



The Voice

October 2020



To My Church Family,
Thank you for all the healing vibes I received, whether it was by prayers, visits, phone calls, or cards- all were very special to me. Pastor Jon, thank you for all your calls and visits with uplifting words and prayers- all were very appreciated. It has been eight weeks since my right total knee replacement, and I am doing well.
-Ann Horman

Krista & Fellow Crafters,
Thank you for your more than generous donation of 26 quilts. They are so colorful! Thank you for sharing your creative sewing skills and for thinking of us!
Beth Shrake
Hospice of Miami County

Happy Birthday

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| 1 - Cuinn Rockey | 10- Kevin Marten |
| 1 - Christine Miller | 16- Amanda Miller Tussing |
| 2 - Kate Shaffer | 16- Marge McKinney |
| 4 - Katelyn Reese | 19- Lowell Smith |
| 5 - John Weikert | 21- Mary Ann Francis |
| 6 - Joey Armstrong | 21- Meredith Flory |
| 7 - Derrek Shively | 21- Carlie Besecker |
| 8 - Michael Molesky | 25 - Elizabeth Shaffer |
| 10- Kate Molesky Sarna | 25- Rick Short |
| 10- Mary Larson | 31- Betsy Kraft |

Member Spotlight: Jim Perry



Jim Perry grew up in Covington. He had one brother, Alvin, who was eight years younger. When he was in fifth grade, Jim and his family moved to Panama City, Florida, and he graduated from high school there. He and his family

attended the Trinity Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod) where Jim was confirmed 1959.

After graduating from high school, Jim moved back to Covington to live with his grandparents in 1963. Jim worked a couple odd jobs and worked as a painter for his grandfather. He then went to work for Hobart in Troy in 1966. After 39 years, he retired in 2005.

Upon returning from Florida in 1966, Jim came straight to St. John's. After attending St. John's for many years, Pastor Steve Kimm convinced Jim to officially become a member in 1988.

Jim's daughter, Belinda, from his first marriage, lives in Falmouth, Kentucky. He has one granddaughter, Christina. Jim married his late wife, Patty, in June of 2001 at Patty's home church in Hollandsburg, Ohio. Sadly, Patty passed away in 2012.

In his free time, Jim likes to spend time with friends. When he could drive, he really enjoyed socializing at the Eagles and the Moose. In church, he has served on church council. Jim enjoys coming to the Fastnacht feast and the Easter brunch.

What Jim loves about St. John's are the people he knows here. The people have always treated him well and are friendly and welcoming. He really enjoys the Christmas baskets he receives every year, as well! Jim says he really liked Pastor Nierman very, very well. They had many deep conversations, and Pastor Nierman would always make sure that Jim had a ride anywhere he needed to go. Even though Jim really likes Pastor Schriber, he misses Pastor Nierman very much.

PRAYER LIST

HOSPITALIZED, RECOVERING AT HOME, and OTHER PRAYER CONCERNS

Ann Horman (knee replacement)	Kristin Gephart	
Marian Fenner	Jerry Schroeder	Uta Schroder
Matthew Hahn	Darla Brumfield	Leon Hollopeter
Roger Colby	Jack Besecker	Erica Hollopeter
Judy Fletcher	Sally Griffin	Linda Iddings
Helen Kellar	Luella Roeth	Kathy Short
Bill McKibben	Harold Roeth	Keith Fletcher
Jim Perry		

IN EXTENDED CARE

Linda Morrow (Cincinnati)
Barb Besecker (Versailles Health Care Center)

FRIENDS & RELATIVES OF MEMBERS

Paula Hahn (daughter-in-law of Richard & Gloria Hahn)
Larry & Tracy Laub (friend of Jim Perry)
Bernice Davis (cousin of Jim Perry)
Jack McCoy (friend of King family)
Darlene Wise (friend of Jim Perry)
Bridget Simon (friend of Jim Perry)
Howard Chaney (friend of Jim Perry)
Kathy Bless (friend of Laura Schmidt)
Mary Brady (friend of Laura Schmidt)
Bill Sherer (father of Briana King)
Bob Bruyere (uncle of Charlie Bruyere)
Owen Gauntt (friend of Dawn Flory)
Jeff Gowen (friend of Jim Perry)
Lester Smith (friend of Jim Perry)
Joel Miller (Connie Adams' brother-in-law)
John Hollenbacher (friend of Brooks King)
Mr. & Mrs. Tom Burlieson (friends of Jim Perry)
Asher Cantrell (grandson of Stephanie Wood)
Joanne Schmidt (mother of Jim Schmidt)
Kenton Stacy (grandson of Wanda Stacy)
Joan Will (cancer-aunt of Laura Schmidt)
Michael Laub & Family (friends of Jim Perry)
Toni Riley (friend of Mindy Gearhardt)
Gary Holfinger (son of Opal Holfinger)



FAMILY & FRIENDS IN THE ARMED FORCES

Faith King- Army- Bravo 1-134th Field Artillery, Piqua, OH
(niece of Brooks and Briana King)
Fletcher Metz- Army
Brandon Moyer – Navy, Pyndell AFB, Florida
Jon Osterman- Army
Cory Purvis- Army, Alaska (Pattie Perry's grandson)
LT Mary Strade- USS Bainbridge- deployed (sister of Laura Schmidt)
Tristin Stangel- Marines, New River Air Station, North Carolina

SCRIPTURE

Sunday, October 4, 2020

First Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7
Psalms: Psalm 80:7-15 (14, 15)
Second Reading: Philippians 3:4b-14
Gospel: Matthew 21:33-46

Sunday, October 11, 2020

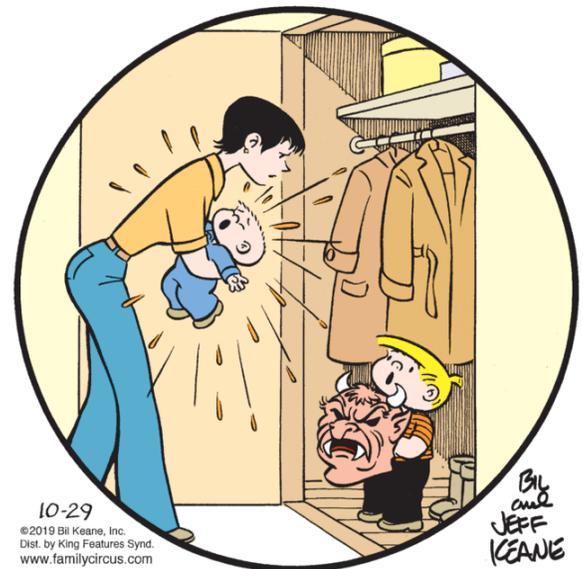
First Reading: Isaiah 25:1-9
Psalms: Psalm 23 (5)
Second Reading: Philippians 4:1-9
Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

Sunday, October 18, 2020

First Reading: Isaiah 45:1-7
Psalms: Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13] (7)
Second Reading: I Thessalonians 1:1-10
Gospel: Matthew 22:15-22

Sunday, October 25, 2020

First Reading: Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18
Psalms: Psalm 1(2)
Second Reading: I Thessalonians 2:1-8
Gospel: Matthew 22:34-46



"I didn't do anything. PJ opened the closet and I was just standing here with my Halloween mask on."

"What we do for ourselves dies with us. What we do for others and the world remains and is immortal."

-Albert Pine



Dear Brothers and Sister in Christ,

Way back when the Covid began and we were live-streaming, the suggestion was made to council that we continue to offer this ministry after the virus has passed. Council accepted, and the search began for better equipment and software, etc. Thanks to the work of Rick Longenecker and David Larson, by the time you read this, everything that was needed should be installed and in use.

Since the doors have been open for in-person worship (May 31st), we have averaged around 50 people every Sunday. In addition, though, we have averaged well above 100 views of our broadcast, often into the 120's to the 150's. On occasion, we have even passed 200 views! So, who is tuning in? Well, we know for sure, our own members are. We have heard positive comments from many. Also, I have had some friends from Sidney and elsewhere tune in. Beyond that, there are many others. This ministry, which began as a way to provide worship for our own folks, turned into a great evangelism tool. As a congregation, you are sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ with many other people. Indeed, may God continue to bless this ministry on into the future.

This ministry parallels a huge event, life changing, world-changing event: The Protestant Reformation. Additionally, a brand-new tool spread the teachings of Luther and eventually the Bible in the German language to people all around the country. The invention was the Gutenberg Printing Press! As I was taught as a young person, the Good News never changes; how we spread/proclaim it does. As a congregation, you continue in that grand tradition.

On October 25th, we will gather in worship to remember our heritage as Lutherans and to celebrate the gift of salvation through Christ Jesus. Remember, we are saved by grace through faith in Christ. We celebrate that we are saved not by our works or who we are, but by grace, a free gift through the blood of the Lamb. We worship with the great heritage of the Word of God proclaimed in our language. We worship with music and hymns that have stood the test of time (by the way, you are a good singing congregation). We embrace the theology that we are all ministers of the Church, and we pray that God continues to straighten and empower His Church on earth.

Reformation Sunday is always a high Sunday, a wonderful celebration. Help celebrate this day by **WEARING RED!**

May God continue to bless you with his boundless love and grace.

Pastor Jon



We would like to honor all veterans at St. John's with a special thank you within the worship service.

On Sunday, November 8th, through word and music, we will honor all vets, including those who are in active duty and can be present.

Please watch for further details, and mark your calendars for this special remembrance and thank you.

-Pastor Jon

Quilts

On September 6th, we blessed 32 quilts for Hospice and 38 quilts for Lutheran World Relief. Thank you to everyone who contributed in any way. We pray that all who receive these quilts also encounter God's grace and peace and so learn of the joy of life in Christ.



Youth!

St. John's Lutheran Church
Council Meeting
September 9, 2020

It was so exciting to get back to Sunday School on September 20th. There are three youth classes presently: an elementary class that includes children up to their first Communion and is held in the nursery; intermediate class for youth who have made their first Communion but not yet made their Confirmation; finally, high school class for any youth who have made their Confirmation. All are welcome!! We are being cautious and practicing social distancing, hygiene/sanitization, wearing masks, and not sharing materials.

Congratulations to Lauren King! Lauren was recently selected for the role of Clara (the girl who dreams of a living nutcracker) in the Sidney Dance Company's winter production of The Nutcracker. Performances will be held the first weekend in December.

Thank you to Norma Colby for the thoughtful remembrance of holidays gone by on September 20th with mementos for Mother's and Father's Day! It was such a special touch with all the COVID craziness. Thank you!

What an amazing Sunday!!! On September 13th, we were able to have Cody Rohr, Harry Turner, Lily King, Taylor Schoonover, and Mary Larson receive their first Communion. They baked their own bread with their families and brought to be blessed and communed with. Also, on September 13th, Sophie Shaffer and Preston King affirmed their Baptismal promise and were Confirmed and are full-fledged voting members of St. John's. Thank you to all who taught, prayed for, and helped make this day so special.



Present: Pastor Jon Schrieber, David Larson, Mindy Gearhardt, Kevin Marten, Katilyn Flory, Derrek Shively, Holly Turner, Scott Gephart, Brandy Hahn
Absent: Chad Reese

1. Devotions – Devotions were led by Pastor Jon.
2. Pastors Report –
 - a. August Pastor's Report
17 phone visits - 4:13 hours
Service Planning - 2:10
Worship Services - 4
Meetings – 2
 - b. David moved to accept the Pastor's Report, seconded by Mindy. Motion carried.
3. Financial Report – Mindy moves to accept the Financial Report, seconded by Brandy. Motion carried.
4. Committee Reports
 - a. Property – Pastor's office has been plastered and painted. The next step will be new carpet and office furniture.
5. Old Business
 - a. Call Update – The committee will be interviewing another selection of possible candidates.
 - b. Videoing Services – The video recording bundle is set to be delivered on Monday (9-14-2020). There will be some installation and we hope to have it up and running soon. There will be a one call sent out to members asking if anyone is interested to learn the program.
 - c. Church Printer – Bev and Stephanie believe they have found a printer to replace the one in the office that has not been working.
 - d. First Communion & Confirmation Sept 13 – First Communion and Confirmation will be held on Sunday, September 13. Mindy will represent the council.
 - e. Resuming Sunday School Sept 20 – Sunday School will resume on Sunday, September 20. Face masks will be worn and social distancing will be reviewed once Laura sees how many students are attending each class.
6. New Business
 - a. Quilters want to meet once a month – The quilting committee would like to start up again. Hospice has called for more blankets, and the committee will get together wearing facial masks and will maintain a social distance from each other.
 - b. Congregational meeting date – The Fall Congregational Meeting will be held on October 25, 2020 right after church. We will be voting on new council members and the budget for 2021.
7. Adjournment – Holly moves to adjourn, seconded by Mindy. Motion carried. Council ended by saying the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by,
Holly Turner