

September Newsletter

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From the Pastor

September is always an exciting month. School is back in full swing and the church is beginning the Fall sprint into a new church year (Nov. 27) that will culminate with Christmas (yes, Christmas is only 116 days away from Sept. 1). And exciting things are coming to St. Jacob.

Choirs will begin on Sept. 14! We have adjusted the Wednesday schedule with the hopes of strengthening the choir numbers. A return this year of the Bell Choir is one of the anticipated additions to our worship. The bells have all been refurbished, tables have been purchased, new folders/music holders are here, and Amy Stratton is ready to direct. Rehearsal for Bell Choir begins at 7 p.m. on Wednesdays and will go to 7:45. Bell Choir is for older grade school children through adult - we hope this will truly be a multi-generational choir. Senior Choir will this year meet from 8:00 pm. and go to 8:45. Senior Choir is for individuals 7th grade through adult (no one is too old for Senior Choir.) Sunday School Choir will be at 6:30 to 7:00 p.m. and is for grade schoolers 1st - 6th grade. And Teen Scene is at 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 -- note the change in time so that they can be part of Bell Choir if they wish to be. Lets get the music season off to a rousing start!

Brotherhood begins again on September 12 at Roger Lentz's cabin off Ft. Loramie-Swanders Rd. at 6:30 p.m. Join us for food, fellowship and a brief program! Sunday Evening Bible Study begins on September 11 at 7:30pm. We will be studying the book of Revelation so bring your Bible, your insights, and your questions for an hour of lively discussion and study of God's Word.

The Northern Exposure Cluster (our Cluster) is sponsoring a workshop on Tuesday Sept. 27 at St. Jacob from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. The workshop has two parts - the first part is a Personal Disaster Plan - what to do in case of emergencies caused by weather, etc.; what can you do beforehand to be prepared in your home. The second part will be dealing with church building security and the potential for our church buildings to become emergency shelters and how we might be able to assist neighbors in the event of a weather or other kind of disaster. Both presentations will feature outside speakers with expertise in the areas mentioned above. We encourage all of you to come and be a part of these presentations and to bring along any neighbors you might have (this is a free event!).

The Alzheimers' Walk for Shelby County is September 24. Please support our team with your "Pennies for your Thoughts" emphasis throughout September and join us if you would like for the walk that begins at the Court House. Details are in the weekly bulletins or you can speak with Sue Althausen.

Luther League will be going canoeing on Sept. 11. We will leave the church parking lot at 12:15 p.m. And finally, Early Communion Classes for 2nd graders and older will begin October 2 at 4:00 p.m. The classes will run one hour over the three Sundays of Oct. 2, 9, and 16 and 1st Communion will be on Nov. 6. If you are interested in having your child participate, please contact the Church office or Pastor Althausen by Sept. 25 so that we have enough resources. available.

Thought of the Month

Children are not casual guests in our home. They have been loaned to us temporarily for the purpose of loving them and instilling a foundation of values on which their future lives will be built.

James Dobson

Bible Trivia Question

Who did Jesus raise from the dead by a prayer of thanks to God?

Answer on page 8

Thank You

Thank you Pastor Althausser and everyone for all the cards, prayers, visits, kind words, and food during the passing of Kay. It was all so very much appreciated. Velma Billing and Family

HUGS-Relay for Life team would like to thank everyone who contributed to our fund raisers and helped in any way. St. Jacob raised \$11,000 this year, which made us at Jade level for the very first time! If anyone would like to join our team or like more information about it, please contact Steve or Jan Elsass at 394-7494. We would love to have you. Steve & Jan Elsass

Alzheimer's Walk

-The Shelby County Alzheimer's Walk is fast approaching-**Saturday, Sept. 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 9am. Walk will be after the opening ceremony at 10am. From now until the time of the walk St. Jacob will have plastic jars with the label "**Pennies for your Thoughts**" in the back. Money collected with these jars will be turned in as part of our congregation's contribution for 2016 to help fight this devastating disease. St. Jacob has been a leader in 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 Althausser 394-4801.



St. Jacob Mission Interpreter News

Prior to the 2015 Youth Gathering, Detroit-area agencies were asked what donations they needed, the same answer was diapers. Some 30,000 Lutheran youth brought boxes upon boxes of diapers with them to the Youth Gathering. The planners heard stories about clients who wrap their babies bottoms in grocery bags.

Youth, their congregations and Women of the ELCA groups donated more than 1 million disposable diapers last July.

That simple request before the Gathering continues as a ministry today. With funds from the Gathering and Women of the ELCA, the Southeast Michigan Synod provides diapers to families in need in Wayne and Macomb counties. Young people are guiding the ministry, with the grant process overseen by the synod's Young Adult Steering Initiative, whose members serve as grant reviewers.

Unprecedented giving following the Gathering helped launch the ministry. As much as \$90,000 was given by youth and congregations inspired by their Detroit experience. This generosity was on top of the \$30,000 (ELCA members) collected prior to the Gathering. Clearly diapers really speak to people.

Thank You for your support.

Nancy Martin



Sunday Morning Servants

	September 4	September 11	September 18	September 25
Readers (8am)	Deb Christman	Jeff Bertke	Jim Brandt	Missy Riveria
Readers (10am)	Shanna Barhorst	Mitzi Eisenhardt	Jim Koppin	Violet Taylor
Acolytes	Travis Fogt	Piper Kipp	Justin Krites	Macy Wahl
Crucifer	Wyatt Fogt		Kyle Evans	
Greeters	N-Deb Christman S-Mike Christman	N-Miriam Pfaadt S-Dianne Cavinder Phyllis Miller	N-Madison Weiskittel S-Christa Weiskittel	N-Jenni Shoffner S-Eric & Gina Fogt
Church Bus Driver	Fred Zwiebel	Steve Elsass	Jeff Bertke	Jerry Pleiman
Communion Asst.	Jenni Shoffner		Kristi Meyer	
Blood Pressure Ck	Ashleigh Radick			

SAPS-Seniors At Play

The SAPS group will begin this years activities on **Tuesday, September 13th** at 1:00 p.m. in the church basement. Come join the fun. We enjoy our fellowship together. Hope to see you there!
Clarence & Miriam Pfaadt



Brotherhood

The St. Jacob Brotherhood will begin their fall meetings at the Lentz cabin and pond on **Monday, September 12th** at 6:30 p.m. Dinner will be provided, followed by a business meeting and a featured speaker. All men are invited to attend.

Men's Prayer Breakfast

Men of the Church - Prayer breakfast begins again soon. The third Sunday of every month at 7:15 a.m. Good food, good fellowship, a brief meditation. Come join us **September 18th** and the rest of the 3rd Sundays in the Fall, Winter, and Spring!



WELCA Shopping Trip

St. Jacob WELCA is offering a shopping trip to all on **Saturday, November 12th**. We will be going to Florence Mall in Kentucky. There is a sign-up sheet in the back if you are interested in going. Please sign-up as soon as possible so we can schedule transportation.

Church Council Minutes

August 15, 2016

Members in attendance:

Pastor Althaus	Kim Klopffleisch	Lisa Brady	Dave Greer
Cheryl Pulfer	Rick Ike	Carol Bodenhorn	Keith Elsass
Jim Brandt	Charles Elsass	Deb Christman	

Excused Members:

Ann Huffman

Gathering Hymn "In Christ There Is No East or West" **LBW #359 vs 1-2**

Listening for God's Guidance **Acts 1:6-8**

Theme: The Church

The meeting was called to order by President Jim Brandt.

Secretary's Report

Roll Call was taken. The minutes from the June 20, 2016 meeting were reviewed. There was no meeting in July. Carol Bodenhorn moved and Dave Greer seconded to accept the Secretary's Report. Motion passed.

Financial Secretary's Report

For July, 2016, the Current Offering was \$18,281.10 and the Benevolence Offering was \$2,072.00. The Capital Campaign collected \$1,212.00. Kim Klopffleisch moved and Keith Elsass seconded to accept the Financial Secretary's report. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

For July, 2016 the receipts were \$15,562.10 and expenses were \$16,660.33 for a negative difference of \$1,098.23. This brings the Year-to-Date receipts to \$125,845.74 and the expenses to \$120,371.54 for a positive difference of \$5,474.20. Charles Elsass moved and Rick Ike seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion passed.

Offering Our Gifts and Talents

Trustee's Report

Charles Elsass reported that he has contacted 3 different air conditioning/heat providers concerning the church office and back Sunday school room, but Area Electric was the only company to provide a quote in the amount of \$6,927. After group discussion, the trustees were asked to secure an estimate for new window air conditioners and to review our past expenses during the winter months to see what we are spending for the baseboard heaters. It was noted that the church bus needs a new muffler and the air conditioning needs recharged. It was also suggested that the exterior of the bus could use some sprucing up. The elevator door needs repaired and there are two cracked basement windows that need attention.

Dave Greer moved and Keith Elsass seconded to accept the Trustees' Report. Motion passed.

Deacon's Reports

The Parish Ed committee reported that Kids of the Kingdom and Luther League will have pool parties in August to plan upcoming activities. A new bible study will start on Sept. 11th that covers the book of Revelation. There will be a Confirmation meeting on August 17th. Early communion classes will be coming up and Rally Sunday will be on August 28th.

The Worship Team reported that the bell choir will be moving forward. Details will be announced soon.

Church Council Minutes-cont.

The Vision Development Team had nothing new to report, but they do have a meeting scheduled for August 22nd.

The Benevolence/Christian Action Team had nothing new to report and they will have a meeting in September.

The Evangelism Team noted that the next Northern Exposure meeting will be held on September 27th from 7:00pm to 9:00pm. Speakers from FEMA will be there to discuss how we can all prepare for possible disasters. Speakers from Church Mutual will also talk about church security. The meeting is open to anyone.

Cheryl Pulfer moved and Kim Klopfleisch seconded to accept the Deacon's Reports. Motion passed.

Pastor's Report

Pastor reported that the average attendance through July, 2016 for worship was 174.5 compared with 175.8 for 2015. The average attendance for Sunday School was 53.9 compared with 48.1 for 2015. Kim Klopfleisch moved and Rick Ike seconded the request for removal by Bev Shroyer and Lynn Shroyer. Motion passed.

Chuck Elsass moved and Keith Elsass seconded to accept the Pastor's report. Motion passed.

Continuing Business

With the unfortunate passing of Kay Billing, council members were asked to think about a replacement for Kay's remaining term as a Trustee (4 months). Ideally this person would continue on with a subsequent 2 year term. Additionally, Kim Klopfleisch moved and Rick Ike seconded a motion to plant a tree near the church in Kay's honor. Motion passed.

We are still on course to Adopt a Seminarian. Details will be forthcoming.

The Pastor Appreciation Dinner hosted by the Gideons will be on Sept. 15th. Two additional tickets are available and anyone who is interested in attending should let Pastor know.

Envisioning Business

The next Council Meeting will be held on Monday, September 19, 2016 at 7:30pm.

Sending Forth "In Christ There is No East or West" LBW #359, vs 3-4

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Brady

Rumley: An African-American Community

The Anna District Historical Society invites you to a presentation by Dr. Roy Finkenbine, **September 15** at 7:00 pm at St. Jacob Lutheran Church, Anna, about Rumley. Dr. Finkenbine is an Anna native who has made it his life's work studying the speeches, writings and activities of black Americans. Dr. Finkenbine gave this presentation in April to a capacity crowd and has agreed to return again. The lecture is entitled "Rumley: An African-American Community in Nineteenth-Century Ohio." If you plan to attend, please call Kathie Eshleman at 394-7251 so we can make appropriate plans.

Sept 1 Phyllis Boone, Larissa Himmeger
Sept 2 Timri Berning, Justin Krites, Angela Maher
Sept 3 Erin Luellen, Jaime Quatman, Naomi Wildermuth
Sept 5 Katie Lentz
Sept 6 Montana Pulfer
Sept 7 Elias Cooper, Doug Huffman, Randy Krites, Lisa Yeager
Sept 8 Jill Brandt, Jose Pulfer
Sept 9 Morgan Spence
Sept 10 Paul Lang
Sept 11 Robin Holloway
Sept 12 Bailey Althausser, Ron Frank, Kate Opperman
Sept 13 Don Gregg, Kim Klopfleisch
Sept 14 Amy Krites
Sept 17 Ashtin Bowman
Sept 18 Nancy Spence
Sept 19 Geoff Wilt
Sept 20 Heather Althausser
Sept 21 Ashton Berner
Sept 22 Hunter Bowman, Elizabeth Butcher
Sept 23 Jodi Shroyer
Sept 24 Beverly Dunlap, Eric Hoelscher, Don Rump, Jack Wells
Sept 25 Abigail Current, Kantessa Stewart
Sept 26 Cody Limbert
Sept 27 Austin Fogt, Katrina McGowan
Sept 28 Carter Dirksen, Lois Fogt
Sept 29 Sherrill Clifford, Taylor Spence
Sept 30 Zachary Cost



Sept 6 Fred & Cheryl Pulfer
 Sept 10 Bruce & Carol Bulle
 Sept 12 Darrin & Bonnie Ihle
 Sept 14 Chris & Andrea Hilgefert, Rick & Joyce Ike, Mark & Jane Wahl
 Sept 15 Herbert & Naomi Wildermuth
 Sept 16 Scott & Sharon VanFossen
 Sept 19 Steve & Jan Elsass, Kyle & Brittany Sniffen
 Sept 20 Greg & Lisa Yeager
 Sept 22 Dustin & Theresa Schmerge
 Sept 25 Jordan & Misty Woodell
 Sept 27 Paul & Abbey Lang



Brazil Trip Summary

We can't possibly say enough good things about our recent trip! We were so fortunate to be able to join the group traveling to Brazil this past May. Our sister synod consists of warm, friendly, Christ-centered people who share the same worries, concerns, hopes, and dreams that we have here in Ohio. We witnessed a synod meeting where pastors from all over the area expressed their concerns for the future of the Lutheran Church. Except for the language barrier, we could have been in Anna! We toured a hospital and the Martin Luther House, a "Ronald McDonald House" type facility, both supported by the Lutheran Church. It is amazing the number of people these facilities benefit.

We were fed everywhere we visited! Food is the universal language! We attended services at Anchieta, the "garage church", and were fed. We attended the 150th celebration of Domingos Martins' service and our group sang during the celebration with over 2000 people attending, and were fed. We attended an evening service at Villa Vella, and we were fed! And...we visited the Church of Serra and we were fed! The warmth of meeting "forever" friends is so powerful!

We also had the opportunity to visit an indigenous Brazilian native area, the Guarani and Tupiniquim Indian reservation which the Brazilian Lutheran Church has a close relationship. We had a trek with the chief through an Atlantic Rain Forest, which were told is very different from an Amazon Rain Forest.

Our last two days were in Rio de Janeiro enjoying all the highlights, major sights and flavors. It is such an interesting city, and now we are enjoying it all over again while watching the Olympics. We will fondly remember forever this amazing experience and keep our new friends in our hearts and prayers. Now we can remember individuals when we include Espitito Santo into our weekly prayers.

Kim and Mary Ann Klopffleisch

Mittermaier Prayer Garden-Brick Pavers

Brick pavers can be added at anytime. If you would ever like to add a paver, simply contact the church office for a form. The cost of a paver is \$40.

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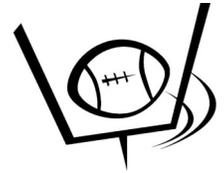
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Growing and Sharing; Inviting and Caring

Football Concession Stand

St. Jacob will be running the concession stands at the **October 7th** Anna vs St. Henry football game. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the church for those interested in helping. We need at least 16-20 people to help. We will need to be at the football field by 6pm. Any questions, please contact Steve Elsass at 394-7494 or the church office.



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.

Upcoming Events

- Sept 4 Blood Pressure Check 9-9:45 a.m. in church office area
- Sept 7 Teen Scene 6pm
- Sept 11 Luther League—canoeing 12:15pm
Bible Study 7:30pm
- Sept 12 Brotherhood-Roger Lentz's cabin 6:30pm
- Sept13 SAPS 1:00pm
- Sept14 Teen Scene 6pm, Kids Choir 6:30pm, Bell Choir 7pm, Senior Choir 8pm
- Sept14 Rumley Presentation 7pm
- Sept18 Gideon & Brotherhood Sunday, Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:15am, Kids of the Kingdom 3pm
Bible Study 7:30pm
- Sept19 Parish Ed 6:30pm, Church Council 7:30pm
- Sept 21 Teen Scene 6pm, Kids Choir 6:30pm, Bell Choir 7pm, Senior Choir 8pm
- Sept24 Alzheimer's Walk—Reg.9am Walk 10am
- Sept25 Bible Study 7:30pm
- Sept27 Personal Disaster Plan Presentation (All Cluster) 7pm
- Sept28 Teen Scene 6pm, Kids Choir 6:30pm, Bell Choir 7pm, Senior Choir 8pm

Bible Trivia Answer: Lazarus
