



Dear Church Family and Friends,

Our summer seems to be swiftly flying by. It is a joy as I continue to be a part of St. John.

One of the highlights of July for all of us was the baptism of Harrison Edward Truscott. He is the son of Clinton and Jamie Truscott and grandson of Steve Feldmann and Lonna Patton. Rev. Joseph Feldmann was able to baptize his nephew in his home church. The baptism was such a joyous occasion and I hope that this baptism reminded you of your own baptism or the baptism of those that you love.

One night after a council meeting I went in to see all of the hard work of the women of the church as they are working diligently to have another successful rummage sale. This rummage sale raises money for our general fund and is an integral part of our church. The sale will take place on August 10, 11 and 12. Dates and times of the sale and for drop offs for donations is below.

On August 13, 2023, we will have the blessing of the back packs and if you have a back pack for your child or grandchild or friend that you would like blessed, please bring them to the church. There will also be some back packs blessed for Kindercottage.

My time here at St. John's has been a blessing as I continue to do the work of the church and interact with many fine people.

May God richly bless you all,

*Rev. Nancy Brooks*  
*Sabbatical Pastor*



## IMPORTANT RUMMAGE SALE DATES

**Thursday, August 3** – Evening drop off. Vestibule will be open 9 AM to 7 PM.

**Monday, August 7** – Last day for drop offs. Vestibule will be open 9 AM to 3 PM. Call the church office for help if needed.

**Thursday, August 10** – Open from 5 PM – 8 PM (Full price)

**Friday, August 11** – Open from 8 AM – 1 PM (Full price) and 2 PM – 6 PM (Half price)

**Monday, August 12** – Open from 9 AM – 1 PM (\$4 Brown Bag Sale)

A sign-up sheet for workers (clerks, elevette operator, upstairs manager, floaters & clean up) is in the narthex. The rummage sale is a church fundraiser so any help would be greatly appreciated. If you live in Trenton and are having a hard time with mobility, give the office a call to make arrangements for a pick-up.



## Planning Meeting

***There will be a Wurstmart planning meeting after church service on Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup>.***

***See you then!***

## St. John Prayer List

Sandy Booth	Lois & Stan Clark	Greg Erdmann	Marian Funk
Denise Hamilton	Walter Kunz	Pauline Kraemer	Marian Nelson
Orville Rinderer	Rogers Family	Connie Zimmers	

Mike Conley	(Friend of the community)
Ken Erdmann	(Greg Erdmann's brother)
Ken Fritz	(Cathy Haller's brother)
Rich Fritz	(Cathy Haller's father)
Richard Haller	(Cathy Haller's brother-in-law)
Roik Hockenberger	(Heather Netemeyer's father)
Logan Miller	(Ron & Kimberly Tremmel's son)
Tammy Press	(Marian Funk's niece)
Connie Schildt	(Marian Funk's sister)
Carol Weshinskey	(Laura Wesselmann's mother)



Pastor Nancy is in the office on Wednesdays from 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM but will make appointments if needed. Contact her by calling her cell phone at 618-604-4320. To contact Bev Adams, the church office administrator, please email her at [stjohntrenton@gmail.com](mailto:stjohntrenton@gmail.com) or call 224-9828 Monday through Friday. Bev will be on vacation June 29, 30 & July 3-6.

### AUGUST Birthdays



<b>Tim Fisher</b> August 4	<b>Cora Eckert</b> August 15
<b>Brian Kunz</b> August 4	<b>Ilah Stempel</b> August 15
<b>Karen Koch</b> August 7	<b>Martin Graul</b> August 16
<b>Clayton Holloway</b> August 10	<b>Myla Wernle</b> August 17
<b>Ray Feldmann</b> August 13	<b>Darla Bair</b> August 22
<b>Michael Kunz</b> August 13	<b>Jill Rogers</b> August 22
<b>Hoyt Stempel</b> August 13	<b>Steve Feldmann</b> August 24
<b>Emma Haller</b> August 14	<b>Cathy Haller</b> August 30
<b>Rylee Toennies</b> August 30	

### AUGUST Anniversaries

<b>Brian &amp; Lynn Kunz</b> Aug. 5	<b>Lesley &amp; Bill Koentz</b> Aug. 13
<b>Bonnie &amp; Jim Arentsen</b> Aug. 6	<b>Teresa &amp; Jeff Von Bokel</b> Aug. 26
<b>Darrell &amp; Darla Bair</b> Aug. 6	<b>Darci &amp; Tim Materkowski</b> Aug. 28
<b>Ken &amp; Donna Graul</b> Aug. 8	<b>Pehg &amp; John Zeller</b> August 28



#### AUGUST COUNCIL MEMBER ON DUTY

Elaine Hoffmann



# Virtual Worship Services

Virtual services will continue for those wishing to attend. We want to make worship as convenient as possible for our members and the community. Please see our website or our Facebook page for the Zoom link.



- To call in with phone audio only, call
- **1-312-626-6799** and then the meeting ID:
  - **8436488110** followed by the pound sign.
  - Password, if needed, will be: **62293**
    - Masks are not required during indoor worship service (even during singing) but will still be available for those who would like one

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## Thank You!

- To all the helpers of the Brown Bag Lunch Program.
- To everyone who donated to Our Church's Wider Mission
- To everyone who brought in school supplies for the children of Kindercottage
- To all those who organized, sorted, moved tables, set up, worked and signed up for the Rummage Sale. Your dedication to St. John is appreciated.

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## YARD WORK VOLUNTEERS

A sign-up sheet is on the table in the narthex for people to sign up for yard work. The sign-up sheet is also online through Sign Up Genius. See our e-announcements to sign up.



# Trivia Corner

Questions this month continue with the book of Exodus and the story of Moses as Pharaoh tightens his hold on the Israelites.



1. What job did Pharaoh make harder for the Israelites because they wanted to have a festival for God?
2. What "wonder" did God have Moses and Aaron perform in order to show Pharaoh the power God gave them?
3. Pharaoh was not convinced of God's power and so God showed more of his power through plagues on the land of Egypt. How many plagues did God have to use before Pharaoh relented? Bonus if you can name all of the plagues.
4. What happened to Pharaoh to finally convince him of the power of God and to let the Israelites leave Egypt? Bonus if you can name the Jewish festival that celebrates their liberation.
5. What was the final thing Pharaoh said to Aaron & Moses?

Answers are on page 5

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## LITURGIST & COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

A sign-up sheet is on the table in the narthex for liturgists and coffee hour hosts. Please sign up for a Sunday in the upcoming months.

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## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Clinton & Jamie Truscott on the baptism of their son, Harrison Edward Truscott on Sunday, July 16<sup>th</sup>. Harrison was baptized by his uncle, Rev. Joey Feldmann which made for an extra special occasion. Proud grandparents are Stephen Feldmann and Lonna Patton.

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## BOOK CLUB

Just a reminder that the Book Club will be meeting in September and the book they will be discussing, *The Covenant of Water*, is in the library for check out.





# Women's J.O.Y. Fellowship

**Kindercottage Donations** - The first trip to Kindercottage for this new school year will be on Wednesday, August 9 so that items are delivered before the new school year begins. This month the collection is for school supplies. Anything your children need for school is needed at Kindercottage. These supplies are distributed to the school age children who attend Kindercottage before and after school. It is their chance to arrive at school fully supplied with the important things they need - a new box of crayons really makes the day for an elementary child. The rummage sale has collected used crayons which will stay at Kindercottage for use by the preschoolers and after school art projects. Items can be dropped off on Sundays or anytime the vestibule is open for rummage sale drop off.

## FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

The next Fellowship Breakfast will be Tuesday, August 1<sup>st</sup> at 8:00 AM at Good Ol' Days in New Baden. Join the group for some great conversation, food and fellowship. Everyone is welcome!



## Brown Bag Lunch



The BBL program has worked like a well oiled machine on Tuesdays during the summer. There are only two more weeks (August 1 & 8) to prepare lunches and the volunteer schedule is full. Many thanks to everyone who helped pack lunches this summer. We have had some monetary donations so we will not need to ask for any more monetary donations this summer.

## Rainbow Preschool News

Rainbow Preschool slowed down a bit while we had summer school on Tuesdays. This helped our students who were able to participate continue using their skills with numbers, colors, the alphabet as well as fine and large motor skills and being with friends. On August 10<sup>th</sup> we will have an open house for students and parents from 6:00-7:30 PM. Our first day of school will be August 14<sup>th</sup> for the Monday, Wednesday, Friday class and August 15<sup>th</sup> for the Tuesday, Thursday class. We look forward to seeing returning students and welcoming new students!



### Council Meeting Highlights – July 18, 2023

- Storm damage repairs complete
- Next council meeting date is Tuesday, August 15 at 6:00 PM.

In order to put St. John's funds in better earning investments, your council has taken steps to put funds from different bequest funds into Certificates of Deposit (CDs). These CDs, opened in our local banks, give better interest rates than the savings account where the funds had previously been. At the Annual Meeting you will see financial reports that reflect these transfers. If you have any questions, you can contact Hank Henderson, council treasurer.





## Trivia Corner Answers



1. “You shall no longer give the people straw to make bricks, as before; let them go and gather straw for themselves...for they are lazy; that is why they cry ‘Let us go and sacrifice to our God.’” Exodus 5:7-8
2. “When Pharaoh says to you ‘Perform a wonder,’ then you shall say to Aaron, ‘Take your staff and throw it down before Pharaoh and it will become a snake.’” Exodus 7:9
3. There were 10 plagues. Water of the Nile turned to blood, frogs, gnats, flies, diseased livestock, skin boils, hailstorms, locusts, darkness, death of the firstborn. Exodus 7:14-12:29
4. God struck down all the firstborn of all the people and livestock in Egypt, including Pharaoh’s firstborn child. Bonus: God gave the Israelites instructions on how to be passed over to spare their firstborns, so the Jewish holiday of Passover celebrates that event. Exodus 12:1-29
5. Pharaoh told Moses and Aaron to “Rise up, go away from my people, both you and the Israelites! Go; serve the Lord, as you said. Take your flocks and your herds, as you said, and be gone. And ask a blessing for me, too.” Exodus: 12:31 & 32.

# Reminder

**August 10, 11, 12 – Rummage Sale**

**August 13 – Communion & Blessing of Backpacks**

**August 20 – Wurstmarkt Planning Meeting**

**August 27 – Pastor Nancy’s last Sunday  
as Sabbatical Pastor**



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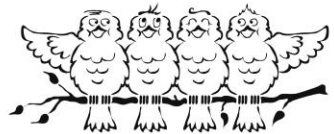
# A famous friendship

In the Bible, Ruth and Naomi are known for their loving friendship.

*Directions: Using the key, fill in the blanks to see what Ruth says to Naomi.*

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 RUTH 1:16, NIV



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Answer: "Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God." Ruth 1:16, NIV