

Keeping in Touch (September 6, 2020)

***St. John's COUNCIL meets Wed. SEPT. 9th at 6:30pm**

Prayer Concerns

Cheryl Mueller—(Erv's wife) at home, suffering with COPD.

Lynda & Rick—(friends of Pastor Gail) health concerns.

John—(friend of Pr. Gail) and wife Carole, fractured his shoulder and can't drive for a month.



Splash of JOY!



We rejoice as we welcome Theodore and Josie Huss through the waters of baptism today! God bless David & Suzanne and their young family as they continue to grow together in their relationship with God and each other.

S Many thanks to **Mike Sebold**, who procured a lift at no cost, and to **Rick Mueller**, who ascended toward the heavens to the roof at no charge to assess the cause of persistent water in the basement!

t Eave troughs will be replaced and some landscaping changes will be made. The timing is PERFECT: September is "Remember the Improvement Fund" month. So as you consider how will give this month, "Remember the Improvement Fund"!

J Sunday School will NOT begin in September. PLEASE respond to the surveys that have been sent out. Your input is greatly desired. If you have suggestions for safe-site gatherings, or alternatives, please share. ALSO, **We are looking for a few new teachers!** NO experience required. Just a heart that desires to help our young people grow in their precious Christian faith.



Parish Panorama ALERT! Sunday, Sept. 13th we return to standard Worship times:
St. John-9am St. Stephen-10:30am



BIBLE STUDY NOTICE— you are invited to a combined Women's Bible Study on Tuesday, September 8th @ 1pm - St Stephen to host (located in their basement). Please contact Mary Ann Aschbrenner or Shirley Rosien with questions. Hope to see you there!

Both congregations need to begin thinking about the upcoming **Quarterly Meeting in October**, at which **Leadership Elections** take place.

St. Stephen is seeking a few good/willing people to serve! Needs are:
 DEACON (a 3-year term)
 VICE PRESIDENT (a 2-year term)
 Are you willing to serve? Speak with Vicki Maurer, Keith Paul or Pastor Gail.

- **St. John's** Quarterly Meeting will be held **October 18th**, immediately following the 9am service.
- Positions that will need to be filled are as follows:
- DEACON (3 yr. term)
- TRUSTEE (3 yr. term)
- FINANCE COMMITTEE—3 (2 yr. terms)
- CEMETERY BOARD (3 yr. term)
- PARISH ED (annual terms)

Rose's office hours at St. John will be 3-6pm Monday through Friday beginning September 1st. She will be spending some time helping out with her grandchildren.



St. John	Attendance	Offering
8-2-20	35	\$1870
8-9-20	20	\$ 925
8-16-20	29	\$1596
8-23-20	47	\$ 855
8-30-20	28	\$ 630

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St. John/St. Stephen Lutheran Parish, ELCA Joint Mission Statement:

*"Saints united to be the body of Christ in the world,
freed by grace to live faithfully, witness boldly, and serve joyfully."*

Sept. Ministry Volunteers

ALTAR GUILD: Judy Totzke

TBD

DEACON OF THE MONTH:

Mitch Mueller

TRUSTEE OF THE MONTH:

Mark Bargender

OFFERING COUNTERS:

Marion Werner

Tammy Literski



2-Sue Krause
3-Theo/Josie Huss
5-Sue Robers,
8-Blake Bargender
10-Cole Literski
11-Dan Rosien.
Jason Drabek,
Oakley Mueller
16-Shirley Rosien
20-Elgart Mueller
21-Jim Heidmann
22-Russell Kraft
29-Morgan Mueller
30-Shae Wiesman

September Celebrations !

Wedding Anniversaries



3-Gary & Peggy Weiland—44 yrs.
12-James & Tina Borter—28 yrs.
28-Gerald & Barb Borchardt—63 yrs.

SEPTEMBER = Time to think Quilting!

Attention all Women of St John's - your help is needed. It is time to begin quilting. The Salvation Army AND Lutheran World Relief has sent out a notice that they will have an increased need for warm quilts this year. The ways that you can help: **Donate** - sheets, blankets, mattress pads, cotton for material blocks (drop off at church or call for pick-up) **Time** - if you are able to help out with making quilts - it is easy and fun. We will have our tables set up 6ft apart in the basement for pinning and tying and sewing - we usually meet Tues beginning at 9:30 - however, we are open to suggestions that work for you; tying can be a family sport at any time of day :-). Some of our quilters also work from home sewing squares - if that works better for you! We have instructions available. We will base our start date on the responses. Please contact Shirley Rosien (715-574-3277) with questions or interest.

THANK YOU!



*Safety comes in our nearness to God,
not in our distance from our enemies.*

—Dillon Burroughs

—Twila Bennett

