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the Word of God to all people.

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November 2021

**St. John's Evangelical Lutheran
Church**

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Office Hours: Monday - Thursday
9AM-12PM

Sunday Schedule:
Worship 9AM

Vicki Blough, Supply Pastor
Ministers - All People

Council President – Bruce Nitz

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Accountant - Bonnie Hodge

Webmaster - Alan Anderson



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Church in Baroda**



**Evangelical Lutheran
Church in America**

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All Saints Sunday
November 7th



Congregational Annual Meeting
November 7th after worship



Thanksgiving Potluck
November 21st after worship



Our Homebound Members:

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

Ray Mak
1123 W. Marquette Woods Rd
St. Joseph, MI 49085

Carmen Hora
Pine Ridge Senior Living
4368 Cleveland Avenue
Stevensville, MI 49127

Jim Jasper
10370 Gast Road
Bridgman, MI 49106

Val Nitz
Petronas Country Home
PO Box 283
Baroda, MI 49101

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.

Unsure about coming in, you can join us on YouTube by clicking the website tab at www.stjohnsbaroda.com or subscribe to the St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Baroda Facebook page for the weekly worship service.

Memorial Funds

Memorial funds may be designated to:

Altar/Worship Enhancement Fund
General Memorial Fund
Sound for Sanctuary
Kitchen Improvement Fund
Church Roof Fund



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

November Celebrations

- 14 Jill Resendiz
- 21 Ray Mak
- 29 Scott Davis
- 29 Gary Sommers
- 30 Allison Brindley



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



11/11 Eldon and Lois Nitz 71 Years

11/30 Gary and Carolyn Sommers 58 Years

- 1 Ginger Nitz
- 22 Ray Mak
- 28 Lisa Fleisher



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

Pastor Vicki Blough cell:574-612-4570 (after November 14th)



October 5th Blood Drive Results – 15 successfully donors, one deferred, and a few new people. Next Blood Drive is December 7th.



ALL SAINTS SUNDAY – NOVEMBER 7th: As a part of worship on November 7th, we will read the list of the “dear departed”. Those whose names are to be read include all members and friends of Saint John’s Lutheran who have died since last All Saints Day and others who need to be remembered here.

We are remembering Chet Nitz, Rick Widdis, Ruth Heimbuch, Terry Perdue, Ron Wysopal, Julia Taylor, Ken Mattner, Helena Lach, Dan Schultz, Pastor Dean Beckwith.

****A Lector is needed for this service to read scripture and prayers.****



**Annual Congregational Meeting
November 7th after worship service**

On **Sunday, November 7**, St. John’s will host our annual congregational meeting after worship in the sanctuary. This will provide a time for us to look over the budget for 2022, elect members to serve on our Church Council, as well as to answer any questions you may have regarding the ministry of St. John’s. An annual report will also be made available, including reports from the various ministry teams.

All members of St. John's are eligible to vote on the budget and election of the Church Council, but all friends and family are invited to attend to find out more about what makes St. John's unique in ministry. In our ELCA Constitution a member is anyone, at a minimum eighteen years of age, who has made a contribution of record, taken Holy Communion, or participated in the life of the congregation.

4 Council Member Seats Open. Council members serve for a specific period of time; three years. The following individuals will have completed their terms effective December 31, 2021; Karen Zielke, Tim Hicks, Bill Frantz, and Sandy Anderson. As a member of St. John's please be giving prayerful consideration regarding accepting a call to service in a council position.

Numerous Committee Openings:

Do you have an interest in Finance? Christian Education? Community Life? Altar Guild? Please contact the church office and we will get you in contact with the chairperson.



**Thanksgiving Potluck
November 21st after worship
Look for sign-up sheets in the Narthex**



Poinsettia Plant Orders

Poinsettia plant orders will be taken until November 21st. The cost for each plant is \$8.00. Order forms are located in the Narthex. Please make checks payable to St. John's. Thank you!



Church office will be closed November 25th for Thanksgiving.

ST JOHN'S CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Goals include new roof, outdoor sign update, curb accesibilty, and parking lot improvements. Our goal is to raise \$70,000 of which we have \$35,631 already donated. We are over the halfway mark. \$34,369 left to reach our goal.

For those who electronically give through VANCO, Capital Campaign Fund has recently been set up for your convenience.



Do you have an inspiring thought or message you would like to see on our front sign to share with the community? The sign committee is taking suggestions for new messages. Submit your idea to karenjzielke@gmail.com or text to 269-325-5680.

Remember to keep the messages short and positive. The sign committee will vote and the winning messages could be displayed on the sign!

baroda cardio drumming

— MONDAY & WEDNESDAY 5:30 PM —

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH
Parking lot

9193 CLEVELAND AVE
baroda



Thank you my Church Family –

During a time like this we realize how much our family and friends mean to us. Your cards and condolences in my husband's passing have meant so much to me and my family.

God Bless, Pat Mattner and the family of Kenneth Mattner.

dates
to Remember

Sunday, November 7
Sunday, November 21
Sunday, November 28
Friday, December 24
Saturday, December 25

All Saints Sunday
Christ the King
First Sunday of Advent
Christmas Eve
Christmas Day



Lend your support to Interfaith Action

We have an exciting new year ahead and Interfaith Action needs your financial support to help us continue to be the region's primary interfaith voice actively working to protect our **common home**, the earth and to advance the **common good** of all.

Our efforts are focused on **Theologies for Transformation** and **Action for Justice**. Support this work through your contribution for 2021. Give electronically or by mailing a contribution to:

Interfaith Action
104 Mount Tabor Road
Buchanan, MI 49107

Thanks to all who supported the Celebration of the Harvest and Harvesters



Thanks to all who contributed to the Celebration of the Harvest and Harvesters!

Over 2,000 pounds of rice and beans were collected, along with toiletries enough to supply a small retail store.

The following faith communities held agricultural worker collection drives:

St John's Evangelical Lutheran, Baroda
First Presbyterian, Benton Harbor
First Presbyterian, Niles
First Congregational UCC, St Joseph
St Augustine Episcopal, Benton Harbor
St Paul's Episcopal, St. Joseph
Trinity Episcopal, Niles
St Paul's Episcopal, Dowagiac
Episcopal Church of the Mediator, Harbert
St. Gabriel Catholic Church, Berrien Springs
St Anthony Catholic Church, Buchanan
All Saints Episcopal, Saugatuck
Saron Evangelical Lutheran Church, St Joseph
Harbert Community Church, Harbert
Temple B'Nai Shalom, Benton Harbor
The Scully Family
Berrien Unitarian Fellowship, St Joseph
The Episcopal Church of the Epiphany, South Haven

Ox Creek Clean Up: Great Waters and Green Faith

Before the pandemic, Interfaith Action hosted an Ox Creek Clean Up Day. Ox Creek, which courses through Benton Harbor and Benton Township and flows into Lake Michigan, is one of the most polluted waterways in Michigan.

The Ox Creek Clean Up was part of Interfaith Action's environmental initiative entitled Great Waters focused on protecting water quality in Lake Michigan and ensuring drinkable water to residents of SW Michigan.

Benton Harbor Commissioners have now made the clean up of Ox Creek a priority, with approval to invest \$75,000 to develop a comprehensive clean up and waterway revitalization plan

For more information visit: www.sustainoxcreek.org

Global Religious Leaders Call for Climate Action

"We have inherited a garden: we must not leave a desert to our children." That stark warning was at the heart of a joint appeal from leaders of all the world's religious communities who gathered in the Vatican on October 4th, ahead of the COP climate summit due to open in Glasgow at the end of the month. The appeal highlights the consensus among scientists that urgent action is needed to limit the rise in the earth's temperature to 1.5 degrees, in order to avert a climate catastrophe.

Bishop Shoo from Tanzania noted that he has been nicknamed 'the tree bishop' on account of his efforts in mobilizing local communities to plant trees on the slopes of Mount Kilimanjaro. He recalled Martin Luther's words: "Even if I knew that I would die tomorrow, I would plant a tree today," adding that it is now required of all children attending confirmation classes to plant trees and to learn about the climate crisis. He concluded with a plea to government leaders: "Let us save our common home, before it is too late." (From the Lutheran World Federation 10/08/2021 Bulletin)



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St. John's wants to remind you that we offer electronic giving as a way to automate your regular weekly offering. Electronic giving offers convenience for individual congregation members and provides much-needed donation consistency for our congregation.

Direct Debit Giving is used to automatically transfer funds from your checking or savings account to the church's bank account.

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Any unused Choice Dollars expire at the end of the year.

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