

THE EPISTLE

NEWSLETTER

FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR MEWS:

“IS DOCTRINAL UNITY A LUXURY?”

“Be eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.” Ephesians 4:3

Teams, organizations and individuals who understand and unite their mission and purpose tend to be successful, work together more closely, and are more empathetic towards each other. In a day and age “When any God or religion will do,” it’s hard to stress, urge, promote and insist on doctrinal unity and teaching and practice in Scripture. Our world is flooded with the thoughts, “that any God will do,” “at least they’re in church,” and “Jesus doesn’t major in the minors, so neither should we.” Is unity in our belief and practice on Christian doctrines essential or is it a luxury? Luxury is a Greek word rooted in the term “decadence” and “over-abundance.” In other words, luxury is excess of privilege. Some would conclude as long as one keeps with the main teachings of the Bible, then we should all be content. What do you think: Is doctrinal unity a luxury? Or is it essential? Professor Theodore Engelder wrote extensively about this question in his essay “Is Doctrinal Unity a Luxury?” Theodore Engelder, (1865-1949) draws to Biblical, confessional and practical conclusions that doctrinal unity is not a luxury, but a necessity.



GOD’S WORD: “Be eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit, beware of false teachers, agree with another, do not receive anyone who does not hold to this teaching, teach them to obey all thing I have commanded to you and I do not shrink from declaring to you the entire counsel of God.” Each of those words are God’s revelation to us in His Word, Holy Scripture! Doctrinal unity is a prerequisite, a ‘must.’

THE CHURCH’S STRENGTH: Dr. Francis Pieper, the LCMS go-to guy when it comes to Christian teachings, shares the stark reality of the necessity of this type of unity: “The Church attains at all times its greatest strength when she abides by the Word of God in all points. It is folly to think that yielding this or that part of Christian doctrine would be to the best interest of the Church. We deceive ourselves if we thought the union with false teaching or its toleration.....would be of benefit to the Church.”

THE BATTLE IS OF GOD, FOR GOD, FROM GOD: Dr. Luther’s gifted words and illustrations have a knack to express the profound in enlightening images. He states, “If the devil brings it about that men yield to him in one article, he has won the battle....They are all bound together like a gold chain; if one link is broken, the whole chain falls apart.”

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN? As “the Word of God stands forever,” doctrinal unity is a necessity for our faith in Christ and life with God together. Any conflict or disagreement needs to first look to doctrinal unity and use that as a blueprint for Godly resolution. This unity of doctrine first and foremost views all as children of God, for whom Christ died, rose and ascended to heaven. This is the blueprint for all of our church/school ministry, and this basic touch-point is the springboard for common work.

Is Doctrinal Unity a must? Yes, and as the Holy Spirit guides us to mature in the faith, our unity will only grow deeper and be used by God for the well-being of His Church and mission on earth.

Happy New Year, 2023! Pastor Kurt F. Mews.

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SUNDAY SERMONS FOR DECEMBER 2022

JAN. 7-8

“Bruised Reeds—Smoldering Wicks” Isaiah 42:1-9

JAN. 14-15

“Missional Mercy” John 1:29-42a

JAN. 21-22,

“Church Survival Guide” 1 Cor. 1:10-18

JAN. 28-29,

“How Much Does It Cost?” Micah 6:1-8



We will be taking down Christmas decorations, inside and outside the church, on **Monday, January 9 at 5:30 p.m.** Please come and join us!

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.

CONFIRMATION AND WELCOME OF NEW MEMBERS:

Sunday, January 8, 2023, 9:30 a.m. service.

Mikayla Goller, Confirmation

Larry and Karon Graft, Transfer

James Mann, Transfer

Rose Webb, Transfer

Winter 2023 Life with God

This is a new class for all those hoping to become communicant members, those desiring to renew their faith or those simply wanting to know the basics of Christianity and Lutheranism. We encourage all members to attend once every 5 years. This class allows one to get to know Pastor Mews and renews, strengthens and deepens one's faith. One will be surprised how much they forgot or really didn't understand since the 8th grade.

WINTER 2023 LIFE WITH GOD 1 begins on January 9, 2023, from 6:30-8:30 in the fellowship hall. Blessings to those who attended the Fall 2022 Life with God: Mikayla Goller, Zach and Michelle Schmunk, Phil and Jean Hoag, James Mann, and Carolyn Richard.

See the blue insert at the back of the Epistle to sign up for the Winter 2023 Life with God class!

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.

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.



FROM THE DESK OF DEBBIE WAGNER:**An Everlasting Love**

Long ago the LORD said to Israel: "I have loved you, my people, with an everlasting love. With unfailing love, I have drawn you to myself."

Jeremiah 31:3 (NLT)

As we celebrate the dawn of 2023, the new year brings a dichotomy of hope and sadness. The tree comes down, the ornaments get carefully wrapped, the toys, sometimes broken, are put on a shelf and often forgotten. A few years ago, I had the privilege of teaching the Parents & 2's class where an adult attended our Friday morning class with their two-year old. At parenting time, we would listen to a cassette (old school), that came along with the parent sheets. The subject matter on that cassette involved taking down all of the beautiful decorations and putting them away. Children would tire of their toys and the excitement of Christmas morning would fade away! However, the celebration of Baby Jesus, the best gift of all and born on Christmas day, should never fade away! God's love for us is an everlasting love that should encompass us the whole year round! Jennie Williamson of AriSon Records wrote a song called "Everlasting Love." My students sing and pray to these lyrics:

"I have loved you with an everlasting love,
I will build you up again
Again, you will dance.. with those filled with joy,
I have loved you with an everlasting love!"

As we enter the new year, let us continue to celebrate His everlasting love for all of us!



Cross Training

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

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

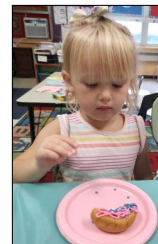
Our next Cross Training BLAST event is on January 18th. We will have a School Resource Officer as a guest speaker with the service dog Mojo! For our meal, we will have chicken chunks from Frickers, chips, cookies, veggies and fruit. We hope to see you there!

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 Fellowship Room. Contact Roger Schafer at 763.242.5643 for more information.

FROM THE DESK OF PRINCIPAL JOHN MARCH:

Dear St. John Family,

As we enter a new year, it is tradition to reflect on the past year and look forward with great anticipation for all that God will do in 2023. This past year had some wonderful moments and some very challenging times for myself, my family, as well as the school and church. One of the highlights for our family this past year was that our daughter, Cailyn, was confirmed. My wife and I are proud of who she is becoming and pleased to see that her faith in her Savior continues to grow. The verse that she chose as her confirmation verse was 2 Timothy 1:7, "for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control."



She spoke in front of the church about the fact that she was, and is, a timid person. She has always been fearful of things. As a young child she used to cling to my wife's leg wherever we were. At times she allows her fear to overtake her, but with God's help she is overcoming that fear. My mother gave Cailyn a beautiful necklace for confirmation, that says "Faith over Fear". It is a constant daily reminder that with God beside her, He is fighting her battles and He is in control; all that she needs to do is to have faith in her Savior and let Him handle the situation.

Fear can be very gripping and can destroy. It is one of the tactics of Satan that he uses on mankind that can control most of us. It is a weapon that he uses against us, causing us to live in darkness and controlling our every thought and action. Think about the things that you worry about, that cause you anxiety. We worry about losing our jobs, losing our homes, not having enough money to pay our bills; we worry about our loved ones and a medical diagnosis and ultimately losing them. We fear for the safety of our children, for

their future, for making the right decisions; we fear for the future of the church and school; yes, we are consumed by fear, worry and anxiety! And God knows this. Do you know that there are 365 times in the Bible that God tells us not to fear? That is one for each day of the year! He knows that our flesh is weak and that worry and anxiety can take over, so He gives us a daily reminder that "He has this!"

I love the fact that my daughter recognizes that fear is something that hinders her at times, and she uses the promises of God found in Scripture to remind herself that God is in control. She has verses around her room that remind her of these promises, that tell her not to fear. She wears jewelry with verses on them that say, "Do not fear". She can glance at these throughout the day to remind her that "God's got this!" I love that God is using my daughter to teach me something!

As we begin 2023, this month begins registration for our school for the upcoming 2023-2024 school year. It is easy for me to worry about the student numbers, for numbers drive our budget. Our current student population for this school year is 105 students, and we need more students! In January we also start planning and working on our big spring fundraiser that is so vital to our school budget. Yet, God has reminded me, "Do not fear!" As we continue faithfully serving God and telling His message of salvation to our students and their families, He sees this and He will continue to provide. As Cailyn reminds me, "Dad, God's got this! It says in Philippians 4:6-7, 'Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.'"

So as a school, we continue to lay our requests at the feet of Jesus, believing with certainty that He will provide for ALL our needs! On Tuesday, January 24th we will have our second, "School Night of Prayer" from 6:30-7:30 pm. I encourage you to come and participate with us, as we lift up our prayers collectively to our Savior regarding our church and school. We will demonstrate "faith over fear" doing exactly what Psalm 56:3 says, "When I am afraid, I put my trust in you."

As we begin 2023, I pray that you, too, will exemplify "faith over fear" in your life, and lay all your fears, worry and anxiety at the foot of the cross, knowing that God is in control and "He's got this!"

In faith,
John March, principal

**Making
Disciples
for Life** 

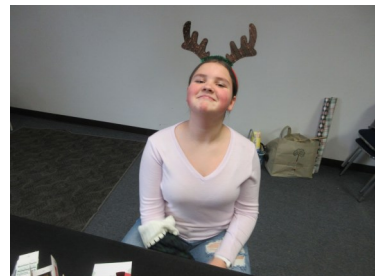


SJL Youth Scoop

youth.sjl@stjohntigers.com



Delivering Angel Tree Gifts & Fun at the Youth Christmas Party!





Mark Your Calendars Now! Homemade Pizza for Super Bowl Sunday

- Orders Due by Sunday, Feb. 5th
- Youth will prepare pizzas on Saturday, Feb. 11, time TBA

SJL Youth Fundraiser



Super Bowl Pizzas!



Looking for comfort food for Super Bowl Sunday? We've got you covered!

Order a pizza today and you can pick it up on Super Bowl Sunday (Feb. 12th) after church. Cook it when you get home, or save it for another day.

12" Cheese Pizza _____ x \$10.00 = \$ _____

12" Pepperoni _____ x \$10.00 = \$ _____

12" Cheese Garlic Bread _____ x \$9.00 = \$ _____

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Profits will go into youth's individual accounts if specified below. If not, funds will be divided among the youth.

Youth's Name: _____

Orders due by Thursday Feb. 5th You may pick up your pizza order on Sunday February 12th between 9:00am-12:15pm at our table outside of the Lunchroom.

Thank you so much for supporting our youth!



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 Pharisee and the Tax Collector" Luke 18:9-14.



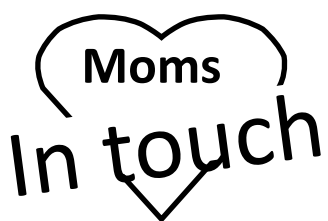
Revelation Thursday A.M. Bible Study

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

Life with God begins January 9th from 6:30-8:30 in the fellowship hall. Please fill out the blue form at the back of the Epistle and return to the church office if you would like to be a part of this class. Members are encouraged to attend every five years.



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. This month, we meet January 2, 16, and 30.



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 Fellowship Room

Sunday School: The Nursery Room

SECOND TUESDAY AND FOURTH TUESDAY



KNIT 'N STUDY—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/children's items for the Women's Health 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!



January 40+ Anniversaries



Dennis & Kathy Ripke, Jan 7 (46)

Bob & Deb Hastedt, Jan 15 (51)

January 80+ Birthdays

Gladys Spreeman, Jan 6 (80)

Martha Vaughn, Jan 6 (87)

Shirley Homan, Jan 19 (81)

Marvin Steingass, Jan 22 (91)

Penny Mueller, Jan 28 (82)

**Dorothy Bockelman,
Jan 30 (84)**



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





Scout News January 2023



The Pack will be holding a “Cubanapolis” this month. Each Cub will make a car out of a cardboard box and decorate it anyway he wants. His family will serve as his pit crew. The Cub will run around the course for six laps with pit stops to change his tires, fuel up and clean his windshield. Pit stops will involve: 1) cleaning the windshield - spray goggles 2 times and wipe with rag, 2) changing tires - remove shoes, turn socks inside out, put shoes on again, 3) a photo op - remove helmet, comb hair 10 times and smile, and 4) re-fuel - fill glass to water line and drink all water thru straw. The laps will be timed and winners determined by race time.

With one of the points of the Scout Law being that a Scout is reverent, a number of Cubs are working on their religious awards which will be presented on Scout Sunday in February.

The Troop has been working on various skills in preparation for the annual Klondike Derby to be held at Camp Berry on January 21. The Klondike Derby challenges patrols of 6 to 8 Scouts to use Scout skills to solve problems as their sleds race from one location to another. Approximately 70 sleds from the 13-county Black Swamp Area Council will be competing that day.

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.

— Treasures in Heaven —

One of my favorite sermons (thank you Pastor Luhring) is the French Fry Sermon. It was a wonderful lesson on God’s sovereignty and our stewardship. The event behind the sermon (in case you haven’t heard it) was a little boy who protested when his father, who bought him French fries, reached out to take one. The irony of this was not wasted on the father, who had provided the French fries.

Our Heavenly Father provides us with everything we need and many of our wants as well. However, He does not release ultimate ownership to us... it might be better described as a loan. Every gift that God gives us is to be used to His glory and for His family and its growth. It is an extension of the “blessed to be a blessing” principle. We love because He loved us. We give because He gave to us.

At times we find it hard to release items we have been given. There may be emotional ties to the item or a feeling of obligation to keep the item. But the best gifts are meant to be regifted... Christ’s salvation, God’s love, God’s abundance. We don’t need to worry about giving, because the Father who loves us owns everything.

So perhaps the best question to ask is, “What’s your French Fry?”



As of December 27, we served 50 families or 162 people. We had 2 new families. There were 245 bags of food distributed with a value of \$2,450. Also, we were able to give each family a jar of jam for Christmas. Thank you to everyone who donated to the Meijer Simply Give program and especially on December 17 when your money was doubled in the gift cards. Meijer is a huge supporter of the area food pantries. Thank you to everyone who helps keep the pantry going. Blessed New Year!



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.

Thank You

A huge thank you goes out to our many ministry volunteers who made the last year of our church and school possible. Thank you for dedicating your time, effort, and talents to what God is doing through St. John Lutheran Church! Some of the many ministries our volunteers are involved in are:

Sunday School
Bible Studies
Printing Bulletins and Worship Guides
Creating Worship PowerPoints
419 Ministries
SJL Youth
Ushers
Greeters
Lay Readers
Worship Team
And more!

Thank you to all who serve! We look forward to another great year of ministry with all of you!



OUTREACH MINISTRY



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.

A St. John pictorial directory will move forward in March when 3 days will be available for taking pictures. Arrangements are currently being made to include those who have conflicts with those dates so that individuals/families can also be included. More information will be forthcoming.

Greeters are now present at the south doors for all weekend services. A goal of Outreach Ministry is to make everyone feel welcome.

Options to replace the elevette are currently being explored. Making easier access to the church for those who need it is a high priority.

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

Additional information regarding this ministry is available by contacting Mike Saxton at 419-393-2513 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 for our congregation the opportunity to have their picture taken for the St. John Lutheran color pictorial directory. Watch for more information in the coming months.

The church office will remain open on Martin Luther King Jr. Day,
January 16, 2023.



St. John Lutheran Church & Christian Day School **Quarterly Financial Report**

	July - September 2022			July - September 2021
	Actual	Budget	Fav/(Unfav) to Budget	Actual
Income				
Church Revenue	\$ 141,241	\$ 147,960	\$ (6,719)	\$160,506
School Revenue	\$ 78,529	\$ 67,884	\$ 10,645	\$ 60,999
Tigers' Den Revenue	\$ 11,740	\$ 11,700	\$ 40	\$ 12,148
Total Income	\$ 231,510	\$ 227,544	\$ 3,966	\$233,652
Expenses				
Church Expenses	\$ 72,251	\$ 106,383	\$ 34,132	\$ 77,647
Care of Property	\$ 44,050	\$ 39,645	\$ (4,405)	\$ 34,137
Christian Day School	\$ 140,240	\$ 128,200	\$ (12,041)	\$139,206
Tigers' Den	\$ 12,297	\$ 10,450	\$ (1,847)	\$ 12,714
Total Expenses	\$ 268,839	\$ 284,678	\$ 15,839	\$263,704
Net	\$ (37,329)	\$ (57,134)	\$ 19,805	\$ (30,053)

WINTER 2023 St. John Lutheran church, Defiance, Ohio

LIFE WITH GOD: (LWG 1) Starting, Monday, January 9, 2023

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. Those who complete this course 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, January 9, 2023 to Monday, March 27, 2023. 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 2nd class, no new class members are to join. There may be snow days and participants may make up classes that they miss, and all will have a take home and keep class notebook.

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: Return the church office by **Sunday, January 8, 2023** or hand to Pastor.

WINTER 2023 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:

 *January 2023* 

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 COMMUNION Worship 10 am	2 Moms in Touch 9a Finance 9:30 a Boy/Cub Scouts 6:30p	3 Food Pantry 9:30a Book Club 10a Outreach 6:30p	4 Parables 2p Hand bells 5:30p Cross Training 6:30p Adult Cross Training 6:30p Senior Choir 6:30p	5 Clothes Closet 9a Chapel 9a Food Pantry 9:30a Revelation 10a Elders 7p	6 Clothes Closet 10a	7 5:30p worship
8 Worship 8:00 & 9:30a Sunday Schoo 9:30a Youth Bible Study 9:30a Worship 11:00a Dartball 6p	9 Worship Mtg 11a Finance 5:30p Life with God 6:30p Boy/Cub Scouts 6:30p Telecare Calling 6:30p	10 Pastor Circuit Mtg in Lima Early Childhood Chapel 9:15a Food Pantry 9:30a Bible Study 10a Knit 'N Study 1p PTL Meeting 6:30p 419 Meeting 6:30 p	11 Endowment 11:30a Parables 2p Cross Training 6:30p Adult Cross Training 6:30p Senior Choir 6:30p	12 Clothes Closet 9a Chapel 9a Food Pantry 9:30a Revelation 10a BCDS Mtg 7p	13 Clothes Closet 10a	14 COMMUNION 5:30p worship
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