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January 2023

Worship Schedule

7:45 & 10:30 AM Service

In the Sanctuary

9:00 AM Service

In the Family Life Center

†Kids Praise

9:00 & 10:30 Services
for Ages 3 thru Grade 4

†10:30 AM Radio Broadcast

WCSM – 96.7 FM

†9:00 & 10:30 AM

Live Stream

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W.O.W (Worship on Wednesday)

Education for all ages

Wednesdays 6:30-7:30pm

Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday

9:00am-4:30pm

(Closed 12:30-1:00pm)

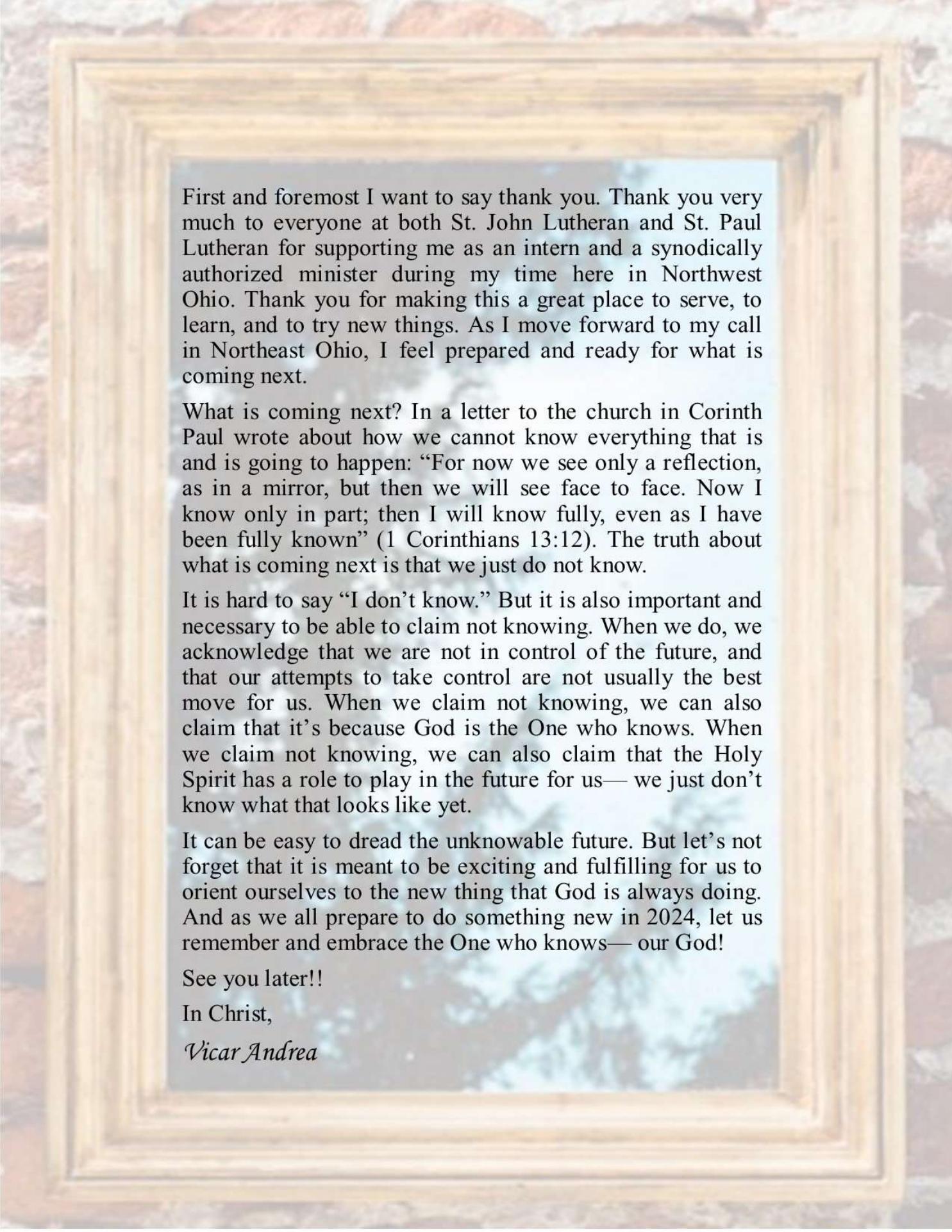
Friday: building open

9:00am-12:30pm



*Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!
In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.*

ECCLESIASTES 3:11



First and foremost I want to say thank you. Thank you very much to everyone at both St. John Lutheran and St. Paul Lutheran for supporting me as an intern and a synodically authorized minister during my time here in Northwest Ohio. Thank you for making this a great place to serve, to learn, and to try new things. As I move forward to my call in Northeast Ohio, I feel prepared and ready for what is coming next.

What is coming next? In a letter to the church in Corinth Paul wrote about how we cannot know everything that is and is going to happen: “For now we see only a reflection, as in a mirror, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known” (1 Corinthians 13:12). The truth about what is coming next is that we just do not know.

It is hard to say “I don’t know.” But it is also important and necessary to be able to claim not knowing. When we do, we acknowledge that we are not in control of the future, and that our attempts to take control are not usually the best move for us. When we claim not knowing, we can also claim that it’s because God is the One who knows. When we claim not knowing, we can also claim that the Holy Spirit has a role to play in the future for us—we just don’t know what that looks like yet.

It can be easy to dread the unknowable future. But let’s not forget that it is meant to be exciting and fulfilling for us to orient ourselves to the new thing that God is always doing. And as we all prepare to do something new in 2024, let us remember and embrace the One who knows—our God!

See you later!!

In Christ,

Vicar Andrea

ALL
WELCOME

INDOOR PLAYGROUP



INDOOR PLAYGROUP IS AN INDOOR PLAYGROUND LOCATED
IN ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH'S FAMILY LIFE CENTER.

2023-2024 SEASON DATES:

9:30 - 11 AM

Jan 18 | Feb 1

Feb 15 | Mar 7 | Mar 21



Join us on Facebook to stay up-to-date!
Facebook group is called Indoor Playgroup-West Central Ohio

PURPLEDOORCHURCH.ORG



WOW!

With your help, our PJ Drive was a **HUGE** success!

We were able to donate 30 pairs of undies, 102 pairs of socks, and 11 sets of PJs to the boys at Wernle.

We collected 40 pairs of undies, 30 pairs of socks, and 32 sets of PJs for the girls of Wernle.

11 bottles of body wash were donated to Wernle.

And for the local foster kids in Mercer and Auglaize counties, we collected 30 pairs of boys' undies, 51 sets of boys' PJs, 30 pairs of girls' undies, and 41 sets of girls' PJs!!!



Join us to support the

YOUTH MISSION TRIP

LINCOLN, IL • JUNE 16-22

SUN, MAR. 17 YOUTH AUCTION

SUN. APR. 28 YOUTH BREAKFAST

SUN. MAY 12 MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

*Join us after each worship service for coffee and breakfast,
served in the Fellowship Hall!*





IT'S ST. PATRICK'S AT ST. JOHN

Sunday, March 17

Quarter Auction

THE PURPLE DOOR CHURCH IS GOING GREEN!

Fellowship Hall

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Celina, OH, 45822

MEAL SERVED
12:00 PM

AUCTION FROM
1-3:00 PM

ALL PROCEEDS SUPPORT 2024
MISSION TRIP TO LINCOLN, IL

Pub Theology

— BEER, CONVERSATION & GOD —

all perspectives welcome

Pub Theology is an opportunity to come together for conversations which explore life, faith, and morality over a drink of your choice. Bring your curiosity and questions! Meet people of varying faith traditions, philosophies, and life experiences.

Where: Brew Nation 110 S. Main St., Celina, Ohio

When: 1st & 3rd Thursdays at 7 pm

January 4th & 18th

St. John is a generous contributor to the C.A.L.L. Food and Clothing Pantry. It is often asked “What should I give?” or “What is needed?” In response, we are doing an “Item of the Month” donation. Although any item is greatly appreciated, the “Item of the Month” reflects those items that are not discounted. This is one great way that St. John is Making the Love of Christ Known. Donations can be dropped off in the grocery cart in the Narthex or the Box in the Family Life Center.



ITEM OF THE MONTH – TOILET PAPER

December Delivery – Ginny Wade

**Meeting
Minutes**

Church Council Meeting Minutes

The council was meeting after the publication of this newsletter. The minutes for this meeting will be included in the next Tower.

CHURCH LIBRARY NEWS

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

May you make a New Years resolution for 2024 to read more books.



Our Judy Bowers recommended purchasing Pete the Cat children's books by James Dean.

We have purchased for children in 3rd-4th grade 7 books. We certainly hope you will enjoy them.

Pete the Cat Storybook Favorites Groovy Adventures

Pete the Cat the Missing Cupcakes

Pete the Cat: Five Little Ducks

Pete the Cat Goes Camping

Pete the Cat: Five Little Bunnies

Pete the Cat's Groovy Guide to Kindness

Pete the Cat's Groovy Imagination.

We will put the books on library cart in the Family Life Center and on the cart in the library.

BOOK CLUB



Feb. 20, 2024 at 1 pm is our discussion on *Skipping Christmas* by John Grisham. My very favorite author.

Please plan to come and join in the lively discussion.

419-586-3093 call if you need a book.

Estella

GARRY GRAY

Thank you to Chris Henderson for bringing me communion and the book of stamps. Also, thank you to Vicar Andrea for all that she has done for this church. You will be dearly missed. Best wishes and good luck in your future endeavors. Thank you to Santa's Helpers for the cookies and fruit basket, too. I appreciate it all!



CALL MINISTRIES

Thank you for your generosity and support of C.A.L.L. Ministries and your recent donation of \$260.

TYLER & RACHEL RUSSELL

Thank you to all who have prayed for us, listened to us, and for all the gifts during Tyler's time off work and surgery. You don't know how much we appreciated it!

Thank you to Andrea for being more than a co-worker. Thank you for being a friend, my sounding board, my logical brain, and for just being you! I love you and wish you nothing but the best! You are going to be a great pastor!

STAFF

Thank you first to Santa's Helpers for the Christmas gifts. You all have such giving and loving hearts. Second, we want to thank all of you that help throughout the year. Whether you are reading, ushering, volunteering at events, helping plan behind the scenes, etc., WE THANK YOU!! We thank you for all that you contribute and for who you are!! 2023 has been a challenging year and a big learning experience and you all are helping to get the staff through that.

RALPH & MARJORIE BECKSTEDT

Thank you to Santa's Helpers for the fruit basket for Christmas.

BILL NIETFELD

Thank you for the fruit basket and the tray of cookies. And most of all, for your kindness of thinking of me. Also, thanks for the many prayers, love, and support.

JAN ELSASS

Thank you so much for the wonderful basket of fruit and the tray of baked goodies. Loved everything!

MARY CLAPP

Santa's Helpers, thank you for all that you do. You all do so much. What a surprise I am so thankful. Also, thank you to the one who gave me the tray of goodies. God's Love!

PAT SHAFFER

Thank you for all the nice cookies, candy, cupcakes, and all the fruit. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

CAROLYN LIST

To my friends at St. John, thank you for the nice fruit basket and all the good cookies. Your thoughtfulness filled my heart.

LORNA SADDLER

Oh my! I knew you did good things but to be on the receiving end of your gifting is such a blessing! Thank you does not seem adequate! I especially want to thank Brenda for her visit and delivery of homemade cookies. Yum. Then to receive the \$50 gift card in the mail was over the top! I have no words for all the blessings I've received from my many friends at St. John. Thank you so very much for your thoughts, gifts, and prayers. I'm on a great road to recovery.

BOB & RITA MEIHL

Thank you for the generous fruit basket and a special thank you to church youth who provided a great assortment of cookies and candy with a beautiful handmade Christmas card. Your thoughtfulness will not be forgotten. We offer our future prayers for each of you now and throughout the coming year.

“BABY SHOWER FOR JESUS”



Monday, January 1st through Monday, January 15th, we will be having our annual “Baby Shower for Jesus.” Epiphany was the time the wise men brought gifts to honor the birth of Jesus. To join in this celebration, we are encouraging you to bring gifts for newborn babies to benefit those who are in need. We are collecting new baby items which will be donated to O.U.R. Home, Rustic Hope, and Choosing Life Pregnancy Center, all organizations who serve Mercer County. *Donations should not be wrapped.*

Suggestions for donations would be diapers (any size), baby food, baby formula, baby wipes, new clothing, etc.

Bring your best to honor our King!

Carl & Kelli Thomas	1/5
Mike & Lu Grunden	1/21
Kendall & Nathan Robinson	1/22
Barbara & Larry Cattell	1/24
Ron & Karen Heindel 50 yrs!!	1/25
Lee & Judy Fennig	1/28

These are the anniversaries that we have on file and of the people that receive the Tower. If we have one wrong or missing, please let the office know.



birthdays

Devin	Adams	1/1	Kristen	Hellwarth	1/14
Jill	Ellis	1/1	Haley	Ritchie	1/14
William	Fuelling	1/1	Jerry	Weisman	1/14
Pam	Kuhbander	1/1	Nate	Boley	1/15
Jada	Sharkey	1/1	Bryson	Hirschfeld	1/15
Candy	Forlow	1/2	Carl	Huber	1/15
Brittany	Schwarck	1/2	Gavin	Lasure	1/15
MaKenna	Ashmore	1/4	Brice	Puthoff	1/16
John	Brake	1/5	Marla	Puthoff	1/16
Heather	Heiby	1/5	Marissa	Sams	1/16
Sara	Rolfes	1/5	Austin	Kellermeyer	1/18
TJ	Gross	1/6	Joan	Jackson	1/19
Cory	Morden	1/6	Gabe	Lehman	1/19
Sharon	Stonerock	1/6	Lynn	Edmonds	1/20
Amy	Ikerd	1/7	Terry	Fisher	1/20
Jayne	Mosier	1/7	John	Gardner	1/20
Gary	Fennig	1/8	Karen	Heindel	1/21
Cheryl	Davis	1/9	Hannah	Miller	1/21
Rachel	Russell	1/9	Brandon	Noll	1/21
Ashley	Shellabarger	1/9	Cole	Bertke	1/22
Nathan	Timmerman	1/9	Tracey	Reineke	1/23
Collin	Williams	1/9	Hayden	Weisman	1/23
Alexa	Billger	1/10	Cindy	Wendel	1/24
Julie	Dildy	1/10	Orlando	Mihm	1/25
Melvin	Roehm	1/10	Madelyn	Sapp	1/25
Kathryn	Trisel	1/10	Hadley	Stover	1/26
Angela	White	1/10	Ron	Adams	1/27
Simon	Dildy	1/11	Holly	Hone	1/27
Kendra	Fennig	1/11	Makenzie	Fennig	1/28
Quade	Gilmore	1/11	Ashton	Stephenson	1/28
Jeanette	Leininger	1/11	Timothy	Shellabarger	1/30
James	Hiles	1/12	Patricia	Shaffer	1/31
Tim	Hone	1/12			
Kris	Heiby	1/13			
Andy	Weisman	1/13			
Camden	Zizelman	1/13			

CHURCH CALENDAR

1 – MONDAY NEW YEAR'S DAY CLOSED

2 – TUESDAY

9:00 am Bible Study/Parlor
10:00 am Library Meeting/Library
1:00 pm Bible Study/Library
6:15 pm Aerobics/FLC
7:00 pm SJB/106A

3 – WEDNESDAY

8:30 am St. John Flyers/FLC
9:45 am Bible Study/106D
7:45 pm Worship Team/FLC

4 – THURSDAY

10:00 am Purple Door Pacers/FH
6:15 pm Aerobics/FLC
6:30 pm Bible Study/Library
7:00pm Pub Theology/Brew Nation

5 – FRIDAY

6 – SATURDAY

7 – SUNDAY

7:45, 9:00, 10:30 am Worship

8 – MONDAY

10:00 am Purple Door Pacers/FH
10:00 am Blood Drive/FLC
6:15 pm Aerobics/FLC
7:00 pm Bible Study/Parlor
7:00 pm Dartball/Youth Room

9 – TUESDAY

9:00 Sewing Circle/Sewing Room
9:00 am Bible Study/Parlor
6:15 pm Aerobics/FLC

10 – WEDNESDAY

8:30 am St. John Flyers/FLC
9:45 am Bible Study/106D
5:00 pm Children's Choir/Music Room
5:30 pm Free-Will Donation Meal/FH

5:45 pm Open Gym/FLC
6:30 pm W.O.W/PJ Party
6:30 pm Youth Caroling
6:30 pm Bible Study/Parlor
7:45 pm Worship Team/FLC

11 – THURSDAY

10:00 am Purple Door Pacers/FH
6:15 pm Aerobics/FLC
6:30 pm Bible Study/Library

12 – FRIDAY

13 – SATURDAY

14 – SUNDAY

7:45, 9:00, 10:30 am Worship

15 – MONDAY

8:30 am SJB Meeting/FH
10:00 am Purple Door Pacers/FH
6:15 pm Aerobics/FLC
7:00 pm Bible Study/Parlor

16 – TUESDAY

9:00 am Bible Study/Parlor
1:00 pm Book Club/Library
6:15 pm Aerobics/FLC

17 – WEDNESDAY

8:30 am St. John Flyers/FLC
9:45 am Bible Study/106D
5:00 pm Children's Choir/Music Room
5:30 pm Free-Will Donation Meal/FH
5:45 pm Open Gym/FLC
6:30 pm W.O.W/PJ Party
6:30 pm Youth Caroling
6:30 pm Bible Study/Parlor
7:45 pm Worship Team/FLC

18 – THURSDAY

9:30 am Indoor Playgroup/FLC
10:00 am Purple Door Pacers/FH
6:15 pm Aerobics/FLC
6:30 pm Bible Study/Library
7:00 pm Pub Theology/Brew Nation

19 – FRIDAY

20 – SATURDAY

21 – SUNDAY

7:45, 9:00, 10:30 am Worship

10:30 am Children's Choir

22 – MONDAY

10:00 am Purple Door Pacers/FH

6:15 pm Aerobics/FLC

7:00 pm Bible Study/Parlor

7:00 pm Dartball/Youth Room

23 – TUESDAY

9:00 am Bible Study/Parlor

6:15 pm Aerobics/FLC

7:00 pm Stephen Ministry/106D

24 – WEDNESDAY

8:30 am St. John Flyers/FLC

9:45 am Bible Study/106D

5:00 pm Children's Choir/Music Room

5:30 pm Free-Will Donation Meal/FH

5:45 pm Open Gym/FLC

6:30 pm W.O.W/PJ Party

6:30 pm Youth Caroling

6:30 pm Bible Study/Parlor

7:45 pm Worship Team/FLC

25 – THURSDAY

10:00 am Purple Door Pacers/FH

6:15 pm Aerobics/FLC

6:30 pm Bible Study/Library

26 – FRIDAY

27 – SATURDAY

28 – SUNDAY

7:45, 9:00, 10:30 am Worship

Youth Mission Trip Breakfast after each service

29 – MONDAY

10:00 am Purple Door Pacers/FH

6:15 pm Aerobics/FLC

7:00 pm Bible Study/Parlor

7:00 pm Dartball/Youth Room

30 – TUESDAY

9:00 am Bible Study/Parlor

6:15 pm Aerobics/FLC

31 – WEDNESDAY

8:30 am St. John Flyers/FLC

9:45 am Bible Study/106D

5:00 pm Children's Choir/Music Room

5:30 pm Free-Will Donation Meal/FH

5:45 pm Open Gym/FLC

6:30 pm W.O.W/PJ Party

6:30 pm Youth Caroling

6:30 pm Bible Study/Parlor

7:45 pm Worship Team/FLC

THESE DATES AND EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. PLEASE STAY UP TO DATE WITH CANCELLATIONS AND POSTPONEMENTS ON OUR WEBSITE OR FACEBOOK.

**2024 FLOWER
CHART**

The Flower Chart is up and ready for sign-up. You can find it outside the office. Please consider providing altar flowers in remembrance of a particular person or special date in your life. Remember that this is first-come, first-served so if you have a particular date you would like, sign up early.



Serving in Worship in January

Altar Flowers ~
7: The White Family
14:
21:Ron & Karen Heindel
28:

Altar Guild ~
7:45: Jen Roidt
9:00:
10:30: Karen Leugers
(wks1&2)/Mary Meyer
(wks3&4)

Flower Delivery ~
7: Linda Long
14: Kathy Snider
21: Gini Fickert
28: Judy Menchhofer

7:45

	Jan. 7	Jan. 14	Jan. 21	Jan. 28
Assisting Minister		Paul Czernik		Gabi Heindel
Reader	Paul Czernik	Kris Heiby	Todd Hone	Karen Leugers
Ushers	Don & Denise Green, Dan & Cheryl Heindel	Ron & Karen Heindel, Tim & Yolanda Hone	Todd Hone, Steve Siebert, Don & Denise Green	Dan & Cheryl Heindel, Tim & Yolanda Hone
Comm. Assistants	Yolanda Hone, Estella Nusbaum	Becky Davis, Don Green	Tim & Yolanda Hone	Todd Hone, Estella Nusbaum
Welcome Team	Estella Nusbaum	Don Green	Jen Roidt	Cheryl Heindel

9:00

	Jan. 7	Jan. 14	Jan. 21	Jan. 28
Reader	Don Trisel	Michelle Behm	Billie Hiles	Reader Needed!
Ushers	John & Kelly Stephenson	Bill & Cindy Grier	Dave & Charlene Stephenson	John & Kelly Stephenson
Comm. Assistants		Bill & Cindy Grier	Dave & Charlene Stephenson	Billie Hiles, Emilie Buening
Nursery				
Kids' Praise	Jordan Rushton, Tim Hiles	Sheena Stover, KJae Stover	Kirsten Fuelling, Kelly Stephenson	Emilie Buening, Buening Boys
Welcome Team	John & Kelly Stephenson	Bill & Cindy Grier	Dave & Charlene Stephenson	John & Kelly Stephenson

10:30

	Jan. 7	Jan. 14	Jan. 21	Jan. 28
Assisting Minister	Amanda Barrett	Dave Barrett	Carrie Cubberley	Cindy Wendel
Reader	Mike Overman	Cathy Weis	Sue Buxton	Jim Fennig
Ushers	Lee & Judy Fennig, Kevin & Mary Meyer	Mike & Diana Spicer, Mike Overman, Katie Trisel	Dan Bird, John Dieringer, Bill Greber, Dave McMurray	Jerry & Vicki Weisman, Tim Menchhofer, Mike Overman
Comm. Assistants	Lorna Saddler, Cathy Weis	Jerry & Vicki Weisman	Myron & Sue Buxton	Ed Fuelling, Lauren Fuelling
Nursery				
Kids' Praise	Mary Meyer	Jodi Weisman	Trisha McMurray	Jenny Barrett
Welcome Team	Diana Spicer	Lynne Fuelling	Trisha McMurray	Lorna Saddler

Update your Information



We are in the middle of updating our database and we need your help! We want to make sure that we have all contact information updated for everyone so that we can get important information and notifications to you. Please take the time to fill out this form or one in the back of the Narthex or in the Welcome Center down in the FLC and turn it in to the church office.

Also, parents, we are asking you to let us know if your college kids or grown children would like to receive the information (or not) as well. If so, please let us know their contact info.

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone Number(s): _____

Email(s): _____

Newsletter (Circle one): Yes-Mailed Yes-Emailed No

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