

THE EPISTLE

NEWSLETTER

St. John Lutheran Church, Defiance, Ohio

**Making
Disciples
for Life**



Matthew 28:18-20

SEPTEMBER 2022



The theme for our church and school year is “Making Disciples for Life” God’s Word and the blessings of our Lord will guide us in being mature and fruitful “Disciples,” in loving God and each other. This month’s theme is “A Christian Disciple’s Guide to Conflict Resolution,” which can also be called, ‘Christian Rules for having a Fair Fight,’ or “Biblical Advice for Godly Reconciliation.” Here are blessings and recommendations to guide us, as we may find ourselves in great or small ways in ‘conflict.’

Remember and note that all those involved in the conflict are created, baptized and redeemed children of God as all of us are, and all will be in the same eternal heaven and peace together.

As Scripture advises, those in conflict are to speak to each other privately, in love, and with the intention of loving each other as Christ loved us.

As St. Paul calls us to be reconciled to each other, the relationship between those in a conflict is always much more important than the solution, and the manner of the fair fight means much.

Conflict resolution always begins with each person/party seeking to fully understand the other person’s view. As the Bible tells us, “Be quick to listen and slow to speak.” Seek first to understand rather than to be understood.

Realize that change is difficult, and a universal rule is that others tend to change positively in response to our own positive behavioral change.

As was said, “love a person onto your side!” Jesus; “Blessed are the meek, the pure in heart, the merciful, and those who seek God!”

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**CHURCH OFFICE IS OPEN
MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

- 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.stjohndefiance.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

• www.facebook.com/stjohnlutherandefiance

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church.secretary@stjohntigers.com or
church.secretary2@stjohntigers.com

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.

**SERMONS FOR SEPTEMBER, 2022**

Sept. 3-4, 13th Sunday After Pentecost

"The Game of Life" Deut. 30:15-20

Sept. 10-11, 14th Sunday after Pentecost

"Love Rejoices in the Truth." 1 Tim. 1:5-11

Sept. 17-18., 15th Sunday after Pentecost

"Wise As a Fox/Gentle as a Dove." Luke 16:1-15

Sept. 25-26, 16th Sunday after Pentecost

"Life in 2 Kingdoms!" Amos 6:1-7



**Best Practices
for Ministry**

HEARTLAND • SEPT. 18-20, 2022

This year's theme is "Encourage One Another". Pastor Mews, Lorna Smith, Pat Marshall, Lonnie and Connie Warncke, Penny Mueller, Judy Detter, George and Phyllis Kaiser, Mike Saxton and Angie Morris will be immersed in ways to build a stronger community within our church and to reach the communities in which we live. Please pray for the planners, speakers and all the attendees and their churches that His blessings will be poured upon them.

PASTOR'S OFFICIAL ACTS**Baptisms:**

Everett John Kemper was baptized on Sunday, August 21.

Claire Elise Tharrington was baptized on Sunday, August 28.

Funerals:

Bob Wesche died on Sunday, August 14, 2022, and received a Christian funeral on August 20.

“Love is patient, kind, and not rude, love is not self-seeking nor easily angered.” Ignoring people, sarcasm, dirty looks, gossip, and any other sort of disrespectful behavior is ‘below the belt tactics’ and cold play and things that a Christian disciple does not utilize.

Conflict resolution is just that, about the conflict! The problem is the problem; love people and solve the conflict. As was said, “Remove the people from it and work out the problem and work for a fair solution.” ‘Take it to the Lord in prayer!’

If the fair fight/conflict resolution becomes tense and heated, take a time out, calm down, rethink the issue. “The peace of the Lord be with you!”

To have a fair fight, first consider one’s own role in the conflict and both parties can create a list of things done previously that didn’t work. As Scripture advises, with many counselors comes wisdom. The more complex the issue, the more conflict resolution tools, energy and resources are needed. If agreed upon, outside Christian resources can be a blessing mainly if the guidelines above have been used.



Matthew 28:18-20

Cross Training

Our Cross Training program officially begins on Wednesday, September 7, at 6:30pm in the St. John lunchroom. This will be a favorite sports themed event, so wear your t-shirt and come for trivia, a meal, and a quick overview of our program and events for the year.

All families with children in 1st -8th grade are invited to attend this kickoff event to learn more about our program. Our Cross Training leaders are excited for another year of strengthening the faith of our youth through strong Christian education. Leaders include Pastor Mews (8th), Mike and Nancy Kemper (7th), Dick Bonin (6th), (1st -5th), Kristina Phipps (Classroom Aide), Emily Wichman (Desk Attendant), and Carla Goff (Opener-Leader and BLAST Event Coordinator).

Acolyte schedules are also being put together and will be sent out to parents before the end of the month. If you have any questions or would like to sign your child up for Cross Training, please call at 419.782.5766.

Sept. 7 – BLAST Event #1: Cross Training Kickoff

Sept. 14 – Regular Classes

Signed Covenant forms due the church office

Sept. 21 – Regular Classes

Sept. 28 – Regular Classes

Carla J. Goff, 419 Ministry Director
419.439.4656 (text) 419.393.2615 (home)

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. Contact Roger Schafer at 763.242.5643 or Pastor Mews at 419.782.5766.



CHILDREN'S Sunday School

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.

PRINTED DIRECTORY

If you would like a printed directory of active members with addresses, primary phone numbers and email addresses, please let the church office know by September 18 or email church.secretary2@stjohntigers.com. All directories requested will be placed in their church mailbox.

St. John Lutheran Church 1851-2022 — 171 Years



Our present St. John Lutheran Church was built in 1883 and dedicated to the glory of God September 21, 1884. Our congregation had its beginning in the year 1851 and our first church building was constructed in 1853 on Washington Avenue. In 1867 the congregation bought four lots on the corner of Wayne Avenue and Juliet Street. The lots cost \$800 and were purchased from H.C. Bouton.

In January of 1881, the congregation decided to build a new church on the Wayne Avenue lots. Subscriptions amounting to \$7,737 were pledged by the church members. When the bids for the new building were received the lowest was for \$12,000. The congregation did not deem it wise to go into debt to such an extent, so they deferred building until 1883. The contract for the new church, designed by J.I. Hale, was then awarded to J.S. Damann for \$12,000.

More facts about our church and school in next month's Epistle.

Bible Study Opportunities

Led by Pastor Mews

In Depth Bible Study

"Parables Through Peasant Eyes" This Bible Study continues and is a practical insightful look into 10 of Luke's parables with profound blessings for everyday life. The Wednesday, 2:00-3:00 p.m. class is held in the Fellowship Room. We continue our discussion on the "Obedient Servant." Luke 17:7-10.

Revelation Thursday A.M. Bible Study

Have you ever had questions over the Book of Revelation? We have begun a new class over this book that answers your questions and gives hope in our victory in Christ. The class gathers 10:00-11:30 a.m. every Thursday in the Fellowship Hall. All is provided.

Life with God

The fall Life with God session, will begin on Monday, September 12. See Pastor Mews for information and blue forms are available in the church office. The class gathers 6:30-8:30 p.m. in Adult Bible Study room A. It is for those seeking to become communicant members, wanting to renew their faith, or just interested in the basics.



Bible Studies



SUNDAY-9:30 a.m.

Phil Rohlf — "Colossians"
Lunchroom A

Faye Luhring—"Making it Through a Life Shift"
Lunchroom B

Jeff Rohlf — "We will not be Silenced"
By Dr. Lutzer, Adult Room A.

Sandy Gyurnek — "How Happiness Happens"
In the Fellowship Room

SECOND TUESDAY AND FOURTH THURSDAY

KNIT'N STUDY—The next meeting for the Knit'n Study will be on Tuesday September 13 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. *This group meets the second and fourth Tuesday of the month in the Fellowship Room. The Book of Esther is being studied. This group makes crocheted or knitted baby booties for the pregnancy center in Defiance.*



ACT: Adult Cross Training

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

Cross Training 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 p.m. We follow the Cross Training schedule so we parents and adults have the opportunity to model Bible Study as a life-long habit for our children.

Our Cross Training kickoff is on Wednesday, September 7 at 6:30 p.m. 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!



September



40+ Anniversaries

Kevin & Sandee Fackler (40) Sept. 4

Larry & Susan Meyer (62) Sept. 11

Tom & Pam Kime (50) Sept. 15

Gerry & Jenny George (44) Sept. 23

Doug & Cindy Heller (43) Sept. 28

80+ Birthdays

Ramona Burkhart (84) Sept. 14

Clarence Meyer (93) Sept. 17

Marilyn Burke (90) Sept. 20

Helen Steingass (87) Sept. 21

Marian March (82) Sept. 25

William Johnson (86) Sept. 30



WORSHIP PROCEDURES

We have loosened up restrictions on COVID protocol:

- No mask required
- No social distancing
- We are signing the regular attendance sheets
- We are passing the offering plate

We are offering individual communion cups or you may go to the Communion Rail.

It is up to the individual if you want to shake hands, wear masks or distance yourself.

MEET THE NEW SCHOOL SECRETARY TERESA WATKINS!

My husband, Donnie, works in a special needs classroom at Defiance Middle School. We have two grown children, who are married, and have given us 2 grandsons and 2 granddaughters. We all live within five minutes of each other. My hobbies are organizing and scrapbooking. We love camping on weekends. Our camper is parked year-round at Blue Water campground. Our favorite thing to do is spend time with our kids and grandkids. We also love the Lord!



PASTOR'S SERMONS

If you missed a sermon, you can find the sermon on our YouTube channel, on our webpage (www.stjohndefiance.com) and on our Podcast site.

Google search: st john Lutheran church defiance ohio youtube. Then subscribe to St. John channel to get notified when we are broadcasting "live".

LINK TO OUR WEBPAGE

<https://www.stjohndefiance.com/sermons-2/>

LINK TO OUR PODCAST

<https://www.buzzsprout.com/54964>

Put your favorite podcast app on your phone and listen to the sermons any time of day.

RADIO

WONW 1280 AM Defiance

WZOM 105.9 FM Defiance

Our service is broadcast a week later on Sunday at 9:30a.m. on AM and FM Defiance stations.

FROM THE DESK OF PRINCIPAL JOHN MARCH:



Dear St. John Family:

On August 22nd St. John Lutheran School welcomed over 105 preschool through 8th grade students into its building. We are excited to continue the mission of the school, which is "Developing Dynamic Disciples". The most important focus of our school is the fact that we are Christian and we integrate our Christian faith and principles into everything that we do. Our curriculum is fantastic as we have been upgrading and improving our materials. God has created each child to be unique, in personality and looks, as well as how they learn. We understand that well and differentiate our materials to meet the needs of our students. With that in mind, we are integrating flexible seating into our school. We were blessed to receive grant money over the summer to apply to this exciting venture. We are very thankful to these organizations for providing the funds necessary for this incredible project.

Flexible Seating is a type of classroom environment that replaced just having traditional desks and chairs in the classroom. Instead, it offers a variety of seating arrangements. Students have the opportunity to choose the seating arrangement that is best for their learning. This helps students to work collaboratively, communicate, and engage in critical thinking. By allowing them to move to different areas in the room, it enhances the learning process. The brain learns best when students are actively engaging in physical activity. Moving throughout the day is beneficial to both the brain and the body. Flexible Seating encourages collaboration and communication which are necessary skills for the 21st Century classroom.

Here are some of the items that were purchased with the grant money:

* Scoop Rockers	* Desks with	* Bean Bags	* Stadium Chairs
* Lap Desks	Balance Ball Chairs	* Bean Bag Chairs	* Cushions
* Lowered Tables	* Desk with Chairs	* Wobble Stools	* Couch
* Standing Desks	* Wobble Cushions	* Stools	

We are thrilled to integrate these new resources into our program at St. John this year, and we look forward to seeing the students benefit from them

We very much hope that you will join us this year for various events that will showcase some of the amazing changes and improvements that have been made within our school, including our quarterly prayer night.

Thank you for your prayers and support. They are very much appreciated.

God's Blessings,

John March, principal





TIME TO GET CONNECTED!



We have a comprehensive list of many of St. John ministries all grouped together in one document. Contact information is listed with all the various ministries for your convenience. Copies of the list will be available in the church entrance (Narthex), south lobby and in the outside cabinet. Also, people who use Realm will receive a copy and it will be placed on www.stjohndefiance.com website under "resources".

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 a.m. 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. Stop in and do a little shopping. Attend the September 11 Fashion Show at St. John at 3:00 p.m. Clothes will be modeled from the Clothes Closet and will be for sale that day as well.



Galatians 6:9 "And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up".

Don't forget to come to our Fashion Show on September 11 at 3:00pm. It will be a lot of fun and will help our Clothes Closet at the same time. (I have heard thru the grape vine that a certain custodian will be making his first appearance in a fashion show.)

Our next meeting is September 29 at 2:00 p.m. Jan McGhee will be the hostess. The food pantry item for the month is detergent. Please remember that the food pantry can always use toilet paper.

Some of the things we will be discussing are the upcoming meeting are the Advent Tea to be held on November 20, and making noodles. If anyone would like to help with the Advent Tea, just let one of the Ladies Aid officers know. Also come and bring your ideas for fundraising.

Officers of Ladies Aid.

Roberta Philipot, Nancy Kemper, Donna Van Vlerah, Lorna Smith

We will be distance socializing and hoping to see you at the meeting.



The Ladies Aid of St. John Lutheran presents:
"Time after Time"

Fashion Show



The Ladies Aid of St. John is having a Fashion Show on
 Sunday, September 11 from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m.

Clothing items from our Clothes Closet will be modeled and will be available for purchase. Monies received enrich the many services provided by St. John Lutheran Clothes Closet ministry to the church and the community. Clothing items modeled are gently used clothing from St. John Lutheran Clothes Closet and other donations from members. It will be a fun afternoon. Come and enjoy some "blast from the past" fashion trends.

Refreshments will be served. A free will offering will help the Ladies Aid to continue to provide ministry support to St. John.

Please text questions to Carolyn Hoyle at 260.312.4934 or email Carolyn at carolynindefiance@gmail.com.

- Music from the 60s and 70s will be played...GUESS THAT ARTIST!!



LWML FALL RETREAT

Fearfully and Wonderfully Made!

Psalm 139:14

Saturday, September 17, 2022

Napoleon/Defiance Zones

St. John Lutheran Church –US Rt.6 & Rt.66

Register @8:30 a.m./Program @8:50 a.m.

REGISTRATION FORM* NEEDS TO BE SENT BY SEPT. 2, 2022 TO:

LWML Retreat

Linda Bostelman, Treas.

P.O. Box 393

Antwerp, OH 45813-0393

(ph. 419.258.3373)

**Registration forms are available in the church office*



Here is a partial list of items needed for the Filling Home in Napoleon. Please bring items to the church office. The complete list is available on our webpage and in the church office.

Hot Choc. Mix	Soups (all kinds)
Jello	Spaghetti
Ketchup	Sugar (brown, white)
Macaroni	Pancake Syrup
Cake Mix	Zip Lock Bags
Pancake Mix	Washcloths (white)
Muffin Mix	Hand Towels (white)
Mustard	Men's white t-shirts
Noodles	(XL, XXL)
Oatmeal	Men's colored t-shirts
Rice	(XL, XXL)
Shortening	Hot glue sticks
Snack-Pack Pudding	Paint brushes

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?



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and love one another?**

If you have a Thrivent Policy, then you would be able to apply for an **Action Team Event**. We are always looking for ways to serve our community, state, nation, world and share God's Word and love. If you have any questions about Action Team Events please contact the church office at 419.782.5766.



One man's trash is another man's treasure. On Friday, August 19 and Saturday, August 20th, Bill Phlipot and Mike Shawley had many unwanted items from our church and school that have been cluttering the garages and closets. The free will donations garnered over \$535.00. The monies will be used to buy new sweepers. Thank you to everyone who supported the sale!



The Food Pantry continues to serve clients on Tuesday and Thursday from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

In August we had *53 Families or 130 people with a distribution of 230 bags of food valued at \$2,300.

Thank you to everyone who continues to support this ministry.

**as of Tuesday, August 23.*

REALM



St. John uses REALM to connect to other congregation members. Members are sent an email and invited to join REALM and create their own password. Once you are in, change your PRIVACY SETTINGS so everyone in the congregation can see your address, phone number and email address.

Put the REALM app on your phone and you can access all notifications that are sent through REALM. Also, you can look someone up in the directory. You can also set up to give your weekly offerings through REALM.

On your computer go to: onrealm.org/ login to access your account.

If you have any questions please contact the church office or email:

church.secretary2@stjohnltigers.com

Scouting News



Cubs and their families had two fun events in August: an overnight at a drive-in theater and Putt-Putt.

Fleo's Flicks in Edgerton showed all 3 "Back to the Future" films. Cubs in uniform were admitted free and, with their families, had the opportunity to camp overnight. Later in the month, Cubs invited a non-scout friend to play Putt-Putt. Family members also participated.

This month weekly meetings will once again begin. In addition, an overnight camping experience at Camp Lakota is on the agenda.

The Troop, as it does every year, attended Summer Camp at Lakota. A number of merit badges and advancements were completed while having a number of challenging and enjoyable experiences. A camping trip to Port Clinton and South Bass Island is being done this month. In October, Troop members will participate in the Chinquapin District Camporee at Lakota. The theme of the Camporee is "The Amazing Race" and will feature a number of demanding events focused on Scout skills.

Members of both the Pack and Troop will begin selling popcorn during the annual sale this month. Your support is truly appreciated as profits earned help support the units in providing character building programs.

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.

SJL Youth Scoop September 2022

New Contact Info: youth.sjl@stjohntigers.com



10 AM - 4 PM

Come One! Come All!

Come out to support our Congregation's Youth Group and the Vendors who have joined us for the day! At this time, we can confirm the following vendors:

- ♦ Laurie Earl with tastefully simple
- ♦ Jan & Sharon Meyer with upcycled designs: Old glass is used to make pumpkins, Brutus scarecrows, and Snowmen. Also included are homemade hanging towels and Upcycled American Girl clothes and quilts.
- ♦ Curt Berfield, who decorates liquor bottles
- ♦ Diana Bakle, who makes small wood items that can be placed on a tier tray or displayed on a mantle, etc.

If you are interested in being a vendor, please contact youth.sjl@stjohntigers.com.

10/21 Vendor Fair Set Up *TBA

10/22 Vendor Fair 9:30 AM - 5 PM

Come and help with the event as you are able and don't forget about the clean-up afterwards.

New Contact Info: youth.sjl@stjohntigers.com

Youth keep up-to-date with events on the SJL Youth Facebook Page.

Sunday Night Youth Activities

Let's get to know the disciples!

9/18 Simon Peter

9/25 Andrew

10/2 James

10/9 John

10/16 Philip

SENDING OUT SOME THANKS!!!

Thank you to everyone who helped make the Pie Pan at the Defiance County Fair a Success!



VENDOR FAIR & BAKE SALE

October 22, 2022—10 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Sponsored by St. John Lutheran Youth

Come out to support our Congregation's Youth and the Vendors who have joined us for the day! Don't forget to tell all your friends!



We have new vendors to confirm:

- 1.) The "Crafty Sisters" selling stained glass items.
- 2.) Michele Egts of "Cheles Bling Things" who makes rhinestone tumblers.
- 3.) Enjoy a chair massage with Marissa Rohlf and pick up a t-shirt or earrings.
- 4.) Dawn Duncan from "Talk Crafty to Me" selling t-shirts and tumblers.
- 5.) Janice & Thomas Cordy with purses, tote bags, winter ear warmers, scarves, wool needle felted seasonal items, crochet hats and headbands, as well as custom vinyl shirts and onesies.
- 6.) Brenda Allison with "Color Street" for your fingernails
- 7.) Sharon Lucas from "Common Scents By Paige" who makes all natural dog treats, freshies, and freshie holders!
- 8.) Jamie Parker who is a "Scentsy" consultant and will be selling wickless candles and scented fragrance wax for electric candle warmers as well as scented natural oils and diffusers.
- 9.) Melissa Weaver from "Thirty-one" items.
- 10.) Shannon Moreo with "Peanut Sue Studio" who makes hand stamped jewelry & accessories (rings, necklaces, bracelets, keychains, spoons).
- 11.) Elissa Baerlin from "Make It Sew Crafts" who sews kitchen items such as bowl cozies, floor turtles, aprons, tortilla warmers, potholders, etc... & baby items such as hats, bibs, burp rags, teethingers & rice heat therapy bags & macrame.
- 12.) "Maddy Made" & "Kasey's Creations" selling Perler Bead Art, scrunchies, & book art, bead jewelry
- 13.) Connie Robertson, hand knitted socks, snap bags, glam bags.

Calling all Bakers!

The Youth will be hosting a bake sale at the Vendor Fair! Please consider baking something for the youth to sell. Sign up on the Youth Bulletin Board or send an e-mail to youth.sjl@stjohntigers.com. Please arrange the baked items in groups of ½ a dozen or a dozen inside a ziplock bag or on a plate covered with plastic wrap. Items can be dropped off on Friday, October 21st or first thing Saturday morning.



Care Facilities

Brookview Healthcare Center: **Sue Bidlack**

Glenn Park: **Bonnie Gomez, Clarence and Jean Meyer, Bill and Paula Johnson**

Kingsbury Place Assisted Living: **Minnie Wagner, Martha Vaughn, Loretta Koppenhofer, Jonas & Maggie**

Mack, Myrna Ritterling, Donna Nicely (Floyd's wife). Laurels of Defiance: **Lorna Goldenetz, Becky Lindeman, Mark LaGorin**. Defiance Healthcare & Rehabilitation: **Robin Casper, Virginia Mast**

Pine Hill Retirement Community: **Wilma Beaverson**. Glenwood Care Facility: **Marv & Helen Steingass**

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

John Glick (brother of Linda Brandt), **Adam Froelich** (nephew of Dottie and Dave Goldenetz),

Jean Saggars (friend of Lorna Smith), **Thomas Freeland** (brother of Marye Jagow),

Amanda Bok (niece of Marilyn Buchholz), **Brandon Chukayne** (nephew of Pastor Mews), **Amanda Egly** (family of Nancy Eickenberg), **Steve Hageman** (husband of Linda Hageman), Jim Ankney (friend of Dave Memmer), **Megan & Christopher Penman** (daughter of Rick & Nancy Baldwin)

**Prayers Requests**

Please let the church office know of any additional prayer requests. Call 419.782.5766 or email church.secretary2@stjohntigers.com

For the **Prayer Chain**, please contact Judy or Penny via phone, text, or email if you have a prayer request, an addition, a correction, or any feedback for the **Prayer Chain Warriors** to include in their prayers. Judy Detter (detterjudy@gmail.com), text Judy: 419.783.7032. Penny Mueller (pennym41@gmail.com) text Penny: 419.304.5768

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	Tracey Fraedrich	Andrew Nicely
		Corey Renn

FALL 2022 St. John Lutheran church, Defiance, Ohio

LIFE WITH GOD: (LWG) Starting, Monday, September 12, 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 Lutheran Church, 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, September 12, 2022 to Monday, December 12, 2022. Classes are held on Monday Evenings in the Adult Bible Study room from 6:30-8:30 P.M. A calendar will be shared then. Bring nothing. On the last class we will bring refreshments to share. After the 2nd class, no new class members are to join. Note, no class on Monday, September 19 and Monday, October 10 as Pastor Mews is at conferences those days. Participants may make up classes that they miss, and all will have a take-home-and-keep class notebook.

TEACHER: 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: Return to the church office by **Sunday, September 11, 2022** or hand to the pastor.

Fall 2022 St. John Lutheran Church "Life with God 1" (LWG1) 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.

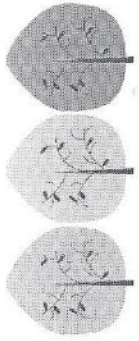
_____ I plan to attend Life with God to renew my faith and/or to support a friend attending.

_____ 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:

September 2022



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