



# Confirmation

## THE EPISTLE

### I THANK GOD FOR YOU!

*"I thank God every time I remember you, in all of my prayers I remember you, I always pray with joy." Philippians 1:3*

This past month, I had the joy of preaching at one of my former congregation's 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary. During a blessed time in my family's, wife's and my life, we served as DCE at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Iowa City, Iowa. All three of my children were born there and we have dear friends yet there today. The same could be said, "I thank God for you," for our congregation and school of SJL in Defiance, Ohio. Here are 10 things for us to be thankful for:



Blessed Holy Week and Easter services with a number of worshippers and guests, and a variety of services that proclaimed Christ's death and resurrection.

Our choir, elders, worship leaders, tech people and everyone else who made these services possible.

A new Easter Vigil service held on Saturday evening that blessed worshippers. Being blessed by "Revelation Dancers," on both Good Friday and Easter morning services.

A positive report for our Preschool and School with their accreditation process and review and a great "Spring Fling" school fund raiser.

200+ children and adults taking part in our 419 Easter Egg Hunt.

Over 75 people and 9 groups participating in "I Am a Church Member," small group Bible Study.

A functioning "Long Range Planning Ministry," and a dedicated Associate Pastor Call Committee.

An emerging outreach ministry and 419 Ministry teams that include a new church sign, restart of VBS, and Community Servant Day.

Many ministries ranging from Tuesday morning drive-through meals, Cub and Boy Scout events, Ladies Aid noodles, Life with God classes, Clothes Closet, Noah's Ark trip by our Lutheran Day School and Confirmation ministries, and the list can go on and on.

*"I thank God for you!"* May we, in this season of Easter, continue to be partners of the Gospel, each with our talents and gifts realizing that God will bring them to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**In Christ, our Risen Lord, All God's people say, "Amen!"** Pastor Mews

#### - CHURCH SERVICE TIMES -

Traditional Services: 5:30 p.m. Saturday, 8:00 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday  
and Contemporary Service at 11:00 a.m. Sunday

655 Wayne Ave., Defiance, OH 43512

• [www.stjohnndefiance.com](http://www.stjohnndefiance.com)

Church 419.782.5766

#### - LIVE STREAMING -

5:30 p.m. Saturday and 11:00 a.m. Sunday  
Bible Study, Sunday, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

School 419.782.1751

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## SERMONS FOR MAY

**May 1 "Feed My Lambs" by Pastor Mews**

Text: John 21:1-14, 15-19

**May 8, "Never See His Face Again" by Pastor Mews**

Text: Acts 20:17-35

**May 15, "He Will Wipe Away Every Tear" by Pastor Mews**

Text: Revelation 21:1-7

**May 22, "Take Heart, Overcome the World" by Pastor Mews**

Text: John 16:23-33

**May 29, "May Another Take Leadership Place" by Pastor Mews**

Text: Acts 1:12-26



St. John Call Committee has set a tentative meeting on May 2 as we continue the process of replacing the 2<sup>nd</sup> pastor. The Call Committee is down to two candidates. Keep all of the process in your prayers.

**COMING SOON**

The Epistle for June/July will be combined! It will be out on the weekend of June 4/5.

**NAMES** of those who died in service: please turn them in to the church office. They will be honored on Memorial Day Weekend during the services.



### Ohio District

The NW Ohio Circuit meeting was held here on April 12. Thanks to the Ladies Aid for providing breakfast and lunch. The May meeting will be held at St. Stephen's Defiance. Pastor Mews and Mike Saxton will be our representatives at the 2022 Ohio District Convention held June 22 to 24 at Concordia University, Ann Arbor, MI.

### PRIVATE COMMUNION

The Pastor continues to offer private Communion for anyone who wishes to have Communion. Please call the church office for an appointment.

### SHUT-IN CALLS

We have around 30 people who are designated as shut-ins in our congregation. The Pastor, Walt Smith, and George Kaiser are keeping in contact with our members. If the shut-in person is comfortable having a home visit, arrangements will be made for this visit.

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### PASTOR'S OFFICIAL ACTS

#### Baptism

Camille Maine Cereghin on April 24.  
 Parents are Dillon & Chelsea Cereghin.



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# CONGREGATION MEETING

## SUNDAY, MAY 22

### AT 2:00 P.M.



### *Ladies Aid*

The Ladies Aid next meeting is May 26 at 2 p.m. with Jean Hoag as Chair Hostess. The Food Pantry item is shampoo. You can also bring in laundry soap & toilet paper to help cover for the months of June and July when we will NOT be meeting. We are planning a Fashion Show in September, Noodle making close to the holidays, and the Advent Tea in November. We hope to see everyone at the May meeting. We will be social distancing.



## Cross Training

Our Cross Training program concluded on April 27 with an end-of-year celebration for our students, leaders, and families. It was a blessing and a joy to serve the youth at St. John through this program, and we hope to continue growing to spread the Good News of Christ to all who participate in Cross Training. On May 1 at the 11:00 a.m. service we will be confirming 8 students into communicate membership. Please congratulate and pray for our wonderful Confirmands as they take this next step in their faith: Mabel Adams, Eli Buchhop, Bryce Eckert, Alex Hinojosa, Rose Kiessling, Cailyn March, Hendrix Meyers, and Christopher Steingass.

## Bible Study Opportunities

Led by Pastor Mews



### ◇ In Depth Bible Study

"Parables" was written by the talented journalist Dr. Edward Veith. This study takes participants through a fresh study of specifics of Lutheranism that is engaging and rewarding. Veith's study will show how the cross of Christ shapes our life so that genuine spirituality of Christ echoes through all our lives even in instances that most would consider mundane. This group gathers on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.

### ◇ Exodus Thursday A.M. Bible Study

We are studying the book of Exodus. The class gathers from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. on Thursdays in the Fellowship Hall.

### ◇ Life with God

Summer class starts Monday, June 6, through Monday, August 29. Classes are held Monday evenings in the Adult Bible Study Room from 6:30-8:30 p.m. This class is for all interested in renewing their faith, learning the basics of Christianity and Lutheranism, or just exploring what our church believes and why we do what we do. Sign up by June 5. Blue forms are attached or see Pastor Mews or the church office.



## The Food Pantry

Continues on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. During April they served 42 families or 132 people for a total of 224 bags of food or \$2,240.00.

Thank you to everyone who continues to support this ministry.



Meijer of Defiance is featuring St. John Lutheran Food Pantry from **now through Sunday, July 3, 2022.**

Please pick up a \$10.00 scan card in the church office and take it to the Defiance Meijer store to be scanned and add \$10.00 to your receipt to be given to St. John Pantry as Meijer gift cards at the end of the campaign.

Please note on **Saturday, June 18, 2022, Meijer will DOUBLE your contributions.** For every \$10 Simply Give Card purchased on this date Meijer will provide an additional contribution of \$20, bringing the total to \$30 for a single customer purchase. Each purchase resulting from **Double Match Days** will be matched by Meijer up to a maximum amount of \$10,000 for the campaign.

Thank you to Meijer for continuing to support our Community and Food Pantries in Northwest Ohio and all our congregation members who support the food pantry.

## Scouting News



After an Easter Egg Hunt in April, the Pack will be having an overnight camp at Camp Lakota this month. In addition to hiking, fishing and a variety of other activities, the Webelos (grades 4-5) will be practicing their outdoor cooking skills. The Pack will also be having an awards ceremony for Cubs who have earned rank and various other requirements.

Summer activities will begin with attendance at the Memorial Day service at Riverside Cemetery. Through the months of June, July and August, Cubs and their families will be visiting the Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, having loads of fun at the Rain Gutter Regatta and water games, and playing Putt-Putt Golf. Opportunities are also available to attend several different summer camps at Lakota.

Service to others is a very important part of Scouting. Thus, the Wolf (grade 2) and Webelos (grades 4-5) Dens made Easter cards that were distributed to patients at Laurels Nursing Home. This activity not only provided joy to those at that facility but also reinforced an empathetic attitude in the Cubs.

The Troop attended the Chinquapin District Camporee at the very beginning of the month. The theme of the Camporee was engineering. Activities included building solar ovens, construction of a vehicle demonstration, a lashing refresher and practice, a weather station and construction of a tower. The Troop will also have an opportunity to visit Wright-Patterson Air Force with the Pack this summer.

Youth and adults are always welcome to attend Pack and Troop events to learn more about the program. Questions at any time can be addressed to Mike Saxton, Chartered Organization Representative, at 419.439.2079.







## Meet the Confirmation Class 2022



There are eight 8<sup>th</sup> grade Jr. Confirmands this year. Their confirmation day is May 1, 2022 at the 11:00 a.m. service.



### **Mabel Claire Adams**

Confirmation Verse: Joshua 1:9

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.

Sponsors: Matthew & Danielle Phillips, Kyle Helmke



### **Elias Samuel Duane Buchhop**

Confirmation Verse: Romans 1:16

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew and also the Greek.

Sponsors: Brian Buchhop, Brooke Frazee



### **Bryce Jonathon Eckert**

Confirmation Verse: Psalm 46:1

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Sponsors: Teresa Tyler, Chris Tyler



### **Alex Agustin Hinojosa**

Confirmation Verse: Psalm 23:1

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

Sponsors: Ryan Zeller, Elizabeth Zeller



**Rose Elizabeth-Grace Kiessling**

Confirmation Verse: Revelation 2:10

Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life.

Sponsors: Maury Sims, Deb Sims



**Cailyn Marie March**

Confirmation Verse: 2 Timothy 1:7

God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power and self-discipline.

Sponsors: Sharyn March, Tracey Mueller, Wally & Bern Lee



**Hendrix William Meyers**

Confirmation Verse: Revelation 2:10

Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life.

Sponsors: Phillip Stelzer, Kristen Stelzer, Lindsey Niese



**Christopher Alan Steingass**

Confirmation Verse: Psalm 139:14

I praise you, for a I am fearfully and wonderfully made.  
Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well.

Sponsors: Jeffery Steingass, Michelle Steingass

## **SJL Administrative Retreat**



Are you tired of being tired? Do you know how to refuel and recharge? Simple, strategic, and rooted in Scripture, Restorative Wellness equips followers of Jesus to thrive by establishing a pace and passion for work, rest, and rhythm that is life-giving, transformative, and sustainable. Compelling and practical, this one-day getaway, with time set apart for personal retreat to hike, boat, and breathe - positions pastors to Reclaim the Call and Restore the Joy. Active, innovative, and refreshing, there will be multiple times to connect with others as we hit pause, rest well, and take a deep breath.

### **OVERVIEW**

Participants are invited to bring a "Breathe Team" who can enjoy the retreat with you and commit to three, 30-60 minute gatherings (at a time and place your group determines) to "keep the conversation going." Each participant is asked to invite 1-3 people. This can include friends, co-workers, and/or your spouse. Taking part in this retreat with a small group is critical. The commitment leads to the lasting change we desire and God longs to empower.

The Full-Time Administrative Staff will be heading to Camp Lutherhaven on May 4 and a special thanks to the Clothes Closet and Thrivent Action Team for covering this cost.

## **419 MINISTRY—SERVANT DAY EVENT**

419 Ministry is holding a Servant Day event on Sunday, May 15, from 1-6 p.m. This event focuses on our members going out into the community to serve and help where needed. We will be sending members to different locations around Defiance, including Fort Defiance Humane Society, the Path Center, the fire station, and many more. We would love to gather a large crew to spread Christ's love through our service at these various locations. If you are interested in participating in this event, please contact Angie Morris or fill out a registration sheet located in the lower hallway across from the mailboxes.

## **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JUNE 13-15, 2022**

All children ages 4-11 are invited to join us on June 13-15 for Vacation Bible School (VBS)! We will be exploring the theme "Mystery Island" in which we will be tracking down the one, true God. For this VBS, we will be partnering with Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church and will be holding our event at their location (301 Carter Rd, Defiance, OH 43512). Join us for crafts, interactive Bible lessons, music, games, fun with friends, and much more!





***Nursing Homes & Care Facilities******Brookview Healthcare Center: Sue Bidlack******Glenn Park: Bonnie Gomez******Kingsbury Place Assisted Living: Minnie Wagner, Martha Vaughn******Laurels of Defiance: Lorna Goldenetz, Becky Lindeman, Linda DeTray******SKLD Nursing Home (Twin Rivers): Robin Casper, Virginia Mast******Pine Hill Retirement Community: Wilma Beaverson******Men and Women in Military Service***

Ashleigh Aanerud	Tim Aanerud	Annette Bergman
Nicholas Hedlund	Kendra Oehlerich	Zachary Harrow
Jacob Hutcheson	Jacob Hinkle	Jordan Hutcheson
Nathaniel Mueller	Aaron Jagow	Hans Jagow
James Fisher	Alexis Poindexter	Andrew Nicely
Tracey Fraedrich		Corey Renn

**40+ Anniversaries**

Mark & Cricket Hageman (42) May 10  
 Bill & Suzanne Hultz (57) May 16  
 Jerry & Sharon Lynn (60) May 20  
 Keith & Shelly Decker (46) May 28  
 David & Kristine Graham (45) May 28  
 Thom & Karen Kent (51) May 30  
 Ted & Phyllis Nicely (64) May 31  
 Dave & Sandra Pergram (47) May 31

**80+ Birthdays**

Vicki Vogel (80) May 5  
 Maggie Mack (90) May 10  
 Bonnie Gomez (90) May 15  
 Gloraine Stelzer (97) May 23  
 Bonnie Warncke (80) May 25  
 Marvin March (87) May 26  
 Marilyn Guillian (87) May 29  
 Helen Miller (87) May 29



***Friends and Family Prayers -***  
***Please add to your prayers***

**Keith Ashbacher** (friend of Rick & Nancy Baldwin), **Marian Belknap** (mother of Debbie Wagner), **Amanda Bok** (niece of Marilyn Buchholz), **Charlie Beard** (requested by Charlie & Carol Edwards), **Barb Cavin** (mother-in-law of Sarah Cavin), **Brandon Chuckayne** (nephew of Pastor Mews), **Amanda & Scott Egly** (family of Nancy Eickenberg), **John Glick** (brother of Linda Brandt), **Kirk Green** (brother-in-law of Jeremy Stork), **Ivey Hall** (friend of Jim & Nancy Schatz), **Atlas Jagow** (grandson of Don & Marye Jagow), **Sally Lee** (sister of Ted and Otto Nicely), **Zach Lee** (nephew of Ted and Otto Nicely), **Nick** (Grandson of Sharon Meyer), **Gwenn Maas** (niece of Wendy Nashu), **Werner Mews** (father of Pastor Mews), **Wilma Mullins** (friend of Linda DeTray), **Donna Nicely** (sister of Phyllis Nicely), **Cindy Oberhaus**, **Lincoln Douglas Ordway** (grandson of Susie Curl's nephew), **Mike Reichard** (son-in-law of Gladys Spreeman), **Matthew Roehrig** (brother of Mark Roehrig), **Isiah Schultz** (friend of Linda DeTray), **Pam Shelton** (sister of Diane Hefflinger), **Tony & Jim Smith** (friends of Linda DeTray), **Tamie Stefin** (family of Wes Cereghin), **Mike Stork**, **Melinda Sturtevant** (Diane Hefflinger's son's fiancé), **Gary Voltz** (father of Dan Voltz), **Penny Whitfield** (sister of Elaine Carpenter, June Crosser, and Sandy Joost), **Eric Wolford** (requested by Karen Frederick)

## FROM THE DESK OF PRINCIPAL JOHN MARCH:

Dear St. John Families:

Here I am on Easter Monday in the quietness of the morning drinking my coffee and looking out my family room window watching snowflakes fall to the ground! Can you believe it? April 18<sup>th</sup> and it is snowing!!! Yet, the snow reminds me of some important truths from God's word.

First, it is a reminder that due to what Jesus did for me on Easter Weekend: I have been washed whiter than snow through His redeeming grace. Easter evokes such a range of emotions in me: from sadness to joy, from depression to confidence, motivation and determination. Easter brings with it a renewed focus on truly what is important in this world: sharing the message of salvation with this dark and lost world.

Second, as I look at the snowflakes, I envision each one representing the lost souls of this world. Jesus commanded us in the Great Commission in Matthew 28 to "go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you." The Great Commission is what our school is focused on. Each and every day we have nearly 100 students that we have the most wonderful opportunity to share Jesus with. We are teaching them about God, His love for us, the fact that He sacrificed His Son on the cross as the atonement for our sins, so that we could live in Heaven forever through faith in Him. Wow! What an awesome opportunity we have! As a member of the St. John congregation, you are investing in the school through your tithes and offerings. You are an important partner with the school and ultimately aide in helping us reach our families for Christ.

So, let's take the reminder of the snow on April 18<sup>th</sup> to help us remember the gift of Easter, and the fact that our mission is the Great Commission, to further the message of God's love and salvation through the world.

Blessings,

John March, principal





# FOURTH

Blessings One and All from Fourth Grade!

# GRADE

Where has all the time gone? It's fourth quarter already! We've certainly been keeping busy this year. We led chapel back in September. For Christmas, we put together shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child, made new suits for Santa, and baked our own Makit-and-Bakit ornaments. We designed a door for Lutheran School's Week honoring the creation of Birds!

Each month we choose articles from the newspaper from Ohio and present our current events. In April our articles included: Payne-area fire destroys barn, Friends of Feline under new management, H2Ohio project slated for Goll Woods, 'Chocolate Walk' planned on April 28, & Safety urged for cyclists, motorists as weather warms.

Our teacher has challenged us on multiple occasions throughout the year to participate in Break-Out Ed which is like a Break-Out Room only we break into a box by solving clues that unlock locks. For St. Patrick's Day, one of the locks took us to a locker in the hallway.

What's next for Fourth Grade? As the school year wraps up, we will have some visitors from the Defiance Commissioners Office visit to help us learn more about our county and the way things work. We'll also head over to Providence Metro Park and take part of history in action as we visit the Ludwig Mill and take a ride on the canal.



TTFN! ~Miss Rossow & the Fourth Grade Class





St John's  
Quarterly Financial Report

July - March 2022 Results

	Actual	Budget	Fav/(Unfav) to Budget
<b>Income</b>			
Church Revenue	\$ 568,116	\$ 567,185	\$ 932
School Revenue	\$ 225,934	\$ 244,647	\$ (18,713)
Tiger's Den Revenue	\$ 32,984	\$ 56,852	\$ (23,868)
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 827,034</b>	<b>\$ 868,684</b>	<b>\$ (41,649)</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Church Expenses	\$ 229,413	\$ 253,003	\$ 23,590
Care of Property	\$ 112,402	\$ 105,742	\$ (6,660)
Christian Day School	\$ 447,464	\$ 455,008	\$ 7,544
Tiger's Den	\$ 31,013	\$ 53,101	\$ 22,089
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 820,291</b>	<b>\$ 866,854</b>	<b>\$ 46,563</b>
<b>Net</b>	<b>\$ 6,743</b>	<b>\$ 1,829</b>	<b>\$ 4,914</b>
<b>Net Church *</b>	<b>\$ 2,569</b>	<b>\$ (19,064)</b>	<b>\$ 21,634 (1)</b>
<b>Net School *</b>	<b>\$ 2,202</b>	<b>\$ 17,143</b>	<b>\$ (14,941) (2)</b>
<b>Net Tiger's Den</b>	<b>\$ 1,972</b>	<b>\$ 3,751</b>	<b>\$ (1,779)</b>

\* Reflects 50% contribution of School expenses from Church to School



# St John Lutheran Church & Christian Day School

## Congregational Meeting Agenda

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May 22, 2022

2:00 PM


- I. Opening Prayer/Devotion
- II. Old Business
  - a. Update on Associate Pastor Call
- III. New Business
  - a. Handbook Changes
    - i. 3.910 Tuition and Fees Reduction
    - ii. 3.400 Sick Leave/Disability Leave
  - b. Constitution Changes
    - i. Budget Committee – add Early Childhood Director as a voting member
  - c. Approval of the 2022-2023 Budget
- IV. Adjournment/Closing Prayer and Singing of 'The Doxology'

4/21/2022



# St. John Lutheran Church & Christian Day School

Congregational Meeting  
May 22, 2022



## St. John Lutheran Church & Christian Day School 2022-2023 Budget Summary Revenue

	2022-2023 Forecasted Budget	2021-2022 Current Year	2020-2021 Prior Year
Church Revenue	\$690,163	\$710,959	\$738,085
School Revenue	\$513,202	\$258,627	\$262,975
Revenue Adjustments	-\$23,832	\$101,384	\$63,272
Tigers' Den Revenue	\$44,864	\$42,318	\$31,631
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$1,224,397</b>	<b>\$1,113,288</b>	<b>\$1,095,963</b>




4/21/2022



**St. John Lutheran Church & Christian Day School**  
**2022-2023**  
**Budget Summary Expenses**

	2022-2023 Forecasted Budget	2021-2022 Current Year	2020-2021 Prior Year
Preaching/Spreading Gospel Expense	\$430,921	\$310,888	\$352,920
Youth & Parish Ed Expense	\$4,700	\$3,095	\$2,972
Care of Property Expense	\$156,615	\$147,818	\$161,668
Other Expense	\$12,300	\$10,769	\$8,149
Christian Day School Expense	\$606,103	\$579,172	\$649,222
Tigers' Den Expense	\$39,864	\$37,318	\$24,842
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$1,250,501</b>	<b>\$1,089,060</b>	<b>\$1,199,774</b>



**St. John Lutheran Church & Christian Day School**  
**2022-2023**  
**Budget Summary Net**

	2022-2023 Forecasted Budget	2021-2022 Current Year	2020-2021 Prior Year
Total Revenue	\$1,224,397	\$1,113,288	\$1,095,963
Total Expenses	\$1,250,501	\$1,089,060	\$1,199,774
Net	-\$26,105	\$24,228	-\$103,811

4/21/2022





**St John Lutheran Church and Christian Day School  
2022-2023 Budget**

				2022-2023 Budget	2021-2022 Current Year	2020-2021 Prior Year
<b><u>Church Revenue:</u></b>						
Church Offerings				623,057	647,609	676,810
Holiday Offerings				21,650	21,109	19,975
Basket Offerings				9,000	8,748	8,571
Other Revenue				36,456	33,493	32,729
<b>Total Church Revenue</b>				<b>690,163</b>	<b>710,959</b>	<b>738,085</b>
<b><u>School Revenue:</u></b>						
Tuition from EdChoice	40	Student @	\$ 5,500	220,000	92,884	87,290
Tuition from Jon Peterson	7	Student @	\$ 5,900	41,300	18,742	-
Tuition from Families	21	Student @	\$ 1,428	30,000	29,799	27,214
Tuition from School Care Grants	21	Student @	\$ 1,651	34,663	8,000	16,000
Tuition from Church GIVE Grants	21	Student @	\$ 2,821	59,237	-	-
PreSchool Tuition from Families	42	Student @	\$ 1,200	50,400	35,250	41,177
PreSchool Tuition from Care Grants	42	Student @	\$ 214	9,000	9,900	22,219
PreSchool Tuition from Church GIVE Grants	42	Student @	\$ 214	9,000	-	-
<b>Total Tuition Revenue</b>				<b>453,600</b>	<b>194,575</b>	<b>193,900</b>
<b><u>Other School Revenue:</u></b>						
ACR-Administrative Reimbursement				30,000	29,771	34,103
School Fees & Memorials				7,500	12,450	10,992
Lunch Program Reimbursement				22,102	21,831	23,980
<b>Total School Revenue</b>				<b>513,202</b>	<b>258,627</b>	<b>262,975</b>
<b><u>Revenue Adjustments:</u></b>						
Church Savings Transfer to Budget				-	46,384	-
School Savings Transfer to Budget				44,405	55,000	63,272
GIVE Scholarship Grants to School Tuition				(68,237)	-	-
<b>Total Revenue Adjustments</b>				<b>(23,832)</b>	<b>101,384</b>	<b>63,272</b>
<b><u>Tiger's Den Revenue:</u></b>						
Tiger's Den Reimbursement Fees				39,864	37,318	26,631
Tiger's Den Utilities Reimbursement				5,000	5,000	5,000
<b>Total Tiger's Den Revenue</b>				<b>44,864</b>	<b>42,318</b>	<b>31,631</b>
<b>Total Church and Christian Day School Revenue</b>				<b>1,224,397</b>	<b>1,113,288</b>	<b>1,095,963</b>





**St John Lutheran Church and Christian Day School  
2022-2023 Budget**

	<b>2022-2023 Budget</b>	<b>2021-2022 Current Year</b>	<b>2020-2021 Prior Year</b>
<b><u>Preaching/Spreading the Gospel</u></b>			
Salaries	275,165	207,608	238,333
27th Week Salaries & Benefits	10,868	-	-
Pastors Auto Allowance	10,000	5,192	8,077
Food Pantry Manager	2,746	2,133	1,632
Musician Salaries	14,688	13,916	14,276
Guest Speakers	2,004	1,660	1,891
FICA Preach Gospel Expense	7,412	7,166	8,918
FICA Food Pantry Expense	210	163	125
Pastor Conferences/Expense/Best Practices	2,980	1,076	-
Pastor Professional Growth	980	490	-
Pastor Library	490	251	173
Music	784	722	469
Worship Supplies	6,370	6,857	5,827
Church Office Supplies	6,960	7,031	7,778
Worker's Benefits	60,994	29,878	45,772
Sunday Morning Broadcast	3,920	4,040	4,148
Pastor Phone Allowance	1,200	623	600
Morning Meditation	882	501	501
Devotional materials	1,200	872	1,300
Stephen Care Ministry	200	200	100
Conventions	2,000	1,000	-
Evangelism Board	490	245	-
Stewardship Board	600	300	280
Fellowship Board	196	98	-
Public Relations Board	754	571	780
LCMS Missions	12,000	14,000	10,045
Special Mission Self Denial	490	450	760
DCE Library	300	156	-
Youth Board	637	319	-
DCE Conferences/Training	500	469	690
DCE Professional Growth	400	399	-
DCE Mileage	2,500	2,500	443
<b>Total Preaching/Spreading the Gospel</b>	<b>430,921</b>	<b>310,888</b>	<b>352,920</b>



**St John Lutheran Church and Christian Day School  
2022-2023 Budget**

	<b>2022-2023 Budget</b>	<b>2021-2022 Current Year</b>	<b>2020-2021 Prior Year</b>
<b><u>Youth &amp; Parish Education</u></b>			
Adult Religious Education	1,000	500	1,298
Sunday School	200	-	-
Cross Training	1,000	595	1,675
Confirmation Retreat	2,500	2,000	-
<b>Total Youth &amp; Parish Education</b>	<b>4,700</b>	<b>3,095</b>	<b>2,972</b>
<b><u>Care of Church &amp; School Property</u></b>			
Custodian's Salaries - Church & School	55,349	48,152	53,614
27th Week Salaries & Benefits	2,292	-	-
Custodian Weekend Event	-	865	260
FICA Expense - Church & School	4,234	3,684	3,781
Repair and Replacement	11,760	17,521	19,700
Custodian Supplies	7,920	7,716	9,611
Insurance	10,500	10,525	10,320
Gas	9,000	9,037	8,261
Electricity	29,400	30,074	31,215
Water/Sewer	5,799	5,841	6,673
Trash	1,300	1,274	1,251
Phones - land/cell	2,000	1,705	1,741
Information Systems	6,000	5,792	5,458
Computer Maintenance	-	323	946
Moving Expense - Pastor	5,000	-	-
Storm Damage/Other	-	36	-
Worker's Benefits - Church & School	6,061	5,273	8,839
<b>Total Care of Church &amp; School Property</b>	<b>156,615</b>	<b>147,818</b>	<b>161,668</b>
<b><u>Other</u></b>			
Workers Comp	6,000	4,636	149
Bank Fees	300	160	470
Payroll Service Charge	3,000	2,842	3,760
Accountant/Audit Charges	3,000	3,130	3,770
<b>Total Other</b>	<b>12,300</b>	<b>10,769</b>	<b>8,149</b>
<b>Total Church and Care of Property Expenses</b>	<b>604,535</b>	<b>472,570</b>	<b>525,709</b>




**St John Lutheran Church and Christian Day School  
2022-2023 Budget**

	2022-2023 Budget	2021-2022 Current Year	2020-2021 Prior Year
<b><u>Christian Day School Expenses</u></b>			
Teacher's/Principal Salaries	355,099	340,962	369,309
Aides/Secretary Salaries	51,563	49,856	66,247
27th Week Wages and Benefits	11,197	-	-
Teachers CRP Benefits	3,574	3,262	3,401
Personnel Medical Certification	147	235	280
Substitute Teachers	3,740	2,955	6,588
Athletic Director	1,000	1,000	1,000
Lunch Program Salaries	20,615	20,112	22,264
Lunch Program Benefits	1,487	2,367	2,325
Lunchroom HSP Dues	390	380	380
FICA Expenses	23,902	22,745	23,763
Lunch Program FICA	1,577	1,589	1,716
Teacher Professional Growth	-	515	916
Teacher Conference	1,470	1,023	-
School Accrediation/Fee/Lic	1,025	1,359	1,755
School Staff Mileage	-	-	-
Books & Materials	1,960	1,769	1,555
School Office Supplies and Postage (EANS COVID)	2,400	4,576	4,374
EANS Contribution to Custodian Supplies	(6,000)	-	-
Payback Ed Choice	44,405	41,921	48,713
School Technology	-	2,400	2,400
Teaching Calling Expense	-	-	6,883
Write Off/Tuition not paid	-	-	-
Workers' Benefits	86,552	80,145	85,353
<b>Total Christian Day School Expenses</b>	<b>606,103</b>	<b>579,172</b>	<b>649,222</b>
<b><u>Tiger's Den Expenses</u></b>			
Tiger's Den Salaries	32,892	31,934	20,554
27th Week Wages and Benefits	1,362	-	-
Workers Benefits - Tiger's Den	3,094	2,942	2,558
Tiger's Den FICA	2,516	2,443	1,730
<b>Total Tiger's Den Expenses</b>	<b>39,864</b>	<b>37,318</b>	<b>24,842</b>
<b>Total Christian Day School and Tiger's Den Expenses</b>	<b>645,966</b>	<b>616,490</b>	<b>674,065</b>
<b>Net</b>	<b>(26,105)</b>	<b>24,228</b>	<b>(103,811)</b>



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**St. John Lutheran Church & Christian Day School**  
**Assumptions towards 2022-2023 Budget**

School Tuition has been increase to \$5,900 per student – grant and scholarships are available based on financial need

- Revenue for church is forecasted at 4% reduction from this years results based on pledge drive in December 2021
- EdChoice payback will be completed at the end of this fiscal year (2022-2023) It will be funded by school savings and endowment.
- K-8 students are forecasted to increase to 68 students from 63 students.
- Preschool students are forecasted to increase to 42 students from 30 students.
- Salary Study Committee directed salaries to be increase 3% with year of service increase.


New G.I.V.E. Scholarship Grant Program.



**G.I.V.E. Scholarship Grant**  
**Deadline to apply April 29, 2022**

- G – Grant from the Church for up to 50% tuition
- I – Investment up to 50% (based on need) by Family
- V – Volunteer of any Family member to serve the Church, School or Community
- E – Educate the student with a Christian Education

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**St. John Lutheran Church & Christian Day School**  
**Other Assumptions towards 2022-2023 Budget**

- EANS Covid Relief Fund – Possibility to receive \$571,828
- Long Range Planning is addressing the 20/20 initiative (20 new students in our day school and 20 new families joining the congregation)
- State funded SGO program was approved January 2022.

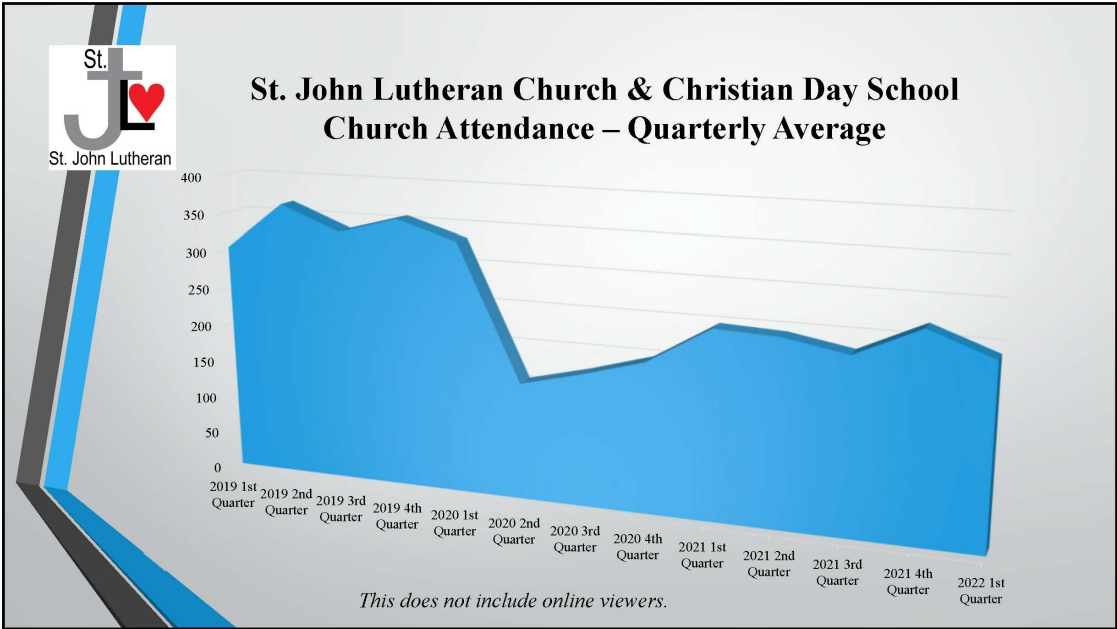


## Summary of Salaries

Position	Current Salary	Step Increase	District Guideline Lower Pay	% Below Min	District Guideline Mid-Point	District Guideline Higher Pay	Salaries 2022-2023	Insurance	Retirement Disability	FICA Employer	total
Church Salaries	\$ 268,464	\$ 269,902	\$ 298,960	8%	\$ 347,612	\$ 396,264	\$ 275,165	\$ 30,863	\$ 30,131	\$ 7,412	\$ 343,571
Care of Property Salaries	\$ 53,595	\$ 53,737	\$ 48,693		\$ 57,286	\$ 65,879	\$ 55,349	\$ -	\$ 6,061	\$ 4,234	\$ 65,644
Teachers/Principle Salaries	\$ 340,962	\$ 344,756	\$ 410,141	13%	\$ 445,804	\$ 481,469	\$ 355,099	\$ 43,960	\$ 37,749	\$ 19,958	\$ 456,765
School Office/Aides Salaries	\$ 49,856	\$ 50,061	\$ 63,860	19%	\$ 75,129	\$ 86,399	\$ 51,563	\$ -	\$ 4,843	\$ 3,945	\$ 60,350
Lunch Employees Salaries	\$ 21,619	\$ 20,015	\$ 31,932		\$ 37,567	\$ 43,202	\$ 20,615	\$ -	\$ 1,487	\$ 1,577	\$ 23,679
Tiger's Ten Salaries	\$ 31,934	\$ 31,934	\$ 34,912		\$ 41,073	\$ 47,233	\$ 32,892	\$ -	\$ 3,094	\$ 2,516	\$ 38,502
Total	\$ 766,430	\$ 770,405	\$ 888,497		\$ 1,004,470	\$ 1,120,446	\$ 790,683	\$ 74,823	\$ 83,364	\$ 39,642	\$ 988,512

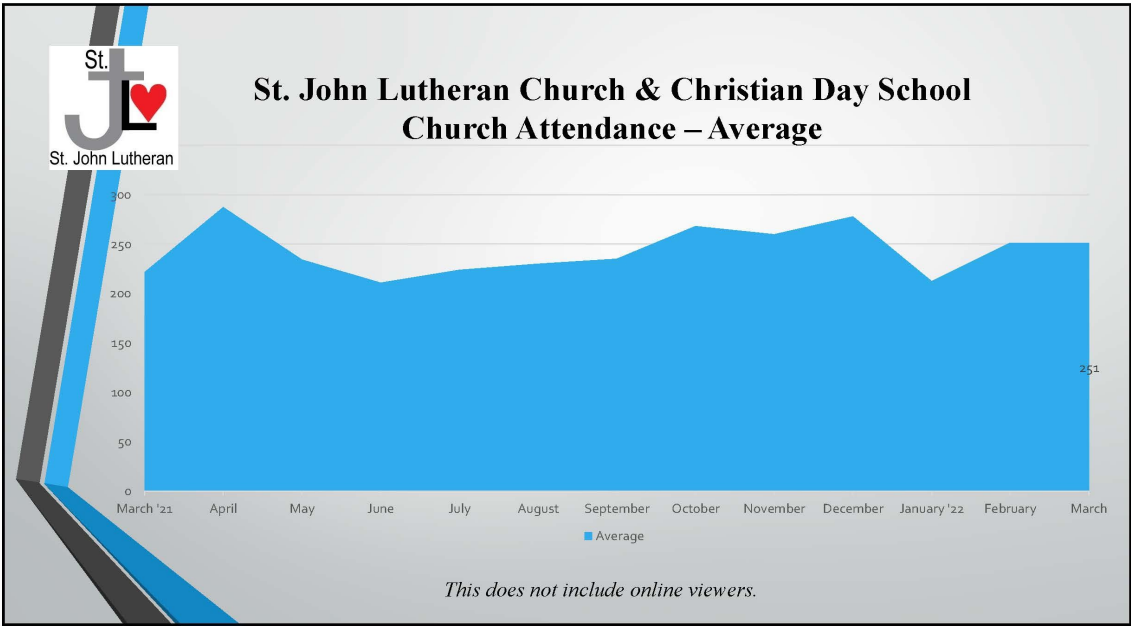
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### St. John Lutheran Church & Christian Day School Classroom Size by Grade

	Forecasted 2022-2023	Actual 2021-2022	Actual 2020-2021
PreK (2020-2021 All Day)	42	30	28
K	15	11	7
1	10	6	15
2	5	13	12
3	12	12	10
4	11	5	4
5	4	2	8
6	2	8	5
7	7	2	3
8	2	4	3
K-8 Total	68	63	67

*Current K-8 Registration as of 4.20.2022 - 37 Students*

# May Youth Scoop 2022

## Youth Activities:

### **Jr./Sr. High Youth Nights:**

Weekly on Sundays, 6:30-8pm @ St. John. All are welcome!

No Youth May 8th—Flower Sale

No Youth May 15th—Servant Day with 419



### **Servant Day Event—419 Ministry**

We invite and encourage all youth and families to participate in our Servant Day event on May 15th from 1-6pm. This event focuses on sharing the love of Christ through our service in the community. We will be sending our members all over Defiance to serve at different locations like Fort Defiance Humane Society, Path Center, the fire station, and many more. We hope to see you there!

### **Fundraisers: Mother's Day Flower Sale on May 8th**

Youth who work this sale receive a portion of the funds raised directly to their ledger account to use for future events. We need helpers from 9-12:30pm on Sunday May 8th. Youth can work shifts.

Please contact Cassidy if your child can assist for this sale.





### **DCE Cassidy—Contact Information**

Cell Phone: 517-769-5084 / Email: [Cassidy.holeso@stjohntigers.com](mailto:Cassidy.holeso@stjohntigers.com)



### May 2022 Youth Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Confirmation Sunday @ 11am Service  Youth Night @ 6:30	2	3	4	5  Cinco de Mayo!	6	7
8 Mother's Day Flower Sale 9-12:30pm  No youth	9	10	11	12	13	14
15  419 Servant Day 1-6pm  No youth	16	17	18	19	20	21
22  Youth Night @6:30	23	24	25	26  Last Day of SJL School	27	28
29  No Youth	30  Memorial Day	31				

# May 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:00a Worship/Communion 9:30a Worship/Communion 9:30a Bible Studies 11:00a Worship/Communion	2 9:15a EC Chapel 1:00p Admin Meeting 5:30p Finance 2 5:30p Telecare 6:30p Boy Scouts 6:30p Cub Scouts 6:30p Life with God	3 9:30-11:30a Food Pantry 2:00p Tuesday @ 2 Book Club 4:30-6:30 p.m. Drive Through Dinner	4 2:00p Parables Bible Study 5:30p Hand bell practice	5 8:55a Chapel 9:00-4:00p Clothes Closet 9:30-11:30a Food Pantry 10:00a Exodus Bible Study 1:30p Fashion Show Meeting A 7:00p Elder Meeting	6 10:00- 2:00p Clothes Closet	7 Harris Room Rental FR 5:30p Worship
8 8:00a Worship 9:30a Worship 9:30a Bible Studies 11:00a Worship	9 9:30a Finance 1 1:00p Admin Meeting 6:30p Boy Scouts 6:30p Cub Scouts 6:30p Life with God	10 9:30-11:30a Food Pantry 10:00a Tuesday @ 10 Bible Study 1:00p Knit & Study	11 2:00p Parables Bible Study 12:00p Ohio Principals NW Region AE 5:30p Hand bell practice	12 8:55a Chapel 9:00-4:00p Clothes Closet 9:30-11:30a Food Pantry 10:00a Exodus Bible Study 7:00p BCDS Meeting	13 10:00- 2:00p Clothes Closet	14 5:30p Worship- Communion
15 8:00a Worship/Communion 9:30a Worship/Communion 9:30a Bible Studies 11:00a Worship/Communion	16 1:00p Admin Meeting 5:30p Finance 2 6:30p Boy Scouts 6:30p Cub Scouts 6:30p Life with God	17 9:30-11:30a Food Pantry 10:00a Tuesday @ 10 Bible Study 2:00p Tuesdays @ 2 Book Club 6:30p Trustees Meeting 6:30p Outreach Meeting	18 2:00p Parables Bible Study 5:30p Hand bell practice	19 8:55a Chapel 9:00-4:00p Clothes Closet 9:30-11:30a Food Pantry 10:00a Exodus Bible Study 7:00p Parish Planning 7:00p Roundtable	20 10:00- 2:00p Clothes Closet	21 5:30p Worship
22 8:00a Worship 9:30a Worship 9:30a Bible Studies 11:00a Worship 2:00p Congregation Meeting	23 9:30a Finance 1 1:00p Admin Meeting 6:30p Boy Scouts	24 9:30-11:30a Food Pantry 1:00p Knit & Study	25 2:00p Parables Bible Study	Last Day of School 26 8:55a Chapel 9:00-4:00p Clothes Closet 9:30-11:30a Food Pantry 10:00a Exodus Bible Study 2:00p Ladies Aid 6:30p Long Range Planning	27 10:00- 2:00p Clothes Closet	28 5:30p Worship- Communion
29 8:00a Worship/Communion 9:30a Worship/Communion 9:30a Bible Studies 11:00a Worship/Communion	30 Church office closed 5:30p Finance 2	31 9:30-11:30a Food Pantry				



## SUMMER 2022 St. John Lutheran church, Defiance, Ohio

### LIFE WITH GOD: (LWG 1) Starting, Monday, June 6, 2022

Does God exist? What happens after death? Why are there so many different religions? Can the Bible be trusted? Why do bad things happen to me? I want to learn more about Lutheranism and become a member of a Christian Church. St. John's "Life with God," explores and answers these questions and more in an informal, enjoyable, yet beneficial way through a 12 session/week course called "Life with God." (LWG) Sign up below, we ask that participants attend 10/12 classes and there are videos over each class that can be viewed for missed classes. For those who complete this course they can become communicant members if they desire. Life with God will be offered each Winter, Spring and Fall. St. John members are asked to attend a "Life with God," class once every five years to renew and refresh their faith!

**TOPICS:** Evidence for God's existence, Saving Faith, Baptism, The Lord's Supper, The Bible, Law and Gospel, Living a Christian Life, Being a part of the Body of Believers at St. John, Good Works, The Ten Commandments, Worship, Christian Stewardship. Come to learn and grow together.

**DATES:** Monday, June 6, 2022 to Monday, August 29, 2022. Classes are held on Monday Evenings in the Adult Bible Study room from 6:30-8:30 P.M.. Bring nothing, on the last class we will bring refreshments to share. After the 2<sup>nd</sup> class, no new class members are to join.

**TEACHERS:** Pastor Mews who has extensive experience teaching these classes.

**FOR:** Adults or High School students desiring to be members of St. John Lutheran Church, or those who want to support those attending. This is also for those who simply desire to renew their faith or explore the basic teachings of Christianity and Lutheranism.

**REGISTRATION:** To be turned in to the church office by Sunday, June 5, 2022 or hand to a pastor.

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#### SUMMER 2022 St. John Lutheran Church "Life with God 1" (LWG 1) Registration Form:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Baptized: Circle; Yes No Current Church Membership: \_\_\_\_\_

***Check those which apply;***

\_\_\_\_\_ I plan to attend Life with God and my desire is to become a communicant member of St. John.

\_\_\_\_\_ I plan to attend Life with God to renew my faith and/or to support a friend attending.

\_\_\_\_\_ I plan to attend Life with God to simply explore and learn about Christianity and Lutheranism.

\_\_\_\_\_ I plan to attend Life with God and will decide later about possible membership.

Other thoughts or concerns;