



ST. GEORGE

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Milk, apples, cheese, broccoli, ok. Crackers, ice cream—wait, I don't really need those. Not that I ever did, but lately I find myself backing off of some purchases because I don't want to pay the price. Everyone seems to be feeling the effects of inflation, and I know that across the board, churches and non-profits are struggling because giving is down, and people are spending their money on the things they need to live.

Spoiler alert: This is NOT going to be an article advising “suck it up, Buttercup, and give till it hurts,” but rather this is an article on WOW! You members of St. George are doing amazing things!

I was recently at a meeting of coordinators for the Love INC ministry. As you know, St. George participates in Love INC through our cleaning supply ministry. This is known as a “Gap Ministry” to “fill in the gaps” for people in need. Love INC’s purpose is to mobilize local churches to offer a holistic approach to caring for people in all areas of life, including spiritual, mental, emotional, relationship, material, and physical. We offer cleaning supplies to our neighbors in the community who need help; and this is a relational ministry rather than just a give it away ministry.

After the main speaker finished, we were asked to go around the room and share our ministry. Each individual shared what his or her church was doing in terms of outreach ministry. I learned that many of the churches represented do not have “Gap” ministries but rather help out from time to time. When my turn came, I was proud to be able to name all the ministries that St. George supports, which is incredible for a church our size. We have more ministries than many of the larger churches, not that it is a competition, but it shows how generous and committed the members of St. George are. Thank you for your outreach! You are truly amazing.

Continued on Page 2

INSIDE THIS ISSUE

- Celebrations..... 2
- God’s work our hands 3
- Donations.....4
- Youth Ministry.....5
- The Friendship Circle 6
- Needleworks..... 7
- Calendar 8

October 2022



PASTOR'S MESSAGE CONT.

Senior worship and luncheon

Join us October 13 at 11 a.m. for Senior Worship and Luncheon. We will meet in the sanctuary for a brief worship service followed by luncheon in the basement. The menu for October is an Octoberfest theme featuring German food. On the menu: Sauerbraten
rotkohl
Spaetzle
German bread
German apple cake
We hope you can join us! Please sign up so we know how many are coming. You can sign up by calling the church office no later than October 11 or on the sign up sheet in the fellowship area.

Here is a partial list of what we do at St. George: You all know about Love INC., but we also support so many other ministries in various ways: Special Ministries of Livingston County, Fish and Loaves community meal, Seafarer's international, the local hospitals and shelters with Needleworks group, Lutheran World Relief school kits and fabric kits, Christmas Blessing boxes, the local animals shelter, Salem Lutheran church in Flint, VINA, ECLA 40 days of giving, Fleece and Thank you, ELCA Good Gifts, among others. This is in addition to our benevolence to the ELCA and the regular weekly offerings that you give to support St. George's ministries.

I understand that it is tough to give away money when groceries cost more than ever, but I want to thank you for your generosity and ongoing support of outreach ministries. I am very proud of the members of St. George for your commitment living in ways which give witness to the kingdom of God. Thank you for your partnership in the gospel!

Pastor Sharon

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

10/01 Vasant Ninan

10/07 Barbara Gienapp

10/10 Kyle Cozart

10/13 Janet Dicks

10/15 Hilikka Herbst

10/19 Robert Durand

10/19 Debra Martin

10/20 Curtis Brown

10/23 Angela Brown

10/29 Joanne Bellmard

10/29 Linda Carey

10/05 Angela and Curtis Brown

10/06 Shirley and Bob Knight

10/10 Mary and Greg Stamm

10/11 Karen and Ken Dallafior

GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS



St.
George
members
tying
blankets
for God's
Work
Our
Hands
Sunday



State Police Trunk or Treat

We have an opportunity for TWO Trunk or Treats this year! Our own, which is October 29 from 4-5 p.m. in our parking lot, (see information in on page 5), as well as an interfaith effort to build bridges between the police and the community. On Faith and Blue weekend the State police are sponsoring a Trunk or Treat and asking for churches to come help out as well as attend! The Trunk or Treat itself will be held at the parking lot of Brighton Christian Church 4309 Buno Rd. Brighton. The State Police post is right next door.

The State Police are people to bring and pass out candy (optional car decorations with a family friendly theme are welcome). Arrive at 5 p.m. for set up and pass out candy from 6-8 or until you run out!

This will be so much fun that you'll want to do it again on October 29 at our church!

DONATIONS

A special thanks to the church members who contributed scrubbing sponges the September collection item, to the Love INC - Buckets of Blessings Ministry.

October's Love INC - Bucket of Blessings Ministry pantry item that is being collected will be: scrubbing cleanser such as Comet.

Thank you for your continued support to our community ministry and program.



VINA Fundraiser

Blue and maize or green and white? October 29 is the day of the Michigan/Michigan State football rivalry. VINA, the low-cost dental clinic for the underinsured, is sponsoring a tailgate at Crystal Gardens on October 27. Please consider attending if you can, but if not, please support your favorite team through monetary donations! There are donation jars on the table in the fellowship area. All proceeds go to VINA! Who will win this year?

The Tailgate started in 2009 and we have kept track of the winning team each year.

Michigan: 6

Michigan State: 7

Will the Wolverines tie it up this year after their victory last year?
Or will the Spartans pull ahead and strengthen their lead?

YOUTH MINISTRY

Sunday School

We offer Sunday School classes for children preschool through 5th grade every Sunday from 10:00-11:00am

Enjoy these pictures from our Sunday School Rally Day!

Confirmation

Confirmation classes resume in October for children 6th-8th grade. If you would like your child to attend Confirmation classes this year, contact Morgan Gibbs.

LCYC

The Livingston County Youth Collaborative event is back! Our first meeting is Sunday, October 16 at 12:30 PM at 10077 W. Coon Lake Road, Webberville, MI.

Join us for lunch, pumpkins, and a hayride!

Trunk or Treat

Join us Saturday, October 29th from 4-5 PM for costume contests, pumpkin decorating, a bounce house, games, and trunk or treating! All ages welcome!

Musikgarten

In our God's Children Sing classes, sharing our faith provides the central theme for the activities in each lesson. Each lesson will provide an opportunity for your child to experience music through singing and vocal play, moving, listening, exploring musical concepts, and playing and exploring musical instruments.

Price for the semester is \$45.00. Currently offering \$35.00 special introductory price for first-time families. Cost includes tuition and CD, rhythm instrument, and parent book.

Classes take place at St. George on Fridays 10:00am – 10:30am

from October 7th, 2022 to December 13, 2022

for children 1 year to 5 years

Blessings,
Morgan Gibbs
Youth Director
St. George Lutheran
Church
810-599-0961
stgbyouth@gmail.com



FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE

Beating the Blues

I think waking up on the wrong side of the bed is relatively common. However, when this occurs, all is not lost. God has offered us several remedies. First, he has given us a chance to choose an attitude. He hopes we will elect a good and happy attitude. He almost guarantees this will influence our entire life, and help us with all our endeavors.

God has a few more suggestions for the blues.

1. Find something that makes you laugh out loud, a friend, a book, or a trip to the pet shop.

On top of the list, he might suggest that we surprise a friend by taking her for coffee, or making dinner for a caregiver who needs a break.

Most of all, say thanks to someone who's often overlooked.

Gosh, I feel better already. Thank you God!!!!

FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE

Our monthly gathering under the leadership of Elaine McIntyre, took place on September 13. We enjoyed yummy coffee and cookies thanks to Collene Hedden.

Even though the holidays seem far away, we are already making plans. Please mark the following dates on your calendar and plan to enjoy them with us.

A. We look forward to decorating our church on Saturday, December 3, at 10:00 am. (We need your HELP!!!!!!)

B. On Tuesday, December 6, at 6:30 pm, we will present a special Advent service for all interested women. We ask that the ladies of St. George provide deserts. (we hope to increase attendance, so please share any ideas you may have.)

C. December 18, it's our famous cookie sale. Please bake your favorite cookies for this sale!!!

We welcome new folks to our group. We think you'd like us!!!!

Elaine McIntyre is sending a "Million Thanks" to Jim Luttinen, Jim Tavarozzi, and Bob Knight for their help in putting "Mums" on the front porch of the Church, and the Patio.

Mary Lynn Thomson, Friendship Circle Secretary



NEEDLEWORKS NEWS

Needleworks News Oct. 2022

Needleworker of the Month: Elaine McIntyre

Elaine is always such an enthusiastic and warm presence at our meetings! She welcomes new members and enjoys sharing ideas and techniques. Her baby quilts are amazingly beautiful and are very gratefully received by our hospital recipients.

Elaine also likes to knit hats for our Seafarers mission and baby blankets for hospital donation.

September donations:

LACASA: 28 scarves and 34 hats

Providence Park Hospital: 5 adult lap blankets and 2 baby blankets

October project: finishing up our wool hats and scarves for the Seafarers' Christmas at Sea satchels

Next meeting: Thursday, October 20, at 11:30 in the Fellowship Hall

Martin Luther: "Christian life consists of faith and charity."



October 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 9 & 11 Services 10-Sunday School / Pet Blessings	3	4	5 8- Men's Group	6 10- Bible Study	7	1 / 8
9 8 Fellowship Mts 9 & 11 Services 10-Sunday School/ Friends and family breakfast	10	11	12 8- Men's Group	13 10- Bible Study 11- Senior Worship/Luncheon	14	15
16 9 & 11 Services 10- Sunday School	17	18	19 8- Men's Group	20 10- Bible Study 11:30- Needleworks	21	22
23 9 & 11 Services 10- Sunday School	24	25 5:30 Executive board	26 8- Men's Group 7:30- One Year Bible	27 10- Bible Study 5:30 Council Mtg.	28	29
30 9 & 11 Services 10-Sunday School	31					

St. George Lutheran Church, ELCA
803 West Main Street
Brighton, MI 48116
810-229-6670
stgeorgebrighton@gmail.com

PLEASE
PLACE
STAMP
HERE



Worship

Sunday Services

Traditional Worship 9:00

Contemporary Worship 11:00

Both services also online

Visit us on our website:

www.stgeorgelutheran.org