The Evangelism Team noted that they are planning a seminar for September 27th that will cover the topics of security and disaster planning. It will be open to the congregation and the public. They will be looking to the Red Cross and Church Mutual for resource materials.

Charles Elsass moved and Rick Ike seconded to accept the Deacon’s Reports. Motion passed.

Council Minutes-cont.

Pastor's Report

Pastor reported that the average attendance through May, 2016 for worship was 186.2 compared with 182.1 for 2015. The average attendance for Sunday School was 53.9 compared with 48.1 for 2015. Pastor also noted that confirmation went well.

Carol Bodenhorn moved and Kim Klopfleisch seconded to accept the Pastor's report. Motion passed.

Continuing Business

Jim reported that the Synod Assembly was uneventful. The next Assembly will occur in 2018.

The recent trip to Brazil went very well. Kim Klopfleisch reported that they visited a lot churches and met a lot of pastors. There was a 150 year celebration at one of the churches and there were approximately 2,000 people there to celebrate. Pastor noted that there will be a presentation to the congregation about the trip in the fall to talk about the wonderful and productive time that was spent in Brazil.

Pastor announced that St Jacob received a Certificate of Appreciation for being one of the top 100 contributors to the Global Mission. There are approximately 10,000 congregations total, so being one of the top 100 is quite an accomplishment.

Pastor asked the group if they had any objections to the Gideons coming to visit on September 18th. No one raised any concerns, so Pastor will let them know that they are welcome to come and talk to the congregation in September.

Envisioning Business

The next Council Meeting will be held on Monday, August 15, 2016 at 7:30pm. If the need arises for a July meeting, one will be arranged

Sending Forth **"For the Beauty of the Earth"** **LBW #561, vs 4-5**

Respectfully Submitted, Lisa Brady



The Brotherhood has taken the responsibilities of keeping the Veteran plaque up to date. We ask if there are any members whose names could be included on the plaque to contact us. But the Real Challenge is there are 58 name tags that only have the first name of their given name. We would like to make new tags with the complete name while they can still be identified. If you can identify any of those individuals it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact the church office or anyone in the Brotherhood with this information.

Become a Volunteer for Wilson Health Hospice

Wilson Hospice volunteers are valuable in many aspects of hospice care. Volunteers who wish to have patient contact may provide: Respite care (relief for a patient's caregiver), Visits for socialization & emotional support, Assistance with household chores, Transportation for the patient & their family, etc.

Hospice Volunteers also provide services in these areas: Performing clerical tasks such as typing, filing or assisting with mailings, fundraising, assisting with public relations, etc.

There will be training on Tuesdays and Thursdays, July 19—August 4, 2016

Time: 6:00 p.m.—9:00 pm. at the Wilson Home Care & Hospice Office, Second Floor 1083 Fairington Dr. Sidney

To obtain an application or for information, please call 937-498-9335. More information is posted on the back window of the sanctuary.

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Brazil Trip

David and I had a great time and experience in Brazil. Our first meeting was with Dr. Nester Friedrich, President of IECLB, Bishop Pastor Joaozinho Borchard and all the other Pastors of the Synod Espirito Santo a Belem including Pastor Rosane and Pastor Antonio. They had served as our greeters at the airport and provided us our local connection.

Everyone we met made us feel welcome! We visited and toured the Evangelical Hospital in Vila Velha that is supported by several churches including the Lutheran Church. They have a staff choir that sang for us and they had a fantastic full sound that was beautiful.

Our next stop was the garage church in Anchieta and meeting with their loving and caring members which was a wonderful experience. They also fed us after the service and then we walked to the lot for their new church which they had just purchased that day.

Celebrating the 150th anniversary celebration at Domingos Martins Dia Luterano UP Jucu Church and singing in front of 2000 people who attended this celebration was a blessed experience. Even though the service lasted 3 hours it went quickly because of their planning and number of people involved. Following the service, they fed everyone who had attended and we did not go back to the hotel hungry.

Pastor Rosane at our sister church in Vila Velha had the Simple Evening Liturgy bulletin in both Portuguese and English. We also sang for them during the service and there was a question and answer time at the end of the service. We found that many of their concerns were not that different than we see here except for the challenges of being in a large metropolitan area. Their members though are just like us and we already knew some of them from previous visits.

Our experience in Rio de Janeiro was a great end to our trip! First we went to Sugar Loaf and got our first good view of Christ the Redeemer followed by an up close visit to the statue that required a cog railroad ride to the top.

We want to thank the congregation for their prayers for our safe journey and the experience of sharing our faith with our fellow Lutherans of Brazil.

David & Kathy Fogt

Upcoming Events

July 3	Blood Pressure Check 9-9:45 a.m. in office area
July 11	Luther League-Kings Island 8:30 a.m.
July 12	Ruth Circle 7:30 p.m.
July 24-30	Shelby County Fair Week
July 28	Hannah Circle 12:30 p.m.
Aug 5-6	Shelby County Relay for Life
Aug 7	Golf Outing-Shelby Oaks 1:00p.m.
Aug 28	Rally Day 9:00 a.m.

Save the Date:

Sept. 24—Shelby County Alzheimer's Walk

Sept. 27 Personal Disaster Plan & Church Security Seminar 7:00 p.m.

Trivia Answer: The Devil