



# First St. John Journal



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**I**n the first chapter of John’s Gospel, two of John’s disciples saw Jesus and began to follow him at John’s urging (“Look, here is the Lamb of God!” John told them.). As they began to follow Jesus, He turned around and said to the disciples, “What are you looking for?” They said to Jesus, “Rabbi, where are you staying?” And Jesus replied with a curious answer. He said, “Come and see.” (John 2: 35-39).

And so I eagerly invite all of you to our many worship opportunities this month to “come and see” what it means to live in the light of the resurrection of Jesus from the dead! I heartily invite you to “come and see” something new that our Sunday School is doing on Palm Sunday (April 5<sup>th</sup>) called “Come Sway the Palms,” a special Sunday School lesson for all ages from 9:00 am to 10:00 am. I invite you to “come and see” the solemn and moving stripping of the Altar at the end of our Maundy Thursday service on Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. “Come and see” and experience the day that Jesus died at our two Good Friday worship services at noon and 7:00 pm on April 10<sup>th</sup>. And, on Easter morning, “come and see” and experience the joy and power and meaning of His resurrection. And then, between services, share in an Easter Breakfast lovingly planned by some of our members.

I heartily invite all of you this month to “come and see” what a difference this Jesus makes for you and me!  
— *Pastor Blohm*

## CORRECTION:

In regard to last month’s congratulations to Larry Lorenzen: You can still congratulate him, but change what you congratulate him for. He has been elected to a 3-year term as a member of the Board of Directors for the Lutheran Homes Society, not as Director of Lutheran Homes Society Housing. Our apologies to Larry and anyone connected with the Lutheran Home.

## HOLY WEEK SERVICES

### Maundy Thursday, April 9

12:00 pm – Worship  
7:00 pm – Worship

### Good Friday, April 10

12:00 pm – Worship  
7:00 pm – Worship

### Easter Sunday, April 12

7:45 am – Early Worship  
8:45 am – Easter Breakfast  
10:30 am – Late Worship  
11:30 am – Communion Following



*You are cordially invited*

*First St John Easter Breakfast  
Sunday, April 12 8:45 - 10:00 am*

In order for us to prepare, we would like to have an idea of your order. Please mark the number of items you would like, and place your order in the offering plate or mail to the church by April 5th. Thank you.

- \_\_\_\_\_ Pancakes (3 per order)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Sausage links (2 per order)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Ham, Swiss, Egg casserole, hash browns on the side
- \_\_\_\_\_ Sausage, Cheddar, Egg, Hash Brown casserole

Biscuits, orange juice, coffee, tea, and milk will be served with your breakfast.

FREE WILL OFFERING

## ***WHO'S WHO AT FIRST ST. JOHN***

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## MEMBER UPDATES

### Births

None of which we are aware.

### Baptisms

3-1-09 *Jordan Brianne Cummerow*, born July 4, 2008 to Brian and Jodi (Johnson) Cummerow. Sponsors are David Cummerow and Cheri Johnson.

3-22-09 *Justin Patrick Crozier*, born August 18, 2008 to Brian and Julie (Eicher) Crozier. Sponsors are Josph and Laura Alix.

### Marriages

3-20-09 Brandy Howard and Eric Schuffenecker

### Deaths

2-28-09 August "Augie" Lofquist  
3-6-09 Burton Tank

### Transfers to / from First St. John

None.

## APRIL ELDER SCHEDULE

1st Wednesday, 7:00 pm  
Darold Henninger, Joanne Henningsen

7:45 am 10:15 am  
5th Mike Winslow Mark Ackerman  
LuAnn Schuffenecker Janine Contat

Maundy Thursday, 7:00 pm  
Eric Johnson, Darold Henninger

Good Friday  
12:00 pm 7:00 pm  
Bernie Erdmann Mark Ackerman  
LuAnn Schuffenecker

Easter  
7:45 am 10:30 am  
12th Dick Haar Darold Henninger  
Eric Johnson Lynn Folk

7:45 am 10:15 am  
19th Bernie Erdmann Jeff Smith  
Eric Johnson Linda Kusian

26th Mark Ackerman Mike Winslow  
Janine Contat LuAnn Schuffenecker

## ONGOING FUNDRAISER— GORDON FOODS

First St. John has a member assistance fund which has recently dwindled due to the economy and needing to help our members. Monies for this fund come from a Gordon Foods Fun Funds Program. When you sign up for a Fun Funds card and use it every time you shop at Gordon Foods, the church receives a percentage of your purchases on a quarterly basis. Sign up now, and receive a \$10 coupon off a minimum \$50 purchase. Sign up sheets can be found in the lounge.

## CONFIRMATION



Confirmation practice will be on Saturday, April 18th at 11:00 a.m. in the church.

8th Grade Confirmation will be Sunday, April 19th at the 10:15 a.m. service. Please meet in the 7th grade Catechism room at 10:00 a.m. Pictures will be taken following the service.

## ADDRESS CHANGES/CORRECTIONS

To keep current information for office records, if your name, address or phone number changes, please notify the office by faxing (419-691-7220), or mailing this form to: 2471 Seaman St./ Toledo, OH 43605.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_



## ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE

Our annual rummage sale is Thursday, May 7th and Friday, May 8th. Proceeds from the sale will benefit Haydom Hospital in Tanzania, Africa and local benevolences.

You can start bringing your sale items to the gym in the educational building on Wednesday, April 29th. Please do not bring items in any sooner than that as we have no place to store them.

Also, we need many volunteers to help set up, run the sale, clean up, and other assorted duties. Please call Jane Neal at 419-836-1751 if you are willing to help.

## HOMEPLATE FEES DUE

If you signed up to attend the Homeplate event on May 2nd, remember to turn in your fees (\$26 per person) to the church office by April 12th. We will leave from church at 10:00 am on May 2nd.



## LIBRARY NEWS

### New Books!

Jan Karon's **PATCHES OF GODLIGHT**, Favorite quotes of Father Tim. This will be found in the inspirational section. It consists of quotes that are written by many people and filled with wisdom. Donated by Olga Zimmerman.

**OPEN ARMS** by Tracy DePree. A minister, Paul Hanlon and his wife Kate, are about to take over a youth group and immediately run into problems. A great story that will get your attention immediately.

**ALZHEIMER'S** a caregivers guide and sourcebook. If you are a caregiver for someone with this disease, hopefully this book will give you some insights. Donated by Ginny Nissen.

Happy Easter.

—Marilyn Cashen



## ANNUAL CARD PARTY



The 18<sup>th</sup> annual Card Party & Luncheon is Tuesday, April 28th at noon. Tallies are \$8. For reservations call Jean DeWitt at 419-698-8963. The elevator will be available.

There is a sign up sheet on the clipboard in the lounge if you can donate a 9x13 dessert to serve at least 12 people. We also need lots of door prizes, either something you've made or something you can get a business to donate. There are boxes in the lounge and Narthex for depositing these donations. Everyone is welcome to join us for a fun day.

## ALL DAUGHTER BANQUET

The All-Daughter Banquet will be Wednesday, May 13, 2009 at 6:00 pm. All God's daughters (not just members of First St. John) are welcome to attend. This year's theme is "You've Got Purse-onality!"

Enjoy a grand celebration of the woman's ultimate accessory . . . the PURSE! Admit it, we all love them. We have closets full of purses for every occasion. Come and enjoy the PURSE-FECT program; watch a purse fashion show, play purse games, find out how to choose the PURSE-FECT purse. The evening will conclude with spiritual thoughts on THE PURSE DRIVEN LIFE.

Tickets will be on sale beginning Easter Sunday through Mother's Day. Watch your bulletins and May newsletter for more information. Please make plans to be involved in celebrating women in the church.

## MEN'S BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP

In April, our Men's Breakfast Fellowship group will meet on Saturday, April 4 at 8:00 a.m. in the Dining Hall at the Lutheran Homes of Toledo on the corner of Wheeling and Seaman. We are supporting their fundraiser, which is an all-you-can-eat pancake and sausage breakfast for \$4.00 per person. It's a good time to join us for some good food and fellowship. The congregation is also invited to support the Home's ministry. Here's another reason to come out: the Easter Bunny will also make an appearance.

## MEMORIALS

### CEMETERY FUND

In memory of Walter Young by Margie Heninger, Nancy Gallaher.

In memory of August Lofquist by Irene Abbott, Marlene Fouty, Ruth Zasada & Chris, Kevin & Carol Abbey; Dan, Joyce, Jeanie and Patrick Martin.

### AIR CONDITIONING FUND

In memory of Walter Young by Sandra Stahl and family, Duane & Mary K. Hubaker, Bill & Ginny Wegman.

In memory of August Lofquist by Pastor & Mrs. Labuhn, Ada Kreger, Donald & Doris Higley, Todd & Kay Maxey and family, Daryl & Betty Joehlin and family, Bill Joehlin and family, Esther Bell, Dave & Lore Warnke, Warren & Doris Danekind, Paul & Vivian Kuhlman, Dorothy Laney, Ted, Andrea, William & Charlie Mitchell, Kate & Bob Webb, Dan & Cathy Gustafson, Esther & Karin, Philip & Lillian Keller, Toledo Dartball League, Dale & Barbara Joehlin, Eric & Cindy Johnson, Jean Garey, Marian & Joe Chaney, Tom & LuAnn Schuffenecker, Marilyn Cashen, Glenn & Margaret Koester, Joyce Yard, Chuck Bell Family, Earl & Shirley Warnke, Sue Moszkowicz, Dev, Chris, Breena, Cory & Cole Lofquist, Floyd Koester, Donna Koester, Tom, Sandy & Kevin Garverick, Scott & Beth Joegly.

### CHOIR FUND

In memory of Walter Young by Walter & Darlene Metzger, Ron & Joanne Koch.

In memory of Lois Ackerman by Connie Koch.  
In memory of August Lofquist by Steve & Peggy Torda.

### CURRENT FUND

In memory of Walter Young by Med-Atlantic Region of Sage Products, Christopher Haefner, Jr., Donna Koester, Johnstone Machinery Movers, Inc., George & Elaine Ackerman, Warren & Doris Danekind, Jerry & Elinor Ehrsam, Martha Hecklinger, Connie Koch, Donald & Doris Higley, Mary Ellen Miller, Shirley Helmke, Louise & Jim Sommers.

### CURRENT FUND (continued)

In memory of LaVerne Klawitter's birthday by Ada Kreger.

In memory of August Lofquist by Mary Ellen Miller, Martha Meyers, Ivan & Margie Myers and family, Louise & Jim Sommers.

### YOUTH

In memory of Walter Young by Bob & Sherrie Haar.

### MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Walter Young by Marlene Fouty.

### ENDOWMENT FUND

In memory of August Lofquist by Gene Hagedorn, M/M Don Meyer, Fred & Hilda Saelzler.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

In memory of August Lofquist by Dartball Team #2.

### ALTAR GUILD

In memory of August Lofquist by Terry & Jane Schuetz, Jean DeWitt.

### BELL CHOIR

In memory of August Lofquist by Frank & Barb Meyers, Raj & Linda Joshi.

### DEBT RETIREMENT

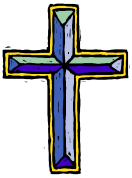
In memory of August Lofquist by Dave & Di Habegger.



**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

**APRIL 20**





## RENEW April Schedule

**April 1, 5:00 pm**— Tony Packos on Front Street. We will attend the Lenten service afterward.

**UPCOMING: May 2**—Homeplate - Ball Game in Detroit.

Students and Families,

I have been dealing with back pain during the last several months. I thought that this would go away if I started a plan of chiropractic care along with some exercising. This was not the case, so my chiropractor ordered an MRI. The results said I have a herniated disc pinching the sciatic nerve. I was then referred to a neurosurgeon and now have been scheduled for surgery April 7.

I will be out of the office for some time healing and re-cooperating. I wish this was not happening. It is hard for me to be away, but I know I need to take care of this so I can be a better representation of Jesus and further my work with you. I'm writing to ask for your prayers and understanding during this time. I will be checking my email and will have my cell phone. Just know that it might take me awhile to respond to either. Thanks for the support you've shown. Isaiah 49:10 has given me great strength during this difficult time. There is a song by Tenth Avenue North, "By Your Side," and this has also given me courage and hope. So, whatever you maybe facing, know the God of love is there with you, no matter what the situation. Hold on, don't give up, and rest in the vast character of God. Isaiah 49:10: "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

Blessings, Mary

## WINSLOW SCHOLARSHIP FUND



A scholarship has been instituted to help members of First St. John who will attend college the 2009/2010 year. Money will come from the David Winslow Memorial Golf outing, but anyone can donate to this fund. Scholarship applications are in the church office. Applications must be completed and returned to the church office by May 1<sup>st</sup> to be considered.

## MILITARY SERVICE NOTES

**IMPORTANT:** On April 13th, WELCA will send Easter cookies to our service people. If you have a family member in the service, please notify the church office of their address by April 7th.

Here are the addresses of members, family, and friends of First St. John who serve in the military. You can send cards or packages to these service people, and remember to pray for them, too!

*Specialist Steven Doherty*  
(will ship out to Iraq soon, but we do not currently have an address for him; please keep him in your prayers)

*SSGT Kevin Fouty*  
2021 A Mustang Ct.  
Langley AFB, VA 23665

*CPL Nick Grady*  
44-139 Bayview Haven Pl.  
Kaneohe, HI 96744

*Cynthia Lynn Henderson*  
521 Pine Forest Trail  
Orange Park, FL 32073

*Chief Petty Officer Marc Le Duc*  
3105 Tullibee Circle P-1  
Silverdale, WA 98315

*SSGT Matthew Phillips*  
2611 10th Ave. S.  
Suite 2, Box 263  
Great Falls, MT 59405

*Captain Lindsey Rowland*  
CMR 418 Box 1155  
APO, AE 09058

Grant Rowland  
BP 493 Kaolack  
Senegal, W. Africa

GMSA SWANSON CHRISTOPHER  
1474 GILBERT ST.  
CEP 162  
PCD TRUXTON DDG103  
NORFOLK, VA 23511

*(capitalize all letters)*

## DAYSCHOOL NEWS

*"If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!" — 2 Corinthians 5:17*

Dear Friends,

Even though young children cannot fully grasp the impact of the Resurrection, they can participate in the joy we feel knowing God loves us and sent His only Son to save us. Through books, flannel stories, and plastic eggs (containing pieces of the resurrection story), the good news of Easter is shared with the children. The Easter story **shouts** the Gospel, and that's what we hope our children take from First St. John. Our prayer is they will hold Him close to their hearts and tell others about Him!

Throughout April, we will celebrate spring! There are so many amazing signs of new life and rebirth to look forward to. The flowers, trees, birds, bugs, sunshine, rain -- they are all such a wonderful part of this season. We will continue to work on the central truth that God made the world and everything in it. He still takes care of it all, including us! I have said many times how much I enjoy listening to the children articulate their faith...it never gets old!

Parent/Teacher conferences are April 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>. If there are any special happenings in the church that you would like to invite the Dayschool families to (i.e. Easter services, Easter egg hunt, vacation bible school) we would be glad to let them know.

For those who enjoy the Club Choice products, we are again selling them to raise funds for our school. Order forms are available in the Narthex, and Dayschool or Church office. Thanks in advance for help with this. All the funds are going to enhance classroom materials.

The Dayschool can earn a donation every time you search the Internet and shop online!!! Search the web with Yahoo-powered GoodSearch.com and they'll donate a penny to our school each time you search! Shop at more than 600 GoodShop.com merchants including Amazon, Best Buy, Toys R Us, and others, and a percentage of each purchase will go to our school!

If you have ribbon, rick-rack, material, doilies, buttons, sequins, beads, etc., you can drop them off at the Dayschool office and I will find a good use for them. The children are good at creating masterpieces from scraps! A special thanks to those who already think of us often.

We will entertain First St. John with our beautiful voices

on Sunday, April 26th at the 10:15 service. We will do our very best job and pray you will enjoy us!

Continue spreading the word about our school. Registration has begun. Some classes are already full with waiting lists. If you know anyone who may be interested, please encourage them to come, see, and experience the quality program we have. Please continue to keep this ministry in your prayers. It is truly a blessing to all involved.

In Him, Barb Shellhammer



### ***Come Sway the Palms!***

Celebrate Palm Sunday  
during Sunday School!

***April 5  
9:00—10:00***

***Bring a Friend!***

***Mystery Give-Aways!***

***All Ages Welcome!***



## **THANK YOU FROM TOLEDO DAY NURSERY**

Thank you for the generous gift of your time and talents that you give consistently to the children of Toledo Day Nursery. The mittens and hats that you gave the older children during the holidays have kept so many of them warm and well during these long winter days. Now the gorgeous quilts you have sent are covering many of our infants and toddlers, keeping the warm and cozy as they nap! These children have so many needs; and we do give some of the families the hats and mittens to use everyday. For the past 138 years, Toledo Day Nursery's role has been to prepare infants, toddlers, and preschoolers for success when they enter the public school system. Thanks for the part you have played in our children's success. Together, we are making a difference in many young lives.

-- Pat Scheuer, Executive Director,  
Toledo Day Nursery



## DARTBALL DIARY



**March 2, 2009—First St. John at St. Lucas:** *Late Saturday night, just before his 85th birthday, we lost our captain and leader of our dartball team — Augie Lofquist. He had been captain for well over 45 years, and I had the pleasure of playing with him for over 53 years. We had many enjoyable Monday nights together. Also, we served on church council for a number of years and counted money after church and Sunday School services. He was one of my best friends, and we saw our children grow up together. Anyway, I am sad of his passing but am glad he suffers no more. So long, Augie. You will be missed by all of us. — Joe Chaney*

Tonight we played St. Lucas and were fortunate to win all 3 games. Our record is now 20-13. In the 1st game we got off to a 2-0 lead in the 2nd inning on homers by Ted and Bernie. In the 3rd inning, Frank singled and Eric homered to make it 4-0. Then we made it 6-0 in the 4th inning as Mike and Terry homered. In the 6th inning Ted & Mike doubled to make it 7-0. In the 6th, they homered to make it 7-1. In the 7th, Tom G. homered for an 8-1 final score.

In the 2nd game we got off to a 2-0 lead in the 2nd inning on a double by Tom E. and a homer by Bernie. Ted homered in the 4th to make it 3-0. In the 7th inning St. Lucas got 2 homers to make the final score 3-2.

In the 3rd game we got off to a 1-0 lead in the 1st on doubles by Eric and Tom G. In the 3rd, we made it 5-0 on homers by Raj, Eric, Tom E., and Bernie. In the 5th Tom E. and Tom G. doubled, and Ted and Terry homered to make it 9-0. In the 5th, they doubled twice to make it 9-1. In the 9th, they singled twice and doubled to make the final score 9-2.

### League Standings as of 2-16-09

	W	L	GBL
1st St. John #2	20	10	*
Good Shepherd	19	11	1
1st St. John #1	17	13	3
Messiah	14	16	6
Trinity	14	16	6
1st St. Mark	13	17	7
St. Mark	12	18	8
St. Lucas	11	19	9

**March 16, 2009—St. John #2 at St. John #1:** Tonight we played St. John #2 and they got off to a good start. In the 4th inning, Butch doubled and Derek homered for a 2-0 lead. In the 6th inning Lloyd doubled and Butch and Derek homered again for a 5-0 lead. In our half of the 6th, Chet homered to make it 5-1. In the 7th, Bob and Butch doubled to make it 6-1. In the 8th inning, Dutch singled and Dick homered to make the final score 8-1.

In the 2nd inning of the 2nd game, they got off to a 2-0 lead on a double by Bob and a homer by Butch. In the 3rd inning they increased their lead to 4-0 on a single by Dutch and a homer by Lloyd. In our half of the 4th we make it 4-2 on a double by Eric and a homer by Tom E. Then Mike homered for us to make it 4-3. In the 6th Bob homered for them to make it 5-3. In the 7th, Ryan and Lloyd homered for them to make it 7-3. In the 8th Bernie and Mike doubled to make the final score 7-4.

In the 3rd game they got off to a 2-0 lead on doubles by Lloyd and Dick and a triple by Butch. In the 3rd they increased their lead to 6-0 on a single by Dutch, and homers by Lloyd, Bob, and Butch. In the 7th Tom E. homered to make it 6-1. In the 8th, Bob and Butch doubled to make the final score 7-1. For our next game we play Good Shepherd at home.

### League Standings as of 3-2-09

	W	L	GBL
1st St. John #2	21	12	*
Good Shepherd	21	12	*
1st St. John #1	20	13	1
Messiah	17	16	4
Trinity	15	18	6
St. Mark	14	19	7
1st St. Mark	13	20	8
St. Lucas	11	22	10

### RECYCLING MAGAZINES



A basket is in the lounge for recycling magazines to be donated to an area hospital's Emergency waiting room. Please remember to tear off your address label before donating. Thank you.



# First St. John Lutheran Church Prayer Chain

(as of March 24, 2009)

## Crisis Prayer List

*This is for those who need prayers in an urgent matter such as upcoming surgery, emergency medical care (ICU), etc. Individuals will be moved to "Chronic Prayer List" after 1 month unless one of the prayer chain contacts is notified of special circumstances:*

**Jim Ackerman**  
**Chris Burk**  
**Douglas Burk**  
**Dewey Caldwell**  
**Mary Darling**  
**Mary Lou Hoeflinger**  
**Family of John Johnson**  
**Connie Koch**  
**Family of Augie Lofquist**  
**Family of Warren Nenzo**  
**Nancy Pass**  
**Dick Ross**  
**Fred Saelzler**  
**Wyatt Schlegel**  
**Barbara Thomas**  
**Shirley Warnke**  
**Family of Walt Young**  
**Raetta Zeisler**

## Chronic Prayer List

*This is for those who need prayers for ongoing serious situations such as cancer, medical struggles and recovery and personal situations. Individuals will be moved off after 3 months unless one of the prayer chain contacts is notified of continuing circumstances:*

**Janet Bain**  
**Virginia Brandeberry**  
**Kyle Cannon & Family**  
**Marjorie Counterman**  
**Linda Curran**  
**Jackie Curtis**  
**Ronald Curtis**  
**George Davenport & Family**  
**Ed Ellis**  
**Walter Felder**  
**Marlene Fouty**  
**Eleanor Habegger**  
**Sally Winstead Hartzell**  
**Laurie Madrazo**  
**Family of Sharon Monday**  
**Melissa Perry**  
**Lori Reetz**

## Chronic Prayer List (continued)

**Hank Schumaker**  
**Dennis Scott**  
**Diane Smith**  
**Leroy Smith**  
**John Spoerl**  
**Betty Timbrook**  
**Candy Webster**  
**Jimmer Woods**  
**Bill Zeisler**

Please check the list and let any of the prayer chain contacts know if there are individuals who could be moved off.

## Prayer Chain Contacts

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Donna Koehn 693-5030  
Ada Kreger 693-1549  
Gloria Ross 836-7166



## *MEMBER ADDRESS CHANGES*

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Toledo, OH 43605

Cynthia Lynn Henderson  
521 Pine Forest Trail  
Orange Park, FL 32073  
(Jordan, Lucas)

Margaret Hosley  
Genoa Care Center  
300 Cherry St.  
Genoa, OH 43430

Betty Morse  
1008 Village Trail Dr.  
Maumee, OH 43537

Barbara & Jake Trombley  
1269 Norwood Ave.  
Toledo, OH 43607

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## FIRST ST. JOHN COUNCIL MINUTES - MARCH 17, 2009

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Devotions were read by Mark Ackerman. Roll call was taken and a quorum was not met, so no voting could occur.

**Treasurer's Report** - Lisa Anderson reported money may be spent on parts for the boiler and come from special funds, not operating funds.

**Board of Education** - Sunday school attendance has been low since Christmas. New curriculum for the near future is called Hands on Bible. Students have been invited from the Dayschool to come to Sway with the Palms Sunday school on Palm Sunday.

**Elders** - Things are going smoothly. All Holy Week services are covered.

**Property Management** - Water was drained out of the back parking lot last Sunday. Fixing the drain and redoing the parking lot will be done together. Catch basin has fallen down and now is temporarily working. Material used for new parking area will be either concrete or black top. Repairing drains around perimeter of church will be done as well. Length of job will depend on weather and the company doing the job. Pieces for the boiler have been ordered so it can be fixed. Replaced knobs in the women's bathroom. Fire alarm in gym has been fixed by putting a protective grate over it so it doesn't get broken by balls. The steps up to Altar Guild room are concrete, and they are breaking down. Trustees met to repair 7 pews by reinforcing them. Still have a few in the balcony to do.

**Finance Committee** - Kroger Cares program will be changing. Cards that are reloaded will be discontinued; now you can link your Kroger plus card to this program. Lisa will take care of the details to help members keep using the program.

**Youth Report** - Pastor gave the youth report. Mary attended a youth ministry conference. Material has been purchased for the youth. There will be an upcoming youth event here at church at the end of April.

**Dayschool Report** - Barb gave the report for the Dayschool. Open house generated some students for the upcoming year. The students will sing in church on April 26.

**Pastor's Report** - Holy Week services will be Thursday at noon in the chapel and 7:00 pm in church, Friday from noon to 1:00 pm and Friday evening at 7:00 pm, Easter Sunday early service at 7:45, Easter breakfast from 8:45 to 10, and late service at 10:30. Synod assembly will be May 15-16 in Bowling Green. Elders to examine 8<sup>th</sup> grade students for confirmation (which is on April 19<sup>th</sup>).

**New Business** - Interior and exterior lights need to be fixed. Light for front stained glass window needs to be repaired but also needs special equipment to be brought in for the repairs.

**Old Business** - Staffing the nursery during church was brought up. One person has expressed interest. Need to look into finding someone to be committed to being there every week.

The meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Habegger  
Recording Secretary

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Mark your calendars! Vacation Bible School this summer will be Sunday, July 19th through Thursday, July 23rd from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm each night. The theme this year is "Crocodile Dock—Where Fearless Kids Shine God's Light!" Vacation Bible School is for ages 3 through fifth grade. Sixth graders and older are encouraged to help out.

Look for registration information soon. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help please contact Abbie Skorupa at 419-346-1752. Hope to see you there!