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December 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
www.purpledoorchurch.org

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





**Tuesday, December 12th
7:00pm in the Sanctuary
Night of Promise Service**

The Night of Promise Service is Tuesday, December 12th, at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary. This service is a gentle, thoughtful, candle-lit service open to anyone and especially to those who are carrying pain, loss, loneliness, or anxiety during this season of celebration. Please join us and invite anyone from the community. You are not alone. We hope to see you and God bless you.

Sunday, December 24th – Christmas Eve

**4th Sunday of Advent
10:30 am
No Kids' Praise
(Sanctuary)**

**Christmas Eve Services
4:00 pm Contemporary Worship
Nursery Open
(Family Life Center)**

6:00 pm North Star

**9:00 pm Traditional Worship
No Nursery
(Sanctuary)**

*Holy Communion will be celebrated at all Christmas Eve worship services and each evening service has special music beginning 30 minutes prior.

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

Nov 16 | 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

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W.O.W!

**We are collecting PJ's for local foster kids
& Wernle from Nov 8th-Dec 10th**

All sizes: Birth to Teen

Pajama Party

W.O.W! >>> DECEMBER 6TH

*Wear your PJ's and join us for
a fun night at W.O.W!*



This year's Children's Christmas program will be on Sunday, December 10 at the 10:30 service. Practices for PreK-6th Grade children will begin at W.O.W on Wednesday, November 8th. If your children are interested in participating, please make sure that they are in attendance that night.

Join us to support the

YOUTH MISSION TRIP

LINCOLN, IL • JUNE 16-22

SUN, DEC. 10 YOUTH BREAKFAST

SUN, JAN. 28 YOUTH BREAKFAST

SUN, MAR. 17 YOUTH AUCTION

SUN. APR. 28 YOUTH BREAKFAST

SUN. MAY 12 MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

Join us after the Christmas program in December for a festive breakfast in the Fellowship Hall!



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

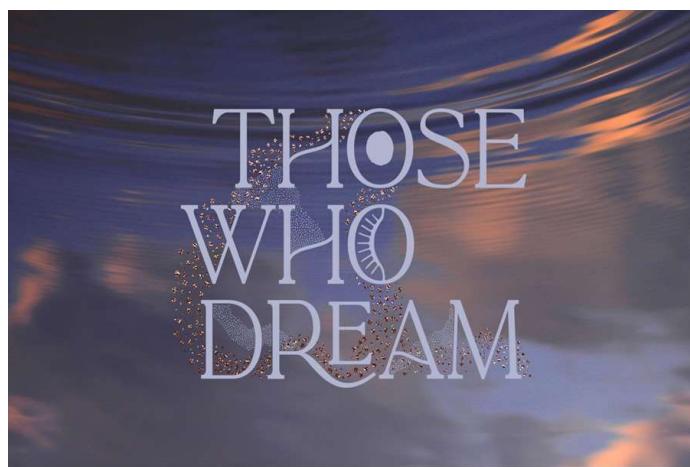
December 7th & 21st

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 – CAKE MIXES & FROSTING

December Delivery – Tim & Diane Menchhofer



Advent Devotionals

Advent devotionals can be found in the Narthex or Welcome Center in the FLC.

Church Council Meeting Minutes

October 24th, 2023

Present: Vicar Andrea, Brian Miller, Jennifer Barrett, Kendall Robinson, Lauren Fuelling, Pam Rasawehr, Shane Stachler, Don Trisel, 2 church staff members, 2 staff members from the synod and 2 members from the congregation.

Opening: Brian Miller called the meeting to order. Vicar Andrea began the meeting with prayer.

- The Synod staff members gave a brief presentation on the Synod's Year-End Ask. The focus for this year is the microgrant program.

Secretary's Report: Shane Stachler moved to accept the September minutes with the correction of striking one line, seconded by Jennifer Barrett, motion carried.

Financial Report:

- Don Trisel gave a summary of the September financial report. Lauren Fuelling made a motion to approve the September finances, Pam Rasawehr seconded the motion, motion carried.
- Don Trisel asked for permission to invest funds from matured CDs and savings account. Shane Stachler made a motion to grant permission to Don with the requirement that he negotiates a CD with no early withdrawal penalty. Jennifer Barrett seconds, motion carried.

Ministry Report: Vicar Andrea McDonough

Baptisms:

Deaths:

Visits: Making pastoral communion visits this month.

Worship:

- October 22nd- we rededicated the sanctuary after the remodel.
- October 15th- Hymn Sing at 2:00. We had many people come from the community. The musicians did a great job.

Ministry:

- Confirmation: Has started with Vicar leading and teachers rotating in.
- Home Communion: Seems to be working well. Working on finding someone to coordinate.

- Cuba Ministry Team met and decided that we should offer another trip to Cuba. Tentative dates are for June 5-11. Informational meeting on 11.5.2023.
- Builders: Have two dedications coming up.
- Advent: planning will begin this week.

Unfinished Business:

- Work continues on the playground to resolve drainage issues; mulch will be spread upon completion.

New Business:

- The nominating committee is almost finished with their list, only a few positions remain.
- The next council meeting was scheduled for November 21st at 6:30pm.

Adjournment and Prayer:

Shane Stachler moved to adjourn the meeting. Lauren Fuelling seconded, motion carried. The meeting was concluded with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Kendall Robinson

September Receipts/Expenses		
	Current Month	Year-To-Date
Receipts	\$48,076.73	\$444,311.31
Expenses	\$47,635.50	\$449,857.75
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$441.23	(\$5,546.44)

This Month's Church Register

DEATHS:

11/3-Travis Boley

11/20-Don Wilson

CHURCH LIBRARY NEWS

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone that has given wonderful books to the library.

They are very much appreciated.



New Books

Max Lucado is a wonderful author.

When Christ Comes

Come Thirsty

The Great House of God

Debbie McComber

There's Something About Christmas

Linda Byler

Davey's Daughter

Amy Clipson

An Amish Reunion

We are purchasing Pete the Cat books for children. Will be ready for check out in January 2024

BOOK CLUB



The discussion on *Snow Day* by Billy Coffey went well. We decided we all need to take a Snow Day this winter. Our next selection is by John Grisham *Skipping Christmas*. Discussion will be on January 16, 2024. Hope you can mark this on your calendars and attend the lively discussion. If you are not on the list to receive a book let me know. 419-586-3093

Estella



C.A.L.L. MINSTRIES

Thank you for your generosity and support of C.A.L.L. Ministries through your recent donation of 53 items.

RALPH & MARJORIE BECKSTEDT

Thank you for the flowers for our anniversary.

THE FILLING HOMES FOUNDATION (CAROL SLIGHT)

On behalf of all the members of the Filling Homes community, let me express our heartfelt appreciation for your contribution. Your gift is deeply appreciated, and we thank God for your partnership in our ministry.

THE BOLEY FAMILY

Thank you, Lorna, and her food crew for the meal after the service for Travis. We appreciated your willingness to put together a delicious meal on such a short notice. It provided us time to reflect and remember Travis.

We also want to thank the congregation of St. John for the prayers, cards, and money for Travis's children. Your generosity is truly Heaven sent. We are blessed to be part of this wonderful church family.

WERNLE

Thank you for your most recent gift of \$55 to support the Wernle girls and boys. May the Lord bless and keep you.

Jared & Elizabeth Fuelling	12/3
Dave & Charlene Stephenson	12/3
Gregory & Angela White	12/6
Kevin & Bonnie Fennig	12/7
Christine & Brian Helman	12/10
Katelin & Joe Luthman	12/10
Duane & Terri Smith	12/14
Carolyn & Dennis Shinn	12/22
Don & Jan Wilson	12/30
Everett & Angela Kalcec	12/31

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

Mary	Meyer	12/1	Candy	Ward	12/14
Rick	Mosier	12/1	Kendall	Bird	12/15
Graham	Roth	12/1	Sandy	Dieringer	12/15
Andrea	Schoenlein	12/1	Chloe	Russell	12/15
Cindy	Snyder	12/1	Bryan	Shafer	12/15
Larry	Boley	12/2	Muriel	Tuttle	12/15
Debra	Fetters	12/2	Carlton	Nusbaum	12/16
Dave	Stephenson	12/2	Olivia	Bladen	12/17
Lainie	Rank	12/3	Jaelynn	Stein	12/17
Jacob	Stein	12/3	Ryan	Berry	12/18
Ken	Arps	12/4	Douglas	Lehman	12/19
Jane	Mustard	12/4	Judy	Bowers	12/20
Carson	Bohman	12/5	Andreuis	Harris	12/20
Elle	Bohman	12/5	Rhett	Menchhofer	12/20
Bec	Stover	12/5	Jeffrey	Tuneberg	12/20
Carley	Fennig	12/6	Susan	Luth	12/22
Mandy	Fisher	12/6	Mitchell	Leugers	12/23
Francis	Nusbaum	12/6	Mindi	Bird	12/24
Miles	Schlater	12/6	Laura	Sapp	12/24
Billie	Hiles	12/7	Riley	Thomas	12/24
Doug	Meyer	12/7	Holly	Miller	12/25
Luke	Muhlenkamp	12/7	Mark	Cubberley	12/26
Jason	Stein	12/7	Madeline	Elston	12/26
Leighann	Buschor	12/9	Hunter	Anderson	12/27
Jessica	Menchhofer	12/10	Ryan	Shellabarger	12/27
Sidney	Stewart	12/10	Ella	Kaiser	12/28
Avery	Stephenson	12/11	Calvin	Kittle	12/28
Owen	Stephenson	12/11	Hunter	Lynch	12/28
Darlene	Bird	12/12	Oliver	Rank	12/28
Kailee	Ross	12/12	Emily	Braun	12/29
Valerie	Fritzinger	12/13	Kendall	Robinson	12/29
Janet	Kittle	12/13	Willis	Yaney	12/29
Megan	Morden	12/13	Kay	Klopfleisch	12/30
Kyle	Berry	12/14	Dave	McMurray	12/30
Brittany	Romer	12/14	Mark	Leininger	12/31
Becky	Schaadt	12/14			

CHURCH CALENDAR

1 – FRIDAY

2 – SATURDAY

9:00 am Festival of Tables/FLC

3 – SUNDAY

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

4 – MONDAY

10:00 am Purple Door Pacers/FH

6:15 pm Aerobics/FLC

7:00 pm Bible Study/Parlor

5 – 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

6 – 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

7 – 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

8 – FRIDAY

9 – SATURDAY

10 – SUNDAY

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

10:30 am Children's Christmas Program

3:00 pm Symphony Christmas Program/Sanct.

11 – 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

12 – TUESDAY

9:00 Sewing Circle/Sewing Room

9:00 am Bible Study/Parlor

1:00 pm Bible Study/Library

6:15 pm Aerobics/FLC

7:00 pm Night of Promise/Sanct.

13 – WEDNESDAY

8:30 am St. John Flyers/FLC

9:45 am Bible Study/106D

7:45 pm Worship Team/FLC

14 – THURSDAY

10:00 am Purple Door Pacers/FH

6:15 pm Aerobics/FLC

6:30 pm Bible Study/Library

15 – FRIDAY

16 – SATURDAY

17 – SUNDAY

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

18 – 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

19 – TUESDAY

9:00 am Bible Study/Parlor

1:00 pm Bible Study/**106D**

1:00 pm Book Club/Library

6:15 pm Aerobics/FLC

20 – WEDNESDAY

8:30 am St. John Flyers/FLC

9:45 am Bible Study/106D

5:00 Youth Christmas/FLC

21 – THURSDAY

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

22 – FRIDAY

23 – SATURDAY

24 – SUNDAY CHRISTMAS EVE

10:30 am Traditional Sunday Service/Sanct

4:00 pm Contemporary Christmas Eve Service/FLC

9:00 pm Traditional Christmas Eve Service/Sanctuary

25 – MONDAY CHRISTMAS CLOSED

26 – TUESDAY

9:00 am Bible Study/Parlor

6:15 pm Aerobics/FLC

7:00 pm Stephen Ministry/106D

27 – WEDNESDAY

8:30 am St. John Flyers/FLC

9:45 am Bible Study/106D

7:45 pm Worship Team/FLC

28 – THURSDAY

10:00 am Purple Door Pacers/FH

6:15 pm Aerobics/FLC

6:30 pm Bible Study/Library

29 – FRIDAY

30 – SATURDAY

10:00am O.C.C. Packing Party

31 – SUNDAY

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

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.



Shalom Christmas Lunch Out

Shalom Bible Study will be having their annual Christmas Lunch Out on Friday, December 8 at 11:30am at the James Watson House. If you are interested in attending, please RSVP to Barb Gallman at 419-586-7981 by Friday, December 1.

Serving in Worship in December

Altar Flowers ~

3:
10:
17:
24:
31: Mike & Rhonda Overman

Altar Guild ~

7:45: Jen Roidt
9:00: Vicki Heiby
 (12/3)/Robin Elston (12/17 &
 12/31)
10:30: Ed Fuelling

Flower Delivery ~

3: Brenda VanTilburg
 10: Diana Spicer
 17: Terry McGlaughlin
 24: Estella Nusbaum
 31: Judy Menchhofer

7:45

	Dec. 3	Dec. 10	Dec. 17	Dec. 24	Dec. 31
Assisting Minister	Gabi Heindel		Paul Czernik	No Service	Gabi Heindel
Reader	Paul Czernik	Kris Heiby	Todd Hone		Estella Nusbaum
Ushers	Ron & Karen Heindel, Tim & Yolanda Hone	Todd Hone, Steve Siebert, Dan & Kathy Snider	Don & Denise Green, Dan & Cheryl Heindel		Todd Hone, Steve Siebert, Dan & Kathy Snider
Comm. Assistants	Becky Davis, Don Green	No Communion	Todd Hone, Estella Nusbaum		Don Green, Tim Hone
Welcome Team	Estella Nusbaum	Yolanda Hone	Cheryl Heindel		Jen Roidt

9:00

	Dec. 3	Dec. 10	Dec. 17	Dec. 24	Dec. 31
Reader	Billie Hiles	Reader Needed!	Billie Hiles	No Service	Billie Hiles
Ushers	Bill & Cindy Grier	Dave & Charlene Stephenson	John & Kelly Stephenson		Dave & Charlene Stephenson
Comm. Assistants	Emilie Buening, Jordan Rushton	No Communion	John Maury, Pam Rasawehr		Dave & Charlene Stephenson
Nursery	Kris Heiby	Kris Heiby	Kris Heiby		Kris Heiby
Kids' Praise	Kirsten Fuelling, Kelly Stephenson	No Kids' Praise	Emilie Buening, Buening Boys		No Kids' Praise
Welcome Team	Bill & Cindy Grier	Dave & Charlene Stephenson	John & Kelly Stephenson		Dave & Charlene Stephenson

10:30

	Dec. 3	Dec. 10	Dec. 17	Dec. 24	Dec. 31
Assisting Minister	Cindy Wendel	Amanda Barrett	Dave Barrett	Gabi Heindel	Carrie Cubberley
Reader	Lauren Fuelling	Ed Fuelling	Lauren Fuelling	Karen Leugers	Diane Menchhofer
Ushers	Lee & Judy Fennig, Kevin & Mary Meyer	Tena Potts, Dennis Dagley, Shane Stachler, Katie Trisel	Mike & Diana Spicer, Dan Bird, John Dieringer	Ron & Karen Heindel, Tim & Yolanda Hone	Mike & Lu Grunden, Tim Menchhofer, Mike Overman
Comm. Assistants	Myron & Sue Buxton	No Communion	Ed Fuelling, Lauren Fuelling	Todd Hone, Jen Roidt	Mary Meyer, Rhonda Overman
Nursery	Kris Heiby	Kris Heiby	Kris Heiby	Kris Heiby	Kris Heiby
Kids' Praise	Trisha McMurray	No Kids' Praise	Jennifer Barrett	No Kids' Praise	No Kids' Praise
Welcome Team	Lorna Saddler	Diana Spicer	Lynne Fuelling	Estella Nusbaum	Lorna Saddler

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