Weekly Announcements

07/09/2023

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This Week's Participants: *Rev. David W. Poe, Interim Pastor; Ann Gaadt, Organist Pianist; Joyce Ann McClain, Handbell Director & Children's & Youth Choir Director; Natalie Wooten, Liturgist; Vera Villa Greeter; Kay Haines, Janet Summers, Ken Lippincott, Vera Villa, Ushers; David Carr and Jean Hoskins, Sound Booth; Greg Hale, Bell Ringer; Gina Hale and Jewell Nadler Nursery; Susie Weaver and Dottie Seiter, SonShine Kids.*

Pastoral Care: If you find yourself experiencing illness, hospitalization, grief, or other critical challenges, contact us at (636) 926-8995. For emergencies, contact Pastor David Poe, (636) 667-2541.

Financial Contributions: you can give electronically via our website, set up automatic monthly contributions, or receive weekly envelopes, contact the office for assistance.

Announcements: If you would like to have something announced in the bulletin, please email the information to office@stjohnsweldonspring.com no later than 10 a.m. each Thursday. Thank you!

Use your QR reader app to make an electronic contribution to St. John's UCC. Thank you.

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Last Week's Worship Attendance: 60
Facebook Views: 109 YouTube Channel Views: 2

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THIS WEEK'S TOP STORIES

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Today is Children's/ Youth Musical fun Activities

Hope you can join us!

JULY's dates and time for "Fun with Music" are the 9th and 23rd - 11:15 TO 11: 45 in the Music Rehearsal Room [just past the church office.] Due to "popular demand!" - we will continue with the hand chimes.

Adults are encouraged to join our children and youth. If you know the first 7 letters of the alphabet - you are sure to be a successful "ringer!"

July Sermon Series:
"Some Good Advice"

July 9 - **"Take It Easy"** (How to Deal with Complaints), Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30.

July 16 - **"Use Enough"** (How to be Generous with Your Time), Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23.

July 23 - **"Leave It Alone"** (How to Do No Harm to Others), Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43.

July 30 - **"Priority One"** (How to Prioritize Your Life), Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52.

This is the perfect time to invite your unchurched friends and family members to join you for worship. We will share the Good News of Jesus Christ in some very practical ways that will help connect our faith to real life.

We need Volunteers and donors!

There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board for both volunteers and what donation items are needed.

Thank you everyone for your support. Our BBQ's have been selling out!

A LOOK at the BUDGET

FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR MAY 2023

This month we had an operating loss of ($3,286), unfavorable to budget buy ($4,140). Operating revenue was stronger this month at $17,265, unfavorable to budget by ($3,896).

Operating expenses were $20,551, unfavorable to budget by ($244). Due to a change in the UCC Insurance Board billing procedure, the June payment of $3,420 was made in May. If this payment had not been made in May, we would have had an operating income of $104. This means that expenses in June will be less by $3,420 since that is when it was budgeted.

The Building and Expanded Ministry Fund is $192,800. This reflects the regular increase of $1,733.

There were no other revenue or expense items that were not normal budget activity.

The Church Council held our June Meeting on 6/27 at 6PM. A summary of our discussions and decisions is as follows:

- **May Minutes** - Minutes from our May Meeting (6/6/23) were approved.
- **May Financial Report** – May reflected an operating loss of $3,286. Operating revenue was stronger this month, but still less than budgeted. Our May deficit was largely due to the UCC changing the Insurance billing procedure. A payment of $3420 had to be made in May vs June. Without this payment, we would have basically broken even for the month of May.
- **Pastor's Report** – Pastor Poe continues to do an excellent job leading and caring for our congregation while we search for a Settled Minister. New Members Gary & Joyce McClain, and Adam Averett were accepted into membership.

- **Funds shifted to CD** - $100,000 from our UCC fund was moved to a six-month CD paying 5.25%.
- **Triangle of Adjacent Land** – A meeting was set with Don Collier to review our proposal. Mr. Collier did not show up, nor did he return our call. We will not pursue this proposal until such time as Mr. Collier is ready to seriously discuss the issue.
- **Council Nominating Committee** – A committee made up of Dennis Davenport, Jean Hoskins, Vera Villa, and Connie Wildt will be soliciting interested candidates to fill 3 Open Council Positions effective Jan 1,2024. If you are interested, please contact one of these committee members.
- **Cemetery Beautification & Repair** – Dennis is continuing to obtain bids to repair existing broken headstones. The Storage Shed will be moved to a less focal area this Fall and the center island will be planted and a flagpole installed.
- **Church Landscaping** – We have 1 Tree, 3 Burning Bushes, and a few other bushes that are dead. We will plan to replace them when the hot weather breaks.
- **Painting** – We have a few areas that need painting. They include the exterior steps, Kids playground set, and picnic set. If you know anyone who we could hire for this job (college kids, etc.) please contact Dennis Davenport.
- **Pastor & Staff Evaluations** – Annual evaluation time is coming up for both Pastor and Mary. Council will be providing evaluation input to Dennis Davenport (for Pastor) and to Pastor (for Mary). If you have any input to share, please contact Dennis or a Council Member.
- **NO JULY MEETING** – There will be no July Council Meeting. Our next meeting will be on August 22nd.

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Please continue to **Pray for the Search Committee** as they continue to search for a candidate. Members: Rhonda Hanne (chair), Gina Hale, Howard Hoskins, Bob Feuerbacher, Craig Lilley, Tom Gooch, and Bill Cunningham, Dick Wade.

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CareNotes
A Work of Saint Meinrad Archabbey

New CareNotes are available in Fellowship Hall. Take a look at them. You might find something that speaks to you.

"Take One-take heart. Give One-give hope."

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Get Involved in Worship

Would you like to **Volunteer** to be a **Liturgist, an Usher/Greeter, a Bell Ringer or even a Sound Technician or how about adding yourself to another position.**

Volunteering is good for the Soul!

We are always looking for members. Contact Jewel Nadler 636-373-1860.

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NEW! Men's Bible Study will begin meeting in person on **Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. at the Scrambled Egg.** All men are welcome to join us.

The current study is on Exodus.

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Summer SonShine Kids Sunday School Class....

Hope the kids can join us

Reminder these will be on the 2nd and 4th Sundays in July, and August 2023.

<u>Weekly "SonShine Kids" will begin again on Sunday, September 10, 2023</u>.

Middle School / Confirmation Class Returns Fall 2023, 9 a.m.

Do you have children, grandchildren, relatives, or friends in grades 6, 7, & 8? Pastor David Poe would like to offer a Middle School/Confirmation Class this Fall.

Using a curriculum designed to teach the basics about the Bible, theology, church history, and discipleship, Pastor David Poe will lead the class and provide an opportunity for students who would like to be confirmed as members. He is also looking for an assistant teacher to join him in this effort.

The Middle School /Confirmation Class would start on **Sunday, September 10, 9 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.** for the convenience of parents and students with busy schedules.

Please call the church office no later than August 7th to enroll. 636-926-8995.

F.I.S.H. FOOD PANTRY NEEDS FOR JULY 2023

We are totally out of the starred items.

*Ketchup
*Canned pineapple or pears
Hamburger Helper
Mashed potatoes
Pudding

Thank you so much for helping the community.

Place your donations in the grocery cart in the fellowship hall.

LENDING LIBRARY

Looking for some books to help increase your understanding and inspire your devotion to Jesus? Check out our new lending library, which is located in the large basket next to the main building doors.

You can take a book, or leave one to share. Just remember to return the book you take within a month, so others can benefit from it as well. Thanks.

MISSION & CARING MINISTRIES TEAM NEWS

Homebound? If you know of someone who should be included on our shut-in list to receive quarterly Holy Communion from the minister and occasional visits and gifts from our team, please contact the church office.

Support Ronald McDonald House - bring in your soda tabs!

Festival of Sharing Eyeglass Collection
Old eyeglasses or sunglasses need to be **Prescription glasses.** They can be dropped off in the bin in fellowship hall. We cannot take glass cases or non-prescription sunglasses.

Come join us... Mission & Caring meets on the second Tuesday of each month in the fellowship hall at 6 p.m.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY

Our Annual Christmas in July lunch & auction is TODAY after the church service (around noon).

The St. John's Mission & Caring Ministry is sponsoring a gathering to celebrate Christmas a little early!

We are having a **potluck** this year and ask that you bring a dish to share and a gift or two (valued at $10 or higher) designated for man, woman and/or child wrapped in Christmas paper. Drinks will be provided.

Once we're finished eating, we will auction off the gifts to the highest bidders. We might even have a painting or two to bid on, donated by that world-renowned artist, David Poe!

Proceeds will be divided between Bethel Hills Community in Dutzow, MO and Honor Flight Network.

Please come and join us at this fun event for the entire family.

HOLIDAY BAZAAR QUILT RAFFLE

We have given our quilt top to a group of ladies that quilt at Emmanuel UCC in Weldon Spring. They will be finishing it for us and we will hang it in church as soon as it's finished. In the meantime, you can show this picture to your friends and family.

Be watching for the quilt tickets to be available soon. And if anyone has quilting experience and would like to help them, please contact the church office.

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Please consider visiting, calling or sending a note or card to our St. John's friends who may not be able to go out.

Your expressions of caring and thoughtfulness are truly wanted and your cards and prayers are appreciated!

Find contact information for the following members in your church directory or call the church office to get one, (636) 926-8995.

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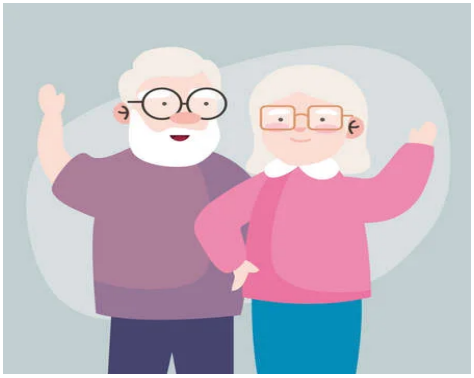
OUR HOMEBOUND FRIENDS



Martha Cook
Mary Ellen Dieckmann
Calvin Hagen
Pat Honaker
Don Howell
David & Dorothy Kapeller
Marian Lonning
Jean Mauntel
Rita Marcum
Barb Hofstter
Chris Savage
George Schlie
Edie Shave
Mary Taylor
Rick Weaver

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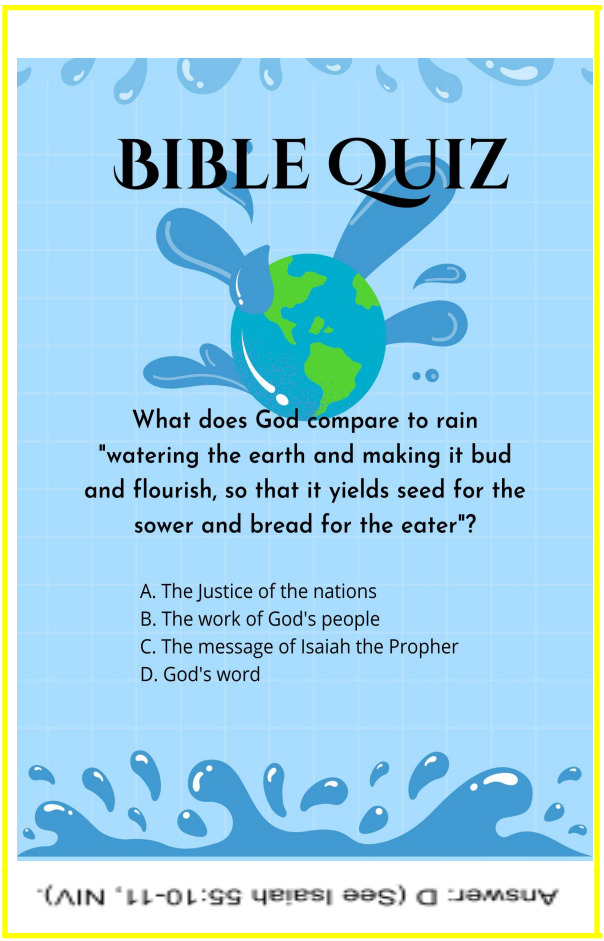

Ken & Ellen Elam	7/24
Ed & Janie Struckman	7/24
Bob & Lyn Feuerbacher	7/26

Monthly Birthday Sunday
is going to be every other Month.

The end of this month will be celebrations for JUNE & JULY!

Lisa Kaiser	7/10
Gary McClain	7/11
Grant Anderson	7/12
Dennis Davenport	7/12
Debbie Kolkmeier	7/13
Ron Hahn	7/15

Jordan Stuckman	7/17
Mark Falkner	7/19
Rosemarie Reis	7/20
Christine Savage	7/20
Addie Struckman	7/20
Brad Rehm	7/22
Lois Roberts	7/22
Diane Falkner	7/25
Dawn Anderson	7/26
Dottie Seiter	7/27
Danny Kolkmeier	7/30

Don't forget to bring your recycled cans to church! There is a canister out in the trash coral that is marked
"Aluminum Cans"

ALTAR FLOWERS

Is there someone that you would like to remember, or honor? Special anniversary, birthday, or graduation to recognize? If so, contact the church office (636) 926-8995 to sponsor chancel flowers in their name(s). The cost is $35 per arrangement

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PRAYER LIST

Prayer request cards are located on the small table as you enter for worship.

Please fill one out and give it to the Minister or an Usher. Make sure you have the person's permission before filling out a card.

***Comfort and Healing**: Diane Weilmuenster (having Heart Problems, Sister of David & Jill Carr); Elizabeth Gilliam; Mary Ellen Dieckmann; Irene East (Hospice); Barb Horstmeier; Jean Hoskins; Jeff Kolkmeier; Dave Kapellar; Edie Shave (Hospice); Martha Cook; Marian Lonning (Hospice); Shaun Johnson (son of Diane & Mark Falkner); Hank Kroeger.*

***Others for whom we have concern**: Mary Gibson (battling Lymphoma, friend of Shelia Fredrick); Jessica White (stage 4 Liver Cancer, friend of Barb Yocks); Janet Iler (Brain Cancer Surgery, Friend of Rhonda Hanne); Angela Restifo (Niece of Shelia Fredrick who has an Autoimmune*

Disease); Shannon Boland and Family (friend of Connie Wildt, battling cancer); Dylan Jensen (per Jinnielynn Howell).

Please let us know when it's time to remove a request from the list.

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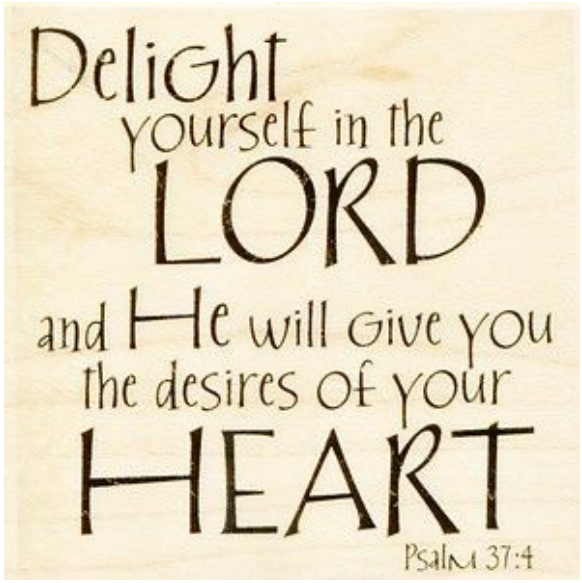
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