

The Epistle

October 2024

***ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH
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From the Desk of Pastor Mews

OCTOBER 2024 EPISTLE ARTICLE from Pastor Mews:

Dear Friends in Christ,

Greetings and peace in the name of Christ, our Savior.

One of the main reasons we know that God made mankind unique and apart from animals is that mankind embraces the arts, specifically music; animals have no affinity for it. Music is a gift from God. Dr. Martin Luther affirmed: "Beautiful music is the art of the prophets that can calm the agitations of the soul; it is one of the most magnificent and delightful presents God has given us." Others have noted, like Dick Dale; "Every song is like a painting." Hans Christian Anderson rightly states: "Where words fail, music begins!" What music do you find most moving?

As a history enthusiast over the last 7 years, my Reformation sermons and October Epistles looked back five hundred years, going back to the beginning of Luther's Reformation on 10/31/1517. Since 2017, my sermons have focused on Reformation events, sermons, publications, trials and historical milestones going back five hundred years from those years of 2017-2023. This year is no exception.

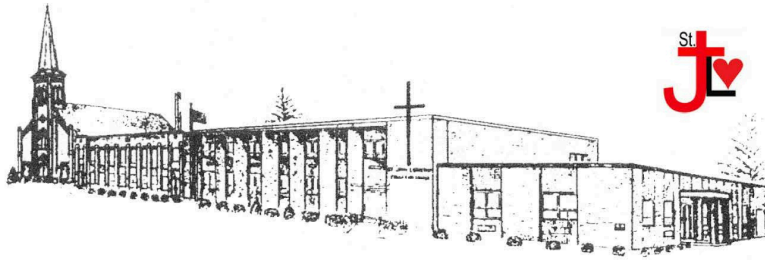
Five hundred years ago, in 1524, God worked through Luther to publish the Psalter, a translation of the Psalms into German. More significantly, and we all have been blessed by these, Luther and Johann Walter published the first Lutheran hymnal called "Achtliederbuch" or the "Book of 8 songs" Hence my opening statements about music. You and I have sung some of those hymns, but the real blessing is the treasury of God's Word and Luther's intent and purpose to write hymns.

From youth, Martin Luther was not only a gifted student and theologian, but he was a gifted musician and embraced music in his life, his home, his school and, most importantly, the Church. Luther sang with families he lived with during his studies and cherished singing in his school's choirs. Luther studied Aristotle's view on music and learned how to play the lute and master musical composition. Throughout his career, his hobby wasn't sports or fishing or drinking a liter of beer in the taverns of Germany, but to "Saran Wrapping" himself with all the musicians of any sort that he could come in contact with to grow himself and bless the Church.

Luther essentially believed that music, being God's good gift, was to be embraced by a church second in importance after the preaching of the pastor. When the Reformation began, Luther saw that a major vehicle to spread the Reformation was to follow in the footsteps of prophets and ancient Church fathers to compose hymns and spiritual songs from Psalms written in the native tongue. "This way the Word of God may be among the people in the form of music." A key doctrinal emphasis and change brought about by the Reformation was the uncovering of the Biblical teaching of the "Priesthood of all Believers". In this, everyone can forgive sins and be part of the ministry. Prior to 1517, music was mostly observed, performed by priests and choirs. Because of the Reformation, everyone can sing, be involved in worship and, most importantly, sing "faith into their hearts through song". Look in your hymnals when we sing hymns and you will find that many of them, their words and music, were created by God through Dr. Luther. Note their words come from Scriptures themselves, and they focus on the great treasury of God's Word: free grace and salvation through Christ. Come and listen to my Reformation sermon, "Worship Him", to hear more insights on the power of music and the Gospel. In Christ, Pastor Kurt F. Mews

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH

and Christian Day School



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Tuesday, September 10, 2024

Dear Members of St John Lutheran Church,

Greetings and peace in the name of Jesus Christ, the head of the Church,

On Sunday, September 8, St. John Lutheran Church had a congregational assembly. At this meeting the congregation affirmed and blessed our Lutheran School having preschool, kindergarten and grade 1. It was the hope and intent to have our school to serve Kindergarten through the 6th grade, but this was not feasible. A number of St. John Lutheran teachers resigned and even though we extended the opening of school for two weeks until September 3, we were not able to secure high quality teachers after diligent and responsible searching. During this time more and more students enrolled in our school.

It is the hope and desire of the St. John Lutheran School Board, the principal and the congregation to yearly add classes with competent and dedicated Christian and Lutheran teachers and build enrollment. It was also emphasized repeatedly at this meeting that at no time or place was it ever an intent or plan to close the school. The school is a valuable and treasured ministry of our congregation and offers Gospel outreach with the love of Jesus to our community.

The congregation also has a plan of reconciliation in place to bless all of our ministries. Should you have any concerns or questions and need clarification of anything, contact Mr. Jeff Rohlf, our congregational chairman, Ms. Kristina Phipps, our Principal, Mrs. Krystle Clark, our Business Administrator, and/or Pastor Mews. The theme of our school year and the 2025 National High School Youth Gathering is "Endure". May we apply and cherish these blessed words from Hebrews 12:1-3; "Let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the author, the founder and the perfecter of our faith."

In Christ's Service,

Pastor Kurt Mews, Ms. Kristina Phipps, Principal, Mrs. Krystle Clark, Business Administrator, and Mr. Jeff Rohlf, congregation chairman.

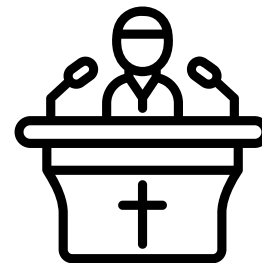
"Serving God and the Defiance Community since 1851"

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH-MISSOURI SYNOD

WORSHIP SERVICES: Saturdays at 5:30 p.m.; Sundays at 9:00a.m.
Sundays at 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship



Pastor Mews'
October & November
Sermons



OFFICIAL ACTS

Baptism of Quinten Bussing on 8/25 at 11:00
Baptism of Bryson Bailey and Aiden Lewis
on 8/31 at 5:30 Baptism, Abel Zipfel on
9/29 at 11:00 a.m.

Confirmation of Bradley Scott, Bryson
Bailey, and Paula Hahn on 8/31 at 5:30 p.m.

Funeral for James Wagner on 9/13, at
Schaffer, he died on 9/6 at Schaffer
Memorial/Funeral of John Wagner on 9/14
at church, he died on 9/1

Funeral of Bonnie Gomez at Schaffer
south on 9/16, she died on 8/23

Committal of Conception Gomez, at Riverside
cemetery on 9/16 with Bonnie Gomez

Funeral of Helen Steingass on 9/17 at
church, she died on 9/11

Funeral of Elinor Lee on 9/24 at church, she
died on 9/16

UPCOMING OFFICIAL ACTS

Baptism of Kendall Marie Blackman, Paisley
Lee Pursifall, and Megan Marie Blackburn,
Sunday, October 27, 9:00 a.m.

Funerals; Memorial Service for Holly Keeran,
TBD, she died on 4/5

Memorial Service for Bill Hultz, 1/4/25
at church, he died on 9/7

Confirmation of Noah Spencer, Sunday,
October 27, 11:00 a.m. service.

Memorial Service for Bill Hultz, 1/4/25
at church, he died on 9/7

More Summer Life with God confirmands
TBD.

October 5 & 6, 20th Sun. after Pentecost: "About Jesus
& Angels" based on the text: Hebrews 2:1-13

October 12 & 13, 21st Sun. after Pentecost: Guest
Pastor

October 19 & 20, 22nd Sun. after Pentecost: Guest
Pastor

October 26 & 27, Reformation Sunday "Worship Him"
based on the text: Revelation 14:6-7

November 2 & 3, ALL SAINTS' DAY. "I Want to Be in
That Number" 1 John 3:1-3

November 9 & 10, 25th Sun. after PENT.

"Reconciliation based on Love" Mark 12:38-44

November 16 & 17, 26th Sun. after PENT.

"CH_____RCH, ur Missing" Hebrews 10:11-25

November 23 & 24, LAST Sun. of YEAR. "Church
Alone"

Isaiah 51:4-6

NOVEMBER 27, THANKSGIVING EVE. "Thanksgiving
is Remembering" Deut. 8:1-10

PASTOR'S SERMONS

If you missed a sermon, you can find it 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.

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

From the Desk of Ms Phipps



Hello, Everyone!

There have been many changes here at St John since I wrote my article for the September Epistle. I hope you read the letter sent out by the church and school so you can understand why many of the changes had to happen.

All of our school families, both preschool and school-age, are now parking in the south parking lot and coming into the building through the main lobby entrance each morning. Please help our families stay safe by driving carefully through the parking lot and watching for families walking their children into the building as you come and go in the mornings, at the 11:30 preschool dismissal time, and at the 3:20 school-age dismissal time!

We are now doing combined chapels / children's talks with the preschool and school-age students together on Wednesday mornings at 9:00, rather than on Thursday mornings. For our first quarter, any offerings brought in by the children will be used to help purchase a goat and other needed supplies through Compassion International.

Damascus, a golden retriever, came and visited us on our second day of school. Damascus is a trained LCC K-9 Comfort Dog at St Paul Lutheran Church and School in Napoleon, OH. She interacts with people at churches, schools, nursing homes, hospitals, events, and in disaster-response situations. She showed us tricks she's learned with her handlers. Many of her tricks are to help her get into a good position to safely interact with individuals needing comfort. She let all of us pet her and hug her and feel her soft fur. The kids did not want her to leave!

I am putting together a survey to distribute to our church members. Because we are now allowed to have volunteers back in the building, something that has not been allowed regularly since COVID, I want to learn who has talents and skills I don't know about and how you'd be willing to share these talents and skills with our students and families. We want our school families to develop relationships with our church members and vice versa. We also want members intentionally praying for our school students and their families. I sincerely hope you're one of the individuals who fills out the survey, making a commitment to help our school grow!

Thank you for all the support that has been shown to me and to all of my staff and our school families over the last month. It has been incredible!

God's Blessings!

Kristina Phipps, Principal

Adult CrossTraining

ACTS

Do you want to grow closer to God? Would you like to learn how to share Jesus' love with others? Think about ACTS - a great way to grow individually and as a group of people who love the Lord.



ACTS is the name we use for the habit of people who come together on a regular basis to pray and worship as a group. But why have this habit at all? The best explanation was from a woman who has had a difficult life. She said, "Having this time allows us to acknowledge the God who's getting us through the day." That's the main reason, pure and simple - to have a short time when we can lift our eyes above the craziness of our daily lives to focus on the God who loves us and is with us to help us. It's a time to stop running and simply breathe for a while – to rest in God's presence – to remember once again that we are God's children through Jesus Christ our Savior.

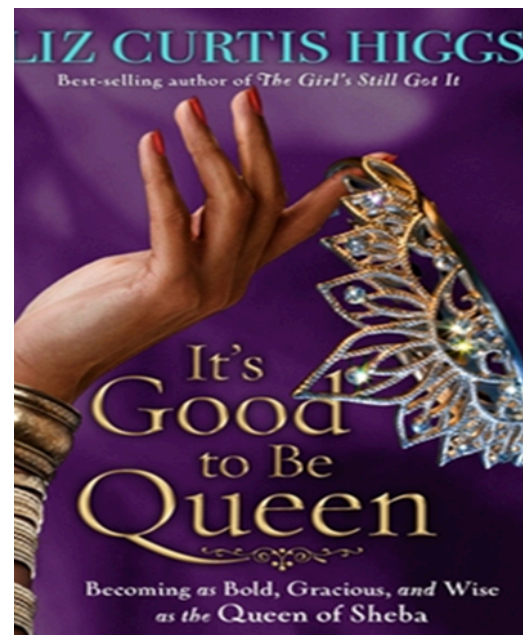
We hope to see you then ~ Judy Detter and Penny Mueller

MOMS IN TOUCH



Faye Luhning 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 they meet October 7th and 21st from 9 - 10 am. For more information, please call Faye at 419-782-0153.

"IT'S GOOD TO BE QUEEN" BIBLE STUDY
Lisa Mews is leading the Bible study, "It's Good to Be Queen" by Liz Curtis Higgs. The class meets every Monday @ 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Room. The class continues their journey with Queen Shea in search of Solomon's wisdom and where it came from. Queen Shea shows us her strength of character by embarking on a long and difficult journey in search of wisdom. Come join us! Everyone is welcome! Please call the church office at 419.782.5766 to register.



Bible Study Opportunities

Led by Pastor Mews

The Reason For God

This study is based upon the NY Times best-selling book from Rev. Keller, the gifted and seasoned Christian pastor. This practical author addresses doubts from both skeptics and believers about Christianity. Using literature, real-life conversations and potent reason, this class engagingly shows how belief in God is a sound and rational one. Taught by Pastor Mews, participants will be able to give very credible arguments for pursuing the "Reason for God" with those they know and encounter who are skeptics, doubters and even atheists. The class gathers Wednesdays from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Room. We invite you to join our class! All is provided.

ISAIAH

This Bible study is over the book of Isaiah and it gathers from 10:00-11:30 A.M. in the Fellowship Room. The book and class theme is "To keep the people in eager anticipation of Christ!" Feel free to join us, as all is provided. Our outreach ministry is to the Path Center of Defiance.

Fall "Life with God 1"

This class continues for those desiring to become communicant members of St. John Lutheran Church, those desiring to renew their faith, or those who wish to 'check out' the basic teachings of Christianity and Lutheranism. We encourage every member to attend once every five years. Watch for more details or share with Pastor Mews dates and times that are best for you.

PRIVATE COMMUNION

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. Pastor, Walt & Lorna Smith, and Jim & Nancy Schatz 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.



Bible Studies

SUNDAY-10:00 a.m.

**Phil Rohlf – "The Life of David"
Fellowship Room on the right**

**Sandy Gyurnek – "Anxious for
Nothing" by Max Lucado
Fellowship Room on the left**

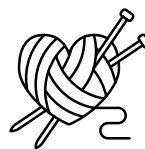
**Jeff Rohlf – "Dare To Be Uncommon"
by Tony Dungy Adult Ed A**

**Faye Luhring - "Hebrews"
Dolena Bergman Room**



TUESDAYS AT TEN BIBLE STUDY

**Tuesdays at Ten Bible Study
meets every Tuesday at 10:00 a.m.**



**The Women's Knit and
Study group meets the
second and fourth Tuesday
of the month at 1:00 p.m.**

**The Senior Choir practices every
Wednesday, at 6:30 p.m.**

**Handbells will begin on
Wednesday, October 16th at
5:45 p.m.**





Since January 1, 2024 we have served 650 families or 1,856 people with a distribution of 2,831 bags of food. In August, we served 87 families with 389 bags of food distributed and 11 new families visiting our pantry.

As of September 11, 2024 we have served 34 families and distributed 148 bags of food. That would be three serving days so far for September, with an average of serving 11 families in each 2-hour span. Needless to say, the volunteers are kept hopping filling the orders.

This year instead of giving a bag of food for Thanksgiving, we are going to provide a can(s) of shredded turkey to our clients. If they have a family of four or more, they will receive two cans of turkey. We give a generous amount of other food items that will enhance their turkey meal. Fred and I will travel to Keystone in Lima to pick up the canned turkey. If you would like to contribute to the cost of the canned turkey, mark your donation to the food pantry-TURKEY. I am projecting spending \$900.00 for 9 cases of turkey. THANK YOU!

The food pantry relies on volunteers to help check people in and to fill the orders. This January through April, I have several people who will be going south for the winter. I NEED HELP! Please call me if you are interested in helping. TRAINING IS AVAILABLE!! Call me, Rita Bergman, 419.788.0951. I want to thank St. John members for their continued support to help people in need. God bless you!

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 Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and on Fridays 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 the times we are open. Bring donations and come on in and do a little shopping.



Take One - Take Heart

Give One - Give Hope

Working Your Way Through Crisis

New Care Notes have been placed in the rack in the Caring Ministry Resource Room in the Work Room. Please take one for you or give to a friend.

CARE NOTES



Notes now available:

5 Stages of Grief Series: Denial

5 Stages of Grief Series: Depression

5 Stages of Grief Series: Anger

5 Stages of Grief Series: Bargaining

5 Stages of Grief Series: Acceptance

How Faith Can Help When Bad Things Happen

When God Feels Far Away

Suffering Alone With a Grief Kept Secret

Understanding a Child's Grief

OUTREACH MINISTRY

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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.

New member gift bags which included a catechism, a Portals of Prayer and a cross, among other items, were distributed to 5 individuals at the congregational luncheon on September 8. Guest bags have also been assembled and include a note, a Bible, a mug, a refrigerator magnet and certificates for tours of the church/school as well as a free Thrivent t-shirt.

Outreach will have a presence at the at the Defiance Halloween Parade where popcorn and water will be distributed. In addition, there will be information available from both the church and school.

A second St. John welcoming sign on a major highway entering the city is being pursued. The first sign can be seen at the intersection of Ohio routes 15 and 18.

The Outreach Ministry Committee meets on the first Tuesday of each month to plan additional opportunities to be more welcoming to worshippers and be more visible in the community. Anyone who is interested in learning more is welcome to attend.

Additional information regarding this ministry is available by contacting Mike Saxton at 419-393-2513 or Pastor Mews at 419-782-5766.



LADIES AID

Psalm 107:37: "They sow fields and plant vineyards and get a fruitful yield." I hope everyone is enjoying the cooler weather. Our next meeting is Oct. 31, 2024, at 2pm. Karen Kent is the chair of the hostess committee. The Food Pantry item is Kleenex.

We are planning on making noodles in October or early November. Please watch the bulletin for the dates. Remember that many hands make light work.

Also it is the time of the year to be thinking about electing officers for the positions of Secretary & Vice President. They will serve for two years. We will be having the election at our November meeting.

Scouting News October 2024



With weekly meetings returning in September, Cubs had their first one at Putt Putt where all enjoyed a game of miniature golf. October will find the St. John Pack having an overnight camping adventure at Camp Lakota. Cubs will return to Camp Lakota later in the month where they will participate in a district event with other Packs. With the theme of "Cubs Gone Wild," all Cubs are sure to have a very enjoyable time. Camping overnight is also on the agenda.

On September 11, SJL Boy Scouts wore their Scout uniforms to school in remembrance of the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center. Two service events are scheduled this month, one at the Auglaize Village Applebutter Fest and the other at the Grand Rapids Applebutter Fest. The Troop will also be present at the "Cubs Gone Wild" event at Camp Lakota, providing music and glowsticks for the Cub Scouts.

Both the Pack and Troop will be selling popcorn this month. Monies earned help to support the programs of both units.

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.

LEGACY OPPORTUNITY

TODAY: If you are 70 1/2 +, you can give a gift to the SJL Endowment Fund today through your IRA with an IRA Charitable Rollover. You may give SJL Endowment Fund up to \$105,000 per year and avoid paying any income tax on the money. This gift also counts toward your required minimum distribution.

TOMORROW: SJL Endowment Fund would be honored to be named as a beneficiary of your IRA. This legacy gift, which costs nothing during your lifetime, helps ensure your remaining retirement funds support the values you care about. As an IRA beneficiary, SJL Endowment Fund doesn't pay any income tax on the gift. If left to your children, they must pay income tax at their current tax rate-which could be up to 50%.

Please consult your financial advisors for professional advice

Blessings,

Dave Memmer, Endowment Chairman

Ph 419.956.1920



Happy
Birthday



Happy
Anniversary
40th plus

October 80+

Murlan Miller 10/4 (90)
Gary Bergman 10/5 (80)
Rose Webb 10/8 (81)
Barb Ratzlaff 10/21 (81)
Sharon Meyer 10/29 (80)
Bernard Sines 10/31 (94)

Steve & Linda Hageman 10/3 (54)
Tim & Connie Parsons 10/6 (40)
James & Peg Miller 10/10 (60)
Roel & Janet Valle 10/11 (43)
Murlan & Helen Miller 10/12 (66)
Tom & Jean Koppenhofer 10/12 (61)
Gerald & Sharon Scheuerman 10/13 (52)
Steve & Marilyn Buchholz 10/17 (49)
David & Bonnie Etchison 10/18 (49)
Mark & Debbie Wagner 10/27 (40)
Bob & Cathy Heyman 10/28 (46)
David & Julie Sanders 10/29 (41)



If you have a name of a loved one who died this past year since November 1, 2023, please contact the church office. Share their name and date of death. We will remember them on All Saints' Day commemoration for all services from Saturday, November 2 to Sunday, November 3rd. Thank you, Pastor KFM and the church office.

Prayer Requests

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



ELECTION DAY PULLED PORK DINNER

Fundraiser for Shop with a Cop
Tuesday, November 5, 2024 – 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Shop with a Cop, is an annual event where uniformed police officers and volunteers help children and their families with holiday shopping. The program is free for the children and their families.

\$12.00 Adult Meal: Pulled pork, baked potato, coleslaw,
sauerkraut, roll, brownie

\$5.00 Kids' Meal: Hot dog, chips, cookie, drink

– Tickets on sale Oct. 1 thru Oct. 31, 2024 –

Tickets can be purchased from: Marlene Eberle, Sharon Flint, Linda Hageman, Jean Hoag, Carolyn Hoyle, Janet Koch, Jan McGhee, Anne Miller, Beth Miller, Norma Miller, Carolyn Richard, Samira Stelzer, Angie Soukup, Karen Tobias, Diana Grim, Rita Bergman.

Or you can place your dinner order form and check in the offering plate and we will make sure you receive your tickets.

Pulled Pork Dinner Drive Thru: Tuesday Nov. 5, 2024 – 4:30-6:00 p.m.

Name: _____

No. of Tickets: Adults _____ Kids _____

Phone # _____ Total _____

*Checks for dinners or cash donations are to be written to
St. John Lutheran Church.*

The Gift of HOPE



The Ladies Aid of St. John invites you to join us on
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2024
4:30 - 6:30 P.M.

Take some time for yourself, invite ladies of all ages 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. Hostesses decorate their table with a Christmas Tradition theme. Refreshments are supplied by the Ladies Aid.

For more information to reserve your hostess spot or to register please contact Carolyn Hoyle at 260.312.4934 or Nancy Baldwin at 419.615.7074. Registration forms will be printed in the Epistle and the weekly bulletin and need to be returned to the church office or in the offering plate by November 18.

Free Will Donation

A free will donation will be received to support Ravens and the Path Center in Defiance. These organizations meet the needs of individuals who need help with food, utilities, temporary shelter, personal care items, gas and prescription assistance.

The Gift of **HOPE**

Sunday, November 24, 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Name: _____

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

Christmas Traditions is the table theme.

_____ I would like to come as a guest to “The Gift of Hope”.

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

_____ I will host a rectangular table (8 people)

Hostesses may invite friends/relatives to sit at their table, may host a table for other guests and make new friends, or leave a seat or two open at your host table for others to join you.

If you have guests you would like seated at your table, please list them below and turn this flyer in to the church office or put in the offering plate by **November 18**. Thank you.

**"GIVE THANKS TO
THE LORD, FOR HE IS
GOOD; HIS LOVE
ENDURES FOREVER."
PSALM 118**

**COME ENJOY A FREE
MEAL, LOTS OF
CANDY, LUTHERAN
HISTORY, AND
SHARE GOD'S LOVE!**



TRUNK-OR-TREAT REFORMATION PARTY

OCT
30

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN
655 WAYNE AVENUE, DEFIANCE

6:30 - 7:45 PM

We had over 350 people attend last year! We have a goal to reach out with the **love of Christ** to the community and bring others into our congregation's doors with fellowship!

Sponsor a table or car!

Bring at least 200 pieces of candy and bowl to pass out. More candy will be provided. Set up your car/table with simple Fall/Christian/Halloween decor.

- We need at least 15 table sponsors/servants
- We need at least 10 car sponsors/servants
- Vehicles will be parked outside the south entrance
- More info will be shared

REFORMATION PARTY & TRUNK-OR-TREAT



WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30
SET UP: 6:00 PM
TRUNK-OR-TREAT: 6:30-7:45

In reaching out with The Gospel of Christ, we continue to sponsor SJL Trunk or Treat for our congregation and community. We will also have a Reformation Party as part of our Cross Training Ministry. We can present the Gospel message of Jesus in a loving, enjoyable, and engaging way. **It is you who helps make that possible, please consider helping.**

SJL Trunk or Treat Sign Up Form - Return to church office by Oct. 14

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

_____ I will sponsor and decorate a table for Trunk-Or-Treat

_____ I will sponsor my vehicle to decorate for Trunk-Or-Treat

_____ I will help with food or serve at a Reformation Activity Center.

_____ I can donate bags of candy. Candy will be brought into the church office no later than Oct. 20

ROAD TRIP!

CARMEL, INDIANA

OCTOBER 9 - 11, 2024

**3 AMAZING DAYS
OF FELLOWSHIP AND GAINING
INSPIRATION FROM OTHER LEADERS**

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER:
ZACH ZEHNDER**

FOUNDER OF RED LETTER
LIVING AND AUTHOR OF
THE RED LETTER
CHALLENGE



CALLING ALL CHURCH
MEMBERS LOOKING FOR NEW
WAYS TO GROW OUR CHURCH!
ALL EXPENSES ARE COVERED

**BEST PRACTICES FOR
MINISTRY:
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October

2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
		Food Panty 9:00 am Tuesdays @ 10 Bible Study 10:00 am Book Club 2:00 pm School Board Meeting 6:00 pm Outreach Mtg 6:30 pm Youth Board 6:30 pm	Reason for God 2:00 pm Cross Training 6:30 pm ACTS Bible St. 6:30 pm Senior Choir 6:30 pm	Food Panty 9:00 am Clothes Closet 9:00 am Isaiah 10:00 am Elders Mtg. 6:00 pm	Clothes Closet 10:00 am	COMMUNION Worship Service 5:30 pm
COMMUNION 6 Worship 9:00 & 11:00 Sunday School 9:00 am Adult Bible Study 10 am	7 Finance 9:30 am Life With God 6:30 pm Lisa Mews BS 6:30 pm Boy/Cub Scouts 6:30 pm TeleCare Calling 6:30 pm	8 Food Panty 9:00 am Tuesdays @ 10 Bible Study 10:00 am Knit & Study 1:00 pm Dartball 6:30 pm	9 BEST PRACTICE Reason for God 2:00 pm Cross Training 6:30 pm ACTS Bible St. 6:30 pm Senior Choir 6:30 pm	10 BEST PRACTICE Food Panty 9:00 am Clothes Closet 9:00 am Isaiah 10:00 am Boy Scouts Activity 6:00 pm	11 BEST PRACTICE Clothes Closet 10:00 am	12 COMMUNION Worship Service 5:30 pm
13 Worship 9:00 & 11:00 Sunday School 9:00 am Adult Bible Study 10 am	14 Finance 5:30 pm Life With God 6:30 pm Lisa Mews BS 6:30 pm Boy/Cub Scouts 6:30 pm	15 Food Panty 9:00 am Tuesdays @ 10 Bible Study 10:00 am Book Club 2:00 pm	16 Reason for God 2:00 pm Hand Bells 5:45 pm Cross Training 6:30 pm ACTS Bible St. 6:30 pm Senior Choir 6:30 pm	17 Food Panty 9:00 am Clothes Closet 9:00 am Isaiah 10:00 am Parish Planning 6:00 pm	18 Clothes Closet 10:00 am	19 Worship Service 5:30
20 Worship 9:00 & 11:00 Sunday School 9:00 am Adult Bible Study 10 am Youth Cedar Point Trip	21 Finance 9:30 am Life With God 6:30 pm Lisa Mews BS 6:30 pm Boy/Cub Scouts 6:30 pm	22 Food Panty 9:00 am Tuesdays @ 10 Bible Study 10:00 am Knit & Study 1:00 pm	23 Reason for God 2:00 pm Hand Bells 5:45 pm Cross Training 6:30 pm ACTS Bible St. 6:30 pm Senior Choir 6:30 pm	24 Food Panty 9:00 am Clothes Closet 9:00 am Isaiah 10:00 am	25 Clothes Closet 10:00 am	26 Worship Service 5:30 pm
27 Worship 9:00 & 11:00 w/ Communion Adult Bible Study 10 am	28 Finance 5:30 pm Life With God 6:30 pm Lisa Mews BS 6:30 pm Boy/Cub Scouts 6:30 pm	29 Food Panty 9:00 am Tuesdays @ 10 Bible Study 10:00 am	30 Reason for God 2:00 pm Trunk-Or-Treat 6:45 pm	31 Food Panty 9:00 am Clothes Closet 9:00 am Isaiah 10:00 am Ladies Aid Mtg. 2:00 pm	1	2

