

THE EPISTLE

NEWSLETTER



St. John Lutheran Church, Defiance, Ohio



THANKSGIVING BAGS

The food pantry is distributing a bagful of Thanksgiving food items this month to food pantry clients.

DRIVE-THRU

ELECTION DAY MEAL

November 8, 4:30-6:30 p.m.
Pick up your dinners! Profits benefit the "Shop with a Cop" program.

BLAST EVENT: FRIENDS GIVING

November 16
Donations of socks, hats, and gloves for the Veterans.

AN ADVENT AFTERNOON

November 20, 2-4pm
All free will offerings will go to LCMS World Relief for Hurricane Ian recovery efforts.

COATS FOR CHRISTMAS

Donate your Coats for Christmas in the south lobby tub.
Donations accepted until Nov. 11.

ANGEL TREE PROGRAM

St. John will be participating in the Prison Fellowship Ministries Angel Tree Program. Each child will have two Angels. Details on page 9.

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow"



You are all familiar with these words. They are the opening line in our beloved Doxology. It is a First Article of the Apostles' Creed, *"I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth,"* and a First Commandment, *"You shall have no other gods,"* statement. More importantly those brief words acknowledge and define our significance, *"All blessings flow from God,"* including our possessions, our

dreams, our life, our essence and our being. For us children of God, who live in the Kingdom of power, (God rules overall), who live in the Kingdom of grace, (Believers are given eternity by grace) and those who are in the Kingdom of glory, (Believers in heaven) our significance is found chiefly, mainly and most significantly in that we are *"made in His image,"* Genesis! It is fitting and right that we acknowledge and realize our significance and who we are and that *"All blessings do flow"* from God, our Triune God!

However, this view that all blessings flow from God is becoming less widely honored and, more importantly, less cherished in our nation, our community and even our homes. Carl Sagan, a PHD, and gifted naturalist from Stanford University holds a much different view of our (humans) significance and being. His words are influential to many. Review some of his statements;

"You are worth about \$3 worth of chemicals."

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- 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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SERMONS FOR NOVEMBER 2022

Nov 5-6

“See Me, Now See Him!” Matt: 5:1-12

Nov 12-13

“Blessings of Paradoxes!” Malachi 4:1-6

Nov 19-20

“I’m only Human!” Col: 1:3-20

Nov 23 Thanksgiving Eve, 7:30 p.m.

“Thank the Lord!” Matt: 17:11-19

Nov 26-27

“Be Prepared!” Matt: 24: 36-49

CONTACT INFORMATION:

CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

Monday-Friday, 8:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Church Office: 419.782.5766

Pastor Mews: ext 103

pastor.mews@stjohntigers.com
 419.670.5014

(after hours contact number)

Church Secretaries:

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



Fall Back, Nov 6

Daylight Saving Time

Set your clocks back an hour the night of Saturday Nov 5th. Don't be too early!

VOTE —Tuesday, November 8

Voting is from at 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Pick up your dinner, if you ordered one between 4:30-6:30 p.m.



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 & Lorna Smith, and George & Phyllis 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.



In our worship services on November 5 and 6, we will be celebrating “All Saints’ Day”. The names of family and friends who were called to their eternal home this past year will be read in the church service. We praise God for the salvation won through Christ’s suffering, death and resurrection. We praise God for the water of Holy Baptism and saving faith that promises all believers in Christ eternal life in heaven.

Making Disciples for Life



"Making Disciples for Life" reminds us that God works through and uses our time, talent, and treasure, or our *stewardship* to build God's Kingdom. Remember, as St. Paul reminds us in his first letter to the Christians in Corinth (1 Corinthians 16:2), that Christian Stewardship is:

1. Giving first fruits
2. Giving in proportion
3. Giving regularly

This November will be the time frame for our **"Making Disciples for Life"** 2022 Stewardship Program for our congregation. The "Making Disciples for Life" commitment card was recently mailed to all active members.

- During the weekends of November 6, 13, and 20, **"Making Disciples for Life"** will include related videos, messages and children's messages.
- The worship services of the weekend of November 20 will be **"Making Disciples for Life"** consecration services. We ask that you prayerfully consider your commitment.

We ask that you send the card to the church before that weekend or that you place your card in the large wooden boxes at our church entrance before the worship service you attend the weekend of November 19 or 20. All cards will be included in our consecration and dedication of our gifts, as by God we have been called for **"Making Disciples for Life."**

The Lord shine His light upon you as we contemplate, pray and consider how God works through each of us as we have all been given time, talent and treasure and sent to serve.

Call Pastor Mews or Mr. Jeff Rohlf, our congregational chairman, if you have any questions.

Stewardship
CAMPAIGN

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"We are all star dust."

"Who are we? We find that we live on an insignificant planet of a humdrum star lost in a galaxy tucked away in some forgotten corner of a universe in which there are far more galaxies than people."

"We are just a dot and a speck in a vast universe."

Sadly, many have concurred with Carl Sagan when it comes to understanding of our being and lives. To them, this form of naturalistic science wins the day and hence our significant is no greater or lesser than all the other insignificance and meaningless species and molecules in the universe. To Sagan, the nothingness of meaninglessness and insignificance wins the day and the only way out is, as wise King Solomon recognized centuries before Dr. Sagan, *"Eat, drink and be merry for tomorrow we shall die!"* 1 Corinthians 15:32

Yet we believers who reside in God's Kingdom of power and grace and one day in His Kingdom of glory, know, confess and cherish that we are *"made in His image."* Our significance is found in the uniqueness contrary to Sagan's dark alleys, that we are the crown of His creation and we are so significant that the Lord tells us that *"All the angels in heaven rejoice over one sinner who repents."*

We who are lost coins and sheep and prodigals, who have been found by God's grace in Christ, this month, as we celebrate with thanksgiving, we not only give thanks for the bounty of blessings, but thank GOD for all blessings, of body and soul, life and salvation.

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow!"

And all God's people say, "Amen!"

Pastor Kurt Mews

GREETER MINISTRY HAS BEGUN!



We have nearly 40 greeters signed up and will continue to do so. The plan is for the greeter to serve once every 6 weeks. Our first training was held on Sunday, October 16, our next meeting will be held on Sunday, November 13 from Noon to 12:30 p.m. in the south church lobby. Thank you for your willingness to share in our Lord's hospitality!

- Advent 2022 -

- Wednesday Advent Themes -

Wednesday, November 30,
1:00 & 7:30 p.m.

"Cain, the son of Adam"

Wednesday, December 7
1:00 & 7:30 p.m.

"Ishmael, the son of Abraham"

Wednesday, December 14
1:00 & 7:30 p.m.

"Absalom, the son of David"

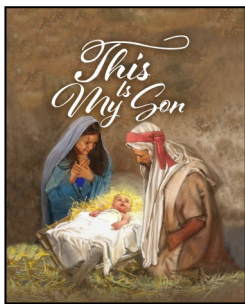
Wednesday, December 21
1:00 & 7:30 p.m.

"Jesus, the son of Jesse"

Christmas Eve., December 24
3:30 pm, 7:00 p.m., 8:30 p.m.
"Jesus, the True Son"

Sunday, December 25- 10:00 a.m.
with Holy Communion

"Son of Mary of Nazareth, the Son of God"



"This Is My Son" was written
by Rev. Joshua Schmidt
(our former pastor)

**"This is My Son" Devotional Advent
booklets are available for your family.**

St. John Lutheran Church 1851-2022 — 171 Years

(continued from the October Epistle)

Around 1900 the reredos (the upper part of the altar) was added to the altar, and in 1941 the church building underwent a complete remodeling. New windows, lights and carpet replaced the old. The interior of the church was redecorated in 1951. In 1976, a new communion rail and new pews were installed. A new Zimmer pipe organ was installed in 1982.

For the 100th anniversary year, a project to provide accessibility for disabled persons to both the church and school facilities through a remodeled entrance was completed in time for the special worship service to dedicate the church building on September 23, 1984.

Then, 26 years later in 2011 the sanctuary was remodeled. New pews and wood flooring were installed, all the walls were painted and a blue sky with stars above the altar were added plus new lighting. To stream our worship services, we have two video cameras in the sanctuary.

A Christian Day School has been an important part of St. John program since 1870, when the first school building was constructed. This building was torn down to make way for a new school in 1926. A new Education Center adjoining that structure was completed in 1965, and at that time the connecting passage between the church and school was also constructed. There are currently eight full time teachers and eight other specialist teachers and aides on the Christian Day School faculty.

The congregation has been served by sixteen pastors to the present time. Rev. Kurt Mews is our current pastor and was installed in March of 2019.





We will be decorating the church, inside and out, on
Monday, December 5 at 5:30 p.m. Please come and
 join us in preparing the church for Christmas.

Thank you

The Tuesdays @ 10 Bible Study would like to thank everyone who purchased tickets or donated money for their Election day Drive-Thru Dinner. Proceeds benefitted the "Shop With A Cop" program.



— MENU —

Appetizers:

Tossed Salad,
 Beef Stick with Cheese

Entrée:

1/2 Cornish Hen, Hash Browns, Mixed
 Vegetables, Roll and Butter

Kid's Entrée: Chicken Strips

Dessert:

A variety of delicious cupcakes
 Made by Mary Mick

St. John Lutheran Church Congregational



PARTY!

Sunday, December 4, 2022

5:00 p.m.

St. John Lutheran Gym

— 2022 Congregational Christmas Party —

Please join us as we celebrate the Christmas season!



Name: _____

#Adults: _____ # Children: _____

Return this form to the church office or place in the offering plate by November 20

FROM THE DESK OF PRINCIPAL JOHN MARCH:

Dear St. John Family,

In October, we met for our first evening of prayer. I truly believe that it is imperative that we, as a church body, gather together and pray together. We need to make communicating with our Lord and Savior a focus. It is one of the most important aspects of a Christian's spiritual life. Did you know that God actually requires us to pray? Over and over again in the Bible, God says, "Ask me, and I will...and if my people....will humble themselves and pray....then I will....and ask and it will be given to you."



We are in a spiritual battle. When we gather together and pray, the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, God hears our prayers and Satan's power is dispelled. By doing this we put a hedge of protection around us. During the hour of our prayer time we held at St. John's, we focused on praying for four specific areas: our church, our community, our school, and our children.

We spent time praying for our church. God put St. John Lutheran Church in this exact location – in this exact town – for a reason. He wants to build together a group of individuals into a real community who love one another, support one another, and watch after one another with the love of Jesus Christ. He wants His church to be so attractive with His love that others will also want to be a part of what He is doing in us.

We then prayed for our community. We have many opportunities to reach out and be a shining light in our community for Christ. We prayed for the outreach events we held in October, that as a result seeds would be planted. We prayed that God would open doors, as well as peoples' hearts and minds and that they would come to know Him as Savior.

Next, we prayed for our school. Our school should be a key focus of our prayers. Our children will spend almost as much time in school as at home. This makes the school, the teachers, and the other students a prime means of influence on our children. We are blessed to have a school whose foundation is solidly built upon God and His Word, and whose focus is on Christian values. We need to pray that God continues to bless our school as it endeavors to "develop dynamic disciples".

Finally, we lifted up our children. They are our most precious gifts from God. We are blessed to have a school that has firm Christian values, however within our society they will be in the midst of people who have no regard for our God, Jesus, or love for our children. They will be exposed to things that may lead them away from Jesus. We prayed for God's protection, friends and influences that wouldn't lead them astray. We also prayed that they would have great opportunities to represent Jesus to everyone around them.

We will be holding our next evening of prayer in January, during National Lutheran School's Week. I pray that you will come and join us as we lift up prayers to our Savior.

Praying for you,

In Christ,

John March, Principal

**Making
Disciples
for Life** 



FROM THE DESK OF DEBBIE WAGNER:

"I have called you by your name." Isaiah 43:1

"God Is In Control." That is one of my 4 year old class' favorite songs....as the lyrics continue on...a warrior, defender, the Savior of my soul!" As we teach our young children about Jesus, we are planting in them the seed of salvation. We must never underestimate the power of planting that seed!

As we move into the Fall season, we are learning about the gift of families and the blessing of the seasons. We have investigated bees, carved pumpkins, engaged in lots of pumpkin art and leaf activities, and have practiced our songs for our performance in the 11:00 service on October 23rd. Thanks to a donation by the St. John Lutheran Clothes Closet, each of our preschoolers received a Beginner's Bible. Kevin Creutz, our Ohio District Lutheran Schools Superintendent, also presented us with our National Lutheran Schools Early Childhood Accreditation Award. May God continue to bless you during the Season of Harvest!



Greetings from Kindergarten:



Cross Training



Cross Training, Trunk or Treat/Reformation Festival on Wednesday, October 26 was a huge success. We had eight open decorated trunks in the parking lot for our guests.

Leaders include Pastor Mews (8th), Mike and Nancy Kemper (7th), Dick Bonin (6th) and Kristina Phipps (1st-5th Grade).

If you have any questions or would like to sign your child up for Cross Training, please call at 419.782.5766.

November 2- Regular Classes

November 9-Regular Classes

November 16 -*BLAST EVENT

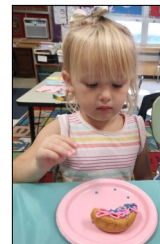
November 23-NO CLASS

* The November 16th, Cross Training BLAST event is collecting socks, hats, and gloves for Veterans.

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

***BLAST: Belonging, Learning,
And Serving, Together***

CHILDREN'S Sunday School



Sunday School is for children ages 3 (and potty trained) and older. Sunday School is from 9:30-10:30 downstairs in the nursery room. Text or call Megan Fritz for any questions at 419-438-4905.

Youth SUNDAY SCHOOL



Calling all youth. A Bible Study just for you. Please join us at 9:30 a.m. every Sunday in the Youth Room. Contact Roger Schafer at 763.242.5643 for more information.

ANGEL TREE PROGRAM

St. John will be participating in the Prison Fellowship Ministries Angel Tree Program again this year. Each child will have two Angels on the tree, one for a clothing item and one for a fun or toy item. Each gift should be at \$20.00 value. Please return the wrapped gifts with the Angel attached to the outside of the gift to the church office by Sunday, December 11. Angels will be available on the tree outside the church office during the weekends of November 12, 13 and Nov. 19 and 20.

St. John Youth Group and other volunteers will then deliver the gifts to families. If you are unable to shop for a gift, a monetary gift may be given to the church office. The Youth Board will choose an Angel and shop for the gift for you. Monetary gifts may also be give to the church office to assist with the food baskets that are prepared and given to each family. Any questions, contact Tami Rohlf at 419.438.5860.

USE YOUR ACTION TEAM MONIES TO HELP OUR COMMUNITY!

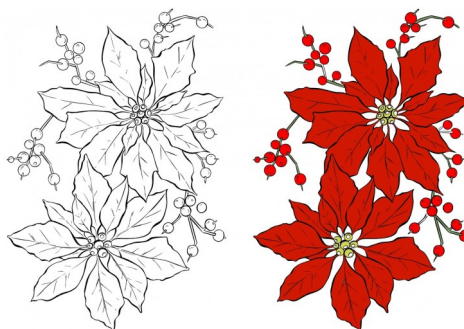
If you have a Thrivent Policy, you would be able to apply for an **Action Team Event**. We are always looking for ways to serve our community, state, nation, and world and share God's Word and love. If you have any questions about Action Team Events, please contact the church office at 419.782.5766.



SJL Youth Scoop November 2022

New Contact

Info: youth.sjl@stjohntigers.com



Christmas Poinsettias

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas... or it soon will be :-)

Details for ordering poinsettias for Christmas will be coming soon! Find updates on the Youth Bulletin Board & in the Church Bulletin.

Sending out some Thanks!!!

Thank you to everyone who helped make October's vendor fair a success! We appreciated all the baked goods and everyone who came out to shop.

Youth & Sunday Nights

Due to a lack of interest, the Sunday night youth activities 6:30-8:00 p.m. are canceled.

GOOGLE CALENDARS

Subscribe to the Google Calendars. These calendars are the most up-to-date information for the school (St John Lutheran Christian School- Defiance OH), the church (St. John Lutheran Church Calendar and Cross Training (Cross Training Calendar). Also, the calendars are embedded on the church (stjohndefiance.com) and school (stjohntigers.com) websites.



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 every-day life. The Wednesday 2:00-3:00 p.m. class is held in the Fellowship Room. We continue our discussion on "The Pharisee and the Tax Collector" Luke 18:9-14.

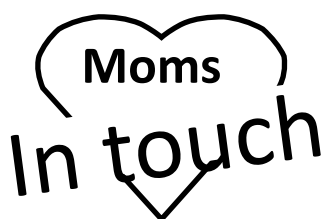


Revelation Thursday A.M. Bible Study

Have you ever had questions over the Book of Revelation? This class discusses your questions about this Book of Revelation and gives hope in our victory in Christ. The class gathers from 10:00-11:30 a.m. every Thursday in the Fellowship Hall. All is provided.

Life with God

There are five people attending the fall Life with God session. 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. The next Life with God class will be in January.



Faye Lühring invites to you join a group of ladies who pray for not only our congregation and its members, but also our community and world affairs. They meet every other Monday at 9:00 a.m. at 274 Wilson St. The next meeting will be November 7.



Bible Studies



SUNDAY-9:30 a.m.

Phil Rohlf — "They Met Jesus"
Lunchroom A

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

Jeff Rohlf — "The Foundations"
By Ken Ham, Adult Room A

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

Roger Schafer—Youth Bible Study
In the Youth Room

Sunday School: The Nursery Room



SECOND TUESDAY AND FOURTH TUESDAY

KNIT'N STUDY—The next meeting for the Knit'n Study will be on Tuesday, November 8 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.

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



November 40+ Anniversaries



Bill & Marsha Wagner, Nov 3 (29)
 Clarence & Jean Meyer, Nov 5 (72)
 Otto & Donna Nicely, Nov 7 (58)
 John & Bev Gray, Nov 7 (41)
 James & Jeanette Tingle, Nov 10 (49)
 Kenn & Cindy Sawmiller, Nov 12 (46)
 James & Nancy Rensi, Nov 14 (41)
 Mike & Jan McGhee, Nov 20 (40)
 Fred & Rita Bergman, Nov 21 (52)
 Bill & Roberta Phlipot, Nov 22 (47)
 Mike & Terry Koenig, Nov 26 (45)
 Roger & Emma Maddock, Nov 29 (54)
 James & Sandy Morris, Nov 29 (47)
 Paul & Ramona Burkhart, Nov 29 (64)

November 80+ Birthdays



Norma Miller, Nov 12 (91)
 Allen Wichman, Nov 24 (84)
 Ken Harris, Nov 29 (86)
 Roger Benien, Nov 30 (81)

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 105.7 FM Defiance

Our service is broadcast a week later on Sunday at 9:30 a.m. on WONO 1280 AM and on WZOM 105.7 FM at 8:00 a.m.

DCTV

The 11:00 a.m. service is videotaped every week and edited and sent to DCTV-DIGITAL CHANNEL 1021. It is broadcast a week later.

Prayer Requests

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

Thank you to
 Mr. Tony Homier
 and Mr. Cody Tietje

Thank You!

for placing of a permanent sign holder and banner post in the upper corner of our south parking lot on the corner of Arabella and Wayne Avenue. Signage will help share the church and school ministry events. The permanent sign holder is being dedicated in honor and memory of Pastor Luhring.



Scout News

November 2022



October was a busy month for the Cub Pack. Cubs and their families attended Family Fun Day & Family Overnight at Camp Lakota. Activities included archery, BB guns, climbing on the tower and fishing, among others. Later in the month, Pack members and families attended a Halloween Party at a local residence. An Anthony Wayne reenactor shared his experience with the construction of Fort Defiance and the Battle of Fallen Timbers. In addition, there was a woodworker who made, by hand, legs for stools as well as a blacksmith who demonstrated his trade. A number of other activities, including pumpkin carving and games, were on the agenda, too. Further, the Cub Pack had a float in the Defiance Halloween Parade.

The Cub Pack will be having a “Turkey Shoot” this month. A variety of Nerf gun types will be used to shoot at targets. Members of each Den (Dens are based on grade levels.) will compete against others for the highest score with the winner in the Den receiving a Nerf Gun. Cubs will also be working on engaging achievements, specific to each Den.

October was a busy month for the Troop as well. A trip to Kelly’s Island via ferry saw the Troop camp two nights. Highlights included a visit to Perry’s Monument where Troop members were able to view the entire island as well as southern Canada. Exploration of a beach took the Scouts searching for sea glass and observing the characteristics of a number of rocks. A tour of Perry’s Cave followed. Troop members also participated in the Chinquapin District Camporee at Lakota. The theme of the Camporee was “The Amazing Race” and featured a number of demanding events while traveling around the Lakota World checking in with passports at stations and competing in skills, puzzles and teamwork. The Troop hosted the older Cubs at this event with Troop members mentoring the Cubs while also developing relationships that will carry over as the younger Cubs become future Boy Scouts.

Members of the Troop are working on merit badges and rank advancements this month.

The Pack would like to thank everyone who purchased popcorn during the recent campaign. Monies earned help provide outstanding programs for the youth. Your support was be truly appreciated.

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.

— ENDOWMENT —

The market has been down, therefore, there will be no annual distribution of monies at this time. In the past Endowment has given us monies for improvements to the church and school. Requests for monies were usually done in November. We thank the Endowment Committee for their continued stewardship of the monies entrusted to them to manage.

The Ladies Aid of St. John invites you to join us on Sunday, Nov. 20!

An Advent Afternoon

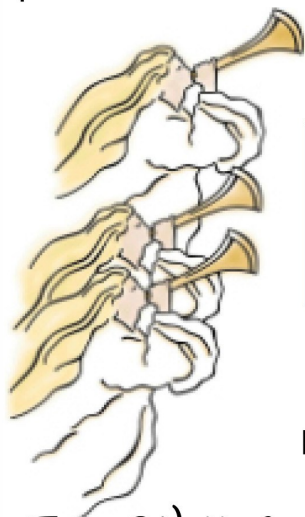
Prepare your heart and mind for Christmas and hear how you can find many moments of peace throughout this busy Christmas season.



Sunday, November 20, 2022

2:00 - 4:00 p.m. - St. John Gymnasium

Take some time for yourself, invite other ladies or girls, 10 years and older, and spend an afternoon celebrating the true meaning of Advent with other ladies...the blessings of loved ones, our congregation, and the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.



You can be a hostess for a round table that seats 5 to 6 ladies or 8 ladies at a rectangle table or come as a guest. Hostesses decorate their table and provide refreshments for their guests. Beverages are provided.

For more information contact Lorna Smith or Phyllis Kaiser.

Lorna: waltandlorna@gmail.com or call 419.782.7465.

Phyllis: pldeweert@gmail.com or call 419.956.7025 by Nov. 6.

Registration sheets are available in the weekly bulletin.

Return sheets to the church office.

Free Will Offering

The Lutheran Church—
Missouri Synod's Disaster

Response ministry responds to immediate and long-term needs following natural and man-made disasters. Donations will be used for long recovery efforts.



**LUTHERAN
WORLD RELIEF**





This being the month that we celebrate Thanksgiving, let us remember "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever." 1 Chronicles 16:34. Please remember that we need to be thankful for our many blessings and give thanks to God daily for our many blessings. We hope everyone is enjoying the homemade noodles.

Our next meeting is Nov., 17, 2022 at 2pm. Barb Dales will be the hostess. The food pantry item is Body Wash & Bars of Soap. Remember the food pantry can always use toilet paper and laundry soap. Donations to the Path Center will also be received.

We will be finishing last minute details for our An Advent Afternoon to be held on Nov., 20 2022 at 2:00 pm. Don't forget to get your reservations in to host a table or come as a guest to the Afternoon.



Sunday, November 20, 2022, 2-4 p.m.
St. John Gymnasium

Name: _____

Please list your guests on this sheet.

Phone # _____

Hostess(es) Name(s):

Email: _____

Table Guests

_____ I would like to host a table. Note, as a hostess, you may want to choose a co-hostess to help decorate your table and provide refreshments for your guests.

_____ I will host a round table (5-6 people)

_____ I will host a rectangular table (8 people)

_____ I would like to come as a guest to "An Advent Afternoon".

You may invite friends and relatives to sit at your table, may host a table for other guests and make new friends, or leave a seat or two open at your table for others to join you. **Please return by Nov. 6, 2022** to the church office. We ask that guests be 10 years old and older.

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Thank you to everyone who generously donated to the gathering of food items for the Thanksgiving Bags. Also, thanks to the group that gathered on Monday, October 31



to help assemble the bags. We were able to purchase 5 cases of the 28 oz. cans of turkey. I applied for a Thrivent Action Team and used the \$250 to offset the cost of the remaining items that were needed to complete the 60 bags.

Meijer donated the cloth-like shopping bags.

The Food Pantry continues to serve clients on Tuesday and Thursday from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.. In October we had *47 families or 130 people with a distribution of 145 bags of food valued at \$1,450. We had 7 new families.

*As of Tuesday, Oct. 25, 2022.

Thank you to everyone who



Meijer of Defiance is featuring the St. John Lutheran Food Pantry for a 13-week campaign starting on Sunday, October 2, 2022 through Saturday, December 31, 2022.

The \$10 Simply Give donation cards are available in the church office and at the end of the register lanes at the store.

Saturday, December 17, 2022 is a Double Match Day. 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. Mark this date on the calendar to purchase a \$10 Simply Give Card. Thank you for supporting this ministry.

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 donations and come on in and do a little shopping.

We are collecting coats for Christmas. Deposit your gently used coats



in the south lobby bin by November 11. Distribution of coats is on Saturday, November 19, from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 – 7:00 p.m., and Sunday, November 20, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, 501 Washington Ave., Defiance, Ohio.

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.

Outreach Ministry was very active in October. After recruiting 35+ individuals as greeters, a training was held on October 16, with an additional training to be held November 13. Making worshipers feel welcome is truly at the heart of St. John.

Halloween provided two opportunities for community outreach. Trunk or Treat welcomed 400+ children and families to St. John. A variety of ventures were available, including a decorated outreach table filled with literature and candy. At the Defiance Halloween Parade, a canopy with the St. John logo was on display where free popcorn was distributed. A table with literature and a donation container for the victims of Hurricane Ian was also present.

The Outreach Committee meets monthly to plan for additional opportunities to be more welcoming to worshipers and to be more visible in the community.

Contact Mike Saxton at 419-439-2079 or Pastor Mews at 419.782.5766.

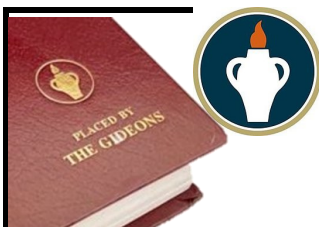


This is your church! Stay connected with all the events of St. John Lutheran Church. We use the program Realm to easily let our congregation know what is going on. This program is only for St. John members. Please email, church.secretary2@stjohntigers.com if you would like to be invited in. You will create your own password.



CHURCH COLOR PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

In the spring of 2023, we have scheduled to have our congregation have the opportunity to have their picture taken for St. John Lutheran color pictorial directory. Watch for more information in the coming months.



Thank you to everyone who donated to the Gideons International the weekend of October 15 & 16. Donations totaled \$1,064. With your generosity and support will help continue to spread the Good News of the Gospel.



November 2022



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		ALL SAINT'S DAY 1 Scholastic Book Fair Food Pantry 9:30a Bible Study 10a Book Club 2p Outreach Mtg 6:30p 419 Mtg 6:30p	2 Scholastic Book Fair Admin Mtg 1p Parables 2p Handbells 5:30p Cross Training 6:30p Adult Bible Study 6:30 p Senior Choir 6:30p	3 Scholastic Book Fair Clothes Closet 9a Chapel led by Kaiser 9a Food Panty 9:30a Revelation 10a Elders 7p	4 Scholastic Book Fair School Dismissal Noon Parent Teachers Conference 12:30p	COMMUNION 5 5:30p worship
COMMUNION 6 ALL SAINTS DAY SERVICE 8:00 & 9:30a worship 9:30a Sunday School Two Baptisms 9:30 a 9:30a Youth Bible Study 11:00a worship Dart Ball 6p	7 Moms in Touch 9a Ministry Mtg 11:00a Finance 5:30p Tele Care 6:30p Life with God 6:30p Boy Scouts/Cubs 6:30p	ELECTION DAY 8 Pastor @ COS 9:30a Food Pantry 9:30a Bible Study 10a Knit 'n Study 1:00p Drive thru Election Day Meal 4:30p PTL 6:30p	STEWARDSHIP MLNG 9 Endowment 11:30a Admin Mtg 1p Parables 2p Handbells 5:30p Cross Training 6:30p Adult Bible Study 6:30 p Senior Choir 6:30p	10 Clothes Closet 9a Chapel Led by John March 9a Food Pantry 9:30a BCDS 7p	VETERAN'S DAY 11 Clothes Closet 10a	12 Wedding Payne & Harrington Wedding: Noon 5:30p worship 5:30p Senior Choir Singing
13 Senior Choir Singing 8:00 & 9:30a worship 9:30a Sunday School 9:30a Youth Bible Study 11:00a worship Greeter Training Noon	14 Finance 9:30a Noodle Setup 2p Life with God 6:30p Boy Scouts/Cubs 6:30p	15 EPISTLE ARTICLES DUE Ladies Aid Noodle 8:30a Food Pantry 9:30a Bible Study 10a Book Club 2p Trustees 6:30p Youth Bd Mtg 6:30p	*BLAST EVENT 16 Admin Mtg 1p Parables 2p Bag Noodles 2p Handbells 5:30p Cross Training 6:30p Adult Bible Study 6:30 p Senior Choir 6:30p	17 Clothes Closet 9a Chapel Led by Lorna 9a Food Panty 9:30a Revelation 10a Ladies Aid 2p Parish Planning 7p Festival of Trees?	18 Clothes Closet 10a	COMMUNION. 19 5:30p worship
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***BLAST: Belonging, Learning, And Serving, Together!**