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TIME TO GET CONNECTED!

ALTAR GUILD

The Altar Guild takes care of the altar, its furnishings and various vestments. Meetings are quarterly in February, May, August, and November on the third Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Anyone interested in working with the Altar Guild, please contact Sharon Lynn at 419.438.6684 or email: sharonmlynn167@yahoo.com

CLICKERS

The worship service is projected on the wall in the sanctuary for every service. The projection is created in the software program, PowerPoint. We have a schedule of people willing to click and move the slide forward. You will need to pay attention and not delay when advancing the slides. If you would like to help in this ministry, please call the church office at 419.782.5766 or email: church.secretary@stjohntigers.com

HANDBELLS

St. John Lutheran bell ringers practice on Wednesday nights at 5:30 p.m. in the balcony of the church. The first practice will be held on Wednesday, September 7. If you would like to enhance the worship service with the melodic ring of bells, contact Lorna Smith at 419.782.7465 or email: waltandlorna@gmail.com

MEDIA MINISTRY

The 9:30 a.m. service is recorded and is broadcast on WONW 1280 AM and WZOM 105.7 FM a week later. The MP3 audio needs edited each week. Also, the 11:00 a.m. service is videotaped every week and edited and sent to DCTV every week to be broadcast a week later. If you are interested in helping with this ministry, please contact Lonnie Warncke at 419.266.4687 or email: lcwarncke@gmail.com



SENIOR CHOIR

The Senior Choir is open to all members of St. John. A desire to sing praises to God is the only requirement, and making a "joyful noise" is our goal. Please join us all year or for special seasons. The choir meets in the Day School Library on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. starting on September 7. The director is Darci Van Vlerah, accompanied by Donna Van Vlerah. Please contact Donna at 419.769.1215 or email: vandddd@ayersvilletelco.com

SOLOIST / INSTRUMENTALIST

What a wonderful talent to enhance the worship service with song and instruments. If you would like to glorify God's Name with music, please contact Lorna Smith at 419.782.7465 or email: waltandlorna@gmail.com, or Constance Warncke at 419.956.2283 or email: lcwarncke@aol.com

SOUND BOARD

Training is available if you would like to help on the Sound Board. The regulation of the sound is important as we record the 9:30 a.m. service and live stream the 5:30 p.m. Saturday and the 11:00 a.m. Sunday services. Please call Lonnie Warncke at 419.266.4687 or email: lcwarncke@gmail.com

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SUNDAY MORNING BROADCASTS

9:30 a.m. Sundays:

WONW 1280 AM Defiance

WZOM 105.9 FM Defiance

Sunday Morning Radio Broadcast celebrated 64 years of ministry July 7, 2022, broadcasting St. John Lutheran Church's Sunday morning worship services over WONO, 1280 AM and WZOM, 105.7 FM Defiance radio stations at 9:30 a.m. every Sunday morning. The service was begun on July 7, 1958, by Pastor Gallert to bring the Christian Gospel to sick and shut-in people who cannot get to a church and to reach those who are without Christian faith or church affiliation.

Contact Frank Borkosky at 419.393.2326 or email:

fsborkosky@artelco.net

VIDEOGRAPHERS

We have two cameras to seamlessly move from one shot to another. If you would like to help with the videoing of the 5:30 p.m. Saturday or the 11:00 a.m. Sunday service, please contact Lonnie Warncke at 419.266.4687 or email: lcwarncke@gmail.com

WORSHIP TEAMS

The 11:00 a.m. Sunday service is the contemporary service. We currently have four teams of singers and instrumentalists led by Lonnie Warncke, Lorna Smith, Connie Warncke and Tammi Elwood. If you would like to join a team or create your own team, please contact the church office at 419.782.5766.

GREETERS / USHERS

At our worship services we have ushers and want to get the greeters back to welcome people as they come into the church. If you would want to help with this ministry contact Pastor Mews at 419.782.5766 or Roger Schafer at 763.242.5643

REVELATION DANCERS

Revelation Dancers are for St. John girl students in grades 5th through 8th grade. This group is directed by Ms Pat Marshall. Please contact Pat at 419.438.4163 or email: pl3033@gmail.com

2022-2023 CROSS TRAINING/CONFIRMATION KICK OFF:

Wednesday, September 7 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

- For all 1st through 8th graders and their parents.
- Dress in the color of your favorite football team.
- Supper will be provided.
- Parent Confirmation orientation for 6th through 8th graders.

If you would like to help with the Cross Training program, please contact Pastor Mews at 419.782.5766 or email: pastor.mews@stjohntigers.com

LIFE WITH GOD

Pastor wants all members to take the "Life with God" class every five years to affirm their faith. The class is offered three times a year: fall, spring and summer. The fall class starts on Monday, September 12. If you would like to join St. John Lutheran Church, then you would take this class. Please see Pastor Mews if interested at pastor.mews@stjohntigers.com or call 419.782.5766.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTING SEPT. 18, 2022

Sunday School for children ages 3 (and potty trained) and older is starting soon! Join us for a Donut Party on Sunday, September 18 to start the year! Sunday school will be from 9:30-10:30 downstairs in the nursery room. Text or call Megan Fritz for any questions at 419.438.4905.

BIBLE STUDY

On Sunday, at 9:30 we have four Bible studies:

Sandy Gyurnek: "How Happiness Happens"

Fellowship Room A

Phil Rohlf: "Colossians"

Lunch Room A

Faye Luhning, "Making it Through a Life Shift"

Lunch Room B

Jeff Rohlf: "We Will Not Be Silenced"

By Dr. Lutzer, Adult Room A

TUESDAYS AT 10 BIBLE STUDY

This Bible Study will be starting on Tuesday, September 13 at 10:00a.m. They will be meeting in the Adult A meeting room. Contact Diana Grim at 419.783.9581 or email: rdgrim@metalink.net

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"PARABLES THROUGH PEASANT EYES"

Wednesday 2:00-3:00 p.m., held in the Fellowship Room.

Pastor Mews is leading this class.

Copies of the lessons can be found on

www.stjohndefiance.com under Bible Studies.

Come join us!

WEDNESDAY ADULT CROSS TRAINING

Teach children how they should live, and they will remember it all their life. Prov. 22:6 GN

CrossTraining isn't just for children! We are all children of God! A group of adults is studying the Bible each week on Wednesday night from 6:30 - 8:00. We follow the CrossTraining schedule so we parents and adults have the opportunity to model Bible Study as a lifelong habit for our children. Our CrossTraining kickoff is on Wednesday, September 7 at 6:30. Supper will be provided, and you may wear your favorite football team colors to join in the fun.



Birth to death, St. John Church has something for you!

Please contact Penny Mueller at 419.304.5768 or email:

pennym41@gmail.com. Judy Detter's contact

information is 419.783.7932 or email:

detterjudy@gmail.com

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS: REVELATION!

10:00-11:30 a.m. The class gathers in the Fellowship Room. Please note: The Thursday Bible class is now studying the book of Revelation. Pastor Mews is leading this class. Come join us!

KNIT AND STUDY

The Knit and Study group meets the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Room. There is a Bible Study focus. Starting on September 13, the group is going to start the study of the book of Esther. If you enjoy knitting, crocheting, or other crafts, come and enjoy the fellowship time with this group.



FELLOWSHIP TIME

After the 8:00 a.m. service we have a half hour in the lunchroom so that we can enjoy a cup of coffee, a donut and fellowship. If you would like to help with this ministry, please contact Jenny George at 419.576.2911 or email: gpjageor@aol.com

TELE-CARE MINISTRY

The Stephen Ministers are trained to listen and pray with people. The first Monday of the month, a group of trained Stephen Ministers contact congregation members who need a phone call to get an update on life situations or milestones in their lives. If you would like more information and training, please call Penny Mueller at 419.304.5768 or email: pennym41@gmail.com

WE CARE CARD MINISTRY

The Card Ministry continues to reach out to members who are needing a message of uplifting and please call, Penny Mueller at 419.304.5768 or email: pennym41@gmail.com

PRAYER CHAIN

Our Prayer Chain Warriors lift the concerns of anyone requesting our prayers. The information shared is confidential. The Prayer Chain is emailed each week on Wednesday. If you prefer, a copy will be printed and placed in your church mailbox.

If you have a prayer request or feel called to this important ministry, please contact Judy Detter 419.783.7932 or Penny Mueller 419.304.5768

The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. Psalms 145:18

THE LADIES AID

The Ladies Aid is a fellowship and service organization whose membership is open to all ladies of our

congregation. Meetings are held on the last Thursday of each month at 2:00 p.m. For more information contact Roberta Phlipot at 419.789.9411 or email:

littleone@ayersvilletelco.com



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CLOTHES CLOSET

The Clothes Closet, located across the street from the school, continues to provide gently used clothing at an affordable price to our community. The Clothes Closet is open on Thursday from 9:00 to 4:00 p.m. and on Friday from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. If you have a donation, you may drop it off on Monday or Tuesday from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. or during days we are open. Bring to the back door. Please contact Sharon Keller at 419.438.9885.

CUB SCOUTS AND BOY SCOUTS

Pack and Troop 75 meet on Monday evenings at 6:30 at St. John. All boys in grades K-5 are welcome to join the Cub Scout program while boys in grades 6-12 are encouraged to join the Troop.

Both units participate in all areas of scouting: character development, citizenship, fitness and our relationship with God in the church award programs. Scouting emphasizes “doing your best” and improving and growing from your efforts. Contact Mike Saxton, Committee Chair, for Cub Scouts at 419-439-2079 or email: jmsaxton823@gmail.com or Steve Zachrich, Scoutmaster, at 419.576.6491 for Boy Scouts for more information.

FOOD PANTRY

St. John Lutheran Food Pantry is open on Tuesday and Thursday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. We have volunteers greeting the people and checking them in with PantryTrak and helpers in the Food Pantry pulling the clients’ food orders. Once a month we have a group going to Toledo to pick-up food from the Toledo Food Bank and Seagate. We assemble Thanksgiving Food Bags and distribute Christmas hams in addition to their regular food orders. If you would like to help in the Food Pantry, please contact Rita Bergman at 419.788.0951 or email: bergmans@embarqmail.com



BOARD OF YOUTH

The Youth Board provides Christian leadership for young people as they study God’s Word and serve the Lord and His Church. They provide youth the opportunity to share their unique gifts in ministry to one another within the Christian community and in ministry to the world as the witnessing



people of God. The Board plans activities for youth that will establish a closer relationship with Christ, with other Christian youth, and with the unclaimed youth in our community. Please contact Carli Rossow at 443.867.2293 or email: carli.rossow@stjohntigers.com

CHURCH AND SCHOOL OFFICE HELPERS

There is always plenty to do in the offices of the church and school. If you would like to help on occasion to assist with bulk mailings, Annual Fundraiser, Scholastic Book Fair, Lunchroom or other small jobs, please contact the church office and Teresa Watkins in the school office. Please call 419.782.5766 or email: church.secretary@stjohntigers.com or secretary.sjl@stjohntigers.com.

SEEDS OF GRACE/YARD CARE

The church is run by volunteers. Mowing, raking, trimming and planting are done by congregation members who love to get their hands and clothes dirty. If you would like to help please contact Lorna Smith at 419.782.7465 or email: waltandlorna@gmail.com

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419 MINISTRY

DARTBALL- You heard right! St. John is bringing Dart ball back! It's a game that mixes darts and baseball. Have fun and build camaraderie. We are hoping to have one or two teams that will practice and compete in a church-based league. A new board and stand are being ordered. Please call Jeff Buchhop at 419.439.2120 for more information or to sign up.

LIFE GROUPS are forming for this fall. We're looking for leaders and participants for Life Groups. Bible study materials costs will vary depending on the group topic and number of members. Please sign up in the lower hall or call Angie Morris at 419.956.1171 for more information on the following groups:

BIBLE AND BREAKFAST LIFE GROUP- Members can choose to take turns preparing the suggested recipe that goes along with the Bible study. Start your day by feeding both your soul and body.

AXE-THROWING LIFE GROUP-Join a group in a sports-themed Bible study before throwing some axes at Eager Beaver Axe Hole.



DAVE RAMSEY'S FINANCIAL PEACE

- Is being debt free just a dream or a goal? Join others in setting goals and building a budget to help you become debt free and have freedom to give more and invest in your future.

VERTICAL MARRIAGE- Get ready to laugh while growing closer to God and your spouse. This video-based study helps build a more vibrant marriage whether you are newlyweds or celebrating your golden anniversary. Have ideas for other Life Groups? Is so please contact, Angie Morris at 419.956.1171 or email: wisefello@gmail.com.

CONTACT PASTOR MEWS IF INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING ON THE LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE AND THE OUTREACH MINISTRY

LONG-RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

The Long-Range Planning Committee has identified four thrusts for the church and school to move forward in a positive direction: small group ministry, the school, younger families and taking an active role in the community. The committee has been divided evenly into four teams to assist in these four areas with each group having a mission statement.

OUTREACH MINISTRY

The Outreach Ministry seeks to share the Gospel of Christ within and outside of our walls to proclaim Jesus and the ministry of our church and school locally, nationally and globally. This includes actively seeking out and greeting visitors and those not known in worship and church functions as well as helping current outreach ministries function well and encourage newer, more effective programs and ministries.

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– ORGANIZATION –

Elders
Parish Planning Council
Christian Board of Education
Trustees
Stewardship Board
Finance Board
Fellowship Board
Youth Board

*Thank you to the many volunteers
who give of their time and talents.*

– ST. JOHN LEADERSHIP –

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