

May - June 2026

The “Good News” Letter

St. John's Lutheran Church

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Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

2026: “The Way of Love!”

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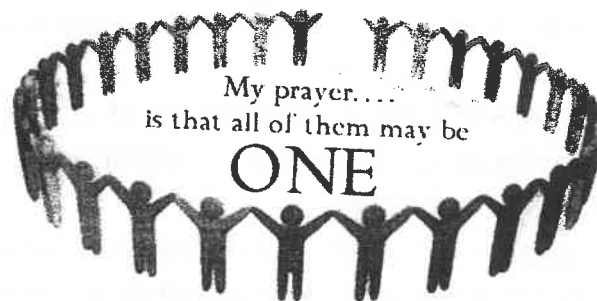


Liberation and freedom for all

Jun 19,

We are more often familiar with the civil rights movement than with Juneteenth. In 1865, the final shackle was broken in a small island town of Galveston, Texas, where African Americans finally received the news that they were free after the Emancipation Proclamation was signed by President Lincoln two years earlier. Juneteenth is a celebration of liberation and freedom for all. I joyfully echo the words from Galatians: "There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus" (3:28). For in God's kingdom, we are all a part of the beautiful tapestry of the church, which consists of various hues, shapes, sizes, and rough edges.

If we are called to pick up where Jesus left off and walk in his footsteps, how can we not celebrate the kaleidoscopes of colors within one another? Juneteenth is an opportunity to celebrate and continue to stand with one another and speak out for justice and equality.



John 17:20-21



St. John's Lutheran Church Council Minutes
March 11, 2026

Members Present: David Sharninghouse, Jerry McCullough, Carol Cary, Michele Robles, Linda Ross and Paul Brooks.

Devotions led by Carol C on 'How Do I Find God's Love'. Jerry will lead the April devotions. All agreed to meet April 22 at 1 pm for this meeting.

Secretary's Report: Reviewed and discussed. Jerry moved and Michele seconded to accept this report. All agreed and motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Reviewed and discussed. Linda moved and Michele seconded to accept this report. All agreed and motion passed. Dave reports the monthly sharing pastor amount has increased from \$700 to \$867, so we will start the \$867/month in March to be paid to St. Luke's.

SAM Report: Paul shares he and Ken will switch their Sundays to this coming Sunday instead of the last Sunday of the month. Paul informs he will give us a Synod Model to follow in our revision of our Constitution. We will have to decide if we will rewrite a new one or revise our present one.

Old Business: Upon further reflection we did adopt a new Mission Statement as follows: Serving the community by sharing the Love of God by example.

-Michele and Linda have agreed to represent St. John's at the May 30th Synod Meeting.

-Mary Jo Agerter will start cleaning the church under agreement noted at our February meeting.

New Business: Easter Breakfast details were discussed. The Calvary Worship group who are having a 10:30 worship here have been invited to share the breakfast with us.

-Sue Maki has requested to have a Celebration of Life lunch for Paul on April 11. Panther Pizza is going to supply sandwiches and salads. We will fill out the menu with desserts and drinks.

-Carol C. shares a request received from Hancock Religious Education for \$100 donation to purchase Bibles for the children as they graduate from their classes. All agreed and motion was passed to send them \$100.

(Council Mtg, cont'd)

-Carol shares a notice from McComb Community Partnership. Michele moved and Carol seconded to support this group with \$500, also providing cookies for the Hometown Christmas. All agreed and motion passed.

- Michele reminded us that this is the Kairos weekend and asks for support through prayer.

-Discussion has held on the rental agreement with the Calvary Worship Center group who are worshipping at St. John's every Sunday at 10:30 am. Jerry moved and Carol seconded to meet with them to make decisions on terms of rental and conditions. All agreed and motion passed.

-Discussions were held on the need of a new fan in the kitchen, replacing the kitchen flooring, attention needed on the kitchen ceiling.

The meeting adjourned by Jerry moving to do so, Michele seconded. All agreed and motion passed: Meeting closed by all praying the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Linda Ross, Secretary

Jesus will never leave us



As a child, I was unaware of the true meaning of Pentecost – a continuation of Jesus' birth, death and resurrection – the gift of accompaniment here and beyond, into life everlasting. It's easy to miss the significance of this holy day. Here it is: *Jesus says he will never leave us.*

When God's only begotten son, Jesus, came to us for our salvation and the forgiveness of sins, this was perfect love and grace – the ultimate gift. And it didn't stop there. The gift continues through the Holy Spirit, given to reach the disciples, us and future generations. We haven't seen anything yet! Jesus' ministry did not end on the cross; it continues, now through us.

When the Holy Spirit is embedded in our lives, we continue the journey the apostles left for us, together with our siblings in Christ from all walks of life. Like a vibrant, inner light, the Holy Spirit comforts and challenges us in our broken world.



St. John's Lutheran Church Council Meeting
April 22, 2026

Members Present: David Sharninghouse, Jerry McCullough, SAM Paul Brooks, Carol Cary, Carol Yeager, Michele Robles and Linda Ross.

Devotions led by Jerry on Philippians 2, Imitating Christ's Humility. Linda offered to lead the May 13 devotions.

Secretary's Report: Reviewed and discussed. Michele moved and Carol Y. seconded to accept this report. All agreed and motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Reviewed and discussed. Michele moved and Jerry seconded to accept this report. All agreed and motion passed.

-Carol C. shares she received a call from Thrivent regarding a gift Eva gave to our church. She and Dave met Tim Bracy from Thrivent. The paperwork to receive this generous gift was completed and discussion was held on how to best use this gift with no decision made at the present.

-Carol C. presented a donation request from City Mission. She moved to give \$100 to City Mission, Linda seconded this motion, All agreed and motion passed.

-Carol C. received a letter from the EDO announcing a new leadership (Kari Butler) and more projects in the works. Work to declare the McComb downtown a Historical District is being made and this would lead to paths for grants to redo the buildings. Carol C. moved to donate \$250, Michele seconded this motion. All agreed and motion passed. It was noted that the village and EDO are working in cooperation.

SAM Report:

-Paul shares he is preparing papers to enter the seminary. One of the many paths to do this is the Team Approach and he is thinking of going this way. It includes online and seminary work that is broken into modules and he will have an academic advisor. Our church council will meet with him in May or June so we can understand this process.

-He gave us a breakdown on the ministerial need in our NWO Synod and how Synod is best addressing this need. It is a changing picture and the jigsaw puzzle solutions are in constant flux.

-Ken Pollitz will be leaving us and St. Luke's the end of May to help fill the void at Trinity in Findlay.

- He also shares an idea he and Dave have discussed to fill the need for food for the McComb children when they are out of school. The concept of using food trucks to provide the food with area churches and businesses providing financial support. It was agreed to continue exploring this concept with all sharing this idea with other community groups. Carol C. moved to consider this, Jerry seconded this motion. All agreed and motion passed.

-Paul presented a model for the Rental Agreement with the Calvary Worship Center group. Discussion was held on the details of this agreement, especially the rental fee, damage repair, and time frame for revisiting the agreement.

-Paul also shares Good News he has been approached per email by 56 yr old man with children and grandchildren requesting to be baptized. He will meet with them 2-3 times in preparation for this. It isn't clear where they live so not sure if it will be with us or St. Luke's.

-Paul is still finding a template for us to revisit and update our Constitution.

Old Business: After discussion it was decided to keep the 1:00 pm time slot for our council meetings on the second Wednesday of the month. We are open to change if necessary.

New Business: June 13 will be the Celebration of Life here for Dave's sister, Phyllis Hoenicke.

-We are awaiting the estimate from Ryan Hardin on replacing the ceiling exhaust fan inside the kitchen, ceiling repair around the fan, on the roofs, replacing kitchen flooring, replacement of the red front doors. Outside gutter and fascia repair after wind damage was noted.

Adult Vacation Bible School (AVBS) was discussed. The date decided on is July 12-16 (Sunday through Thursday).

Carol C. reminds us Church Mutual Insurance is still in need of an Electrical Inspection by 2027. Jerry relates he can connect with a county electrician from Ottawa to possibly do this for us.

(Council Mtg. cont'd)

Dave reminds us the fire extinguishers need to be updated. He volunteered to take 3 of them to Stump in Findlay on Bigelow to get this done

The meeting adjourned by Jerry moving to do so, Michele seconded this motion. All agreed and motion passed. Meeting closed by all praying the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Linda Ross.



In Our Prayers: John Sharninghosue, Sue Maki, Carol & David Cary, Betty Hornbeck, LuAnn Beverly, Colene Shoop, Teri Zent, Eric & Lisa Kreh, Kris, Don Edler, Ashley Edler, Brandt Edler, Mary Schroll, Pat Newell, Gordon Myers, Vicki Shoop, Josh, Linda Hoops, Ellery Paige Robinson. Please pray for the victims of all natural disasters, our shut-ins, all who grieve and all others with special needs.

Congratulations to Landon, grandson of Carol Yeager, who will graduate May 17, 2026 from Mohawk School, Sycamore, OH. He also attended Sentinel Career and Technology Center at the same time in Tiffin, OH and graduates May 20th. After graduation Landon will be working at Palfinger in Tiffin where he has been working partime. Now he will be full time May 2th.

Congratulations to Delya An Issiah, grand-daughter of Teri Zent. She won a spot on the Special Needs All Star softball team in Texas. The group leaves in October, all expenses paid.

Food Pantry Update: Once again your donations of canned meats and boxed goods were very much appreciated by the Blessing Basket and CHOPIN Hall. Request for May are small cans of chicken broth and soda crackers. Thank You for your generosity in helping fill the shelves of these two places!

May Birthdays

- 2 – John Sharninghouse
- 17 – Holly Hankin
- 29 – Rylee Johns

May Anniversary

- 7 – Matt & Alycia Johns

God's Helpers for May

Readers:

- 3 – Dave Sharninghouse
- 10 – Lori McDaniel
- 17 – Carol Cary
- 24 – Linda Ross
- 31 – Jerry McCullough

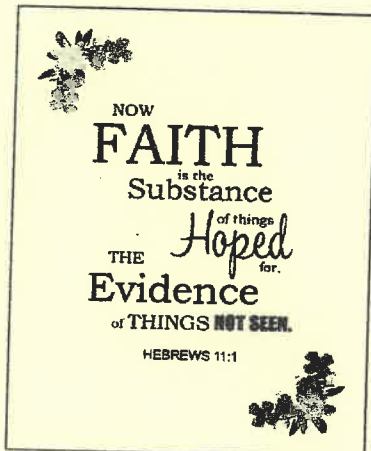
Altar Care

Lori McDaniel



Calendar of Events

- May 7 – National Day of Prayer
- May 10 – Mothers' Day
- May 12 – Lions Dinner, 6:30 pm
- May 13 - Church Council Mtg, 1pm
- May 24 - PENTECOST SUNDAY
Wear Red!
- May 25 – Memorial Day



June Birthdays

- 1 – Linda Ross
- 4 – Colene Shoop
- 13 – Taelyn Johns

June Anniversary

- 28 – Rick & LuAnn Beverly

God's Helpers for June

Readers:

- 7 – Dave Sharninghouse
- 14 – Lori McDaniel
- 21- Carol Cary
- 28 – Linda Ross

Altar Care:

Sharon Kreh

14 Flag Day



Calendar of Events

- 9 – Lions Dinner, 6:30 pm
- 10 – Church Council Mtg, 1 pm
- 14 – Flag Day
- 19 – Junteenth Day
- 21 - Fathers' Day
- 21 – First day of Summer!
- 26 – Deadline for July and August
Newsletter



TGIF: Today God Is First