

St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Mission Statement: God's work. Our hands.

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Help Reunite a Family



Esther's Daughters is a mission project of Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church in Bloomfield Hills, MI. The goal of the mission project is to bring two young girls from Papua New Guinea to the United States and assist their adoptive family in establishing permanent housing. The girls (age 12 and 15) are the orphaned nieces of one of Beautiful Savior's members. They are currently in the care of their aging grandmother, who is in declining health. Should something happen to their grandmother, these girls are left with few opportunities, and at best, would be placed in arranged marriages (away from their current village) or, at worst, face the risk of human trafficking. Funds raised will be used by Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church for legal fees, travel costs, and other financial needs associated with an international adoption. If you can help, you may donate online at: <https://www.crowdrise.com/esthersdaughters>. You can also donate by sending a check to: Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, 5631 N. Adams Rd., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304, and in the memo line write "Ester's Daughters Mission." (These girls are the nieces of Michelle Basner-Ketepa's husband, David. Michelle is the daughter of Pr. Kathleen and Mike Basner, and grew up at St. John. Michelle is on the staff at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church. Thank you for considering to help!)



Painting with a Purpose

Painting with a Purpose event to support the Esther's Daughters fundraising efforts is happening here at St. John on **Saturday, June 10th**. The instructor is Linda Shawl, who is a member of Resurrection Lutheran Church and a local artist and art teacher. Come be guided through creating a lovely rooster painting in the morning session from **10:00 a.m.-12 p.m.** Or you can craft a beautiful Bird of Paradise flower painting in the afternoon session from **1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.** Of course, you can sign up for both, and lunch at one of the downtown area eateries. Space is limited, so sign up now! You can sign up with Pr. Kathleen Basner. Suggested donation, payable at the event, is \$40 per person for each session.



Church Updates

Donations: Roger & Pauline Winterstein (General Fund), Art & Sandy Meyer (Thrivent Choice Dollars).

Recently Hospitalized: Sandra Johnson, Arla Basner, Barbara Kramer, Betty Perry.

Memorials: In memory of **Jane Scherzer**, (General Fund) from Luella Markel, Robert & Alice Morgan. In memory of **Lula Hale** (General Fund) from Margaret Schambeck.

Our Dearly Departed: Our Christian love, thoughts, and prayers are with the family and friends of **Elizabeth Bresser**, who died on May 9th. A memorial service will take place at a later date.

Changing Time of Worship Service

Beginning on Sunday, June 4, 2017, our Sunday worship service will be at 9:00 a.m. This change will continue at least through August, or longer if necessary.

Free Community Dinners



Our **Free Community Dinners** are on the second Thursday of each month, with dinner served from 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Our next dinner is on **June 8th**. Contributions to fund the Free Community Dinners here at St. John can be made with checks payable to: Messiah Lutheran Church, "St. John Evening Dinners" and we can forward your check to them. If you have any questions about the dinners, please contact Dewey Burke at: dewburke@hotmail.com or at 989-971-4316.

Saginaw Metro Ministries Food Pantry Update



Thank you so much for helping us raise over \$35,000 through our Spring Fundraising efforts. With help from your generous donations and prayers, we are back on track for funding the Food Pantry. Saginaw Metro Ministries has a mission to serve God, our neighbors, and each other. You are directly helping us to continue providing food to our Saginaw friends and we cannot thank you enough! If you would like to join our fundraising efforts, please call or email me at: 517-712-8294 or karenjoyluplow@yahoo.com.

St. John Lutheran Numbers

Date	Attend.	Deposit
4/30/17	37	\$923.00
5/7/17	44	\$4,082.50
5/14/17	39	\$3,395.50
5/21/17	32	\$1,415.50
5/28/17	35	\$554.50

Memorials/Gifts Received

January 1 – May 28, 2017

Altar Flowers	\$127.50
Breakfast for the Hungry	\$2,330.00
Camp Lu-Wix-E Gifts	\$70.00
Congregational Life	\$465.55
Evangelism	0
General Fund	\$2,186.26
Heating Fund	0
Luther League	\$7.00
Music & Worship	40.00
TOTAL	\$5,226.31

Year-to-Date Offering Income:	\$26,917.00
Year-to-Date Rental Income:	\$13,635.50
Year-to-Date from Trust Income:	\$60,000.00
Year-to-Date Seminary Student	\$8,000.00

Please Remember Care Facility Members:

Please Remember At Home Members:

They would love a card or visit from you!



Birthdays

June 2 Andrew Peters
 June 5 Arla Basner
 June 6 Connie Oswald
 June 9 Kendall Specht
 June 14 Linda Beers
 June 16 Jill Wendland
 June 17 Farrah Madsen
 June 18 Joseph Patterson
 June 21 Wayne Andersen, Mark Goodeman
 June 27 Joseph Aven, Matthew Aven
 June 28 Marguerite Schuetter
 June 29 Joshua Pike
 June 30 Allison Taylor

Happy
Birthday



Anniversaries

June 6 Matthew & Heidi Acha
 June 9 Robert & Karolyn Chicky
 June 22 Arthur & Sandra Meyer
 June 27 Roger & Barbara Kramer

HAPPY
ANNIVERSARY

Church Council – 2017

Officers to serve from July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018

President: Robert Morgan
 Vice-President: Mark Oswald
 Treasurer: Carl Quackenbush
 Secretary: Ruth Sharper



Boards to serve from July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2019

Stewardship & Finance: Carl Quackenbush
 Building & Maintenance/Camp Lu-Wix-E: Mike Basner
 Worship & Music: Janet Goodeman & Pr. Kathleen Basner
 Congregational Life: Marcy Andersen
 Evangelism: Eveline Gatzsche
 Parish Education: Madeline Blohm

Father's Day Prayer

God our Father,

You govern and protect your people
 And shepherd them with a father's love.
 You place a father in a family as a sign
 Of your love, care, and constant protection.

May fathers everywhere be faithful to the
 Example shown in the Scriptures:
 Steadfast in love, forgiving transgressions,
 Sustaining the family, caring for those in need.

Give your wisdom to fathers that they may
 Encourage and guide their children.
 Keep them healthy so they may support a family.
 Guide every father with the Spirit of your love
 That they may grow in holiness and
 Draw their family ever closer to you.
 Amen.

