



Building the family of God by spreading
the Word of God to all people.

October 2019

Grapevine

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Office Hours: Monday – Thursday,
9AM-12PM

Sunday Schedule:

Worship 9AM

Refreshments 10AM

Sunday School 10:30AM

Pastor – Nanette Dehnke

Ministers.....All People

Council President.....Paul Kasten

Administrative Assistant.....Amy Semenak

Accountant.....Bonnie Hodge

Webmaster.....Alan Anderson



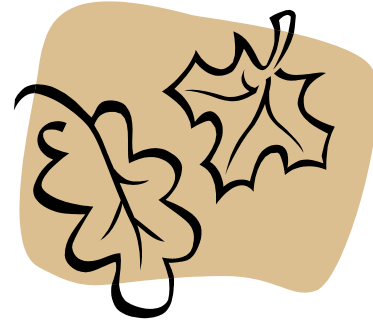
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**Evangelical Lutheran
Church in America**

God's work. Our hands.



St. John's October Events

- Oct. 6 – Intergenerational Sunday Class
- Oct. 8 – Blood Drive
- Oct. 13 – Pastor Nan's Last Service with us
- Quilt Blessing – Ministry
- Oct. 19 – Church Work Day
- Oct. 27 – Chili and Pie Cook-off
- Nov. 3 – Congregational Meeting
- All Saints Day
- Bishop Satterlee Visiting
- Daylight Savings Time Begins
- Cardio Drumming every Monday and Wednesday at 6PM
- Quilt Gathering every Wednesday at 1PM





Need a Ride?

Transportation is available for all our worship services and events throughout the week. If you would prefer not driving yourself, especially amid weather conditions and darkness, we still want you to come and join us at St. John's!

Transportation is available on an individual basis. So please call the church office 269-422-1449 for details or to schedule a ride. Don't let anything stop you! Come, share, and celebrate God's love!



Our Homebound Members:

Elaine Lochner
Woodland Terrace
8850 Red Arrow Hwy
Apt. 29
Bridgman, MI 49106

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St. Joseph, MI 49085

Ileen Tollas
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Lilac Bldg Room 13
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Barb Reynolds
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1123 W. Marquette Woods Rd
St. Joseph, MI 49085

Memorial Funds

Memorial funds may be designated to:

- Altar/Worship Enhancement Fund
- Confirmation Camp Memorial Fund
- General Memorial Fund
- Harold Hafer Memorial Fund,
- Sound for Sanctuary
- Kitchen Improvement Fund
- Parsonage Renovations

Our Church Leaders:

Rev. Elizabeth Eaton
Presiding Bishop, ELCA

Rev. Craig Satterlee
Bishop of the North/West Lower Michigan Synod, ELCA

Our Companion Synods:

Christian Lutheran Church of Honduras
Lutheran Church of Papua New Guinea
Lutheran Church of Latvia

4	Aiden Nitz	23	Michael Tapia
6	Emma Stout	24	Tyler Hicks
7	Judy Nitz	25	Sandy Spitzke
9	Bill Gavac Jr.	26	Scott Fleisher
9	Remington Tilly	27	Greg Boos
13	Laura Waeyaert	27	Larry Klug
14	Betty Elsass	27	Bob Schroeder
19	Abby Schilling	29	Ashlee Tilly
7	Pat Mattner		
10	Guy Tollas		
27	Lori Davis		



If a birthday, anniversary and/or baptism is listed incorrectly, please call the church office so that we can correct our records.

**Celebrate your
Baptismal Anniversary!**

“Remember and rejoice,
Renewed by floods of grace.
We bear the sign of Jesus Christ,
That time cannot erase.”
(ELW 454)

dates
to
Remember

Sunday, October 27
Sunday, November 3
Sunday, December 1
Tuesday, December 24
Wednesday, December 25

Reformation Sunday
All Saints Sunday
First Sunday of Advent
Christmas Eve
Christmas Day

PASTOR LETTER

Dear People of God of St. John's,

As I write my last pastoral letter to you, a song is singing in my head; God Be With You Till We Meet Again.

The word: "**goodbye**" at its entomological (original language) root means "**God be with you**".

I dug into the history of the hymn a bit more, wondering what scripture lesson best fits it.

We find it in Romans 16:2b: ***The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.***"

Although the refrain tune is sentimental, the words are most powerful. They are the words I am singing to you:

God be with you till we meet again; by good counsels guide, uphold you,

with a shepherd's care enfold you; **God be with you till we meet again**.

God be with you till we meet again; holy wings securely hide you, daily manna still provides you.

God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again, when life's perils thick confound you,

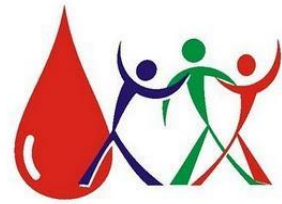
Put unfailing arms around you,

God be with you till we meet again.

It has been my humble privilege to serve you for this time. May God continue to guide you on the next best steps for serving God's mission of love.

Love and peace,

Pastor Nan



**GIVE BLOOD
SAVE LIFE**

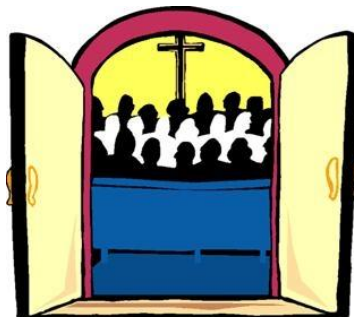
Next Blood Drive – October 8th



St. John's Workshop Day–October 19th

9AM – 1PM – Breakfast provided

Let's get the church and grounds back into tip-top shape!



**Congregational
MEETING**

Mark your calendars

Annual Congregational Meeting

November 3rd after Worship



Seeking Three (3) New Council Leaders for 2020!

Could this be you?

We bring our best gifts, live out our faith, and prayerfully lead this community of faith with our eyes on Jesus.

We need your gifts! Please talk with Paul Kasten if you are interested.



COMMUNITY EVENTS HAPPENING IN OCTOBER

- Oct. 1 at 7PM Interfaith Action is presenting a documentary “What’s Next for All of the Refugees on Manus Island at the Vickers Theater in Three Oaks.
- Oct. 14 at 7PM What’s Your Bag? By Raelene Stickney. Presentation at Zion UCC in Baroda. Bring an old purse. RSVP 422-1590
- Oct. 15 at 6PM Interfaith Action presents a Gun Violence Reduction Symposium at the Berrien County Health Department in Benton Harbor.
- Oct. 27 at 2PM Harvest Hymn Sing at the Baroda Bible Church.



Thank you for your gifts of pet food and supplies for the Humane Society of SW Michigan.



There's always one

FEEDING OF THE 5000 ***OUR SECOND BIBLE STORY FOCUS FOR OUR YOUTH***



Our children are learning about **how Jesus fed 5000** so the October service project will be to **collect tuna and crackers** for the Catholic Food Pantry.



Many Hearts. One Home.

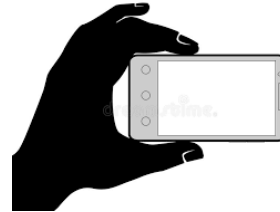
We are collecting pull tabs for the Ronald McDonald House.

A collection jar is located on the table in the Narthex. Please contact Amy in the church office if you have any questions 422-1449.



If you need emergency pastoral care, for situations such as hospital admissions or a death in the family, you may contact:

Pastor Nanette Dehnke – 317-464-9434 through October 15th.



FACEBOOK AND ST. JOHN'S WEBSITE

We love to share pictures of St. John's ministry on our Facebook page and website and we get great feedback. It is our practice not to put names with the pictures. **If you do not want your picture shown, please submit a dated letter to the church office specifying so.**



Finance Meeting – October 14th at 4:30PM in the Fireplace Room.

Council Meeting – October 17th at 7PM in the Fireplace Room.