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Sunday Worship 10:00am

the Chimes

Christ in us, the hope of glory!

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ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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H.E.L.P. House Meal Prep

On Monday, September 15 Fritzie Heckel, Wally & Linda Ward, Mark & Kathy Erbaugh, Jerry & Deb Ball, Dora Johnson, Darrell Stork, Fran Datz and Marian Fisher met at the church to prepare our quarterly meal for the H.E.L.P. House. We prepared and packaged 175 individual meals of ham, green beans, onions, potatoes and cookies. Thank you to all of you that donated money to help cover the costs.

The H.E.L.P. House is a nonprofit organization which provides Madison County residents with daily needs. They have clothing, furniture, bedding, and of course food. The people running H.E.L.P. House use all the donations collected to help people in need. All donations will get redistributed around the area.

If you are interested in participating in the next meal preparation, just reserve the morning of December 15th between 8:00am and noon.

Donations are always welcome in the form of:

1. Cash
2. Loaves of bread
3. Cookies
4. Onions
5. Applesauce
6. Large cans of green beans
7. Buffet ham
8. Quart size zip bags
9. Snack size zip bags
10. Raw potatoes

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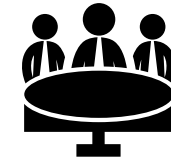
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There will be a sign up sheet on the board by the entry for anyone to sign up to donate or help prepare the meal. We appreciate all the help!

Please contact Fritzi Heckel at 920-279-8044 or heckelf6@gmail.com.



Council Highlights



Since the parking lot won't be repaved this year, council discussed patching the potholes.

Ray Scharf is available to take communion to homebound members in the London area.

Council recommended a potential candidate for the vacancy on council. They have been contacted and are considering it.

The repairs have been made to the cooling system. There are still repairs needed on the heating system.

Council approved up to \$10,000 above Synod guidelines for perks for a new pastor. Valerie and Liz will come up with a list of possible categories to be discussed with the primary candidate (no candidate as yet).

Council discussed its responsibilities once the call committee has selected a primary candidate.

Council approved up to \$1,500 plus air fare travel expenses for each trip the primary candidate makes to London. The primary candidate may come to London for an interview with Church Council, although this may be done remotely, and if recommended by Church Council, they would come for a meet and greet with the congregation prior to a congregational vote to make a call, which will be in person.

Call Committee

Rick Davis: chair
 Tim Amling
 Kelly Cooley
 Marty Komives

Victoria Patrick
 Morgan Riley
 Scott Spohler

Church Council

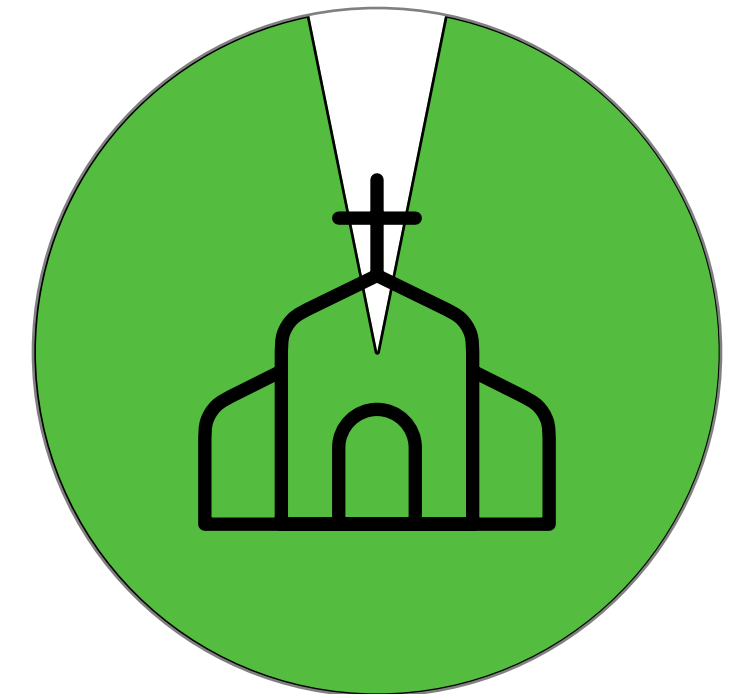
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Josh Stibb, Interim Pastor		

Finance Report

	August	YTD
Income	\$17,862.92	\$171,229.08
Expenses	15,938.60	126,145.50
Net	\$1,924.32	\$45,082.88
Mortgage Balance		\$61,778.92

Mortgage Payoff

Initial: \$971,747
 Current: \$61,779



October Birthdays



- 1 Scott Spohler
- 4 Kelly Davis
- 5 Connor Cooley
- 6 William Cooley
Wanda Scharf
- 11 Kristen Eades
- 12 Fritzie Heckel
- 13 Emily Ball
- 14 Melonie Fisher
- 18 Steve Cooley
Sharon Dillion
Christopher Blain
- 21 Blair Cooley
- 22 Marilyn Ballenger
Deb Ball
- 23 Elaine Komives
Gene Noble
- 24 Aryn Ackley
Tom Jasper
- 30 Mia Patrick

October Anniversaries



None listed

Volunteer Opportunities



There are many ways you can help St. John's. If you would like to volunteer, contact the church office.

Some areas where help is needed

- Webmaster
- Fellowship coordinator
- Historian / Archivist
- Vacation Bible School
- Maintenance
- Worship Assistants
- Vocal / Instrumental Musicians

Worship Assistants

	October 5	October 12	October 19	October 26
Acolyte	Andy Wood	Alex Spohler	Tim Amling	Mia Patrick
Ushers	Gene Noble Dominic Gammell	Jeff Blain Marty Komives	Dave Fisher Melonie Fisher	Kristen Duncan Amy McComas
Lector	Susan Friend	Doreen Browning	Gene Noble	Victoria Patrick
Communion Assistant	Al Datz Fran Datz	Morgan Riley Valerie Eades	John Steckli D'Ann Steckli	Rick Davis Kelly Davis
Video Sound	John Steckli D'Ann Steckli	Scott Spohler Alex Spohler	Mike Wood Andy Wood	Scott Spohler Alex Spohler
Offering Caregiver	Tim Amling Sharon Dillion	Kelly Davis Marie Wood	Kelly Cooley Mark Erbaugh	Valerie Eades Aaron Patrick
Altar Guild	Debbie Henneman John Henneman	Debbie Henneman John Henneman	Debbie Henneman John Henneman	Debbie Henneman John Henneman
Altar Flowers	Honor of Will Cooley's Birthday	Sharon and Jim's Birthdays	In memory of Gary Peters by the family	Jason Gollady by Liz Lasso
Eternal Flame	Cooley Family	Cooley Family	Cooley Family	Cooley Family

The Altar Flowers and Eternal Flame charts are posted in Luther's Café. If you would like to sponsor one or the other in memory of or in honor of someone special, please sign up on the chart or call the church office.

The altar flowers are \$35.00 for the pair and the eternal flame is \$10.00 per week.

Christian Education

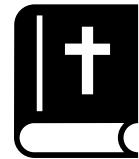
- [Daylight Bible Study](#) - Tuesday 10:00am Luther Café - Gospel of John
- Adult Sunday School** - Sunday 9:00am David Room - New topic coming
- Children's Sunday School** - Sunday 10:00am Nursery

October Sunday Readings

	Sunday	1st Reading	Psalm	2nd Reading	Gospel
5	17 Pentecost	Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4	Psalm 37:1-9	2 Timothy 1:1-14	Luke 17:5-10
12	18 Pentecost	2 Kings 5:1-3; 7-15c	Psalm 111	2 Timothy 2:8-15	Luke 17:11-19
19	19 Pentecost	Genesis 32:22-31	Psalm 121	2 Timothy 3:14-4:5	Luke 18:1-8
26	Reformation Sunday	Jeremiah 31:31-34	Psalm 46	Romans 3:19-28	John 8:31-36
	or 20 Pentecost	Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22	Psalm 84:1-7	2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18	Luke 18:9-14

Daylight Bible Study

10am Tuesdays at the Church



Linda Ward is leading this Bible study which is currently studying the Gospel of John. New members are always welcome.

First Sunday Fellowship



Join us after worship the first Sunday of each month in Luther's Café for coffee, snacks and fellowship.

If you are interested in hosting one of the First Sunday Fellowships, please see the sign up sheet in Luther's Café. It's not that much work and there are always other folks willing to bring food and help out.



Prayer Requests

If you have a prayer request, please pick up a prayer request card in the church office. In accordance with HIPAA Law, a prayer request should not be published without the person's consent.

Marilyn Ballenger
Vici Geer
Elaine Komives
George Lassel
Amy McComas
Jim Miller

Charlene Olsen
Jim Penix
Peg Saupe
David Smith
Pr. Josh Stibb
Debbie Vecchiarelli



Chimes Photos

If you like one of the photos in *the Chimes*, let me know and I will make you a print or provide a digital version of it.

Mark Erbaugh

Prayer Quilt Supplies

During the Church cleaning, we found a lot of supplies left over from the Prayer Quilt Ministry. If you can use them, let the the office know, otherwise we will donate them to other groups that make quilts for charity.

Chimes Content

What things about St. John's would you like to see in future *Chimes* newsletters?

If you have any information about current St. John's ministries that should be shared, please let the church office know.

Kroger Rewards



Thank you to the 19 households participating in the Kroger Community Rewards program. Between May 1 and July 30 you contributed \$43.92 to St. John's.

The Kroger Rewards goes into our Ekedahl Fund.

If you are interested helping St. Johns through the Community Rewards program, visit <https://www.kroger.com/i/community/community-rewards>.

Madison County Food Pantry



The Madison County Food Pantry now has a website: www.madisoncountyfoodpantry.org

The Food Pantry serves an average of 800 households which includes an average of roughly 3,000 individuals every three months. Food and financial support can be dropped off at 125 S. Oak St. in London during distribution hours: 9:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. every Wednesday and Saturday, or by special arrangement



From Amy McComas

“Appreciation is the highest form of prayer, for it acknowledges the presence of good wherever you shine the light of your thankful thought.” By Alan Cohen.

My prayer of thanks and appreciation for all of you, here at St. John's, who reached out to me during my neck/spine healing and recovery. I received cards, joyful calls and text, visits, flowers; but the most powerful gift of prayers that made it possible for me to heal. I am so blessed to be part of this congregation.

Valerie Eades, Kathy & Mark Erbaugh, Mike Wood, Debbie Ball, Pastor Larry Baker, and Pastor Josh Stibbs stepped in while I was down with my surgery. Thank you for keeping things going at the church.

I will end with one of the best thankful quotes that Meister Eckhart quoted:

“If the only prayer you ever say in your entire life is thank you, it will be enough “.

God bless,
Amy F McComas

Upcoming Events



[First Sunday Fellowship](#)
October 5, after worship

Church Council Meeting (open to all)
October 14, 6:00pm

[Trunk or Treat](#)
October 26, 6:00 - 7:00pm

[First Sunday Fellowship](#)
November 2, after worship

Church Council Meeting (open to all)
November 11, 6:00pm

[First Sunday Fellowship](#)
December 7, after worship

Church Council Meeting (open to all)
December 9, 6:00pm

[H.E.L.P. House Meal Preparation](#)
December 15, 8:00am - noon



Church Painting

September 27

You may have noticed that the front of the church has a fresh look. Led by Rick Davis, a group of volunteers repaired and painted the much of trim and wood siding. There's still more to do on the sides and rear.

